

EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY

up and rendered good service with their little giant engine. Refreshments furnished visiting Co. by this Co.

Signed, Wm. D. Johnston,
Sec. Pro tem."

"Aug. 19, 1883, 2.30 P.M. William H. Dean's barn " (This fire was caused by a bolt of lightning, and the barn was completely destroyed.)

Another interesting item consists of a telegram sent via Mutual Telegraph Co. of Union and Somerset County, and reads as follows:

"Westfield, N J., April 25, 1885.

To Scotch Plains Fire Dept.

Please send all assistance as soon as possible to fire near my house.

(signed W. G. Peckham."

The new truck, used for the first time on March 17, 1874, was purchased from Edward B. Leverich, in Brooklyn, N Y., and was received in time for a gala celebration on Thanksgiving Day, 1873.

For many years the Engine House was the scene of many festivities, it being the only building in the village suitable for dances, "entertainments," etc. The upper floor has housed the Public Library, until recently, when heavy winter snows have partially destroyed its aging roof. With the demolition