

the other electric plant. The Mather system is used, and there are at present two dynamos of 500 light power each. The station is in the flour and plaster mills of E. Merritt & Soas on the east side of the Meduxnekeag. Houlton is better lighted than many cities of twice its size. The light is strong, clear and steady.

A fine iron bridge was built across the Meduxnekeag in 1894, replacing the old wooden bridge. The new

of the court house will give room for the much needed fire proof vaults that all modern built court houses now have. There will be a vault for the clerk of courts' records; one for the books and records of the register of deeds and one for the records of the register of probate. On the second floor there will be a library room, attorney, judges and jury rooms.

The expenditure of the sum appropriated in the manner indicated above

James R. Thurlough, Charles E. Dunn, James W. Ambrose, County Commissioners; W. A. Kay, Jailor.

**Fire Department.**

Houlton's fire department consists of a chief engineer, engineer of steamer and assistant, foreman, first and second assistants and 22 men. Also a hook and ladder company of 15 men under Captain J. H. Wingate.

The apparatus is all in good condition and located as follows; engine house No. 1, Water street; one steamer, three hose carts, one sled, one hook and ladder truck, nine ladders, one Bangor extension ladder, one chemical engine; rubber hose, 2,000 feet; cotton hose, 1,500 feet; play pipes, 9. Engine house No. 2, Military Street, above C. P. R. station; hand tub, hose cart, 500 feet of hose, one play pipe and four ladders.

The officers are: Samuel C. Webber, Chief Engineer; James H. Sinclair, Assistant Engineer; W. A. Kay, Engineer of steamer; O. B. Buzzell, Foreman of Sockanossett Hose Company; George Small, First Assistant Foreman; Wm. R. Yerxa, Second Assistant Foreman.

There are 42 hydrants in the village, and steam is always kept up at the pumping station so that direct pressure can be brought to bear at a moment's notice in case of fire. Houlton would seem to have ample protection, and both the apparatus and the fire department have shown their efficiency in some very stubborn fires within the last few years.

**Schools and Churches.**

Houlton has 13 school buildings all in good condition. There are three school buildings in the village. The grammar school building was erected in 1889, at an expense of \$20,000. It has six distinct rooms provided with the latest and most improved desks and seats. The house will accommodate 350 pupils conveniently, but it is so crowded at present that a room is hired at the Ricker Classical Institute and a school taught there which should be taught in the grammar school building.

There is a good basement under this building, which contains not only the heating apparatus, closets and storage rooms for fuel, but also fine play rooms for the scholars in severe or stormy weather. This building is situated on Military street on elevated ground. There is a large playground, and the surroundings are all pleasant.

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corps of excellent teachers, five well-arranged courses of study, and finely equipped buildings, this school offers facilities for gaining an academic education unsurpassed by any in the State, and that, too, at a very low cost.

Working Hall is made of brick and freestone, is modern in architecture, and is furnished with the most modern appliances. It is constructed upon hygienic principles, and with every provision for the comfort and convenience of pupils. It contains twenty rooms for various purposes, and is fully adequate to the needs of the school. There is a large hall in the building with a seating capacity of five hundred. There is a well-equipped dormitory only a dozen rods from the Institute, containing forty rooms including those used by the principal and other teachers. There is a students' parlor and twenty rooms for students' private use.

There are five courses of study, namely: a college preparatory, an English and scientific and an academic course, of four years each. In addition to the above, there is a normal course of three years, and a commercial course which may be completed as quickly as the pupil can do the work. Students holding the diploma of Ricker Institute, who have taken the college course, can enter Colby University without examination. The town of Houlton sends its high school scholars to the Institute paying fifty cents a week for English and sixty cents a week for classical tuition.

The present corps of instructors at the Institute is as follows: Arthur M. Thomas, A. M. Principal, teacher of Greek and Sciences; Miss Martha B. Russell, Preceptress, English Literature and French; Leon O. Glover, A. B., Latin and Mathematics; Mrs. A. M. Thomas, Rhetoric and Elocution. Normal Department: Llewellyn M. Felch, Principal, teacher of Didactics; Miss Annie Longfellow, Model School. Commercial Department: Hannibal H. Bryant, Principal, Book-keeping and Commercial Law; Charles D. Daggett, Short-hand and type-writing; Fred L. Varney, Penmanship.

Teacher of Painting and Drawing, Mrs. H. H. Woodworth.

The whole number of Alumni of the Institute is 158. The present number of students is about 151.

The Library contains about seven

tion in regard to membership, finances and attendance. In the Masonic Order, we find Monument Lodge, No. 96, Aroostook Royal Arch Chapter No. 20, and St. Aldemar Commandery No. 15. In Odd Fellowship there are Rockabema Lodge No. 78, Aroostook Encampment No. 42, and Canton Houlton. The Knights of Pythias have Algonquin Lodge No. 85. The Patrons of Husbandry have Houlton Lodge No. 16. The New England Order of Protection, Houlton Lodge No. 176. The Ancient Order of United Workmen, Meduxnekeag Lodge No. 61. The Grand Army, A. P. Russell Post. There is, also, a Relief Corps connected with the Post. The Ancient Order of Hibernians have a society, and there are a Lodge of Good Templars, a Young Men's Christian Association, a Women's Christian Temperance Union and several literary clubs. The Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows have new halls which we describe in detail elsewhere. The other societies have comfortable quarters, fitted up and furnished in convenient and tasty style. The dates on which the various societies meet, also, the names of the presiding officers and the secretaries of the various lodges, are given weekly in the regular editions of the PIONEER, and will also be found elsewhere in the Souvenir edition.

**Loan and Building Association.**

The Houlton Loan and Building Association was organized in May 1892. It is a branch of the Granite State Provident Association of Manchester, N. H. The officers of the Houlton Association are, Wm. M. Robinson, President; R. L. Turney, Vice President; H. N. Whitehead, Secretary; Thomas P. Putnam, Treas. and Att'y. There are about 150 shareholders at present in this town and they hold about 500 shares in all.

The Loan and Building Associations throughout the State and the nation are doing an immense amount of good. Hundreds and thousands of working men are acquiring homes for themselves, who would never have owned a home but for the Association. The object of the Association is to enable people of limited means to become possessors of homes of their own, and to pay for the same in small monthly instalments, thus enabling its members to buy homes

late Artemas Ward, "Why is this, thus." The government building is attractive, however, and the postmaster and his clerks must find the transition from the old quarters on Main street to the present elegant rooms, a most agreeable change.

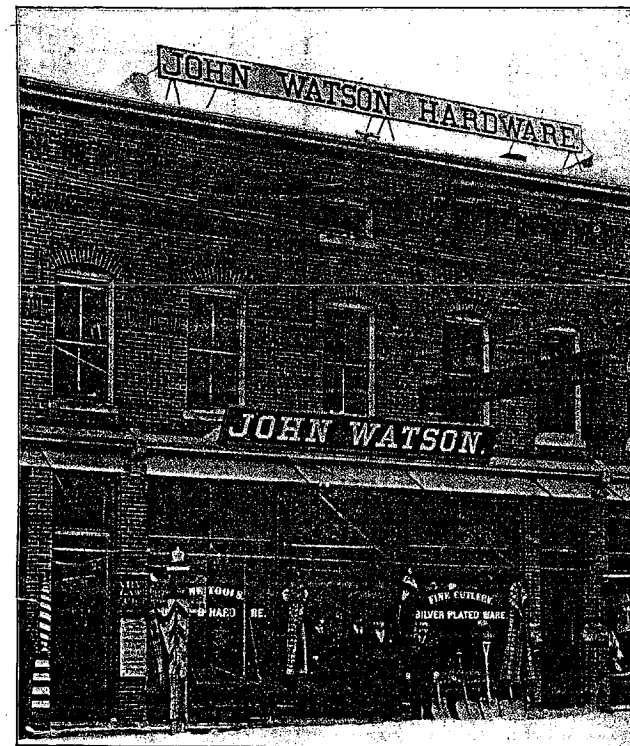
The furniture is all of quartered oak, to correspond with the interior finish of the building, and everything requisite for handling mail promptly and easily has been furnished in abun-

bayonet, bayonet scabbard and cartridge box.

The full equipment will add to the above, a canteen, haversack, campaign hat and leggins. The last named articles will be furnished during the coming season.

The company has a long distance shooting range, just beyond that natural formation called the horseback, about a mile from the village. During the past season, although it was

Roland E. Clark.  
Oscar Clough.  
John E. Cooper.  
George C. Cooper.  
Charles F. Daggett.  
Harland H. Danforth.  
Bert Doyle.  
Albert E. Dunn.  
William A. Fowler.  
Harry B. Garrison.  
William Glenn.  
M. L. Hutchinson.



JOHN WATSON'S BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

bridge was built by the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. of Conn. and cost \$8,000. The entire cost including the abutments, and labor in erecting the bridge, was \$11,948. The driveway is wide, and there are foot ways on either side. The structure adds much to the general appearance of the village, and displays the enterprise and public spirit of this live town.

There is a foot bridge across the Meduxnekeag a little farther down, erected by private enterprise. This bridge leads from Mechanic street to the handsome section just opened, known as "Highlands." At no distant day, the town will build a bridge here, undoubtedly, thus making this section as accessible from Main street as any portion of the village.

**The County Buildings.**

The county lot is on the corner of Court and Military streets, having a frontage of 240 feet on the former and 330 on the latter street. As a location for buildings it could hardly be excelled, being elevated and having just enough slope to give it perfect natural drainage. The court house was erected in 1850, at a cost of about \$14,400. The structure is of brick, and the contractors were Harrison D. Clement & Co. of Lawrence, Mass.

There are six rooms on the first floor utilized as follows: two occupied by the clerk of courts; one by the register of probate and judge of probate; two by the register of deeds and one by the county commissioners and the grand



INTERIOR JOHN WATSON'S HARDWARE STORE.

dance. The postmaster's private room is a large and elegant apartment with an open fire place surrounded by black marble from Glenn's Falls, Mass., and a mottled fire frame of Tennessee marble. There is a large fire-proof and burglar-proof vault, and tables, desks, racks for mail matter, etc., in ample abundance.

These commodious and finely furnished post office apartments are occupied at present by the following official and assistants:

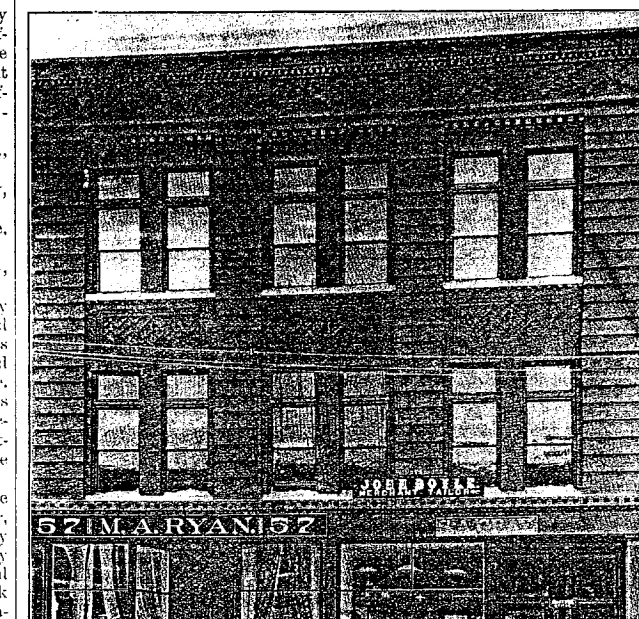
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late in the fall before practice was commenced, the company qualified two sharpshooters, two first class shots, fifteen second class shots and thirteen third class shots. At the State shoot in Augusta, M. L. Hutchinson of Co. L made the second best record in the 2nd Regt. The company need an armory very much and will work with that object in view.

A. A. Hutchmson.  
Miles M. Keaton.  
Harry P. Kinney.  
Aaron P. Kimball.  
Fred G. Lane.  
J. Harry Lane.  
Frank W. Lovry.  
W. Spurgeon Lewin.  
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W. Phillip Mansur.





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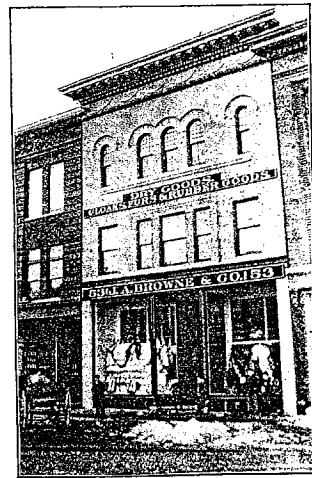
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The basement is used for the heating apparatus, for the storage of coal and for the water closets.

The legislature has just authorized an appropriation of \$20,000 for enlarging and repairing the court house. The extension will be 32 feet in length at the north end, two stories in height. This addition will contain eight rooms, four on each floor. The enlargement



J. A. BROWNE'S BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

Works, Cleveland, Ohio. There are 20 cells in all. This building is modern and it is hoped that no additions will be required for many years.

The present county officers are: Michael M. Clark, Clerk of Courts; George H. Smith, Judge of Probate; H. M. Briggs, Register of Probate; James H. Kidder, Register of Deeds; Arthur Daigle, Register of Deeds, Northern District; H. C. Sharp, Sheriff; L. O. Ludwig, County Treasurer;

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There are over 1,300 school children in the town. The total amount of money expended for schools last year was \$9,509.47.

The school board is composed of five members as follows: A. A. Burleigh, President; H. L. Putnam, Secretary; J. B. Madigan, V. B. Wilson and J. A. Millar. H. L. Putnam is Supervisor. The teachers are as follows: W. S. Webb, Principal of grammar school, Lillian V. Lougee, 1st Ass't, Catherine Berry, 2d Ass't. Jennie Snow, senior intermediate; Margaret A. Parker, Alice M. Cassidy, junior intermediate; Annie A. Longfellow, 3d primary; Annie Pennington, 2d primary; Alice M. Porter, 1st primary with Ava A. Stewart as assistant.

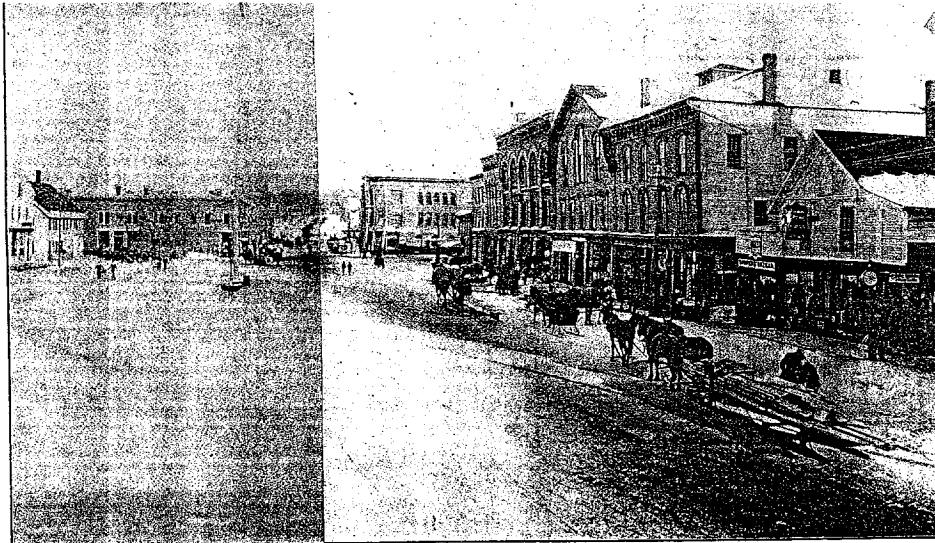
In the outlying schools are the following: district No. 2, Alice E. Roach; No. 3, Abbie I. Griffin; No. 4, Georgia Robbins; No. 5, Annie M. Haskell; No. 6, Lizzie E. Hogan; No. 7, Annie G. Donovan, intermediate, Sarah E. Mulherrin, primary; No. 8, Fred White; No. 9, Josephine Mulherrin; No. 10, Annie C. Campbell; No. 11, Vesta G. Chadwick; No. 12, Annie D. Glenn; No. 13, Mariana Donovan.

Of the above named teachers, one is a graduate of the State college, one a graduate of Colby University, two are Normal graduates, and the remainder were educated at the Ricker Classical Institute. The school system of Houlton is excellent. Those completing the grammar school course receive a diploma. All English studies are completed here. Those wishing to attend high school are sent to the Ricker Classical Institute, the town paying to the extent of \$1,250 for that purpose.

The first term at the Institute is devoted to review, so that pupils going no farther, are well drilled in English studies. The town abolished the district system several years ago, and the citizens of Houlton have always been progressive and liberal in regard to educational matters. All schools are run 35 weeks in the year, and are kept up in efficiency of work to a high standard.

**Ricker Classical Institute.**

Ricker Classical Institute stands to-day among the leading educational institutions of the State. From the old Houlton academy as a starting point this fine school has been gradually evolved to its present dimensions and influence. The school buildings are in the center of the town, upon high ground, commanding a wide view over a fertile country. With a permanent endowment of \$30,000, a



MARKET SQUARE, LOOKING EAST.

hundred volumes, and students not only have free access to it, but are encouraged to read standard authors.

A public library is one of the needs of the town, and we hope it is among the possibilities of the future. The number of magazines, periodicals and newspapers taken by subscribers, and sold at the book stores, indicates that the proportion of readers in this community is as large as in the older sections of the State. In refinement and culture, the people compare favorably with any section, and this northern Maine town has representatives in the legislative halls, and other departments of the State government who reflect credit on the town of Houlton and the county of Aroostook.

**Churches.**

Houlton has eight church organizations and the same number of houses of worship. The names of these with their pastors are as follows: Episcopal, H. H. Barber, Priest-in-charge; First Baptist, C. E. Owen, Pastor; Methodist, Fred E. White, Pastor; Free Baptist, Rob't L. Dustin, Pastor; Unitarian, O. K. Crosby, Pastor; Congregationalist, H. L. McCann Pastor; Presbyterian, Kenneth McKay, Pastor; Roman Catholic, Wm. Lonergan, Priest.

The Methodists have a new church building, erected in 1893. It is on Military street, and is a very handsome and tasty structure. The interior plan is peculiar, but in some respects more convenient and satisfactory than the ordinary arrangement. The Pastor's stand and desk are in one corner instead of in the center at one end. The result is, that every seat is a good one, and there is a great saving of room. The Baptist house is on Court street. It is practically a new house, having undergone such radical changes and alterations during the past year, that it bears no resemblance to the old church building. The Free Baptist house on Military street has also undergone enlargement and repairs during the past year. The Episcopal house on Main street is nearly new and is a very tasty structure inside and out. The remaining church buildings are in good condition and are at present large enough to accommodate their respective congregations. Houlton is well supplied with houses of worship.

**Associations.**

Houlton has its full proportion of fraternal associations, and they all seem to be in a satisfactory condi-

tion, with the money they would ordinarily pay away as rent to a landlord. The plan of the Association is to accumulate a fund by selling its shares of a par value of \$200, upon monthly instalments of \$1.00 per share. It is a perfect system of co-operative saving, and the safest plan ever offered for accumulating small savings and loaning such accumulations on real estate security. As the Houlton Association is a branch of the Granite State Provident Association it is under the supervision of the Bank Commissioners of New Hampshire, as well as the supervision of the Bank Examiner of Maine.

**New Government Building.**

Houlton's new government building, of which we present a cut, is now completed and occupied.

This building was begun in the spring of 1893. It is situated on the west side of Water St., not far from Market Square. It is built of brick with a granite foundation, and is a solid looking structure, adding much to the substantial and city-like appearance of the village.

The appropriation made by Congress was \$66,000, and, strange to say, it has been built within the appropriation. Of course the furnishing, electric lights, heating, etc., have been exclusive of the above named sum.

The contractors for the erection of the building were M. C. Foster & Son of Waterville. The foundations of the building rest for the most part on the ledge which underlies all the eastern portion of Aroostook county. The dimensions of the building are 50 feet by 60, two stories in height.

The walls are 26 inches in thickness from basement to attic. The work of construction was most thoroughly performed and reflects credit upon the contractors. The interior finish is of quartered oak throughout, and the windows are of plate glass. In the basement is the apparatus for heating, which is done by means of hot air. The whole of the lower story is devoted to post office uses. There might possibly be some criticism as to the size of the lobby, the limited number of boxes and the general arrangement of this part of the building, although such criticism would avail nothing now, but when we find the building piped for gas and realize the fact that there are no gas works in Aroostook county, and in all probability never will be, we are naturally led to inquire in the language of the

room, collector's room, collector's room.

The collector's room has an open fire place, similar to the one in the postmaster's room below. Three of the rooms are carpeted, and they all look as cosy and attractive as parlors.

The officials in this department are: H. J. Hatheway, Collector of Customs for Aroostook District; Deputy Collectors, James Archibald, Benj. B. Feeley, John McMennamin and Henry Gillin.

**Co. L, Second Regiment N. G. S. M.**

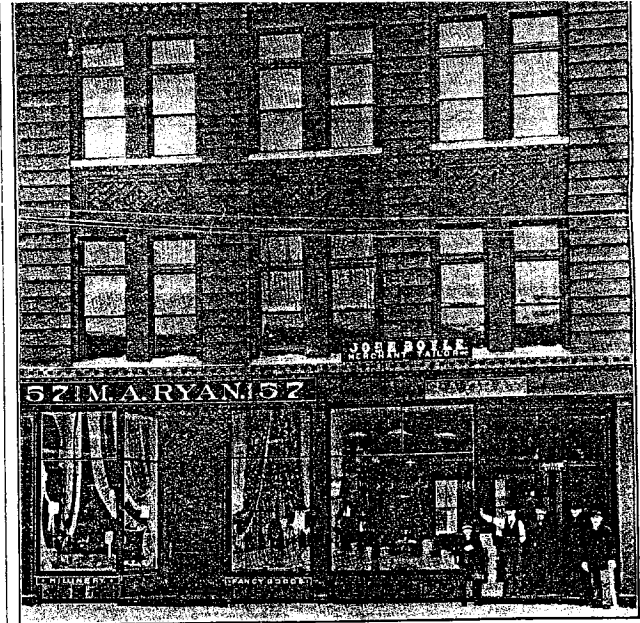
Houlton's fine military company was organized Feb. 15, 1894, with 54 men. The uniforms were received in April, 1894. They are according to U. S. regulations, and consist of dress and fatigue suits. The coats are dark blue, the pants and overcoats, sky-blue. The armament consists of model Springfield rifles, pattern of 1884, breech loaders, 45 calibre.

Each man has a knapsack, blanket,

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S. A. GRAY'S BRICK BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

They already have a small fund laid by to be devoted to that purpose. We present the following roster of the company.

Roster, "L", Co. 2d Infantry, N. G. S. M. HOULTON, Me., March 5, 1895.

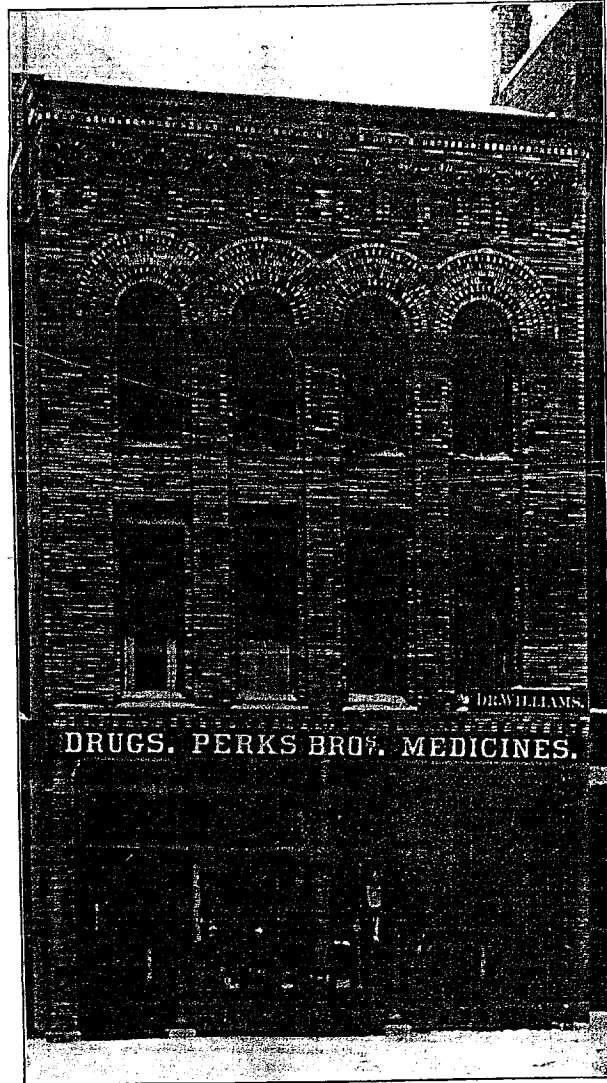
FRANK M. HUME, Captain.  
OLIN M. SMITH, 1st Lieut.  
WILLIAM A. MARTIN, 2d Lieut.

Sergeants.  
FRANK A. PEABODY.  
ROBERT J. COCHRAN.  
GEORGE H. TABER.  
GOULD KITCHEN.

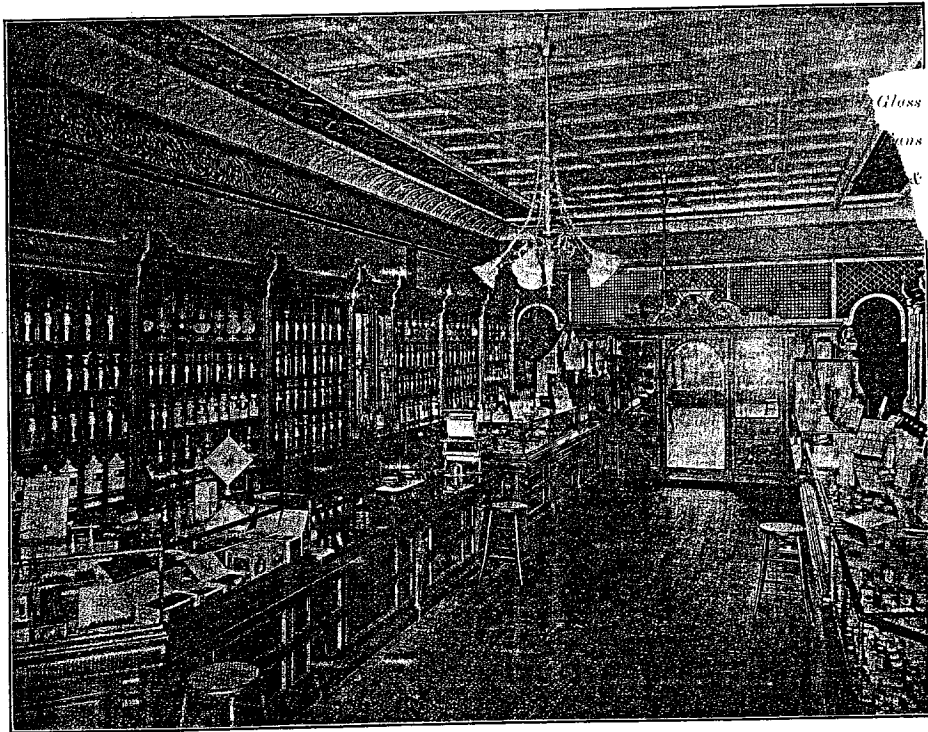
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ELBRIDGE H. KIDDER.  
FRANK A. CARSON.

Privates.  
Kenneth M. Archibald.  
Albion G. Betts.  
Henry Bradstreet.  
DeForest Champion.

Fred M. Mansur.  
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Fred O. Smith 2nd.  
Walter A. Small.  
Malcolm Somerville.  
John E. Stephenson.  
Lewis B. Stuart.



PERKS BROS' BLOCK, MARKET SQUARE.



INTERIOR PERKS BROS' DRUG STORE.

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