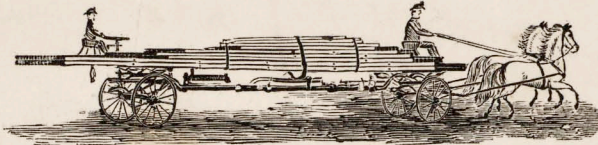


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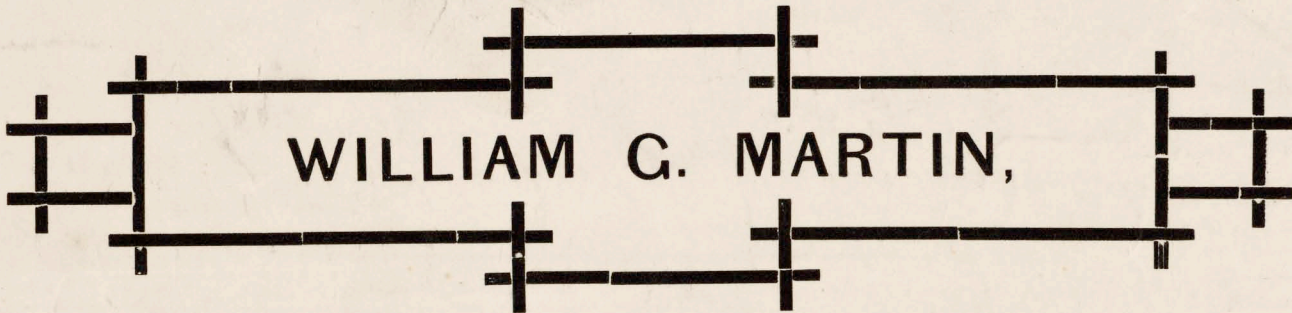
AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF

Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1,



"WE RAZE TO SAVE"

Assembled at their Carriage House, for the purpose of taking action on the death of



The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death from our midst our respected brother and fellow-Fireman, *Wm. C. Martin*, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That while we bow with resignation to the will of Almighty God, we cannot but deplore the loss of our companion, who at all times, during his connection with the Fire Department, evinced a lively interest in its efficiency and character by performing his duty without a murmur ; manifesting at all times love and esteem towards his companions, and exerting moral influences, threw studied discretion into our organization.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That in the death of our late brother we recognize the loss of one of the most active members of our Company, who, through faithfulness to his duty as a fireman, contracted a malady which superinduced his death ; the country has lost a true and tried patriot, and our community a good and faithful citizen.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That we extend to the bereaved widow and children of our deceased brother our deepest sympathy and invoke Him who has promised to care for the widow and orphan to give them comfort in their affliction and protect them in the future.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That as a token of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, we attend the funeral in a body and wear the usual badge of mourning and cause our Carriage House to be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be published in the daily papers, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a certified copy of the same to the relatives of the deceased.

Done this fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

JOS. RINGELSTEIN, Pres't.

JOHN T. TRACY, Sec'y.