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12TH APRIL
1816

TROY'S
CENTENNIAL

APRIL 12TH
1916

Joseph A. Smith
2320-17th Street
Troy, N. Y.

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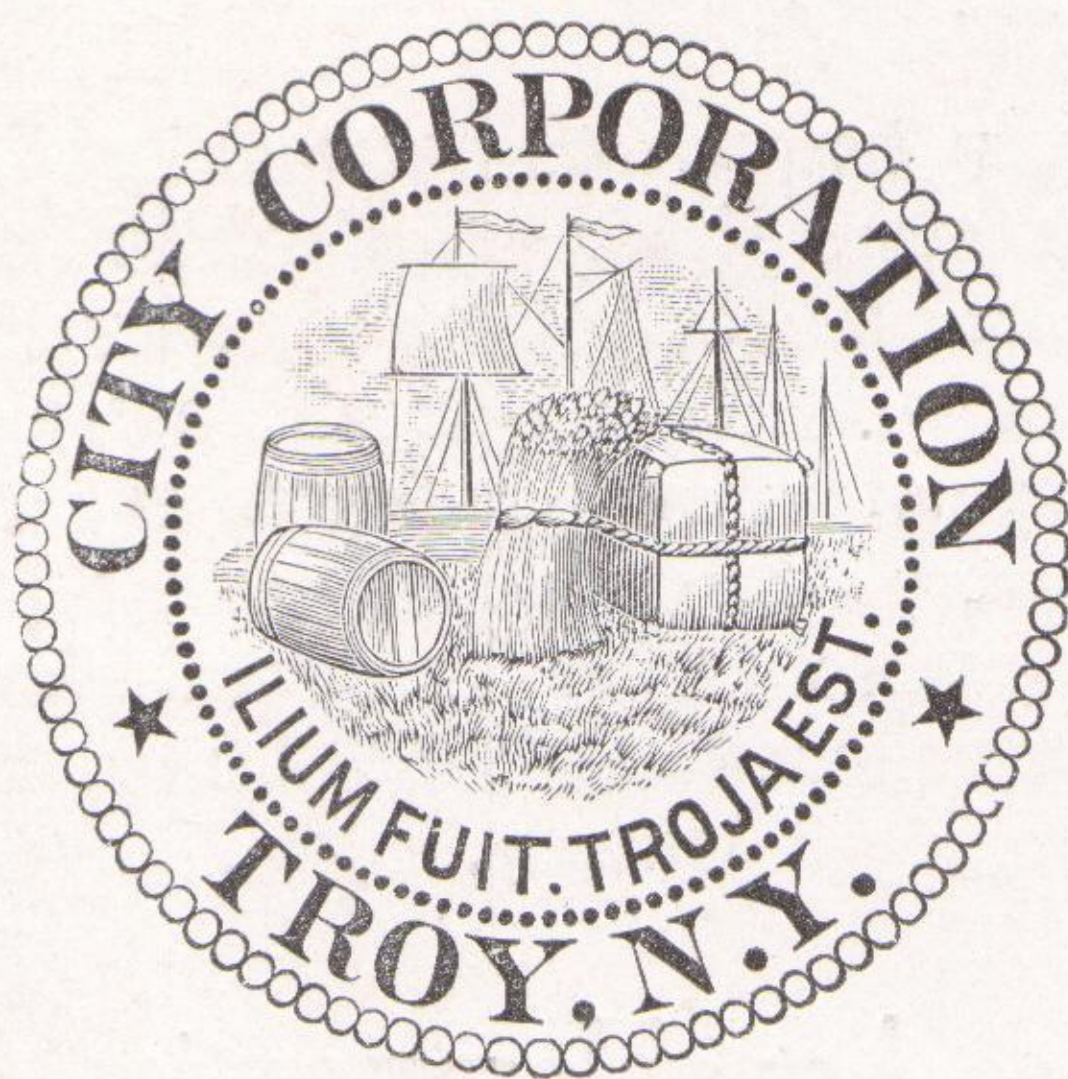
LOVE

"The people are the city"

THE PEOPLE

1954 FEB
D.C.

Centennial
Charter Day Meeting
of the
Common Council
of
The City of Troy



Joseph A. Smith
2320-17th Street
Troy, N. Y.

Music Hall,
April 12th, 1916

The Naming of Troy

To the Public.

THIS evening the Freeholders of the place lately known by VANDER HEYDEN'S or ASHLEY'S-FERRY, situate on the east bank of Hudson's-river, about seven miles above Albany, met for the purpose of establishing a name for the said place; when, by a majority of voices, IT WAS CONFIRMED, that in future, it should be called and known by the name of

TROY.

From its present improved state, and the more pleasing prospect of its popularity, arising from the natural advantages in the Mercantile Line, it may not be too sanguine to expect, at no very distant period, to see TROY, as famous for her Trade and Navigation as many of our first towns.

Troy, 5th January, 1789. 3w

Act of Incorporation

Chapter 131, Laws of 1816, passed April 12th is entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Troy" and provides as follows:

§ 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly,* That all that district of country, in the county of Rensselaer, contained within the boundry lines of the town of Troy, as now established by law, and all the freemen of this state, inhabitants within the limits aforesaid, be and hereby are ordained, constituted, and declared to be, from time to time, and forever hereafter, one body, corporate and politic, in fact and in name, by the name of "The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of Troy;" and that by that name they and their successors, forever, shall and may have perpetual succession,***

By Chapter 598, Laws of 1870 the corporate name was changed to "The City of Troy."

1816

MAYOR,
ALBERT PAWLING

RECORDER,
WILLIAM L. MARCY

Common Council

ALDERMEN

George Allen,	First Ward
Hugh Peebles,	Second Ward
Townsend McCoun,	Third Ward
Stephen Ross,	Fourth Ward
Lemuel Hawley,	Fifth Ward
Philip Hart, Jr.,	Sixth Ward

ASSISTANT ALDERMEN

Amos Salisbury
John Loudon
Gurdon Corning
Henry Mallory

1916

Common Council

President, Albert J. Watson

ALDERMEN

William H. Casey,	First Ward	John Fallon,	Ninth Ward
James Roddy,	Second Ward	Edmund J. Herbert,	Tenth Ward
Fred E. Oothout,	Third Ward	John J. Casey,	Eleventh Ward
George T. Morris,	Fourth Ward	Patrick J. Murray,	Twelfth Ward
Richard M. Starbuck,	Fifth Ward	Joseph R. Neals,	Thirteenth Ward
Thomas V. Harrington,	Sixth Ward	George W. McCune,	Fourteenth Ward
James Collins,	Seventh Ward	William W. Frederick,	Fifteenth Ward
James F. Malone,	Eighth Ward	James McBride,	Sixteenth Ward
Orville E. Bosca,		Seventeenth Ward	

City Officers

1916

Mayor,	-	-	-	-	Cornelius F. Burns
Comptroller,	-	-	-	-	William H. Dennin
Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	Joseph T. Foxell
Corporation Counsel,	-	-	-	-	Charles I. Webster
City Engineer,	-	-	-	-	Alfred E. Roche
Commissioner of Public Works,	-	-	-	-	Charles F. Crowley
Commissioner of Public Safety,	-	-	-	-	John F. Cahill
Commissioner of Charities,	-	-	-	-	Gerald B. Fitzgerald
Superintendent of Waterworks,	-	-	-	-	John M. Diven
Superintendent of Parks,	-	-	-	-	William H. Cahill
Health Officer,	-	-	-	-	Calvin E. Nichols
Police Magistrate,	-	-	-	-	James F. Byron
City Clerk and Clerk to the Common Council,	-	-	-	-	John P. McNamee

Commissioners of Education

William Leland Thompson

Frank E. O'Brien

Charles A. Stone

Assessors

John W. Byrne

William E. Martin

John C. Donnelly

Edward Wachter, Jr.

Justices of the City Court

Frank S. Parmenter

Edmund J. Sweeney

Committee on Charter Day Celebration

CITIZENS

William J. Roche, Chairman

M. F. Collins Dwight Marvin C. S. McChesney James H. Potts

M. A. Tierney Charles I. Webster Charles A. MacArthur

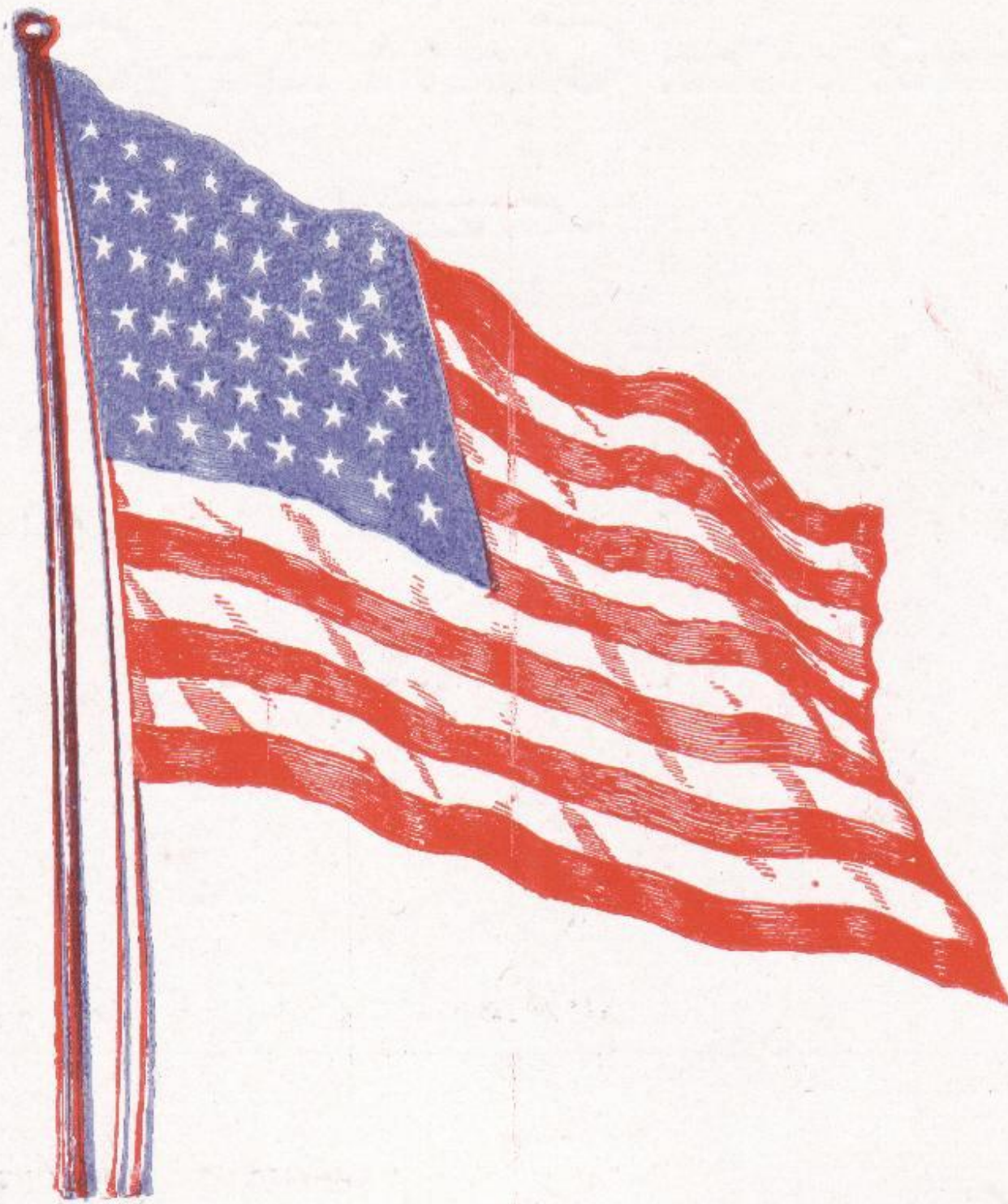
COMMON COUNCIL

Orville E. Bosca John J. Casey Edmund J. Herbert

George T. Morris Albert J. Watson

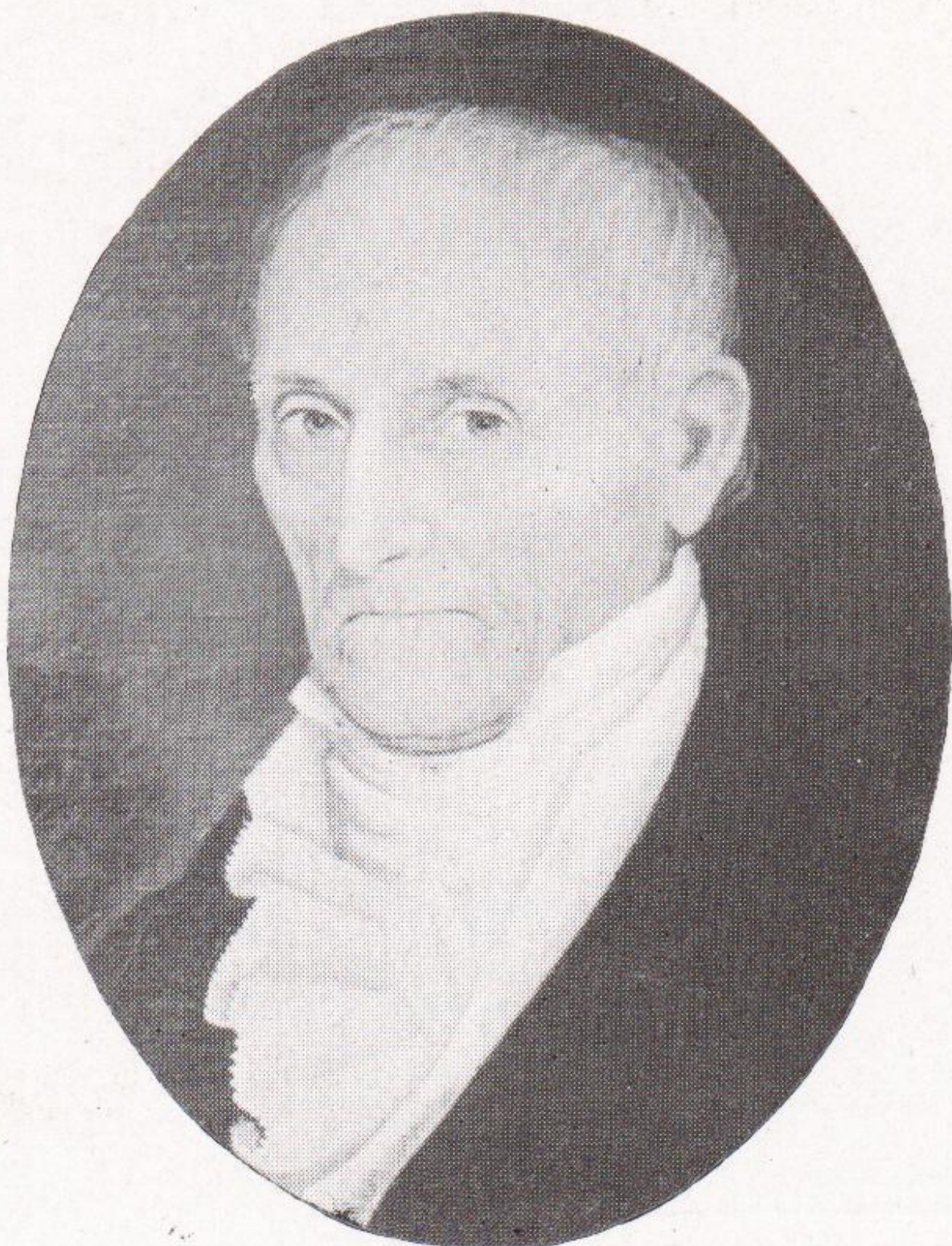


CITY HALL



“One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation, evermore.”

—*Oliver Wendell Holmes.*



ABNER PAWLING
First Mayor of Troy



CORNELIUS F. BURNS
Mayor of Troy, 1916

Programme

Opening of Meeting of Common Council

PRAYER, - Rev. Joseph H. Odell, D. D., Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

SONG:—*AMERICA*, Troy Vocal Society, Troy Maennerchor, Public School Children

ADDRESS, - - - Albert J. Watson, President of the Common Council

ADDRESS, - - - Cornelius F. Burns, Mayor of the City of Troy

SONG:—*CENTENNIAL HYMN*, - - - - - Chorus

ADDRESS, - Charles S. Whitman, Governor of the State of New York

MUSIC, Caprice - - - - - Doring's Band

ADDRESS, - - - - - William J. Roche

SONG:—*HAIL TO OUR FLAG*, - - - - - Chorus

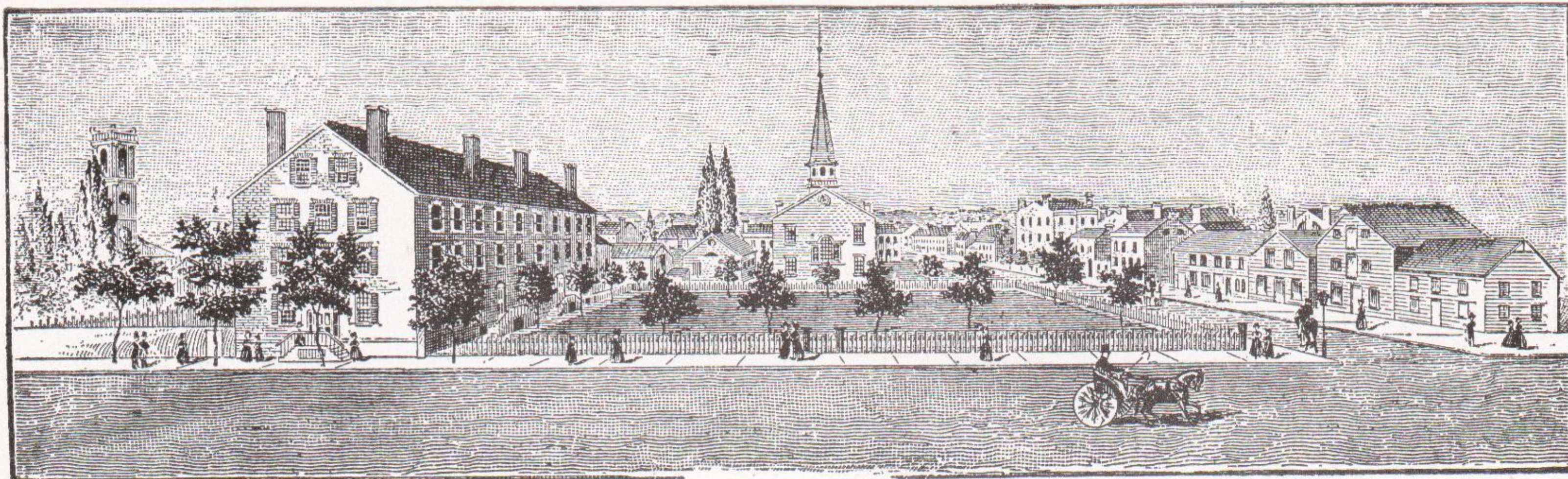
ADDRESS, - John Purroy Mitchell, Mayor of the City of New York

REPORTS of Common Council Committees

ADDRESS, - - - - - George B. Wellington

SONG,—*STAR SPANGLED BANNER* - - - - - Chorus

BENEDICTION, Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Walsh,
Pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church



TROY FEMALE SEMINARY, 1830

“Having recently been over our country, and found those in almost every state who had been to me as daughters and who on my arrival among them opened to me their hearts and homes, I feel more like writing an American than a Trojan sketch. Yet I come to my home of homes, and right dear to me is Troy. And although in my travels I have ‘for several virtues liked several’ places, yet have seen none for which I would wish to exchange Troy as a place of residence.”

—Emma Willard.



EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL, 1916

Resolutions of Common Council

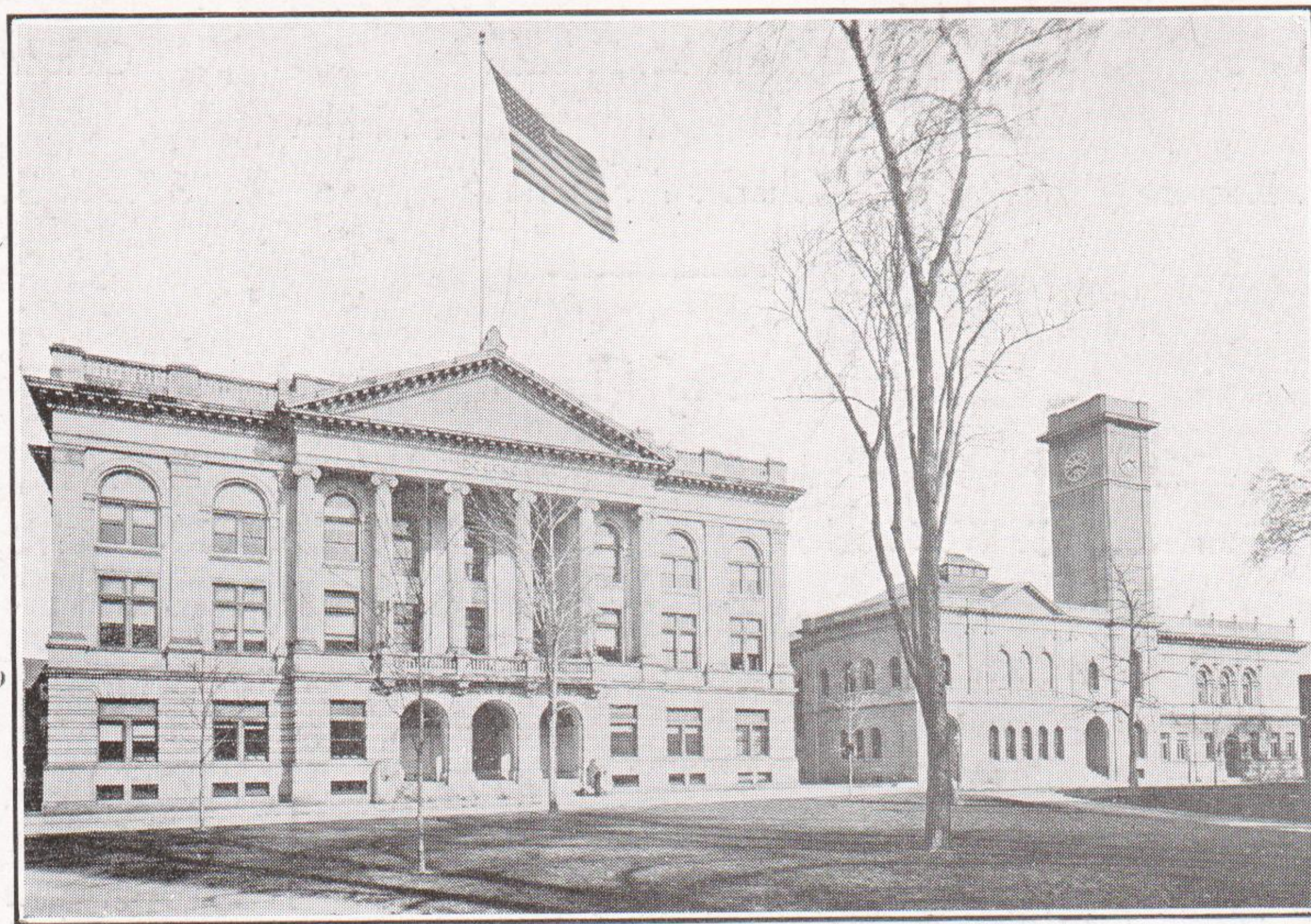
February 17, 1916

Whereas, The twelfth day of April, 1916, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Troy as a city, by act of the Legislature of the State of New York; and

Whereas, This community has enjoyed for a century through the blessings of Providence, the benefits and prosperity that flow from the possession of a sturdy citizenship and the government and institutions of our free land; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Troy, that said event be recognized and celebrated in befitting manner, and all citizens be invited, in civic pride and with that unity of sentiment and action which is productive of the best results, to organize and participate in such an observance of this centennial anniversary as will accord with the dignity, power and traditions of the city and the patriotic and public-spirited character of its people; and be it further

Resolved, That the Common Council will co-operate with the Committee of Citizens heretofore appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, in instituting and carrying out a program for the celebration of this important event in the history of our city, and that all the other departments of the municipal government be requested to give their assistance toward the achievement of this desirable end.



COURT HOUSE, ANNEX, PUBLIC LIBRARY

October Celebration

Sunday, October 1. Church Day.

Special Services and historical addresses in all the churches.

Monday, October 2. Industrial Day.

10.00 A. M. Parade showing Troy's industrial and commercial life.

8.00 P. M. Parade of civic and fraternal organizations.

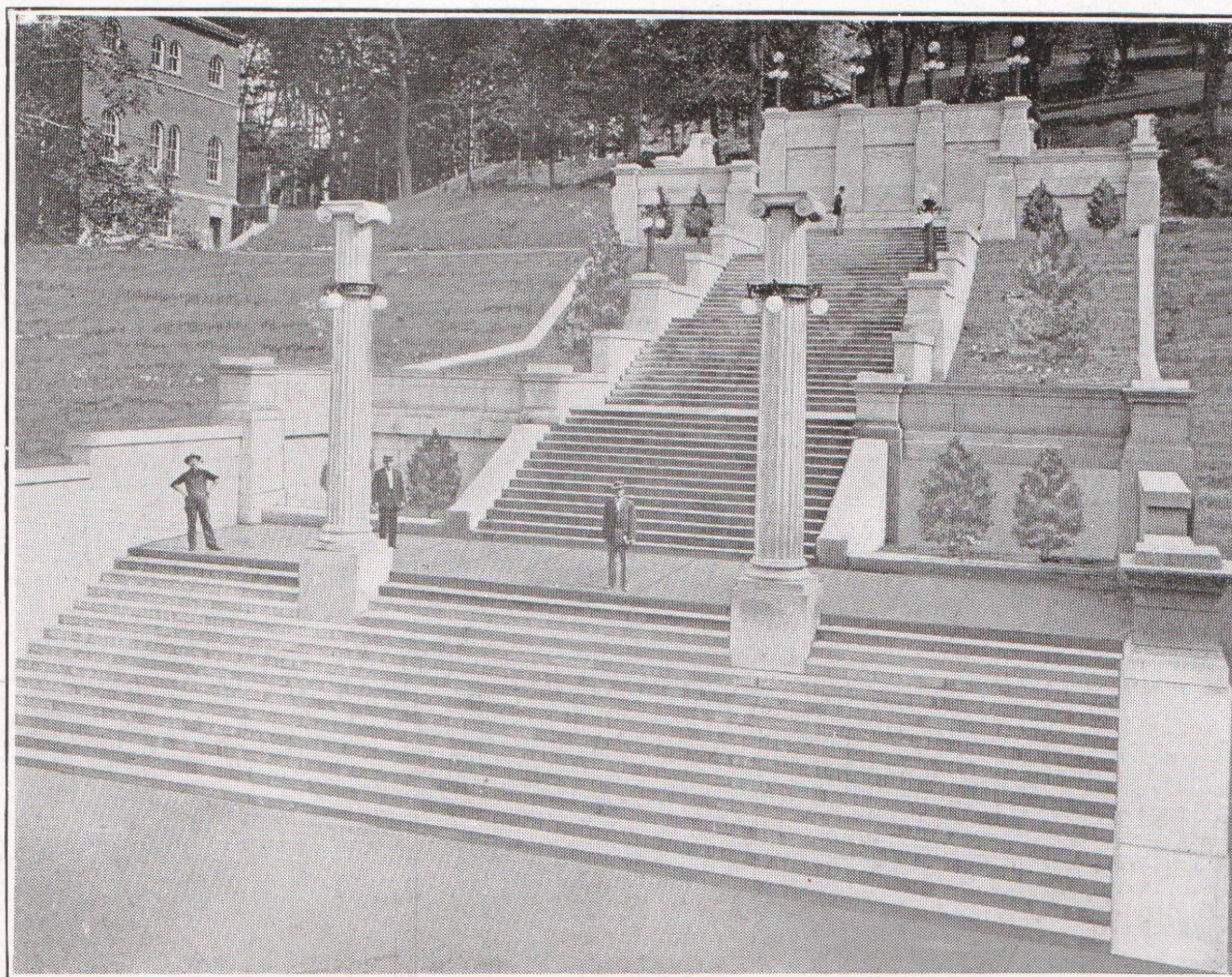
Tuesday, October 3. Sage Day.

10.00 A. M. Parade of school children with floats.

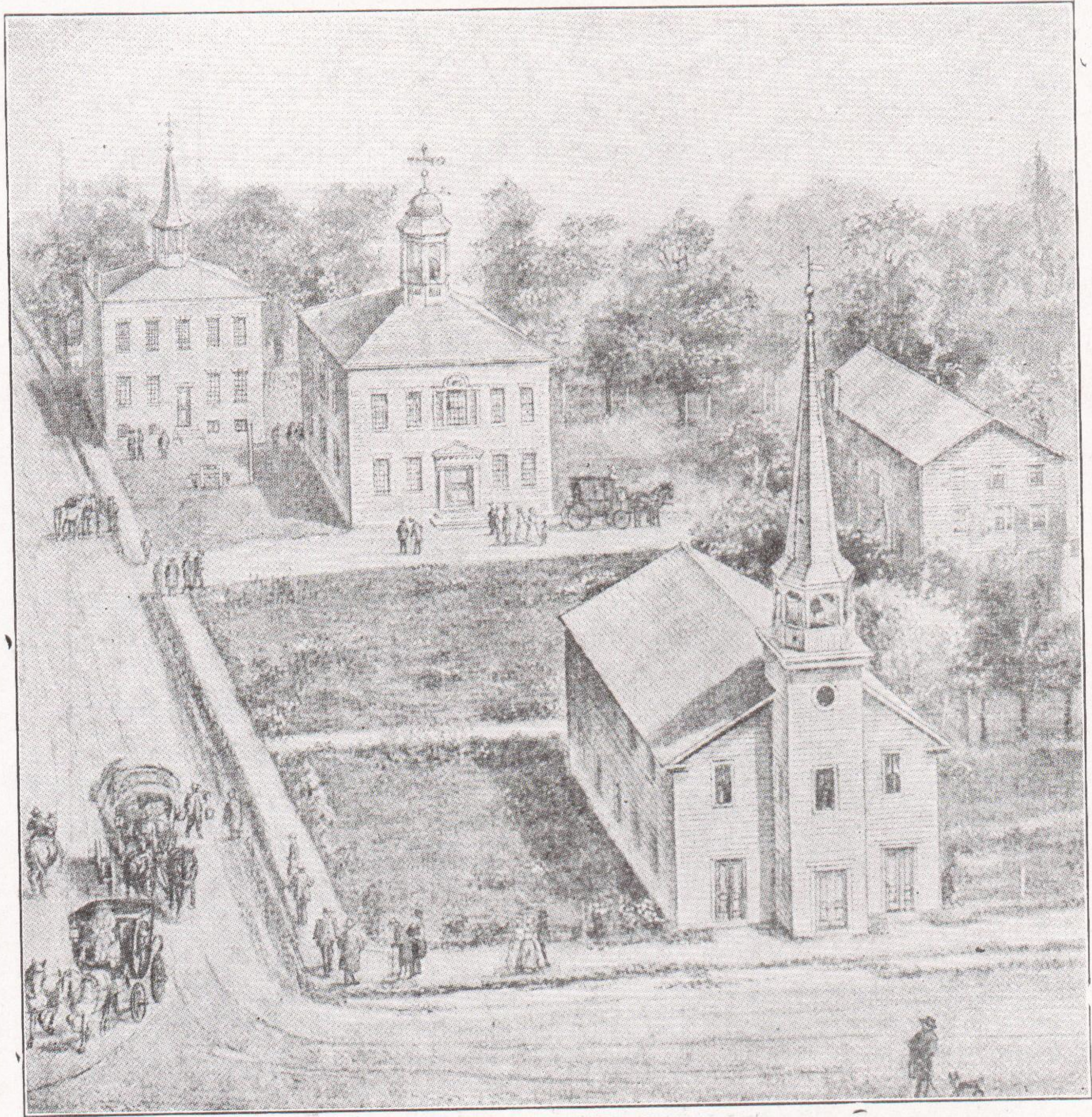
2.00 P. M. Military and firemanic parade.

7.30 P. M. Grand vocal concert in Prospect Park.

9.00 P. M. Display of fireworks.



BROADWAY APPROACH TO RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE



JAIL, COURT HOUSE, PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE, MOULTON'S COFFEE
HOUSE. (afterwards Emma Willard School)
1798

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