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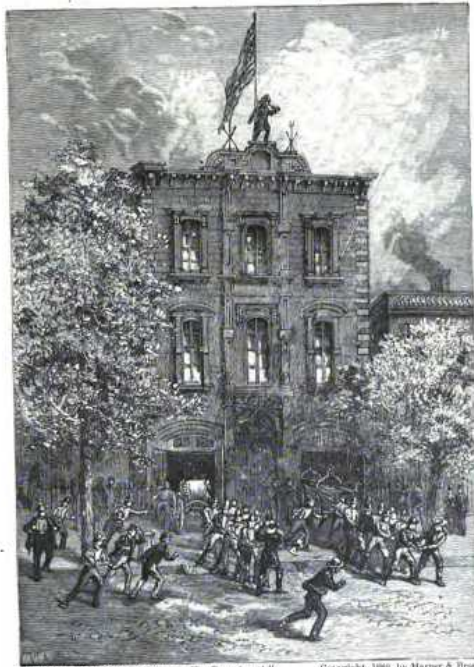
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## — INTRODUCTION —

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HE Excursion that this little volume is designed to commemorate is the realization of the constant dream of the Volunteer Firemen. Trips by individual Companies to neighboring cities were of frequent occurrence during the existence of the old Department, but this limited sphere was not of sufficient scope to gratify the ambition and curiosity of the hardy veterans of many a well-fought conflagration.

They looked anxiously for the time when, as representatives of the New York Fire Department, they should be able to traverse the continent from New York to San Francisco by easy stages, to view the cities, mountains, valleys and plains of the United States, and especially to examine the facilities provided in different sections of the land for the irrepressible contest with that destructive element—fire, and also to exchange greetings with their brother firemen throughout the great West.

The rivalry existing between the Companies prevented the selection from the entire Department of a body to represent the New York organization, and no single Engine, Hose, or Hook and Ladder Company felt itself equal to so gigantic an undertaking as the transcontinental tour now to be taken by the Veteran Firemen's Association.



Nearly twenty-three years have elapsed since the disbandment of the old unpaid force, after nearly two centuries of gratuitous service in the public interest, but the *esprit de corps* did not disappear with the dissolution of the Association. The old fire laddies have always cherished recollections of their arduous duties, which, it must be acknowledged, were occasionally enlivened by set to's between rival Companies, in their *faute* efforts to "pass" each other, and each Company had its favorite meeting place, where the old-time fights with the flames and with each other would be enthusiastically talked over. As is well known, this comradeship resulted in the formation of the "Veteran Firemen's Association," with headquarters at No. 53 East Tenth Street, New York—the old Lorillard mansion. This entire edifice is devoted to the club purposes of the institution. It is handsomely furnished throughout, and every nook and corner contains a relic of the old Department, while the walls are hung with professional mementos and the portraits of veteran firemen—some still living, but the greater number of whom has long since passed to the tomb. Amid these reminiscent surroundings the members gather in social intercourse, and forming in line before the door of these headquarters, the excursionists—one hundred in number—will start on their famous trip, on Monday, September 5th, 1887.

The previous excursions of the Volunteers, above alluded to, are as follows:

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| Engine Company No. 6 to          | Montreal.        |
| " " " " "                        | Saratoga.        |
| " " " 8 "                        | Washington.      |
| " " " 11 "                       | Warren Monument. |
| " " " 33 "                       | Albany.          |
| " " " 34 "                       | Washington.      |
| " " " 38 "                       | New Haven.       |
| " " " 40 "                       | Philadelphia.    |
| " " " 44 "                       | "                |
| " " " 51 "                       | Elmira.          |
| Hose " " 5 "                     | New Haven.       |
| " " " 16 "                       | Newburgh.        |
| " " " 19 "                       | Buffalo.         |
| " " " 22 "                       | Newark, N. J.    |
| " " " 24 "                       | Newark.          |
| " " " 25 "                       | Warren Monument. |
| Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 to | New Haven.       |

The tourists look with special interest to their intended visit to the grave of DAVID C. BRODERICK, in Lone Mountain Cemetery, San Francisco, a New York fireman, who rose from the humblest position in life to that of Senator of the United States from California. Nearly 30 years have passed since he fell in the duel with Judge Terry, but his memory is still green in the hearts of those who knew him in his early manhood in New York, and many of the veterans who will look upon the monument that covers his remains will recall the time when they strove, side by side with him, to save life and property imperilled by the devouring element.

The following is the Itinerary:

- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.—March down to the Battery, arriving there at 11 o'clock. Will then take special train at Weehawken for the West at 12 o'clock, arriving in Chicago at 4 P. M., September 6th, remaining during the entire day of the 7th, giving a Parade, and in the evening a Grand Concert and Reception, leaving for Omaha at midnight.
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th.—Arrive in Omaha at 4 P. M., and remain until midnight of the 9th, giving a Parade, and on the evening of the 9th a Grand Reception and Concert in the Exhibition Building.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th.—Arrive in Salt Lake City at 5 P. M.
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th.—Reception in Salt Lake City by the Municipal Government and Fire Department; viewing the interesting portions of Modern Zion; visit to the Great Salt Lake, and a Grand Concert in the great Tabernacle in the evening, leaving for California at midnight.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th.—Arrive in Sacramento. Received by the local committees, Grand Parade, and a Reception and Concert in the evening.
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th.—Arrive in San Francisco. Received by the Exempt Fire Company and citizens generally, and Torchlight Parade in the evening.
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th.—Sight-seeing in San Francisco and Grand Concert and Reception in Grand Opera House in the evening.
- SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 17th.—Grand Concert and Reception in Grand Opera House.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th.—Leave San Francisco at 6 P. M. for Denver.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st.—Arrive at Denver at 10 A. M. Parade, sight-seeing, and Grand Concert and Reception in the evening.
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22d.—In Denver, sight-seeing and a good time. Leave for Kansas City at 9 P. M.

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23d.—Arrive in Kansas City at 5 P. M.  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.—In Kansas City. Parade and sight-seeing. Concert in the evening, and leave for St. Louis at midnight.  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.—Arrive in St. Louis at 10 A. M.  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.—In St. Louis. Grand Parade, and in the evening Concert and Reception. Leave for Louisville at midnight.  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.—Arrive at Louisville at 10 A. M. Grand Parade, and in the evening Grand Concert and Reception in Exhibition Building.  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th.—Leave Louisville at 9 A. M. Arrive in Cincinnati at 1 P. M. Parade to hotel, and in the evening Grand Concert and Reception at Exhibition Building.  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.—Leave Cincinnati at 9 A. M. Arrive in Cleveland at 5 P. M. Parade to hotel, and in the evening Grand Concert in New Music Hall. Leave for Niagara Falls at 11 P. M.  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st.—Arrive at Niagara Falls at 6 A. M. "View the Falls." Leave at 8 A. M. for New York, arriving home at 8 P. M. All glad and happy and dusty and tired, and too full for utterance.

