

1853

June 30 - Mr. Editor - What has become of the committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for the fire Engine, we indulged to have had the pleasure of seeing it before this.- Contributor.

In reply to the above we would state that from a conversation recently with some members of that committee we learn the reason is not forth coming is owing to the indifference manifested by many of our citizens in refusing to contribute. The committee have been in correspondence with fire engine manufacturers and ascertained what the probable cost will be and the amount so far subscribed is about three hundred dollars short. We trust there is public spirit enough in our Village not to let this opportunity pass for want of funds. And we would suggest the propriety of calling another public meeting to arouse, if possible, our citizens and thus secure a fire engine. Let us not wait for the destroying element to visit us but let us, should it come, to stay its progress. - Editor.

Aug. 18 - EDITORIAL - "Shall Haverstraw Be Incorporated" - "Our protection against by fire would be rendered stronger for the Corporation would have the power to appoint fire wardens whos duty it would be to see that furnace ashes are kept in a safe place and that their stoves and fireplaces were in a proper condition and place."

Edward Pye of our Village is a competent surveyor.

Sep. 1 - A little more about Corporation. "So Haverstraw is likely to be incorporated, not likely either but certain, for our citizens have said so, and what they say they will do, the failure of the fire engine project to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding."

Sep. 29 - Editorial - IMPROVEMENTS. "Go ahead friends as fast as you can and Haverstraw one of these days will be a village not to be sneezed at despite the brickyard gas."

Dec. 8 - Editorial - And, bye the bye, although we are writing under the caption of Incorporation we may as well speak a word or two on another subject of interest and importance to us viz: In relation to our expected fire engine. A considerable while ago we urged the necessity of having a fire engine upon the citizens of our Village. This necessity was apparently acknowledged by all for a large meeting, and committee appointed to raise subscriptions for the purpose of purchasing an engine and we understood at the time the committee was very successful in getting



subscriptions. We have not heard of the matter, however, for a long time past and we confess that we, in common with many of our citizens, would like to know how matters are progressing. Whether an engine has been purchased or is likely to be or if we are not to have any after all our trouble. We are certain the committee have hurried the matter as fast as possible and we are confident they will have no objection to let us know what progress they are making.

Dec. 29 - Editorial on Fire. "In conclusion we again call upon our citizens for that fire engine."

#### 1854

Jan. 26 - Editorial on Another Fire. FIRE ENGINE. Mr. Editor. "The committee having the subscription started last Summer for the fire engine being repeatedly asked why the engine was not procured and having been censored by many would, in this public manner, state the reasons why their wishes were not consummated. ~~That~~

The amount subscribed was a little short of seven hundred hundred dollars while the lowest sum that a good engine and hose could be obtained for was not less than one thousand dollars thus leaving three hundred dollars unprovided for. As nearly all our citizens had been waited upon the Committee did not feel disposed to make up this deficiency themselves it was thought best to await the result of the effort to have our Village incorporated. It was surprising to notice the apathy manifested by many of our citizens. Many large property owners refusing to contribute a cent while others largely interested contributed but a trifle. An engine cannot be obtained by subscriptions unless a few of our leading citizens take hold of it in earnest with a determination that nothing will prevent them." The Committee.

FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!! Article. (New York and Erie Insurance Company, Middletown - Orange Company heading).

Feb. 2 - Article on meeting in the American Hotel relative to Foreman of Company and purchase of apparatus.

Feb. 9 - Article on adjourned meeting of the Hook & Ladder Company held at the American Hotel. \$245. paid for truck and equipment. Cost of truck itself \$75.00.

Feb. 16 - Minutes of meeting of February 11th. Cost of truck \$252.39. Names of members making application for membership.

Feb. 23 - Election of officers on February 17th. Name of company - Rescue Hook & Ladder Company.

Sept. 7 - Fire at Garnerville. Barn a little west of the former residence of Henry Garner. Rescue assisted. "We saw a number of Warren Engine Company assisting their brothers of the Rescue at this destructive occurrence. This is as it should be. They expect their machine every day from New York.



VILLAGE MATTERS

On Monday afternoon, the 2nd inst. the Warren Fire Engine Company No. 1, of this village, passed in procession through Main and other streets, dressed in full regalia, with their beautiful Engine and Hose Carriage, which attracted a great deal of attention.

The Engine & Hose and Hose Carriage cost the sum of one thousand and eighty-nine dollars, and the Engine is warranted to throw a stream one hundred and thirty-five feet high through four hundred feet of hose. They made a very fine appearance, and deserve great credit for the zeal, which they have manifested in organizing their Company, and manning the Machine. The Engine house is a new brick building located in about the center of the village and contains ample room for all the purposes of the Company.

At eight o'clock in the evening, the Company together with the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and a few other invited guests, were entertained at a supper at the Warren Hotel by the Board of Trustees of the Village. The supper was one of the substantial kind, and was fully appreciated, if we can form an opinion from the manner in which the viands mysteriously disappeared.

After the cloth had been removed, Edward Pye, Esq., President of the Board of Trustees, and consequently Mayor of the City, called the company to order, and in a neat and appropriate speech, welcomed the guests to the hospitalities of the occasion, and concluded by proposing the following toast, "Out Guests-The Fire Department of the village of Warren," which was drank with all the honors.

This toast was responded to on behalf of the Fire Department by A. DeNoyelles, Esq. who gave-"The Board of Trustees of the village of Warren-faithful guardians of the public interests."

The President briefly replied, and gave "Out other guests welcome to the Social Board." Mr. Suffern was called upon and responded in a becoming ~~speech~~ speech on behalf of the guests-and concluded by giving "The Editor of the Messenger." We responded in our usual eliquent style, and proposed "May good feeling and unity ever prevail in the Fire Department of our village." Trustee Peck made a good speech and gave-"The health of Lewis Wambold, Foreman of Warren Fire Engine Co. No. 1."

Mr. Wambold made acknowledgements for the honorable mention of his name, and expressed the gratification of his Company at the hospitable entertainment of the city fathers.

Trustee Vervalen gave "the health and happiness of A. DeNoyelles, the foreman of Rescue Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Mr. James Creney, Assistant Foreman was called upon to respond, but removed the responsibility from himself by saying that the duty devolved upon the Superior Officer, and he took pleasure in introducing him to the Company.

Then followed volunteer speeches and toasts in abundance. The officers of the Hose Carriage were toasted, and their Foreman persisted in maintaining a vigorous silence; when called upon for a response. They are attired in a light blue shirt, white leather belt, and cap with red band, and as the Mayor said particularly attract the attention of the young ladies.

Mr. Postmaster Blauvelt, who is Clerk of the Board of Trustees, was called out, and briefly responded.

Also Treasurer Milburne made some financial remarks, and Justice Hazard concluded the exercises by giving-"Woman, blest partner of our joys and sorrows!"



We cannot close this hasty sketch of the evening's pleasure without alluding to the songs of Mr. Young, who repeatedly favored the company with good songs well sung-nor without saying that the medley sung by Mayor Pye, was received with infinite merriment.

Thus passed a most pleasant evening, food order, and the best of feeling prevailed at the festive board, and all seemed to enjoy the occasion.

At a subsequent meeting, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Lewis W. Wambold,	Foreman
Beldon Barnes, Assistant	Foreman
Alexander Casterline,	Secretary
John C. Coe, <del>Treasurer</del>	Treasurer
John W. Jones,	Steward

#### MEMBERS

George Bullis  
William Keesler  
George Goodman  
John A. Coe  
Daniel R. Lake  
Charles B. Witt ers  
Frank Martinez  
Charles Knapp  
John H. Brockway  
Ferdinand Requa  
Abram Hogenkamp  
George W. Snedeker  
James Shay  
George S. Myers

George Anderson  
Isaac T. Brewer,  
Alfred A. Demarest  
Caleb C. June  
William E. Abrams  
Henry Keesler  
Samuel Fowler  
William Wood  
Thomas F. Young  
Abram Vervalen  
Abram Knapp  
Lawrence Fredericks  
George S. Oldfield  
Isaac Duryea

S.G. Newman

#### VOLUNTEERS

William Hedden  
D. DeNoyelles  
I. M. Mabie  
F. Gardner

John Thompson  
J. L. Maxwell  
E. Snedeker  
S. Babcock

R. Mackerell

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

Edward Pye  
Henry M. Peck  
Wm. N. Seaman

R. A. Vervalen,  
Alfred Hazard  
William Brewster.



## 1854

Nov. 23 - FIRE IN SAMSONDALE. On Friday ~~atghing~~ last a fire broke out in a stable adjoining Mr. Demarest's carpenter shop located at the foot of the hill where the First Presbyterian Church stands and notwithstanding the combined efforts of the fire department the building was burnt to the ground. Great praise is due and was bestowed upon the whole fire department by those who witnessed their arduous exertions to arrest the progress of the fire which they finally succeeded in doing. It was the first time that the members of Warren Engine Company No. 1 were called into active service and nobly did they acquit themselves, while the members of Rescue Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 performed their duty in a workmanlike manner. Law and order seemed to reign triumphant in their midst - the men obeying those whom they had placed over them with great readiness which is a grand feature in any business, but more particularly at a fire where all is excitement and bustle. One thing we observed, while the citizens were admiring the working qualities of the engine, that it required physical force to produce those powerful streams of water and more than once did we hear the fire warden cry out for more men at the machine. Every citizen should bear in mind that all above 18 years of age are liable to be called upon to assist at a fire when they are not sufficient firemen present and to refuse in so doing there is a penalty attached to every such refusal. But we expect better things from our citizens and not wait to be asked but volunteer at once the moment they go to a fire either to save life, property, etc. that fall their way. The following resolution has been handed us for publication:- At a meeting of the Rescue Fire Company No. 1 it was unanimously resolved that the sincere thanks of the company be tendered to Edward Peck, Esq., for the liberal supply of refreshments provided by his order after the fire of the 18th inst. A. DeNoyelles, Foreman, James King, Secretary.

## 1855

Mar. 15 - Fire north of the Central Presbyterian Church. Barn of Michael Allison. Third alarm since we purchased our engine.

Editorial on "The Necessity of Two Fire Engines."

May 10 - OUR FIREMEN. On Monday evening our firemen made their usual monthly display with "der machine" in Main Street near our office and gave our Temperance people a practical demonstration of the working of the "New York Liquor Law" some getting a very liberal dose of their favorite



1855 - Mar 15th - Mar 22nd - Mar 29th - Letters from citizen and  
replies from firemen, one Rescue man - re fire ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~  
in his own home - "No cry alarms the neighbors, no church  
bells peel hurriedly on the midnight air, no hoarse trumpet  
tone of "Run her along boys" echoes along our streets."



element. "Warren No. 1" showed by the brightness of its equipment the pride our gallant "Boys" take in their "pet" and although it was not fully manned they soon gave our street and houses the appearance of having passed through the second edition of the deluge. It is to be regretted that they had not their full complement as such displays keep our citizens alive to their interests. Judging from their physique and fine personal appearance in their uniform they would be a credit even to the City and should be encouraged in their alaudable endeavors by all means. They are somewhat discouraged by the thinness of their numbers having but about twenty available members at the present - but scanty as they are they are still appreciated. Success to them.

Dec. 6 - On the afternoon of Thursday last (Thanksgiving Day) Warren Engine Company No. 1 and their beautiful hose company, dressed in full regaliz made a fine display with their machines through the streets of our village. Though we were absent we were informed that we, in company with others were honored with a visit. Our new brass band made its first public appearance on this occasion. This band has made rapid progress under the instruction of Mr. Jos. Shwengsak and play with a skill and precision that could hardly be expected considering the short time they have practiced together. We have musical talent in Rockland when it is once fairly developed.



MESSENGER

1860

May 17 - John H. Markham, Chas. Everhart, Samuel Kirkpatrick, Alexander Casterline and William Burn.

Election May 15th at the Warren House, 41 votes cast - Samuel A. VerValen, William H. Wiles and James Cranston.

June 7 - Resolution on death of James Glassy made at meeting of Warren Engine Co. No. 1, Saturday June 2nd - "the usual badge of mourning decorate our room for meetings for three months." Signed G. S. Myers, Foreman - A. Casterline, Secy.

Annual meeting of Warren Engine Co. held at their house Monday evening the 4th inst. for the purpose of electing officers:- Foreman Alexander Casterline; Asst. Foreman Wm. Mott; Treasurer Edward Pye; Secretary Jacob Fredericks; Steward Lewis Whitaker.

REPUBLICAN WIGWAM to be dedicated on Friday evening July 27th, 1860.

Aug. 23 - Fire. An alarm of fire was sounded through our village on Monday last about noon. Flames were seen issuing from a small building in the rear of the residence of Mr. B. Keesler, Warren Engine Co. No. 1, ever ready to respond to such calls, was promptly on the spot, but fortunately the valuable services of the firemen were not wanted, as the fire was quenched when they got there.

1861

Jan. 24 - Preacher coming over from New City to preach in the German Church in the German language. It was pointed out that there are four German barbers in the Village and they all had to work late on Sunday. "It is hoped that the customers will come early so they can get to the services." Also asked the customers to get shaved on Saturdays.

NOTE

31 - Fire. On Monday last, our citizens were startled by the cry of fire, which occurred in a frame building adjoining the African Church in Clinton Street, formerly the residence of Mr. Oliver, wire worker. It has been occupied by a German named Fisher who has been working on one of our brickyards all Summer but who is now working at the Lake. His wife left the house for a few minutes on an errand, leaving her three children in it, Whether they set fire to any part by matches or light wood, is not certain, but when the Mother returned, she found the house on fire. The three children were barely saved from the flames. The fire department were promptly on the ground but owing to the difficulty of getting water, the flames made such headway that it was impossible to save the house, but they fortunately saved the Church, which was in imminent danger



1861

Jan. 31 - several times of being consumed. The Fire Department observed great praise for the prompt manner in which they performed their duty - the Hook & Ladder Co. did good service in tearing down the shanty - thereby preventing the fire from spreading and putting a stop to its ravages. P. A collection was taken up on the spot by Mayor DeNoyelles and Counsellor Hoffman in behalf of the poor family, who lost their all in this conflagration, amounting to \$14.00. We understand the neighbors generally have assisted them bontifully. P. The tenement was owned by Messrs. Sherwood and Carson - no insurance.

1863

Feb. 19 - Our Fire Department. It will be seen by a notice in another column that our gallant firemen are notified to appear armed and equipped according to law on Monday afternoon 23rd inst. on the green in front of No. 2's house for another quarterly inspection. We hope they will have more propitious weather than they had last turnout for then it rained the whole day, but nothing daunted, they were out in full force. Should the weather be favorable we expect to see a splendid turnout, as great preparations are making to that effect. P. No. 1, we understand, are going to turnout with new hats, regular fire hats, which we thing look more appropriate than glazed caps for firemen. P. No. 2, we understand, are coming out in new belts, with quite a display of new red shirts. P. Hook and Ladder will be on hand with their apparatus and neat uniform. P. Nothing looks so neat as to see each company, whatever rig they adopt, to see them dressed all alike, let the uniformity be kept up and it will add greatly to the appearance of the procession. P. Take the firemen, altogether, they comprise for the most part nearly all our prominent business men we have in our Village.

Feb. 26 - According to this issue of the Messenger there was a heavy fall of snow on Sunday. Three to twelve inches being reported.. It was also noted that the air was "keen" on Monday morning. Apparently the parade did not come off.

Report of President DeNoyelles. - The Fire Department, thanks to the energetic Board of Engineers, and an active, intelligent and enthusiastic body of firemen, is in excellent order, and merits that constant fostering care and attention so useful a department requires. Out little Fire Department is our proudest institution, comprising as it does the flower of our youth. Too much praise cannot be awarded them. P. You will be called upon to vote at the ensuing election upon a resolution of the Board of Trustees, passed Feb. 25, 1863 to rais \$200. for the pruchase of a lot in the rear of Engine House No. 1. P.

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Citizens  
as  
members



Feb. 26 - Squire Cole, the proprietor, proposed to build a barn upon it if not purchased. It is positively necessary to purchase as the company has no other place for drying hose, the Village owning only the ground upon which the building stands. The Board earnestly recommend its passage.

Mar. 19 - Meeting of the Fire Department at the rooms of No. 2 Committee appointed of three from each company "for the purpose of drafting a series of resolutions defining and prescribing the duties of the Chief Engineer and Assistants of the Village of Warren and to recommend the same to the Board of Trustees for their adoption." " and after ~~the~~ approved by the Fire Department to present the same to our next Legislature at the opening thereof, asking that body to pass said act. W.N. Secor, Chairman. O.W. Parsons, Secy.

Apr. 9 - Presentation of silver trumped to Belding Barns, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the Village of Warren from the members of Union Engine Co. No. 2, Apr. 6, A.D. 1863. Union marched from their quarters to his residence where they found Gen. Warren and Rescue. Presentation made by John I. Cole and response for Barns by L. V. E. Robinson, Esq. Department and invited guests went upstairs and partook of pontifical repast prepared by Mr. Barns and family, following which they marched thru the principal streets accompanied by martial music and No. 1 and 2 tried out their machines and found them in excellent order. Trumpet purchased from H.W. Haughwout & Co. and was on display at O. W. Parson's jewelry store on Main Street.

16 - Tunis M. Snedeker moved his baker shop from Board Street to the neat little store next to S. C. Blauvelt's drug store.



ROCKLAND COUNTY MESSENGER

1861

May 9 - Our Fire Department on Tuesday were called upon not to play water but to empty water from two vessels that got sunk during the prevalence of the late storms. The vessels were the Robert Knapp and the Robert Renny, both lying at Bogert's Dock. The captain of the latter vessel got a cold bath by accidentally falling overboard on Thursday morning but we are happy to add, received no injury.

May 14 - John R. Denike, Chief; James V. Allison, 1st Asst.; and Denton Fowler, 2nd Asst. Election held at the Warren House. 92 Votes cast.

May 16 - On Saturday last a substantial pole 30 feet in height, and a flag staff above it 24 feet high were erected in front of this hotel and the Star Spangled Banner was run up at the truck amid the cheers of those assembled. Several members of Rescue Hook & Ladder Company deserve great praise for the manner in which they assisted Mr. Beebe in getting up this pole and flag and flag staff. It was an arduous task for them. But when our noble firemen take hold of any thing praiseworthy they generally put it through to perfection. It is located on a back street. (Jackson Hotel, Henry Beebe, Prop., apparently at South and West Streets.)

Village Directory shows Warren House, Sylvester Clark, Prop.; Bakery - Tunis Snedeker, Allison Building, Broad Street. Wheelwright and Blacksmith, Isaac Duryee, Liberty Street. Warren House over to George Weiant in Nov. 7th, 1861 issue).

June 6 - At the annual meeting of Warren Engine Company No. 1, held on Monday evening 3rd inst. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Foreman, Alexander Casterline; Assistant Foreman, William Mott; Treasurer Edward Pye; Secretary, Jacob H. Fredericks; Stewart Charles E. Potter; Representatives Howard VanOrden and William Oldfield.

July 18 - Could not a bridge like that in front of Engine Company No. 1 be made so that the water will not lay there after every rain.

August 8 - Communication with reference to History of Haverstraw. Dated May 10, 1846.

Oct. 10 - Resolution of Union Engine with reference to men enlisting in the Haverstraw Company.



1862

Jan. 16 - Preamble and Resolution on General Warren Engine Company on the death of Alexander Casterline, Foreman of General Warren and also foreman for Warren Briggs, Esq., signed by Robert Mackerel, Assistant Foreman and Jacob H. Frederick, Secretary. (William Alexander Casterline)

Special meeting of Union No. 2 and Rescue No. 1 at their rooms Jan. 13, 1862, Resolution and Preamble on Casterline. Chief Engineer John Teneyke.

There also appeared in the newspaper a letter from the widow's brother taking exception to remarks purported to have been made by some resident of the village about the widow. It appeared that she was previously married to one Porter who died under mysterious circumstances and it developed that he had been poisoned. His widow had been arrested and stood trial and was acquitted.

May 15 - Belding Barnes, Chief, Charles W. Gillies, 1st Asst. and James Wood, Jr., 2nd Asst. Unanimous. 26 votes.

Aug. 14 - Capt. James Creney, Company F, N.Y.V. 95th Regt. - Co. B, Capt. Abram S. Gardner - Edward Pye, Major.

Aug. 28 - OUR FIREMEN

It will be seen by a notice in our advertising columns that our Chief Engineer is determined to make all our firemen show themselves on parade Monday next (the 1st of September), fully uniformed and equipped, or pay a dollar fine for non-attendance and for not being in uniform half a dollar. We understand quite a number of them are already brushing up their regalia, purchasing belts, caps, etc. This is as it should be. No person should belong to any association that he is ashamed to be seen with them in public days. We have never seen the whole force of the Hook and Ladder on parade. We hope this notice of our Chief will have the desired effect.

#### ATTENTION FIREMEN.

You are hereby notified that a general inspection of the fire department of the Village of Warren will take place on Monday the 1st of September at four o'clock in the afternoon of said day. At which time the several companies comprising the fire department of the village will present themselves with their machines on the green in front of the engine house of Company No. 1 in FULL INFORM. Full attendance is required. In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Trustees. Any fireman absent or without uniform from the quarterly inspection, without sufficient excuse, will be fined the sum of one dollar and fifty cents.

Belding Barnes, Chief Engineer.

August 14, 1862.



October 5, 1871.

ANNUAL PARADE OF THE WARREN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The force of the fire department was further increased by the purchase in June 1869 of a steam fire engine under an appropriation of the village of \$5000. for that purpose and the organization of a new company "Lady Warren No. 5." This ingenious piece of mechanism became at the time of the purchase the unconscious object of the maledictions of many of our citizens but we believe she has since regained favor by acknowledged services of no mean value.

In 1858 a lot was purchased for \$300. in Division Street by the village and the building now occupied by No. 2 was erected thereon at a cost of \$684 and the same was taken possession of by the said company on the 30th of August 1858.

Nov. 30, 1871 - "Firemen's Demonstration." Story of the fire department going to St. Luke's Church led by Glassings Band.

December 9, 1869 "FIREMAN ATTENTION." The different companies comprising the fire department of the Village of Warren are hereby ordered to assembly in front of the house of ~~XXXXXX~~ Warren Engine Co. No. 1 in uniform with their machines on (this) Thursday December the 9th, 1869 at half past twelve o'clock P.M. for inspection.

A fine of (\$1.50) for non-attendance will be rigidly enforced.

DANIEL R. LAKE,  
Chief Engineer.

Dated Dec. 9th.

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Cornerstone laid for St. Peter's Church in 1869, Father Starrs.

October 19th, 1871 issue. Catholic Church Dedicated on previous Sunday, by Archbishop McCluskey. Rev. Father Mahoney.

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When No. 1 engine first came to Haverstraw the best men in the Town used to attend the meetings of the Company. No dissension among the members in those days.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Haverstraw General Warren Engine Company No. 1 was disbanded as a company and the Board of Engineers of the Department were instructed to ~~reorganize~~ reorganize the company. Tuesday evening a number of persons who had been notified met in the Corporation Room and proceeded to the reorganization of said company. The result of the selection of officers were as follows: Foreman Frederick Glassing, Assistant Foreman J. Brehm, Secretary Joseph Albert, Treasurer Christian Myer, Stewart Jacob Hahn, representative on the Board of Engineers, Leonard Stock Jr.; The reorganized company starts off with ~~him~~ a list of twenty-five good members with a prospect of many more. The utmost harmony prevailed at the meeting which augurs success for the reorganization. Speeches were made by various persons which were listened to with marked attention. The company then proceeded to some necessary business when they adjourned to meet Monday night 19th Inst. Let harmony and peace prevail. (Note that Village minutes show company disbanded on December 6th and undoubtedly reorganized on December 14th or almost immediately).

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September 21st, 1854.

#### Warren Fire Engine Company No. 1.

Just as we are going to press this splendid machine, with hose carriage attached, passed our office on her first journey through the village not forgetting to give us three hearty cheers for which mark of respect we return Louis Wambold, the Foreman, and his ~~men~~ galland comrades our most sincere thanks.

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October 27th, 1881.

The Fall Inspection of the Haverstraw Fire Department occurred on Friday afternoon last. A fair representation of five companies made their appearance in uniform in front of Union Engine Company's house where line was formed preparatory for a short parade through the Village. Chief Benson, with his corps of engineers, headed by Glassings Band, followed by the different companies made a fine appearance as they passed our office. After the parade Steamer Engine 5 was put to trial at one of the public cisterns with 250 feet of hose, throwing a steady stream of 150 feet. Her endurance and workings proved satisfactory to all concerned. The hose from Triumph Company also proved to be in good condition should emergency require it. None of the hand engines were put to trial on account of insufficient attendance of members. The four Holloway fire ex-



tinguishers purchased by the Corporation for Rescue Hook & Ladder Company were then put to trial. A large bonfire of barrels, lard and butter firkins, well soaked with kerosene, was made on the vacant lot between Broad and Divisions Streets when two of Rescue's members arrived, each with one of the extinguishers, faced the fierce fire. Whenever the liquid would strike the flame would at once extinguish and in less time than it could be described the entire fire was subdued. A second trial was given with the same good result. A large number of speculators who witnessed the exhibition universally agreed that they were a useful and needy article. Rescue then ran a distance of three blocks and hoisted their ladders to the top balcony of the United States Hotel with one of their members proceeding up the ladder while it was being hoisted. This feat was accomplished against time. The march of the department was then continued through some of the principal streets after which the department was dismissed.