

County of Nevada
State of California

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
Application for Registration of Historical Landmark

Name of proposed landmark Eagle Hose Company

Location 139 East Main Street

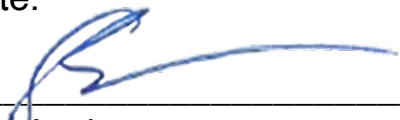
Name of applicant City of Grass Valley on behalf of GV Historical Commission

Address 125 East Main Street

Home or work phone 530-274-4711 cell phone _____

Name and address of owner upon whose property proposed landmark
is located, if owner is not applicant owned by City of Grass Valley

I consent to this application and authorize the placing of a plaque or marker
on site.



Owner's signature

11/4/2024

Date

Brief history and description of proposed landmark

(attach additional sheets as necessary)

The Grass Valley Fire Department was first organized in 1853. It is the third oldest active fire department west of the Mississippi River. Founded in 1866 and housed at this site, Eagle Hose Company #2 was one of four Volunteer Fire Brigades that proudly served and protected Grass Valley over 100 years.

Historically significant aspects or properties of proposed landmark

Site of the Eagle Hose Company No. 2, a Volunteer Fire Brigade founded in 1866

How will the landmark be protected and maintained?

The building is owned and maintained by the City of Grass Valley.

Bibliography. Cite or attach available books, records, articles or other materials pertaining to the proposed landmark.

Books and articles:

See attached material compiled by Grass Valley Historical Commission.

Historical or civil records: (e.g., ownership, assessments etc.)

See attached material compiled by Grass Valley Historical Commission.

Other: (e.g. photographs, prints or drawings. Please list and attach separately)

See attached material compiled by Grass Valley Historical Commission.



Applicant's signature

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This completed form and all related documents shall be sent to the:

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
Attention: Chairman
P. O. Box 1014, Nevada City, Cal. 95959

Attachments and related documents may be submitted in electronic format.

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non historical reasons.

An individual Commissioner can advise and counsel an applicant, but all applications must be considered by the full Commission, meeting in regular session.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY



The Grass Valley Fire Department was first organized in 1853 with the establishment of a Hook and Ladder Company. It is the third oldest active fire department west of the Mississippi River. June 7, 1858 marked the day that the fire company was organized under law as the Grass Valley Hook and Ladder Company. In 1861 the Grass Valley Hook and Ladder Company was reorganized into Protection Hose Company No. 1 and then again into Protection Engine Company No. 1. The original station No. 1 was located at Main and School Streets, it later moved to the current location of City Hall and then to Brighton Street where it has remained since.

Over the course of 42 years three additional ladder companies were added to the department. On July 18, 1866, Eagle Hose Company No. 2 was organized and was located on East Main Street near City Hall, where the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County maintains their offices. On March 31, 1891 the Reliance Hose Company No. 3 was established with a station on Race Street, which still serves the Fire Department, it is no longer an active station but remains part of our rich history. In 1895 the Defiance Hose Company No. 4 was organized to protect the Boston

Ravine area, located at Mill Street and Empire Street. The Defiance Hose Company operated for nearly 25 years, but disbanded in 1920.

In 1915, the fire department purchased its first motorized piece of fire apparatus, The Pierce Arrow, and by 1916 two additional motorized fire apparatus were added to the fleet.

The Grass Valley Fire Department currently operates out of three stations. Station No. 1 located on Brighton Street and Station No. 2 located on Sierra College Drive and Station No. 5 located at 201 Providence Mine, Nevada City. Today the Department has 29 career personnel and provides protection to the 5 square miles of the City of Grass Valley as well as the City of Nevada City and outlying portions of Western Nevada County.

GRASS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



GRASS VALLEY today has one of the best organized volunteer fire departments in the State. Its efficiency has been proven upon many occasions and with our excellent water system Grass Valley is as well protected from the ravages of the Fire King as any city on the Coast.

The first fire organization was a hook and ladder company formed in 1853, before the town had suffered from a conflagration. This company existed for about a year and made a parade in uniform in October, 1854. The first Board of Trustees passed an ordinance on July 3, 1855, which required the occupant of every house to keep on hand a vessel containing at least fifty gallons of water and four fire buckets for each story of his house.

The first regular fire company organized under the law was formed June 7, 1858, and known as the Grass Valley Fire Hook and Ladder Company. Its first officers were: S. M. Smith, foreman; J. J. Dorsey, first assistant foreman; C. R. Edwards, second assistant; E. C. Cheek, secretary, and G. A. Montgomery, treasurer. The company used a building on the corner of Main and School Streets, tendered them by A. B. Dibble. This company did good work and was reorganized June 17, 1861 into Protection Hose Co. No. 1. It was proposed shortly before this to organize a hook and ladder company, the new organization to take the apparatus of the former company. This was done and a fire department was formed, and Union Hook and Ladder Company was formed with N. C. Hammersmith as foreman, John Blake, assistant foreman; Chas. Glassen, president; Sol. Crown, treasurer. Hammersmith soon afterwards decamped with \$200 of the companies funds and the organization disbanded. The officers of Protection Hose Company were:—S. D. Leavitt, foreman; G. Hamilton, first assistant; T. J. Cook, second assistant; J. M. Days, secretary; H. Silvester, treasurer.

In March, 1863, Eureka Hose Company, No. 2 was organized with Schenck Glass, foreman; C. R. Clarke, first assistant; John Blake, second assistant. This company disbanded the same year. On August 25, 1863,

Tiger Hook, Ladder and Bucket Company, No. 1, was organized as an independent company, but soon after joined the department. The old engine house of the department was destroyed by fire on June 11, 1862, and two lots were purchased from W. S. Byrne and Sam Hodge on Main Street, the present engine house, used also as a city hall, being erected the following year. The first meeting held in the new house was on March 2, 1863.

Eagle Hose Company, No. 2, was organized July 18, 1866, and its first officers were:—John R. Crocker, foreman; E. R. West, first assistant; John W. Hobby, second assistant; C. E. Davis, president; George Murphy, secretary; Peter Brunstetter, treasurer.

The present department is composed of three companies, Protection, No. 1, Eagle, No. 2, and Reliance, No. 3. The cuts of Protection and Eagle companies appear in this edition.

The following are the officers of Protection, No. 1: President, W. H. Morgan; secretary, Henry Daniels; treasurer, Wm. Curtis; foreman, John F. Buckett; first assistant, B. A. Van Slyke; second assistant, A. J. Bovey. Members:—J. P. Miller, Oscar Klein, F. A. Campbell, John Frank, C. J. Miller, Wm. Freeman, James Lucas, W. H. Morgan, H. Daniels, John F. Buckett, John Aver, W. D. Paynter, Wm. Curtis, Chas. Dahlgren, S. J. Kinsman, B. A. Van Slyke, Frank E. Dennen, Wm. Provis, B. F. Schwartz, Theo. A. Kohler, D. S. Collins, A. J. Bovey, C. Temby, Jr., Wm. Henrici, Wm. Simmons.

The officers of Eagle Hose Company are as follows: President, S. R. Wilder; secretary, Geo. A. Wanamake; treasurer, W. G. Lord; foreman, Samuel Blight; first assistant, James Stead; second assistant, Alex. Chesneau. Members:—S. R. Wilder, Geo. A. Wanamake, W. G. Lord, L. C. Snyder, John Lucas, Geo. Wettereau, W. G. Frank, James Hosking, James Stead, G. W. Hobby, John Hocking, Adolph Ruck, Joseph Hall, Thomas F. Collins, C. E. Uren, M. Shewbridge, Alex. Chesneau, John H. Pascoe, Samuel Blight, Angello Mazza, Richard Ford, James Jenkins, Wm. Ruck, Wm. Pascoe.

NEVADA COUNTY
MINING REVIEW 1895



Cal., Friday, April 6, 1945

UNUSUAL FIRE SIGNAL TO GIVE WORD OF V-E DAY

First public word of the collapse of fighting in Germany, either through a surrender, which is held as a remote possibility or an announcement by General Eisenhower that organized resistance in the Reich has terminated, will be brought to Grass Valleyans through the Grass Valley Fire Department and their alarm system.

Fire Department members, approached by The Morning Union, to provide such a service to the community, in the event that the end of hostilities is received day or night, guaranteed a 24 hour service of notification with a set of signals that cannot be mistaken for fire alarms.

Fire Chief Clare Hughes declared that the firemen would have the signals operating within 60 to 90 seconds of receipt of the word. The Morning Union will notify the Fire Department, if, when and how the message announcing V-E day is received.

At the present time it is planned to use a combined bell and siren signal, quite different from any of the fire alarm signals, but within a few days, a battery of sirens may be cut in and used for announcing of end-of-hostilities news.

ALARM BOXES V-E DAY 1945

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Ladies.

Fire Department, Attention!

The members of the Fire Department are requested to meet at their respective company's house, on Monday, May 30, (Decoration Day), at one o'clock p. m. Each company will report at 1:30 p. m. at Protection Hose Company's house, where the Department will form in line. Members who are unable to attend will report to the foreman of their company before Sunday, May 29th, at 7:30 p. m. By order

B. A. VAN SLYKE,
Foreman Protection Hose Co.
A. RUCK,
Foreman Eagle Hose Co.
J. L. RULE,
Foreman Reliance Hose Co.
WM. TIERNEY,
Foreman Defiance Hose Co.

DECORATION DAY FIRE HOSE COMPANIES 1898

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Sun, May 26, 2024

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Population 7500.

WATER FACILITIES: South Yuba Water Co. constructed by the City Water Works, Geary street, Water from Shuldberg, and from various sources. One pipe into Geary street, another from Shuldberg, and a third from the City Water Works. The water is distributed to the various streets by means of pipes and hydrants. The water is also used for the various industries of the city.

FIRE DEPT. The fire department is organized on a full-time basis. The fire engine is a modern one, and is equipped with all the latest appliances. The fire department also has a fire truck and a fire hose.

PREV WINDS: S. W. The prevailing winds are from the south-west. The wind is usually light and variable.

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WATER FACILITIES: SOUTH YUBA WATER CO. DISTRIBUTED BY THE CITY WATERWORKS. GRAVITY SYSTEM. WATER FROM SPAUL
JACK AND MOUNTAIN STREAMS ABOUT 45 MILES N.E. OF TOWN CONVEYED THROUGH OPEN DITCH INTO EARTHEN RECEIVING AND SETTLE
RESERVOIR (CAP. 400,000 GALLONS) LOCATED 430 FT. NW. OF MAIN AND MILL STS. THENCE 800 FT. SW. BY OPEN DITCH TO 2 EARTHEN 500
RESERVOIRS (COMBINED CAPACITY ABOUT 272 MILLION GALLONS. ELEV. 115 FT.) NW. CORNER MILL STS. 3500 FT. NW. OF SAME. NEAR ALTA ST. E.
WATER CONVEYED FROM RESERVOIR TO TOWN SW. ON MAIN ST. THROUGH 1800 OF 12", 300 OF 10" AND 1100 OF 15" 4 IN. DIAM. STEEL PIPE TO MAIN
ST. THENCE E. ON MAIN ST. THROUGH 12" CAST IRON PIPE TO MILL ST. THERE BRANCHING INTO A 6" MAIN SOUTH ON MILL ST. AND A 6" MAIN E.
MAIN ST. TO BENNETT ST. AND RR DEPOT. ABOUT 6 MILES OF 2" & 3" W. IRON & 4" & 5" & 12" CAST IRON DISTRIBUTING MAINS.
62 SINGLE & 6 DOUBLE ALSO 10 PRIVATE RESIDENT SINGLE HOSES AS SHOWN. AVERAGE PRESSURE ABOUT 30 LBS. PER SQ. INCH.

FIRE DEPT. VOLUNTEER. 100 MEN DIVIDED INTO 4 HOSE COS. OF 25 MEN EACH. "PROTECTION" N.Y. 1 ON MAIN ST. BETWEEN CHURCH &
CONTAINS 1 INCH HOSE CART, 550' HOSE AND 1 LARGE H.N.L. TRUCKS POORLY EQUIPPED. "EAGLE" N.Y. 2 ON MAIN ST. BETWEEN AUBURN & BEN
HOSE CART AND 550' HOSE. "RELIANCE" N.Y. 3 ON RICE ST. NEAR AUBURN. HOSE CART AND 500' HOSE. "DEFIANCE" N.Y. 4 ON SANDWICH
HOSE CART AND 400' HOSE. 2000 FT. OF 2 1/2" FIRST CLASS DUTTON LINED RUBBER HOSE IN ALL. HOSE COS. MEET MONTHLY. NO FI
DRAINS. FIRE ALARMS: 4 HAND FIRE BELLS ON HOSE HOUSES. FIRE LIMITS: SHOWN BY HEAVY RED LINE ON INDEX.
ELEVATIONS QUOTED ABOVE AN ASSUMED DRAIN 1000' ABOVE SEA LEVEL. LIGHTS: ELECTRIC, GAS AND OIL.

Note: MOST OF THE BUSINESS HOUSES HAVE SHEDS OR SHED ROOFS COVERING THE OR EARTH ROOMS WITH FIRE WALLS ONLY ABOVE
IN MARKETS OF CASES THERE ARE NO MEANS OF ASCERTAINING THE HEIGHT OF FIRE WALLS HIDDEN BY FRAME ROOFS.

MAP

Image 1 of Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Grass Valley, Nevada County, California.

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WATER FACILITIES :- MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF MAINS.- GRAVITY SYSTEM.- CITY SYSTEM SUPPLIED FROM PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO'S. 3½ MILLION GAL. RESERVOIR, (LOCATED 1½ MILES N. OF TOWN) FILLED BY DITCH FROM SOUTH YUBA RIVER. - TWO DUG RESERVOIRS OWNED BY CITY, OF 5½ MILLION GALS. COMBINED CAP'Y DRAW FROM THE ABOVE RESERVOIR AT THE RATE OF 190 MINERS INCHES PER DAY. - A 22" MAIN FROM THE CITY'S RESERVOIRS SUPPLIES ABOUT 24 MILES OF 10", 8", 6" AND 4" CAST IRON MAINS. ALL PIPE IN GOOD CONDITION.- CITY RESERVOIRS LOCATED ABOUT 1 MILE N. OF TOWN ON CONTINUATION OF ALTA ST, AND ELEVATED ABOUT 240' ABOVE BUSINESS DISTRICT.- AVERAGE NORMAL PRESSURE OF 85 LBS, WHICH CAN BE INCREASED TO 140 LBS. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.- ALL MAINS AND HYDRANTS TESTED TWICE A YEAR.- WATER SUPPLY PRACTICALLY INEXHAUSTIBLE.- 128 SINGLE AND DOUBLE STANDARD HYDRANTS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT CITY.-

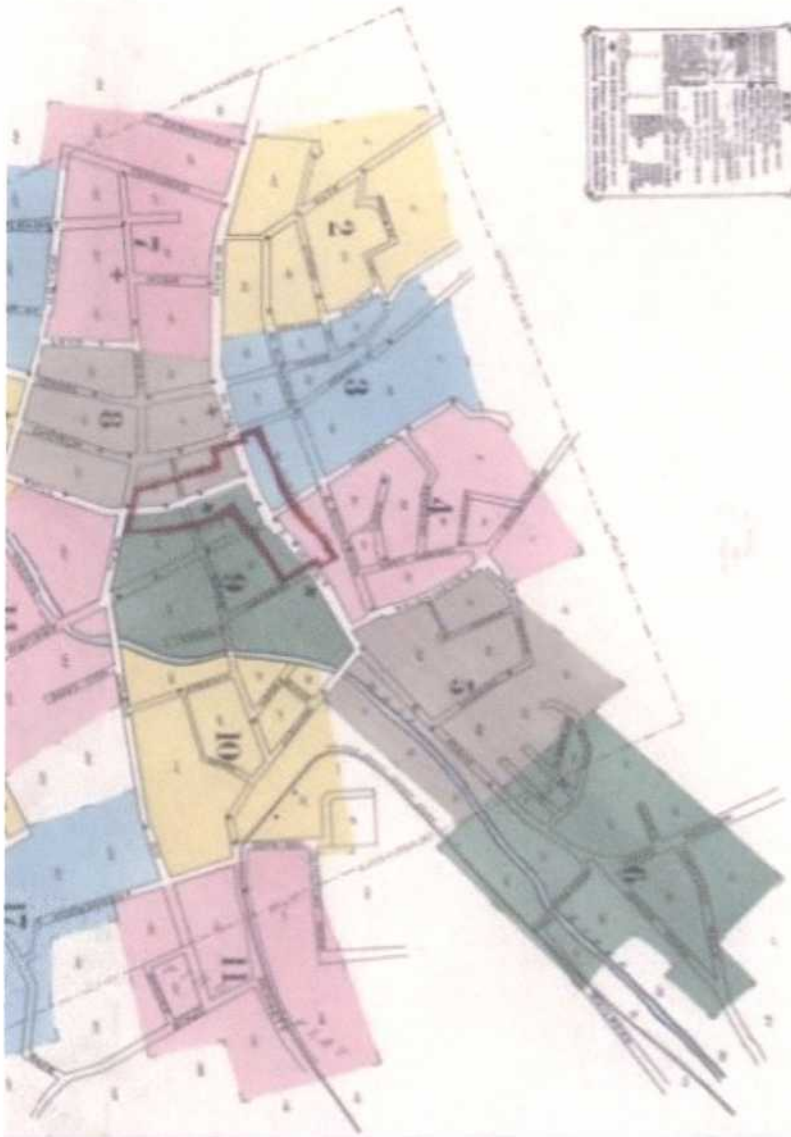
FIRE DEPT. :- VOLUNTEER.- ONE PAID CHIEF AND FOUR COMPANIES OF 25 MEN EACH.- TWO COMPANIES HAVE HAND HOSE CARTS WITH 500' HOSE EACH, AND TWO COMPANIES WITH HORSE DRAWN HOSE WAGONS WITH 500' HOSE EACH.- TWO HAND HOSE CARTS WITH 500' AND 200' HOSE RESPECTIVELY KEPT IN RESERVE.- ALL HOSE 2½" AND IN GOOD CONDITION.- GAMEWELL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.- 13 BOXES.- ALARM RINGS SOUND ON HOSE HOUSE IN DISTRICT WHERE CONFLAGRATION OCCURS.- SALARIED EMPLOYEE KEEPS FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.- CHIEF ALSO ACTS AS FIRE MARSHALL.-

TOWN HILLY.- STREETS NARROW AND WINDING.
FIRE LIMITS SHOWN BY HEAVY RED LINE
PUBLIC STREET LIGHTS ELECTRIC.-

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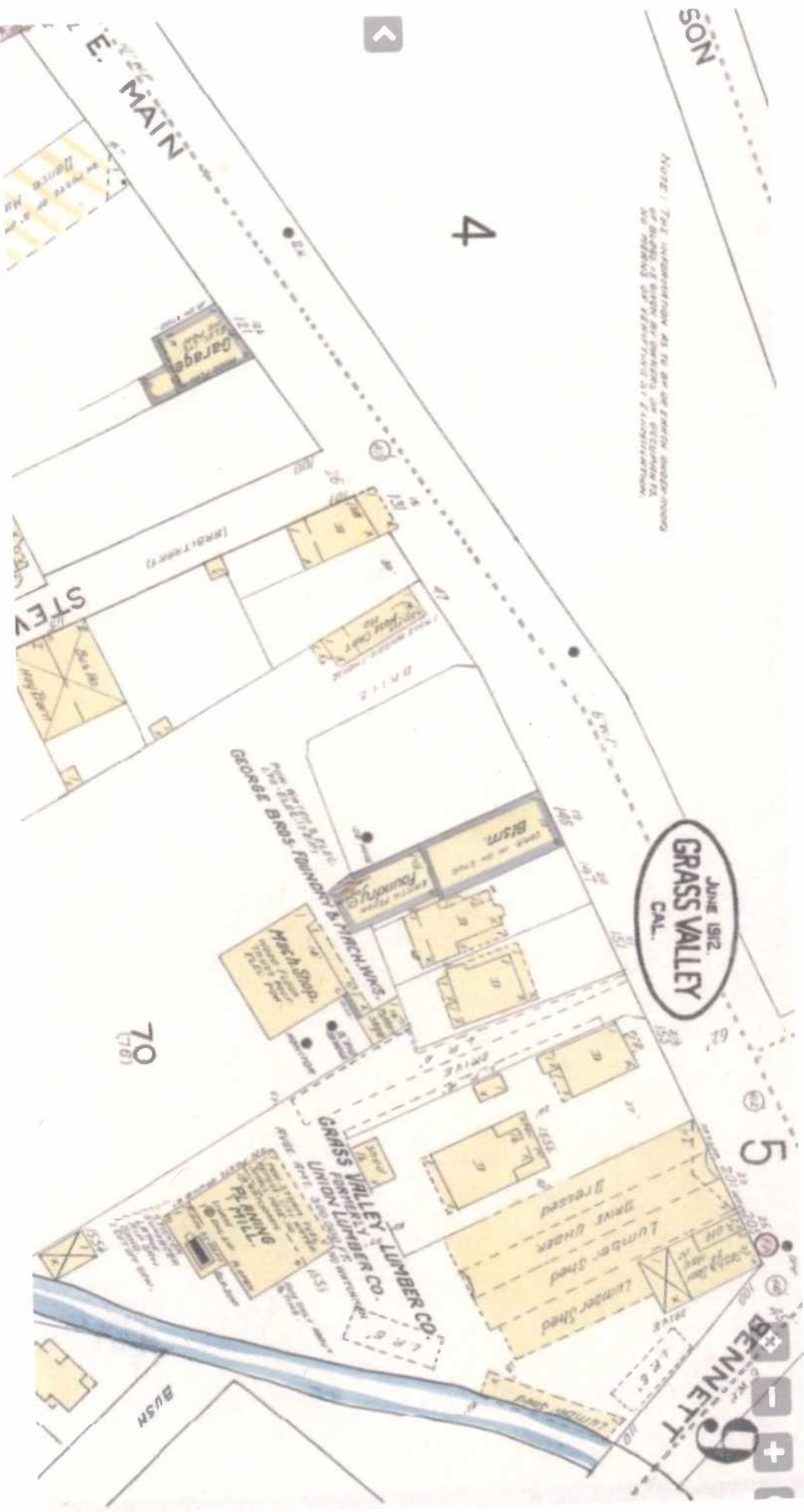
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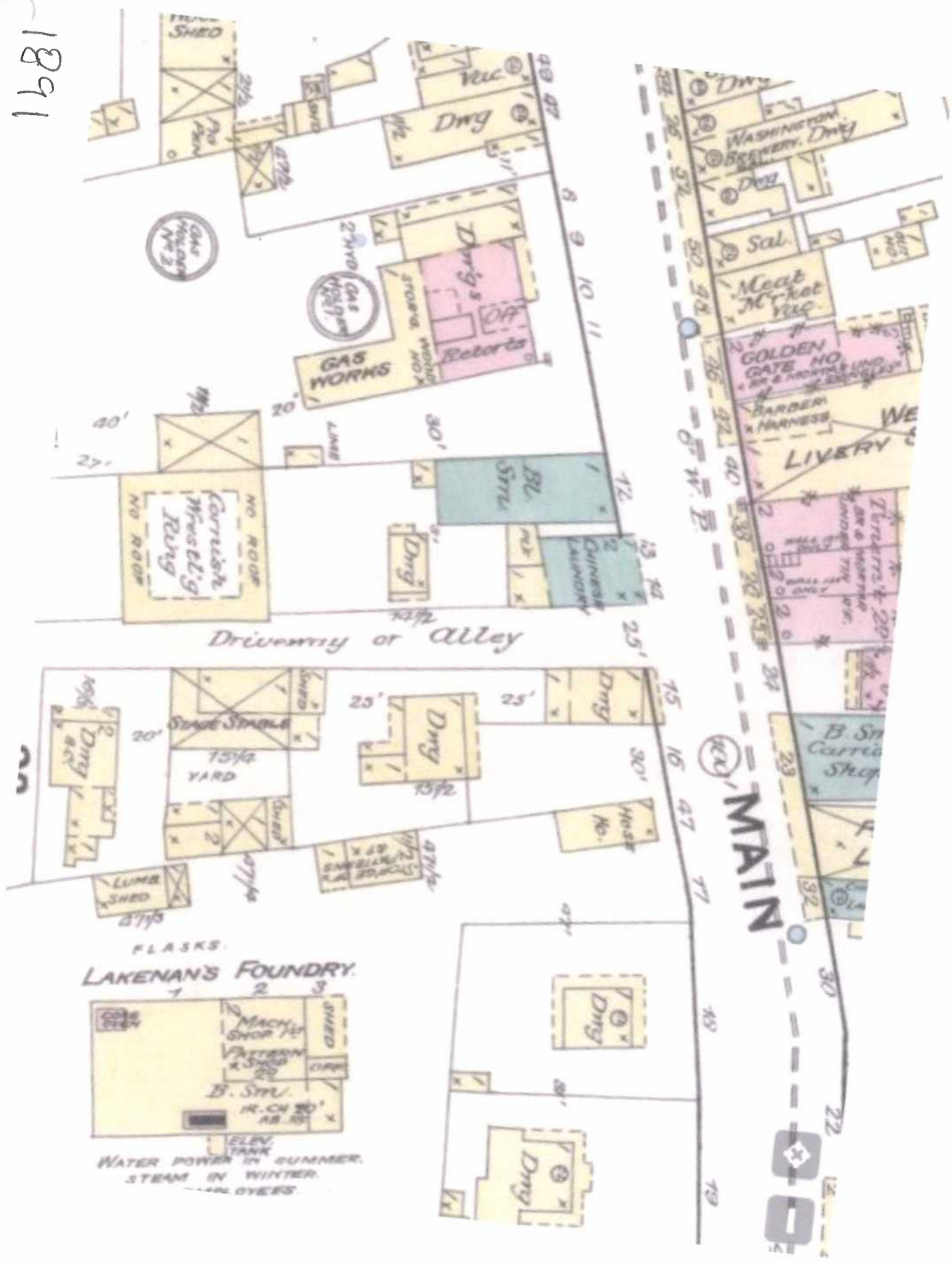
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 JULY 1, 1911

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NEVADA (O.)

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115 BROADWAY NEW YORK

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Population 7500.

Prev Winds: S.W.

WATER FACILITIES: Spring Water, Artesian Wells, City Water Works, Sewerage System, Street Lighting, Electric Power, Telephone, Gas, and other utilities.

INDUSTRY: Mining, Manufacturing, and other industries.

RAILROADS: Santa Fe, Union Pacific, and other railroads.

POST OFFICE: Post Office, and other postal facilities.

SCHOOLS: Public Schools, and other educational institutions.

CHURCHES: Methodist, Baptist, and other churches.

CLUBS: Athletic Club, and other social clubs.

AMUSEMENTS: Casino, and other recreational facilities.

CLIMATE: Dry, sunny, and pleasant.

SOIL: Fertile, and suitable for agriculture.

AGRICULTURE: Cattle, sheep, and other livestock.

MINING: Gold, silver, and other minerals.

MANUFACTURING: Lumber, and other products.

TRADE: Active, and growing.

POPULATION: Increasing, and diverse.

GOVERNMENT: Well organized, and efficient.

FINANCE: Stable, and sound.

EDUCATION: High quality, and accessible.

HEALTH: Good, and improving.

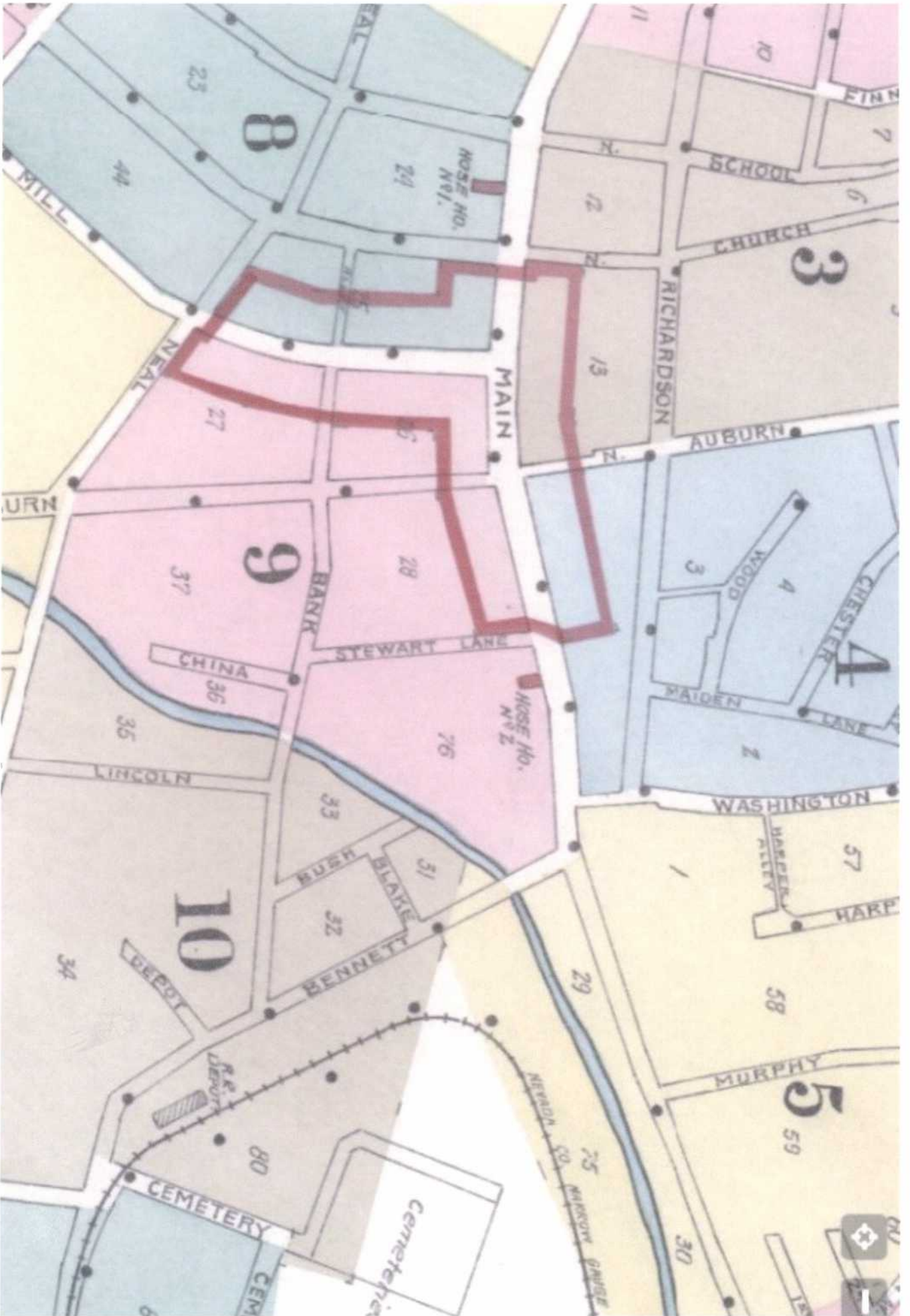
RECREATION: Abundant, and enjoyable.

PROSPECTS: Bright, and promising.

Scale 1/100,000



1808



FIREMEN ELECTIONS.

**Protection and Eagle Hose Companies
Chose Officers.**

On Monday night Protection Hose Company No. 1 held a meeting and elected the following named officers for the ensuing year: President, John Glasson; Foreman, B. Van Slyke; First Assistant Foreman, John Frank; Second Assistant Foreman, W. D. Paynter; Secretary, C. J. Miller.

There was no election of a Treasurer to succeed S. J. Kinsman, who holds the office, and an effort will be made to prevail upon him to retain it.

The fire delegates chosen are: S. J. Kinsman, J. P. Miller and T. A. Kohler. No nominations were made for the office of Chief Engineer of the Department, this action being postponed until Friday night, December 7th.

Eagle Hose Company No. 2.

Eagle Hose Company elected officers last night as follows: President, L. C. Snyder; Foreman, Thomas H. Williams; First Assistant Foreman, Adolph Ruck; Second Assistant Foreman, E. E. Simmons; Secretary Geo. A. Wanamake; Treasurer, W. G. Lord. Fire delegates: L. C. Snyder, Geo. A. Wanamake and W. G. Lord.

Samuel Blight was nominated for the office of Chief Engineer.

Reliance Hose Company No 3 will hold an election tonight and Defiance No. 4 wil meet tomorrow night, to elect officers and make a nomination for Chief.

HOSE COMPANIES 1900



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City Clerk Harris reported that J. M. Lakenan had deeded to the city the extra piece of ground on which the addition to Eagle Hose Company's headquarters had been built. In recognition of his public spirit, a vote of thanks was tendered him.

EAGLE HOSE COMPANY 1902



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EAGLE HOSE CO. ADD NEW MEMBERS

Social Session Held After the Routine Business Was Over Last Night.

The Grass Valley Fire Department gained four in membership last night, Eagle Hose Company taking four new firemen into their company. It was the regular monthly meeting and after the routine business had been disposed of a social session followed.

It has been the custom of Eagle Hose company to have social sessions quite frequently and in this manner keep up interest in the company and the good time last night was the first since the summer season. From now on there will be no lack of interest in the meetings as there is considerable good talent among the members and excellent programs are the result.

EAGLE HOSE COMPANY 1911



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HELP THE FIRE LADDIES.

GRASS VALEY firemen want to start the new year with better facilities for reaching the scene of a conflagration and in their efforts to increase their efficiency they are entitled to the hearty support of the people. They have prepared a letter, a copy of which was published in The Union yesterday, and a copy of which will be sent to every property owner in the city. This communication sets forth the desire of the firemen to procure horses and other equipment, the cost of which will aggregate about \$1000. The city trustees agree to pay the cost of maintenance, and property owners are asked to contribute the money needed for the purchase contemplated. This letter has special reference to Protection and Eagle hose companies. Defiance hose company authorizes the statement that if the city will meet the expense of taking care of a horse the members of the company will raise the money to purchase the animal.

This matter should be acted upon at once. There is no time to be lost. It should not be necessary for the firemen to go to any property holder and explain that it is desired to keep his belongings from destruction. The man who owns a house knows this and when told of the imperative necessity of making the equipment efficient he should at once contribute to that end.

Give the firemen the horses they want. Subscribe money enough to purchase one for Protection hose company, one for Eagle hose company and one for Defiance hose company. Do not let the firemen have to beg for something that will directly benefit you. If three horses are not enough get them others. Provide for the changes needed by the purchase of the animals.

This will be one of the best investments the city has ever made. It will also encourage the men who are ever ready to lend their aid to preserve the property of others from destruction, and who risk life and limb in the performance of duty unrewarded save by the consciousness that they are doing what they consider a duty.

It would not be bad policy to anticipate the sending out of those letters asking for help and to make voluntary contributions to the fund. Show the firemen that you appreciate them and should occasion arise they will give you abundant reason to be thankful that you came to their assistance.

EAGLE HOSE COMPANY 1905



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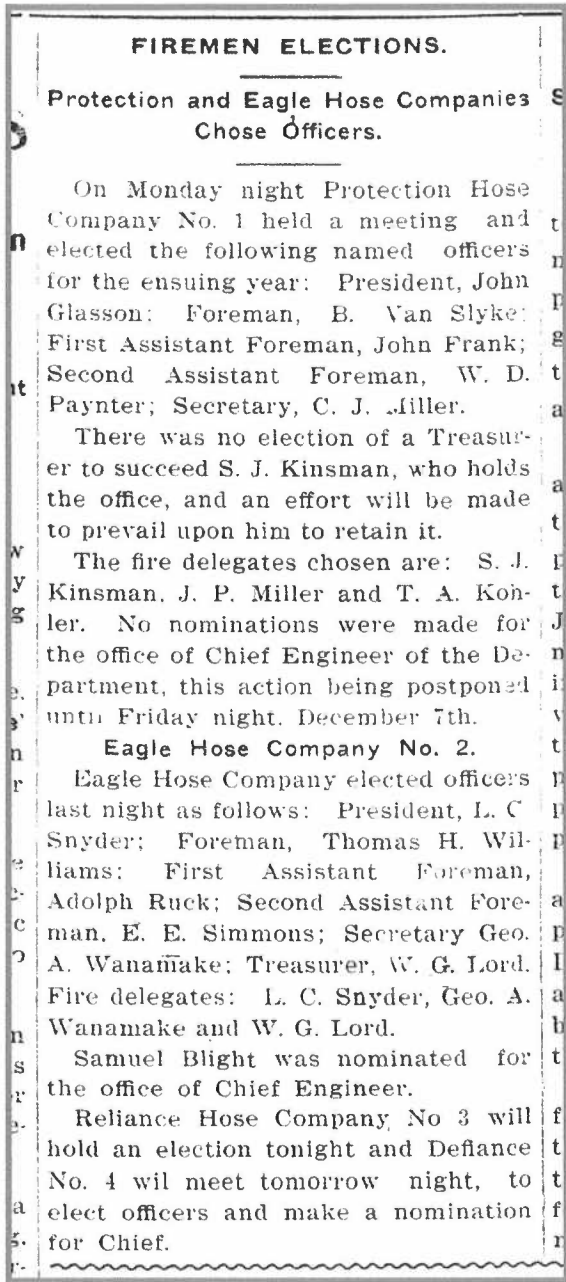
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PLACE SELECTED FOR NEW FIRE ALARM BOX

The new fire alarm box to be purchased by Eagle Hose Company will be installed at the intersection of Maiden lane and Washington street and will be numbered 21. The selection is a good one for the residents of Washington street hill and vicinity, as the fire alarm boxes in that neighborhood are far apart.

EAGLE HOSE COMPANY 1910



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Grass Valley Fire Alarm Boxes

- 2—Auburn and Neal Streets.
- 3—Auburn and Race Streets.
- 4—Mill and Rhode Island Sts.
- 5—School and Neal Streets.
- 12—Corner Main and Mill Streets.
- 13—Mill and Neal Streets.
- 14—Church and Walsh Streets.
- 21—Maiden Lane and Washington Street.
- 23—Bennett and Henderson Sts.
- 24—Main and Bennett Streets.
- 31—Empire and Auburn Streets.
- 41—Church and Chapel Streets.
- 42—Walsh and Pleasant Sts.
- 43—French Ave. and Brighton St.
- 51—Main and Alta Streets.
- 52—Church and Richardson Sts.
- 53—Cor. Auburn and Chester St.

CHIEF TELLS OF FIRES FOR YEAR

Annual Report of Fire Marshal George A. Wanamake To Be Presented Tonight.

100 NAMES ARE ON MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Year's Losses by Fire Totals \$14,660; Insurance Carried For \$10,607.70.

The following annual report of George A. Wanamake, retiring ex-officer, fire marshal and chief engineer of the Grass Valley Fire Department, will be presented to the city board of trustees at their regular monthly session this evening:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of City Trustees and Board of Fire Delegates of the City of Grass Valley:

Gentlemen: As chief engineer of the Grass Valley Fire Department and Fire Marshal of the city of Grass Valley, I have the honor herewith to present my annual report of the conditions and operations of the department under my charge for the year commencing January 13, 1911, and ending January 12, 1912.

During the year the department has responded to the following alarms and fires with losses and insurance of property as follows:

Jan. 15th—Time 4:30 a. m. Fire in washhouse in rear of John Hansen's house on West Main street. Loss \$100. No insurance. Cause unknown. Alarm turned in from box 51.

Feb. 18th—Time 11:45 p. m. Alarm caused by burning rubbish in rear of Auditorium. No loss. Alarm from box 13.

March 20—Time 11 p. m. Fire at Roy Richardson's house on Maiden Lane. Loss on house and furniture \$1500. Insurance \$1600. Caused by defective chimney. Alarm from box 24.

March 31st—Time 3 p. m. Alarm caused by bonfire in rear of Auditorium. No loss. Alarm from box 13.

April 12th—Time 12:30 p. m. False alarm from box 2.

May 29th—Time 11:20. Alarm caused by burning of schoolhouse near Maryland mine. Alarm from box 24.

June 15th—Time 4:30 p. m. Fire at John Williams' Boston Ravine. Loss on house and furniture \$1500. Insurance \$467.70. Cause defective chimney. Alarm from box 4.

July 4th—Time 10 a. m. Fire at Harry Keymer's house on Shoemaker Tract. Loss on house and furniture \$850. Insurance \$950. Cause unknown. Alarm from box 22.

July 4th—Time 10 p. m. Fire at Henry Prisk's barn on Pike Flat, outside corporate limits. Loss on barn \$100. Insurance \$200. Caused by fire rockets. Alarm from box 22.

July 23rd—Time 5:30 p. m. Alarm caused by burning dry grass near cemetery gate. No loss. Alarm from box 22.

July 25th—Time 2:30 p. m. Alarm caused by burning grass near Waisey's place in Boston Ravine. No loss. Alarm from box 4.

Aug. 20th—Time 12:15 a. m. Fire on North Church street. Four houses burned. House owned by Mrs. Jenkins and occupied by Mrs. Green. Loss on house and furniture \$2800. Insured for \$1500. Mrs. Green's loss on wearing apparel \$20. No insurance. House owned by Judge Hennessy and occupied by Daniel Enyard. Loss \$600. No insurance. House owned by Samuel Hill and occupied by Mrs. Rice. Loss on house \$700. No insurance. Mrs. Rice's loss on furniture \$500. No insurance. House owned by Mrs. Woodruff. Loss on house \$1400. Insurance \$700. Loss on furniture \$250. No insurance. Cause unknown. Alarm from box 52.

Sept. 23—Time 11:30 p. m. Alarm caused by burning of wood shed in rear of J. B. Jones' residence on Massachusetts Hill. Loss \$50. No insurance. Alarm from box 41.

Sept. 25th—Time 6 a. m. Fire on Gold Hill. House owned by Mrs. Little Maffitt and occupied by Henry Berry. House total loss. Valued at \$100. No insurance. Cause defective stove pipe. Alarm from box 41.

Sept. 26th—Time 11:45 a. m. Fire at Mrs. Ed Paul's, Pike Flat. Two houses, both total loss. Loss on the houses and furniture, \$2500. Insurance \$2100. Caused from defective pipe. Alarm from box 22.

Nov. 4th—Time 9:30 p. m. Fire at Dr. Jones' cottage on Auburn street and occupied by Frank Bredimus. Loss on house \$500. Insured for \$600. Loss on furniture \$200. Insured for \$200. Caused from defective stove pipe. Alarm from box 2.

Nov. 9th—Time 6 p. m. Alarm caused by burning out chimney at W. P. Oliver's on Church street. No damage. Alarm from box 4.

Dec. 5th—Time 8 p. m. Alarm caused by burning out chimney at Rex V. Shoemaker's on West Main street. No damage. Alarm from box 51.

Dec. 14th—Time 7:30 a. m. Fire at Dick Trounce's on Washington street. Loss \$100. Insurance \$100. Cause unknown. Alarm from box 21.

Dec. 20th—Time 4:50 a. m. Fire at Joseph Bennalack's on 18th street. Loss on house and furniture \$2100. Insurance \$2100. Cause defective pipe. Alarm from box 24.

Dec. 26th—Time 9:30 a. m. Alarm caused by burning out chimney at Egge's barber shop, Mill street. No damage. Alarm from box 12.

Dec. 30th—Time 10 a. m. Alarm caused by burning out chimney at L. P. Larue's on Auburn street. Loss nominal. Alarm from box 2.

Dec. 27th—Time 6:30 p. m. False alarm.

Total number of fires and alarms..... 25
Total amount of losses.....\$14,660.00
Total amount of insurance.....10,607.70

The membership of the department is 100, as follows:

Protection, No. 1.....	25
Eagle, No. 2.....	25
Reliance, No. 3.....	25
Defiance, No. 4.....	25

During the year I have condemned several stove pipes running through wooden partitions and have had them put in proper condition.

At the beginning of the year there was in possession of the department the following apparatus and supplies:

- Two thousand and fifty feet of 2 1/2 inch cotton hose, 250 feet rubber hose,
- 2 hose wagons, 4 hose carts, 4 ladders,
- 2 fire hooks, 2 single harness, 4 Anderson nozzles, 7 rubber nozzles, 25 spanners, 11 torches, 1 patent hose valve, 2 hose jackets, 8 axes, 125 feet 5/8-inch rubber hose, 4 wagon jacks, 3 lanterns, 6 all cone, 2 wagon wrenches, 2 fire extinguishers, 2 six-inch gauge, 2 horse blankets, 8 rubber coats, 4 monkey wrenches, 3 hammers, 1 tool box containing 1 coupling expander, 1 pressure gauge, 1 monkey wrench, 1 oil can, 2 box wrenches, 24 coupling rings, 2 salting tools.

During the year the city bought 500 feet of Paragon hose and one Blumensack coupling.

The fire alarm system is in perfect working order. There has been one fire alarm box added to the system by the Eagle Hose Company, No. 2, located at the junction of Maiden Lane and Washington streets.

The hose is inventoried as follows:

Protection Co., No. 1.....	500 feet
Eagle Co., No. 2.....	500 feet
Reliance Co., No. 3.....	500 feet
Defiance Co., No. 4.....	500 feet
High street cart.....	400 feet
Reserve cart.....	400 feet
Total.....	2800 feet

All of the hose is in good condition. There are 125 hydrants distributed throughout the city. I have had them all flushed and repaired and they are all in good condition. I would recommend that the city purchase two fire extinguishers for Eagle Hose Co., No. 2. I would also recommend that the city add one fire alarm box to the system every year.

In conclusion I wish to tender my thanks to the officers and members of the fire department for the many acts of kindness and efficiency displayed by them on all occasions and to your honorable board for the diligence displayed by you to keep the department in a manner alike creditable to all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE A. WANAMAKE,
Ex-Officer, Fire Marshal, and Chief Engineer, Grass Valley Fire Department.

BURN LIGHTS BY METER AFTER FIRST OF APRIL

Active arrangements are being made for the installation of meters by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company on April 1st. Representative Bucher of the lighting corporation is in this city securing all data relative to the number of lights used in business houses and dwellings in the two cities, and gathering all other information so that when the installing crew arrives on the scene there will be nothing to impede progress. The meters will be installed before April first, but the flat rate will be in effect until that date.

MISS CARSON GETS SCHOOL.

Miss Irvina Carson, the only successful candidate out of a class of ten who recently took the county teachers' examination, has been chosen to teach the primary department of the Hobart Mills school. Miss Lucretia Thorne, the principal of the Hobart Mills school, resigned and her place has been given to Miss Nellie Thomas, who was formerly in charge of the primary department. Miss Carson will take her departure for Hobart Mills this afternoon.

RELIANCE BALL COMMITTEE.

At the regular meeting of Reliance Hose Company last night the following committee was appointed to aid in making arrangements for the firemen's ball: John Hicks, B. D. Gump, W. P. Martin, J. J. Hosking and W. J. Michell.

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Grass Valley Fire Alarm Boxes

- 2—Auburn and Neal Streets.
- 3—Auburn and Race Streets.
- 4—Mill and Rhode Island Streets.
- 5—School and Neal Streets.
- 12—Main and Mill Streets.
- 13—Mill and Neal Streets.
- 14—Church and Walsh Streets.
- 21—Maiden Lane and Washington Streets.
- 23—Bennett and Henderson Sts.
- 24—Main and Bennett Streets.
- 31—Empire and Auburn Streets.
- 41—Church and Chapel Streets.
- 42—Walsh and Pleasant Streets.
- 51—Main and Alta Streets.
- 52—Church and Richardson Sts.
- 43—French Ave and Brighton Sts.

Electric Car Timetable

Arrive from Nevada City and leave for Nevada City daily as follows:
5:40, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
11:30, a. m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30
4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30,
10:30 p. m., also arriving from Nevada City at 11:30 returning to car barn at Glenwood.

MAILS ARRIVE

From Nevada City	5:55 a. m.
From West	8:55 a. m.
From East	8:55 a. m.
From Nevada City	1:30 p. m.
From Marysville	4:00 p. m.
Rural Routes	4:30 p. m.

MAILS CLOSE

To all Points West	5:00 a. m.
To Nevada City	8:00 a. m.
To Marysville	6:30 a. m.
Rural Routes	9:00 a. m.
To all Points	1:00 p. m.
To Nevada City	4:30 p. m.
To all Points	5:05 p. m.

STAGE TIMETABLES

For all stage timetables see department on Nevada City page.