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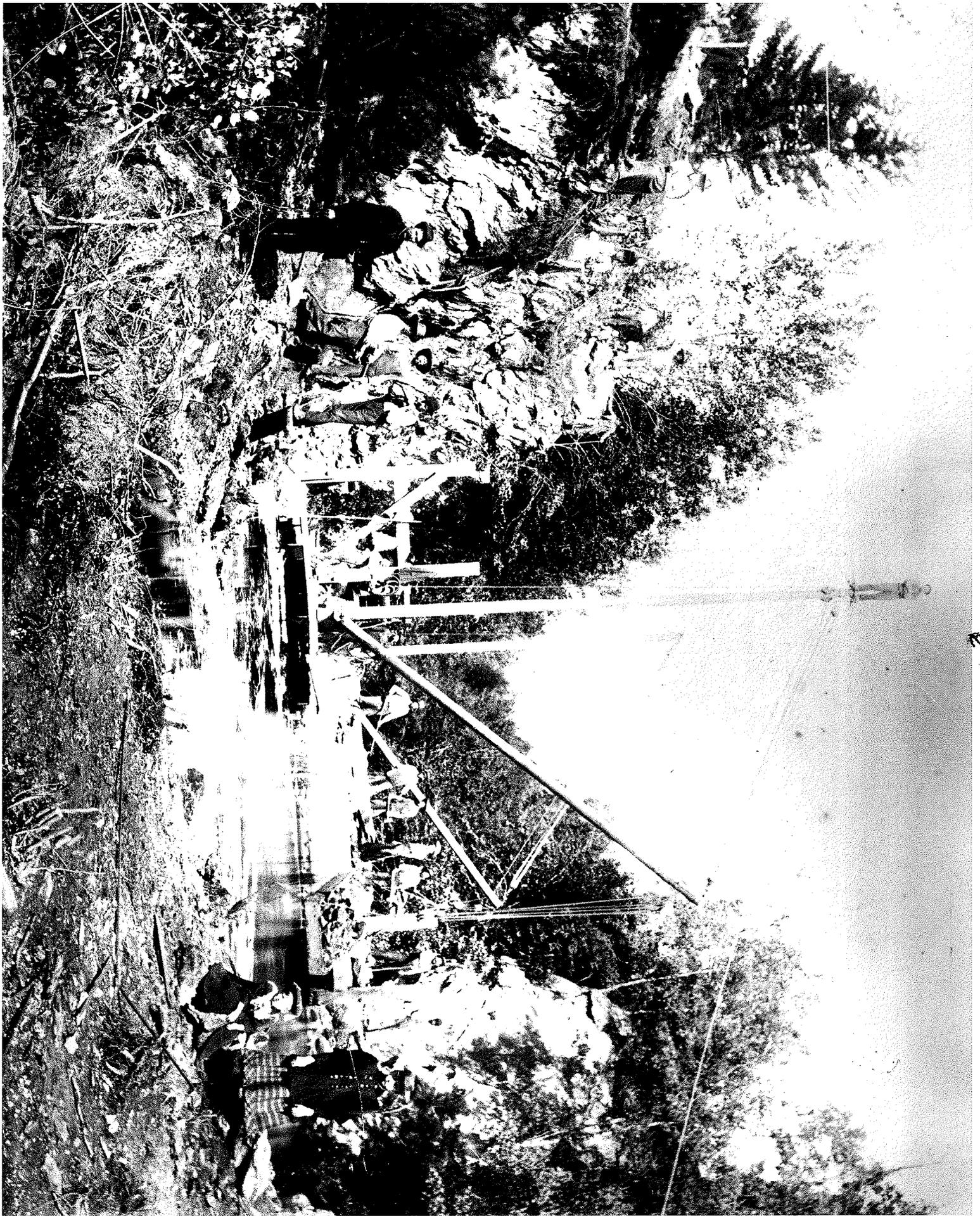
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As a hydro plant there is often a need for trucks to get to the plant. The fire Dept. has assisted several times when there have been floods or threats of flooding. Divers and their equipment trucks are called on when there are problems at the "intake"; there are times when we need assistance from the Electric Dept.

We respectfully request that you consider all the above and that you will continue your much appreciated service on Power Plant Road.

Thank
you.

Robert M. Woodside
Ruth M. Woodside



1895

Blasting out of ledges on the
Shen River in the building of the dam
for the original Hyde Park Electric
Generating Station, presently the
location of Woodside Hydro.

Note the man standing on top of
the pole! We have been told that
that was Tim Hood's father. No one in
~~in~~ this picture seems at all
interested in him. (and note
the ladies & children present
for the occasion.)

News & Citizen
Vol. 49

"The basement of the Page Block is now utilized as a depository for electrical supplies. The average person who gives this business but little thought would be surprised at the immense amount of fixurs necessary to equip one electric light plant."

Oct. 3, 1895

News & Citizen
Vol. 32

"The electric committee appear to keep up the goaheadativeness and all along the line matters are running with frictionless smoothness."

1895

News & Citizen

"The 5-ton wheel has been transported from the railroad depot to the electric station with 6 good horses and 2 Corps of competent bosses."

Nov. 8, 1895

"In one or two instances there seems to be a disposition to feel aggrieved about the position of an electric wire pole, claim being made that the same are so placed so they will cause inconvenience to traffic in case of flood or the like. These little feelings probably can be explained away easily."

News & Citizen

"... dynamo connected, spark touched off and lo, through the length and breadth of our streets there was shining light."

"The deed has been accomplished."

Dec. 9, 1895

"Though Hyde Park village is located on a hill, her enterprise has turned the waters of the Gihon her way and compelled those waters, though three miles away, to light her streets and her houses and turn her wheels of her industry on their onward course toward the ocean."

News & Citizen
"Special Hyde Park Edition"
1897

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