

# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

## ABBREVIATIONS.

Co.....	Company or county	W. V. I.....	Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry
dr.....	dealer	P. O.....	Post Office
W. V. A.....	Wisconsin Volunteer Artillery	S. or Sec.....	Section
W. V. C.....	Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry	st.....	street

## CITY OF PORTAGE.

**W. H. C. ABELL**, dentist; born at Middletown, Genesee Co., N. Y. (now Wyoming Co.), May 25, 1827. When about 12 years of age, his parents removed to Ohio; lived there until he was 20 years of age. Educated in dentistry in Middletown, Conn.; commenced study with a brother in 1852; prior to that time, he was engaged in civil engineering, being Second Assistant Engineer of the Western Division of the Erie Canal during its construction in New York State. The Doctor was married at Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N. Y., in April, 1854, to Angelina C. Lawton; she was born at Catskill, Greene Co., N. Y. They have three children—David Hunter, Fannie Jewett and Henry Russell. Mr. Abell is a member of the A., F. & A. M. Lodge.

**MILES T. ALVERSON**, real-estate and loan agent; was born in the town of Rodman, Jefferson Co., N. Y., Jan. 26, 1833; son of Almanson and Sylenda Alverson, who moved to Russell, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., November, 1848, where Miles T. lived until 1854, when he came to Wisconsin in October of that year, locating on what is now the town of Arlington, on Sec. 1, with his friend Ambrose Powers, remaining with him, more or less, until 1857, when he went to Southwestern Missouri, where he taught school a portion of the time, only remaining there a year, when he returned to Wisconsin to Lowville, working at the carpenter's trade. Married, March 23, 1859, to Melissa A. Low, only daughter of Hon. Jacob Low, of Lowville, who died Jan. 24, 1875; her mother, Catherine Low, is now living; they were among the early settlers of that place. Mrs. Alverson is probably the oldest settler now living within the corporate limits of Portage; she was born in the city of New York, March 28, 1841. They have two children—Charles Lewis, born Dec. 23, 1860, and Harry Bartlett, March 27, 1872. After marriage, Mr. Alverson was engaged in teaching and working at his trade as carpenter and joiner, but teaching principally, until 1864; one year of this time, he carried on his father-in-law's farm; in 1864, went to Milwaukee and took a course in commercial college, returning to Poynette, where he taught the higher department of the public school, that being his third term at this place; he returned to Milwaukee in 1865, and was employed as a teacher in Bryant & Stratton's College, where he remained until he came to Portage, Jan. 1, 1867; was Deputy Treasurer two years, then elected County Treasurer in the fall of 1868; re-elected in 1870. In 1872, in company with Thomas Yule, purchased abstracts of titles of lands in this county; was engaged in the abstract business and real estate, loans, etc., until November, 1878, when he sold out their abstracts, and since then has been in loan and real-estate business; since Aug. 1, 1879, has conducted business alone; was Town Superintendent of Schools in 1861, Town Clerk of Lowville in 1862; was Deputy County Treasurer two years after he went out as County Treasurer, and Deputy County Register at the same time. Mr. A.'s father died Aug. 29, 1879; mother now lives on the homestead, in Russell, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. Mr. A. was one of the charter members of the I. O. O. F.; also a member of the A., F. & A. M., and was a member of the School Board two years.

**WILLIAM ARMSTRONG** was born in County Armagh, town of Drumminmadder, Ireland, June, 1824; came in 1839 to America, and located in the vicinity of Stevens Point, Wis.; engaged as head sawyer in Harper's mill for three years, then came to Marquette (now Green Lake)

Co.; was on a farm one summer; bought and run a saw-mill at New Lisbon for fifteen or sixteen months; came to what is now Portage; ran a lumber yard two or three years; took up the claim and entered property in that place; commenced brick making in 1847, which he has continued since, with the exception of two years. Mr. A. was married in Portage to Hulda Fish. They have had three children, of whom but one, William John, is living; William James, deceased; Sally Jane, deceased. Mr. A. was one of the first Aldermen of the city, serving several terms.

**CHARLES J. ARNOLD**, son of Josiah Arnold, was born at Columbus, Columbia Co., Wis., Oct. 24, 1847. Attended Portage High School and Racine College; came with parents to Portage in 1851; followed lumbering during ten years, up to 1879, when he engaged in his present business, that of freighting. He was married at Portage, June 30, 1870, to Mary F. Hutt, born in Canada. They have three children—Louis C., Robert H. and Carl S. Mr. A. is a member of the A. O. U. W. and A., F. & A. M.

**JOSIAH ARNOLD**, son of Sylvester Arnold, was born in the town of Washington, Berkshire Co., Mass., Nov. 1, 1820; moved to Stockbridge, Mass., with his parents, in 1824; his father died in that place Oct. 18, 1845; removed to Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y., and resided there ten years; he lived afterwards for various periods in New York City, Stockbridge, Washington, Mass., Maryland, Virginia, and Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y.; taught school in the latter place until he came west in the spring of 1843; he located first at Stoughton, but moved to Janesville in the fall of 1843, where he remained two or three years, teaching the first public school; in the spring of 1844, after the close of his school, he clerked for one year in Janesville; commenced general mercantile business in spring of 1845 with Daniel E. Bassett; they started a branch store at Columbus, in fall of 1845, closing out the business at Janesville in the spring of 1846; continued in business at Columbus until 1847 with Bassett; then one year alone in trade; Mr. A. was appointed Clerk of Circuit Court in 1848, and elected to same position in the fall of same year; in 1850, elected Register of Deeds; held the office two years; came to Portage in 1851, where he has since resided (except during a few years at Germantown), and engaged in the hardware business with J. B. Fargo, from 1853 to 1857; continued in that business alone until 1861; then engaged in the lumber business, operating a large mill at Germantown, Juneau Co., Wis.; also associated with Carnagie & Prescott in a lumber yard and planing-mill, at Portage; Mr. A. owns pine lands in Wood, Marathon and Clark Cos. Mr. A. was married in the town of Fulton, Rock Co., Wis., Dec. 20, 1846, to Mary Jane True, born in Perry, Wyoming Co., N. Y. They have five children—Charles J., born Oct. 24, 1847; William S., born Aug. 10, 1850; Samuel E., born Nov. 9, 1854; Harry E., born Feb. 1, 1859; Fred D., born March 23, 1864. Mr. A. was Postmaster at Columbus for two years; Alderman of Portage in 1854, 1855 and 1856; in the spring of 1877, elected Mayor, and is now serving his third year; in 1877, elected Assemblyman. He is a member of A. F. & A. M., Lodge No. 23, Chapter 14, and Commandery No. 4. Mr. A.'s grandfather, Timothy Arnold, served in the Revolutionary war.

**JOHN ARTHUR** was born in County Radnor, Wales, in November, 1821; came to America in 1845; lived in New Jersey until 1851; worked for a hosiery manufacturing company at New Brunswick, in that State; in 1851, Mr. A. came to Wisconsin, but returned to New Jersey for five years after 1853; came to Portage in 1858, and began dealing in furs, hides, wool, etc., with Evan Arthur and Samuel Brown. Mr. Brown retired from the business in 1867.

**EVAN ARTHUR** was born in County Radnor, Wales, in 1824; came to America in 1851, and settled first in New Jersey; in 1854, he began tanning and dealing in hides with Samuel Brown; John Arthur became a partner in 1858 in this business. He was married at Milwaukee, in 1863, to Elizabeth F. Remington, a native of New York State; they have four children—Evan R., Willie J. Grace and Nellie; Mr. Arthur's mother died at Ft. Winnebago, after living there about one year; father, John, died at Portage in November, 1862; his sisters were Mary, now Mrs. H. H. Beanor, of Canada; Ann, Mrs. Samuel Brown, who died in Milwaukee in 1872 or 1873; Sarah, a resident of Portage, and Elizabeth, now Mrs. O. J. Thomas, residing near Pewaukee, Wis.

**CHARLES P. AUSTIN** was born at Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y., Jan. 5, 1836; when he was a child, his parents moved to Ohio; came to Wisconsin in the spring of 1845; located at Janesville until 1850, when he came to Portage; Betsey Austin, his mother, died in Dodge Co., Wis., and his father, James Austin, died at Portage; Mr. Austin began clerking for John Gates, with whom he continued until enlisting in April, 1861, in Co. G, 2d W. V. I.; participated in the following battles: Blackman's Ford, Va., First Bull Run, Gainesville, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Gettysburg, and Spottsylvania; he was wounded in the left foot at the battle of Gainesville, Aug. 28, 1862, for

a long time disabled, and while on the skirmish line, the fifth day of the fight, at Spottsylvania, he was wounded in his left hip; this wound rendered him unfit for duty up to the time of his discharge; after leaving the army, he returned to Portage and again entered the store of Mr. Gates, with whom he had been prior to entering the service; in 1868, he commenced business for himself, the firm being Austin & Campbell; at the expiration of one year, John Gates purchased Mr. Campbell's interest, and Mr. G. continued in business until the time of his death; Mr. Austin was appointed Postmaster in 1870; served in that position until December, 1874; since that time he has been with Loomis, Gallett & Breese, as salesman. He was married at Kilbourn City, Wis., Sept. 17, 1867, to Mary J. Campbell; she was born at Carlisle, England, Aug. 19, 1847; they have four children—Euphenes M., George G., Martha A. and Nellie May. Mr. A. is a member of the A., F. & A. M. Lodge and of the Presbyterian Church.

**EDMUND S. BAKER**, born in the town of Ft. Winnebago, Oct. 27, 1848; son of Charles and Priscilla Baker, who came to that town in April, 1848; mother died in 1862; father now lives on Sec. 2, where he first located; Edmund S. remained on the farm until he was 20 years of age; came to Portage; clerked for Mr. Bacon in the hardware business for a year, then entered the law office of Emmons Taylor; remained there about three years, and was admitted to the bar Dec. 6, 1870; then engaged in farming until 1874, when he commenced the practice of law; Justice of the Peace for three years. Married in town of Ft. Winnebago, Jan. 19, 1874, to Miss Isabel A., daughter of A. Z. Maltbey, of that town; she was born in the village of McLean, Tompkins Co., N. Y., March 10, 1857; they have three children—Emmons M., born April 52, 1875; Burchard H., born June 17, 1877, and Ada May, born Feb. 11, 1879; Mr. B. is a member of the A., F. & A. M.

**LEVI W. BARDEN** was born in Benton, Yates Co., N. Y., Sept. 3, 1820; lived in that town until he was 24 years of age; resided in Gorham, Ontario Co., N. Y., six years; was engaged in farming until the spring of 1851; in May of that year, he entered the New York State and National Law School, from which he graduated Aug. 11, 1852, at Ballston Spa, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of New York State, at Rochester, in September, 1852; came to Portage, Wis., November, 1852, and entered the law office of Judge Dixon for four months, then entered into partnership with John A. Johnson, where he remained until the death of Mr. Johnson, in June, 1853; after 1861, looked after his private affairs, and was manager of the Green Bay Transportation Company, in which position he continued for several years, until about the time of the dissolution of the company; first admitted to practice in Wisconsin at Janesville, in November, 1852; afterward admitted to practice in Portage during the first term of court held there after he came; next admitted to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin; then to United States Court at Milwaukee; while a resident of Benton, N. Y., he was Town Superintendent of Schools two years; after he was 17 years of age, he taught in the public schools of his native county and in Ontario Co., every winter for eleven years; was Town Superintendent in town of Gorham two years; Justice of the Peace of same town, which office he resigned when he went to law school. He was commissioned Colonel of one of the uniformed regiments, New York State Militia; Captain also of a rifle company, in town of Benton; Captain of company in town of Gorham; afterward commissioned Colonel of regiment to which this company was attached; and, in 1857, he purchased property where he is now located; the property was owned by Moses Pauquette and his mother; part of the house he now occupies was owned and occupied by the Pauquette family; in 1865, Mr. Barden enlarged and improved the buildings considerably, and moved here to his present house in 1865; platted 100 acres, and Jerome B. Fargo platted 40 acres in 1857, known as Barden & Fargo's Addition to the city of Portage; he has since vacated the 100 acres, except a few of the streets which are retained as they were platted; the 40 acres is still a part of the city plat; since coming to his present location, Mr. B. has devoted his attention to farming. He has held offices of Justice of the Peace, District Attorney, Alderman of Second Ward, Supervisor, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, member of Assembly and State Senator. He was married at Mentor, Lake Co., Ohio, Nov. 29, 1853, to Jane R. Corning; she was born in Mentor, Nov. 14, 1824; they have three children—William C., Marshall W. and Mary E.

**P. J. BARKMAN** is a native of Canada West; was born July 23, 1846; when about 5 years of age, he came to Wisconsin with his parents, Richard and Louisa Barkman; they located at Oshkosh, and he lived there until he was 16 years of age, then came to Portage; previous to leaving Oshkosh, he had been engaged in the tinsmith business; after coming to this city, he worked for I. W. Bacon until six years ago, when the firm of J. E. Wells & Co. was formed, of which he is a member. He was married in Portage Jan. 9, 1868, to Mary L. Pixley; she died

Aug 8, 1878, leaving two children—Fred, born Sept. 24, 1869; Harry, June 1, 1874. Mr. B. is a member of A. O. U. W.

**ANTON BARTL** was born in Austria Nov. 11, 1843; came to America in 1870 and located in Menasha, remaining there six months; prior to locating at Portage, in 1877, he resided in Appleton, Oshkosh and Beaver Dam. Mr. B. commenced the brewing business when 16 years of age, and has continued in it ever since. He was married at Beaver Dam to Anna Waldheir, who died in May, 1878, leaving two children—Frank and Ida. Was married in Portage May 21, 1879, to Julia Mettler. Mr. B. is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, Leiderkranz Society and the Hook and Ladder Company.

**IRVING BATH**, editor and proprietor of Portage *Democrat*; was born in Charlton, N. Y., April 27, 1844. In 1863, his parents came from Michigan to Columbus, in this county, and the year afterward were followed by their son, Irving, who remained with them for three years, attending school, after which he took a course of medical lectures at Ann Arbor, Mich. Upon the completion of the course, he went to Beaver Dam, Dodge Co., and was engaged in the drug business until 1869, when he removed to Berlin, continuing there in the same business up to the year 1871, when he went to Cameron, Mo., and carried on the drug and jewelry business for about two years, when he returned to Beaver Dam; in 1875, he was appointed, by Attorney General A. Scott Sloan, Patent Clerk in the land office at Madison, and continued such under Gov. Taylor's administration; in 1878, he came to Portage and engaged as editor of the Portage *Democrat*, having the previous year purchased a third interest in that paper; in 1879, he became its sole editor and proprietor, which he has continued ever since. He has served as Hospital Steward of the 47th W. V. I. up to the close of our late civil war. He married Miss Emma L. Chatfield, daughter of George and Eliza Chatfield, of Beaver Dam, Dodge Co., Jan. 11, 1869. They have one child, a daughter—Leila.

**JACOB BAUER**, wagon-maker; was born in June, 1833, in Germany; came to United States in 1850, and worked six years at his trade in Oneida Co., N. Y.; in July, 1856, settled in Portage, and for awhile worked as journeyman, but has been proprietor for fourteen years; is now partner in firm of Bauer & Lewis, for manufacture of *new* work, but each has other business separate. He was married in 1855, to Miss Rosa Wagner, formerly of Germany. They have seven children—Caroline, born 1856; Fred, 1860; Albert, 1864; Anna, 1866; Otto, 1869; Minnie, 1872, and Emma, 1878. In 1864, he enlisted in the 11th W. V. I., and served till the close of the war. He has been member of City Council two terms, and served three terms in Board of Supervisors of Columbia Co. He has a residence on Superior street, but the shop is on Canal street. Business is in "healthy condition."

**JACOB BEST** was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 24, 1848; came to America August, 1867, locating at Milwaukee, where he remained until 1876, when he came to Portage, and has resided here ever since. While living in Milwaukee, was engaged in manufacture and sale of wines and liquors; since coming here, engaged in the brewery business. Was married at Portage, April 19, 1876, to Lizzie, daughter of Charles Hærtel; she was born in this city. They have two daughters—Augusta M. and Ella M. Mr. B. is a member of the Leiderkranz and Turner Societies and Fire Department, Dramatic Association and Portage Business Men's Association.

**DEABOLT BLASS, Jr.**, son of Deabolt and Lena Blass; was born in New York City Jan. 10, 1848; came with his parents to Portage in May, 1852. Father resided in this place eighteen years, then removed to Mauston; mother died at Mauston, Feb. 18, 1879; father is now engaged in mercantile business at Mauston. The subject of this sketch has resided in Portage since 1852; has been engaged in the barbering business for himself since the spring of 1866. Mr. Blass was married in Chicago, Oct. 22, 1873, to Anna M. Weber, a native of Richberg, Wurtemberg, Germany; she was born Dec. 19, 1852; came to America in 1872. They have three children—Anna L., born Oct. 6, 1874; Deabolt M., born Feb. 23, 1877, and Edwin J., born April 16, 1879. Mr. B. is a member of the Odd-Fellow Lodge. D. Blass, Sr., was born in Alsace (now Germany) in 1807; came to America in 1830; married in 1836, to Magdalena Kripe; she was also born in Alsace, July 22, 1813, and came to America in 1836. The parents of Mrs. D. Blass, Jr., Joseph and Theresa Weber, were married in 1849—both natives of Germany; her father was born in 1822, died April 16, 1859; mother's maiden name was Theresa Shurr; she was born in 1831, and died March 17, 1863.

**ERNEST BOTHIN**, retired carpenter and joiner; born in Germany on the 27th of September, 1811; came to the United States in 1852, and stopped two years in Ohio, and then, in the spring of 1855, settled in this city, where he now lives. Soon after coming into Columbia Co.,

he bought a farm of 220 acres in Lewiston Township, which he carried on till 1877, when he sold the farm and returned to city life. Was married, in 1835, to Miss Rozena Laveranz in Germany; have six children—Ottella, Amelia, Emma, Minnie, Julius, Henry; has buried two children; the daughters are married. Himself and wife are members of the Evangelical Church, of which he is a class leader, and to whose welfare he is devoted. He has retired from active life, and is enjoying the fruit of industry and economy; lives in a fine brick house on Cook street; also rents another house near the depot, and owns other real estate in the city.

**MRS. SAMUEL S. BRANNAN** was born in Georgia, Franklin Co., Vt., on the 24th of April, 1837; she is the daughter of Joseph and Rhoda M. Prentiss; she came West in 1856, and made her home with her brother, Judge G. C. Prentiss, then of Portage, now of La Crosse, Wis. On the 27th of August, 1861, she was married to her late husband, Samuel S. Brannan, whose extended biography appears in this volume, with others of the illustrious dead of the county; her entire married life has been passed in Portage, and most of it also in her present home; she has four children—S. Prentice, born June 2, 1862; William R., Feb. 24, 1864; Lucy C., known as "Kittie," Aug. 5, 1865, and Jackson T. Brannan, Oct. 24, 1868. Her husband's mother, aged 75, widow of William Brannan, formerly of this city, resides with the family, and is still active and vigorous. One son, Willie, is Assistant in the post office at Portage; and the other, S. Prentiss, is mail agent on the Madison & Portage Railway.

**LL. BREESE** was born May 13, 1833, at Abernethy, in the parish of Malwyd, Merionethshire, North Wales; he is the son of Edward and Mary Breese; he immigrated with his parents to this country in the month of May, 1846, and settled in the town of Randolph, this county; his education was academic; up to the age of 25, he was engaged most of the time with his parents in cultivating the farm. In the fall of 1858, owing to impaired health, he accepted the position of Deputy Sheriff of Columbia Co., hoping thereby to improve his health and extend his knowledge of business, and the circle of his acquaintance. Previous to this, he held the office of School District Clerk, Town Supervisor, Justice of the Peace, and Town Treasurer. In the fall of 1860, he received from the Republican County Convention the nomination for County Treasurer, and was elected the following November. He held this position for three consecutive terms, in all six years, having no competitor for the office, except in the first instance. In January, 1867, at the close of his third term as Treasurer, he entered as a partner the dry-goods firm of N. H. Wood & Co., the firm being composed of N. H. Wood, R. O. Loomis, C. R. Gallett, and himself. This connection was continued until 1869, when Mr. Wood disposed of his interest to the other partners, and retired from the firm, which thereafter stood and was styled Loomis, Gallett & Breese. In the summer of 1869, at the urgent solicitation of friends, he became a candidate for the office of State Treasurer at the State Convention held that fall. On the first informal ballot, he received a plurality of votes, but, owing to local combinations, the nomination fell to his competitor. In about a month after this convention, the nominee for Secretary of State, resigning his position upon the ticket, made it necessary for the State Central Committee to fill the vacancy by appointment. Without solicitation on his part, or even knowledge of the vacancy, the committee tendered him the nomination for that place, communicating their action by telegraph. Had it not been for the persistent entreaty of a few intimate friends, the appointment would have been declined. He was elected the following November. Under the organization of the State Government of Wisconsin, the office of Secretary of State is by far the most important of the State offices; besides involving the duties of Secretary of State proper, this officer is also ex officio Auditor of State, and School Land Commissioner, and also ex officio Commissioner of Insurance. In May, 1870, he represented Wisconsin as Commissioner of Insurance at the National Insurance Convention held in the city of New York. This convention was composed of those officers in the different States who had charge of the different departments therein. He was elected Vice President of the convention for the term of one year; re-elected the second year, and elected President the third, and presided at its fourth annual session. After the expiration of his second term as Secretary of State, he returned to Portage and resumed his former occupation as merchant. In addition to this, he also held the positions of President of the City Bank of Portage, President of the Portage Iron Works and President of the Board of Education. He has been engaged in farming more or less extensively throughout his life. Religiously, he is a member and Elder of the Presbyterian Church, professing Christianity at the age of 14 years. He is an active worker in the church and Sunday school. Mr. Breese was married, June 9, 1853, to Miss Mary E. Evans, of Milwaukee, by whom he has had six children, three boys and three girls, one of the latter dying in infancy.

**VOLNEY E. BREWER**, jeweler; was born in Otego, Otsego Co., N. Y., May 16, 1841; moved from there to Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y., when 10 years of age, lived there eight years; Mr. Brewer traveled in Western New York for several years selling patent medicines, musical instruments, etc.; was one year in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, spent a year in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri before coming to Portage, where he arrived in 1868; he learned the jewelers' trade in Lisle, N. Y., and has been engaged in that business ever since coming to Wisconsin; he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

**JOHN BRICKWELL** was born in Highwicombe, Buckinghamshire, England, Dec. 8, 1813; came to Wisconsin from Uxbridge, England, locating at Ft. Winnebago in 1843; made a claim in Lewiston on Secs. 1, 2 and 11 (only one section); lived there until 1857, then removed to Portage; Mr. B. was first Justice of the Peace of Ft. Winnebago and organized all the schools before the town was organized or surveyed, and was the first School Superintendent of that place; he came to Portage, was admitted to the bar March 4, 1856, and to the Supreme Court Nov. 9, 1877; his naturalization papers were issued Sept. 11, 1856. Mr. Brickwell was married in Uxbridge, England, to Sarah Barton, a native of Highwicombe. They have two children—Joseph and Sarah Ann. Mr. B. has held the office of Alderman several times, President pro tem. of the Council, etc., Justice of the Peace for several years, Clerk of District School Board when he first came to Portage, Acting Mayor one year, and was elected Supervisor April 6, 1880. His son is now living on the land which his father first entered in this county; he was elected Justice of the Peace in Lewiston in April, 1880.

**HARVEY BRIGGS** was born in Benson, Rutland Co., Vt., May 17, 1818; educated at Castleton Seminary, read law in the town of Whitehall, Washington Co., N. Y., admitted to the bar of Vermont in 1842; he then practiced law in his native place until 1854; came to Portage June 4, 1854, has resided in Wisconsin ever since; he purchased a farm on Sec. 6 in the town of Lewiston, lived there one year; in 1858, removed to Paekwaukee, was appointed County Judge of Marquette Co. July 16, 1858; in the spring of 1859, was elected to the same office on the Republican ticket by a majority of 500 in a Democratic district, served until 1862, when he resigned; was also Justice of the Peace and Assessor while in that county; removed to Briggsville, was there until 1874; then in Montello one year, and took charge of the office of County Judge. Came to Portage in 1875, where he has remained ever since; has been Justice of the Peace for four years. Mr. Briggs was married at Cornwall, Vt., May 2, 1844, to Francis L. Peck, a native of Cornwall; they have three children—Carlton W., now at Grand Rapids, Wood Co., Wis., born April 21, 1845; Cloe Anne, now Mrs. Fred Davis, of Lewiston, born September, 1851; Ella May, now Mrs. James S. Gay, of Douglas, Marquette Co., born July 13, 1858—lost one son, Amasa, born March 19, 1847, died in Michigan in 1867, aged 20 years; Carlton enlisted as a private in Co. K, 18th W. V. I., in January, 1862; was Captain of the 44th W. V. I. when he was mustered out, after close of the war; was Acting Assistant Inspector General of the post at Paducah.

**JAMES R. BRODIE** was born in Renfrewshire, Scotland, about seven miles from Glasgow, August, 1836; came to America in 1866, and to Portage in the fall of the same year; learned the trade of shoemaking when he was 10 years of age, and has been engaged in that business since arriving here, and in trade alone for the last six years. Married in the town of Ardrrie, Scotland, June, 1863, to Margaret Leeds Potter; she was born in Scotland; they have three children—Bella, Willie and James; lost two, one infant son James, and Maggie, who died in February, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Brodie are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**L. WALTER BROWN** was born on Fox Island, Me., June 1, 1850; came with his parents to the town of Dekorra, Columbia Co., Wis., in the fall of 1854; engaged in farming there until 1865, when he removed to Jackson Co., Minn.; his mother, Mary Green Brown, died in the town of Dekorra, April 16, 1865, leaving six children—Eurena J., now Mrs. S. T. Keller, residing in Jackson Co., Minn.; Frank M., now a resident of Maine; Roscoe G., Quinnesec, Mich.; Flora E., now Mrs. D. H. Haggard, of Winnebago Agency; L. Walter (the subject of this sketch), of Phillips, Wis., Register of Deeds for Price Co., dealer in pine lumber, real estate, etc., and Harvey H., mineral explorer at Quinnesec. Mr. B. enlisted in Co. E, 50th W. V. I. in January, 1865, mustered in Feb. 22 of the same year; mustered out in June, serving three months and twenty-five days; lived in Wisconsin most of the time since 1854; a resident of Price Co. since 1876; local agent about three years for Senator Price, one of the largest individual lumber operators in America; since then, operating on his own account principally; his brothers and sisters are all natives of Maine, except Harvey L. who was born in Columbia Co.; father and mother both born on Fox Island, Me.

**ARCHIBALD BRYCE** was born Aug. 25, 1801, near Glasgow, Scotland; his parents came to America the April after his birth, and settled in Stamford, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he resided till 23 years of age; the well-known cares and duties of a thrifty farmer's son were his till attaining his majority. He was married Dec. 1, 1824, to Miss Jannette Frazer, formerly of Inverness, Scotland; he lived twelve years at Little Falls, Herkimer Co., N. Y.; was engaged seven years of the time as overseer of repairs on a section of the Erie Canal; and five years was engineer in a paper-mill at Little Falls; he lived four years in Oswego Co., N. Y., and then about six years in Steuben Co., engaged in the lumber trade; he was a farmer four years in Ontario; and then in May, 1849, he came to Columbia Co. and bought a farm in Marcellon Township; this was his home till 1870, when he sold this farm and soon afterward moved to Portage; his fine brick residence is but a block from the court house, and on the corner of Clark and Pleasant streets; they have raised ten children—Thomas, Margaret; Chauncey, who died in the army; Jeanette, Mary, Ann, Sarah; Daniel, dead; David, dead, and Carrie; one of the widowed daughters, Mrs. Sarah Tarbell, resides with the parents in their pleasant home; she was married to George L. Tarbell in 1860, and his death occurred in 1868. Mr. Bryce, although nearly fourscore, is still hale and vigorous; himself and worthy helpmeet have trod the reliable path of industry and economy which almost inevitably leads to an old age of happiness and competency. "Uncle Bryce" boasts that he "never speculated, never went to bed hungry and never had a lawsuit."

**WILLIAM W. BULLARD**, the subject of this sketch, is a native of Vermont; is the son of Derreck and Sibley Ballard; was born in Weybridge, Addison Co., Vt., Aug. 23, 1845, lived there until he was 2 or 3 years old, when his parents moved to Martinsburg, Lewis Co., N. Y.; remained there about twelve years; during the next two years lived in Kingston, Canada, when he removed to Rutland, Dane Co., Wis.; resided there about eight months. Feb. 10, 1861, enlisted in Co. A (Lieut. Nobles commanding), 8th U. S. Infantry; served in that regiment until May 12, 1862; on account of disability, did guard duty at Ft. La Fayette and Ft. Hamilton; re-enlisting in July, 1862, in Co. E, 23d W. V. L., and was mustered out August, 1865; moved to Baraboo and resided there until coming to Portage, in 1876. Married Miss Isabelle Elgie, daughter of Mathew Elgie, who came to Caledonia thirty years ago, and is now living there, March 18, 1866; she was born in Guelph, Canada; they have one daughter—Belle, born Dec. 25, 1866.

**WILLIAM G. BUNKER**, son of Levi and Maria Bunker; was born in the town of West River, Randolph Co., Ind., Aug. 17, 1834; his parents moved to Wayne Co., Ind., in 1841; learned his trade at Richmond, Ind., and commenced business for himself in 1853, in Wheeling, Delaware Co., Ind.; remained there six years; then went to Logansport, where he remained until 1861, when he moved to Galveston, in Cass Co., and remained there four years, when he came to Portage in spring of 1865 and engaged in harness-making, which business he has since followed, with the exception of two years that he resided in the town of Ft. Winnebago. Was elected Justice of the Peace in 1874, and was re-elected in 1876 and 1878. Mr. B. was married in Jonesboro, Grant Co., Ind., Dec. 17, 1857, to Ursula A. Mehaffey; she was born near Dayton, Ohio, May, 1840; they have two children—Adeline M. and Warren W. Mr. Bunker is a member of I. O. O. F. since 1862.

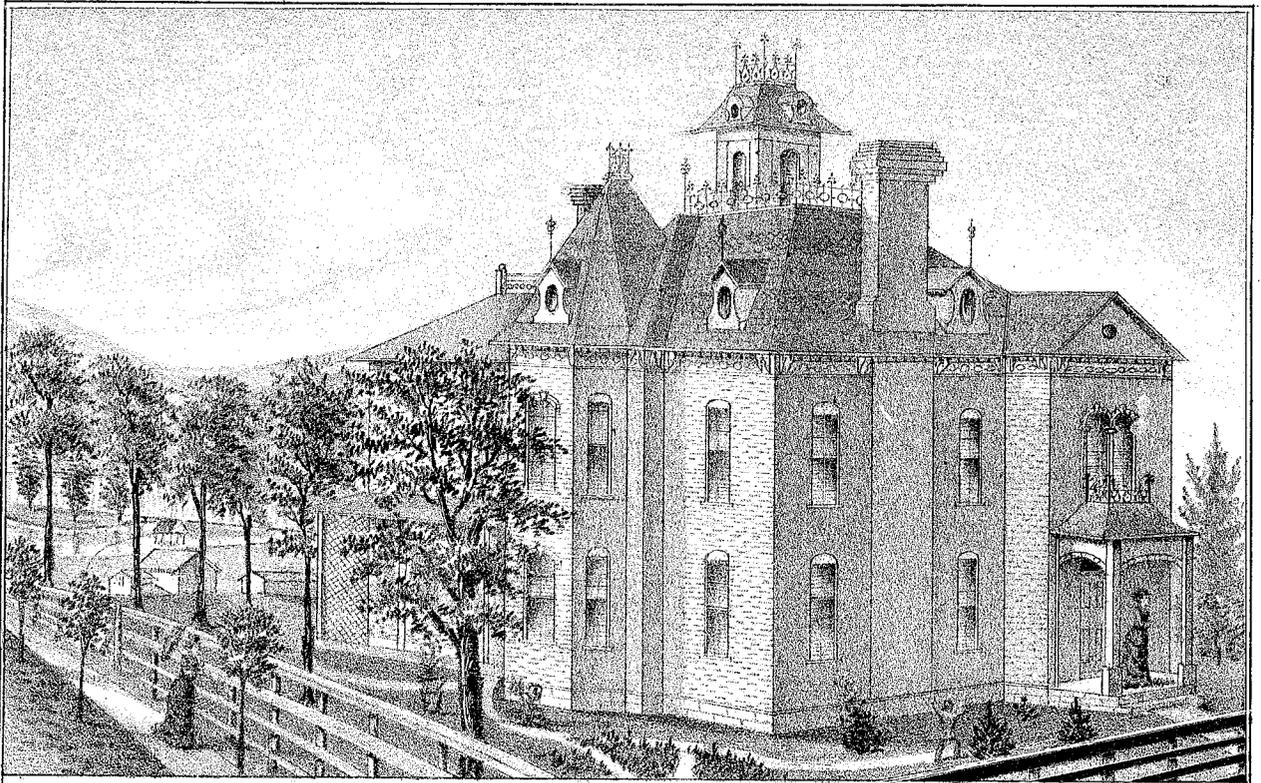
**ALEX. CARNAGIE**, a native of Cupeer, in Fyfe, Scotland; was born July 12, 1820, emigrating to America in 1840, and locating in Vermilion Co., N. Y.; remained there one year and a half; then going to Albany, N. Y., where he made it his home until 1848; then coming to Milwaukee, and remaining there until September, 1850, when he came to Portage; returning to New York City in 1853; living on Staten Island most of the time until 1855, when he returned to this city, which since has been his home. Mr. C. learned his trade before leaving Scotland. He married in the town of Hope, Hamilton Co., N. Y., June 3, 1842, Eliza Mills, who was born in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, Aug. 12, 1824; they have four children, three sons and one daughter—Agnes, Alex., Jr., John W. and George. Mr. Carnagie has been City Assessor for two terms, also Alderman of the Second Ward two years.

**FRED G. CASTLE**, passenger conductor on the Northern Division of the C., M. & St. P. R. R.; born in Waukau, Wis., Sept. 2, 1851; his father was for several years proprietor of the Exchange Hotel at Omro, Wis. At the age of 14 years, he left home to seek his fortune, and spent four years in the pineries, part of the time as cook and the last portion as lumberman. When 18, he began railroading as brakeman on the Northern Division of the C., M. & St. P. R. R.; after one year's experience, he was promoted the charge of same train—the "Winneconnee Freight"—which he ran four years; then for a year, he was an "extra passenger man," and, in the spring of 1875, he was appointed conductor of a passenger train on the same road, and he has been in continuous service to date—

summer, 1880. He was married, Sept. 5, 1877, to Miss Frankie Gould, of Beaver Dam, Wis.; they have one son, named Guy Wilkinson, born on the 8th of February, 1879. Mrs. Castle is a member of the Baptist Church at Portage; she is a graduate of the high school at Lincoln, Neb.; she is a niece of B. F. Taylor, the well-known author—America's gifted word painter; she herself wields a ready and graceful pen. Mr. Castle is one of "the boys" who has hosts of friends; is a genial and popular conductor; he will be recognized in Portage by his constant attendant, "Don," the noblest dog in the city, a pure-blood St. Bernard.

**MRS. JULIA E. CHRISTOPHER**, née Waters, was born on the 11th of April, 1832, in Massena, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.; her early education was in her native town, and afterward with her brother in Canada; she and her brother Daniel came West in the fall of 1855, and the winter following, they together engaged in teaching the public school in Portage. In the summer of 1856, she taught school in District No. 5, township of Wyocena, and boarded with David Reynolds, an old pioneer. Eighteen years afterward, 1874, her stepdaughter, Mary Christopher, taught in the district, same schoolhouse, boarded at same house and in the same family. In the summer of 1879, her oldest daughter, Susie E. Christopher, taught in same district, in same schoolhouse and boarded at the same house, but the old pioneer, David Reynolds, had gone to his last home. Mrs. C. taught in Ft. Winnebago before her marriage. In 1857, she taught in the First Ward School, and for the last five years, her stepdaughter, Mary, has been teaching in the same building, which has been moved nearer the present center of business, and now her daughter is teaching in the same building. Mrs. Christopher is one of a family of ten children, of whom seven have been successful teachers in Wisconsin. She was married on the 2d of October, 1859, to Thomas Christopher, of Portage; they had six children—Susie E., Daniel T., who is dead; Daniel J., George M., Julia B. and Willie J., all of whom live at home. Her husband was one of the earliest settlers in Portage—came in 1848; he was a useful and leading citizen, and contributed largely to the building-up of the city; he was a liberal Catholic, as is also Mrs. Christopher. He was seven times honored with the office of Assessor, and on the first Tuesday of April, 1872, he was again elected to that difficult position, but on the 30th of April—the day before his official duties were to begin—he passed from earth's toils and triumphs to the rewards of the righteous.

**JOHN TILLOTSON CLARK** was born in what was then the town of Wolcott, now the town of Huron, Wayne Co., N. Y., on the 16th of April, 1861; he was the son of the Rev. William Clark, a Presbyterian clergyman, and Sophronia Tillotson; resided in Huron until 1835, when he removed with his father to the town of Danby, Tompkins Co., N. Y. When 18 years of age, he purchased his time of his father, paying therefor \$150. Naturally a close student, losing no opportunity to acquire information while in the service of his father, he now took measures calculated to increase his facilities for gaining knowledge; his time being his own, he applied all leisure moments to study, entering Owego Academy, Tioga Co., and Groton Academy, Tompkins Co., for brief terms during the winter seasons, and laboring in the harvest field during summer, in order that he might earn the price of his tuition; in September, 1843, he entered Hamilton College, where he graduated in 1845; in the fall of that year, he went to Camden, Oneida Co., N. Y., and taught a private school until July 5, 1848; during the latter part of this time, he studied law out of school hours; from Camden he went to Lyons, N. Y., and was there engaged as Principal of the Lyons Union School for three years; in the mean time he continued his study of the law, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1850, in Rochester. He was married at Lyons, N. Y., on the 24th of September, 1851, to Harriet Louise Holley, daughter of John M. Holley, M. C. In April, 1853, he commenced practicing law with his eldest brother, William Clark, with whom he had studied; in September of that year, he removed to New Brunswick, N. J., and soon took charge, as Principal, of the public school, remaining there until the spring of 1857, when he came to Wisconsin, locating at Portage, and engaging in the practice of his profession. In the spring of 1861, he was elected County Judge of Columbia Co., serving until the 1st of January, 1866; in the fall of this year, he was chosen District Attorney, and held that office two years; in 1870, he retired to his farm in the town of Roxbury, Dane Co., Wis., where he lived with his family until the fall of 1875, removing to the city of Madison, that his children might enjoy the advantages of the State University. In February, 1878, he purchased of Messrs. Brannan & Turner the *Wisconsin State Register*, soon afterward admitting B. F. Goodell as a partner, and removing his family from the State capital in July, 1879; Judge Clark has sole control of the editorial columns of the *Register*. Seven children have been born to Judge and Mrs. Clark—Mary Holley, born in Lyons, N. Y.; Elizabeth Sophronia, and John Tillotson (died Nov. 19, 1863), born in New Brunswick, N. J.; Helen Louise, Julia Kirkland, Sarah Amelia and William Henry, born in Portage.



**RES. OF F.W.SCHULZE PORTAGE WIS.**



**RESIDENCE & BUSINESS BLOCK OF J.O.EATON LODI WIS.**



**W. G. CLOUGH**, Principal of the high school, was born in Portage, May 20, 1853; son of Wm. R. and Mary A. Gowey Clough; parents settled in Delavan, Wis., in 1846; afterward removed to Portage; father died Feb. 8, 1869; Mrs. C. is still a resident of Portage; Mr. C. was educated in the public schools of Portage, and also a graduate of the State University at Madison in 1875; taught district schools three winters prior to entering the State University; afterward appointed Assistant Principal of Portage High School, and held the position one year; since that time has been Principal in the same school.

**ROBERT COCHRANE**, miller and grain dealer, was born April 25, 1822, in Westfield, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; his mill is in Westfield, Marquette Co., Wis., and his residence is in Portage; in 1842, came west, and remained nearly three years in Joliet, Ill.; about 1845, he, with three brothers, bought fully a thousand acres of land, near Waupun, and farmed unitedly on a large scale; in 1850, himself and two brothers went to Marquette Co. and bought a large tract of land, and laid out a village, which, in honor of his birthplace, he named Westfield; there they erected a grist-mill and saw-mill, and store and dwelling, and thus founded the village. He was married on the 12th of January, 1859, to Miss Lucy R. Emerton, of Ft. Winnebago; she was born on the 21st of September, 1838, in Columbia, Coos Co., N. H.; during the war, the Cochrane brothers divided their respective interests, Mr. Robert C. retaining the Westfield property; he also has a farm in Dodge Co., besides the improvements at Westfield, and a large brick residence in Portage. One child died in infancy, and four are living—Jennie E., Lula A., R. Livingstone and T. Harry. Mr. C. has held town and county offices, and was a member of Legislature in 1863; is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons; he votes in local elections for the "best man," but in State and National affairs is of decided Democratic proclivities. Mrs. C. is a Presbyterian; the family are highly respected.

**J. COLE** was born in the town of Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N. Y., Nov. 15, 1815; worked in cotton mills in Oneida Co. until nearly 21 years of age; then went to Lockport, N. Y., and remained about three years; returned to Rochester, and worked in the cotton-mills for eighteen months; in the fall of 1839, removed to Newton Falls, Ohio, residing there eleven years; he subsequently resided in Painesville one year, Cleveland one year, town of Bristol two years; Mr. C. came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1854, and located at Oconomowoc, residing afterward at Milwaukee and Hartford; in the fall of 1858, was employed by railroad company, as machinist, running stationary engines, etc.; remained in their employ for twelve years; in September, 1871, engaged in flour and feed business, and has continued in that business ever since; he also deals in wooden pumps. Mr. C. was married in Rochester, N. Y., in the fall of 1839, to Mary A. McDonald, a native of Watertown, Jefferson Co., N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are both members of the M. E. Church; Mr. C. is Steward, Recording Secretary and Class Leader in the church.

**CONRAD COLLIPP**. [An autobiography]. I was born Feb. 21, 1822, in the village of Obersuhl, in the middle Werra Valley of Northwest Thuringia, near the city of Eisenach, and the renowned castle of Wartburg, where Dr. Martin Luther in the years 1522-23 translated the Bible into the German language; my birthplace, Obersuhl, belonging at that time to the Electorate of Hesse-Cassel, now to Prussia; I was brought up under stern Protestantism—the German Reformed Church—vigorous Zwingli-Calvanism. My father, John Collipp, was a very severe and stiff military gentlemen, of strict morality and of very few words; he was a manufacturer of worsted and other fine white woolen yarns; he owned quite a wealth of real estate. My mother's name was Christina Mohr, of old German stock, tough and wiry all her lifetime; she died in Philadelphia in 1873, 77 years of age. I was the only son of five children, having four sisters; I went to school about fourteen years, from my 4th to my 14th year, in what we call in regular school, and four years in extra preparatory school for higher studies, mostly three times a day, till I was 18 years old. My mother becoming a widow through the sudden death of my father, and she intending to use me for other purposes than book studies, took me away from school against my most obstinate remonstrances and wishes, and put me in apprenticeship to a damask-weaver, and afterward to plush and velvet weaving. After the death of my father, my mother, who had given up my father's business, commenced a commercial business of selling table-linen, damask and general hosiery, besides carrying on our farming; from my 18th to my 22d year, I have always considered the worst four years of my life, because being compelled to engage in employments against my inclinations and wishes; I rather would have liked to be a soldier from my 20th year, but even that could not be, for I was the only son of a widow, and therefore exempt by law and the circumstances; but thank God! the year of 1844 came on, the year of my majority—22 years old according to German laws; yes, dear mother—22 years

old, now I can do something for myself; and straightway I prepared to go into the great universe, wheresoever I might get to, to the East Indies or elsewhere, no difference to me.

The 17th of March, 1844, I left the old domicile of my mother and my native village of Obersuhl amidst copious shedding of tears and great sorrow of my dear mother, sisters and hundreds of friends; per foot, knapsack on my back, cane in hand, the legal papers and passports, and necessary cash in my pockets; going to Göttingen in pretty bad weather, and rather footsore, I took the mail coach for Bremen; arriving in Bremen the 22d of March, 1844, I noticed a large poster; stating that in a few days a ship would sail for America; I went to the office and asked what it would cost to go to America; the man asked me what I had, I told him nothing but myself and a knapsack; he told me if I paid 19 thalers in gold, I could go, I paid right away and took my passage ticket; after looking around the city of Bremen, and buying some maps of America and other stationery, I finally left the old foggy place in a schooner on the Weser River for Braka some miles seaward. On the night of the 24th of March, 1844, I left dear old Fatherland in the brig *Louisa*, Capt. Claus Wencke, for far-off America; in the morning, when I got out, I could see nothing more of land, only dreary fog, and once in awhile a dangerous looking buoy in dismal waters. Adieu. After a stormy and terrific voyage of eight weeks in despair, suffering in the meantime almost every conceivable misery and discomfort, I arrived hale and hearty the 21st of May, 1844, and about 9 o'clock A. M. set my feet on dry land at Spruce street wharf in Philadelphia, thanking God and kissing the very dry soil on terra firma. I advanced a few rods upon my "sea-legs" to the corner of Spruce and Water street, to a barrier post, made of an old cannon, and gazed with delight in the balmy bright May morning up Spruce street, with its gilt-lettered behung signs. While I was standing there in wondrous admiration and meditations of many sorts, a middle-aged, tall, palefaced and lank gentleman of a pleasant countenance approached me and asked, whether I had come with yonder ship, pointing with his finger toward the brig *Louisa*, with the Bremen flag flying in the breeze in the Delaware River; I understood so much, that I assented with nodding of my head; for with the remembrances of the voyage, I had no desire to look toward the ships. The gentleman spoke a few more words to me, but I shook my head in the negative; a few moments afterward, he said, you stay here a few minutes; I understood that also partially, and again assented with my head nodding; scarcely five minutes had elapsed and the same gentleman appeared in company with a youngish man; this youngish man stepped toward me, and bade me very pleasantly good morning in German, and asked me further in the German language whether I had just come with that ship, over there in the river, and whether there had not come some person I knew of who could manufacture such material as my cap was made of (I had a plush cap on my head). I answered that I had learned to make such stuff at Marksuhl in Saxe-Weineingen; they both appeared very much pleased, but I did care much about it, for I was very hungry, having scarcely eaten anything within sixty hours of the miserable food on board the ship; though I was enchanted with the handsome landscapes, the crowing of roosters, lowing of cattle, sights of towns, orchards and fields on both sides of the grand Delaware Bay and River, slowly coming up with the ship, in delightful May weather; the old gentleman soon left, but the youngish man stayed with me, took me to an adjacent hotel, where a bountiful table was set with everything the heart could wish for, such as I only had seen at grand festivals; I thought by myself, Collipp, you have it; there is surely a great festival on the go here; no doubt of it, for all the people are dressed so well and everything looks so gay; the reader may depend on it, I did eat at that time with great comfort, and to my entire satisfaction.

An incident occurred during my first American meal, which I may relate: While I was studiously eating away, the landlady of the house came in—a middle-aged woman; she asked me where I came from in Germany. I answered, "From Obersuhl in the Werra-Valley." "What is your father's name?" I said, "I am the only son of Johannes Collipp; my name is Conrad." "O dear God!" she exclaimed, "my dear young man, I nursed you while you was a little boy. I have known your father very well; you must stay with me as long as you please." I looked at the woman with great pleasure, and asked who the good lady was who addressed a stranger so kindly (for I could not remember ever seeing the person). She told me her father's name, and other things, well known to me in Europe, etc. I recognized at once that I was not altogether in a strange land, without friends.

After having finished my meal, the youngish man, whom we will call now Mr. Hess, foreman of Mr. Woodruff's millinery, hat and cap manufactory, took me with him in an omnibus, and we rode that first half-day over many parts of the opulent city of Philadelphia, he treating me with many kinds of luxuries, such as oranges, ice cream, cocoanuts, ginger beer, etc., and showing me some of

the arts, sciences, fine architecture and memorable places of that great city. I thanked God in the evening, that in reality I had now come to a place where I could for awhile learn a great deal, and be happy. Mr. Hess treated me for several days in the same manner, till I told him that now I had enough of sight-seeing, and we would go to business henceforth. We procured the necessary machinery, twisted mohair and other properly dyed yarns, etc., and went to work. I taught at that time about sixty girls to make plush for the manufacture of hats, caps, etc., Mr. Woodruff, the proprietor of the establishment, paying me well for my services, and treating me with all the good graces of a gentleman while I was with him. Naturally for me, I applied my mind right away with an intense assiduity to the learning of the English language. I remained with Mr. Woodruff about half a year. Afterward, I apprenticed myself to become a printer in a newspaper printing office. An editor—a fine man—Mr. Miskey, addressed me once thus: "Dear young man," he said, "I get \$2,000 a year, but I have to work almost day and night like a slave, in a room like a prison; take my meals in a hurry; only a few hours on Sunday I can see my family, and when the year is around, there is nothing left of my hard-earned wages; besides, I have almost daily to write down, to my utmost disgust, the manifold truths and mendacities of commonplace men and hypocrites. I am sick of this business. If I were young yet, I would go to the West. Dear young man, I advise you to give up learning this business, and go West.\* I assure you, you will live happier if you work as hard there as I must do here." I took the hint—and quit; or, I saw the reason in the advice, and quit.

After the printing experiment, I went to learning weaving ingrain carpets, for which art I had to pay \$80. With this business I could, and really did, make good wages during four days of the week, and so had three days for muse and studies while I remained in Philadelphia. The years, and parts of years, I lived in Philadelphia, were of great blessing to me, and added much to my future career. I learned the English tongue, some of the English literature, and various good manners and Americanisms. Late in the fall of 1844, I got acquainted with a very good, common-sense, reasonable and pious man, Rev. Daniel Berger. Through the grace of God, this good man and my zealous efforts, I found peace of mind religiously, in the Christian fundamental truth or principle; and my motto was henceforth, "Entire negation of the negative."

My mother's great love of her only son induced her to sell her property in Europe, and follow me, with my four sisters, to America, in the year 1846. They arrived safely at Philadelphia, and mother bought some real estate there, and I helped to get them in tolerably good condition, in the way of living to their satisfaction.

In the year 1848, being now additionally a little better prepared for the great world, I started off again—for the West and wilderness—to the infinite sorrow of my dear mother and sisters. But who could help it? I went via New York, Hudson River, Erie Canal, Buffalo; per steamer *Globe* over Lakes Erie and Huron, Straits of Mackinaw and Lake Michigan, to Wisconsin, and finally arrived, in the beginning of August, 1848, at Chicago, Ill. There I got, the first day, employment as a clerk in a large dry-goods and grocery store. In April, 1849, I obtained the excellent situation of clerk on the steamboat *Indiana*, which was towing at that time vessels in and out of Chicago's poor harbor, in boisterous, bad weather; also the many canal and packet boats of the Illinois Canal, from Bridgeport up and down the Chicago River—an arduous, dangerous and dashing business for me; among primitive, chaotic Western-wickedness, putrid water, mud and quagmire, pestilential cholera, numerous and terrific deaths, and black clouds of tormenting mosquitoes at night-time, but plenty cash rolling around me, in the general havoc going on at that time in Chicago. I came out all hale and hearty; no impression made on me of any particular hurt, then or afterward.

In the beginning of August, 1849, I started from Chicago, per steamer, well equipped with gun, pistol, ammunition, etc., and some cash, for Milwaukee. From there, per foot, to the Indian lands, beyond Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, having at Chicago set my eyes for the wilderness and utmost limits of civilization, to try progress. I had for company, on this adventurous route, Mr. Samuel Slifer, who afterward became my father-in-law, and another—a youngish Yankee he was, I think. At Oak Grove, a little westward of poverty-stricken Watertown, at that time, I saw the last poor habitation of quasi-civilization. Further on toward Fort Winnebago, I saw nothing but inane expanse of grassy, wild, rolling prairie and woods. About ten miles eastward of Fort Winnebago, we struck an apparent wagon-track through the woods, which, I afterward found, had been the military road to the fort. I came up to Fort Winnebago about half an hour in advance of my weary comrades, it being now about 9 o'clock A. M., middle of August. I sighted the consoling and well-

\*Horace Greeley, it seems, did not originate this familiar expression.

arranged frontier military barrack and building of the fort with much pleasure, and was delighted with the fine view toward the west and Baraboo hills. While I sat there waiting, I soliloquized: "Precious castle of comfort to the pilgrim seeking an earthly home; a watch-house of our glorious Government for the protection of advancing civilization and wealth, versus barbarism." As soon as my comrades came up, I walked again in advance down to a bridge across a small stream. A grassy ditch, thought I. All at once I noticed what appeared to me a half-breed Indian in the big grass near the bridge. "What is this?" I asked, pointing to the water. He said, "Fox River." O Poseidon!\* said I to myself—Fox River. I asked, "Where is the Wisconsin River?" He said, "Over there," pointing with his finger southward, "great big river, that." My comrades now came up to the bridge; I told them, "This, you see, is the great Fox River;" but they were so weary and worn-out, they had nothing to say. In the mean time, the individual down in the grass came up to us. I asked him, "Is there any tavern round hereabouts?" He said, "Little way over there—the Cap'n's place," pointing southeasterly across the bridge. I said then to my comrades, "Let us cross the Niemen, and now into—Russia." As soon as we were a few rods across the river among the tall willow brush which at that time covered the whole flats to the Wisconsin River, we saw everywhere groups of horrible-looking Indians, old and young, lying among the bushes on the ground. Alas! wild-looking creatures to behold. In a little while, we came to the Franklin House—a cozy resting-place for weary men in this wilderness. Old Capt. Low had built this hospice a few years back, in this dreary marsh, for the coming of "advancing civilization" westward. We got something to eat, and rested for that day.

The next day, I equipped myself with fighting tools, plenty of dry powder, round lead and pocket compass, for an expedition into the Indian lands. I walked toward what is now called Ketchum's Point, kept along the dry land toward Mud Lake, turned a little north, to the marsh below what we now call Silver Lake, crossed the quagmire northward, and went to the westerly side of the lake. Here I found a splendid woods and pretty good soil, north and west of this fine sheet of clear water. Why not pitch on this spot? thought I to myself. I wandered till toward evening round about the woods, meeting some Indians and wild game, and returned finally, wet and tired, to the hospice in the marsh.

Next day, Mr. Slifer, the young Yankee, and I started out prospecting into the Indian land, and stayed several days in the woods. We got pretty deep into it, finally astray, about the big slough and general chaos thereabouts. We slept in the woods and went next day in a southerly direction, across a seemingly endless marsh, miry swamps and low, thick woods. At last we came, toward midnight, about twelve miles above the portage to the Wisconsin River, but did not know at that time where we were. It must be the Wisconsin River, and sure enough it was. It was the first time I got sight of the grand river of much movable sand. We had shot two raccoons during the day, and I tried to eat some nasty coon's flesh, but could not get it down. Early next day, I marched down along the shore of the river through the awfulest woods, slough, abominable quagmires and tall cutgrass, which was swarming full of hungry mosquitoes. My hands, face and neck became one smear of blood, sweat and black mud in the struggle. At last, about noon, I reached dry land, at what we now call Prospect Hill. Passing along this eminence on the shore of the river, I came to that heavy-timbered infernal corner, where now old Mr. Leach resides, and where Mr. William Armstrong's brickyard is. There in that wild nook of hill, slough and morass, I noticed a cadaverous smell, some human hair, rags, traces of clotted blood and a grave of recent date in the dark woods. I felt somewhat uncomfortable, shivered some, and with fleet steps made my exit from the dismal place. Coming pretty soon to that other dark nest of timber and slough, where now Mr. Valentine Helman's house is, I came again into the mud. The big timber reached in a slough, at that time, to where now John Burchhard lives, on Wisconsin street. Finally I came to dryer land covered with young black-oak woods, and met, about the place where now Peter Neiss' brick house stands, a few boards stuck up, behind which I discovered a woman, an old stove and a few barrels. No doubt I looked like a hard case, for the poor woman was much scared when she got sight of me. I told her not to be afraid. "Have you anything to eat?" I asked. She said, "Yes, I have some pork in that barrel there, and some bread." I told her to quickly cook some, for I was very hungry. I ate about three pounds of half-raw pork and some doughy fresh bread. I offered her some money, but she refused to take it. This good woman was Barney Cook's first wife, afterward the wife of Peter Neiss. I asked the woman how far it was to Fort Winnebago. She said, "I don't know, but I think, it is only a few miles." I could not see far for the heavy

\*The Grecian water god.

Wisconsin River slough-timber full of drifted logs, slabs, lumber and all kinds of muss, about ten feet high in some places, reached about to where now Main street meets the canal at Portage. Somewhere along the hills, in the neighborhood where Hettinger's brewery now stands, I got sight of the fort buildings. I felt relief. In a short time, I entered the comfortable hostelry, the old Franklin House. "O, my God!" exclaimed Ashlum, the keeper of the house, "I thought you were dead." I said, "I guess not yet." "Where is Mr. Slifer and the other young man?" I said, "The young man is a little behind me, but he may soon turn up." And he did after awhile. Mr. Slifer came another route through the woods, and appeared also toward evening.

Next day, being the third time of my going out in the woods, I went to Silver Lake again, taking an ax with me, and made then and there at the very place where I now reside my claim, with a settled determination of the black hussar sort—"victory or death." I marked out what I called 160 acres, cutting my name on the trees. I chopped one tree down (which blistered my hands), cut some underbrush away and knelt down and passed through my mind the Lord's Prayer. Meanwhile, a beautiful bird flew over my head—of good omen, thought I. Subsequently, I built me a tight and snug log house, 14x18 feet, with one door and one window, sash 8x10 inch glass. I built my log house all alone. Nobody would nor could help me. Now and henceforth, I commenced work in earnest, chopping, digging, rooting, burning and clearing up general chaos around; frequently went hunting for game, of which there was plenty, and for other provender.

When I came to the Indian lands in 1849, I had cash, \$150. My dear mother sent to me, in the years 1849 and 1850, \$130 cash, and, in May, 1850, a chest containing tools and clothing from Philadelphia. Late in the fall of 1849, I surveyed the town line from the southeast corner stake of Sec. 33, Town 13, Range 9, and ran it westward into the Indian land four miles, or four sections, for the purpose of getting my claim fixed as near as possible according to the Government survey. I found it to be nearly correct, when finally the lands of the Menomonee Purchase were surveyed by order of the Government in the summer of 1851. I had already, in 1851, about 40 acres fenced and 20 under good cultivation, which can be seen marked on the original maps of the United States survey of 1851.

In December, 1849, I measured the depth of the water of Silver Lake, and found the westerly part, deepest measurement, sixty-two feet; and the easterly part, deepest measurement, twenty-two feet. During the first years of my living here, Silver Lake used to be lower in summer-time than it is now. The marsh at the easterly end of the lake was of a very loose and swampy nature—a perfect quagmire; high wire-grass and reeds grew there. When the road was built across this marsh, in 1851 and 1852, it took large quantities of log timber, brush and earth to make it passable. Still it sunk and remained very aqueous for years, needing fixing and filling up. It dammed Silver Lake up considerable, I think in the summer-time over two feet; for I could go on my marsh westward, joining Silver Lake, safe with a horse-team in the summer time, before the road we now call pinery road was there. The waters of Silver Lake were full of fish of fine quality. I caught some weighing thirty-two pounds. In the spring and fall time, its surface was sometimes covered with various kinds of wild ducks and other water-fowls. At times, I would throw a stone into the lake, and a cloud of wild ducks would rise above me to fire into, and sometimes a dozen or so would come down with a bounce to my feet, on dry land—plenty of fun.

In the fall of 1849, some prospectors, travelers and some actual settlers appeared at Ft. Winnebago and vicinity. Some traders put up at the fort, and a few, with a very small stock, built shanties at the portage in the woods. Next year and henceforth, dickering and merchancing improved considerable. The place at present called the city of Portage was nicknamed "Gaugeville" for awhile, because a "hard set" had gathered there. In 1850, a good many excellent settlers came to the Indian lands and made homes; also a lot of quasi and sham settlers made their appearance hereabouts—the worst kind of settlers in a new country. But, after all, all of them together, myself included, made up a population good enough for this wilderness; and the consequences were and are, what you see now, dear reader—grand city of Portage, with first-rate people therein and thereabouts.

I cannot give you an adequate representation of the privations and pleasures of frontier settler life, or an understanding of its reality. Still, I will give you a little of my experience. We hear of military and pinery roads. Where do they lead to? Green Bay and the pinery. Just as good, as far as you are concerned, as leading to nowhere; they are only tracks through the dark, wild woods and grassy wilderness, scarcely recognizable when you see or meet them. There were some Indian trails, but leading to nowhere in particular. Wherever you went into the woods, swamps, etc., you came

in contact with big grass, underbrush, rotting debris, water and mire, very uncomfortable to get through in wet weather. Lucky was he who had an ax, handsaw and hatchet to build a hut for shelter; and also a gun and plenty of ammunition. There was danger of ugly Indians; there was also plenty of wild game to be had. Fish, wild-fowls, deer and coons were abundant. I sometimes met with eight or more deer in one drove. Such common things as salt, bread and potatoes were luxuries if you could get hold of any, but to do so was not very easy. You had to eat the wild, natural provender in the best way you knew how to prepare it; sometimes in a very insipid way, with yellow marsh or lake water for drink, and nothing else most of the time. At night-time you heard all kinds of queer noises of wild animals, and sometimes the terrific screeching of Indians. Red foxes were plenty around here. Oftentimes they used to bark at night around my log house. One time, early in the morning, I went hunting and came on the ice of the Wisconsin River, a little above prospect Prospect Hill, near a heavy-timbered island, where I found myself at once surrounded by nine or ten big red foxes barking at me like ugly dogs. At another time, I came to a part of my claim which I called the Hirsch Dell; there, only about six feet from me, arose from out of the underbrush a monstrous deer, heavily built, the size of a stout three-year-old heifer, with very short, strong legs, enormous antlers and large, fierce eyes. The beast stared at me, with defiance, and did not budge for some time. I had with me a double-barrel gun—one barrel rifle, loaded with bullet, and the other barrel being for shot, was loaded with big shot. Instantly, I was ready for battle, the triggers cocked, and sharply facing the wild beast. By-and-by, it moved a little backward from me. I also moved a little backward. So we continued moving from time to time further apart, till the deer was about five rods distant from me, when it turned around and trotted off. I felt relieved when I got so easily rid of the monster. There were various kinds of snakes—rattlesnakes included. I have killed thousands in the spring and summer time, often averaging a few hundred a day. The worst pests were the different species of ants. My land was full of these troublesome insects. Numerous ant-heaps stood like large beehives in every direction. By burning out their haunts, I finally subdued that tormenting animal in some degree. Countless gophers, who would root out my new-planted crops, had also to be destroyed; but the greatest danger to the frontier settler were the unexpected and disastrous wood and prairie fires when they came with a strong blast of wind.

Among the oldest, permanent and solid settled men of the city of Portage, whom I now call to mind, were and are, including some that are dead—Henry Merrill, William Armstrong, Dr. Prentice, J. J. Guppey, H. T. Haskell, Valentine Helmann, James Collins, W. R. Clough, Solomon Leech, John Graham, Anton Klenert, Bemos Pixley, George Thakell and Alex. Carnagie.

The 12th day of February, 1850, I married Miss Louisa Slifer (the marriage taking place on her 20th birthday); she was born at the village of Trappe, Montgomery Co., State of Pennsylvania; her father, Samuel Slifer, had taken up the next claim, westward of my claim on Silver Lake, for a homestead, on the Indian land. My wife's parents, Mr. Samuel Slifer and his wife (her maiden name being Esther Scholl) of Pennsylvania, were descendants of the Palatinate emigrants of the seventeenth century, in the time of Louis the XIV. ("Grand Louis," His Most Christian Majesty, King of France, devastating poor South Germany with his infamous infernal dogs, like Turenne, Melac and Montelus, at a fearful rate; worse than the Huns and Mongolians.)

Squire S. Van Slyke, a young man, tied the "connubial knot," a little, young lawyer, a Mr. Soop, being witness. It happened in front of Mr. Slifer's log house, at Silver Lake, on the sod (being very fine weather), and under the "canopy of heaven." Here is the statement of the genuine document:

STATE OF WISCONSIN, }  
COLUMBIA COUNTY. } ss.

*Be it Remembered*—That at Fort Winnebago, in said County (being in the Woods), on the 12th day of February, 1850, Mr. Conrad Collipp and Miss Louisa Slifer were duly joined in marriage by me.

S. VAN SLYKE,  
*Justice of the Peace.*

This, our marriage, was, I believe, the first legal marriage of white man and woman kind on the Indian lands, hereabouts. Momentous destiny! Glorious, independent bachelorhood now gone—evaporated to zero. The desperate plunge of life had now been made forever. I must confess I dreaded, in an uneasy, anticipative way, the so-called burden, care and slavery of married life. But be it said by me, the very reverse became the fact in my case; happiness, success, and entire contentment henceforth to this day.

God blessed our marriage with eleven children; eight girls and three sons; all born at Silver Lake. Jennie Octavia, was born the 8th of December, 1837, and was married to W. W. Lloyd the 27th of August, 1857; Louise Anna was born the 29th of January, 1838, and was married to D. C. Treadway the 15th of September, 1857; Sophia Augusta was born the 3d of November, 1839; Lydia Amanda was born the 24th of November, 1840, and was married to W. A. Krause the 22d of November, 1857; Katie, or Catharina, was born the 9th of December, 1841; Christine Elise was born the 20th of March, 1842, she died at the age of 12 years and 4 months, the 20th of July, 1854; she was a highly gifted girl. (I took the shock as calmly as possible, but it commenced to turn my hairs gray. Grim death had shot the center out of my dear children.) Lilly Ruth was born the 22d of January, 1843; Washington was born the 21st of February, 1844; Horace was born the 13th of May, 1845; Platon was born the 9th of May, 1849; Hildegard was born the 31st of May, 1850.

September the 9th, 1852, I received one part of my land, as a first actual settler, according to the pre-emption laws of 1842, at the Menasha land office. The other part, Oct. 20, 1852, under the same law, at the Oshkosh land office; it being 160 acres; more or less, in Sec. 31, Township 13, Range 9, and the east part of Lot 2, Sec. 6, Township 12, Range 9. In 1854, I rented land to Jürgens & Dreyer, for the manufacturing of brick. In 1855, they started the brickyard and ran it till 1865. In 1866, I took the brickyard myself and ran it, with good success, till 1875. Since 1878, the brickyard has been run by Affelt & Gonten.

In April, 1855, a wood fire swept like a hurricane in a terrible devastating manner over my land. I lost 90 cords of newly chopped wood, 110 rods of rail fence and many large trees, which stood like burning spires, and would come down at last with an awful crash. All my land, except the cultivated parts, looked like a black, dreary waste. I felt pretty rough at the time. The season of planting had arrived, but now my fields lay open. Matters, however, mended, and everything went on as smoothly as ever. In July, 1856, I laid out a road, four rods in width, over the center of Collipp's Point, from the narrowest part of Silver Lake northward to the town line, and from thence westward four rods in width on the town line to the one-quarter line, meeting there the land I had sold to Hon. J. J. Guppey, through which we had formerly fixed the road more westward. In the spring of 1859, Hon. J. J. Guppey, Charles Hærtel and I built a bridge, about twelve rods in length, over the narrowest part of Silver Lake. The first team drove over the bridge May 11, 1859. My part of the expense was \$250 and one month's work with team. In 1874, the city of Portage took charge of the bridge as a public highway, and, in the winter of 1875, built an earth dam across the same place, where the bridge had stood. In 1875, I dedicated the same road I had laid out in 1851 to the city of Portage as a public highway. It was named Collipp avenue.

In the years of 1853 and 1854, I built a frame house, 14x22, and, in 1855, a barn, 20x30 feet, on my land on Lot 2, Sec. 6, Town 12, Range 9. A little east of these buildings, I built, in 1858, a convenient, solid brick house, two stories high above ground, and basement and cellars below. This building is 32x32 feet, with wing 20x22 feet. Since August, 1858, we have resided in this house.

Since 1854, I have planted a great many fruit trees, vines, ornamental trees and shrubbery, and we have had, since 1858, most every year plenty of apples, grapes, berries, etc. In 1869, I built, on Cook street, in the city of Portage, a brick store, twenty-two feet wide by seventy-five feet long, two stories high, with cellar under the whole building. In 1875, I built an addition of forty feet in length thereto, making the store now 115 feet long, now rented to Parry & Muir, who keep a large dry-goods establishment. I have been several times Assessor of the city of Portage; and have been of late years one of the city School Commissioners and County Supervisor of the Fifth Ward, and been elected to the last named offices again, this spring of 1880.

Dear reader, God has blessed all our family (excepting the sickness and death of one of our children) since our commencement, and onward till now with good health and plenty, thank God!

**JONAS CONKLIN**, son of Samuel and Margaret Conklin, was born in the town of Conklin, Broome Co., N. Y. His grandfather was the first settler there; his parents came to Fox Lake, Dodge Co., Wis., in the fall of 1846, remained there one year, and in 1847 removed to Courtland, Columbia Co., where his father died May 11, 1861; his mother is now living, and resides with a daughter, Mrs. Matilda Rockwell, at Fox Lake. Mr. Conklin came to Wisconsin in 1845, to Fort Winnebago; he spent seven months in the pineries of Portage Co., in 1846, then coming back, he worked for Henry Merrell, in the stone and lumber business, most of his time for seven years; he bought land in the town of Courtland, Sec. 3, Township 12, Range 12, 40 acres, and 40 acres of timber in Sec. 26, the first purchased in that township in 1846, next spring buying 40 acres more on Sec. 3, and at the present time he owns 100 acres located on Sec. 3, 20 acres on Sec. 26, and 40

acres on Sec. 33, all in the same town. Mr. Conklin was engaged in buying produce and furs most of the time for about fifteen years; he had charge of the canal here for about five years, and was engaged winters in freighting between this point and Milwaukee, while he had charge of the canal; although at present a resident of Portage, he owns and carries on his farm in the town of Courtland. He was Assessor of that town nine years in succession, and held various other offices in that town; he was elected Sheriff in 1878. He was married in the old Fort Winnebago, to Frances L. Shipley; she was born at Potsdam, N. Y.; they have three daughters—Frances J., Ella E. and Lula Belle.

**W. W. CORNING**, son of Warren Corning, Jr., and Rhoda (Prouty) Corning; his father died at Mentor, Lake Co., Ohio, in September, 1834; his mother is still living in Mentor, aged 78 years. The subject of this sketch was born in Mentor Aug. 29, 1829; in 1848, he went to Newark, Licking Co., Ohio, where he resided two years, going thence to Hebron in 1850, and remaining there until 1854; from there he removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he lived until 1856; going to Nashville, Tenn., in this year, he remained until the spring of 1857, returning to Licking Co.; in October, 1858, he came to Portage, and in March, 1859, engaged in the hardware business at his present location, corner of Wisconsin and Cook streets. Mr. Corning has been Mayor of Portage City two terms, and served as Alderman for many years; in 1872, he was a member of the Assembly, and is now a County Commissioner. He was married at Loveland, Ohio, Dec. 20, 1854, to Cornelia E. Smith; she was born in Cincinnati Dec. 3, 1836; they have five children—Anna M., born in Hebron, Ohio, now Mrs. S. E. Arnold, of Germantown, Juneau Co., Wis.; Nellie R., William Smith, Mary L. and Bella T., born in Portage. Mr. Corning is a member of the A., F. & A. M. Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and of the A. O. U. W.

**AGNES N. CORNWELL**, born in Windsor, Vt., in 1820; her life-work has been teaching; she was educated in the Amherst Female Seminary and at Wilbraham Academy, Massachusetts; her first teaching was with her two brothers in a select school at Newton, Sussex Co., N. J. She was married in 1842 to Elijah C. Butz, who died in 1842, at Southport (now Kenosha), where he was in mercantile business; they had one daughter—Carrie A., who is now married and living in New Jersey; in 1847, Mrs. Cornwell taught the first school in Columbus, Wis.; in 1850, she came to Portage and opened a select school with seven pupils, in the old McFarland warehouse. In 1853, she married Lyman Cornwell, and soon afterward went to California and returned in 1857, on the death of her brother; before returning to California, they built the house where she now resides. Mr. Cornwell died in California in the year 1869; she owns her cozy home and also has considerable unimproved land in the State. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church; she was a competent and conscientious teacher, and her faithfulness is attested by many grateful pupils.

**MISS ANNA CROAK**, chief dining-room girl at the Corning House, was born in Portage in 1858, and has lived all her life in this county. She is a Catholic; she is the veteran employe of the hotel, having worked under the Fox administration about three years; her quick step and pleasant smile are remembered by myriads of well-fed patrons of the Corning House.

**G. J. COX** was born in Minnisink, Orange Co., N. Y., Aug. 4, 1832; when G. J. was 5 years of age, his father, Calvin Cox, moved to Montrose, Susquehanna Co., Penn., where he died when the subject of this sketch was a small boy. His mother, Margaret L., now 75 years of age, still resides at Montrose. Mr. C. came to Wisconsin, locating at Wyocena, in 1854; he remained there a little over a year, when he came to Portage and engaged in teaching until the year 1858; having studied law before coming West, he commenced the practice of his profession in 1858, and has since continued the business of lawyer. In 1861, he was elected County Judge, of Marquette Co.; from 1862 to 1868, was Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue; in the years 1874 and 1875, was City Superintendent of Schools, and Alderman of Third Ward in 1879 and 1880. Mr. Cox was married at Wyocena, Oct. 31, 1855, to Eliza A. Wood, daughter of Rev. Nathan Wood, who came to Wyocena in 1846, and still resides there; her mother, Harriet Wood, died there Sept. 4, 1847, being the first person ever interred in the cemetery of that place; they have five children—Edward E., Hubert H., Margaret C., Mabel A. and Mary Alice. Mrs. Cox was born at Stockbridge, Madison Co., N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. C. and son are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Cox is a member of the lodge of I. O. O. F. of this city.

**GEORGE CURTIS, Jr.**, attorney at law, was born at Brecksville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, Dec. 18, 1851; followed the business of farming and teaching school until November, 1876, when he began the study of law at Madison, Wis. Mr. Curtis has been in the practice of his profession at Portage since July 1, 1877. He was married at Lindina, Juneau Co., Wis., Dec. 24, 1876, to Alycia M. M. Gregory, daughter of Ezra and Martha Gregory, now residents of Glendale, Monroe

Co., Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have two children—George G., born May, 1878, and an infant son, born in February, 1880. Mr. Curtis was elected Justice of the Peace in April, 1880.

**HENRY HALE CURTIS**, attorney at law, was born at Brecksville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, Dec. 15, 1848; removed from there with his parents, George and Elizabeth Curtis, in 1856, to Mauston, Juneau Co., Wis., where they still reside. In 1875, he entered the law office of Winsor & Veeder, at Mauston. Mr. C. followed farming and school teaching; in 1867, he entered the Law Department of the State University, at Madison, from which he graduated in the class of 1870, and in July of that year came to Portage and began the practice of law; while in Juneau Co., Mr. C. was Court Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk and the incumbent of other local offices. He was married at Lemonweir, Juneau Co., Oct. 11, 1871, to M. E., daughter of John McNowa, who was killed at the battle of Shiloh; they have three children—Alfred S., born September, 1871; Norman P., born February, 1875, and Nathan, born December, 1877.

**DANIEL J. DALTON** was born in the town of Springvale, Columbia Co., Wis., Aug. 14, 1853; son of Thomas J. and Mary A. Dalton, residents of Juneau Co., Wis.; entered Mauston High School at the age of 17; afterward attended the commercial college and State University at Madison; began teaching school winters at the age of 18; studied law while teaching, and afterward read law with J. B. Tayler, and was admitted to the bar in May, 1879. Mr. D. began practicing law in Portage in August, 1879; he is also in the insurance business; he is a member of the Guppy Guards, and attorney for the company.

**JOHN R. DALTON** was born at York, England, in January, 1835; came to America in 1849, locating at Buffalo, N. Y., for six months, after which he settled at Milwaukee, where he resided until 1854. In Milwaukee, Mr. D. attended school and learned his trade, that of a mason. In 1854, he came to Portage, which has since been his home. He was married, in Portage, to Emily Ellis, born in England; they have two children living—Reginald G. and George C. Mr. D. is a member of the lodge of A., F. & A. M. They have lost one infant child.

**HENRY J. DARTON**, freight engineer, C., M. & St. P. R. R.; born September, 1852, at Hartford, Wis.; his father was one of the earliest settlers of Hartford, his nearest neighbors then being nine miles distant; began railroad life in the summer of 1869 as fireman on C., M. & St. P. R. R., and was promoted to charge of engine in August, 1876, and has "run" continuously to date. Was married, July 21, 1878, to Miss Alice Dean, a niece of R. E. McMillan, a leading lumberman of Oshkosh, Wis.; they have one son—Harry Irving, born Jan. 4, 1880. On the 27th of April, 1879, he was seriously injured by an exploding torpedo on the track, near which he was standing. A fragment of the shell is still in the wounded leg. His run is on the Northern Division. He is well spoken of by "the boys."

**JOHN B. DASSI** was born in Lombardy, Italy, Feb. 11, 1825; emigrated to Germany in 1840, and to America in 1850; located in Milwaukee, and engaged in peddling two years; removed to Portage Nov. 6, 1854, having purchased property here in 1851; erected a residence in 1856; returned to Milwaukee in 1863, and engaged in clerking until 1869; removed to Portage, and, in 1870, engaged in present business. He was elected Justice of the Peace from 1876 to 1880; Alderman, from 1871 to 1878; member of and organized the Leiderkranz Singing Society; was President of that society, and is now Secretary; was connected with the I. O. O. F. from 1856 to 1873. Mr. D. was married in Milwaukee, Nov. 15, 1852, to Barbara Dofmeyer, a native of Bavaria, born Feb. 2, 1835; came with her parents to America in 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Dassi are members of the Irish Catholic Church. Mr. D. was organist of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**WILLIAM W. DATES**. The subject of this sketch was born in the town of York, Racine Co., Wis., April 19, 1845; is the son of Abram and Polly C. Dates, who were early settlers of Racine Co.; they moved to the town of Ft. Winnebago, Columbia Co., in 1852; the father died in October, 1875, and his mother still lives on the homestead. William W.'s life was passed on a farm until he came to Portage in October, 1877, when he engaged in the flour and feed business, which business he still continues; also is one of the proprietors of the Dates' Flouring Mill, water and steam combined; owns a farm of 75 acres in Marcellon; he and his brother, George D., own the old homestead; George D. and William W., with their mother own the mill. Married Lizzie Jones in the town of Ft. Winnebago December, 1876; they have two sons—George E. and Fred.

**WILLIAM M. DAVIE**, machinist, was born 1820, in State of New Jersey; served his apprenticeship, as machinist, in New York City; from age of 12 to 18, was a seafarer, and made several voyages as a "whaler." He was married, in 1846, to Miss Mary L. Van Sands, of New Jersey. He has been connected with the N. Y. C. and the N. Y. & N. H. R. Rs.; he came West in 1854

and was master mechanic on the C. & M. R. R. ; this was the second railroad built in the State ; in 1873, he settled in Portage, where he still resides ; has worked for many different railroads, but is now in employ of C., M. & St. P. as machinist. Has three children—Mary E., William C. and Winnefred E. ; his daughter is now wife of T. T. Rhodes, and resides in Kansas. Owns a pleasant residence next to the "little brown church on the corner," situated on Wisconsin street ; he is a natural mechanic and a genial citizen.

**MORTON E. DAVIS**, freight conductor on St. P. R. R., was born in Madison Co., N. Y., in 1848 ; came West in 1856 and lived three years in Walworth Co., Wis. ; in 1859, moved to Hardin Co., Iowa ; his father was a real-estate speculator ; in 1860, he made Beloit his home ; spent nearly four years in Milton College, and graduated therefrom in 1864 ; in 1867 and 1868, he tried the business of buying, training and selling horses ; for the work he has taste and ability—seldom misjudges the capabilities of a horse. In 1868, he married Miss Euphemia L. Vincent, daughter of Christopher Vincent, of Rock County. He tried the livery business first in Edgerton, and then in Chicago ; the fearful epizootic in 1873 found him at 609 and 611 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, in livery, with large stock of fine horses,—the result was bankruptcy ; his railroad life began as brakeman in the fall of 1874, on the Wisconsin Division of the C. & N. ; this he continued till the fall of 1875, when he tried his hand at the horse business again ; bought some fine Kentucky stock and trained them, and did well, until a mishap in September, 1876, set him back again ; then immediately went to braking again, on Sept. 15, 1876, for the C., M. & St. P. R. R., and after one year's experience, was given charge of the same train, which he still retains ; no accident has ever happened to his train ; he has had even another "horse experience ;" in 1865, he had a first-class training stable at Milton, Wis. ; had seventeen horses in charge, and all of them "fast ;" with the best of these, he made the eastern circuit two seasons ; his affliction this time was that of having "two much partner ;" he is now confining his attention to the "iron horse ;" has three children—Minnie E., born in 1872 ; Jesse M. in 1875, and Susie Burdick, called "Birdie," born in 1878 ; his parents live with him ; Mr. Davis is an Ancient, Free & Accepted Mason and a Knight of Pythias ; although a thoroughbred horseman, he was never intoxicated ; is devoted to his family, but has a lingering love for the "horse ;" is social, popular and respected.

**CHAS. L. DERING**. The subject of this sketch was born in Sunbury, Penn., Dec. 3, 1836, and came to Wisconsin in the spring of 1849, locating at New Diggings, LaFayette Co. ; lived there until the fall of 1863 ; is the son of Charles and Maria M. Dering ; his mother died at New Diggings in 1859, and his father died in Texas in 1875 ; the year 1863, he came with his father to Columbus, this county ; April 19, 1861, Chas. L. enlisted in Co. I, 3d W. V. I., at Shullsburg, entering the service as a private ; was first Color Sergeant of his regiment, and afterward Sergeant Major ; then promoted to 2d Lieutenant of Co. I ; again promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and mustered out as 1st Lieutenant of Co. B, July 24, 1863 ; was in all the battles his regiment participated in, until he was wounded at the battle of Cedar Mountain, Aug. 9, 1862 ; Mr. Dering was educated at Platteville Academy, Wis., graduating from that institution in 1855 ; also spent one year at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., and on account of ill health was obliged to leave college before completing his course ; had taught school several terms before entering college, and one term afterward ; then commenced the study of law in Shullsburg, in the spring of 1858, and admitted to the bar in the fall of 1859 ; engaged in the practice of his profession, at Columbus, with Gerry W. Hazleton, and remained with him twelve years ; in 1875, dissolved partnership ; in November, 1878, in connection with Mr. Smith, purchased the abstract business of Alverson & Yule, and continued his practice in Columbus, until the spring of 1879 ; still continues to practice here ; also engaged in abstract and insurance business ; was U. S. Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue from 1864 to 1866 ; was Village Clerk from the organization of Columbus, in 1864, to the time of city incorporation ; then served one year as City Clerk ; Supervisor of Second Ward one term ; afterward, Supervisor from Third Ward one term ; winter of 1867, was Assistant Sargeant-at-Arms of State Senate ; member of School Board four years before the city incorporation ; three years member of Board of Education ; elected to State Senate in the fall of 1878. Mr. Dering was married at Waterford, Erie Co., Penn., Oct. 7, 1874, to S. Ada Maxwell ; she was born in Chenango Co., N. Y. ; have two children—Jesse G. and Irma.

**CHARLES DEVLIN**, engineer on C., M. & St. P. R. R., was born Nov. 4, 1840, near Dublin, Ireland ; when a mere lad, he had a great desire to travel, and studied navigation with enthusiasm ; he went to Canada in 1854, clerked nearly two years, and in 1856, began work in the machine shop of the Great Western Railway of Canada ; he was afterward a fireman, and was promoted to the charge of an engine in 1861, which he ran until 1867 ; for a year and a half he

represented Neyland & Co., Jefferson, Texas, as salesman for all leading kinds of country produce; afterward he ran a stationary engine, at Sedalia, Mo.; then was with the A. & N. R. R. about a year and a half, and then the same length of time with the P. & Ft. W. R. R.; was then a year in the C. & N. W. Ry. shops; in July, 1873, he engaged as engineer on the C., M. & St. P. R. R., and has been in continuous service to date; he was married on the 3d of January, 1876, to Miss Lucy Horning, a resident of Portage, born in 1848; they have one child, Kitty Maud, born Oct. 31, 1876. The family are Catholics. She was fifteen years in the employ of W. D. Fox, at the Railroad House, as chief cook; he is a member of the "Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers;" no one was ever injured on his train; he is a Liberal Democrat; this season he has erected a fine brick residence on the corner of Dunn and Marion streets.

**CHARLES C. DOW**, Postmaster; was born in Piermont, Grafton Co., N. H., June 2, 1836; lived in New Hampshire until he came to Wisconsin in 1856, and located in Portage, engaging in clerking in a hardware store for Josiah Arnold about one year, and clerked in other stores until April 9, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Co. G, 2d W. V. I.; was in the first and second battles of Bull Run, battles of the Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and all the other engagements that his regiment was engaged in, except South Mountain and Antietam; was wounded and disabled at the first and second battles of Bull Run, and was mustered out June 30, 1864, as First Lieutenant commanding the company, having had command of the company more than a year prior to this time; returning to Portage, but remaining only a few weeks; went to Gulf Department with the 21st Iowa; in the fall of 1865, he returned to Portage, and clerked in the County Clerk's office for a year; he then clerked in a dry goods store, until 1867; then with W. W. Corning until he went to Madison with Secretary of State L. Breese; remained with him four years; returned to Portage, and has been connected with the U. S. postal service since, on the C., M. & St. P. R. R., until he received an appointment of Postmaster, in the spring of 1880. He was married in Portage, Dec. 16, 1867, to Annie E. Jones; they have three children—W. Corning, Carrie Louisa and Charles Homer. Mr. Dow is a member of the A., F. & A. M., and a Knight Templar.

**THOMAS W. DREW** was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England, July 4, 1839, and resided there until coming to Portage in the spring of 1855; in 1856, he commenced clerking for O. Ward, with whom he remained three years; then going into the grocery business himself, which he continued until the breaking-out of the war of the rebellion, when he enlisted in Co. A, 2d Ill. L. A., in April, 1861, and served four and a half years in the same company and regiment; was in all the battles his regiment participated in; was with Gen. Grant when he was a Colonel; participated in the Vicksburg and Red River campaigns, serving as a private; was mustered out in the fall of 1865, and returned to Portage and resumed business as a grocer, which he continued alone until March, 1879, when Mr. Pugh was admitted to partnership in the grocery business, Mr. Drew dealing in farmers' produce in addition to his other business. He was married in Portage, Feb 1, 1868, to Minnie Williamson; she was born in Canada; they have four children—Jennie, Minnie, Della and Lillie.

**GEORGE W. DUSENBURY** was born in Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y., July 27, 1851; son of Morgan H. and Almira Dusenbury, who came to Pardeeville when the subject of this sketch was about 8 years old, and where his boyhood days were passed upon his father's farm, located four miles east of Pardeeville, also lived in the village a short time; then coming to Portage, he attended school for a year, when he went into the employ of the C., M. & St. P. R. R., and has continued with the company to the present time, with the exception of one year. Married Morgie A. Thompson, a native of Rhode Island, Oct. 22, 1873, at Pardeeville; they have two children—Ovie V. and Barte. Mr. D. is a member of A., F. & A. M., with the degree of Knight Templar.

**JOHN DULLAGHAN** was born in County Louth, Ireland, Nov. 23, 1831; came to America in 1850; was in New York City for a short time; removed to South Carolina in 1851, and to Charleston, S. C., in the spring of 1852, and returned to New York same spring; he then went to the Isthmus of Panama and worked for the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. at what is known as Navy Bay, working for the company eleven months, building piers, etc; April, 1853, he went to California and remained there mining until 1858, when he returned to Europe, where he was married July 5, 1858, to Ann McShean, County Armagh, Ireland, a native of that county; they have seven children—James Joseph, Stephen M., John, Mary Ann, Margaret, Edward and Elizabeth; was engaged in Newry, County Armagh, Ireland, in the grocery and provision business, there ten years; when he came to Wisconsin in 1868 and located in Portage; engaged in the business of grocery and liquor dealer, etc., since coming here, and has remained in it ever since. Mr. and Mrs. D. are members of St. Mary's Church, and of St. John's Literary and Benevolent Association.

**WILLIAM MARSHAL EDWARDS** (drug clerk with John Graham); was born in Milwaukee, March 15, 1850; son of Samuel and Sarah (Keene) Edwards; came to Portage with his parents in 1851; in 1860, removed to Winona, where he lived until 1867; commenced learning the drug business with his father in Winona in 1864; has been with Mr. Graham since 1867. Married in Portage, Sept. 5, 1875, to Lizzie J. Baxter, daughter of D. R. Baxter, of Sauk Co. Mr. Edwards is a member of three branches of the Masonic Order, the Lodge, Chapter and Commandry.

**WILLIAM EDWARDS**, lock-tender on the Portage Canal, which connects the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers; he was born in Wales Oct. 15, 1830; his parents came to the United States in 1832, and settled in Deerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y., where they resided until their death. He was married in March, 1855, to Miss Johanna C. Gray, of Deerfield, N. Y.; in March, 1855, they came to Portage, and this county has been their home to present date, 1880; he lived seven years on a farm near Portage; on Sept. 22, 1864, he enlisted in Co. B, 22d W. V. I.; he was on detached duty until the close of the war; soon after the war, was nearly two years in railroad service as foreman at the yards in Portage, of C., M. & St. Paul R. R.; he was then night watchman in Portage for eight years, and was then City Marshal two years; has been nearly two years in charge of Government interests on the canal, with the nominal appointment of lock-tender; he has been thoroughly identified with the growth and improvement of Portage. He is a Republican, but has held office ten years in Portage, which is a Democratic city; they have no children. Himself and wife are members of the M. E. Church. Owns an attractive home on Cook street.

**HENRY EMDER** is a native of Prussia, born Aug. 27, 1831; came to America May 1, 1850; was in New York and Boston until he came to Milwaukee, in 1851, where he remained until 1853; then removed to Madison, where he resided until 1855, when he came to Portage. Was engaged in the railway business before coming to this city. From 1855 to 1858, was clerk in a grocery; since in the hotel business; was proprietor of the National Hotel for ten years. In 1870, erected his elegant hotel, which he has successfully managed up to present time. Mr. E. was married in Milwaukee, July 23, 1854, to Pauline Arsand; she was born in Prussia. They have five children—Louisa, Emma, Paulina, George W. and Charlie H. Is one of the oldest members of the I. O. O. F.; also member of Leidekrantz Society.

**MRS. REBECCA L. EMERTON**, widow of Thomas J. Emerton; was born May 15, 1810, in Northfield, Merrimac Co., N. H.; she is daughter of Benjamin and Lucy Hoegg Rogers. She was educated in the public schools of her native town, and taught several terms before her marriage. She was married Feb. 23, 1833, to Thomas J. Emerton, of Grafton Co., N. H. He was born March 15, 1805; he was a successful farmer in the East, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens; held several town offices, and was several times elected to the Legislature. In 1851, the family came to Fort Winnebago and bought the farm which he carried on seventeen years; in 1868, he moved to Westfield, Marquette Co., where he died on the 14th of January, 1870, leaving one daughter and two sons—Benjamin J., born Jan. 19, 1835; Lucy R., born Sept. 21, 1838, and Andrew J., born Aug. 24, 1841. Her daughter married Robert Cochrane, and lives in Portage; her sons are married, and are farming in Fort Winnebago. She owns some real estate in Wisconsin and a pleasant home on Conant street; her young granddaughter resides with her. She is a Presbyterian. She is threescore and ten, and is cheerfully nearing the sunset land.

**FRANK B. ERNSPERGER**, merchant, Opera House; born Oct. 14, 1838, in Rockford, Wood Co., Ohio. His parents are of Swiss ancestry. Began commercial life as a dry-goods clerk, at age of 14; after 1841, his parents lived in Sandusky Co., Ohio; at age of 20, he located in Fulton Co., Ind., and continued as salesman; in 1861, he went into trade for himself, at Rochester, Ind., with a large stock of general merchandise. He was married in May, 1861, to Miss Mary A. Lyon, formerly of Pennsylvania. He had a large trade for many years, being the leading house of the city, and doing both a retail and a jobbing trade; he closed his business there in 1879, and opened business in Portage on 1st of January, 1880, in the elegant Opera House Store; keeps good stock of dry goods, boots, shoes, and hats and caps. Has four children—Lillie V., Cecil R., Laura M. and Edgar B. He is a member of I. O. O. F., and is a Royal Arch Mason. Is a thorough temperance man and an active Methodist. Previous to 1880, his history was connected with another State, but he is rapidly becoming identified with the city wherein are his commercial interests and his chosen home.

**CHRISTIAN P. ETEN** was born at Muffendorf, Rhine Prussia, March 31, 1839; was educated as a musician, and served in the military band of the Prussian Third Grenadier Guard. After leaving that, he played one year at home, and then came to America, arriving in Chicago in

March, 1864, where he remained three years; lived at Rockford two years, and then came to Portage, where he has since resided, except one year spent in Madison, teaching music and as organist of St. Raphael's Church, which position he still holds. He teaches vocal and instrumental music. He was married at Kenosha, Wis., March 5, 1866, to Amelia Toemmel, who was born in Mering, Prussia, Nov. 1, 1847. They have six children—Fannie, born in Rockford; Lizzie, John B., Mary B., Albert, and Emma L. M., born in Portage; Joseph, died in Chicago, aged 5 months. They are members of the Catholic Church.

**MARTIN FARRAR**, passenger engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway; was born in April, 1836, in Vermont. He began railroad life at the age of 19, as fireman on the Rutland & Washington Railway, and he continued with that road eight years, the last one of which was as engineer. He was married, in 1862, to Miss Hannah Driscoll, of Vermont; came West in May, 1863, and engaged as engineer for the St. Paul Road, and lived in Milwaukee till 1866, when he moved to Portage, where he still resides and continues in the engineer service. He has one son, born October, 1865, and named George. Mr. Farrar belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; his neighbors report him as a reliable, candid man; his residence is No. 28 Franklin street.

**EDWARD FINK** was born in Prussia Jan. 19, 1839; came to America in 1854; located in Cleveland, Ohio, one year, Sandusky two and a half years, Norwalk one year; came to Portage, Wis. April, 1859, and has since been engaged in the bakery, restaurant and confectionery business, which he began in 1854, most of the time since. Mr. F. was married at Portage, March 24, 1861, to Teresa Kettler, who was born in Prussia. They have six children living—Amarudie H., Henry L., Anna M., Willie C., Freddie E., Edward Daniel Emil; Carl, born June 19, 1872, died at the age of 4 months and 11 days.

**ALEXANDER D. FORBES**, deceased, was born in Madrid, N. Y., in 1823. He early engaged in the mercantile business in Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he remained till he came to Wisconsin in 1856. He and his brother, W. W. Forbes, engaged in general merchandising in Portage till 1870. He was married on the 7th of August, 1860, to Miss Carrie E. Baxter, of Prairie du Sac, Wis. They had four children—Frederick, born Feb. 18, 1863, and graduated, in 1880, from the high school in Portage; William R., born June 22, 1865; Carrie A., born Dec. 17, 1867; Frankie, born March 13, 1870, and died April 9, 1871. He owned a farm of 320 acres, and one of 170 acres, both in township of Arlington, Columbia Co., and a fine brick residence on Conant street, besides other real estate in the city. This property Mrs. Forbes still retains. When Mr. Forbes began business here, only three stores were in Portage. He was a careful, quiet, successful business man, attended closely to his business, and was devoted to his family. He took but little interest in politics. He was a patient sufferer for five years with consumption, and he died Jan. 12, 1871. The residence on Conant street was built and fitted up in 1865, and Mrs. Forbes and family continue to live in their pleasant homestead. No family is more highly respected.

**J. C. FORBES** was born in Aurora, Erie Co., N. Y., July 8, 1828; lived there and in the vicinity until coming to Kingston, Green Lake Co., Wis., in July, 1861, where he remained for seven years; removed to Portage in 1867, and engaged in his present business, which he still continues to follow, that of watchmaker and jeweler, the same business he has been engaged in for the last thirty years. Married in the town of Marilla, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1851, to Betsey M. Ells; she was born in Evans, Erie Co., N. Y.; they have six children living—James S., Melissa M., Henry M., Samuel L., Frederick J., and George C.—lost two children, one daughter, Amelia, who died at the age of 4 years and 5 months, and one son, Sherman, at the age of 10 months. Mr. F. is a member of the Temple of Honor.

**CHARLES FOSTER** was born at Fox Lake, Dodge Co., Wis., May 10, 1855; son of Lucius and Margaret Foster. His father was born in Watertown, N. Y., and settled in Jefferson, Jefferson Co., before the admission of Wisconsin as a State; in 1848, located at Fox Lake, and engaged in mercantile business; removed to Melrose in 1859, and carried on hotel and lumber business for seven years; then went to Sparta and engaged in the mercantile business for several years, since which time he has been farming in La Fayette, four and one-half miles from Sparta. Charles, the subject of this sketch, remained with his parents until 1875, then became connected with the railroad eating-house at Sparta, remained there one year; since that time, until Jan. 12, 1880, with W. D. Fox in the Corning House at Portage, and at present with A. E. Smith in the same house. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Foster's mother was a native of Great Bend, Penn.

**JOHN FOSTER** was born in County Antrim, Ireland, March 16, 1820; came to the town of Jackson, Washington Co., N. Y., in the spring of 1847; lived there until the fall of 1850, then came

to Buffalo, Marquette Co., Wis., and engaged in farming, dealing in live stock, butchering, etc.; resided there until the fall of 1869; then came to Portage in the fall of 1869; in the spring of 1870, commenced dealing in general produce and dressed meats for the mining regions of Wisconsin and Michigan, which he discontinued six or seven years ago; he has been dealing in live stock since 1870, which business he still follows, also extensive dealer in wool; while a resident of Buffalo, was Supervisor and Justice of the Peace. Mr. Foster was married in Portage, May 2, 1861, to Margaret Galloway, a native of Fyfeshire, Scotland; they have three children—James A., Jennie H., George G. Mr. Foster and his partner, Mr. Reid, own a large ranch in Saline Co., Neb., on which they have 275 head of cattle.

**W. D. FOX** was born in Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., Dec. 6, 1824, and lived there until 1843; then went to Black Rock, Erie Co., N. Y., remained there until 1845; then to Ohio near Wooster, Wayne Co.; came to Milwaukee in the spring of 1847, lived there a few months, then came to Watertown and lived two years, where he was engaged in the milling business; from Watertown he moved to Kingston and continued in the same business until spring of 1857; in May, 1858, came to Portage and engaged in the hotel business being virtually proprietor of the Veeder House, hotel was burned two years later; in April, 1860, went to Faribault, Minn., September, 1860, and took charge of the depot and eating-house, until it burned in the winter of 1862-63; early in 1868, took charge of the railroad eating-house and hotel at Milwaukee until 1870, and was for a portion of the same time partner in the Plankinton and Newhall Houses of Milwaukee; after returning to Portage in June, 1870, he took charge of the railroad eating-house and hotel here; in 1873, sold out the Milwaukee Union Depot eating-house business; in 1876, opened the Corning House, remodeled it and ran it until he sold it to A. E. Smith, Jan. 1, 1880; he took possession of the Cameron House at La Crosse, Wis., March 1, 1880, which he now conducts; he owns and runs seven farms in Martin and Faribault Cos., Minn. Married in Fond du Lac, Dec. 19, 1855, to Alvina Smith, daughter of Asa Smith, who settled in Fond du Lac in an early day. Mr. A. Smith died in St. Paul three years ago; Alvina Smith was born in Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. F. is the son of George and Hulda (Sheldon) Fox; both parents died in New York State at Richmond; they have one child, Hattie M., now attending Bishop Whipple's school at Faribault, Minn.

**MISS DORA FRUND**, pastry cook at the Corning House; was born in 1857, in Germany; came to United States in 1865. Her parents are farmers. She has worked out since she was 14 years of age, and has been in the hotel nearly four years. She is a Methodist. She is responsible for the "pies and things" which are "taken" so freely from the tables of the Corning House.

**WILLIAM FULTON** was born in Keighley, Yorkshire, England, May 12, 1843; educated to the drug and grocery business in Skipton, England; came to America Feb. 22, 1866, and to Wisconsin same year, and located in Portage about March 1, 1866. For some time after coming here, was employed by the C., M. & St. P. R. R. Co.; clerked for N. H. Wood & Co.; also for John Fulton; purchased present business Dec. 26, 1872, with Alex Thompson; buying Thompson out in 1889, he has since carried on the business alone. Was married Jan. 22, 1869, in Waukesha Co., Wis., to Agnes T. More; she was born in Glasgow, Scotland. They have two children—Agnes A., aged 10 years, and Mary H., aged 5 years. Mr. and Mrs. F. are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. F. belongs to the Temple of Honor. Mr. Fulton carries on the business which was originally established by T. M. McMillan.

**JAMES FYFE**, born in Scotland Aug. 8, 1837; came to America in 1854, and located in Chicago, where he remained until 1860; then going to Davenport, Iowa, where he was employed in the C., R. I. & P. R. R. shops (then the Miss. & Mo. R. R. Co.) From Davenport, he went to Bloomington, Ill., working for the C., A. & St. L. R. R. Co.; then returning to Chicago in 1864, and remaining there until 1865, when he came to Portage, where he started a general jobbing and repair shop (iron work); commenced the manufacture of plows in the fall of 1877; his step-son is at present associated with him in business. Married Marion Crow at Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1860; she was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. They have four children—George C., Fannie McD., Marion C. and James L.; Mrs. Fyfe has a son by a previous marriage—John C. Anderson. Mr. F. has been Supervisor of Second Ward, and City Engineer; he is a member of the A., F. & A. M., and is also Secretary of the Curling Club.

**STEPHEN P. GAGE** (deceased) was born in Vermont in May, 1813; he removed to Pennsylvania at the age of 14. He was married, Jan. 1, 1834, to Miss Lavinia Maria Baird, of Crawford Co., Penn., who was born in Massachusetts in 1814. Mr. Gage was a successful farmer, and a

natural mechanic ; he lived on the old homestead in Crawford Co., Penn., till November, 1858, when he sold out, came West, and bought a farm in Medina, where he lived two years, and then rented the farm and began hotel life ; in 1860, he was keeping hotel at Beaver Dam, and afterward was four years at the "Blue Tavern," in Scott Township, Dodge Co., Wis ; they had large patronage from the line of stage coaches running between Portage and Beaver Dam—was often called upon during the night to get supper for as many as thirty teamsters and travelers ; in 1865, he exchanged his farm for the City Hotel at Portage, which is now the property of Mrs. Gage. Mr. Gage died on 31st of May, 1873 ; at time of death had begun preparations to build a large brick hotel—much of the material being already on the ground ; a fire in 1877 destroyed the barn and a portion of the hotel ; by rebuilding and repairing, the property has been placed in better condition. Mrs. Gage and her son carry on the business. The hotel is favorably located, being on a corner near the business center. She also owns 60 acres of woodland. They had nine children—Wheeler W., Myron M., Richard, Julia (dead), William, Oliver, Stephen, Lavina and Lucy (dead). The family affiliate with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gage was Alderman at time of his death ; his neighbors speak of him as a good man in all the relations of life.

**C. R. GALLETT** was born in town of Benton, Yates Co., N. Y., Jan. 6, 1833 ; lived there until 12 years of age, then moved to Petersburg, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. ; remained there two years ; then went to Penn Yan, N. Y. ; after remaining there a short time, he entered Lima Seminary, at Lima, Livingston Co., N. Y. ; after completing his studies there, he was engaged as a teacher of public schools of his native county ; came to Wisconsin in 1854 ; came to Portage in 1855 ; his first business was surveying and engineering, which he followed until 1860, when he entered the mercantile establishment of N. H. Wood & Co., as clerk ; afterward with the firm of Wood, Loomis & Osborn ; in 1863, he commenced business for himself ; member of the firm of Wood, Loomis & Co. about two years ; afterward N. H. Wood & Co., until 1869, Mr. Gallett being the only partner of Mr. Wood in 1869, when the present firm of Loomis, Gallett & Breese was formed. Mr. Gallett has given some attention to his farming interests since 1865. Married at Portage May 5, 1865, to Lydia V. Wells ; she was born at Pittsfield, Mass. ; they have five children—Sarah, Henry W., Anna, Robert M. and Charles H. Mr. Gallett is a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and A., F. & A. M. ; for two years he was President of the Curlers' Club. He served as Bridge Commissioner two years, Alderman several terms, Mayor three terms, member of the Assembly in 1879 ; while he was Mayor he held positions as follows : President of the Portage Manufacturing Company, President of the Waterhouse Manufacturing Company, C. P. of the I. O. O. F. Encampment, N. G. of I. O. O. F. Lodge ; all these offices, together with his business interests, demanded more attention than it would seem possible for one man to devote to them, but in every position to which Mr. Gallett has been called, he has been found capable of discharging the duties thereof satisfactorily.

**GEORGE N. GATES** was born in Portage Sept. 18, 1852 ; son of John and Almira (Austin) Gates ; his father died here Aug. 2, 1872 ; mother now resides in this city ; father carried on the grocery and livery business ; he came to Portage in the spring of 1851 ; when he first came, he carried on the dry-goods and grocery business for a time. He also held some positions of trust—Assessor, etc. George succeeded his father in business ; was in the grocery business for two years and sold out, and has since continued in the livery business.

**FERDINAND GERSTENKORN**, blacksmith, in machine-shops of C., M. & St. P. R. R., at Portage ; born Jan. 1, 1835, in Germany ; served an apprenticeship in the old country and reached the United States in 1854 ; spent a year and a half in Milwaukee ; then in fall of 1855 went into the employ of old Horicon Railroad, at Horicon Junction, under foreman Alexander Thomas ; in summer of 1861, began work at Milwaukee, for C., M. & St. P. R. R. ; in January, 1866, was transferred to Portage, Ed. Kilbridge being in charge ; and through all the changes of administration, he has remained continuously to date. He was married at Horicon on June 13, 1858, to Miss Bertha Jesse ; have buried four children ; three are living—Earnest, born in 1862 ; Bertha, born in 1866 ; Paul, born in 1873. Since 1859, he has been a member of the I. O. O. F. ; has a fine brick residence, No. 444 Wisconsin street.

**B. F. GOODSELL** was born in Ashtabula Co., Ohio, July 12, 1843 ; when about 7 years of age, he removed with his mother to Marquette Co., Wis., where he was married, May 16, 1865, to Mary L. Waldref ; two children have been born to them—Mary A. and Guy F. Mr. Goodsell has been in the newspaper business for many years, being now one of the proprietors of the *Wisconsin State Register*.

**PHILIP GOODMAN**, dealer in ready-made clothing and merchant tailoring ; was born in Bavaria Feb. 2, 1846, and came to America in 1861 to Pontiac, Mich., where he remained only a short time, moving to Port Huron, where he lived one year ; he then went to Rochester, N. Y., where he remained three years. Married Sarah N. Cardoza in Rochester in 1866 ; she was born in London, England ; they have two sons—Morris W. and Louis.

**DARIUS A. GOODYEAR** was born in Sopronius, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1822 ; is the son of John and Julia (Bradley) Goodyear ; when an infant, his parents removed to Genesee Co., N. Y., near Batavia ; lived there only a year or two, when his parents died, and the children were taken back to Cayuga Co., where he remained until about 6 years of age, then to Chemung Co. ; remained in that county two years, when he went to Ft. Defiance, Ohio, where he remained until a lad of about 15 years of age ; during the next five years, was in Brooklyn and New York City most of the time up to 1841 ; was employed as clerk and collector for a large lumbering and commission house. In the year 1846, he engaged in business with his brother-in-law, C. C. Waterhouse (lumber-yards in Brooklyn and commission house in New York). Mr. Goodyear took charge of the lumber-yard in Brooklyn, and continued there up to the time of coming to Portage ; in the spring of 1858, engaged in the lumber business, and has continued in it ever since, manufacturing now at Mather, or Goodyear's Mills. He is the owner of large tracts of pine lands in this State. Mr. G. has been engaged in the lumber trade most of the time alone ; his son, Charles A., is now associated with him, and has been since 1876 in the mercantile business, which has been carried on in connection with his mills ; manufactures annually between four and five million feet. Mr. G. was married at Johnson's Settlement, near Havana, Schuyler Co., N. Y., in the spring of 1848, to Mary Ann Waterhouse ; she died in Brooklyn Dec. 7, 1849, leaving one son—Charles A., born Sept. 22, 1849 ; present wife was Sarah Holmes, married near Ithaca, N. Y., April 16, 1851 ; she was born in Solon, Cortland Co., N. Y., daughter of Linus and Mary (Lindsey) Holmes ; her father now resides with them ; he is a native of Colerain, Mass., and was born in 1797 ; her mother died in September, 1877, aged 81 years. Charles A. married Fannie, daughter of Alva Stewart, Sept. 11, 1872 ; they have three children—Alva, born April 18, 1875 ; Mary Bell, Sept. 19, 1877, and Ella Josephine, born at Tomah Feb. 23, 1880. Mr. Goodyear has made two trips to California. He has been Alderman one term.

**HOMER S. GOSS**, a native of Vermont ; born in Randolph, Orange Co., Vt., Nov. 30, 1838, and remained there until coming to Portage in April, 1861, and engaged in clerking for O. Ward in the dry-goods business ; remained with him a year and a half ; afterward with A. D. Forbes, dry-goods merchant, also remaining with him a few months, when he engaged with Miles & Co., and their successor, John Graham, where he still remains. Mr. G. is a member of the A., F. & A. M.

**JAMES GOWRAN** was born in Ft. Ann, Washington Co., N. Y., Oct. 13, 1833, and resided there until he enlisted in the 16th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, Co. I, at Troy, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1864 ; was mustered out of the United States service at Alexandria, Va., Aug. 1, 1865, and out of State service at Hart's Island, near New York City, same month ; came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1865, locating on a farm in the town of New Haven, Adams Co., when he came to Portage ; was in business one year with H. O. Lewis, and in trade by himself for last six years, selling agricultural implements. Mr. G. was married at Ft. Ann, April, 1856, to Mary Ann Stephens ; they have two children—Edward A. and Carlton C. Mr. G. is a charter member of the Temple of Honor and of the A. O. U. W.

**ROBERT GRACE**, passenger engineer, C., M. & St. P. R. R. ; born in Hyde Park, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in July, 1841 ; he is a son of Patrick and Catherine Grace ; his father was 21 years and 6 months in the employ of one man, James H. Wilkes, in Dutchess Co., N. Y. ; Robert is one of a family of sixteen children, of whom fifteen were boys ; only three are now living—Joseph, Oliver and the subject of this sketch ; he came West in the fall of 1855 ; began working for the railroad company, in 1857, as engine wiper, then as fireman, and, since 1864, as engineer. Was married, June 15, 1868, to Miss Louisa Dall ; she is a native of Wisconsin, and was twelve years chief dining-room girl at Fox's Hotel, in Portage ; have four children—Willie, born 1870 ; Oliver, 1875 ; Myra L., 1877, and Horace Greeley, 1880. He is an earnest and consistent Temperance man ; was a leading organizer, and is a loyal supporter of, the Headlight Temple of Honor, No. 163, in Portage ; he owns a neat brick residence near the depot.

**JOHN GRAHAM**, a native of Scotland, son of Alexander and Jane (Duncan) Graham ; his father was born at Mulbirn, parish of Skerlig, county of Peebles, Scotland, March 22, 1800, died May 16, 1850, dying on his passage to this country ; his mother was born April 1, 1805, at Fordal, parish of New Battle, Scotland, and is still living and resides here. The subject of this sketch was



*R. O. Loomis*  
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born in Edinburgh, Scotland, April 14, 1833; came from Europe to Portage in the year 1850; was employed at Ft. Winnebago in the post office for a short time; afterward in the employ of Samuel Edwards as clerk; in the fall of 1856, he commenced business for himself—drugs and groceries—under the firm name of Miles & Co., W. K. Miles being his partner; they continued business together until the time of Mr. M.'s death, which occurred in 1867, since then Mr. Graham has been in business alone; he has one brother, James T., who resides at La Crosse, Wis. Mr. Graham married Fannie M. Edwards, a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. G. has been Alderman of Second Ward several years; Mayor one term, Supervisor, etc. Member of A., F. & A. M. Lodge and Episcopal Church.

**ALPHEUS S. GREEN** was born on the Atlantic Ocean, twenty-seven miles from Boston, in American waters, Nov. 8, 1812; son of Wells and Abigail (Ballard) Green, natives of London, England; they located at Gill, Mass., where they resided twelve years; removed to Utica, N. Y., remaining there four years; then to Rochester, N. Y., resided there eight years; removed to Buffalo, where they resided ten years; came from Buffalo to Portage, Wis., in 1852, where they have lived ever since. Mr. G. learned the baker's trade in Utica, and after coming to Portage worked one year for others, then commenced business for himself, which he carried on for five years; afterward served as Deputy Sheriff, two years under Robinson, two years under E. F. Lewis, and as Deputy Marshal for one year under Daniel Gindner; returned then to New York for ten months, but during the last seven years has been night watch. He was married at Utica, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1834, to Mary A. Jaques, born in Oneida Co., N. Y., in 1814; they have had three children, one of whom is living—Mary Jane, now Mrs. John Brown, of Portage.

**LUCIUS E. GREENLEAF** was born at Elyria, Ohio, Dec. 8, 1843; in 1845, he came with his parents to Markesan, Green Lake Co., Wis.; remained there one year; at Manchester one year; Kingston two years; Marquette two years, and then returned to Kingston, where the family resided twenty years; his father, Albert Greenleaf, resides at Kingston; his mother, Mary Greenleaf, died at Chicago in 1873. Mr. G. was in the employ of the American Express Co., at Milwaukee and elsewhere, thirteen years; engaged in dry-goods business at Kingston from 1869 to 1871, and since 1878 has resided in Portage; at present with Schulze Brothers, hardware dealers; while in the employ of the American Express Co., Mr. G. was at Hannibal, Mo., Quincy, Ill., Kansas City, Mo., and in other places, many years acting as route agent for that company. He was married at Randolph, Columbia Co., in 1870, to Isabella, daughter of George B. and Cynthia Willington; they have four children—Mary Belle, Jennie, Samuel George and Lucius Albert. Mr. G. is a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge at Milwaukee.

**REV. GEORGE P. GUILD, A. M.**, Pastor of Baptist Church, Portage; was born in Amherst, Mass., Jan. 19, 1832; he was born totally blind. His father, George Guild, was the first architect and builder who settled in Milwaukee; in 1835, he built the first church in Milwaukee, and was killed by accident in 1842, while building the First Unitarian Church, on Spring street; in June, 1843, his mother died, leaving six children, all of whom were provided for except the "blind boy;" "nobody wanted him;" by earnest personal effort and the aid of a few friends, he secured a place in the Institution for the Blind, in New York City, where he remained six years, leaving in 1850; that year, at the Eye Infirmary, he had performed an operation for an artificial pupil, which resulted in giving partial sight to one eye; he graduated from Shurtleff College, at Alton, Ill., in 1856, and immediately settled as Pastor of the Union Baptist Church, at Jerseyville, Ill.; he remained five years in that place, and was then five years Pastor at Waverly, and afterward two years in Jacksonville, followed by three years at Pittsfield, Ill.; he was four years agent for the American Printing House for the Blind, after which he was Pastor five years at Ahnapee, Wis.; in May, 1878, he became Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Portage. He was married June 30, 1859, to Miss Mary Moore, of Jerseyville, Ill.; the widowed mother, Mrs. Hannah Moore, aged 75, is a member of the family, and an example of Christian serenity. Mr. Guild has two children living—Leah and Betsey—and one, Jesse, died in childhood. He was a member of the first Republican State Convention ever convened in America, which was at Madison, Wis., in 1854; his only political speech was at Upper Alton, in 1856, when Republicanism was dangerously unpopular; he was acquainted with Abraham Lincoln; was one afternoon driving slowly past Lincoln's home, who hailed him and inquired who he was searching after; the reply was, "a Baptist Deacon;" to Lincoln's inquiry of what they were good for, Guild said it was their duty to keep the preacher over night, and take care of his horse; Lincoln says, "I'll be Deacon," and suiting the action to the word, began unhitching the horse, and both preacher and horse were welcome for the night; years afterward, at the White House, in

Washington, Mr. Guild called to pay his respects to the Chief Magistrate, and Lincoln, instantly remembering the incident, asked, "Well, Elder, have you found a Deacon yet?" Mr. Guild is an earnest temperance advocate; while in Jerseyville, he was County Commissioner of Schools; during his pastorate he has built six churches, and baptized fully one thousand persons; like all the blind, his touch is exceedingly delicate—he will easily read his Bible through eight folds of handkerchief; one eye is still in darkness, and the other very dimly reveals the outer world, but happy sunshine dwells ever in the inner world, lit by the smile of God.

**GEN. JOSHUA J. GUPPEY**, of Portage, was born at Dover, N. H., Aug. 27, 1820; graduated at Dartmouth College, Class of 1843; was Captain of the college military company; was admitted to the bar at Dover, N. H., in April, 1846; settled in Wisconsin, at Columbus, Columbia Co., in the fall of 1846, and commenced practicing law; was appointed Colonel of the militia of Columbia Co., Feb. 6, 1847; was appointed Judge of Probate Sept. 29, 1849; was elected County Judge in Sept. 1849, for four years from Jan. 1, 1850; removed from Columbus to Portage in 1851; was re-elected County Judge in 1853, for four years from Jan. 1, 1854; was Superintendent of the public schools of the city of Portage, from 1858 to 1861; was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the 10th W. V. I., Sept. 13, 1861, and was in active service as such thereafter until July 25, 1862, when he was promoted to Colonel of the 23d W. V. I., and held that position till the end of the war. He participated in the first assault on Vicksburg, in December, 1862, and took part in the capture of Fort Hindman, Ark., and all the important battles around Vicksburg which resulted in the capture of that stronghold; his regiment was then transferred to the Department of the Gulf, and while in that department, on the 3d of November, 1863, at Carrion Crow Bayou, La., he was wounded and taken prisoner, but was exchanged in a short time; he was breveted Brigadier General from March 13, 1865, "for gallant and meritorious services during the war." In April, 1865, while absent in the military service, he was re-elected County Judge for four years, from Jan. 1, 1866, and has held that office ever since by successive elections, his present term closing Dec. 31, 1881. In 1866, he was again elected Superintendent of the public schools of the city of Portage, and held that office by successive elections till 1873.

**CHARLES HAERTEL**, son of Charles and Barbara Haertel, was born in Portage May 6, 1860; brought up in the brewing business with his father, whose family consisted of four girls and one son—Margaret, now Mrs. Fred W. Schulze; Lizzie, now Mrs. Jacob Best; Mary, now Mrs. Fred C. Starke, of Milwaukee; Emma and Charles. The subject of this sketch, Mr. H., is a member of the Turners' Society; also of the Hook and Ladder Company.

**MRS. MARIA P. HASKELL**, widow of Hon. H. S. Haskell, whose extensive biography appears in this volume, in the list of the "Illustrious Dead" of this county. She is the daughter of Sayles and Hannah (Hubbard) Hawley, of Vermont, and a native of Waterbury, same State; she was educated in the public schools of her native town, and in the Academy at Montpelier, Vt. Her first husband was William Pride, who died of consumption in 1846, leaving one daughter—Martha M., who married Emmons Taylor, of Portage; both the daughter and her husband are now dead. Mrs. H. was married in 1850 to Mr. H. S. Haskell, and soon after they removed to Columbus, where he practiced law nearly four years; previous to marriage, he had studied one year in the law office of Judge Noggle, and had previously read, one year, in the office of Ex. Gov. Dillingham; he was a law partner of Judge Guppy. By her last marriage she had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Haskell died Feb. 13, 1879. She has no blood relatives in Wisconsin; she lives in her fine brick residence, on Howard street, which was erected by her husband not many years before his death; she is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Portage; she is a lady of culture and refined tastes, also of a quiet, retiring disposition, and, while attractive socially to friends, she is, nevertheless, more thoroughly attached to home than to society.

**GEO. E. HELMANN** was born in Prussia, Germany, Feb. 26, 1837; came to Portage, Wis., in April, 1853; engaged in carpentering for a few years; then clerking, until he commenced the grocery business, in which he has continued for the last fifteen years. Mr. Helmann was married, in Portage, to Johanna Schwartz, a native of Prussia. They have seven children—George, Lizzie, Willie, Anna, Emma, Otto, and an infant son. Mr. H. has been a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge.

**VALENTINE HELMANN**, born at Smalcalde (now Prussia), Sept. 29, 1831; came to America Aug. 1, 1847, landing at New York City; came to Richwood, town of Shields, Dodge Co., with his uncle, Sept. 15, 1847; came to Portage May 10, 1850; worked at the carpenter's trade most of the time, until the spring of 1864, although he engaged in insurance business in 1863; he

served as Justice of the Peace several years ; in the spring of 1864, he was elected City Clerk ; again elected to that position in 1874 ; spring of 1875, once more elected Justice of the Peace ; elected City Clerk in 1876 and 1877 ; City Treasurer from 1878 to 1880. Married at Portage, Nov. 2, 1851, to Margaret Ward ; she died April 8, 1873, leaving nine children, all now living—George P., Wm., John V., Lawrence F., Chas., Lizzie, Henry, Katie and Anna. Married for second wife, Catharine Koberstein, at Milwaukee, Aug. 26, 1875 ; she was born in Bavaria ; by this marriage there are two children—Rosa and Barbara ; Mr. H. is a member of the Board of Education, from Fourth Ward ; also a member of Leiderkranz Society.

**NICHOLAS M. HENRY**, born on the Isle of Guernsey March 1, 1831 ; came to Portage in 1866 ; in 1867, he spent nine months at Oxford ; balance of the time has been engaged in flour, feed and grocery trade in Portage. He was married in New York City, July 6, 1868, to Caroline LePage ; she was born on the Isle of Guernsey Jan. 30, 1833. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

**WILLIAM HENSEL**, wagon-maker, born in Schleswig, Germany, on the 1st of March, 1835 ; he, with his parents, came to the United States, and settled in Milwaukee, in 1849 ; in 1856, he went to California, and was with his uncle in business ; in 1859, returned, and lived in St. Louis till 1861, when he enlisted in the 2d Mo. V. I. ; was Sergeant of Company H ; served three years, and then, 1864, came to Portage. Was married, Oct. 4, 1865, to Miss Paulina Elterman, of Portage ; had six children—Louis, born in 1867 ; Willie, born in 1869, now dead ; Henry, born in 1870 ; Sophia, born in 1872 ; Willie, born in 1874, and Lizzie, born 1876, and lately dead. He was Chief Engineer of the Fire Department four years, and Assessor two years ; belongs to "Ancient Order of United Workmen," also to Independent Order of Odd Fellows ; has been representative to the Grand Lodge and to the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin ; is partner in firm of Collins & Hensel, wagon-makers ; business is prosperous.

**JOHN HETTINGER** was born near Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y., Aug. 2, 1839 ; located in Freeport, Ill., in 1844 ; came to Portage, Wis., with his parents, Michael and Frances Hettinger, May 12, 1849 ; Mr. H. began hotel business in Portage, March 20, 1865, in which he has continued ever since ; also engaged in speculating in horses, real estate, etc. ; his father, Michael Hettinger, commenced brewery business at Portage, in 1849, and continued it until his death, Oct. 20, 1862 ; his mother is still living, now Mrs. Zetz, of Freeport, Ill. Mr. H. was married in Portage, April 22, 1861, to Wilhelmina Eberline, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt ; they have six children living—Lizzie J., Clara F., Anna, Josephine, Minnie, Emma F. ; lost three sons—John, aged a little over 5 months ; one infant, Willie ; Johnnie, aged less than 5 months.

**DRAYTON A. HILLYER** was born in Granby, Hartford Co., Conn., Dec. 21, 1840 ; came, with his parents, Andrew A. and Nancy Holcomb Hillyer, to Portage, Wis., Feb. 1, 1857 ; associated with his father as clerk in the drug business, until the time of his father's death, Dec. 27, 1862 ; he then continued the business alone until 1868 ; has not been engaged in active business since ; his mother is now a resident of Portage. Mr. H. was married at Green Bay, Wis., Sept. 21, 1871, to Alice W. Hickox, born in Pottersville, Warren Co., N. Y., daughter of Rev. Hickox, an Episcopal clergyman, who located in Wisconsin about 1857. Mr. H. is a member of the three A., F. & A. M. bodies here, and also belongs to the Milwaukee Consistory.

**ED C. HINMAN** was born at Battle Creek, Mich., March 1, 1852 ; received his education at Michigan University, graduating as civil engineer in January, 1874 ; appointed Assistant Engineer of Fox and Wisconsin Rivers improvement, and has been stationed here since Aug. 4, 1874. Mr. H. was married at Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 25, 1876, to Carrie L. Risdon ; she was born at Ann Arbor ; they have one child—Gertrude R., born April 1, 1879.

**WILLIAM HOLDEN** is a native of Rochester, England ; born Aug. 16, 1829 ; lived there until he came to America, coming to Milwaukee in August, 1849 ; remained there until fall of 1850, when he came to the town of Pacific, Columbia Co., and was occupied in farming there for two years ; he then removed to Portage and worked at wagon-making about three years, when he returned to his farm, where he remained until enlisting in Co. G, 2d W. V. I., May 29, 1861 ; was in every battle the regiment participated in until he was discharged, Feb. 24, 1864, on account of disability caused by ill-health ; entered the service as a private and was mustered out as First Sergeant of same company ; returning from the army and living on the farm a year, he then came to Portage ; on account of illness, was not engaged in active business for a number of years ; engaged in cabinet work for the last five years. Married in Wyocena March 16, 1851, to Harriet Ann Corsten ; she was born at Wrotham Heath, county of Kent, England ; she died Oct. 30, 1876 ;

present wife was Mrs. Elmira R., widow of John Gates; was married Sept. 28, 1877; she was born in New York State. Mr. H. has two children by adoption—Helen E. (Wright), adopted when an infant only 12 weeks old, and is now aged 23 years; Wm. Henry (Whitam), adopted when 6 weeks old, and is now 15 years old.

**JULIUS G. HOLSTEN**, brakeman on freight, C., M. & St. P. R. R.; born in Cedarburg, Wis., July 27, 1851; his parents moved to Portage when he was a child; with the exception of three years spent in La Crosse, this has been his home ever since; began as brakeman in 1868 on St. Paul road, and in fall of 1870, he got a train as conductor and run till 1877; then, as result of "running against flags," he was set back to braking, which he still continues. He was married in September, 1868, to Mrs. Minerva A. Clemens, who was born in Burlington, Essex Co., Vt., on the 15th of February, 1848; she is one of thirteen children, eight of whom are living; they have no children. Charles F. Monroe is her son by a former marriage; he works on the river; two of her brothers have been killed by railroad accidents. She is a Presbyterian; they own property south of the canal, but live on De Witt street, near the St. Paul depot.

**R. E. HOLSTON**, station agent, Southern Division of the W. C. R. R., at Portage; born in 1849 in Wauwautosa, Milwaukee Co., Wis.; lived in his native town till 1868, then moved to Delavan, Walworth Co., where he lived till 1874; most of his labors prior to this were on a farm; in fall of 1874, began railroading at Elkhart Lake, Sheboygan Co., Wis.; then to Saukville, Ozaukee Co., in 1875; then to Westfield, Marquette Co., in 1877, and came to Portage in June, 1879; in each and all of these places he was the station agent. Was married in March, 1873, to Miss Edith E. Barlow, of Delavan. Himself and wife are Baptists; they have two children—Grace, born in 1874, and Eugene, born in 1876. Takes no active part in politics, but is a reliable Republican; residence is on Conant street.

**M. HUBER** is a native of France; born in Alsace Sept. 28, 1835; came to New York City in 1854; commenced working at the business of baker in New York City; May 11, of same year, came to Portage and engaged in the bakery trade; erected his present hotel, eating-house and bakery on the same spot where he first located when he came here. Married in Portage, Sept. 9, 1858, to Dora Erhart; she was born in Saxony; they have six children—Sarah, Emma M. C., Georgianna, Charles T., Samuel J. T. and Nellie May. Mr. Huber is a charter member of the fire department—diploma given him for serving his term of ten years as foreman; he also is a member of A. O. U. W.

**JOSEPH R. HUEBL** was born in Austria, March 19, 1845; came with his parents to Portage, Wis., July, 1861; was in the employ of the M. & St. P. R. R. Co. for four years, one and a half years with Charles Haertel, of Portage, brewer; one year at Madison in a brewery; returned to the employ of Haertel; afterward in the mills of Waterhouse, and also awhile with Wells & Craig; Mr. H. went to Oregon, and remained one year; returned and worked on the Government improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers a short time. He was married in Portage in 1869, to Louisa Haertel, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt. They have three children—Joseph, Charles R. and Eliza Mary. Mr. H. is a member of the Leiderkranz Society. Father died in Portage, and mother is living with her son, J. R. He has held the office of Alderman, and was elected City Treasurer April 6, 1880; has been employed in hardware store of W. W. Corning for the last seven years.

**JOSEPH HUEBNER** was born in Prussia Jan. 22, 1845; came to America in 1871, and lived in New Orleans, La., three years; then came to Chicago for a few months, and in the summer of 1874 came to Portage; has worked at the tailor's trade twenty-two years. Married in Portage April 13, 1875, to Miss Helena Swanz; she was born in Prussia. They have three children—Charles, born March 24, 1876; Mary, born Jan. 13, 1877, and Paul, born Nov. 8, 1878. Mr. H. is a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge and Encampment. He is now employed as cutter in the extensive tailoring establishment of Ph. Goodman.

**MRS. MINNIE L. HURLBUT, M. D.**, born Oct. 30, 1835, in Defiance, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Minerva Kniss. Her father was a merchant. In 1853, she, with her parents, came to Wisconsin and settled in New Lisbon, Juneau Co. She had enjoyed the advantages of the public schools in her native city, and afterward attended one year at Delton Academy in Wisconsin; she taught the first school in New Lisbon. She was married on the 7th of October, 1856, to Roderick W. Coe, of Delton, who died Dec. 15, 1857. She had, from early life, an aspiration for the medical profession, and much of her reading and study had that end in view, several years before beginning her systematic course of preparation. On the 20th of January, 1859, she was married to Hiram H. Hurlbut, of Delton. They have two sons—Wendell Phillips, born Dec. 21, 1859, and John

Fremont, born Sept. 29, 1861; W. P. is in Wayland Academy, at Beaver Dam, Wis., and the other is at home. Mrs. H. studied medicine three years in the office of Dr. Woodruff, of Lima, N. Y.; she attended two fall courses of lectures at Hahnemann Medical College in Chicago, and graduated in 1872; she remained in the college as Assistant House Physician, and spent one season in hospital work. For nearly three years after graduation, she practiced her profession in Delton, and then located in Portage, where she has a well-established and increasing patronage. They have a spacious home, which, in connection with their bathing establishment, is known as the "Portage Sanitarium;" a few boarding patients are accommodated; in 1878, they purchased and fitted, at the expense of \$1,000, the celebrated "Moliere Thermo-Electric Bath;" this, they claim, is the only one of the kind between Chicago and San Francisco. Her husband, Hiram H. Hurlbut, is quite enthusiastic in proclaiming the efficacy of these baths, and in their use he is said to be experienced and skillful; electricity is closely allied to life, and the specific virtues of this over the ordinary bath are unquestioned; the philosophical construction and revivifying power of those baths are well attested. Mr. H., who has chief care of them, is a man of diversified attainments, having studied music, medicine, theology and law; he was born April 30, 1814, in LeRay, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

**EVAN H. HUGHES**, merchant tailor; was born in Bangor, North Wales, June 19, 1838; came to America in May, 1850, settling with his parents at Racine, Wis., where he resided seven years; removed to Chicago for three years, and, after working in various places in Wisconsin and Illinois, came to Portage in 1864, where he has been engaged in business for himself most of the time since. Mr. Hughes was married at Cambria, Wis.—where he resided one year—June 8, 1861, to Sarah E. Roberts, born in Wexham, North Wales. They have eight children—William, Minnie, Maggie, Walter, Fannie, Robert, Byron and Sarah. Mr. H. is Senior Warden of the A., F. & A. M. Lodge. His parents, Evan E. and Mary Hughes, are living, and reside at Racine.

**JOSEPH HURST**, round-house carpenter at Portage for the C., M. & St. P. R. R.; is of English parentage, but was born in Ireland on Feb. 15, 1833; he came to the United States in May, 1849, and served an apprenticeship as carpenter in New Haven, Conn.; after five years' service, he came to Portage in 1854, and has been in the employ of the railroad company ever since the road ran into this city. He was married Feb. 8, 1849 (when at the age of 16), to Miss Elizabeth Boardman, who was but 15 years old; she is of Quaker parentage, but was born in Dublin, Ireland. They have had nine children, two died in childhood; the living are named—Benjamin, who is a fireman; George T., an engineer; Abigail M., Joseph W., a fireman; Hannah M., Fanny and John F. are in school; the sons and daughters all live at home. Himself and wife are members of the Episcopal Church. While in New Haven, his main business was church building. He is a Royal Arch Mason.

**GEORGE C. JACKSON**, a native of New York State, was born in East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., Feb. 13, 1825, and lived there until 1846, when he went to Chicago, where he resided until 1850; he then made an overland trip to California, was there eighteen months, came back, only remaining three months, when he again went to California where he remained until 1854, working as overseer at Sacramento of a wagon manufactory and employed as general superintendent of the business; he then went to Orange, N. J., and went into wagon manufacturing for himself, selling his wagons to the California firm which he had been formerly connected with; remained in Orange two years, then lived in Newark six months, when he came to Wisconsin, locating at Portage in June, 1857, and engaged in his old business of manufacturing carriages, wagons, sleighs, etc., and is now engaged in the sale of agricultural implements. Married in Buffalo, N. Y., to Rosina I. Day, she was born in England; they have had nine children, six now living—James C., William H., Ella A., Charlotte V., Walter L. and Percy F.—lost three who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. J. and two daughters are members of the Baptist Church.

**OLE JOHNSON**, son of John and Julia Johnson, was born in Norway, Sept. 5, 1854; came to Lewiston, Columbia Co., in 1869, where his parents are farming; came to Portage in 1873, where he has since been engaged as salesman with Schumacher & Schulze. Mr. Johnson was married at Lewiston, June 17, 1879, to Amelia, daughter of Andrew Jackson. Both are members of the Lutheran Church.

**SILAS S. JOHNSON**, born in Boston, Mass., March 19, 1809; when about 10 years old, went to Leicester, Addison Co., Vt., with his parents, Silas and Abigail (Rhodes) Johnson; resided in Vermont, two years of the time in Montpelier, then returned to Leicester and kept hotel for a time until he came to Wisconsin in 1845, to Eagle Prairie, Milwaukee Co. (now Waukesha Co.), where he lived for six years, then coming to Portage, where he engaged in blacksmithing and the

manufacturing of breaking plows; continued that business for six years; during the next six years, was Under Sheriff, and at the expiration of that time, engaged in the grocery and provision trade, which he still follows. Married in Leicester, November, 1836, to Sarah T. Tower; she was born in Shoreham, Addison Co., Vt.; have one son, Albro S.

**MICHAEL R. KANE**, born in Ireland Sept. 29, 1805; came to New York in September, 1830; settled in Milwaukee in September, 1837. On the 8th of September, 1837, he was married to Miss Mary Cox, of Pennsylvania, who is of Scotch parentage, but was born in Armagh, Ireland, in 1820. Mr. Kane served three years and six months in Co. D, 19th W. V. I.; held rank of Sergeant; he was commissioned Brevet Captain by Gov. Lucius Fairchild, "for meritorious conduct on the battle field," on the 27th of April, 1864; he was jailer of the first jail built in Columbia Co., and afterward was gate-keeper at Waupun Penitentiary. They had seven children, five of whom died in childhood, and a son, James, died in St. Louis Nov. 23, 1870, of intermittent fever, aged 23 years; one daughter survives, named Mary J., who is a native of Portage; was educated in the public schools of Portage, and for several years has been an acceptable teacher in intermediate departments of the city schools. On the 8th of January, 1877, Mr. Kane suffered a compound fracture of the leg as a result of a runaway accident. He is now at the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee. The family own a pleasant brick residence on Wisconsin street. Mrs. K. is an Episcopalian.

**REV. THOMAS KEENAN**, born in County Tyrone, Ireland; April 15, 1829; lived in Ireland until 1844, then emigrated to Philadelphia with friends; received his education in part in the old country, studying mathematics, grammar, Latin, etc., to some extent. After coming to Philadelphia, was a student of Rev. P. Rafferty, a priest, receiving instructions from him for three years. Then entered the seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, located on Eighteenth street, Philadelphia; was a student there for two years, but on account of ill-health, was compelled to leave the institution. At the solicitation of his friends, he came West (as he had acquired a thorough German education) to this State in 1852; ordained for the Diocese of Milwaukee July 19, 1854. Prior to his ordination, since coming West, had been engaged in teaching and being taught. One of his teachers was the present Bishop of La Crosse. Attended lectures, studied theology and attended school while he remained in Milwaukee. In 1855, he went to Brighton, Kenosha Co., and remained there a year and a half; from there, went to East Troy, Walworth Co., staying there one year and a half, when he removed to Oshkosh, where he remained nine years until coming to Portage in October, 1867. Has paid many of the debts of the numerous churches he has been connected with. Built the church at Omro and Payden; commenced the church at Oshkosh. Had charge of a mission that now has nine priests. While at Oshkosh, in that city there are now three parish priests, when there were none there but himself. He now has several missions that he attends to—one permanent at Lodi. In 1871, he traveled over six countries of Europe—France, Belgium, England, Holland, Scotland and Ireland. His father and mother, Patrick and Bridget (Owens) Keenan, came to Philadelphia in April, 1847; his father died in 1848, and mother in 1876, both dying in Philadelphia.

**ALONZO C. KELLOGG** was born in Clinton, Vermillion Co., Ind., July 8, 1845, son of Orrison and Theodosia Kellogg; he came with his parents to Calamus, Dodge Co., Wis., in 1852; received his medical education in Chicago, and engaged in the practice of his profession at Portage in 1870. In 1875, he was elected a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and is still a member of that body; in 1877, he was elected Superintendent of City Schools, and still occupies that position. The Doctor was married in this city to Harriet B. Ackerman in September, 1871; she was born at Three Mile Bay, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; they have three children—Alonzo F., James Rossiter and Harriet Ruth. Mrs. Kellogg, before marriage, was engaged in the Hungerford Collegiate Institute at Adams, Jefferson Co., N. Y., as a teacher of oil painting, and afterward taught in the Wesleyan Female Seminary at Wilmington, Del.

**T. L. KENNAN**, attorney at law; was born in Morristown, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Feb. 22, 1827, where he lived until the age of 20, when he went to Norwalk, Ohio, and studied law with his uncle, Jairus Kennan; came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1851, and located at Oshkosh; was admitted to the bar of Wisconsin Oct. 23, 1851; removed to Portage about Oct. 1, 1855. At the breaking-out of the rebellion, he enlisted Aug. 22, 1861, in Co. D, 10th W. V. I., and was commissioned First Lieutenant, and recruited half of his company; resigned July 12, 1862; the following summer he was appointed Deputy Provost Marshal of Marquette Co., serving until near the close of the war, resided at Pewaukee about ten years; going then to St. Louis, where he was employed as general agent for the Northwestern Life Ins. Co.; then for a short time practicing

law there, and returning again to Portage in March, 1873. He was married at North Fairfield Huron Co., Ohio, Sept. 30, 1850, to Loa Brown; she was born in Borodino, Onondaga Co., N. Y.; they have six children—K. Kent (a lawyer of Milwaukee), Chester T. (in college at Ripon), Loa B. (in college at Ripon), Mary B. (at home), Charboth J. (at home) and Thomas L., Jr. Thomas L. Kennan, Sr., was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court Nov. 6, 1876, having been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Wisconsin many years earlier, also to the United District and Circuit Courts several years prior to 1876.

**FRANK KELM** was born in Prussia April 2, 1835; came to America in October, 1857, and lived in the State of New York for nearly one year; then came to Wisconsin, and lived in Oshkosh and also in Waupaca Co. until the war broke out. In the fall of 1861, he enlisted in Co. C, 9th W. V. I., and served until the fall of 1864; was in Co. A of some regiment for one year of this time; he never went to the hospital, nor was he ever absent from his regiment a single day, and participated in every battle they fought. After leaving the service, he went to Oshkosh and resided there until he came to Portage Sept. 29, 1869. He has been connected with one lumber-yard ever since coming here. He was married in Portage to Miss Wilhelmina Fischer; she was born in Saxony; they have two children—Lena and William. Mr. Kelm is a member of the Hook and Ladder Co., and of the Leiderkranz Society.

**ANDREW KIEFER**, the subject of this sketch, was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, April 28, 1830; came to New Orleans Dec. 1, 1845; in February, 1846, went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned his trade of barber, remaining two years, when he returned to New Orleans, where he spent at portion of the time for several years; he then removed to St. Louis, and was engaged in business on board Mississippi River steamboats for three years, spending about seven years in the South; he then lived for two and a half years in Buffalo, N. Y., prior to removal to Portage, May 1, 1856; Mr. Kiefer has been engaged in present business ever since he came here. He was Alderman of the Fourth Ward in 1860-61; City Treasurer of Portage in 1874-75; connected with the Fire Department from its organization to the present time, and has been of material assistance in maintaining its efficiency, holding the office of Secretary for ten years, Secretary of the Hook and Ladder Co. since its organization; President and Secretary of Leiderkranz Society several times; Secretary of the German Cemetery Association since its organization. Mr. Kiefer was married at Watertown, Wis., to Henrietta Arenburg; she died July 14, 1864, leaving two children—one now living, Andrew J., born July 20, 1862; lost one son, George Henry, born July 3, 1864, died Sept. 10, 1870. His present wife is Wilhelmina Anacker, and was married Feb. 23, 1868, at Portage; she was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany; they have three children—Charlotte E., born Nov. 1, 1868; Emma Louisa, Feb. 13, 1873, and Fred W., September, 1878.

**H. L. KIND** was born in Prussia June 23, 1814; came to Chicago in June, 1854, and to Portage in September of that year; he has been in the grocery business twelve years, but worked eight years in elevators before going into business for himself. Mr. K. was married first in Germany, February, 1836, to Maria Spangberg, who died in 1847; in June, 1848, he married Susanna Fredericka Kind, by whom he had ten children; the children are all dead but Ida; Mr. Kind's second wife died March 30, 1875, and he married his present wife, Henrietta Brick, Aug. 28, 1875; she was born in Kolberg, Germany, and came to Milwaukee in 1849, and to Portage in the spring of 1855. Both are members of the German Lutheran Church.

**ALOIS KLENERT**, of the firm of Klenert & Son, was born in Portage July 23, 1856; resided a short time in Minnesota, but this city has been his home since the time of his birth; he is the son of Anton and Catharina Klenert. Alois was married in Portage Aug. 1, 1878, to Mary Wurst; she is a native of Austria; they have one son, Fred, born July 6, 1879. Mr. K. is a member of the I. O. O. F., Leiderkranz and Turner societies.

**A. KOENIG**, merchant tailor, and dealer in clothing and gents' furnishing goods; was born in Prussia, July 13, 1823; engaged in tailoring at the age of 15 years; came to Milwaukee in 1854, and to Portage in 1864. Mr. K. was married at Portage July 29, 1865, to Louisa M. Blass, who was born in New York City; they have two children—Clara Augusta and Laura Louisa.

**GEORGE KRECH**, a native of Germany, born in Saxony, Oct. 8, 1838; came to New York City, landing there Oct. 7, 1857; came directly to Beloit; resided there four years, then came to Portage, and has been engaged in the butchering business since the fall of 1861; was dealing also in stock for several years; at present not engaged in that business. Married Catherine Dunnan in Portage, June, 1866; they have one child, Kittie.

**OTTO KRISCH**, born in Bohemia, Oct. 4, 1831; came to America in the latter part of September, 1854, and in November of same year came to Portage; commenced saloon business here in 1855; in 1856, he was employed by Charles Haertel, and remained with him two years and two months; since then he has been in business for himself. Mr. K. was elected City Treasurer for two years, 1870-71. Was married to Madeline Sihliss in Portage, Feb. 7, 1857; she was born in Kleinwetzheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany; they have four children—Alois, Anna, Ida and Otto. Mr. K. is a member of the Leiderkranz and A. O. U. W. societies.

**MRS. MARY J. LA ROWE**, nee Bryce, was born Jan. 5, 1834, in Albany, Oswego Co., N. Y. Mrs. La Rowe was born Aug. 2, 1831, in Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J.; the family came West in 1848; before her marriage, she taught school several years in Columbia and Marquette Cos. She was married Aug. 14, 1854, to S. Hamilton La Rowe, of Kingston, Marquette Co., where he was engaged in general merchandizing; he removed his business to Portage in 1862, and kept the express office in connection with his mercantile business; he died in 1868, leaving three children—S. Hamilton, born Feb. 5, 1856, in Kingston; Mary Estelle, born at Kingston Dec. 16, 1857, and Frank F., born on Dec. 25 (Christmas), 1867; the oldest son has bought land and is farming near Sioux Falls, Dak.; the other two are at home. The family affiliated with the Episcopal Church; she still owns a pleasant home on Conant street, but has disposed of all other real estate; she is the daughter of "Uncle Archie Bryce," of Portage.

**JAMES M. LAWSON** was born at Glasgow, Scotland, March 28, 1849; came to America with his parents in 1852 and located in Packwaukee, Marquette Co., Wis.; in 1868, moved to Kingston, Green Lake Co.; two years later moved to Washington, Mich., where he was general salesman for the Washington Mining Co.; six months afterward, moved to South Saginaw, Mich., where, for three years, he was book-keeper, general salesman and paymaster; came to Portage in 1873, where he has since been with Schumacher & Schulze. He was married to Sarah P. Smith, at Portage, Oct. 11, 1876; she was born at Racine; they have one child—Fred S., born Oct. 5, 1878. He is a member of the A., F. & A. M. During the past ten years, Mr. L. has been engaged in the fire-insurance business, representing five of the leading companies—Fire Association, Boston Underwriters, St. Paul Fire and Marine, Continental, of New York, and Westchester, of New York.

**ALFRED LEE**, carpenter; was born in London, England, March 25, 1843; came to America in 1850, and located in Portage, where he has since resided; he worked three years in the car-shops and has followed carpenter work and lathing the balance of the time. He was married at Portage Oct. 24, 1868, to Mrs. P. A. Harmon, born in Germany; she died Feb. 8, 1880, leaving one son—Frank T. W., born Oct. 27, 1869. Mr. Lee is a member of the M. E. Church.

**PATRICK LENNON** was born in County Armagh, Ireland, March 17, 1817; came to America and landed in New York City; spent seven years in Upper Canada; then resided at Crown Point, N. Y., until he came to Wisconsin, in May, 1849, locating on Sec. 31, town of Ft. Winnebago. Mr. L. was married at Crown Point, N. Y., March 8, 1849, to Julia Ruddey, who was born in Ireland; they have had ten children—Catharine, Terrence, John, Mary Ann, James, Margaret, Patrick and Edward, now living; James, aged 1 year and 1 month, deceased; Bridget, aged 15 years, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lennon are both members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. L. was Town Treasurer of Fort Winnebago six years, Supervisor three years, School Director and Clerk of the School Board for several years; he owns 240 acres of land—200 on Sec. 31, town of Ft. Winnebago, the balance on Sec. 24, town of Lewiston, being still the owner of the land on which he first located in Columbia Co.

**FRANKLIN H. LEWIS**, lumber dealer; was born in Hopkinton, Washington Co., R. I., Jan. 9, 1848; came to Wisconsin in the spring of 1865, locating at Werner, Juneau Co.; was engaged in lumber business, having his residence there until 1876, when he came to Portage; since 1872, has been in business for himself, manufacturing at Werner; since coming to Portage in 1876, has continued his manufacturing at Werner; he has large lumber-yards at Portage, and is owner of extensive tracts of pine lands on Yellow River, Wood Co. Mr. Lewis deals in salt, cement, sash, doors, blinds, etc., in connection with his lumber business. Was married in Werner, Juneau Co., Sept. 17, 1874, to Miss Virginia L. Bacon; she was born in Lee, Penobscot Co., Me.

**HENRY LITTLE** was born in the town of Gardner, near Augusta, Me., May 19, 1848; moved to New Orleans in 1857, and attended school in that city until he came to Wisconsin with his father, William Little, to Fairfield, Sauk Co., in February, 1861; his father died there in 1863. Henry lived in Fairfield most of the time until he came to Portage in 1865, and was engaged in farming; and since coming to this place has been engaged in the livery and omnibus business. Mr.

Little married Mary Bolting, a native of Portage, Sept. 22, 1865; they have had two children, one living, Henry Wm.; lost one son, died in infancy. Is a member of the I. O. O. F.

**R. J. LLOYD**, horseshoer and jobber; was born in Wales in 1839, and came to America in 1846, and settled in Oneida Co., N. Y., where he remained nine years; in 1855, he came to Oxford, Marquette Co., where he lived till 1866, when he located in Portage, which is still his home. On the 20th of May, 1860, he was married to Miss Jane Watkins, formerly of Pennsylvania; they have six children—William, Wallie, Robert, Lillie, Daisy and Lawrence. He has been proprietor of one shop ever since he came to Portage; he owns his shop on Main street, and his house on Conant street; employs one journeyman, and has a good run of patronage. Himself and wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Portage.

**SAMUEL S. LOCKHART** is a native of Ayrshire, Scotland; son of John and Agnes Lockhart, who came to America with their family in 1853, locating first at Williamsburg, L. I.; in 1854, they removed to Caledonia in this county, locating on Sec. 3; they now live on Sec. 9, in the same town, engaged in farming. Samuel S. was born Nov. 20, 1850; he passed his early life on his father's farm; attended the high school of Portage, where he graduated the summer of 1874; prior to this had attended the district school of his own town, and had also taught some; his first graded school was at Pardeeville, where he taught the summer of 1876; in the fall of the same year, entered Randolph public school, and had charge of that as Principal, until the summer of 1878; during vacations studying law in the office of James B. Taylor; was elected Clerk of the Court in November, 1878, which office he now holds. Married in the town of Randolph, March 29, 1879, to Hallie L. Marvin, daughter of Hon. G. G. Marvin; she was born in the town of Randolph. Mr. L. is a member of the A., F. & A. M.

**RODNEY O. LOOMIS**, is a native of German Flats, Herkimer Co., N. Y.; born Sept. 17, 1833; came to Pacific, Columbia Co., Wis., in September, 1852, and has resided in this county ever since; was employed in the store of N. H. Wood as clerk until 1857, when he became a member of the firm of Wood, Loomis & Osborn; at the expiration of one year, Mr. Osborn retired, and the business was conducted under the firm name of Wood & Loomis for one year; then the firm of N. H. Wood & Co. was formed, which consisted of N. H. Wood, R. O. Loomis, Geo. H. Osborn and Frank E. Wood; in 1861, the firm name was again changed to Wood, Loomis & Osborn; from 1863 to 1865, the business was carried on by Wood, Loomis & Co., Mr. C. R. Gallett becoming a member of the firm; from 1865 to 1867, the firm was N. H. Wood & Co.; in the spring of 1867, L. Breese became associated with them, but the style of the firm name was not changed; in 1869, the present firm of Loomis, Gallett & Breese was formed. Mr. Loomis married Susan Wood, Sept. 8, 1856, at Dubuque, Iowa; she died Oct. 5, 1865, leaving two children; one, an infant eighteen months old, survived the mother but a short time; one son, Fred W., was born March 30, 1859. Mr. L. was married the second time at Lyons, N. Y., to Isabelle H. Cole, Oct. 23, 1867; she was born in Lyons; there are three children by this union—Isabelle Chester, Mary Emily and Frank Breese.

**JOSEPH LUDWIG**, born in Bohemia Dec. 25, 1825; came to America in 1848, worked in New York City from June to October of the same year, then came to Milwaukee; December to May, worked in tannery; in the spring of 1849, commenced buying hides, wool, etc., running a small tannery a short time before coming to Portage; he learned the tanner's trade in Europe; in 1851, he came to Portage and engaged in buying hides, which business he is still engaged in, besides carrying on the tannery ever since he came here; he commenced the boot and shoe business in 1857, and has been in his present location since 1859. His present wife was Mary Rohn; she was born in Germany; they have five children, two girls and three boys. Mr. L. has two daughters by a former marriage.

**ALEXANDER McDONALD**, one of the four oldest settlers of Columbia Co., was born in the parish of Kilmarnock, near the bridge of Spean, Inverness-shire, Scotland, April 23, 1817; parents both McDonalds. Mr. McD. came to America in July, 1836, and for a year traveled in Canada and the United States; in 1837, engaged with the Government survey in Michigan; in December, 1838, he came to Madison, Wis., where he was ill about a year; in June, 1839, removed to Ft. Winnebago, and was present when Gen. Scott had a conference with the Winnebagoes to induce them to remove to a reservation; in 1840, he joined the Government survey in Wisconsin; took up 160 acres in Caledonia, a portion of which he still owns; was a contractor in the C. & N. W. Ry. at "Tunnel 1," and other points; was Sheriff of Columbia Co. in 1851-52, and is now giving his attention, in addition to carrying on his farm, to an agency for the sale of sewing machines. Mr. McD. married in the town of York, Livingston Co., N. Y., April 5, 1853, to Mary A. Crawford.

born in Freedom, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., who died May 25, 1861, leaving four children—Jane Elizabeth, born Feb. 9, 1854; James Alexander, born Nov. 11, 1856; Mary Ann, born Feb. 14, 1859; John C., born April 22, 1861. Mr. McD. married Margaret Robertson, of Caledonia, June 13, 1862; they have three children living—Jeanette M., born April 9, 1863; Elizabeth, born Jan. 10, 1865, and Glengarrey W., born Dec. 26, 1872, and have lost two. Mr. McDonald has seen Columbia Co. and Wisconsin changed from an Indian hunting ground to a cultivated, thickly settled and wealthy State. He was appointed by Gov. Dodge as Major of militia; has been Supervisor and Chairman of the County Board; was proprietor of the Ellsworth, now Corning House, for eight years.

**DEWITT C. McDUFFIE**, express messenger between Portage and Ashland, on the Wis. Cent. R. R.; born in Lafayette, Wis., on the 15th of November, 1848. He came into Columbia Co. with his parents in 1853; they settled on a farm in Springvale, where they lived twenty years; in 1873, they sold the farm and moved into Rio. Dewitt began railroad life as clerk in station office at Rio, on the C. M. & St. P. R. R., in 1870; he was express messenger in 1871 between Portage and Horicon, and then he was two years at Portage as telegraph operator and express agent; he served a year and a half as engineer of a quartz-mill at Silver City, Nev.; since fall of 1876, he has been express messenger on Wis. Cent. R. R. He was married on the 28th of August, 1879, to Miss Harriett S. Race, of Portage. He is a Republican. Lives in brick house near St. Paul depot.

**P. MCGINN** was born in County Monahan, Ireland, in 1829; came to America in 1846; resided in Vermont, New York, Ohio and California, prior to locating in Portage in 1857; was engaged in mining while in California; learned the molder's trade in Vermont; began the grocery business in 1857, in which he has continued ever since. His present wife, Catherine Gaffney, is a native of East Canada. They have five children—Mary, aged 11; Catherine, aged 10; John T., aged 8; Margaret Celia, aged 7, and James, aged 4. Mr. and Mrs. McGinn are both members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**MICHAEL MCKENNA**, coppersmith, at Portage machine-shops of the C. M. & St. P. R. R.; was born in January, 1818, in Dublin, Ireland; served a seven-year apprenticeship in Dublin; he came to the United States in 1849, and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained five years, working at his trade; then spent five years in Detroit, and after that two years for M. C. R. R. at Marshall, Mich.; spent one year in Chicago, and located in La Porte, Ind., where he remained eleven years in the employ of the M. S. R. R.; in fall of 1872, he came to Portage and began work for C. M. & St. P. R. R. Co., and has been in their employ continuously to date. Before leaving Ireland, he was married, December, 1843, to Miss Mary Dolan, who died in 1878, leaving one daughter, Catherine D. McKenna, who is established as milliner and dressmaker on Cook street, Portage; she also keeps a stock of fancy notions; she has "more than a dozen employes;" before starting her business this season, she made a visiting tour of England and Ireland. The family affiliate with the Catholic Church. He belongs to no society except the "Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Insurance Association." He is the only coppersmith in the employ of the railroad company at Portage, and is reported as a first-class mechanic.

**D. A. MCKENNEY** was born in Malone, Franklin Co., N. Y., July 13, 1836; resided there until he was 18 years of age, then came to Berlin, Green Co., Wis.; remained there until he came to Portage in the fall of 1861; while at Berlin, he was employed as a clerk in a store; after coming to Portage, he was in the photograph business until 1863, when he went to Washington, D. C., where he remained until 1864—in the Government service one year—connected with the construction of buildings there and in that vicinity. In 1864, he returned to Portage, and has been, most of the time since then, with P. S. Hollenbeck, furniture dealer, being employed as finisher and salesman. Mr. McKenney was married at Berlin, Wis., Jan. 1, 1859, to Miss Elizabeth Behan; she was born in Syracuse, N. Y. They have four children—Charles T., Wm. D., Clara and George.

**FELIX McLINDON**, son of James and Sarah McL., was born in the town of Annaloist, County Armagh, Ireland, Oct. 31, 1812; came to Peru, N. Y., in May, 1831; lived there six years, and in Franklin and Chemung Cos., until the fall of 1845, when he came to Shullsburg, Wis., in April, 1849; moved from there to Portage. Mr. McLindon has been engaged in various pursuits: was Postmaster of the Assembly in 1853; has been Constable twenty-seven years, Justice of the Peace during the last four years; was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly in 1849. He was married in Peru, Clinton Co., N. Y., Jan. 28, 1838, to Margaret, daughter of Wm. and Elizabeth Watson, born in Scotland; she died Dec. 16, 1877, leaving three children—Martha J., now Mrs. D. L. Beardsley, of Odessa, Minn., born July 1, 1842; James, of La Crosse, born July 19, 1844, who is an engineer on the Southern Minn. R. R., and was married in September, 1874, to Ellen McLaughlin;

Robert E., born at Fort Winnebago, April 16, 1851, is an engineer on the M. & St. P. P. R., and was married June 25, 1879, to Teresa McSorley. Mr. McLindon was for several years President of the St. Joseph's Total Abstinence Society, and is now its Vice President.

**JOHN H. MADDEN** was born in County Galway, Ireland, Aug. 25, 1839; came with his parents, Michael and Mary Madden, to America in 1847; located in Racine Co., resided there until 1851, and then removed to Buffalo, Marquette Co. His mother died in May, 1877; his father is now a resident of Portage. Mr. Madden is carrying on his farm of 240 acres on Secs. 20 and 29, in the town of Buffalo, and is also engaged in the mercantile business at Portage. He was married in Montello, Marquette Co., Wis., Jan. 11, 1864, to Maria Eagan, a native of County Roscommon, Ireland; her parents, who were old settlers of Columbia Co., now reside in Marcellon. Mr. and Mrs. Madden are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. M. was a member of the Board of Supervisors for three years; also Roadmaster in the town of Buffalo. They have nine children—Mary Ann, Martin James, John, Wm. Henry, Catherine, Thomas Francis, Margaret, Clara and Estella.

**THOMAS C. MADDEN** came to Wisconsin, in 1850, with his father, Michael Madden, who located in Buffalo, Marquette Co., Wis., and who is now living with his son, Thomas C., in Portage. Mr. Madden was engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business at Lyons, Iowa, for nine years, from 1860 to 1869; enlisted in Co. K, 18th W. V. L., and served until discharged on account of disability caused by sickness; engaged in farming from 1869 to 1872; traveling salesman three years; in business at Portage one year; at Montello one year; then on a farm one year. Mr. Madden married Hellen Hendricks, who died in 1873, leaving one daughter—Mary Ellen. He married his present wife, Mary A. Ogle, a native of Wisconsin, Sept. 17, 1879.

**PETER E. MAHON**, born in Meath Co., Ireland, Dec. 4, 1846; came to America with his parents, Edward and Mary Mahon, who settled in Milwaukee, where they resided six years; came to Portage in May, 1855; father died Jan. 31, 1871; mother is still resident of Portage. The subject of this sketch has worked at carpenter and joiner's trade the past sixteen years; is carpenter, contractor and builder. He was married in Portage, Jan. 24, 1876, to Elizabeth O'Brien; they have two children—Mary, born March 4, 1878, and Edward, born Nov. 15, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Mahon are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. M. has been Chairman of the First Ward Board of Supervisors three years, and is now serving his fourth year as Alderman of the same ward.

**DR. EDWIN C. MAINE**, homœopathic physician; born in North Stonington, New London Co., Conn., July 26, 1821; came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1850; made it his home for a year and a half in Dane and Rock Cos.; in Madison for about four years; came from Madison to Portage in October, 1856; engaged in student practice with Dr. J. B. Bowen, at Madison, and ever since coming here has practiced homœopathy strictly, being one of the oldest physicians of that school in Wisconsin. Married at North Stonington, June 13, 1852, to Ellen L. Wheeler; she was born at North Stonington; they have three children—Lilla M., Clinton Dewitt and Thurlow Wheeler. Dr. M. was for five years member of the Board of Aldermen; is a Mason an Odd Fellow, also belongs to the Temple of Honor, Good Templars, etc., and member of the State Medical Homœopathic Association.

**THOMAS MALOY**, born in Vermont; came to Wisconsin in 1855, locating at La Crosse; he was in the employ of the C., M. & St. P. R. R. Co. until about five years ago; after leaving the railroad business, he entered into partnership with Mr. Sanborn in the brick and ice business; he has been in the brick business six years and the ice business two years. He was married at La Crosse, in June, 1859, to Mary Quinn, who died in January, 1874, leaving two children—Annice H. and George M. Mr. M. and his daughter are members of the Episcopal Church.

**ESTHER F. MARSH**, widow of Darius Marsh, a former physician in Portage; she was born on the 2d of August, 1802, in the town of Brookfield, Otsego Co., N. Y.; her deceased husband was born on the 25th of December, 1798, in Litchfield, Conn.; on the 1st of April, 1815, when a mere lad, he enlisted as bugler, in the United States Army, and he served until his honorable discharge, on the 1st of March, 1819; Mrs. Marsh's grandfathers, on both sides, were Revolutionary soldiers, and of the old English Puritan Stock. They were married Feb. 1, 1820, in Broome Co., N. Y. He was educated as physician, and practiced the healing art several years in the East; came West in 1846, and settled in Galesburg, Knox Co., Ill., where he practiced his profession; after residing in other places in Illinois, he came to Columbia Co. in 1856, and located at Ft. Winnebago, near Portage; in 1861, he enlisted in Capt. Coffin's company, to try the fate of a second war; he was honorably discharged in April, 1862, because of injuries received at Bowling Green,

Ky. ; for some time after the war, he practiced his profession in and about Portage, but lived on his farm in Ft. Winnebago ; he applied for a pension, and on the day that he received his pension papers, he was seated in the City Hotel playing his fife to an admiring group, while waiting for his conveyance home ; suddenly, in the midst of a martial strain, he dropped lifeless, and thus the veteran of two wars passed away on the 8th of May, 1871 ; the family then moved into Portage, where they still reside ; they had eight children, two of whom died in childhood ; the living are—William L., born Jan. 11, 1821 ; George W., born Sept. 21, 1823 ; Andrew J., born Feb. 28, 1826 ; Esther M., born Aug. 11, 1832 ; Mary E., born Feb. 13, 1834, and Clarissa A., born Oct. 20, 1840 ; all the children are married. Dr. Marsh was a "Seventh Day Adventist," and that is the faith of Mrs. Marsh. Her youngest daughter, Clarissa, was married on the 3d of October, 1859, to Samuel Crouch, Jr. ; on the 26th of September, 1861, he enlisted in the 10th W. V. I. ; he died on the 17th of March, 1862, as a result of exposure, at Nashville, Tenn. ; he left but one child, Albert S. born Aug. 11, 1862 ; Mrs. Marsh and this widowed daughter, Mrs. Crouch, live in one home ; Mrs. Marsh draws a pension, as a widow of soldier of 1812, and Mrs. Crouch draws a widow's pension for her sacrifice in the rebellion ; the old lady, though nearly fourscore, retains use of all her faculties ; she is still cheerful, and is "only waiting till the shadows be a little longer drawn ; only waiting till the Father calls, 'My child, come home.'"

**GEORGE W. MARSH** was born in Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y., Sept. 21, 1823, and resided in Broome and Chenango Cos. until 1847, when he went to Boston, Mass. ; spent six years in that city, and studied short-hand ; removing from Boston, he came to Pacific, Columbia Co., in December, 1854, and remained there until he enlisted in 1861 ; was the first man who enlisted in Portage, in the Portage Light Guards at first, afterward Co. G, 2d W. V. I. ; served until Aug. 2, 1861, when he was discharged for injuries received at the first battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861 ; Oct. 7, 1861, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Fremont Rifles of Portage City, afterward Co. D, 10th W. V. I. ; served about two years in this company, on detached duty most of the time ; Post Adjutant at Louisville, Ky., and afterward detailed as Commissioner of claims at Huntsville, Ala., and on Gen. Rosecrans' staff, detailed to do duty at Louisville, Ky., in charge of discharge office ; resigned after about two years' service, and coming to Columbia Co., where he has lived most of the time since ; after resigning, he spent several years in teaching ; was afterward Deputy County Clerk for two years ; Coroner from 1858 to 1862 ; Town Clerk in Pacific for five years ; janitor of the court house now, and in the insurance business with L. S. Rolleston. He was married in Smithville, Chenango Co., N. Y., March 12, 1848, to Maria Pick ; she was born in the town of Green in that county ; they have four children—Ellen A. (now Mrs. Gabriel Rudal, of Lodi), Emma J., Esther A. (now Mrs. W. R. Kenyon), and George A. While in the army, Mr. Marsh was the accredited correspondent of the Milwaukee *Sentinel*, writing under the nom de plume of "Agawan."

**JOHN MARSHALL**, boot and shoe maker, was born in Lenarkshire, Scotland, in 1837 ; his father was a shoemaker, and John served an extended apprenticeship at home—calls himself an apprentice for the past thirty years, and has not learned it all yet. He was married in 1860 to Miss Ellen Phelan, of Manchester, England ; came to America in 1865, and ever since has been a resident of Portage. He has nine children, all living at home—Robert, born in 1861 ; James in 1863 ; Nellie in 1865 ; John in 1867 ; Thomas in 1869 ; Henry in 1871 ; Willie in 1873 ; Annie in 1875 ; and George in 1877. His two oldest sons are his assistants in the shop. Since the exhibition of his work at the fair, some years ago, he is often called the "Premium Shoemaker."

**WILLIAM MEACHER, M. D.** The subject of this sketch, a native of Bungay, Suffolk Co., England, was born on the 27th of May, 1833, and is the son of William and Sarah Ann (Brown) Meacher. At the age of ten years, William attended part of a winter term of school and one summer term of the same length in Monroe Co., N. Y. ; later, he spent a little less than two years in school in Wisconsin, whither he moved with his father in the summer of 1844 ; at the age of 22, he conceived a desire for literary culture, and, giving himself with avidity to the work, at once began the arduous task of educating himself ; beginning with grammar, arithmetic and spelling, he spent the forenoon in study and devoted the afternoon to work on the farm, or carpentering, during the summer, and in the winter employed his evenings and Sundays with his books. After one year's diligent study, he spent two months in a select school in the city of Portage, and in the following winter taught the school of his district, receiving a compensation of \$18 per month and boarding himself ; in early life it had been his desire to become a physician, but it seemed beyond his reach. During this winter, however, he determined to accomplish his purpose and gratify his desire. Accordingly, in the ensuing spring, with the encouragement of Dr. O. D. Coleman, of whom he

borrowed books, he began his studies at home, dividing his time between them and his work to support his family. At the expiration of two years thus spent, he mortgaged his farm of 40 acres for \$250, and with this money pursued a course of study at Rush Medical College of Chicago, and in the following summer began practice in Waushara Co., Wis.; meeting with little success, he sold his land in the fall for \$500, paid his former loan, and with the balance attended another term at the college, and graduated in the spring of 1862, six years from the time when he first began his private study of grammar and spelling. It had been a long and tedious work, but as he compared his condition now, the master of a noble profession, with his former state, when, as a boy, he was obliged to toil as a day laborer, or when, as a sailor upon the lakes, he was thrown into the company of those whose influence tended only to degrade, he did not regret his course, and felt that he had made a noble sacrifice, and what he had gained repaid him a thousand-fold for all that it had cost him. It is worthy of mention that during all his former varied career, though at times associated with reckless and abandoned characters, he had never contracted any of the habits of drinking, gambling, or using tobacco. After his graduation, without means, Dr. Meacher began his practice in the village of Pardeeville, and, by the aid of his friend and benefactor, Dr. Coleman, managed to make a living. He engaged in this work because it was his natural preference, and he considered it the noblest of all professions; beginning at the bottom, his career has marked a gradual growth, and each year has added to his practice and reputation. Thoroughness in his professional work has always been his motto, and to this may be attributed his remarkable success. Of late years, he has devoted himself especially to surgery, and in all his surgical operations, his constant practice is to make a careful study of his case, both by reading and observations, before beginning it. During the war, Dr. Meacher was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the 16th W. V. I., and later, served for four months as contract surgeon. He was at the siege of Atlanta, and participated in the famous march to the sea. Aside from his professional duties, he has shown a public spiritedness, and been honored by his fellow-citizens with positions of trust. His ambition, however, has never led him to desire political honors, he finding in his profession ample scope for his best talents. His political views are Democratic, though he is not a partisan; in his religious sentiments, he has always been a "free thinker." He is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, having taken thirty-two degrees, and makes the principles that underlie this brotherhood his religion. Dr. Meacher was married in the winter of 1854 to Miss Jane E. Clayton, an orphan, of Oak Creek, Milwaukee Co., and by her he has had two sons and three daughters, of whom the eldest, a son, died in infancy.

**GORDON H. MERRELL** was born in Utica, Oneida Co., N. Y., July 24, 1807; resided in Utica, Sacket's Harbor and Oswego until 1830; then removed to Geneva, N. Y., and carried on the drug business until 1840, when he came to Ft. Winnebago, Wis., and engaged in merchandising and farming, with his brother Henry, six or eight years; then came to Portage and purchased his present location, where he has lived ever since; he is real-estate agent, and is also agent for various property owners of the city. Mr. M. was married, at Geneva, N. Y., to Mary C. Tippetts, who died at Portage in 1841; they had two children, both of whom died before the mother. His second wife (deceased) was Alvira Tompkins, of Fox Lake, Wis.; born in Canada; they had three children, all deceased. Mr. M. was married again, in 1862, to Mrs. Milo Pettibone, nee Eliza Dibble, born in New York City; came to Portage in 1852; she had three children—Frank R., now a resident of Chicago; Jessie, deceased, and Flora E., living at home.

**HENRY L. MERRELL** was born at Ft. Winnebago July 22, 1848, in the same house in which he now lives (the same having been removed to Portage); son of Henry and Elizabeth (Low) Merrell; mother died when Henry was 5 years of age. A portion of Mr. Merrell's farm is a part of the old homestead; he was engaged in the drug business up to the time of his father's death. May, 1876; since then attended to matters pertaining to the settlement of his father's extensive estate; in 1875, Mr. M. purchased an orange grove of 15 acres and 1,100 trees at Orange City, Fla.; spends winters there with his family. Mr. M. was married in Portage, Sept. 5, 1872, to Ida M. Miller, born in Portage, daughter of Dr. Fred K. and Amanda Miller, early settlers of Portage, having located here in 1850; they have one child—Frederick H., born May 17, 1873.

**JULIUS METTLER**, butcher and stock-dealer; was born in Switzerland Jan 4, 1830; settled in Newark, N. J., when he first came to America; then coming to Sauk City, Sauk Co., Wis., where he remained eleven years, when he came to Portage and engaged in present business ever since coming here. Married, at Newark, N. J., in the fall of 1854, Barbara Abboth; she was born in Baden, Germany; have nine children—Thecla, Amelia, Julia, Emma, Bertha, Julius, Jr., Carl, August and Joseph. Mr. M. is a member of I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.

**JOHN METZLER**, boot and shoe maker and repairer ; born in Baden, Prussia, in 1848 ; came to America in 1867, and settled in Portage in spring of 1870 ; has carried on the business since 1876 ; employs one journeyman. Was married, on the 20th of March, 1871, to Miss Paulina Daup, formerly of Erie, Penn. ; has three children, named Carrie, Charley and Johnny. The family affiliate with the Catholic Church ; his shop is on Cook street, and his house on Bronson avenue.

**CHARLES MOHR** is a native of Germany ; was born in Hesse-Cassel Oct. 15, 1836, and came to America in 1853 ; engaged in steamboating on the lakes four years before coming to Wisconsin ; in 1857, he located in the town of Caledonia on a farm, and remained there until 1860 ; he commenced teaching school in this county, and taught most of the time for four years ; went then to Milwaukee and clerked in a wholesale grocery for nine months, after which he was employed in the office of the *Banner & Volksfreund*, attending to their collections ; he then was engaged in lumber manufacturing one year, also made a business of raising hops one year ; then traveled for the *Banner & Volksfreund* one season ; then coming to Portage September, 1869, he commenced his present business of merchant and dealer in hops. Mr. M. was married in Portage, July 1, 1862, to Mary Arntz ; she was born in Prussia ; they have one son—Charles, Jr., aged 17 years. Mr. and Mrs. Mohr are members of the German Methodist Church.

**GEORGE W. MORRISON**, son of George T. and Harriet T. Morrison, who settled at Southport, Wis., in 1845, and came to Marcellon, Columbia Co., in 1849 ; remained there until 1857 ; from there removed to Portage ; mother died in June, 1860, and father in October, 1878. Mr. Morrison was born in Jordan, Onondaga Co., N. Y., April 26, 1839 ; engaged in farming while living in Marcellon ; was in the City Hotel here for five years, his father being proprietor ; lived in Brandon, Fond du Lac Co., for three years, in mercantile business ; from there went to town of York, Dane Co., and again occupied his time in farming ; thence to Lowville, and farmed there for three years, then coming back to Portage, where he entered the store of Gates & Austin as a clerk, remaining with them six years ; he then went into business with his brother, James G., and has continued it to the present time. Married in Portage July 6, 1863, to Miss Z. E. Marrs : she was born in the town of Paris, Edgar Co., Ill., Sept. 5, 1839 (daughter of Sylvanus R. Marrs, who was among the early settlers of Portage) ; they have four children—Arthur J., Stephen F., Marion E. and George W., Jr. Mr. M. is a member of the A. O. U. W. and Temple of Honor. Mrs. Morrison's father died in Portage March 17, 1851 ; her mother also died here Nov. 11, 1868 ; they were both natives of Clark Co., Ind., and came to Watertown, Wis., in 1849, and came to Portage in 1850.

**JOHN MUELLER**, the subject of this sketch, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, June, 1838, and came to New York City in 1862, remaining one year there, when he came to Portage, and engaged in the coopering business ever since ; worked alone at first, and now employs three men ; manufactures all kinds of cooperage. Was married in Portage, October, 1867, to Anna Schleisman ; she was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany ; they have four children—Anna, Charles, Louis and Fannie.

**DAVID G. MUIR**, a native of Dunbar, Scotland ; was born July 11, 1840, and is the son of Daniel and Ann Muir, who came to America in 1849, coming directly to Marquette Co., Wis., and engaged in farming ; lived there until 1861, when they came to Portage, where they now reside. D. G. Muir commenced business here as a clerk, and continued as such until 1865, when he went into the mercantile business with Parry & Bebb, under the firm name of Parry, Bebb & Muir, which firm existed for four years, when the present firm of Parry & Muir was organized. Married in the town of Buffalo, Marquette Co., Wis., Oct. 20, 1863, to Catherine H. Cairns ; she was born in Peebles, Scotland ; they have four children—Carrie, Annie, Wilberforce D. and John D. Mr. M. is a member of the Presbyterian Church ; he has been one of the choir singers in that church for sixteen years. He is a charter member of the Temple of Honor.

**GEORGE MURISON** was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, March 17, 1833 ; moved to Montrose when 3 years of age, and lived there until he came to America, locating at Milwaukee, in 1850, where he remained until October, 1853, when he came to Portage ; in 1858, engaged in business in the manufacture of furniture, undertaking, etc., which he still continues. Mr. M. was married in Portage, July 3, 1864, to Jane Dalton, a native of the city of York, England ; she died July 17, 1866, leaving one child—Richard W.—born July 8, 1866 ; he was married again, Nov. 26, 1868, to Fannie E. Wallace, a native of Essex Co., N. Y. ; they have two children—Wallace, born Sept. 7, 1869 ; Mary F., born July 29, 1876. Mr. M. is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge.

**BRYAN MURPHY** was born in County Carlow, Ireland ; came to America in the fall of 1865 ; located and engaged in the fruit business in New York City : resided there about ten years ; removed to Richmond, Va., and continued the same business ; was in business for himself six years ; came to Portage, Wis., from Richmond, August, 1879 ; commenced the grocery business in this place in November of the same year. Mr. Murphy was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1870, to Catherine Sheehan, a native of County Limerick, Ireland ; they have had six children—Mary Ellen, born July 13, 1876 ; an infant son, born March 8, 1880 ; Edward Emmett, born Oct. 1, 1871, died Sept. 2, 1875 ; John, born July 19, 1873, died Aug. 2, 1875 ; Bernard, born Sept. 21, 1874, died Aug. 19, 1875 ; Annie, born April 12, 1878, died Aug. 29, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Catholic Church.

**HENRY NEEF**, the subject of this brief sketch, was born in the town of Black Rock, near the city of Buffalo, N. Y., July 21, 1838 ; when he was 18 years of age, he came to this county, locating in Marcellon, May, 1856, and engaged in farming ; he commenced farming on his own account in 1860. He was married at Jefferson, Wis., December, 1861, to Helvetia L. Reese ; they have seven children—Clella R., William J. J., Carrie L., Della May, Henry Alden, John H. and Sarah. During his residence in Marcellon he was Town Clerk about eleven years ; he was elected County Treasurer in the fall of 1876, and re-elected in 1878. Mr. N. enlisted in March, 1865, in Co. F, 194th O. V. I., and was mustered out Oct. 24, 1865. Is a member of Pardee Lodge, A., F. & A. M.

**DAVID M. NEILL** was born in Perthshire, Scotland, Feb. 2, 1852 ; son of John and Margaret (Moreland) Neill, who came to New York in 1859 ; remained there one year, then removed to Caledonia, Wis., and located on Sec. 36, where they now live ; when 10 years of age, he left home ; attended high school in Portage two years ; commenced clerking in the grocery store of John Fulton, March 19, 1871 ; remained there until July of the same year ; Aug. 10, 1871, he entered the employ of Purdy & Merrell, druggists, in which store he has remained ever since. Mr. Neill was married at Fox Lake, May 20, 1875, to Alice A. Purdy, daughter of Edmund and Harriet Purdy, born at Fox Lake ; they have one child—Edmund—born at Portage, July 26, 1877. Mr. N. is a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge.

**HENRY NEILL**, County Superintendent of Schools ; was born in the parish of Kincardine, Perthshire, Scotland, March 26, 1849 ; came with his parents, John and Margaret Moreland Neill, to New York in 1859, remained there one year ; in the spring of 1860, they located on Sec. 36 in the town of Caledonia, Columbia Co., Wis. ; engaged in farming until 21 years of age ; taught school until 23 years of age ; spent three years at Thayer College, in Kidder, Mo., from the spring of 1872 to June, 1876 ; entered Beloit College, September, 1876, graduated July 3, 1878, with degree of A. B., full classical course ; he taught district school in Caledonia in the winters of 1878 and 1879 ; commenced teaching in the Portage High School in September, 1879 ; elected County Superintendent of Schools, November, 1879 ; taught the high school until the holidays ; resigned his position in the school Dec. 24, 1879, to assume the duties of the office which he now holds. Mr. Neill is a member of I. O. O. F. lodge.

**WILLIAM NIEMEYER** was born in Hanover, Germany, Jan. 2, 1830 ; came to New York and engaged in tailoring in 1850, remained there one and a half years, then came to Milwaukee ; removed to Portage in 1854 ; carried on the tailoring and clothing business until 1861, then engaged in the grocery business, which he has carried on ever since. Mr. Niemeyer was married in Portage, July 11, 1857, to Caroline Wentzel, a native of Prussia ; they have seven children—Albert J., Lizzie, Charles, William, George, Henry and Emma. Mr. N. is a member of the Lutheran Church, and of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

**JOHN J. O'KEEFE**, born in North Hadley March 29, 1852 ; removed from there with his father, John C. O'Keefe, in May, 1853, and came to Wisconsin, locating at Pacific, near Portage, where he remained for about two years, then moved to Portage, and has resided in this vicinity ever since. Mr. O'Keefe engaged in Government surveying for a number of years and steamboating part of two years. He was elected City Clerk in the spring of 1878 ; re-elected in the spring of 1880 ; member of the Board of Education from the Third Ward. Mr. O'Keefe received his education in Portage.

**M. DE WITT OLDER**, son of Amos and Ann Older, was born at Farmersville, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., Dec. 20, 1831 ; came to Walworth Co., Wis., in 1838, his parents being the third family in the town of Darien ; moved to Boone Co., Ill., in 1852 ; two years afterward removed to Marquette Co., Wis., then went to Minnesota, where he aided in the organization of Martin County and towns ; left Minnesota on account of the Indian massacre in 1862 ; returning to

Marquette Co., enlisted in Co. H, 5th W. V. I., Aug. 23, 1864, and was mustered out June 20, 1865, when he again returned to Marquette Co.; in 1869, Mr. O. moved to Lincoln, Adams Co., Wis., where he remained until coming to Portage, March 3, 1880. He was married at Nevada, Martin Co., Minn., April 26, 1859, to Elizabeth A., daughter of James B. and Jane A. Clark, born in Ontario, Canada, June 19, 1839. They have six children—Clark, born Oct. 29, 1860; James Amos, July 26, 1862; Edna, June 25, 1866; Nellie, April 24, 1869; Bert, July 18, 1875, and Cliffe, Nov. 17, 1876. Mr. O. is a member of a lodge of A., F. & A. M.

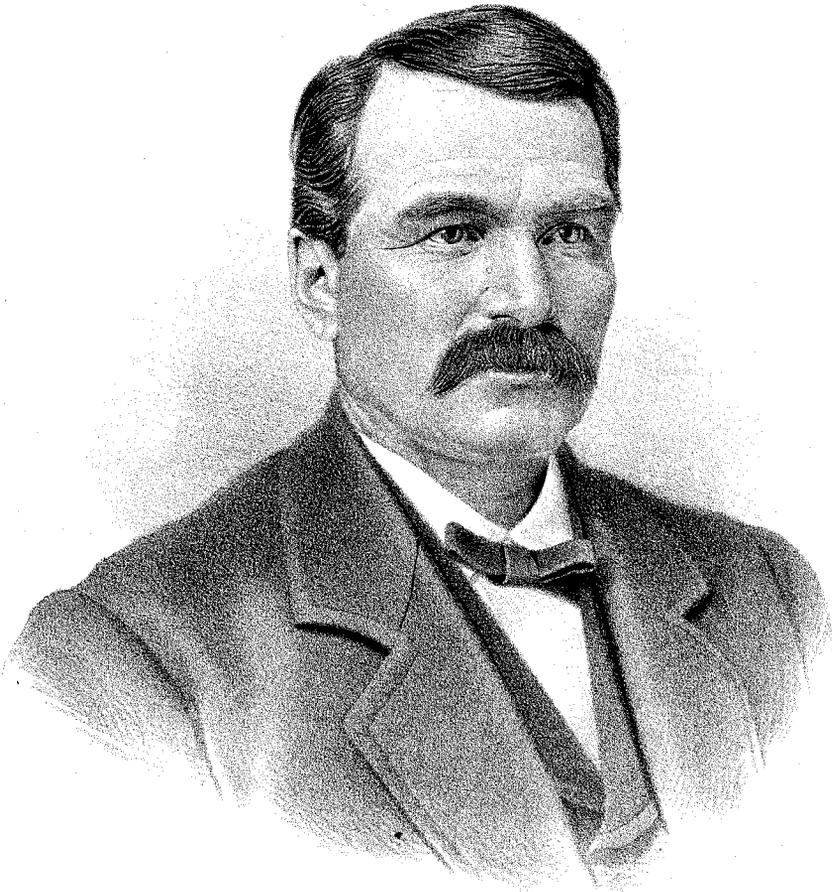
**MRS. MARY A. OWENS**, nee Parrish, wife of John T. Owens; she was born July 12, 1828, in the city of Peterborough, England; he is a native of Wales; she sailed from Liverpool in the good ship Milan, on the 14th of May, 1848, and reached New York on the 13th of June, 1848, which was the shortest passage of sailing vessel recorded up to that date; she lived twelve years in Utica, N. Y. She was married in 1850; in the spring of 1860 they came West, and bought land in Caledonia Township, where they lived till 1873; since which date she has resided in Portage. Had four children; three are dead; the other, Anna, is married to a son of Thomas Walker, of Caledonia, and now lives in Bremer Co., Iowa. She keeps a stock of fancy notions, and also does stamping. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a reliable and useful member of society.

**ABRAHAM PADLEY** is a native of England; was born at Staley Bridge, Lancashire, Oct. 27, 1828; came to America with his mother in the fall of 1840; lived at New York Mills until he came to Wisconsin, February, 1857; acquired his musical education at Utica, N. Y. When first coming to this State, he settled at Lodi, in this county, where he resided one year; then moving to the town of Dekorra, where he remained six years, in the hotel business and owner of the ferry; moving from Dekorra to Poynette, he engaged in the mercantile business, where he lived for seven years; was Postmaster for about five years during his residence in this place, and then, coming to Portage in the fall of 1871, he engaged in the music business, dealer in pianos, organs and all kinds of musical instruments, and teaching vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Padley was married in Whitestown, Oneida Co., N. Y., August, 1849, to Miss Mary A. Walker, a native of Rome, N. Y. They have two children—Viola J. (now Mrs. J. H. Rogers, of this city) and Julia E. Is a member of the Presbyterian Church; also belongs to the I. O. O. F. Society.

**WILLIAM T. PARRY**, son of William and Catharine Parry; was born in Bangor, North Wales, May 17, 1837; came to America in 1849; to Wisconsin in September of the same year, locating at Manchester, Green Lake Co.; lived there until 1858, and engaged in farming; in 1859, came to Portage; clerked for about six years with A. D. Forbes; in 1865, the firm of Parry, Bebb & Muir was formed; they were together about four years, when the firm became Parry & Muir, and has continued to present time. Married Margaret Williams June 30, 1857, at Randolph, this county; she died June 30, 1866, leaving two children—Mary A. (now Mrs. Thomas Moss, of Hudson, Wis.) and William. Present wife's maiden name was Annie R. Roberts; were married Aug. 27, 1867, at Westminster Church, Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. P. was born near Bala, North Wales; they have four children—Lemuel R., Floy, Richard and Pierce. Mr. Parry is an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, and has been Superintendent of Sabbath school for the last eleven years. William Parry, father of William T., died in Cambria; mother is still living; she resides at Randolph, in this county.

**JAMES PATERSON** was born in Dumfries, Scotland, Sept. 27, 1827; came to America in 1851; spent one year at Athens, Penn., two years in Steuben Co., N. Y., and the balance of the time, until coming to Columbia Co. in 1857, at Franklinville, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. In the fall of 1860, Mr. P. entered the store he is now connected with; spent the summer of 1870 in Scotland. He was married at Portage, June 5, 1868, to Agnes Reid, born in Hamilton, Scotland. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have one son—James, born in April, 1869. Mr. P. is a member of the Curling Club.

**ROBERT C. PIXLEY** was born in London, Canada West, Oct. 14, 1832; lived there until the spring of 1850, then came with his parents, Bemus J. and Mary Pixley, to Portage, Wis., arriving April 15, 1850. Father died in the house where he settled, August, 1879; mother died May, 1879, leaving four children—William B., of Stockton, Cal.; Jonathan B., now in Minnesota; Harriet M., now Mrs. Philo M. Plumb, of La Crosse, and Robert C., the subject of the sketch. Mr. P. was engaged in teaming for six or seven years; in the fall of 1856, he went to New Lisbon, Wis., and carried on grocery, livery and express business, until 1861; he then spent one year in California; has been a resident of Portage ever since, dealing in hides, furs, etc., since 1862, with Arthur



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Bros., with the exception of two years spent in the store of Loomis, Gallett & Breese. Mr. Pixley was married Jan. 20, 1856, to Elizabeth O. Blanchard, a native of Oneida Co., N. Y. They have two children—Charles R., born Jan. 13, 1857, and Minnie L., born Oct. 25, 1860. Mr. P. is now serving as Alderman.

**SHERMAN L. PLUMB**, the subject of this sketch, was born in Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn., July 20, 1841; when a lad 16 years of age, he went to Galesburg; was there about four years, then came to Milwaukee, where he remained, most of the time engaged in railroading, until 1866, when he came to Portage and engaged in his present business since coming to this city. Married in Portage, Aug. 27, 1872, Alice I. Stanton; she was born in Lake Co., Ill. Mr. Plumb is a member of the A., F. & A. M.

**CHARLES PREHN**, carpenter; was born in North Prussia Sept. 23, 1839; came to Milwaukee in 1853; in 1855, he came to Portage and began working at his trade, which business he has since followed. He was married at Portage, Feb. 3, 1861, to Emma La Clair, who was born in Prussia; they have six children—William L., born July 17, 1863; Charles G., born March 18, 1865; Bertha A., born Aug. 6, 1867; Gustav C., born Oct. 15, 1869; Louis, born Jan. 8, 1872, and Augusta D., born Sept. 25, 1876. Mr. P. is a member of the Temple of Honor, and has served as Alderman of the First Ward; his father, John Prehn, died in 1857, but his mother, Minne Prehn, is still living, being over 80 years of age.

**LOUIS PREHN**, blacksmith; was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 19th of January, 1843; when he was of the age of 10 years, his parents emigrated to America, and located at Milwaukee; his father was a farmer named John Prehn; has lived in Portage since 1855. Was married in January, 1866, to Miss Bertha Neimats, who was born in July, 1846, in Prussia. He has been Supervisor two terms; is connected with the I. O. O. F. Has three children—George, born in 1867; Emma, born in 1872, and Lizzie, born in 1876. His widowed mother lives with him; he is reported as a substantial, reliable citizen; he reports business prosperous.

**JAMES PRENTICE**, physician and surgeon; was born at Aurora, Erie Co., N. Y., Nov. 15, 1820; came from Erie Co., with his brother, to Milwaukee, in 1844; remained there six months, when he removed to Antioch, Lake Co., Ill., living there one year; then went to St. Charles, Kane Co., Ill., where he studied medicine with Prof. G. W. Richards; he graduated at Indiana Medical College, at La Porte, Ind., in 1847, his preceptor being Professor of Theory and Practice in that institution; came to Fort Winnebago in 1849, and has since made this his home. Was Surgeon of the 23d W. V. I., entering the service in August, 1862, and resigned in February, 1863, on account of ill health, and has since been engaged in the active practice of medicine up to the present time. Was married at Bellefontaine, Columbia Co., Wis., in 1848, to Emma Bonney; she was born in Maine; they have three daughters—Alice (now the wife of R. J. Flint, an editor at Menomonee), Anna and Emma. The Doctor was a Justice of the Peace at Fort Winnebago in an early day.

**JAMES O. PRESCOTT**, of the firm of Carnegie, Prescott & Co., lumber dealers, and manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds; was born in the town of Sanbornton, Belknap Co., N. H., March 16, 1829; when 16 years of age, he went to Massachusetts; lived in Worcester one year, and then went to Lowell, where he remained until 1855, when he removed to Westfield, N. Y., where he resided until coming to Wisconsin, in May, 1856, locating at Portage, where he has lived ever since; engaged in building, contracting, etc.; soon after coming here, he became associated with A. Carnegie in building operations, and they were together in that business for fifteen years, until 1872; they erected the Veeder House in 1857, the high-school building, the Columbia Co. Court House and Jail, and also built several of the principal blocks of this city; was appointed Under-Sheriff Jan. 1, 1873, and did the business of Sheriff during the term for which William W. Drake was elected; in the fall of 1874, Mr. Prescott was elected Sheriff; has been Under Sheriff all the time since he was Sheriff, with the exception of a few months of the first part of Mr. Conklin's term; was Alderman, from 1864 to 1871, of the Second Ward; was President of the Council two years, and a member of the School Board one year. Was married in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 20, 1851, to Sophia T. Mass; she was born at Fairfield, Me.; they have two children—Allie L. and Laura E.

**EDMUND S. PURDY** is a native of the city of New York; was born Sept. 6, 1845; is a son of Edmund and Harriet Purdy, who came to Wisconsin, locating at Fox Lake, Dodge Co., in 1846, and have resided there to the present time; E. S. lived there until the fall of 1868; has been engaged in the drug trade since he became 13 years of age; with Frances Ibberson, of Fox Lake, for ten years; then in Ripon one year; engaged in business for himself several years; took charge

of the business for Waterhouse & Davis since April 9, 1871; Henry Merrell was a partner with him until his death, in May, 1876; Mr. Merrell's heirs were interested in the business until Dec. 8, 1879; is also engaged in the manufacture of the Vacuum Cream Extractor, for the last two years. Married at Portage, Sept. 13, 1871, to Helen M. Merrell, daughter of Henry Merrell; she was born at Ft. Winnebago July 1, 1850, and was probably the first one christened in the Episcopal Church of Portage; they have two children—Henry Edmund, born October, 1872, and Hattie Elizabeth, born Nov. 5, 1874. Mr. Purdy has been Alderman of the Second Ward four years; is at present member of the School Board.

**JOHN D. PUGH**, of the firm of J. D. Pugh & Co., grocers; born in North Wales, February, 1847; is the son of David and Laura Pugh, who came to America when John D. was an infant, 11 months of age, locating in Green Lake Co., where they still reside; Mr. Pugh lived in Green Lake Co. most of the time, until 1868; during the next three and a half years, was engaged clerking for J. M. Darling; returned to Green Lake Co., and was employed in farming, up to the fall of 1877; has been in business for himself since March, 1879, associated with Thomas W. Drew.

**JOB PURNELL** was born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England, Dec. 1, 1819; came to America in 1841, and located at Norwich, Conn., remaining there until 1853, when he moved to Ohio, where he resided one year before coming to Wisconsin, to Portage, where he located in 1854, and has resided here ever since, and engaged in present business, dealing in stoves, tinware, etc., up to present time, with the exception of two years that he worked for Bacon & Atkins. Mr. P. was married, at Norwich, Conn., Oct. 23, 1844, to Emma Osborne; she was born in Somersetshire, England; they have five children—Eliza E., now Mrs. Arthur O. Stevens, of Milwaukee; Mary A., now Mrs. J. F. Coss, of Milwaukee; Susan M., now Mrs. Alex. Thompson, of this city; Sarah O. and Minnie A.; lost one daughter, aged 14 months, died in 1858. Mrs. Purnell died here Jan. 3, 1879.

**GEORGE S. RACE**, route agent on the C., M. & St. P. R. R.; born at Mineral Point, Wis., on the 15th of October, 1843; lived with his parents until his enlistment in the United States service at Portage, on the 15th of September, 1861, in Co. E, Capt. Geo. N. Richmond, of 2d W. C., under command of Col. C. C. Washburn; the company went in barracks at Cold Springs, Milwaukee, during the winter of 1861 and 1862, for drill and discipline; in April, 1862, the regiment was removed to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., where it was mounted, armed and equipped, and thence ordered to Helena, Ark.; while there, he was Chief Clerk in Post Provost Marshal's Office; afterward, he was Commissary Sergeant; was appointed Commissary Sergeant of the regiment on 1st of September, 1863; he "veteranized" on the 1st of January, 1865, and on the 30th of same month, he was commissioned First Lieutenant and made Regimental Quartermaster, in which capacity he served till mustered out at Austin, Texas, on the 15th, 1865; the regiment was in the Army of the Southwest, serving in Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas, and took part in several battles; since the war, he has been clerk, bookkeeper, mechanic, and is now in railway mail service between Chicago and La Crosse. He was married Sept. 27, 1866, to Miss Agnes Carnegie, of Portage; they have four children—Earl, Harry, Fred and Ralph. He is a Mason and member of Temple of Honor; lives on Pleasant street.

**SYLVENUS RACE**, son of William N. and Vienna Race, was born on the 28th of February, 1814, in Berkshire Co., Mass. He lived with his parents several years after they removed to Lorain Co., Ohio; he came West in the fall of 1836, and settled in Mineral Point, Wis. He was married May 6, 1841, to Miss Sarah Van Ornum, who was born Nov. 12, 1823, in Chautauqua Co., N. Y. He is a carpenter and joiner, and has worked many years at his trade. While living in Mineral Point in 1840, he went to New Orleans with five boat loads of copper ore, as a speculative experiment. After marriage he took charge of a hotel for three years, and afterward farmed for three years; he tried mercantile life three years at Dodgeville. In 1850, he settled in Portage, and has been a continuous resident to date. They have had six children; two died in childhood; the living are named George S., Earl, Frank A., and Abner H.; and Harriet S. Green, who from early childhood has been as a daughter, and is thoroughly identified with the family. The five are married, and four have settled in Portage, and one, Earl, is in Idaho Ter. For nearly twenty-five years, Mr. Race worked at his trade in Portage; his wife excels as a landlady; for several years they have owned and kept a large boarding house on the corner of Mack and Emmett Streets; they have an average patronage of forty; sometimes sixty to seventy per day take meals with them, and they have rooms to accommodate fifty boarders. While at Mineral Point he was Jailer and Under Sheriff; he is a Free-thinker; is a kind, social man and good citizen. Mrs. Race's father was a prominent

Spiritualist, and she, from childhood, has professed the same faith ; she is a lady of good executive ability, and the "Race House" is well patronized.

**MRS. MARTHA S. REED** (nee Brooks) was born Aug. 30, 1830, in township of Hancock, Vt. ; she was married in November, 1855, to D. F. Chandler, of Vermont, and soon afterward came West and located in Milwaukee. He was a passenger engineer on the C., M. & St. P. R. ; he was killed April 28, 1857, by his engine running off the track at Beaver Dam ; his injuries were internal, and he died that day at the residence of the Hon. Scott Sloan, where he had been immediately taken. He was born Dec. 24, 1829, in West Randolph, Vt. ; he left one son, Wallace B., born November, 1855 ; he is now ticket agent and telegraph operator at Portage, for the C., M. & St. P. R. R. Mrs. Chandler was married in January, 1863, to Theodore Reed, who had been for several years ticket agent and telegraph operator at Portage, for the C., M. & St. P. R., which position he held until his death in 1873 ; his only surviving son, by a former marriage, Oliver T. Reed, succeeded him in that position, and held the same until his death, in March, 1879 ; and he, in turn, is succeeded by Mrs. Reed's son, Wallace, the present incumbent of the office. Mr. Reed left three children, all of whom are living—Martha H., born in 1865 ; Angie E., in 1868 ; and Julia Maud, in 1872 ; the oldest is at school in Massachusetts ; Mr. Reed and his son, Oliver T., were Masons ; Mrs. Reed's pleasant home is located on the corner of Dunn and Emmett streets.

**JOHN REID**, son of Andrew and Janet Reid, was born in Paisley, Scotland, Feb. 24, 1835 ; came to Buffalo, Marquette Co., Wis., with his parents, in 1850, where his father died, in 1854, and where his mother still resides. Mr. Reid came to Portage in 1865, and engaged in the stock and produce business, which he has since followed. He was married in Buffalo, Marquette Co., in December, 1860, to Margaret H. Muir, born in Dunbar, Scotland ; they have five children—Anna G., Jessie S., Henry D., Maggie May and John J. ; a son died in infancy. The firm of Reid & Foster are the heaviest dealers in wool in Wisconsin.

**DR. RICHARD C. ROCKWOOD** was born in Utica, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1814 ; came to Milwaukee in May, 1836, but returned to Utica in the fall. In May, 1837, he again landed at Milwaukee, and soon after visited Madison, Mineral Point, Blue Mounds and Dekorra, returning to the East via Chicago, in September. On the journey home, he rode, for the first time, after a locomotive, from Adrian, Mich., to Toledo, Ohio. In April, 1845, Dr. Rockwood returned to Spring Prairie, Walworth Co., where he entered land, in August, 1837 ; one year later, he moved to Wyocena, Columbia Co., where he lived until coming to Portage, in 1872 ; assisted in rolling up the first log house at Oconomowoc. He has been in practice thirty-six years, being at first the only physician between Wyocena and St. Paul, and also engaged in farming. Dr. Rockwood was Justice of the Peace, at Wyocena, twelve years and has been Alderman, Street Commissioner and Supervisor, at Portage. He married Mahala Packard, in Otsego Co., N. Y., who died in 1860, leaving two children—Helen A. and Charles S. The Doctor married his present wife, Rosa Conlon, a native of County Louth, Ireland, at Madison, in September, 1860 ; they have four children—Ernest S., Louis, Mellie A., and Edward. The Doctor is Treasurer of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons ; at Wyocena, he kept the "Cottage Inn," from 1847 to 1859 ; was President of the Columbia County Agricultural Association in 1876.

**J. H. ROGERS**, District Attorney, was born in Oshawa, Ontario, July 27, 1841 ; educated in Canada ; graduated from Victoria University in the spring of 1866 ; entered Osgood Hall August, 1866 ; was articled to attorneys at Oshawa, and afterward graduated from the Law Department of Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, in the spring of 1868, and came to Wisconsin immediately afterward, locating at Poynette, residing there one year and a half, practicing his profession ; he then went to the State of New York, where he spent one year, returning to Wisconsin and locating in Portage, in the spring of 1871, when he engaged in the practice of law, which he has continued ever since ; has been District Attorney since 1874, having been elected three times to this office. Married, at Portage June 12, 1872, to Miss Viola J. Padley, daughter of Abraham Padley, who located at Lodi, about twenty years ago ; she was born at York Mills, Oneida Co., N. Y. ; they have two children—Edith Ethelyn, born Sept. 19, 1875 ; Selden Wallace, Sept. 1, 1877. Mr. Rogers was one of the charter members of the A. O. U. W. of this city.

**LEONARD S. ROLLESTON** is a native of Nottinghamshire, England ; was born Sept. 19, 1834. Married, in Leicester, England, Jan. 22, 1857, to Maria Newton ; she was born in Leicester Dec. 21, 1835 ; they have twelve children—Elizabeth A., Florence E. and Flora L. (twins), Maria L., John P., Ida Fannie, Arthur Septimus, Ada F., Leonard William, Alice Maud, William Launcelot and Beulah Octavia. Came to Wisconsin March, 1857, and located in the town of Lowville,

on Sec. 5 ; was there six years, then moved to the adjoining town of Wyocena, on Sec. 32, still retaining his property in the town of Lowville ; resided in Wyocena until Jan. 1, 1875, when he came to Portage, having been elected County Clerk in November, 1874 ; he was re-elected in 1876 and 1878. While residing in Wyocena he held the offices of Town Clerk two years, Justice of the Peace two years, and several times member of the School Board. Mr. Rolleston is a member of the A., F. & A. M. Lodge. In 1854, he graduated from Rossal College, at Lancashire, England, he being in the first class, fourth form. During the Crimean war, he served as Lieutenant of Co. No. 6, 57th Regiment Royal Sherwood Foresters.

**JAMES RUTHVEN** was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 8, 1814 ; when 1 year of age, his parents moved to Kendall, Westmorelandshire, England, where he lived thirty-two years ; came to America, and first located at Albany, N. Y. ; resided there until 1856, then came to Chicago, where he remained until he came to Marcellon in September, 1865 ; resided in the latter place until the spring of 1878 ; worked at shoemaking when 15 years of age ; while in Kendall was employed in a wholesale grocery store for fifteen years. Mr. R. was married, at Kendall, Westmoreland, England, Nov. 28, 1838, to Agnes Sandford, a native of Westmorelandshire, England ; they have three children living—Isabella S., now Mrs. Walter Riddell ; John and Allan, and have lost five—Mary Ann, 4 years ; Edwin, 9 months, and three infant children. Mr. R. is a member of the Temple of Honor, Good Templar, and Sons of Temperance societies.

**PIERCE RYAN**, son of Chief Justice Ryan and Caroline Willard (Pierce) Ryan ; was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 9, 1851, and resided there until early in 1865, when he went to Boston ; lived there and in that vicinity about four years ; two years of this time at Dummer Academy, and two years with a Calcutta importing house in the city of Boston ; he then returned to his native city, and was with the Milwaukee Iron Company eight or nine years. Since the summer of 1876, has been in the employ of the C., M. & St. P. R. R. Co. ; in January, 1877, came to Portage, and remained three months, and settled here permanently in October, 1877. Was married, at Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 1, 1879, to Miss Isadore M. Risdon ; she was born in Ann Arbor.

**JAMES S. SANBORN**, ice dealer and brick manufacturer ; born in Grafton Co., N. H., Nov. 14, 1837 ; is the son of Martin L. and Emeline Sanborn, his early life was passed on his father's farm ; at the age of 24, he took a full course in Eastman's Commercial College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after which he clerked in a grocery store three years in Boston ; then he spent nearly two years at Bristol, N. H., with Jason C. Draper, learning the Plymouth Glove business ; in September, 1868, he came to Boscobel, Wis., where he clerked till January, 1871, at which time he took a contract to saw the wood on the Northern and La Crosse Divisions of the C., M. & St. P. R. R., and the contract has been in continuous force to the present day. He was married June 12, 1872, to Miss Anna F. Estabrook, of Brunswick, Me. ; they have since resided in Portage ; he has manufactured brick since 1873 ; will, in 1880, make 2,000,000 brick in Portage ; last winter he put up 10,000 tons of ice at Fox Lake and Waukau, for the Milwaukee market ; the ice used here is harvested at Silver Lake, near Portage ; they have three children—Ellen D., born May 7, 1873 ; Dwight A., born Sept. 12, 1875, and Anna L., born July 6, 1877. He aims to vote for the best men, is not active in politics, but is of Democratic proclivities ; he is a Methodist, and his wife is a Congregationalist ; she is a member of the local Shakespearean Club ; they have a pleasant home on Prospect Hill.

**JOHN M. SANDERSON** was born in Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1838, and lived in Albany from his youth until he came West ; enlisted in Albany, N. Y., August, 1862, in Haverlock Battery, and served until the close of the war ; was in all of the engagements his command was in after he enlisted ; the principal battles he was in were Cold Harbor, second battle of Bull Run, Petersburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg ; came to Portage in 1866 and engaged in the business of cigar-making for himself, which business he still continues. Married in Portage to Helen Augusta Lin-scott ; she was born in Utica, N. Y. ; they have have two children—Warren F. and Harry.

**JOHN W. SARGENT**, freight engineer on main line P. & M. ; born in Lake Village, Belknap Co., N. H., Oct. 21, 1838 ; his father, William T., was proprietor of the hotel at Lake Village ; at the age of 14, he began railroad life as a water boy on a gravel-train on the B., C. & M. R. R. ; at the age of 16, he was given the position of fireman on the same gravel-train ; after a year's experience, he was sent on to a passenger train, and continued there until fall of 1856, when he came West ; he landed in Milwaukee on Christmas, 1856, and, on Dec. 28, he began firing on a freight running between Milwaukee and Fox Lake, on C., M. & St. P. ; in spring of 1857, the road was opened through to Portage ; he was for awhile engine-dispatcher at Portage, and afterward the

same at Milwaukee; in the fall of 1858, while on a visit to New Hampshire, he came near death's door with typhoid fever; this detained him till spring of 1860, when he returned and took his old position of fireman, and that fall he was given an engine, which he run till the time of his enlistment; Co. F, 2d W. V. L., was formed entirely of railroad men. He enlisted in that company Aug. 21, 1862, and was honorably discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability after about one year's service; on his partial recovery, he was given his old situation on the railroad; he was four years on the W. W., two of which was while the St. P. ran it, and the last two years by request of W. W. and consent of St. P., and he has been in continuous engineer service to date—part time freight, and sometimes passenger. Mr. Sargent has been longest in engineer service of any now living in the county. He was married Feb. 22, 1868, to Miss Julia B. Snow, of Watertown, Wis.; they have no children; he belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; they have boarded since marriage until this season. Mrs. F. N. Snow, his wife's mother, lives with them; the family are social and respected.

**CHARLES SCHARIEN** was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, Dec. 5, 1852; came to Portage, stopping three weeks in New York on his way from Europe, in March, 1878, where he has since been engaged as book-keeper for Haertel's brewery. Mr. S. is a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge, Turner's and Leiderkranz Societies and Hook and Ladder Company. He was married in Mecklenburg Feb. 15, 1875, to Carolina Kopcke, born in Mecklenburg; they have three children living—Amelia, Charles and Louis, and have lost one—Hulda, who died at Portage in July, 1878, aged 2 years; before engaging with the Haertels, Mr. S. was with Schumacher & Schulze two months.

**MISS MARIA SHaub**, first cook at the Corning House; was born in Waterford, Racine Co., Wis., in 1855; her father is a furniture dealer in Waterford; has worked several years in private families, and two and a half years in the hotel. She is a Catholic. To her skillful hand can be traced the well-prepared substantial which so attract the hungry traveler to the Corning House.

**FRANK SCHERBURT** was born in Prussia March 12, 1856; is the son of Christoph and Mary Schubart, who emigrated to America when Frank was 11 years of age, locating in Portage, where they still reside; has worked at cigar-making for about eight years, and has been in business for himself during the last four and a half years as manufacturer of cigars and dealer in tobacco and smokers' articles. He is a member of the Turner Society and Hook and Ladder Company.

**BENJAMIN SCHULZE** was born June 9, 1801, in Taura, Saxony, where, when he had reached a suitable age, he was apprenticed to learn the art of butchering, the mysteries of weaving, and the rudiments of music, all from the same master; Mr. Schulze remembers having seen, when he was 13 years old, Napoleon Bonaparte's army as it passed through his native town en route to Russia, and was soon afterward employed with the Prussians in making fortifications for the purpose of retaking Torgau, on the Elba—which place the French had captured in 1810—and was present during the fight that followed, and saw the town set on fire; he also witnessed the shooting by Russians of three French soldiers for horse stealing, the victims being placed upon the edge of a lake, and pushed backward into the water when killed; after finishing his apprenticeship, he went to Schmannewitz, where he engaged in his various avocations, applying himself more particularly to the study of music. Here it was that he met and married Johanna Rosina Wagenknecht, the matrimonial event taking place April 25, 1824; Schmannewitz was the home of Mrs. Schulze's parents; she was born Jan. 2, 1804, and also bore witness to the French invasion; when the news was received that the army was approaching, her father, who was a farmer, collected his small flock of cattle and ran them into the woods, to save them from being carried off by the advancing foe, while Johanna, then but 9 years of age, gathered together her younger brothers and sisters, and marched them into the village of Schmannewitz, where, a few days later, she heard the roar of cannon in the historical battle of Leipsic. In 1830, Mr. Schulze removed to Tamenheim, a small Saxon hamlet, and there engaged in hotel keeping in addition to his three professions; in 1833, he went to Sitzenroda, and purchased a farm and tavern for \$1,600, living there until 1850, when he came to America, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in the sail-ship "Amalia," and bringing with him his wife, eight sons and one daughter, the eldest son, who was then 25 years of age, remaining in the fatherland, in the service of the Emperor as bugler in one of the national bands; the family arrived in Portage, by way of Quebec, Buffalo and Milwaukee, July 28 of the same year, stopping at the old Franklin House; a settlement was soon after made on the east side of Silver Lake, on a quarter section of land, which was soon placed under cultivation; and here, for thirty years, they have made their home; Mr. Schulze is 79 years of age, and his wife but three years younger. There have been born to this now

aged couple ten children, as follows: Frederick (now Secretary of a National Telegraph Bureau, in Bautzen, Saxony), born May 15, 1825; Charles (drowned in the Mississippi River, April 17, 1865), born Aug. 20, 1829; Henry (now in Chicago), born Nov. 13, 1831; Frank (died May 22, 1879), born Jan. 14, 1833; Hermann (now living in Oregon), born March 9, 1836; Ferdinand, born July 20, 1839; Frederick W., born March 6, 1842; Samuel, born July 22, 1845; Minnie, born Feb. 17, 1847; Benjamin, born Jan. 7, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Schulze celebrated their golden wedding April 25, 1874, the occasion being appropriately observed; the famous Schulze Band was, of course, present, the old gentleman once more taking part in the musical exercises; there were seven children present; a very touching poem, fifty verses in length, commemorative of the occasion, written by the absent son in Germany, was read, also one of the same length, composed by the family pastor, the Rev. A. Klein; both were published in the *Columbia County Weeker*; Mr. and Mrs. Schulze are apparently in as good health as ever, and have not yet outlived their usefulness.

**MRS. BARBARA SCHULZE**, née Schwartz, widow of August Frank Schulze; she was born May 1, 1840, in Wittenburg, Germany; her deceased husband was born on the 14th of January, 1833, in Prussia; he came to the United States in 1850, and settled in Portage, where he was for many years a hardware merchant. He was married, Feb. 5, 1860, to the estimable lady who survives him. From early boyhood, he was a member of "Schulze brass band," organized by his father, and composed mainly of the Schulze family. He died on the 23d of May, 1879; they had eleven children, six of whom died in infancy; the living are Louis, born Dec. 6, 1860; Oscar, born Dec. 13, 1868; Herman H., born Nov. 12, 1872; August Frank, born Feb. 2, 1875, and Samuel A., born Dec. 15, 1877. All the children reside at home. Louis is salesman in the store in which Mrs. Schulze still retains an interest. She has a small place of about 20 acres near Portage, and her pleasant home on corner of Howard and De Witt streets. Mrs. S. is a member of the Evangelical Church, and so also was her husband. He was a social gentleman, and a good citizen. The family are all highly respected.

**FERDINAND SCHULZE**, the subject of this sketch, was born in Saxony, Prussia, July 20, 1840; came to America in 1850, and located at Portage, and spent his time until 1861 on his father's farm; he then went across the Plains to Nevada, and for five years was engaged in mining and music business; returned to this county in the spring of 1866, and occupied his time in farming for two years in the town of Hampden, in this county; then came to Portage, and engaged in the mercantile business, which he has continued ever since. Mr. S. was married in Milwaukee, March 2, 1880, to Minnie A. Dent; she was born in St. Mary's Co., Md., near Washington, D. C.; is a daughter of Dr. Walter Brewer and Margaret (Fowler) Dent. Mr. Dent was born in Charles Co., Md.; he came to Milwaukee in 1852; returned to Maryland in 1854, and remained until 1859, when he again came to Milwaukee, and came to Portage in 1861; died July 31, 1867. Mrs. Dent is a native of Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's Co., Md.

**FRIEDRICK W. SCHULZE**, a native of Saxony, Prussia; born March 6, 1842, and came to America with his parents, Benjamin and Johanna R. Schulze, in 1850, locating in the town of Portage, where they still reside. Mr. S.'s early life was spent on his father's farm until the age of 21, then worked three years at the carpenter and joiner's trade, when he went to California, spending five years there. From 1863 to 1867, while in California, his whole attention was devoted to instrumental music and the composing of music; returned to Portage in 1867; he was a member of the firm of Schumacher, Schulze & Bro., for a few years; then, in 1873, for about ten months, he carried on mercantile business at Minneapolis, Minn.; afterward returned to Portage and engaged in banking business, which he has continued ever since. Married in Portage, Aug. 9, 1872, to Miss Margaret A. Haertel; she was born at Portage; they have three children—Clara, Anna and Carl. Mr. and Mrs. S. are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Mr. S. is a member of the A., F. & A. M.

**LOUIS SCHULTZ** was born in Portage Sept. 25, 1856; son of Christian and Maggie Schultz, both residents of Portage; engaged in surveying, etc., on government improvements from 1871 to September, 1878, running engine in connection with the river improvements and Wisconsin River steamboats; engineer in Haertel's brewery since September, 1878. Mr. S. was married in Madison, Wis., Dec. 25, 1878, to Mary Uphoff; they have one child—Carrie Dora. He is a member of the Hook and Ladder Co.

**SAMUEL SCHULZE**, son of Benjamin and Johanna Schulze; born in Saxony, Prussia, July 22, 1845; came to America in 1850, arriving in Portage on the 28th of July of that year. In 1863, commenced learning his trade—tinsmith—with I. W. Bacon, with whom he remained

six years, with the exception of about seven months while in the army. He entered the United States service Feb. 14, 1865, as a member of Co. D, 46th W. V. I., and was mustered out Sept. 27 following. At the expiration of his six years' service with Mr. Bacon, he went to Virginia City, Mont.; returning, he was with his brother Henry for awhile in Chicago; then purchased a stock of hardware of Charles Goodyear and commenced business in 1876, in Portage, in partnership with his brother Frank, who died May 22, 1879. Is now carrying on an extensive hardware store. Has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1868.

**GERHARD SCHUMACHER** was born in Cologne, Prussia, April 12, 1840; he emigrated to America in 1854, locating in Milwaukee; remained there about two years, and then came to Portage, and engaged in clerking for N. H. Wood & Co., and continued to clerk for about eleven years; has been in business for himself since April, 1869, under the firm name of Schumacher, Schulze & Bro., for three years, when Fred W. Schulze withdrew, the firm name then became Schumacher & Schulze, and has remained so up to the present time. He was married at Portage on March 4, 1857, to Wilhelmina Schulze; she was born in Saxony; they have five children—Fred W., Samuel M. Milton, Benjamin and Ferdinand.

**GUSTAVUS A. SELBACK** was born in Prussia May 1, 1838, and came to America in 1857, locating at Columbus, Ohio, where he resided until the breaking-out of the war, when he enlisted in Co. F, 13th O. V. I., served six months, and eight months in the 9th O. V. C., and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. M, 9th O. V. C., and was in all the engagements of Kilpatrick's cavalry. After the war, he remained in Columbus about a year; in the fall of 1869, he located at Appleton, Wis., and engaged in publishing the *Appleton Volksfreund*, the first German paper published there, and continued its publication for three years, when he again returned to Ohio, and started the *Mansfield Courier*, the first German paper at Mansfield, conducted that paper a year and a half, when he returned to Appleton, spending eight months there, when he came to Portage in 1874, and has been conducting the *Columbia County Wecker* ever since. Mr. Selbach was married at Columbus, Ohio, in the fall of 1868, to Mary Buerkle; she is a native of Baden, Germany; they have six children—Matilda, Lizzie, Charles, Lydia, Gerhart and Lotta. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

**GEORGE SHACKELL**, son of Thomas and Mary (Tyrrell) Shackell, was born near Banbury, Oxfordshire, England, June 15, 1821; came to Portage in 1853, making a contract to build a house for Judge Dixon, the first brick house erected in Portage; he was the first mason in Portage; he has followed the contracting and building ever since, and has been a master mason forty-five years—the leading mason of Portage. Mr. Shackell was married in Souldern, Oxfordshire, England, Oct. 17, 1843, to Elizabeth Bishop, daughter of Richard and Rachael Gough, born at that place Sept. 3, 1822; they have five children—William, born in England, July 15, 1846, who is a mason in Portage; Elizabeth, born July 17, 1850, in England; George T., born Jan. 9, 1856, at Portage; Richard G., born Sept. 7, 1859, and Francis W., born Sept. 6, 1861. They have lost three children—John Gough, born in England, Aug. 2, 1844, and died at Portage Jan. 29, 1855; Mary, born in England, June 25, 1843, and died June 28, 1843, and Edgar Gough, born in Portage Jan. 9, 1858, and died Aug. 24, 1858. Mr. Shackell is serving a second term as Supervisor; he is a member of St. John's Church; Vestryman of that church for six years, the corner-stone of which he assisted Bishop Kemper in laying. His children have all completed a full course in the high school.

**NOEL K. SHATTUCK** was born in Bakersfield, Franklin Co., Vt., May 9, 1822, and lived there until 1845, then moving to Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y., where he taught in the academy, as Principal, two years; he then went to Moundsville, Va. (now West Virginia), and engaged in teaching there from 1847 to 1872, in the academy, a classical school; was proprietor and Principal of the institution, which was known as Moundsville Academy. Mr. Shattuck received his education at Bakersfield Academy, Bakersfield, Vt.; he came to Wisconsin in 1872, locating at Portage; he engaged in a commercial college a few months, then engaged in general insurance business; Mr. S. has held the office of Superintendent of City Schools in Portage. Married at Moundsville, Va., July 12, 1853, to Emily S. Purdy; she was born at Moundsville Aug. 31, 1833; have five children—Elizabeth Lucelia, Louis L., Emily J., Laura V. and Charles B.

**PATRICK SHEEHAN** was born on Prince Edward Island, British North America, in April, 1827; came to Wisconsin in June, 1851, locating at Watertown, eighteen months, after which he came to Portage. Mr. S. was bridge-tender four years; worked at the carpenter's trade; has been a contractor and builder; was Alderman, and is now serving as Marshal. He was married at Portage June 26, 1854, to Margaret H. Maloney, who was born in County Tipperary,

Ireland, Dec. 15, 1834; they have seven children—William, born Feb. 11, 1857; Johanna A., March 2, 1860; John H., May 4, 1863; Thomas G., Feb. 24, 1868; Patrick F., Sept. 12, 1870; Mary E., April 30, 1873, and Clara, Feb. 28, 1876. They have lost two children—Mary, aged 1 year and 7 months, and Frank, aged 4 years and 10 months. They are members of St. Mary's Church.

**ALEXANDER SHERET** was born at Ft. Winnebago Oct. 9, 1850; in 1860, he commenced clerking for D. Ferguson, in Portage; was with him nearly two years; afterward, was at Green Bay for a short time; for the last eight years, he has been with E. L. Jaeger, as salesman; in the spring of 1880, he commenced his present business, carrying on business with a partner; they deal in fancy goods, notions, hosiery, furnishing goods, etc.; a fine assortment of goods in their line will always be found at their establishment, which is located near Bard's jewelry store. Mr. Sheret's parents, Alexander and Margaret Robinson Sheret, were born at Montrose, Scotland; his father was engaged in the hardware trade in Portage for several years prior to his death; his widow is still a resident of Portage. The subject of this sketch was married in Portage Nov. 1, 1876, to Miss Emma E., daughter of J. B. Wood, now a resident of Ft. Winnebago. Mr. S. is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and Encampment; he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**A. E. SMITH**, the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Cabot, Vt., Sept. 25, 1820; he moved to Massachusetts and lived there about nine years prior to his coming to Wisconsin, when he came in May, 1857, locating at Plover, Portage Co.; he remained there three months, then went to Waupaca, Waupaca Co., Wis.; was engaged in the hotel business there for eleven years, removing from there to Beaver Dam; he kept the Clark House for four years; rented the Silver House and kept both houses; sold out there and kept the eating-house at Minnesota Junction for a year and a half, and from there went to Elroy Junction, and was proprietor of the eating-house there for six years; owned a farm in Columbia County for a number of years, and lived there in 1879; in 1880, purchased the Corning House, of which he is at present proprietor. Mr. Smith was married in Cabot, Vt., June 10, 1844, to Sarah O. Warner, a native of Cabot; they have three children—Clinton E., Edna and Eddie W.; lost one daughter, who died at about the age of 3 years.

**SILAS M. SMITH** was born in the town of Bastard, County of Leeds, Upper Canada, Sept. 27, 1815, and is the son of Silas and Phœbe Smith, who were natives of the State of Vermont. He came to Michigan in 1837, locating at Orion, Oakland Co.; came to Watertown, Wis., in May, 1842; remained there one year; then going to the town of Aztalan, where he stayed about a year; from there, removed to Portland, Dodge Co., where he erected the first house in the town, which was about 1844; then moving again, he came to Fountain Prairie, Columbia Co., in 1846; was the first Town Clerk, and held that office for several successive years; was elected Justice of Peace in 1849, and held that office for a number of years; worked at the carpenter and joiner trade for a time; was engaged in merchandising with Mr. Brayton for two or three years, and in business alone for some time, until the fall of 1857 or 1858, when he sold out, and removed to Randolph, and carried on the mercantile business over the line in Dodge Co., living, however, on this side of the line; was appointed Clerk of the Court in December, 1871; November, 1872, elected to the position of Clerk of the court, and re-elected in 1874 and 1876; then buying the abstract business of Alverson & Yule, in connection with C. L. Dering—the business being carried on at the present time by them under the firm name of Smith & Dering. Silas M. Smith was married at Brockville, Canada, Jan. 31, 1837, to Mary Ann Campbell; she died in the town of Portland, Dodge Co., Aug. 5, 1845, leaving three children. One son, George A., now at Lanark, Ill.; is agent for the W. U. R. R. Co.; has been stationed there for the last ten years, and twenty years with the same company; he also served in an Iowa regiment for two years during the late rebellion. Mr. Silas M. Smith married for his second wife, Cynthia M. Bennett, in Fountain Prairie, Oct. 2, 1847; she died in Portage, June 16, 1876, leaving one daughter, who is now Mrs. Azelia M. Wilde. His present wife was Ann Jeannette Gallett, a native of Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y.; married Aug. 28, 1877. Mr. S. was Supervisor of Fountain Prairie in 1857; served three years as Supervisor from Randolph, Columbia Co., in 1870, 1871 and 1872.

**REINHART A. SPRECHER** was born in Madison, Wis., Sept. 24, 1857; resided at Madison, until 1868, when he came to Portage. His father died in 1860, and his mother in 1868, and being a nephew of Carl Haertel, who became his guardian, he came here to live with him. He owned the Sprecher Brewery at Madison until October, 1879, when he sold it, and engaged in banking since March, 1875, and has remained in it ever since, except the summer of 1879, which he

spent in Europe. Mr. Sprecher received his education in the public school, and the high school of Portage, Commercial College, etc. He was the son of Frederick Reinhart and Margaretta (Hollenback) Sprecher; his father came to Madison in 1847, and mother came in 1848, the year they were married. His father was one of the first brewers of Madison; established his brewery in 1848; put up the first permanent building in that year, and continued the business up to the time of his death. There were ten children in the family, and Reinhart is the only one who survives.

**HON. ALVA STEWART** is a native of Morrisville, Madison Co., N. Y.; was born Oct. 24, 1821, and came to Ft. Atkinson, Jefferson Co., in the fall of 1847, and came to Portage in the summer of 1853; while in Jefferson Co. he was a member of the Assembly in 1850; also a member of the Senate, and member of the Court of Impeachment which tried Judge Hubbell. Mr. Stewart commenced to read law with Hon. Nathaniel Foote, of Morrisville, afterward with J. C. Curtis, of Canastota, and finally with Whipple Jenkins, of Vernon, Oneida Co., N. Y.; admitted to the bar in Wisconsin in 1847. The Judge practiced law until February, 1865, when he was appointed Circuit Judge and has been elected several times since, never having any opposition. He is now serving his third term. Was married, at Munsville, Madison Co., N. Y., Aug. 24, 1845, to Miss Ann McPherson; she was born at Munsville, N. Y.; they have three children—Ellen L., now Mrs. O. M. Clark, of Winona, Minn.; Clara Belle, now Mrs. A. W. Walters, of Denver, Colo.; Fannie, now Mrs. C. A. Goodyear, of Tomah.

**JOHN W. ST. JOHN** was born in Utica, N. Y., April 13, 1841; son of William P. St. John; came with parents to Portage May 18, 1855; was in office of Clerk of Court one and a half years; several years engaged as a clerk in the lumber business, and for eleven years took the entire charge; was engaged in mercantile and lumber business at Neillsville, Clark Co., for two years; with a lumbering company on Chippewa River three years, since which time he has resided in Portage. Mr. St. John was married, in Portage, May 23, 1864, to Martha E. Harriman, a native of Clinton, Me. William P. St. John, father of J. W., was born in Madison Co., N. Y., in 1809, and was an extensive dealer in grain and wool until 1868; died November 1876, leaving one child—John W., the subject of this sketch.

**Z. J. D. SWIFT** was born in Delhi, Delaware Co., N. Y., Jan. 1, 1835; son of Joseph and Susan Swift; his parents moved to Greene Co., N. Y., when he was but 1 year old, lived there until 5 years of age, when they removed to West Point, N. Y.; remained there until moving to Wisconsin, in the year 1855, settling in Wyocena; before coming West, Mr. Swift learned the trade of painting, and served a partial apprenticeship as carpenter in New York City. Was married to Lydia A. Dow, daughter of Benjamin Dow, a farmer of Wyocena, who came there in an early day, Jan. 1, 1859; she was born in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.; they have three children—Edwin J., born Jan. 1, 1860; Charles R., Dec. 25, 1863, and Edith G., Oct. 15, 1869. Mr. S. is a member of the A., F. & A. M., Secretary of the Agricultural Society for the last three years, Coroner of the county for a number of years, Justice of the Peace, since 1860, with the exception of one or two years Postmaster at Pacific since 1861, has been Town Treasurer, and has been Town Clerk several times; he has also kept the plank-road toll gate since 1860.

**ANDREW TARNUTZER** was born in Switzerland Nov. 22, 1834; attended school there until 1846, when he came to Sauk Co., Wis., among the first settlers; his father and mother both died in Sauk Co., and were buried at Little Prairie, or Black Hawk, in the town of Troy, in the Evangelical Cemetery, opposite the old homestead, which Mr. T. still owns; he is a self-made man in every sense of the word. Mr. T. entered the ministry of the Evangelical Association in 1855, and was on probation in the Cedar Rapids Mission, traveling all the time; there one year; then in the spring of 1856, the present conference was formed, of which he was one of the founders; he is now Presiding Elder.

**JAMES B. TAYLOR** is a native of Rupert, Bennington Co., Vt., born Aug. 15, 1840; was educated at Burr Seminary, Manchester, Vt., and Union College, situated at Schenectady, N. Y., where he took a four years' course, and graduated from that institution in June, 1865; came to Portage the same year, and commenced the study of law with his brother Emmons Taylor, who came to Portage in 1857, and died here April 13, 1874; after reading law with his brother for a year and a half, he was admitted to the bar, and has been engaged in practice here up to the present time, and has acted as City Attorney the most of the time since. Was married at Portage, Sept. 16, 1873, to Miss Julia A. Davidson; they have one child, Emmons Haskell, born April 7, 1875.

**EZRA K. THAYER**, born in Orwell, Addison Co., Vt., Jan. 3, 1812, where he resided until coming to Wisconsin, town of Green Lake, Green Lake Co., in 1853; lived there for eleven

years, then removed to the town of Marcellon, Columbia Co., where he remained up to the time of coming to Portage, in the spring of 1877; has been engaged in grocery business since November, 1879. Married at Sudbury, Rutland Co., Vt., March 12, 1845, to Angeline E. Wallace, a native of Vermont. They have two children—Wm. W. and Isabella.

**HENRY C. THEDE**, born in Milwaukee, Wis., July 15, 1849; his parents, W. H. and Catherine Thede, moved to Sauk City, where they now reside, in 1851; Mr. T. learned his trade, that of a harness-maker, in Madison and Mazomanie, and followed it in various places before beginning for himself at Portage in 1877. He was married at Sauk City, Aug. 23, 1877, to Josephine Sturm, born in Tyrol. They have one child, William, born May 31, 1878.

**ALEXANDER THOMPSON**, born in Glasgow, Scotland, May 26, 1848; came with his parents, Ninnian and Mary Thompson, to Ft. Winnebago in August, 1850; father worked at carpenter's trade for fifteen years, then engaged in farming in the town of Dekorra, Columbia Co., which he still continues. Alex. T. worked at carpenter's trade three years, but in 1870 engaged in grocery business, and dealing extensively in clover, timothy and field seeds generally, which business he still continues. Mr. T. was married in Portage, Dec. 18, 1872, to Susan M. Purnell, a native of Norwich, Conn. They have one child, Mary Emma, born May 9, 1874. Mr. T. is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

**A. B. THOMPSON**, born in Smithfield, Providence Co., R. I., Aug. 6, 1825; came to Pardeeville in November, 1864, resided there ten years, then removed to Portage. Was married in Smithfield, R. I., November, 1846, to Thankful Handy, a native of that place; they have four children living—Morgie A., now Mrs. Geo. W. Dusenberry, of Portage; Philip F., Alice G., now Mrs. Frank A. Mathewson, of Pardeeville, and Frank B., living; Sarah, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Presbyterian Church, and of the temperance society.

**MISS JENNETTE THOMPSON**, at Corning House; was born in Buffalo, Marquette Co., Wis., in December, 1857; her parents are farmers, and were counted of "pure blood in the land of Burns." She has been for six years a member of the United Presbyterian Church; has been a year in the hotel.

**WERT F. THOMPSON**, deceased, was born in Colchester, Vt., in 1834; lived in Ohio before coming to Wisconsin; settled in Portage in 1858; was married in 1860, to Miss Cornelia E. Reed, formerly of Seneca Co., N. Y.; her father, Warren S. Reed, came to Portage in 1858, and died in January, 1867. Mr. Reed started the restaurant business, at the depot, which, with enlargements, is now conducted by Mr. Fox. Mr. Thompson died in May, 1865, and at the time of his death, was in charge of the railroad shops; he has been a railroad man most of his life; he was a 32d Degree Mason, and was buried with Masonic honors; Mrs. Thompson and her brother reside in the "Reed Homestead." The brother, Samuel, was born Jan. 10, 1844; he has been a resident of Portage since the age of 14. In June, 1873, he was married to Miss Julia Crane, of Mauston, Wis.; they have one child, born September, 1874, and named Wert Thompson Reed; Mr. Reed is a railroad engineer.

**EPHRAIM B. TRADEWELL**, farmer; born in the city of Baltimore, Md., in 1822; in 1840, he came to Wisconsin, and settled in Kenosha, which continued his home until the spring of 1851, when he came to Portage. In 1853, he was married, in Kenosha, to Miss Harriet Dana; in 1860, he bought a farm, 200 acres, in Marcellon, Columbia Co., Wis., which he still owns and rents; since 1874 he has lived in Portage; has two children—Frances, born in December, 1856; and Major D., born in 1858; both live in the county; his wife died in 1876; he was crippled in the knee, by the cut of an ax, on patella, when a child; Government was making the canal when he came to Portage, and water was let into the canal that same year; muscle and grit were the elements of success then, for those were rough pioneer times.

**A. J. TURNER** was born in the town of Schuyler Falls (then Plattsburg), N. Y., Sept. 24, 1832, where he lived until 1853, removing to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he took his first lessons in the art of type-setting in the *Eagle* office; returning to his native town, in 1855, he "set up" the first number of the Plattsburg *Sentinel*, a paper still in existence, teaching school for a short time, and returning to Grand Rapids early the same year; in September, 1855, he came to Portage, and was employed as a compositor in the *Independent* office the second day after his arrival, and worked there until the spring of 1856, when he went to Madison, and was engaged at his trade in the office of the *State Journal* for six months; at the end of that time, he was promoted to the position of city editor of that paper, and this event marked the beginning of his journalistic career; in the spring of 1857, he returned to Portage, and became one of the editors of the *Record*; in the fall of that year, he returned to Madison as a clerk of one of the legislative

committees, and, in the following spring, he made the trip, on foot, with that remarkable genius, "Shanghai" Chandler, to Friendship, Adams Co., where he assisted in establishing the *Adams County Independent*, remaining there four or five months; returning to Portage, he resumed his former connection with the *Record*. In the fall of 1860, he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court, and served one term, at the expiration of which he was chosen to represent his district in the State Assembly; returning from the State capital, he again took his place upon the *Record*, which he soon afterward purchased and consolidated with the *Wisconsin State Register*, founded a few months previous by S. S. Brannan, upon the ruins of the *Badger State*; he continued with Mr. Brannan, as publisher of the *Register*, for seventeen years, selling, in 1878, to Judge J. T. Clark. Mr. Turner has been prominently before the people of Columbia Co. for nearly a quarter of a century, having filled various county offices; he was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Lincoln, was Chief Clerk of the State Senate three years, and now holds the office of State Railway Commissioner. To Mr. Turner is due the credit of establishing the "Blue Book" upon its present plan, and he was for several years its compiler; he was the first Secretary of the Wisconsin Central Railway Company, afterward one of the Directors of the Portage & Stevens Point Railway, and, still later, President of the Portage, Friendship & Grand Rapids Railroad, which was consolidated with the present Madison & Portage road. Mr. Turner was married at Friendship, Adams Co., Wis., May 29, 1860, to Mary O. Hanford, a native of Walton, Delaware Co., N. Y.; they have three children—Fred J., Rockwell F. and Ellen B.

**STEPHEN TURNER** was born in Nelson Co., Va., Dec. 14, 1813; came to Portage May 3, 1858; engaged in peddling one year; in 1860, commenced mercantile business, dealing in groceries and fruits; continued in that for four years; then engaged in auctioneering and speculating, in which he has successfully continued ever since; owns two-thirds interest in the jewelry establishment of Turner & Parsons. Mr. Turner was married at Union Hill, Nelson Co., Va., December, 1849, to Eliza Jane Hill, born at Union Hill; they have had nine children, three of whom are deceased—Samuel died in 1861, aged 3 years and 3 months; Annie died in 1872, aged 5 years; Charles died in 1872, aged 3 years and 3 months; the children living are Bluford B., Stephen, Jr., Elizabeth, Lucretia, Willie and Jessie. Mr. T. is in every sense a self-made man.

**EUGENE A. VAUGHAN**, son of Samuel K. and Lavina Vaughan, who came to Wisconsin, locating at Waupun, at an early date; his father died in Portage, in September, 1872; his mother is now living and a resident of this city; Eugene was born in Wyocena, Feb. 28, 1853, and has been employed in John Graham's drug and grocery house for the last ten years. He was married in Portage March 24, 1875, to Sarah A. Padley; she was born at Lodi; they have one son—Samuel K.—born March 12, 1876. Mrs. V. is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. V. is a member of the I. O. O. F.

**MRS. RICHARD F. VEEDER**, widow of the earliest settler on this side of the canal; her maiden name was Winopher Veeder, and she was born near Albany, N. Y., April 2, 1812; Mr. Veeder was born Jan. 11, 1812, in Montreal, Canada, where his parents were temporarily stopping; from the age of 10 he lived with an uncle in Boston, Mass.; he came to Wisconsin June 26, 1835, but stopped a while near Green Bay, as he had relatives connected with the pineries; he came to Portage several years before his marriage, which was on March 10, 1844; when a "bach," he kept travelers at his cabin, and after marriage he kept open house for many years; they built the first dwelling in Portage (since destroyed by fire), and there was nothing here when they built in the summer of 1845; they first spent nearly a year at the Indian trading-post; the Wisconsin River now flows over the site of the trading post, and also over the site of their first pioneer dwelling near "the Post;" the house built by them and now occupied by Mrs. Veeder is the oldest building in the city; it was built for a storehouse, but has been used for nearly everything. They have had four children—Elizabeth, born in 1845, in the first dwelling in Portage (she is dead); John S., born Feb. 4, 1847 (he is now a railroad conductor); Hannah, born in 1849, is dead; Richard T., Jr., born Jan. 1, 1851 (he is also a railroad conductor). Mr. Veeder is remembered as a kind-hearted man and good citizen, and was universally known as "Uncle Dick," and his widow is still called "Aunt Dick;" he died Jan. 19, 1870; he was not a church member, but affiliated with the Episcopalians. Her son, R. F., still lives with his mother on Sec. 5, where Portage is mainly built, and which Mr. V. bought at government price (\$1.25 per acre); Mrs. V. owns two blocks in Portage beside her old home.

**JOHN VERSEN**, deceased, was born in Paderborn, Province of Westphalia, Prussia, Nov. 8, 1814; came to America and landed at New Orleans, December, 1847; remained there about one year; removed to St. Louis, and worked at carriage trimming; was in Galena, Ill., for some

time, where he made the acquaintance of U. S. Grant ; afterward a resident of Madison ; came to Portage, Feb. 1, 1851, engaged with his partner in harness-making, with credit sufficient to obtain material for a single harness, having landed at Portage with only five cents ; at the time of his death, May 24, 1872, he carried on the largest harness manufactory in Central Wisconsin, doing business where Purdy's drug store is now located ; leaving a large estate at his death.

**JOSEPH A. VERSEN**, son of John Versen, was born in Portage June 9, 1857 ; educated at the High School ; served an apprenticeship of three years in the harness and saddlery business ; has been engaged in mercantile business for some time, being now in the employ of D. Fischbeck & Son, of Milwaukee, wholesale dealers in saddlery hardware and leather. The *Portage Register* of Oct. 3, 1874, contained the following complimentary notice of young Versen : " Joseph Versen, of this city, a boy of 17, entitled himself to the 'reward of merit,' if not to the 'first premium,' by the manufacture of a set of single harness which he had on exhibition at the county fair. Though he is but a yearling in the business, his work would do no discredit to a much more experienced workman. He will, no doubt, make his mark in his particular line of business, if in no other direction. We take pleasure in saying a word of encouragement to him, as we do to all boys who pursue the rightcourse."

**SAM WAH & BROTHER**, laundrymen ; Sam was born in China in 1863, and Charley was born in 1856 ; Charley came to San Francisco in 1870, and Sam in 1878 ; both have lived in Red Wing, Minn. ; they came to Portage nearly a year ago, and are doing a good business on Conant street ; are law-abiding, prosperous Chinamen.

**MRS. ELECTA WARD**, widow of Orlando Ward, who was one of the earliest merchants in Portage ; she was born Dec. 17, 1812, in Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass. Mr. Ward was born Jan. 22, 1812, in Vermont ; they were married in Carlton, Orleans Co., N. Y., on the 23d of June, 1836 ; came West in 1849, remained two years in Milwaukee, and then settled in the house where Mrs. Ward now lives in Portage ; he died in October, 1871, leaving one child, Helen—now Mrs. Winne—living in Iowa ; Mr. Ward was a member of the Masonic Order, and of the Odd Fellows ; she is a member of the First Presbyterian Church ; is still an active worker.

**MARVIN WATERHOUSE, M. D.** (deceased), was born in Alden, Erie Co., N. Y., on the 19th of September, 1827 ; when at the age of 14, he was bereft of father, and, soon afterward, he and his widowed mother removed to Darien, Walworth Co., Wis. ; in 1850, he moved to Packwaukee, Wis. ; his early life was passed amid the scenes and duties incident to farming. On the 1st of January, 1852, he was married to Miss Maria A. Older, who survives him ; they had no children. A broken leg, in October, 1853, caused him to study medicine, and he graduated from Rush Medical College, in Chicago, in 1860 ; he had practiced medicine, in response to local calls, since 1855 ; in August, 1864, he was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the 1st Regiment Wis. Heavy Artillery ; was in the army one year ; located in Portage in September, 1865, and practiced his profession in the city and surrounding country until prevented by his last illness ; in July, 1867, he became a member of the Wisconsin Medical Society ; was elected Vice President in 1871, and President in 1873 ; was delegate four years to the American Medical Society, and contributed several valuable papers to the society ; he was a successful physician, and had a lucrative practice ; his broken limb never fully recovered, and finally amputation was necessary ; this was done Jan. 10, 1878, and the wounded limb rapidly healed ; but in the summer it broke out with ulcers, and an abscess formed, caused by taking cold ; he endured the intense pain with remarkable fortitude, until his iron constitution yielded, and he died on the 19th of October, 1878 ; he had been an active member of the I. O. O. F., and was one of the original Patriarchs of Excelsior Encampment, at Portage ; the brotherhood conducted his obsequies, according to their impressive ceremonies. He was a public-spirited citizen ; at the time of his death, he was a member of the Board of Education, also, Examining Surgeon for Pensions ; he was financially comfortable ; he was naturally cheerful, but firm and tenacious ; all declare him to have been an honorable, high-minded gentleman, and one who acted well his part in all the varied relations of husband, citizen and healer of the afflicted.

**ANDREW WEIR** was born in Harthill, Lanarkshire, Scotland, April, 1821 ; he came to Ft. Winnebago, Wis., May, 1851 ; remained there until November of the same year, then went with his brother, John Weir, to California, where they spent fifteen months in mining, etc. ; then went to Australia, where he spent fifteen months ; he then sailed for Scotland, where he arrived October, 1854. Mr. W. was married at Causewayhead, Sterlingshire, Scotland, May 9, 1855, to Margaret Kincaid, a native of Bowhouse, Sterlingshire, Scotland ; they sailed for America,

landing in New York in June, 1855; came direct to Ft. Winnebago; engaged in real-estate and grain business; he now lives where he first settled. Mr. W. was one of the founders of the City Bank of Portage; was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors several terms, and is now in that position.

**ELISHA A. WELLS**, farmer; born in Hartford, Conn., on the 9th of September, 1801; his parents removed to Berkshire Co., Mass., when Elisha was quite young; and there the "old folks" resided until their death; the father was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Mr. Wells remained with his parents during their entire life. He was married on the 25th of June, 1828, to Miss Anna Martin, of Massachusetts; they have had nine children; the living are Ann C., Martha E., Horace E., Lydia V., Lemuel M. and Mary A. He came to Portage on the 5th of May, 1855; present house was first brick made in Portage; lost a large residence May, 1879; has a small place in Portage, also land in Lewiston; has documents dated 1704, signed by Ichabod Wells, a Sheriff of Connecticut at that date; he was a town official many years in his New England home. Their "*golden wedding*" was celebrated on the 25th of June, 1878; kind friends and valuable gifts made it a memorable occasion.

**HORACE D. WELLS**, retired farmer, was born on the 2d of January, 1798, in the city of Hartford, Conn.; he is the son of Elisha and Clara Deming Wells, of Connecticut; the family trace their ancestry for 800 years, and show connection, by intermarriage, with nobility and royalty. The "Magna Charta," signed by King John, in 1215, was delivered at Gunnymede to "Bishop Hugode Wells, of the Cathedral of Lincoln." The ancestral tree is traced generations beyond the "Bishop," and its branches are in a connected line with the Wells family in Portage. The original "coat of arms" of the Wells family bore the motto, "Christ's Cross is my Light." Gov. Thomas Wells, of Connecticut, was among their earliest ancestors in America; real estate near Hartford, Conn., has been in continuous ownership of the Wells family for 200 years; the subject of this sketch was married at Rye, N. Y., on the 30th of April, 1834, to Miss Mary S. Barker, daughter of James Barker, a retired merchant of New York City; Mr. Wells was in the mahogany business at Yonkers, N. Y., from 1828 to 1843; thence he went to Owego, and engaged in mercantile business, together with lumbering; in 1848, he went to Hartford, and remained until coming West; his residence in Hartford was once the home of Gov. Morgan of Connecticut, and when Mr. Wells left the State, he sold it to Gov. Richard D. Hubbard. Mrs. Wells died Oct. 6, 1852, leaving two sons—James B., born March 7, 1836, and Lemuel H., born Dec. 3, 18—; the latter is an Episcopal Clergyman in Walla Walla, Washington Ter. Mr. Wells first made a tour of the West in 1854; in the spring of 1855, he bought a large tract in Sauk Co., of which he still owns 1,000 acres; he came to Portage in 1862, and his present beautiful home of 20 acres was purchased soon afterward; this is also the home of his son James B., who was married on the 20th of April, 1859, to Miss Anna P. King, daughter of the Hon. O. B. King of Watertown, Conn.; they have two children—Mary A., born May 24, 1860, and James H., born November, 1862. The Wells families are all Episcopalians; the old gentleman, past fourscore and two years, is in delicate health, but still retains the genial air and quiet dignity of the "old-school gentleman." He has always been a worthy citizen, and is blest with competency and hosts of friends.

**JOSEPH E. WELLS** was born in Birmingham, England, March 22, 1842; came to Wisconsin in 1851, with his father; his mother and other children came to Wisconsin in April, 1852; his father located at Twigg's Ferry, in Columbia Co., on the Fox River. Rev. William Wells, father of J. E. Wells, now living at Fort Winnebago, located a farm in that town at about that time, and still owns it; has been engaged in preaching at different points until fifteen years ago, regularly; now preaches every other Sunday, as he is called upon. Joseph E. worked upon the farm until the age of 21, when he came to Portage and attended school for about a year; then commenced clerking for I. W. Bacon, a hardware dealer, and remained with him between eleven and twelve years, then purchasing the business of the Bacon estate; he has been in partnership with H. W. Williams for the last six years; they also run a branch store at Waupaca. Mr. W. married in Portage, June 7, 1871, Addie E. Forrest; she was born in New Hampshire; they have four children—Mary E., Cora A., Maud S. and Josie A. He is serving his fourth year as Alderman of the Third Ward; is member of the Temple of Honor and A., F. & A. M.

**DANIEL WELLS**, son of Walter Wells, who died in Yates Co., N. Y., was born in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., Sept. 24, 1829. In 1858, he removed to Yates Co., N. Y., and resided in Penn Yan and vicinity, until 1859; in December of the same year, he settled in Wisconsin, purchasing a farm on Sec. 26, town of Randolph, and engaged in farming until he sold out in September,

1868, and in November, 1868, removed to Portage; in February, 1870, engaged in flour and feed business, and also that of an auctioneer. Mr. Wells was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors while at Randolph; has been City Marshal of Portage, and also held the office of Under Sheriff for two years. Mr. Wells was married in the town of Jerusalem, Yates Co., N. Y., Feb. 15, 1859, to Martha Gallett, a native of that place. They have three children—Susan, Elizabeth, John W., Daniel G. Mr. Wells is a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge.

**ROBERT B. WENTWORTH** was born in the town of Buxton, York Co., Me., Jan. 18, 1827, and resided there until he came to Wisconsin in 1848, locating at Madison. He learned the trade of printing in Portland, Maine, when a boy, and while living at Madison, worked as a journeyman printer. He published the first paper that was ever issued in Dodge Co.—*Dodge County Gazette*—which was published in Juneau, and continued the publication of that journal for about four years; the last two years he issued it as the *Burr Oak*. He came to Portage in 1857, and bought the *Portage City Record*, published it just four years, and then sold out to A. J. Turner. In 1861, he erected a grain elevator, and engaged in the grain and lumber trade; he also carried on steamboating between this point and Green Bay; in the latter business ten years, from 1864 to 1874. He is now interested in the City Bank of Portage; he and his son own one-third of the stock of that institution. Mr. Wentworth was married at Fryeburg, Me., Oct. 9, 1850, to Lydia H. Pike; she was born in Fryeburg, Me., April 1, 1825. They have three children—Ella Augusta, Winfield Scott and Florence. He has been Alderman of the Second Ward four years, and member of the Assembly from Dodge Co. in 1857, and Justice of the Peace one year.

**W. S. WENTWORTH** was born in Juneau, Dodge Co., Wis., Oct. 15, 1853; received his education at the public schools of Portage, and at the Lawrence University at Appleton, Wis.; was connected with McGregor & Co., in the lumber and grain business, as clerk for one year; afterward one year for his father until January, 1875, he was then appointed assistant cashier of City Bank, and held that position until July 1, 1878, when he was elected cashier, which position he has since held; stockholder and Director of the bank since January, 1876.

**CHARLES H. WILLIAMS**, freight engineer on the C., M. & St. P. R. R.; was born in Vermont Jan. 14, 1843. His parents came West in 1855, and settled in Beaver Dam, Wis.; his railroad life began in 1860, as fireman on the old La Crosse & Milwaukee R. R.; he enlisted in August, 1862, in the 24th W. V. I., and was mustered out on the 22d of June, 1865, having served nearly three years. His regiment was in the Army of the Cumberland during the entire war, and he was in eleven regular battles, besides skirmishes and raids unnumbered. Some of the engagements are familiar in history—Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville; he had several "close calls," but came out without a scratch. He enlisted from Milwaukee, and at the close of the rebellion, he returned to his old position and "fired" until 1867, when he took charge of an engine, and has run as engineer to date. He boards at the Fox House; belongs to the Temple of Honor. "Charley is well liked."

**REV. MATTHIAS WITTENWYLER** was born in Switzerland Aug. 9, 1840; came to America in June, 1853, locating in the town of Washington, Green Co., Wis.; resided there until 1862; then entered the holy ministry; was ordained in 1864; his first charge was the church at Lomira, Dodge Co.; remained there for five months and was then stationed at Waupaca Mission, embracing five counties; while in charge there, he traveled every day and had to preach about every other day; remained until 1863; the conference then sent him to Fox River Circuit; was one year connected with that; in 1864, was sent back to Waupaca Mission, where he remained two years; in 1866, was sent to Two Rivers Mission, and was located there two years; in 1868, came to Winnebago Circuit, was also two years in that place; then sent to Dunn Co. Circuit and was there three years; then, in 1873, to Buffalo Co. Circuit; was Pastor there for two years; then, in 1875, appointed Presiding Elder for four years, and now has charge of Portage Church, and has a number of other appointments; has made this city his residence since 1875. Mr. W. was married in Portage Oct. 17, 1865, to Augusta M. Mellea; she was born in Prussia; they have eight children—A. R., Lydia W., Martha M., Hulda S., Eddie E., Julia E., Fredrick F., and Henry H.

**EDWARD L. WILCOX**, foreman of the round-house, C., M. & St. R. R., at Portage, Wis.; born Nov. 6, 1829, in New Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y.; is a son of Samuel W., who built the arsenals for the Government at Batavia, N. Y.; the mother, Abigail (White) Wilcox, still lives in Whitestown, Oneida Co., N. Y., which was named after her grandfather, who was the founder of the town; she is aged 91, in 1880. The subject of this sketch learned the trade of machinist at Willow Vale, N. Y., of the firm of Rogers & Spencer; about 1850, he began work for N. Y. C. R. R., at

Schenectady, where he remained three years; then was at La Porte, Ind., for the M. S. R. R.; afterward at Chicago, with the C. & R. I., and then at Bloomington, in employ of C. A. & St. L. R. R.; was for some time in charge of the round-house, at North Milwaukee; was afterward foreman of the round-house at Davenport, Iowa, on the M. & M. R. R.; he ran an engine nine years between Milwaukee and La Crosse; and he has been in continuous charge of the round-house at Portage for the past ten years; there may be several other railroads with which he was at some time connected, as he could at any time procure work on any railroad; in various capacities he has served the C., M. & St. P. Co. twenty-five years. He was married in 1863 to Miss Mary McCauley, a native of Milwaukee; they have had five children, four of whom died in childhood; have one son—William Henry, born Nov. 21, 1870; his residence is on Emmet street; is a member of A. O. U. W.; he is President of the Wisconsin Milling and Mining Co., of the Black Hills, D. T.; they own four claims together with a water-right and a mill-site; when the balance of their stock is sold, the company will enlarge their facilities for developing the mines.

**JOHN A. WITTER**, photographer; was born in Manchester, Boone Co., Ill., April 20, 1857; resided there until 18 years of age, when he moved to Janesville, Wis., and to Portage Oct. 1, 1878. Mr. W. learned the photographic art at Janesville, and began business Oct. 28, 1878. He is a Good Templar and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**ADDIS L. WITTER** was born in the town of Manchester, Boone Co., Ill., Sept. 19, 1859; removed thence to Clinton Junction, Wis., in 1876; removed to Janesville for a few months in 1878, and to Portage Oct. 1, 1878, where he has since resided; and is associated with his brother, John A., in the photographing business.

**N. H. WOOD.** The subject of this sketch was born in Ashfield, Mass., Feb. 21, 1820; his father, Nathan Wood, was born in Phillipston, Mass.; he was an orphan at 12 years of age, with only one brother, William, who was afterward engaged in the South American trade, and died in London in 1820, with quite a fortune; the father emigrated to Ashfield in 1800, and married Lucy Ranney, daughter of Francis Ranney, fifth descendant of Thomas Ranney, who settled in Middleton, Conn., in 1669. From 1838 to 1844, when he married Harriet J. Luke, of Hamilton, N. Y., and opened a store in Little Falls, N. Y., Mr. Wood was a wholesale peddler, supplying the stores with small wares; his route was from Troy, N. Y., via Syracuse, to Watertown, generally journeying through the Mohawk Valley westward, and returning through Cortland, Madison, and the counties along the Cherry Valley turnpike; in 1848, Mr. Wood visited Wisconsin, and, with a bundle of land warrants, located lands about Portage City, then Ft. Winnebago; in the spring of 1849, he shipped a considerable stock of goods to Chicago, as a venture; he arrived there about June 1, with the cholera raging and the population very quiet; most of his merchandise arrived in a single vessel, a perfect avalanche of goods, which obstructed the sidewalk, resulting in a fine imposed by a petty magistrate, complaint having been made by a jealous competitor in trade; the fine was placarded on the door, and brought him both sympathy and notoriety; having only two younger brothers with him, and disliking to employ those who would offer their services most readily, he adopted, from necessity, the novel plan of handing out goods to the customer who would first reach up his money; the plan took like wildfire, and in this manner he disposed of his whole stock of general dry goods, fancy goods, and many articles in the grocery line, which included 100 chests of tea and 300 boxes of raisins; the next arrival brought an immense stock of books, stationery and engravings, bought at the New York trade sales, obliging him to close his store for three days to examine; the opening hour of 10 o'clock, which had been placarded, brought a throng of people which filled both sidewalk and street for a block; the openings of the counters were barricaded and the merchandise placed beyond reach; on opening the doors, the rush of the crowd was like a stampede of Texan steers; jumping upon the counters, they commenced handing books to the first man who got the money up; lawyers and business men came in by scores; book after book accumulated in their arms, until, loaded, they would journey home, to return again; a clearance of the room for dinner was facilitated by the sale of thirty medium-sized mirrors, which reflected the suggestion of the propriety of improving the appearance by journeying home for ablutions and dinner; the afternoon so far exceeded the morning, that we lost all knowledge of time, forgot our supper, sold thicker and faster, until we observed the room was thinning; they were easily dismissed—it was past 11 o'clock; they had sold that day, stationery in small parcels and books in single volumes, mostly, \$1,461, a feat which retailers of books and stationery—the slowest of all merchandise—will appreciate; the stock was soon exhausted, and Mr. Wood must replenish at the seaboard; no one could keep up the system he had introduced, nor did he ever attempt it himself again. He sent to Little Falls for

George S. and Chauncey T. Bowen, aged 16 and 18 years ; they succeeded him in 1853, and, as the firm of Bowen Brothers, were for many years one of the leading wholesale firms of Chicago, and known throughout the United States ; Chauncey T. Bowen was afterward one of the City Fathers of Chicago ; George S. Bowen is the celebrated railroad President and dairyman of Elgin, Ill., and is interested in its extensive watch manufactory ; their wisdom and ability have increased with years, but they were " beautiful in their youth ;" so thought Mr. Wood when C. T. Bowen, at 16, took his books in charge ; in a week he knew the cost and price of every article in the store ; in three weeks he knew the amount of credit each customer was entitled to, and in a month he was authority on the amount of credit every Jew in the clothing trade of Chicago might have, and the management of collections ; and so wisely and well did he do all these things, that he maintained his position ; Mr. Wood never had the least idea of failing in business ; his bark was always near shore ; he would never owe, or suffer others to owe him, more than he was worth ; with his caution, he would never enter the lists of a large and hazardous wholesale trade. The miasma of Chicago in those days was disagreeable to him, and he determined upon the economical life of a tax-payer upon unproductive property in Wisconsin ; perhaps thirty years of this experience has tried his ever-hopeful nature, but the future of Portage City is assured, and his last days may brighten.

**J. D. WOMER** was born in Philadelphia, Penn., March 8, 1848 ; resided there until 13 years of age ; lived then in Pittsburgh until enlisting in February, 1863, in Co. B, 100th Penn. V. I., in which he served from the battle of the Wilderness to Lee's surrender ; was mustered out at Harrisburg, Penn., in August, 1865. On leaving the army, Mr. W. went to New York City, where he remained until 1872 ; moved from there to Springfield, Ill. ; two years later, he went to Grand Rapids, Wis., and in December, 1876, removed to Portage, which has since been his home. Mr. W. was married at Jamestown, N. Y., March 16, 1869, to Sarah A. Wood, born near Westfield, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Captain of the Guppy Guards.

**E. J. S. WRIGHT** was born at No. 2 Phoenix Court, Newgate street, London, England, July 26, 1848 ; came with his parents, Edward and Tamar (Kay) Wright, to Wisconsin in January, 1855, and located in the town of Moundville, Marquette Co. ; resided there one year ; removed with his parents to Portage in 1856. Mr. Wright, Sr., was engaged in the mercantile business in Portage for several years previous to his death, Sept. 26, 1875. Mrs. W. died April 8, 1877. E. J. S. Wright has been engaged as clerk in the dry-goods business since 1861 ; was four years with A. D. Forbes, and for the last fifteen years with the present firm of Parry & Muir, and its predecessors. Mr. W. was married at Portage, in St. John's Episcopal Church, by Rev. Walter F. Lloyd, Dec. 17, 1868, to Jennie M. Taylor, a native of Tillicoultry, Clackminningshire, Scotland, born Sept. 19, 1847 ; they have two children—Nellie Margaret, born Dec. 5 1869, and Collette, born July 13, 1879, both born on Cook street in city of Portage. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are both members of the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. W. is Vestryman, and has been Treasurer for ten years (with an intermission of ten months). He has been Secretary of the Columbia County Bible Society for the last two years ; he is a member of Ft. Winnebago Lodge, A., F. & A. M., No. 33 ; Ft. Winnebago Chapter, No. 14 ; Ft. Winnebago Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 4, and is Secretary of Ft. Winnebago Lodge at the present time ; he has held the office of Senior Warden of the same lodge, and is one of the Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Mr. Wright's father was born in London, England, Aug. 4, 1814 ; his mother was born at St. Noets, Huntingtonshire, England, July 5, 1824 ; her father, Thomas Kay, was born at Barnard Castle, Durham, England ; her mother, Ann Shives, was born in St. Noets, England.

**FRANK YANKO**, grocer ; was born in Bohemia March 14, 1844 ; came to Chicago in 1854 ; one year later removed to Portage, where he resided until 1865, when he removed to New Lisbon and engaged in clerking ; in September, 1877, Mr. Yanko returned to Portage, and engaged in the grocery and liquor business. He was married in Portage, May 16, 1870, to Amelia Hanule, born in Bohemia ; they have four children living—Edith, Anna, Louis and Clara, and have lost two—Willie and Emma. Mr. Y. is a member of the German Catholic Church ; was elected Alderman of the First Ward in April, 1880. His father, Frank Yanko, died at Kilbourn June 27, 1858, and his mother is now a resident of Portage.

**GEORGE YULE** was born in Northumberland County, England, May 3, 1837 ; he came to America in the spring of 1853, with his parents, George and Elizabeth Yule, who settled at West Point, in this county, on Sec. 18, where he lived until 1877, when he was elected Register of Deeds, and was re-elected in 1879 ; he had been Chairman of the Town Board and Assessor prior to his election to the present office. He married Isabella Summers, at West Point, Dec. 25,



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