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Street Scenes, Public Buildings, Business Blocks, Residences, with Descriptive Articles; Pictures of Professional and Business Men, together with Pen Pictures showing who they are, what they do, and why they are here.

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Isabella County Court House, at Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

The City of Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant is located in Isabella county, 53 miles northwest of Saginaw and 149 miles northwest of Detroit, on the Ann Arbor and Pere Marquette railroads. This is one of the most prosperous and thriving little cities of Michigan, being the county seat of Isabella county and situated in the midst of one of the best farming sections of the state. The city now has a population of 5,000, and a greater number of handsome business blocks and elegant residences stand as monuments to the thrift, enterprise and prosperity of her citizens than are to be found in any other city of equal size within the state.

When the county of Isabella was first organized the county seat was established by commissioners appointed by the state at the geographical center of the county. A small log court house was erected, and the effort made to work up a boom for a village at that point, but the scheme

failed. The county offices were all kept in two rooms, those being insufficient even at that time for the transaction of public business, and a movement for a change was set on foot which was finally successful, the present site of the county seat being selected May 10, 1860. This territory was then a wilderness with no approaches save the "tope roads," and with very little evidence that the present thriving little city would ever occupy the location.

People of this generation, reared amid the conveniences of the 20th century, know absolutely nothing of the hardships and pleasures attendant upon pioneer life. The attractiveness of our beautiful farms and picturesque landscapes, dotted here and there with neat and substantial residences and modern farm buildings present a very pleasing picture, as well as a strong contrast with the humble log cabin of 1864, whose walls sheltered a few articles of rude fur-

niture, while the stumps in the doorway were repositories for cross-cut saws, the beetle and the ax. Many of the men who have been largely instrumental in the development of this county, and who are today among the leading business men of the city and county, were born beneath these humble roofs, their infantile cries being hushed by a mother's soft lullaby as she carefully rocked them to sleep in a cradle improvised from a basswood sugar trough.

The first tract of land in what is now Isabella county was entered by Aloyse Rust, but there is a dispute as to the exact date. Wm. B. Bowen settled in Coe township in February of 1854. In October, 1854, P. H. Estee, Daniel Brickley, John Stewart, Andrew F. Childs, James Wiley, Daniel Childs, James Campbell, George Reasoner, Charles F. Young and M. J. Hall entered a quarter section each under the "Graduation act," at 50 cents per acre, and most



Main Street looking north from Broadway.

of them soon settled upon and commenced improving these lands, many of them being very prominently connected with the development of this section.

The early settlers upon coming into the new country found themselves subject to the pressing demands of nature. Away from civilization, yet they must live. After the first meagre stock of supplies was exhausted they were obliged to go out after more, the nearest point of trade being Maple Rapids or Fish Creek, each 45 miles distant. To one or the other of these places they must go for all provisions, flour, etc., as well as to obtain their mail. How great is the contrast between 1855 and 1905, when the farmer can sit in his comfortable home and telephone the merchant, miller or doctor for the necessities of the occasion, and while waiting for their delivery read his daily paper delivered at his door by the carriers of the Rural Free Delivery service? The younger people, who knew none of the privations of pioneer life, cannot fully appreciate the conveniences and comforts of the modern time and homes.

The first corps of county officers for Isabella county were elected in 1859, and were as follows:

Sheriff—Charles H. Rodd.
County Clerk—I. E. Arnold.
County Treasurer—Richard Hoy.
Register of Deeds—Milton Bradley.
Judge of Probate—James Wilsey.
Prosecuting Attorney—Nelson Mosher.



H. Edward Deust, Mayor of Mt. Pleasant.

Circuit Court Commissioner—Nelson Mosher.

Surveyor—William M. Davis.

Coroners—Thomas C. Chatfield, H. Bigelow and W. H. Stout.

The first plat of the village of Mt. Pleasant was made by David Ward, he donating five acres of land for county purposes, and upon which a

court house was built by W. H. Nelson, at a cost to the county of \$140. The building was accepted July 12, 1860, and the first term of court was held therein the same year.

The village of Mt. Pleasant was replatted in 1862, the proprietors at that time being George and Harvey Morton. The growth of the village was very slow, there then being but few



Main Street looking south from Broadway.



Broadway looking west from Franklin Street.

people living within the county, and very little of the farming lands under cultivation. It was not until 1864 that the first stock of general merchandise made its appearance at this point, H. A. Dutton being the proprietor of the store opened at that time. At that date the future of Mt. Pleasant was very inauspicious, there being but three or four houses upon the territory now embraced within the city limits. In the same year of its first mercantile establishment the Bamber House, Mt. Pleasant's first hotel, was opened with W. W. Preston as proprietor.

It was not until 1865 that the first log school house made its appearance at Mt. Pleasant, and the first school

within the village was taught by Mrs. Ellen L. Woodworth. This building was also used for a church and other purposes, and here the first Sabbath school was organized, the originators of the movement being Mrs. J. A. Fancher, Mrs. Ellen L. Woodworth and Mrs. Langdon Bentley.

From 1865 Mt. Pleasant has continued to grow in importance and numbers until it ranks among the most prosperous and enterprising of the Michigan cities of its size, and none surely have more natural advantages.

Mt. Pleasant was incorporated as a village in 1875, the first election being held on May 11th of that year, and resulting in the selection of the fol-

lowing corps of officers:

- President—John Maxwell.
- Trustees—Cornelius Bennett, Wm. Richmond, John A. Harris, Wilkinson Doughty, Dan H. Gilman and George W. Brower.
- Clerk—George N. Mosher.
- Assessor—I. E. Arnold.
- Street Commissioner—John Fox.
- Marshal—Cicero Kimball.

At the first village election, at which the above officers were chosen, a total of 123 votes were cast.

Mt. Pleasant has had several disastrous fires, but the one in 1875 was the most serious which has ever occurred. Twelve stores, with nearly all of their contents, were destroyed, entailing a loss of nearly \$50,000 upon their owners. Very little insurance was carried and the loss was a severe blow both to the village and the owners of the property destroyed, but with a small capital most of them again started in business, and today not a trace remains of this disaster. Handsome brick blocks have taken the place of the wooden buildings, and there are no cities of the size of Mt. Pleasant that excel this city in the number of handsome business blocks.

The incorporation of Mt. Pleasant as a city dates from April 1st, 1889, the first city election having been held on that day, under the provisions of a special act of the legislature of Michigan secured at the session just preceding that time. This election resulted in the selection of the following gentlemen as Mt. Pleasant's first corps of city officials:

- Mayor—Lewis E. Royal.
- Clerk—Edgar J. Hoy.
- Aldermen—Wm. Bamber, David Rodman, Cicero Kimball, David G.



Isabella County Jail.



Chippewa River in rear of Chatterton & Son's Elevator.

Robinson, Jared H. Doughty and Levi D. Newton.

Supervisors—Frank A. Sweeney, Charles M. Brooks and Arthur N. Wood.

Justice of the Peace, four years—William T. Whitney.

Justice of the Peace, two years—Edgar J. Adams.

Street Commissioner—John A. Whitman.

Constables—Henry C. Dunlap, R. G. Whitney and George G. Whitney.

In the sixteen years since Mt. Pleas-

ant became a city much advance has been made in the way of municipal improvements, and the general feeling is that this city has been exceedingly well governed, and the expenditure of public monies carefully and consistently looked after, to the end that the city has received as good value as possible for the money appropriated for public necessities and improvements.

The present officers of the city are:

Mayor—H. Edward Deuel.

Clerk—William C. McDonald.

Alderman—Isaac N. Conrad, Enos W. Crandall, Thomas A. Winans, Charles F. Marsh, John C. Warner and John A. Kenney.

Treasurer—James W. Hersee.

City Attorney—Charles T. Russell.

Health Officer—Dr. S. E. Gardiner.

Marshal—Neil Melsaac.

Street Commissioner—Warren Taylor.

Superintendent of Water Works—Charles McKinnon.

Board of Public Works—M. Devereaux, president; F. G. Thiers, F. Whitehead, Thomas McNamara and Wallace Marsh.

In municipal improvements the city of Mt. Pleasant is fully up with other cities of her class, and to a very



Normal Avenue looking south from Broadway.



A View of Mt. Pleasant south of Broadway, taken thirty-five years ago.

large number of them sets an example of what may be accomplished by thrift, enterprise and plenty of public spirit. The public schools of this city are unexcelled in any place of equal size in the country, and the excellent educational system of this city has won considerable praise from the outside world. The city has a high school and three ward schools, the pictures of which will be found upon another page.

The city has a very complete municipal water system, supplying its citizens with water for domestic purposes and fire protection. A strong and very thoroughly equipped fire department follows, affording fire protection which makes insurance rates as low as can be found in any city of like size in Michigan.

In fact, at all points along the line Mt. Pleasant does not take a back seat for municipal improvements

when compared with other places of her own class. It is true that the city does not boast of any paved streets, yet we can truthfully say that few cities in Michigan can show as well kept streets, and in as good a condition for general use and travel.

In the question of sidewalks Mt. Pleasant leads them all, and we very much doubt if any city of even double her size can show as many miles of well laid, uniform, and well kept cement walks. Nothing but stone or concrete walks are now allowed to be laid, the construction being very carefully superintended by the city authorities. That much careful attention has been paid to this question for some years past is now very apparent, and few cities regardless of size can boast of anything better or more complete than is to be found in this city. The city has gas and electric light companies engaged in the business of commercial and private lighting. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies both reach Mt. Pleasant, while the Independent and the Michigan Bell Telephone companies each maintain exchanges in this city. Mt. Pleasant is also reached by both the United States and Pacific Express companies.

The United States has located in this city the Indian Industrial schools, pictures of which are shown in this issue, and which are proving a very important factor in the education of the few Indians left in this section, and in teaching them to become self sustaining and good citizens. Here, too, are located the Central Michigan Normal Schools, pictures and an extended description of the work of which are to be found on other pages.

The business houses of Mt. Pleasant are of a class that go to quite an



A Mt. Pleasant Scene.



Mt. Pleasant High School Building.

extent in drawing and holding the farming trade for many miles around this city, and thus aiding very materially in the building up of the city. Large and very complete stocks are carried in all the lines of merchandise, and the general run of business

men are experienced in their particular lines, thus enabling them to select and place before their customers goods which are sure to please them. These same business men are as a class live and up-to-date in their methods. They believe in advertising

and letting the farmers know the class of goods they have for sale, and that when the customer calls upon them they must have goods to show for the articles advertised. Mt. Pleasant is very free from anything among her business men of the "faker" order—as a rule they believe that they can best gain and retain trade by fair and open methods, and by giving their customers goods at prices which will make it an object for them to visit this city again.

With the two lines of railroads as mentioned above, and a class of business men determined to "get out and after" everything in the line of desirable manufacturing and business enterprises it is easily explained why Mt. Pleasant is considered one of the most prosperous and hustling of the smaller cities of Michigan. The business men of Mt. Pleasant are of that class who keep everlastingly at it, and no sooner is one business enterprise secured than they are out and after another.

One thing which we feel certain is destined to do much in promoting the growth of this city is the Mt. Pleasant Board of Trade, an organization



Kinsey School Building

of her business men banded together for the avowed purpose of promoting the interests of the city. This organization was perfected early in March last, and already has on tap a number of business enterprises which it is contemplated establishing in this city. Its membership now numbers over 60 of the live and hustling business men of the city, and the association is promoting a spirit of "hustling" in a manner which must prove of substantial benefit to the future of the city. The officers of this organization are:

- President—E. J. VanLeuven.
Vice President—R. O. Doughty.
Secretary—N. J. Brown.
Treasurer—P. G. Thiers.
Directors—E. J. VanLeuven, R. O. Doughty, N. J. Brown, Col. C. W. Campbell and S. W. Rogers.



Maple Street School Building.



Ann Arbor Railway Depot at Mt. Pleasant.



Wm. C. McDonald, City Clerk.

One thing in Mt. Pleasant which the stranger quickly notices, and which commends the city to the good opinion of all observant persons, is the harmony and good feeling which seems to prevail among the business men of the city. Here there seems to be less local bickering and strife than in most places, and the business men are apparently agreed that they will pull together for the welfare of the city, recognizing the fact that by a united effort they can more surely secure desirable results.

Taken as a whole, Mt. Pleasant is one of the most enterprising, hustling, and progressive little cities to be found in the state, and is probably enjoying as rapid a growth as any city of similar size within the great state of Michigan.



West Side School Building.

Central State Normal School

In 1891 a number of public spirited citizens of Mt. Pleasant formed an association, known as the Mt. Pleasant Improvement Co., for the purpose of building and maintaining an educational institution in the city. A tract of land containing about 60 acres was purchased and platted into 224 lots, reserving ten acres as a campus for the contemplated school. The above lots were sold at \$110 each and the money thus raised was expended in building the first building on the cam-

pus and for the maintenance of the school. Until 1895 the Improvement Co., loyally supported by many citizens of the city, carried on the enterprise under the name of the Central Normal School and Business Institute, when the school was offered to, and accepted by the state and its name changed to the Central Michigan Normal School. Since that time it has been liberally supported by

the state, each legislature feeling that the institution has been honestly and efficiently administered for the highest good of the state. During the last six years the legislature has appropriated about \$140,000 for the erection of buildings and the extension and improvement of the grounds. At the present time three splendid buildings are used by the school—the Normal School building, which has accommodation for about 600 students; the Training School

building, which has accommodation for about 200 students; and the heating plant operate ventilating fans in the two buildings thus supplying an abundance of fresh air for teachers and students.

The specific purpose of the school is to train teachers for service in the public school system of the state. To accomplish this purpose the following courses of study are offered:

First, the Life Certificate Course.

This is a two years' course covering both academic and professional



Central State Normal School Building.

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building, which accommodates a Kindergarten and the eight grades of a public school system and has special rooms for manual and domestic training; the central heating and lighting plant, which warms and lights the two main buildings and has sufficient capacity for warming and lighting any subsequent buildings that may, in the future, be erected on the campus. Motors, run by electric power gener-

studies and is designed to prepare students for teaching in all grades of public school work. Students entering this course should have a preparation equivalent to graduation from a four years' high school course.

Second, the Graded School Course.

This is a one year's course for high school graduates and is especially designed to prepare students for primary and grammar grade positions.

Third, the Rural School Course. Graduates of the eighth grade of a public school system may enter this course without examination and can complete the same in about two and one half years. Students having had a successful experience in teaching can usually complete this course in one year or in four terms.

Fourth, Special Course in Public School Music and Drawing.

These courses prepare capable students to teach or supervise music and drawing, one or both, in our best public schools.

Fifth, the Kindergarten Course:

The demand for trained kindergartners is constantly increasing. This course, to which high school graduation or an equivalent training is necessary for admission, gives young ladies an excellent preparation for organizing and conducting either public or private kindergartens.

Sixth, the Drawing and Manual Training Course:

Manual Training is rapidly being given a prominent place in our best public schools. The purpose of this course is to fit young men and women for this work. A drawing must necessarily accompany manual training, prominence is given to this subject in the Manual Training course.

The state, realizing the great importance of special training for teaching, has made such liberal appropriations for current expenses that tuition in all courses is placed at a mere nominal figure. In the Rural School course, tuition is free to all students, in the other courses an entrance fee of \$3.00 per term is charged. The expense of living in Mt. Pleasant is much lower than in large cities where many of our educational institutions are located. By boarding in clubs, the expense for board and room does not usually exceed \$3.00 per week. In many instances it is much less. Many of the best and most highly respected students rent rooms and board themselves thus reducing their expenses for living to about \$2.00 per week.

The faculty of the school consists of 38 trained teachers each one of whom has made a special study of the special line of work in which he is engaged. It has been the purpose of the administration to be limited to no state or single institution in making up the faculty list, hence many of the leading universities and colleges of the country, such as Harvard, Columbia, Chicago, Michigan, Oberlin, Olivet, Hillsdale and the State

Normal College have been drawn upon. As a result, the faculty of the Central State Normal is not surpassed in respect to scholarship, teaching ability and experience by any similar institution in the United States.

In the matter of equipment few normal schools have made as rapid progress. The library already contains about 8,000 volumes selected with special reference to the needs of the various departments of work. The legislature of 1905 voted an appropriation of \$4,000.00 to be spent for books during the next two years. By the end of the present year the library will contain 10,000 volumes. Pres. G. Stanley Hall, after visiting and examining the library about two years ago, said that it was the best work-

ed a large number of the great masters in art are represented in the collection and in a quiet, unobtrusive way, are leading the students to an appreciation of what is best in art.

For the purpose of extending the privileges of the Normal School to a large number of teachers actively engaged during the regular school year, a summer term of six weeks is conducted by the normal school faculty. This session furnishes an excellent opportunity for reviews and for regular students to do some advanced work along the line of the regular normal school courses. During the last five years over 1,500 students have availed themselves of the advantages offered in the Summer School. During this session some of the ablest educa-



Training School Building.

ing library for a normal school that he had ever had the privilege of examining.

The physical, chemical, biological, geographical and physical laboratories are well equipped with apparatus, charts, maps, etc., so that instruction in all the above lines is strictly up to date and in accordance with the most approved methods.

The aesthetic side of the student's nature is not neglected in the Central Normal School. Already over \$1,200 has been expended in purchasing works of art which adorn the walls of the chapel, library and corridors. It has been the policy of the school from the beginning to purchase only the best pictures obtainable. As a re-

tors and public speakers in the United States address the students from the chapel platform. This, in itself, forms no small part in the general training and culture of the students.

The Central State Normal invites young men and women, who are contemplating teaching for a longer or shorter period, to investigate the opportunities offered at Mt. Pleasant. Graduates of this school who do good work are practically guaranteed good positions as the call for normal trained teachers far exceeds the supply. Any letters of inquiry will receive the personal attention of the president of the school. A catalogue giving all details of courses of study, expenses, etc., will be sent upon application.



John S. Weidman.

Much has been written with regard to the self-made men of Michigan, yet there have been but few more striking examples than that presented by a careful consideration of the subject of this sketch. One of a family of twelve children, with the parents in very limited circumstances, the accomplishments of John S. Weidman are entirely those which place him among this class of our citizens. The capital with which his parents endowed him was simply a rugged constitution, a stout heart and a determination to succeed, and we believe that all his acquaintances, and those who have come in contact with him in a business way, will agree with us that this has proven a more desirable capital than would have almost any amount of money—unless the latter could have been accompanied with the same traits of character.

Starting in life as a river driver, then a boy of 16 years, he went out in the world to make his own living,

and with the avowed determination of winning success and accumulating a competency. He had ambition, physical courage and endurance, and a willingness to work and learn that could not be thrust aside by the ailments which he encountered in the activities of a business career. From a very unpromising start he has forced himself to the front, and made for himself a name which is unanimously accorded a very proud position among the foremost citizens and business men of this state.

Mr. Weidman's enterprises, his force of character, his sterling integrity, his fortitude amid discouragements, and his marked success to bringing to completion large schemes of trade, have contributed very largely toward the development of this section of Michigan. He has always been a strong man, both physically and mentally; of great business capacity and a thorough organizer; good in the generalities of business; strong in his friendships, and never willing

to give up one whom he trusted until that one had fully proven his unworthiness of that trust; strong in his convictions of right and in his hatred of the tricks of business, of which some men even boast, his integrity stands as an unquestioned fact today among friends, acquaintances and business associates. Born to lead, his experiences have made him a safe counselor and guide. He is independent in thought, and when a conviction has been once reached, firm and unchanging. He stands today mature in years, yet a strong man, and a worthy example for young men to pattern after, as showing what intelligence and probity may accomplish in the way of success in life.

John S. Weidman was born in Kenosha township, St. Clair county, Michigan, May 10, 1852, where he continued to reside until 14 years of age, when his parents moved to a farm in Mecosta county, twelve miles south of Big Rapids. Mr. Weidman attended school until 20 years of age al-

though a portion of his time after attaining the age of 18 was spent as a river driver, or log runner, working on the Muskegon river. In fact, from the time he was 16 until he reached 35 he worked as a log runner during the summer, and as foreman of a lumber camp during the winter, the exception to this being the few months spent in school. In this work, and by the careful saving of his earnings, Mr. Weidman secured his start in life.

In the fall of 1876 he purchased 40 acres of land in Hinton township, Mecosta county, of the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad company, which he still owns, and which has since been added to until he now has a farm of 900 acres, and generally acknowledged to be the finest farm in Mecosta county.

July 3, 1877, Mr. Weidman was married at Big Rapids to Miss Margaret A. Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Mitchell, of that city. They have six children; Lenora D., Mildred A., John S. Jr., Robert, Lucille and Evan, all of whom are still living, and reside with their parents in this city.

In the fall of 1877 Mr. Weidman purchased the pine upon a "homestead claim," six miles south of Morley, from a man named Leathers. On this claim he paid \$100 toward the purchase price, \$40 on yoke of oxen, secured household goods sufficient to start housekeeping in a modest way. Then he commenced his first lumbering operations on his own account, having just \$10 in cash as a reserve for business necessities. During the winter of 1877-8 he cut the timber on that tract of land, selling the logs (about 1,000,000 feet) to Ducey & Torrents, of Muskegon, and through with this work the following spring had cleared a profit of \$2,000 for his labors. In this transaction was really laid the foundation for his future successful lumbering operations, as well as of the wealth which he has



J. S. Weidman and Ira Mitchell, from a tintype taken 55 years ago, showing them in log runner's costumes.

man continued lumbering operations on a considerable scale, taking large jobbing contracts in this section of the state, and working at clearing his farm during the summer months. In 1887 he had added very largely to the size of his farm and as there was considerable good timber on this land he decided to erect a saw mill, which he operated for the next six years, besides that from his own lands sawing a considerable quantity of logs purchased from others in that vicinity, which cut of lumber amounted to about 25,000,000 feet.

In 1892 he purchased a large tract of timbered land in Hinton and Milbrook townships, Mecosta county, afterward selling it to Macomber & Bale, of Lakeview, Mich.

In 1893 Mr. Weidman purchased a tract of 8,000 acres of timber land in Isabella county, where he erected saw, shingle and planing mills, founding the village of Weidman, and



Residence J. S. Weidman, South Main Street, Mt. Pleasant.

since been able to accumulate. For the next nine years Mr. Weid-

man where he has since conducted very extensive lumbering operations, his



A View of the Tramways in Mr. Weidman's Mill Yard at Weidman, Mich.



A view of Mr. Weidman's Lumber Yard at Weidman, Mich.

cut averaging about 10,000,000 feet per year. In addition to sawing the logs into lumber which came from his own lands, Mr. Weidman has purchased very extensively from adjoining owners, keeping his mills in operation up to the present time, and still having sufficient timber to keep them going for about four years. The little village of Weidman is now recognized as one of the most thriving of the smaller villages of this section, and with the fine farming country which surrounds it, is destined to become a place of considerable importance. At present it has a population of 500.

Besides the lumbering and farming operations mentioned above, Mr. Weidman is, and has been, interested in numerous large timber deals in Michigan and Wisconsin. From 1839 to 1904 he was a stockholder and director of the Citizens' State Bank of Big Rapids; he is also a stockholder of the Farmers' & Merchants' bank at Lakeview, of which he is at the present time the president.

In February of 1903, Mr. Weidman purchased the private bank of Weber & Ruel, of this city, conducting the same until July 1st, of the same year, when it was incorporated as a state bank under the name of the

Isabella County State bank, of which institution he is one of the largest stockholders and president.

When he commenced his lumbering operations at Weidman, Mr. Weidman did not dispose of his farm in Mecosta county, and is today conducting the same. His family continued to reside there until the spring of 1894, when they took up their residence at Weidman, living there until early in September last, when they removed to this city, now occupying the elegant home on Main street, shown in the accompanying engraving.



Lumber Mill of Mr. Weidman at Weidman, Mich.

Isabella County State Bank

No one institution, or even a half dozen lines of different business, so correctly reflect the true conditions of any city, as do the banks, and it may also be added that nothing has so largely to do with the methods of of general business within a city as does the manner in which its banks are managed. If banks are carelessly managed and loans made without careful consideration and scrutiny, the business men of the city are very apt to fall into line with lax financial methods. On the other hand, if the banks are carefully managed, close

up-to-date methods, is to a very considerable extent due to the manner in which the Isabella County State bank has been conducted. This institution has at all times required of its patrons a careful observance of consistent business methods, making loans secure, to the end that depositors have no fear as to the safety of the money left with this institution. On the other hand it has always been one of the most progressive and modern of the financial institutions of this section of Michigan, advancing credit where it could be done with

when it was sold to John S. Weidman, and at the time of the transfer \$236,000 in deposits were turned over to the new owner, representing a business which had been built up in five years by Mr. VanLeuven.

After Mr. Weidman's purchase the bank was continued as a private business until the 1st of July, 1903, when it was incorporated as a state bank under the name of the Isabella County State bank, its first officers being:

President—John S. Weidman.
1st. Vice President—Oliver H. Adams.



Directors of the Isabella County State Bank.

attention being paid to the minutest details of the business, to the end that the best possible security be taken of the deposits which are made with them; if business men find that the bank is careful and conservative, yet up-to-date in its business methods, they soon fall into line in their general business dealings, and the financial transactions of the entire city reflect the teachings of the bank.

That the business affairs of Mt. Pleasant, generally speaking, are on a sound financial basis, conservatively and carefully handled, yet following

safety to the depositors and earn a dividend for the stockholders.

In January, 1898, Elton J. VanLeuven organized the private banking house of Webber & Ruol, the latter gentlemen being residents of Ionia county and the owners of several private banks, recognized throughout Michigan as among the strongest of the state's financial institutions. Mr. VanLeuven was made cashier and manager of the institution, it starting with a capital of \$10,000. He continued to conduct the enterprise as a private bank until March, 1903,

2nd Vice President—A. Z. Campbell.

Cashier—Elton J. VanLeuven.

At the time of its incorporation as a state bank this institution was capitalized at \$30,000, and in the two years which have since elapsed it has acquired a surplus and undivided profits of \$3,000, which is generally considered a very flattering showing in this time.

There has been but very little change in the officers since its organization, the present officers being:

President—John S. Weidman.

1st Vice President—A. Z. Campbell.

2nd Vice President—F. L. Koeler.
Cashier—Elton J. VanLeuven.

Directors—J. S. Weidman, A. Z. Campbell, F. G. Thiers, Floyd Mitchell, F. L. Koeler, A. G. Struble and E. J. VanLeuven.

Few banks in Michigan, even in cities much larger than Mt. Pleasant, have any banking institutions where the individual responsibility of the stockholders of the institution is

goes to make, in the aggregate, an enormous responsibility for the institution.

This business has been conducted from the time it was established as a private bank, by Mr. VanLeuven in the building shown in the accompanying engraving, the bank owning the block here shown. In the upper story of this block is situated one of the best equipped and modern opera houses to be found in any city of equal size with Mt. Pleasant.

department, where three per cent interest, compounded semi-annually, is paid upon all deposits. This is the bank which issues the "Red Savings Pass Book," made famous by the advertising of its cashier.

At the meeting of the Michigan Bankers' Association, last July, Mr. VanLeuven was chosen as its treasurer, an honor which has heretofore gone to older heads, and men connected with the banks of the larger cities of the state. Coming as it did,



Isabella County State Bank Building, with Opera House on Second Floor.

greater than that of this concern. Mr. Weidman is known throughout the state as one of the solid men of Michigan, and his real estate holdings in this section are of such a nature as to largely add to the strength of the institution. Mr. Campbell is also the owner of a number of fine farms in Isabella county besides a very considerable amount of valuable real estate in this city. The other stockholders are all business men of the county, each owning property which

The growth of this business has been of a phenomenal nature from the day in which it was first established, and its incorporation as a state bank seems to simply have added stimulus to its already marvelous growth. Today its deposits are the largest of any bank in Isabella county, and make a favorable comparison with those of much older financial institutions, even in considerably larger cities.

A specialty is made of the savings

unsellected on the part of Mr. VanLeuven, it is an honor which is very highly appreciated, and shows the estimate of the ability shown by him from the standpoint of the other financial institutions of the state. Personally Mr. VanLeuven is modest and unassuming, yet the business enterprises with which he has been identified have been remarkably successful, he thus gaining a very enviable position among the banking men of Michigan.



United States Indian Industrial Schools.

One of the institutions of interest to which all residents of Mt. Pleasant direct the attention of visitors is the United States Indian

Industrial Schools, of which the illustrations accompanying this article will give a very comprehensive idea.

These schools are situated just outside the city limits on the northwest, being one mile from the business center of the city. The land upon which



The School Building.



The Boys' Dormitory.



The Girls' Dormitory The Hospital and Interior of Laundry shown below.

these schools are located was formerly known as the "Old Mission farm" and the "Mowry tract" and was selected by the United States government in 1891 as a location for these schools. There were 200 acres of land in these tracts, then valued at \$8,400, of which amount the United States paid \$5,000, and the citizens of this city contributed the balance, that being used as an inducement toward securing the location of the schools at this point.

The lands upon which the schools stand was formerly granted to the M. E. church for educational purposes, being transferred by them to other parties, and finally repurchased by the government as noted above. This tract includes the old reservation burying ground and has been improved until today it is considered one of the finest farms to be found in this state.

The corner stone for the main building was laid October 12, 1892, and the building was finished and occupied by the school on June 30, 1893. Since that time the schools have been gradually enlarged until the present buildings consist of a Boys' Dormitory, a Girls' Dormitory, the Dining Hall, which building contains a large dining room with a seating capacity of 250, the kitchen and the bakery; the Steam Laundry, which is thoroughly equipped with all modern conveniences; the Hospital, containing two wards and a dispensary, where the sick report each morning for treatment; the School House, which contains eight good-sized class rooms and a large chapel seated with opera chairs; the Power House, shops and barns and other out buildings. These buildings are all steam heated and lighted with electricity.

The class room work is carried on by a corps of six teachers, the pupils being taught through the eighth grade in their studies. Great stress is laid upon the industrial side of the schools and the different departments are all under competent heads, the manner in which the farm is handled, the out-buildings kept, and the character of the articles manufactured showing





U. S. Indian Industrial School Band of Thirty-six Pieces



A Corner in the Girls' Dormitory.



The Sewing Class.

that thoroughness is one of the requisites which are carefully looked after.

The girls are taught how to do all kinds of general housework, such as cooking and dining room work, laundry work, housekeeping, sewing, and the elementary principles in caring for the sick. A Domestic Science class, composed of eight of the larger girls, is provided to train the girls in doing fancy cooking, such as pastry and cake making. A special kitchen and dining room is furnished this class and it is their duty to provide special meals, twice a day, for eight, this for the purpose of training them in cooking and serving meals for small families.

The boys have the following trades and occupations which they may learn by doing the practical work:—farming, tailoring, baking, carpentering, engineering, gardening, shoe and harness making, and blacksmithing.

The attendance at these schools at the present time is a trifle less than four hundred and one of the most interesting, yet useful, of their teachings is the fire drill. At a moment's notice, and without any previous warning, the children march out of the building in a very orderly manner, these drills being frequent enough to ensure good results should necessity demand their use. The larger boys of the schools are formed into fire companies, they responding instantly to a fire alarm, no matter at what work they may then be engaged.

A band consisting of 45 pieces has been organized among the boys and there are few like organizations that can furnish better music. An orchestra, composed of both boys and girls, and a mandolin and guitar club composed entirely of girls, furnish music for all special occasions, beside frequent engagements in Mt. Pleasant.

Under the present superintendent, Robert A. Cochran, the Mt. Pleasant Indian Schools have already made great advancement, although he has been in charge a trifle less than two years. Mr. Cochran is a very thorough, competent and pains-taking superintendent, and is very enthusiastic over the future of these schools. Already he has brought them to a



One of the Barns and Live Stock at the U. S. Indian Industrial Schools.

point where they are considered as among the best in the country, yet he has plans for much greater advancement. Through his instrumentality the government has already entered into contracts for several new buildings to be erected during the coming summer, which will very materially add to the capacity and efficiency of the schools.

school in July, 1900. In February, 1904, he was again promoted and transferred to the superintendency (also disbursing agent) of the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Schools.

Mrs. Elsie Browning Cochran was born at Benton, Ill., April 9, 1871, and was married to Robert A. Cochran, September 12, 1889. They have one daughter, Dora E., born December 15, 1896.

Mrs. Cochran has charge of the domestic affairs of the schools during her husband's administration as superintendent, and one visit to the schools will convince any person that Mrs. Cochran is as actively interested in the progress of the schools as is her husband, many little evidences of her careful supervision of the domestic affairs being plainly apparent.



Mrs. Elsie Browning Cochran.



Robert A. Cochran.

Robert A. Cochran was born at Benton, Ill., April 14, 1867. He entered the United States Indian Service June 16, 1893, as private secretary to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He was appointed disciplinarian at the Chilocco Indian Schools, Oklahoma, January 1, 1896, and promoted to the superintendency of the Quapaw school, Indian Territory, February 1898. In May 1899 he was transferred as superintendent to the Wyandotte and Seneca school in Indian territory, and promoted to the position of superintendent and disbursing agent of the Rice Station



The Cooking Class.



Chester R. Gorham.



Ezra S. Gorham.

Chester R. Gorham.

Chester R. Gorham, the president of the Gorham Brothers Co., was born in Chenango county, N. Y., in 1846. When but a child his parents moved to Ohio, settling at Euclid, a suburb of Cleveland. Here Mr. Gorham grew to manhood, at the age of 15 years commencing the manufacture of baskets. In his humble workshop was laid the foundation for the present business of the Gorham Brothers Co. At first the working force was very small, and frequently Mr. Gorham himself was the only man on the pay roll, and the pay roll itself was somewhat irregular and uncertain. However, Mr. Gorham was not the

man to give up, and he stuck with great perseverance to the business until success came his way, and today he is at the head of an institution of which he has just cause to feel proud. He stands today mature in years, yet a strong man and actively engaged in looking after the varied interests of the business which he has built up.

Mr. Gorham's home and family are at Cleveland, although a very considerable portion of his time is spent in this city.

Ezra S. Gorham.

Ezra S. Gorham, the treasurer of the Gorham Brothers Co., was born in New York state in 1848, moving with his parents to Ohio when a

child, and receiving his education and early business training at Euclid. Like his brother, his whole life has been spent in the building up of this business, he having joined hands with his brother at an early age, and put his shoulder to the wheel whether the roads were rough or smooth, contributing his full share to their joint enterprise. These two brothers have pulled together in perfect harmony during all this business history, and by a very careful application to all of the details of the enterprise have succeeded in gaining their present successful commercial position.

E. S. Gorham continued to reside at Cleveland until 1902, when he moved his family to this city, establishing himself in the comfortable home shown in the accompanying illustration.



Residence Ezra S. Gorham.



Dece, Vaner Mill and Yard of the Gorham Brothers Co.

The Gorham Brothers Company.

While in no wise discrediting or detracting from the importance of, or the benefits derived through the presence of the other manufacturing concerns within the city of Mt. Pleasant, still it must be admitted that this company has been, and is today, at the very forefront as among those institutions which have contributed toward the upbuilding and advancement of the city, and the bringing of it to its present state of thrift and prosperity. The operations of this firm are one of the many things to which the citizens of Mt. Pleasant point with pride. First, because of what this firm has been able to accomplish for itself and the standing it has gained in the commercial world. Second, because its success has been the largest individual element in the building up and advancement of this city, by the steady and profitable employment of large numbers of laboring men and mechanics at good wages, theirs at all time having been the largest pay roll within this city.

Much has been written about the prosperity brought through the pro-

sense of the "tin pall brigade," that expression being applied to large numbers of working men, and their profitable employment, and they have very truly been characterized as the foundation of any prosperous city. All authorities are agreed that nothing contributes so largely toward the building of a city upon a substantial and lasting basis as the presence of large numbers of laboring men steadily employed at good wages.

That condition being admitted, what men, or set of men, is more correctly characterized as a public benefactor than those whose business energies are directed along lines which afford such employment? That is why every live and bustling city is after every labor-employing industry, realising that the more they have in this line the greater the opportunity for securing other business enterprises which go toward the making of a thrifty and growing city. The fact that in the mills of this company more labor is employed than in any other enterprise in this city, has for some years caused the people of this city to generally consider it

them the post of honor as among the factors leading to the steady growth which Mt. Pleasant has enjoyed.

The business of this firm was originally started at Euclid, Ohio, its first operations, in 1864, being on a very limited scale. Like many another of our successful institutions, it has been built up from a very modest beginning. Starting with the employment of less than a dozen men, it has steadily advanced until it is now one of the largest employers of labor in this section of the state. From an infant industry, newly established, employing few men, and making every effort to secure a foothold among the older manufacturing concerns of the country, this enterprise has grown to be one of the largest in this section of Michigan, and today the Gorham Brothers Co. is among the largest and most extensive manufacturers of vaneering in the world, beside other very extensive business operations in which the individual members of the firm are interested.

As noted above, its business was first established at Euclid, Ohio, being conducted there until the supply of available timber became very



Saw Mill of the Gorham Brothers Co.



The Gorham Brothers Co.'s Saw Mill and Yard, from the west bank of Chippewa River.

scarce, which fact induced its removal to this city in 1888. Its business had by that time grown to considerable proportions, yet since it has been conducted from this point it has continued to advance in a very remarkable manner, and is still being materially added to and extended. The officers of this company are:

President—C. R. Gorham.
 Vice President—A. E. Gorham.
 Treasurer—E. S. Gorham.
 Secretary—F. J. Welton.

In the first of the engravings is shown the Vance mill of this company, where are also manufactured baskets, built up panels in red oak, quartered oak, white oak, basswood, birch, ash, elm and mahogany; also trunk slats, sleigh panels, case backs, drawer bottoms, table tops and glass backs.

In the second of these illustrations is shown the saw mill of the company, located in this city, and having a capacity of 25,000 feet of lumber per day. This firm is also extensively interested in lumbering operations in other sections of the state.

The third of these illustrations shows the lumber yards belonging to this company, in which will be found one of the largest stocks of lumber of various kinds and quality gathered in any one yard in this part of Michigan. The company is not only a large shipper of lumber but does a very extensive retail business.

In the mills and yards of this company nearly 300 men find steady employment during the twelve months of the year.

The building up of an enterprise of this class and magnitude is not an every-day affair, and the success of this company is not due to luck, but to good management coupled with a careful consideration of the conditions and demands of the trade which it hoped to supply; the production of articles which would give entire satisfaction to the users and which might be placed on the market at prices which fully met all competition. It is the successful combination of these conditions which has brought success, and for the results the members of

the firm are entitled to full credit. They have gathered men around them who have in no small degree contributed toward the production of the desired results, yet to these gentlemen must be given the credit for being able to select the right men to fill these places.

The factories where the goods are manufactured are of a necessity the foundation upon which the business of such a concern is built, and unless they are so handled as to produce the articles of manufacture in such a manner, and at such a cost, as will permit of meeting competition at all points then the best of efforts will fail to secure trade for the concern. This company has succeeded in building up a reputation for the production of first class goods in all of the articles manufactured by it, and the fact that it is able to place these goods on the market at prices advantageous to the buyer has enabled it to firmly establish itself as one of the most successful manufacturing concerns in this section of Michigan.



Lumber Yard of The Gorham Brothers Co.



Arwin E. Gorham.

Arwin E. Gorham, vice president of the Gorham Brothers Co., was born at Euclid, Ohio, in 1868, and came to Mt. Pleasant when the company transferred its manufacturing interests to this point. Like the elder Gorhams, he was early in the business harness, having at the age of 14 first commenced work in the service of the company, since becoming proficient with every detail of their large business interests, and for many years having had complete charge of their entire clerical business, as well as considerable responsibility along other lines of their transactions.

Mr. Gorham has been for some time past connected with the Exchange Savings bank as director and vice

president, and last September, upon the death of Mr. Dusenbury, was chosen its president, which position he holds at the present time.

Mr. Gorham was married in Janu-

ary, 1891, to Miss Sarah M. Balmer, of this city, and theirs is one of the palatial homes of this city, as the accompanying illustration readily shows.



Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gorham and Family.



Residence of A. E. Gorham.

The Exchange Savings Bank.

The Exchange Savings bank is one of the institutions of which the city of Mt. Pleasant has just cause to feel proud, because of the record which has been made in the 24 years since the business was first established, as well as of the standing it has gained in the commercial and financial world.

A bank to be of great value to a community must be conducted in a conservative manner, so as to have the unbounded confidence of the people in its stability, and the officers of the bank must be men worthy of that confidence. It must throw around itself every safeguard possible, yet be

up-to-date in all its business methods in order that manufacturers, business men and people generally may obtain full accommodations necessary in the conduct of business transactions. Such an institution the Exchange Savings bank has proven itself to be.

This bank was first established as a private banking enterprise in 1881 by G. A. Dusenbury & Co., the members of the firm being George A. Dusenbury and William C. Dusenbury and operated by them until 1889, when it was succeeded by Dusenbury, Nelson & Co., that firm consisting of George A. Dusenbury, William C.

Dusenbury, Levi N. Smith, Charles M. Brooks, John Kinney, D. H. Nelson, Wallace W. Preston and John T. Landon. This firm continued the business as a private banking institution, but adopted the name Exchange bank.

In May 1894 the Exchange Savings bank was organized and incorporated as a state bank, under the laws of the state, succeeding to the business of Dusenbury, Nelson & Co., its first officers being:

President—D. H. Nelson.
Vice President—John Kinney and L. N. Smith.
Cashier—G. A. Dusenbury.
Asst. Cashier—W. C. Dusenbury.
These officers continued in charge



Interior View of the Exchange Savings Bank.



GEORGE A. DUSENBURY.

Founder of the Exchange Savings Bank.
Died September 22, 1905.

every safeguard consistent with sound and conservative banking.

There is no investment that pays so well as a savings account, in a good bank. Money thus deposited represents so much capital at interest which grows daily. Real wealth consists not in getting, but in keeping, and thrift is better than an annuity. There is a dollar at each end of a million, and the first one is the largest. The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market. It depends upon two words: "Industry" and "Frugality."

It is the privilege and pleasure of this institution to aid saving people, whose deposits are received and interest paid upon them at the rate of three per cent., interest being compounded semi-annually.

Nothing creates a stronger and more lasting impression among commercial and financial circles with regard to the importance and prosperity of a city than the condition of her banks and financial institutions. In this respect the Exchange Savings bank has contributed its full share toward the placing of Mt. Pleasant in a very enviable position with the outside world.

of the affairs of the bank until January 19, 1900, when John Kinney was chosen president; C. M. Brooks and L. N. Smith, vice presidents, and G. A. Dusenbury being continued as cashier. In 1903 G. A. Dusenbury was elected president, A. E. Gorham, vice president, and C. A. Kellogg cashier, these officers continuing until the death of Mr. Dusenbury, September 22, 1905, when A. E. Gorham became president. The present officers of the bank are:

President—A. E. Gorham.

Vice President—W. C. Dusenbury.

Cashier—C. A. Kellogg.

Assl. Cashier—R. B. Dusenbury.

Directors—A. E. Gorham, John Kinney, C. M. Brooks, W. C. Dusenbury, F. B. Whitehead, C. T. Grawe and C. A. Kellogg.

The present capital of this bank is \$50,000.00, with surplus and undivided profits of \$15,000.00. It is the oldest bank in the county and every dollar deposited with it is as good as gold. It is in the market at all times for good loans, and makes a specialty of loaning its funds on Isabella county real estate, where the security is ample, and loans to school districts, the constant aim of the management being to throw around each loan



The Exchange Savings Bank Building



Elevator and Office of Chatterton & Son.

J. E. Chatterton & Son.

This firm consists of J. E. Chatterton and Howard E. Chatterton, and has been doing business under this firm name for about six years past, although but little over two years in the present line of business.

Six years ago this firm engaged in the retail grocery business in this city, conducting the business until about two years ago when it was sold to a gentleman named Wise. During the short time they were in business this firm established for themselves the most extensive retail grocery business ever built up by any firm in Isabella county, they selling between \$70,000 and \$80,000 worth of groceries during the last year they were in business, and employing thirteen persons in their store.

In February, 1903, this firm purchased the Horning elevator, since which time they have conducted that business, being today among the largest and most extensive handlers of all kinds of grain, hay, wool, potatoes and apples in this section of Michigan. This firm is also very extensively engaged in the handling of beans, in fact making that line of farm produce a specialty, and employing about 35 women and girls in picking beans, thus enabling the shipping of a very superior article of the hand-picked article to the outside markets. This branch of their business has been far

more than ordinarily successful, and during the past month they paid to the farmers of this immediate section over \$24,000 for that product of the farm. Isabella county farmers are engaging very extensively in the raising of beans, this county being among the leaders in this state, and the quantities handled by this firm shows these gentlemen have established themselves very strongly with the

agriculturists of this section, enjoying a reputation for honesty, fair dealing, and paying top-of-the-market prices seldom gained by any firm.

The reputation built up by them, however, is not confined to this locality alone. The reputation which they have gained in the large markets for placing a strictly first class article upon the markets puts them in a position to at all times command the best



Residence of J. E. Chatterton.

of prices and make ready sales, thus enabling them to pay the farmer the very best figure. Not alone do they ship very extensively to all parts of the United States but quite a number of car loads of beans which have been shipped by them have been exported to foreign markets.

This firm also does an extensive coal and wood business among the citizens of Mt. Pleasant and vicinity.

J. E. Chatterton.

J. E. Chatterton, the senior member of this firm, was born in Vermont December 7th, 1839, coming to Michigan with his parents in 1851, when they located on a farm in Meridian township, Ingham county, four miles east of Lansing.

business in this city, at all times being very closely allied with every movement which has tended toward building up Mt. Pleasant, and always showing that he had the true interests of the city at heart.

It was through the instrumentality and perseverance of Mr. Chatterton that the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Isabella county was organized, and for five years, from 1895 to 1900, he acted as its secretary. The management of such an organization is very largely in the hands of the secretary, and much of the success of the company is due to the foundation laid by Mr. Chatterton during those years.

Mr. Chatterton was married April 28, 1867, to Miss A. Elizabeth Adams, of Shiawassee county.



ALFRED C. ROWLANDER.

Alfred C. Rowlander was born in Woodland township, Barry county, Mich., April 31st, 1856, where he lived until March 25th, 1878, when he purchased a farm in Lincoln township and took up his residence in Isabella county. After spending the summer here Mr. Rowlander returned to Woodland in November, where he was married to Miss Cora J. Cooper, of that place.

For many years Mr. Rowlander divided his attention between farming during the summer, and teaching school in the winter. He taught four terms in Odessa township, Ionia county, before coming here, and seventeen terms in the schools of this section.

Mr. Rowlander has always been an active Republican, and has served the township of Lincoln three years as clerk, three years as treasurer and eight years as supervisor. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Rowlander was nominated by the Republicans of this county for county clerk, being elected in November. That his methods of discharging the duties of this office are pleasing to the people of this county is best shown by the fact that he is at present serving his fourth term. His uniform courtesy to all has won for him the reputation of having the largest circle of personal friends of any man in Isabella county.



Residence of H. E. Chatterton.

Mr. Chatterton attended the common schools of Ingham county, the Lansing city schools, and then spent three years at the Michigan Agricultural College, near that city. He then attended the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating in 1863. In the meantime he had engaged in teaching school, having taught six winter terms, from 1859 to 1865.

In 1866 Mr. Chatterton entered into a partnership with his brother, George A., and together they established a mercantile business at Hubbardston, Ionia county, this state. Four years later Mr. Chatterton purchased his brother's interest, continuing to manage the business until 1886. In that year he moved to Mt. Pleasant, and since that time has been in active

Howard E. Chatterton.

Howard E. Chatterton, the junior member of the above firm, was born at Hubbardston, Mich., March 16, 1872, where he received his early schooling, later attending the Michigan Agricultural College, at Lansing and the Central Michigan Normal College in this city.

In 1895 he engaged in the grocery business at Bowling Green, Ohio, two years later disposing of his mercantile interests and engaging with a large wholesale house at Toledo as salesman and purchasing agent. Here he continued until 1898, when he returned to this city and became a member of the firm of Chatterton & Son.

Mr. Chatterton was married in 1897 to Miss Minnie H. Harris, of this city.



John C. Warner. Alderman Second Ward.

Harris Milling Company, Ltd.

The Harris Milling Co. is one of those institutions which have contributed quite largely toward the building up of this city, as well as the development of the territory surrounding the city, it being a pioneer among the business enterprises of this city. This mill was erected in 1872 by Harris Brothers, the firm consisting of J. A., W. E. and Henry G. Harris and Warner Churchill, a brother-in-law. This was the only mill in this section for many years, consequently attracting many farmers toward this city who otherwise might have gone in different directions for their merchandise. This mill has also furnished a good market for grains at all times, a fact which has been, and is, thoroughly appreciated both by the people of this city and the farming community.

The mill when first put in operation was a very modest one in comparison with the present plant, it having been enlarged as the business grew and circumstances would warrant, until today it is considered one of the best equipped flouring mills in this section of Michigan.

The business was conducted by Harris Brothers from 1872 until 1898 when the Harris Milling Co., Ltd., was organized, they having conducted the business up to the present time. The officers of the company are:

President—Samuel L. Harris.
Secretary and Treasurer—Edward O. Harris.

This mill has a capacity of 150 barrels of flour, 75 barrels of buckwheat flour or meal and 50 tons of feed per day. The two brands of flour which this company pushes are "Famo" and Roller Straight" besides putting first class articles of Buckwheat, graham flour and corn meal on the market. They have worked up a very extensive local trade and besides have merchants handling their flours in every village or city along the Ann Arbor Railroad from Owosso to Frankfort, while shipping to a considerable number of places on the Pere Marquette lines. They also ship quite extensively in car lots to Baltimore, Md., and Pittsburg, Pa.

This mill also does a very extensive "customs" business, that being the term applied to the business of grinding flour, etc., for the farmers

of this section, the reputation for fair dealing and the production of a desirable article having built for them a very firmly established business in this line. The fact that this mill also furnishes a local market for all of the wheat and oats raised in this section is something which the farmers appreciate, yet in order to meet the demands of its business the firm is compelled to purchase in outside markets and ship to this city annually from 80,000 to 100,000 bushels of corn, which is ground into feed and shipped north.

This mill is run by water power, the company owning one of the most desirable water powers to be found in this section of Michigan, from which there are at the present time six water wheels being run, with a total of 525 horse power. Besides supplying all of the power needed for their own use in the conduct of the mills, the company leases power to the city of Mt. Pleasant, from which the municipal water system is run, and also to the Mt. Pleasant Electric Light Co., in addition pumping water for the Ann Arbor railroad for their water tank and round house at this point.



Roller Mills of the Harris Milling Company

Gold Reserve Life Association

The Gold Reserve Life Association.

This is one of the institutions of this city in which all its citizens take pride, not alone because of the fact that the home offices of the association are located here, and its general business transacted in this city, but because of the record which this association has made in the four years since it first began doing business, and because of the fact that its officers are citizens of this city and known by Mt. Pleasant people to be men of the highest integrity and sterling worth.

The Gold Reserve Life Association is a fraternal insurance organization embodying all of the latest and best ideas on fraternal insurance. Fred Russell, the present vice president of the association, conceived the idea of its organization along the lines which have since been followed, and having secured the necessary two hundred members required by the state laws, the organization of the association was completed July 8, 1901, with the following gentlemen as officers:

President—Michael E. Kane.

Vice President—Charles T. Russell.

Secretary—Fred Russell.

Treasurer—G. A. Dusenbury.

Supreme Medical Advisor—Dr. P. E. Richmond.

The organization has had a very rapid growth from the very outset, the good features of its plan of organization as well as splendid features embodied in its policies drawing it



Michael E. Kane, Supreme President.



Fred Russell, Sup. Vice President and Treasurer.

to the attention of the best and most careful students of insurance. Life insurance is one of the recognized necessities to the successful business man and thoughtful citizen, and it only remained for the association to convince people that their plan was the best adapted to the greater number of conditions prevalent among people seeking fraternal insurance. All that was necessary to accomplish this was to secure a candid consideration of its perfected reserve plan, which is the outcome of experience and a careful study of conditions.

There are two things which have mainly been the cause of the

fall of a considerable number of fraternal insurance organizations, and each of these the Gold Reserve Life Association is meeting in a manner which insures steering clear of those rocks. The first, is lax methods in the examination of applicants, and the consequent acceptance of undesirable risks, thus running the death rate up to a figure which made it absolutely impossible for any organization to live. This condition is being very carefully guarded, and policies are only written after careful examination by reliable physicians has shown that the applicant was in good health, and a desirable risk.

The second of the conditions mentioned above is the expensive, and many times extravagant, administration in the general offices of the mutual insurance organization. In a very great number of instances the supreme officials seem to think that they were simply elected to their office for the purpose of drawing large salaries and doing as little work as possible, except in the way of running up large expense accounts. The Gold Reserve unquestionably has the most simple and economical methods of any insurance organization doing business in this state today, and it is in the very simplicity of these methods that the strength of the organization lies. At the head office there are no large force of officials drawing fancy salaries—everybody works, and the effort is to see that each and every one of them earns their salary. Then there are no lodge dues and no per capita tax to be paid.



C. W. Campbell, Supreme Secretary.



Chas. T. Russell, Supreme Concistor.

that in most instances amounting to a considerable sum per year.

Among the good features of the policies written by this association may be mentioned:

The Joint Policy—One of the new and best features of their plan is the joint policy for husband and wife, payable to the survivor, at reduced rates to both.

Accident Features—The Gold Reserve Certificate provides indemnities for the principal accidents that are liable to happen one and cause a loss of time or interfere with the earning capacity. The policy provides that in tusked, horse killed and wood driven case you lose both hands or both feet or one hand and one foot or the sight of both eyes you get one half the face value of your Policy and the balance in annual installments. For the loss of one hand or one foot you get Two Hundred dollars. For a broken arm or leg you get Fifty dollars.

missioner says: "I am the advocate of no plan or class of insurance. The Ideal Policy of insurance is a contract which will not only protect the dependents, in the event of death of the insured at any period of life, but will also protect the insured in Case of Need While He Lives."

The Gold Reserve Policy Covers This Ground and Gives Such Protection absolutely at cost as the entire amount paid less actual cost of management is applied to insurance or returned to the member as his reserve element.

You can rest secure if protected by the Gold Reserve.

Representation—The Gold Reserve Life Association is representative in form and under the control of Directors elected by Representatives. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the Executive Department merely and subject to the will of the membership. The organization is simple, which reduces the cost of manage-

ment employed in the construction of tunnels or caissons, soldiers or sailors engaged in actual warfare, persons who are addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors, or who are immoral or vicious.

WHAT WE PAY

A \$1,000 certificate will pay:
 Cash death benefit ... \$1,000.00
 Cash for broken arm ... 50.00
 Cash for broken leg ... 50.00
 Cash for loss of hand ... 200.00
 Cash for loss of foot ... 200.00
 Cash for loss of one hand and one foot or both hands or both feet or both eyes, permanent disability \$500.00 and \$50 per year for ten years following. Your certificate has cash surrender value after ten years and old age benefits.

In March, 1903, Fred Russell resigned as secretary for the purpose of devoting his time more fully to the extension of the organization into new fields, and C. W. Campbell was appointed to the place made vacant,



Dr. P. E. Richmond, Supreme Medical Director.



E. D. Morrison, Supreme Marshal.



F. C. Crego, Supreme Organizer.

Our Perfect Reserve Plan—The old idea of accumulating a reserve was good and contemplated a safeguard in case of an emergency, but did not go far enough, as in case no emergency arose to use the reserve fund, there was no other method by which the persistent payer could get the benefit of the accumulating fund, which became thereby a useless pile of money. With the Gold Reserve if it is not used it is returned to the member who has contributed it, the reserve element of each member is credited to him and if he desires to withdraw at the expiration of ten years the unused portion is returned to him, or if he lives to expectancy he may withdraw the accumulated reserve not to exceed one-half the face of his policy, or he may withdraw 10 per cent. annually not to exceed the face of his policy.

The Ideal Policy—In his annual report for 1898 the Hon. Wm. Frickie, Wisconsin's Famous Insurance Com-

missioner far below any other Association and allows more of the Premium to apply to actual insurance.

Local Divisions are formed in each locality where there are ten or more members and are composed of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and a Representative elected each year. The Premiums are collected by the Local Secretary monthly.

Prohibited Occupations—Gamblers, manufacturers or haulers of explosives, underground miners, balloonists, divers, sub-marine workers, fishermen on sea or lake, retailers, or manufacturers of spirituous or a alcoholic liquors, boom men, divers or sorters, those who have lost one parent and two brothers or sisters from consumption until applicant is past thirty-five years of age, those who have been rejected by other companies or orders for cause, the deaf, blind, or seriously crippled or deformed, or twenty-five per cent over weight, laborers or

and at the bi-annual election held in May following Mr. Campbell was elected secretary. The present officers of the association are:

President—M. E. Kane.
 Vice President—Fred Russell.
 Secretary—C. W. Campbell.
 Treasurer—G. A. Dusenbury.
 Supreme Medical Adviser—Dr. P. E. Richmond.

Legal Adviser—Chas. T. Russell.
 Supreme Organizer—F. C. Crego.

In April, 1905, the membership of the association was largely increased by the taking over of the policies carried by the American Buffaloes, a mutual insurance organization with headquarters at Lansing, Mich., or rather such portion of its membership as could at that time pass a careful medical examination.

Taken as a whole, this association is today considered one of the most reliable of the mutual insurance or organizations doing business in Michigan, and the best posted insurance men in the state are predicting a brilliant future for it.

MT. PLEASANT LIGHT AND FUEL CO.

As among her public utilities there is nothing of which Mt. Pleasant has more just cause to feel proud of than the service which is given her citizens by the Mt. Pleasant Light and Fuel Co. It is one of the most modern and up-to-date plants to be found in the state, while the quality of the gas together with the service furnished is of that character which pleases the people of this city, and will in time insure good dividends for the stockholders of the company.

This is one of the newer of the Mt. Pleasant enterprises. The franchise was first granted by the common council to Fred Dains September 21, 1903, being assigned by him to N. J. Brown, who immediately proceeded to the organization of the present company, with a capital stock of \$75,000.

Work was commenced upon the plant in December, 1903, while the laying of mains through the streets of the city started early in the spring of 1904, the work on both being pushed during the summer. However, owing to delay in getting a portion of the machinery, the company did not commence the work of supplying gas until February 1st, 1905.

The officers of this company are:

President—J. H. Gibbs, of Elmore.

Vice President—A. B. Coutant, of Mt. Pleasant.

Secretary, Treasurer and Manager—N. J. Brown, of Grand Rapids.

Assistant Secretary—W. B. Brown, of Grand Rapids.

Superintendent of Plant—E. M. Jefferson, of Battle Creek.

N. J. Brown has the management of the affairs of the company, giving them his personal attention, and the success which this company has experienced is very largely due to his abilities as an organizer.

That the people of this city appreciate the service given them is shown by the fact that in less than one year they have secured nearly 300 customers, while others are connecting daily. Not alone is their gas used for light in the business places and homes of the city, but it is being very

largely used as fuel. The company has at the present time about six miles of mains laid, and will extend them to other parts of the city from time to time. It maintains a fine up-

town office in the central part of the city which is largely in charge of W. B. Brown, assistant secretary, who is at all times a courteous and obliging gentleman.



J. H. Gibbs, President.



N. J. Brown, Secretary.



Interior of Office of the Mt. Pleasant Light and Fuel Company.



Works of the Mt. Pleasant Light and Fuel Company

John F. Butcher.

John F. Butcher is one of the busy men of Mt. Pleasant, and one who is very materially assisting to make it a very prosperous little city. Mr. Butcher is at the head of J. F. Butcher &



Office and Sheds of J. F. Butcher & Co.
Crate Factory of J. F. Butcher & Co.
Residence of John F. Butcher.
Birdseye View of the Factories of the
National Body & Box Co.
and J. F. Butcher & Co.

Co., which firm is very extensively engaged in the lumbering business and in the manufacture of potato crates, vegetable crates, folding boxes, folding egg crates. These articles are all patented and are shipped very extensively to all parts of the country.

Besides the planing and dressing of lumber, which is carried on at this place, the company operates a lumber mill at Moorstown, Mich., where they own several thousand acres of hardwood timber and cut annually about 4,000,000 feet of lumber. They also conduct a large retail lumber yard in this city.

Mr. Butcher is also the president of the National Body & Box Co., of this city., which manufactures the Plugless Buggy Box, special automobile seats and regular buggy seats, all articles of every day consumption, and for which he has secured an established trade.

The industries under Mr. Butcher's direction and control employ a combined force of about 85 men.





Senator Harry Kane.



John Kane.



Daniel Kane.

Kane Brothers.

To write the history of Mt. Pleasant and not refer to a well known trio who have so materially helped to create that history would leave the work incomplete. Reference is made to the Kane Brothers—John, Harry and Dan, whose pictures are shown herewith. These three men represent the highest order of business ability and integrity, and show to a marked degree the advancement and development which comes to those who hew to the line.

The Kane brothers came to Isabella county in 1882, settling on a farm two miles west of Mt. Pleasant in May of that year, John and Dan remaining there until the fall's work was done—the potatoes dug, corn up for the winter, then these two decided that farm life wasn't quite strenuous enough, and that the grocery business in town would be just about their fit. Then the old wooden building which stood on the present site of their handsome double brick block, was rented, three months' rent being paid in advance, counters and shelving put in, and in February following their arrival in this county these two stopped behind the counters and began to sell groceries, flour and feed to the public. Neither of them had ever before been behind a counter; neither had ever done up a package of sugar, a parcel of soap, or drawn a quart of molasses from a

cold barrel, but they had seen it done, and that was sufficient. The people saw them become acquainted, and soon learned that they stood for everything that was fair and square in dealing, and their trade grew.

Andrew Geer and Michael White owned a brick yard just north of the city limits. Mr. White died and the Kane Brothers purchased his interest in the yard; then they purchased Mr. Geer's interest and began the manufacture of bricks, just as a sort of sideline. Then they added machinery for the making of tile, and the brick they made have gone a long way toward building Mt. Pleasant's handsome blocks and private residences, while their tile has aided in improving hundreds of acres of the farming lands of Isabella county. When the product of their brick yard was not needed in building the business blocks of the city they purchased building lots and erected brick dwellings on them—sold some and rented some, keeping on in that line until dwellings erected by them are pretty well scattered over the city. However, they saved two for themselves down on Normal avenue—one, a handsome brick where Dan, his wife and baby live, and the other where John, Senator Harry and their sister reside, each building an ornament to the avenue.

They continued the grocery busi-

ness, the brick business, and the building business, until the winter of 1901 when they sold their grocery stock to Chatterton & Son. They had previously purchased the lot on which they had been doing business, and at this time bought the adjoining one, removing both the wooden buildings and erecting the fine double brick block in which they are now doing business. They filled one store from counter to ceiling with a very fine line of ladies' and gentlemen's shoes, and the other with a complete stock of clothing and furnishing goods.

Harry remained on the farm for two years after John and Dan commenced business, when he came to this city and established himself in the musical merchandise business, and scattered pianos and organs all over Isabella county. Then he was elected sheriff, serving two terms, then joining interests with John and Dan in the big store. In 1904 he was elected state senator from this, the 26th senatorial district, having served thus far with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He will undoubtedly be re-elected the coming fall.

These three gentlemen have added much to the commercial and social importance of Mt. Pleasant, their names being a synonym of business integrity, and their success an evidence of well-directed ambition.

Marsh & Lewis

The business of which this is the direct successor was established by Frank F. Foster in 1879, in the store now occupied by C. F. Marsh, on Broadway. Here the business was conducted by him for ten years, being sold to Marsh & Lewis in 1889, they continuing the business at that stand until January, 1895, when they



L. N. Marsh.

purchased their present block and moved the stock thereto.

The store under the management of Mr. Foster had gained a very favorable place among the mercantile establishments of this city, but Marsh & Lewis very largely added to the stock, especially after moving to their present quarters, and today they carry a large and up-to-date stock of



W. E. Lewis.

clothing, gents' furnishings, men's fine shoes, trunks and valises. It has at all times been their aim to carry old and thoroughly established lines of goods, which they might fully guarantee to their customers, and in this manner they have succeeded in building up a trade which is the equal of any in Central Michigan.



Store of Marsh & Lewis.



Residence of L. N. Marsh.



Residence of W. E. Lewis.

M. E. Church.

The church deals not with merchandise, but with morals; it makes for material prosperity, but it deals primarily with the consciences and conduct of the people.

The history of the Methodist Episcopal church in Mt. Pleasant began with the coming of Rev. George Bradley, as missionary to the Indians in 1857. A genuine pioneer itinerant, he went from house to house and organized the first Methodist class in the county of Iowella. He was followed by Robert P. Sheldon of revered memory. From Sheldon to Stark, 1862-1882, two decades—fourteen loyal itinerants proclaimed the gospel; and half as many, with longer pastorates, have labored during the last two decades.

It is a long pathway, and rich with many memories, that leads from the



Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage.

old log school house on Locust street past the one-roomed frame building on Illinois street, then toward the old Court House building, and back past the structure now used as a fire-hall (dedicated August 1866) to the splendid edifice that now stands on the corner of Main and Wisconsin. "They builded better than they knew," those pioneers. The names of Francis C. Babbitt, Mrs. A. M. Babbitt, their daughter, Mrs. Nellie Nelson, and Mr.

D. H. Nelson, must always be remembered as making possible by their liberal gifts the present handsome place of worship, erected 1882 during the pastorate of Rev. J. K. Stark. Not only the membership, but the community in general is proud of this church as evidenced by the generosity with which it responds to all appeals in its behalf.

The parsonage adjoining the church, on the corner of Wisconsin and Washington is one of the best residences of its kind in the state.

And now, in the spring of 1906, a building chiefly for the use of men and boys is to be erected on the lot adjoining the church on the south. The new building will have in it a free reading room, open evenings; a parlor, game-room, and probably a large room for basket-ball and for boys military drill. The present minister, Rev. Joseph Dutton, who is in the fifth year of his pastorate here, believes that the pulpit will continue to be the center of spiritual power in the church, and the church altar the chief place where spiritual life begins; but he also believes that some men must first be interested in social, literary and other ways if they are to be reached at all. Over the door of the new building may appropriately be inscribed, "To the Glory of God and the Good of Men."

The recent organization in the church of a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, with a membership of seventy men, a Methodist Men's Non-Secret Fraternity, by its social features and by its attention to strangers, the sick and the needy, has done much to command respect.



Rev. Joseph Dutton.



Proposed Auxiliary Building.

Sacred Heart Church and School

The Catholic church organization of this city dates back to 1874, and was made at a time when there was only about a dozen families in what is now the entire parish. In the early days the members of that faith who had come into the new country, away from churches where they had worshipped, were in the habit of congregating at

presided. Then in 1875 Hon. I. A. Fancher decided the organization three acres of ground where the Gorham works now stand with a proviso that a church building should be erected thereon, which was done, and Father McCarty came here in 1877 as the first priest of the parish, and died while in charge.

Father McCarty was succeeded by

shows in the picture, but which will be succeeded in the near future by a handsome brick and stone structure, for which material is already on the ground. From this small beginning the Catholic organization has grown to its present large proportions of more than 300 families, with a membership of over 1,200. The school is provided with 300 scholars, is con-



Sacred Heart Church, School and Parsonage.

various homes and conducting services or holding meetings. At these gatherings, or some of them, Father Sweeney, of Saginaw, would attend, and it was during one of his visits, on a Sunday afternoon, at the Bradley farm, then owned by Horey McDonald, that the organization took place. From that date occasional meetings were held at which Father Sweeney

Father Crowley, who also died while in charge of the parish.

During the time of the incumbency of Father Crowley the handsome church structure shown herewith was erected, also the priest's home, shown in the engraving, and the original church building was moved from the first site to the present, and is being used as a school building and also

ducted by eight Dominican sisters, with Sister Alphonsus in charge.

Father T. J. O'Connor is the present priest of the parish, is a very enterprising and progressive man, has made some decided improvements in the buildings since he came, is beloved by his entire congregation, and esteemed and respected by the entire community.



Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morrison.

J. W. Morrison,

Agricultural Implements.

John W. Morrison was born in Schoenectady county, N. Y., May 6, 1833. He came to Michigan in 1858, settling on a farm in Lenawee county, where he lived until 1882, when he purchased a farm in Chippewa township, this county. Aside from his work on the farm, Mr. Morrison devoted a considerable time to the sale of agricultural implements, and in 1884 opened a warehouse at Shepherd, which he conducted for two years. Then he came to this city, engaging in the same business, and in the twenty years which have elapsed has not only built up a fine trade, but a reputation for strict honesty and fair dealing seldom gained by any man.

Mr. Morrison was married March 20, 1856, to Miss Alexina Young, of Schoenectady county, N. Y. They have three sons, all men grown: W. J. Morrison, an engineer on the Lake Shore railroad, living at Elkhart, Ind.; Edwin D. Morrison, connected with the Gold Reserve, of this city, and Henry W. Morrison, who is with his father in the agricultural implement business.



Agricultural Implement Warehouse of John W. Morrison.



Mt. Pleasant's Postmaster, Assistant, Clerks, City Carriers, Rural Carriers

Top Row—Capt. C. C. Coddington, Geo. W. Wilson, Chas. D. Brown, A. W. Hance (substitute), Patrick W. Sweeney, Jas. L. Thorn, Daniel Shanahan, Peter H. Fisher, Rural Carriers
Center Row—J. Farry McNutt, Sub. City Carrier; A. Frank Case, City Carrier No. 1; Chas. E. Vowles, Mailing Clerk; Arza T. Coffin, Utility Clerk; Harry Hudson, Clerk
Front Row—Frank E. Russell, City Carrier No. 2; John Garner, City Carrier No. 3; Chas. A. Carnahan, Asst. Postmaster; J. W. Hance, Postmaster; Ray H. Collins, Utility Clerk



William N. Brown.

Among the faces of Mt. Pleasant none are more familiar than that of Hon. Wm. N. Brown, shown herewith. Mr. Brown divides the honor of claiming him as a citizen between two cities, Mt. Pleasant and Ann Arbor. Mr. Pleasant claims him, yet in a legal contest for ownership Ann Arbor would present the evidence of his palatial residence, located in the southern part of that city on a commanding bluff, overlooking the Huron river, and from which a landscape of hills, valleys and meadows, through which the winding river flows, creates a picture with few counterparts. There he resides with his charming family (wife, son and three pretty daughters), the children all born in Mt. Pleasant, and there is where the law requires him to cast his ballot when he feels like voting.

Yet, notwithstanding all this, Mt. Pleasant claims him as a citizen because of his past connections with the place, his varied business interests here, and the fact that his time is about evenly divided between the two cities, with the odds in favor of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Brown was a graduate of the University of Michigan, commenced the practice of law at Baginaw but was attracted by the growing importance of Mt. Pleasant, came here in 1872 and established a law office. The following year the law firm of Brown & Leaton was organized, with the late John C. Leaton as a partner. This partnership, and a strong personal friendship, continued for over twenty-

five years, only terminating with the death of Mr. Leaton, one of the brightest and brainiest men Mt. Pleasant ever claimed as a citizen.

Mr. Brown came to Mt. Pleasant to grow up with the place, and the two grew together, became a part of each other. Mr. Brown's help went far toward the organization of our splendid school system, and the late Chas. O. Curtis, the first superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant schools, said of him: "No man has done as much to lay the foundation and develop the splendid school system which is the pride of every citizen of Isabella county." He was present and took an active part in the organization of more school districts, and himself deeded, or procured deeds for more school sites than any one man in this section of Michigan.

It was this splendid school system, and the fine school houses in every district, that went far toward winning for Mt. Pleasant and Isabella county the Central Normal school against many powerful and rich rivals.

Twenty-five years ago, when addressing the graduating class of the Mt. Pleasant high school, he said: "If you are to attain the greatest success in any department of the world's work in which you may be engaged, you must think, act, feel and work for the welfare and happiness of others as well as yourselves. Only in this way can you lead lives of the greatest usefulness." Few men ever better exemplified in their own lives the truth of this saying.

Mr. Brown was one of the first of Mt. Pleasant's citizens to contend for a system of water works for the place, and his zeal and enterprise won out, and Mt. Pleasant has enjoyed the system for years. He has caused to be cleared and improved more land than any other man that has ever lived in the county and today owns and operates several fine farms in the vicinity.

In 1878 he was married to the only daughter of Dwight May, of Kalamazoo formerly attorney general of Michigan. Both he and his wife being members of the Episcopal church, the handsome little edifice which stands near his old home in this city is a substantial testimony of his liberality and christian purpose, he having designed the church from a model on the estate of the Duke of Devonshire, in England, which he had visited. It was largely his money which erected and equipped this building. In this connection it is not out of place to add that Mr. Brown has been also one of the heaviest contributors to nearly every other church in the city.

When the city was at a stand still, and it looked as though it had reached its limit, he built a finer block than could be found in any other town of Mt. Pleasant's size in the country, and this splendid business building stands today as a lasting monument to his fearless courage, his public spirit and generosity, for, at the time he built it, he said he would not get any returns on his investment, but it would help the town, and it did.

When Mt. Pleasant was yet in the wilderness, with only a wagon road leading to Coleman, Mr. Brown went to New York and by his efforts and influence secured the money that built the railroad from Coleman to this city. Dr. H. C. Peltier, in his address at the public opening of the road, said to our citizens that the credit for the road was due to the efforts of Mr. Brown.

When the Ann Arbor railroad was projected it looked as if it might go west of Mt. Pleasant. He at once, in response to a call from the people of this city, interested himself, became one of the officers of the company, investing his money, worked night and day, and when the road was built into Mt. Pleasant and the depot located, he left the road, as his task was done.

Mr. Brown built a magnificent home at Ann Arbor a few years ago, and moved to that city, to give his children the advantage of a University education. His active business life has all been passed in Mt. Pleasant, and the above are only a few of the many things he has done to aid in the development and prosperity of the city.

Aside from looking after his business interests here and elsewhere, he is devoting his spare time to furthering the projected university Memorial Building at Ann Arbor, for which he has already helped to raise more than \$100,000, with half of that amount paid in, and which, when completed, will stand as another monument to his energy and skill in contributing to the happiness of others.

Marshall & Goings.

In the spring of 1902 these gentlemen came to Michigan from Ohio, and on the 3d of November, 1904, opened a real estate office in the Exchange Bank block, moving from there to their present quarters in the Dusenbury block in July last.

Both of these gentlemen are young and thoroughly imbued with the American spirit of hustling, and in the year which they have spent in Mt. Pleasant have built up a business which is very creditable to themselves as well as satisfactory from a financial standpoint. They confine their attention entirely to real estate, buying, selling and exchanging city and farm property, and during the past twelve months have handled over \$125,000 worth of this class of property. Their methods are entirely free from anything of a questionable nature, and all who have come in contact with them in a business or social way speak of them as gentlemen of the highest integrity. They are very confident of the future of Mt. Pleasant and surrounding country, and are probably doing as much as any one firm in promoting a healthy and substantial growth.

They are paying much attention to studying conditions relating to farming in this section, and are prepared to give intending purchasers much valuable advice, besides having on

their lists a large number of very desirable farms which people contemplating a change will do well to investigate.

1895, where he did business until coming to Michigan.

Mr. Marshall was married in 1898 to Miss Mae Nichols, of Paulding, Ohio. They have three children.



T. H. Marshall.

T. H. Marshall was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1873, receiving his education in the public schools of that county, and then engaging in teaching school in that section, which occupation he followed for six years. While still teaching school he engaged to a considerable extent in the real estate business, opening a real estate at Paulding, Ohio, in



Ezra Goings.

Ezra Goings was born in Fayette county, Ohio, May 15, 1881, and received his education in the public schools of that section, and in the State Normal school at Angola, Ind.

In 1902 he embarked in the real estate business at Paulding, Ohio, coming to this section in 1904 as noted above.



The Commercial Block.

WM. CARNAHAN.

William Carnahan, shown herewith, is not only a familiar figure in Mt. Pleasant, but in almost every spot in Isabella and adjoining counties. He came to Mt. Pleasant 19 years ago and established himself in the livery business, and did auctioneering on the side. Now he pays his whole attention to auctioneering. For the past 18 years his sales in Isabella county have averaged \$40,000 per year. He has been an auctioneer for 30 years and what he don't know about property values could be summed up in small space. When he gets through with a crowd at a sale no other pressure could squeeze out another dollar. Carnahan simply knows how, and when his hammer comes down it is when the price has been worked to the highest notch.

Mr. Carnahan was born in Caledonia, New York, in 1845. He is a veter-



Wm. Carnahan.

an of the Civil war, having served in the 24th N. Y. battery, and was a prisoner of war at Andersonville. In 1866 he came to Michigan and located at Hubbardston, where he married Miss Nancy Proseus, and lived for 20 years. He was deputy sheriff for 19 years, conducting a livery stable and did auctioneering. He came to Mt. Pleasant in 1887. For the past four years he has been supervisor of the third ward, and has served with satisfaction to the people and credit to himself. Aside from his duties as supervisor he devotes his entire attention to auctioneering, the latter having grown to proportions which compelled him to give up his livery business.

Mr. Carnahan has a son, Charles A. Carnahan, now assistant postmaster of Mt. Pleasant, and one daughter, Miss Pearl M. Carnahan, who lives with the parents in their beautiful home on North Lansing street.



O. L. SMITH.

Orson L. Smith was born at Deerfield, Mich., July 25, 1870. When 18 years of age he went to Chicago and remained one year, coming to Mt. Pleasant in 1889. He worked one year for Graham Bros, clerked four years for Thos. McNamara, then two years for Kane Brothers, then two more for McNamara.

In 1900 he engaged in the "junk" business in this city and the accompanying pictures show two views of his

yards in this city. Mr. Smith mildly says that he deals "in everything on earth," which means rags, rubber, copper, brass, zinc, iron, rope, bones, hides, poultry, pelts, lead, foil, and dead stock of all kinds. Mr. Smith

can be reached by either phone, and if you have anything to sell you will find in him a purchaser.

Mr. Smith was married in June, 1898, to Miss Maud Thompson, of Mt. Pleasant. They have one child.



Birdseye View of the "Zoo."



Main Entrance to the "Zoo."

The Hotel Bennett.

The accompanying picture is of the hotel Bennett, which is an institution that adds much to the importance of Mt. Pleasant. It is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Day, each of whom knows the hotel business from beginning to end. Mr. and Mrs. Day first began the hotel business in Mt. Pleasant eighteen years ago on the old Exchange which is now the Coddington house on Normal avenue. They purchased the Bennett in 1892 and soon made of it one of the most popular hotels of Michigan. Constant increase of patrons induced by the best service that can be given, has frequently caused additions and alterations in the establishment until today there are but few, if any, better appointed hotels in Michigan, certainly none more to excel it in cities of the size of Mt. Pleasant. It is a hotel where from office to top story an air of quiet home comfort prevails. The house is heated throughout by an enormous steam plant, is lighted by electricity, contains fine bath rooms, and its bed-rooms are models of elegance, every room containing white iron or brass bedsteads, the softest mattresses and the bedding of that snowy cleanliness that is a

mark of good house keeping. Soft

velvety carpets cover its spacious hallways and all the rooms and comfort and elegance characterize the whole establishment. It is an institution of which Mt. Pleasant has just cause of being proud.



A. N. WARD.

A. N. Ward was born in Bloomer township, Montcalm county, Mich., Jan. 1, 1862. When he was four years old his parents moved to a farm in Chippewa township, this county. At the age of 15 Mr. Ward commenced teaching school, his first school being also the first school ever held in Denver township, this county. He taught school for six years, coming to this city in 1885 and engaging in the grocery business, as a member of the firm of Bates & Ward. In 1886 the firm was changed to Ward & Tay-

lor, and in 1887 Mr. Ward purchased his partner's interest, conducting the business alone until 1895, when he again sold a half interest to W. J. Taylor, the firm being known as Ward & Taylor. This firm continued in business until October, 1903, when they sold their business to Peak & Co. In March of last year Mr. Ward bought out Peak & Co. and has since conducted the business.

In his twenty years connection with the grocery business of this city Mr. Ward has succeeded in very firmly establishing himself with the people of this city and vicinity, gaining a very enviable reputation for fair deal-

ing and for handling only the very best and most reliable articles in his line.

In 1889 Mr. Ward was elected as the first supervisor of the third ward. Then in 1892 and 1893 he served the city as city treasurer, and again in 1900 and 1901. He also served as mayor during the years 1902 and 1903, and in every official capacity has discharged the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of the people of this city, and with honor to himself.

Mr. Ward was married September 3, 1882, to Miss Florence Taylor, of Chippewa township. They have two children.



Johnson Brothers.

John and James Johnson came to Mt. Pleasant 21 years ago. They came here without any definite aim other than to "do something," and the handsome brick block on Main street, where they carry a large line of up-to-date boots and shoes on the first floor, and as complete a line of clothing and gents' furnishing goods on the

second, the beautiful home of each in the second ward, together with their various interests in manufacturing establishments, their liberal patronage to every industry of a public nature, fully attest that during this time they have certainly accomplished their object in making Mt. Pleasant their home. When they first landed here

they engaged in various occupations, clerking, working in the lumber woods, where each became proficient in the work being done, and were each promoted to a foremanship; they also "drove logs," always at work, but ever in mind the one object, the mark at which they had aimed, that of conducting a business for themselves. Neither had received previous training in the business which they finally essayed, that of the boot and shoe trade, but undaunted they went in to win, and whatever drawbacks may have existed were quickly surmounted. Indomitable pluck and courage, coupled with a keen business judgment, a thorough knowledge of human nature, soon placed them in the front rank of dealers, and the success which has attended them is phenomenal, and is evidence of what young men may do when they have an aim and keep their eyes glued to the mark. Johnson Brothers have won their way in the business world by adhering to the motto of "square dealing," have won a place among the staunch business men of this city, and stand to the forefront as respected and influential citizens. They cater at all times to the demands of the public, the people they serve, and whom they have served faithfully and well. Their lines of goods, both clothing and ladies' and gentlemen's fine shoes, are selected with the one view of giving value received. They are each married, have lovable wives, beautiful homes and happy children.



John Johnson.



James Johnson.



P. DONOVAN.

Patrick Donovan, subject of this sketch, and proprietor and landlord of the Donovan house, also shown here-with, has been a resident of Mt. Pleasant for about 24 years. Shortly after coming here he purchased and became landlord of the old Bamber house which stood at the corner of Main and Broadway, the site of the present handsome brick hotel, which is so familiar to, and has become so popular with the travelling public. Mr. Donovan has built at two different times, first the main part of the large three story hotel which at the time seemed adequate to meet all de-

mands, but which the constant growing patronage proved different, and then he erected an annex. The house is finely furnished throughout, is heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and contains every modern convenience for the comfort and care of its guests.

The house is located in the central

part of the city, is convenient to the business interests and to the depots. There are but few hotels in Michigan outside of the large cities which enjoy a better patronage than the Donovan, which essays at all times to make a home for the transient which will be appreciated and also to give value received in return.



The Donovan House.



Interior Sam. May's Clothing Store—J. P. Mosher, Manager.

EUGENE S. BOWEN.

Eugene S. Bowen was born at Modus, Lenawee county, Mich., July 4, 1844, and came with his parents to Isabella county in 1854, when they located on a farm in Coe township, one mile northeast of where the village of Shepherd now stands. Four years later Mr. Bowen's parents moved to Pennsylvania, where he completed his education, and graduated from Elmira, N. Y., Business College, and where he continued to reside until 1868.

In 1866 Mr. Bowen was married at Wellsboro, Pa., to Miss Ella Harrington, and together they came to Michigan in 1868, settling in the wilderness of Vernon township where they carried out one of the finest farms of the county. Here they continued to reside until 1884, when Mr. Bowen was elected county clerk of Isabella county, and came to Mt. Pleasant to take charge of that office. Mr. Bowen's business methods were evidently very

satisfactory to the people of the county, as he was re-elected in 1890.

In 1889 Mr. Bowen accepted a position in the postoffice, remaining there until 1890, when he purchased an interest in the Northwestern Tribune, being connected with that paper for the next two or three years. Later he embarked in the insurance business, which he has since followed, having today the largest and most extensive insurance agency in this section of Michigan, representing 14 fire insurance companies, besides the various other insurance features usually found in connection with such agencies.

Mr. Bowen has served two terms as deputy county treasurer and several terms as deputy county clerk since the expiration of his terms as county clerk. He has also served the township of Vernon as supervisor, and the third ward of this city in the same capacity.

In his business and official capacity Mr. Bowen has gained the friendship of the people of this city and county, and few men ever enjoyed a better reputation for faithful and honest service and dealings with all with whom he has been connected.



PETER LATHROP.

Peter Lathrop was born in Allegany county, New York, in 1857, and came with his parents to Pilot, Mich., in 1858. In 1860 they moved to Bangs, Clinton county, and from there to St. Johns, in 1866.

In 1877 Mr. Lathrop came to Mt. Pleasant and for the next two years drove team hauling freight from the railroad at Clare to this city. Then for four years he worked for Al. Upton, the banker and lumberman. In 1884 he started in business for himself and since that time has been continuously engaged in same business in this city. In 1904 Mr. Lathrop erected a fine business block now occupied by Chas. W. Vanlica.

Mr. Lathrop was married July 14, 1884, to Miss Minnie Gray, of Canada.



Eugene S. Bowen.



Residence of Prof. F. L. Kester.

Eugene F. Collins.

Eugene F. Collins was born on a farm in Hillsdale county, this state, October 18, 1875. Living there until 7 years of age, when his parents moved to North Adams. Here they resided until 1892, when they moved to Litchfield, coming from there to Mt. Pleasant two years later. Mr. Collins received his education in the common schools of these places, starting in to learn the photographer's trade at the age of 16, while residing at Litchfield.

Upon coming to Mt. Pleasant Mr. Collins entered the studio of R. H. Williams, remaining with him about six years. Feb. 9th, 1902, he purchased the studio of J. O. Parish, and has conducted the same to the present time.

In the four years that Mr. Collins has been in business for himself he has steadily crowded his business to the front, until today he is firmly established, not alone with the people

of this city, but with those for many miles around. In fact he is admitted by the leading photographer in Leabell county, and for a considerable distance outside.

Fully two-thirds of the pictures shown in this souvenir, and possibly three-fourths, are the work of Mr. Collins, and one glance through the pages of this book will prove a very convincing argument as to the class of work he is turning out.

His studio is one of the most modern in his appointments and he by no means confines his work to the class shown in this issue. He is making a specialty of high grade enlargements, and is not at all given "to measuring art by the square inch, but rather by the likeness produced." In other words, his efforts at all times are directed toward quality, endeavoring to give his customers the best possible article for the money.

Mr. Collins also has a large and finely stocked picture framing department, and it may be truthfully said



Eugene F. Collins.

that his stock of frames and mouldings is the largest and best assorted in this section of Michigan.

Mr. Collins was married July 8, 1903, to Miss Virgiline Doughty, of this city. They have one son, two years of age.

out, and is a great addition to the city. It stands on the corner of Main and

Broadway, on the site of the old wooden building burned last summer.



HERBERT A. FOSTER.

H. A. Foster is the resident manager of the Foster Furniture and Hardware company, the business carried on in the new block shown herewith and which gives ample evidence of the great volume of business transacted. The business occupies the entire store from basement to third floor inclusive and every department is fitted with the best goods obtainable. This new block, erected during the year just closed, is one of the finest in the city, probably the best constructed and one of the handsom-



New block of Foster Furniture & Hardware Co.

Palmer & Taggart.

The firm of Palmer & Taggart, prescription druggists, shown herewith, is composed of Emory E. Palmer, who came to this city twelve years ago to take a position as head clerk in the drug department of Carr & Granger's store, which place he filled with credit to himself and the satisfaction of his employers until December, 1902, when he severed his connection with the firm and formed a copartnership with James N. Taggart, who had sold his drug business at Olivet and come to Mt. Pleasant.

This firm rented the west store of the new Dusenbury block, shown elsewhere in this book, and which had previously been fitted expressly for them, and stocked it with the best line of drugs and druggists' sundries that could be purchased in the market. From the very outset their trade thrived and grew, and their stock of fresh and pure drugs soon filled all available space. The main secret of their success lies in the fact that each of the partners is a thorough pharmacist. They studied and graduated in the business, and when this copartnership was formed, each brought to the business years of practical knowledge and their specialty of prescriptions has won for them a lasting reputation. Another important factor which has contributed largely towards their success is the

social good-fellowship which prevades the atmosphere of their place of business. No two men could be better fitted for companionship in business.



Emory E. Palmer.

Emory is genially itself, and "Tag," as the junior partner is familiarly known, always keeping up his end of the neelyoke in this direction.

Mr. Palmer has served two terms

as city treasurer, and served the people of Mt. Pleasant that well that he was only allowed to retire because of the statute of limitations regarding the term of that office. He is married and has a nest home in the third ward which is presided over by an estimable wife. They have one son.



James N. Taggart.

Mr. Taggart is also married, himself, charming wife and two children, a girl of eight and a baby boy, living in their own pretty home on Faneher avenue.



FRANK BRINGARD.

Frank Bringard came to Mt. Pleasant from Detroit in 1892, and began work for one of the leading liquor stores in the city, in 1897 branching out in a saloon business for himself, today being the proprietor of the "Hub" saloon and restaurant in the Dusenbury block, shown elsewhere. Frank's restaurant is one of the most popular resorts of the city, and he is said to his credit that he conducts his whole business in a manner that brings no reproach, and he is regarded as one of Mt. Pleasant's enterprising citizens.

Mr. Bringard was married in 1897 to Miss Rose Blumhelf, and today

they are living in a neat and comfortable modern home on East Broadway, on a ten-acre plat within the city

limits. They have an interesting family of children, and their's is one of the model homes of the city.



The Dusenbury Block.

H. Dittman & Son.

H. Dittman, the senior member of this firm, is the oldest dealer in boots and shoes in this section of Michigan, having been continuously engaged in that business in this city for over twenty-five years, during which time

he has gained an acquaintance with local conditions and demands which places him in the best possible position to judge of the styles and qualities of shoes desired by the people of Mt. Pleasant and vicinity.



H. Dittman.



E. J. Dittman.

Mr. Dittman first started in business in a wooden building which then stood where Tubbe's store now stands, afterwards moving to the opposite side of the street, in a modern building and the site of his present block. This latter store was destroyed by fire in 1897, and then Mr. Dittman erected his present store, since which time he has done business at this stand. In 1900, his son E. J. Dittman, was admitted to the firm, and since that time the business has been conducted under the firm name of Dittman & Son. Both these gentlemen are live and up-to-date business men, always on the alert for bargains in their line, yet never trying to foist an inferior article upon their customers. On the other hand they believe that they can best secure and retain the patronage of the people of this section by giving them the very best possible article for the money, knowing that a satisfied customer not only returns himself but brings others.

To such an extent have they carried this method that during the years this store has been in existence it has gained a reputation far and wide for fair dealing, honest goods and courteous treatment seldom gained by any concern, and which is a capital which cannot be measured by dollars and cents.

Theirs is one of the largest and most complete stocks of shoes to be found in this section of Michigan, and as is usual in such cases, embraces everything in footwear for men, women or children.

J. Frank Randall.

J. Frank Randall, the subject of this sketch, is one of Mt. Pleasant's popular plumbers, owns a store and shop on Normal avenue, one corner of the window of the store room being shown in the accompanying picture. Mr. Randall was born in Strathroy, Ontario in 1869. From Strathroy his parents removed to St. Thomas, where he was educated in the public schools of that city, and when 18 years of age he went to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, when he learned the plumbing trade with one of the foremost firms of that place and where he worked for four years, and then to round out his knowledge of the business which he had adopted, he went to Chicago, where his work and training was most thorough, working with some of the best mechanics of that city, mastering every detail of the plumber's trade. From Chicago he went to Grand Rapids, this state, and remained in that city for six and one-half years, all the time in the plumbing business and fitting himself for every branch of the work. At Grand Rapids in 1893 he was married to Miss Mattie Smart, an estimable little woman who presides over his home in this city. From Grand Rapids Mr. Randall went to Big Rapids, where he was engaged for four years in charge of the plumbing institution of C. P. Judson & Co., and from Big

Rapids came to Mt. Pleasant. In the summer of 1902, himself and Howard M. Seckell, of Grand Rapids, forming a co-partnership under the firm name of Randall & Seckell, which firm con-

tinued in business until the present winter when it has recently been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Seckell retiring. Mr. Randall, since his residence in this city has won an enviable reputation for fine plumbing work, a reputation of thoroughness and knowledge of the art and many of the homes in this city bear the impress of his mechanical skill.



Interior View of the Plumbing Establishment of J. Frank Randall.

RUSSELL & FOLAND.

The firm of Russell & Foland are the hustling and up-to-date jewelers of Mt. Pleasant, their stock representing a very complete line of all that is thoroughly new and modern in styles, finish and patterns in everything in that line. This store was first opened 25 years ago last December by Fred Stobbins, sold by him to J. C. Freeman in 1886, the latter selling to T. R. Palmer four years later. In 1893 T. R. Smith purchased this stock from Mr. Palmer, conducting the store for

one year and then selling to Chas. E. Hight, who conducted it until August 1st last, when the present firm purchased it.

Messrs. Russell & Foland are giving very careful attention to the class of stock purchased by them, to the end that theirs may at all times be the most desirable assortment in this line to be found in this section, and that their efforts are being appreciated is shown by the large increase which they have made in the volume of business since taking hold of the enterprise.



Interior View of Store of Russell & Foland.



Fred Russell.



George Foland.

S. E. ISBELL.

S. E. Isbell was born in Washtenaw county in 1846, coming with his parents to a farm in Clinton county, near St. Johns, when a lad of 12 years of

and being mustered out at Detroit. He participated in twenty-one battles and was slightly wounded three times but not physically disabled.

After the close of the war he returned to the farm near St. Johns, where he was married Feb. 22, 1870, to Miss Emma Fairchild, of St. Johns, and together they came to this city to

reside. For the next six years Mr. Isbell was employed as a clerk in the stores of this city and in hauling freight from Clare. In 1878 he purchased his present farm in the southern portion of this city.

In 1882 his first wife died, and in January of 1886 he was married to Miss Hattie Kempton, of this city.



S. E. Isbell.

age. When 17 years of age he enlisted in Co. I, 27th Mich., serving in the United States army from 1863 to 1865.



Broadway from the roof of the Bennett House.

Kennedy Brothers.

This firm is composed of Maurice E. and Timothy J. Kennedy, both of whom were born and reared in Canada. They came to Mt. Pleasant in 1881, and for a number of years work-



Maurice E. Kennedy.

ed in the lumber woods, accumulating considerable money. This they invested in a dray line in this city, conducting that for a number of years, and gaining the good will and confidence of the people of this city by their methods of doing business and careful consideration of the wants of their patrons.

Twelve years ago they embarked in the flour and feed business, at first occupying a store one door north of the Donovan House, on North Main street, and almost directly opposite their present store. Here they remained for upwards of five years, when they moved to a wooden building which then stood where the Dusenbury block now stands. In this stand they continued to do business until the fire of 1901, when their store was destroyed, they then moving to the building where they are now located, and where they have since continued the business.

Theirs is one of the largest stocks in this line in this section of Michigan, and embraces flour, feed, seeds, coal and cement, and a very complete line of builders' supplies. These

gentlemen have ever made an effort to give their customers the best to be had for the money, believing it a better business policy to try and see how good the quality might be made rather than how cheap the price. The result is that they have firmly established themselves with the people of this city and vicinity, and it is no uncommon thing to hear it remarked that "if it came from Kennedy's it is right, and can be relied upon."



Timothy J. Kennedy.



P. COREY TAYLOR.

P. Corey Taylor, the Main street druggist and book seller, has been in the drug business in Mt. Pleasant for seventeen years, and every one of these years his business has grown. He occupies today the new Neff block erected two years ago, occupying the basement, first floor and a portion of the second floor. Aside from drugs and sundries, and his prescription department, he carries a stock of wall paper that would be the envy of most specialty houses in this line, and he not only carries the finest and richest

assortment, but maintains a force of paper hangers and decorators who are artists in the business. Many are the homes of this city, that bear the impress of work from this establishment. His trade in school books is enormous, probably exceeding that of the balance of the trade in this city.

Toilet articles, the choicest perfumes, the latest books and periodicals; a careful selection of the purest drugs and best medicines, among which are all the latest and most

noted remedies, comprise his stock, and the careful personal supervising given the business is what warrants his success.

Mr. Taylor was born in Williamston, this state, February, 1868. He first engaged in the drug business in this city with his brother, the firm being Taylor Brothers, but Mr. Taylor purchased his brother's interest in 1890 and has since conducted the business, growing each year in popularity with the public.



WILLIAM M. HOVEY.

William M. Hovey was born in Dix township, Schuyler county, New York, March 7, 1858. When five years of age he came to Michigan with his parents, locating on a farm in Jackson county, where they lived one year then moving to Washenaw county, where they resided until 1877. In that year they moved to a farm in Denver township, this county, which has since been their home.

Mr. Hovey was married July 3, 1880, to Miss Anna L. Little, of Fruitport.



William M. Hovey.

Mich., they taking up their residence upon a farm in Denver township, continuing to conduct the farm until May last, when they took up their residence in this city.

Mr. Hovey has served Denver township as clerk, treasurer, and four terms as supervisor. In 1901-2 he was secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company, and in the fall of 1902 was elected register of deeds of Isabella county, upon the Republican ticket, being re-elected in 1904, which position he still holds, having filled the office to the entire satisfaction of the people of the county.

R. E. TUBBS.

R. E. Tubbs was born at Highland, Oakland county, Mich., Oct. 24, 1866, his parents moving to Holly when he was two years of age. Here he attended school until 14 years old; then he started in to learn the baker's trade, and after working two years went to Detroit, where he remained until 1887. In that year he came to Mt. Pleasant and secured a position with L. T. VanWinkle, remaining with him until Feb. 10, 1893, when he purchased the business from Mr. VanWinkle. The business was then located in a wooden building then standing where the Johnson & Ayling meat market now stands. This building burned in 1893, and he moved to a building where the Deussenbury block now stands, and which was destroyed by fire four years ago. After the fire Mr. Tubbs opened up with a new outfit in the east store of the Isabella County State bank building. Since taking hold of this business Mr.



R. E. Tubbs.

Tubbs has succeeded in very firmly establishing himself with the people of Mt. Pleasant, gaining the reputation of having the best equipped and most modern bakery to be found in this section of the state, as well as for turning out goods in his line which meet the demands of the most fastidious.

Mr. Tubbs was married in June, 1891, to Miss Clara B. Spencer, of Port Huron, Ont.

WILLIAM M. TICE.

William M. Tice is the senior member of the firm of Tice Brothers, ice dealers of this city. The subject of



William M. Tice.

this sketch devotes his time to the ice business while his brother, Byron E., carries on their farm in Union township.

Mr. Tice came to this county in the fall of 1874, from Canada, and resided on the farm until five years ago when Tice Brothers purchased the ice business of John C. Warner, Mr. Tice then moving to this city. He is regarded as one of Mt. Pleasant's enterprising citizens.

Thos. J. Root.

The two illustrations presented herewith represent "Tommy" Root as he is when here at home, and as he appears at the Crow Creek gold mining camp in Idaho, where he is at the present time interested in milling and timber lands.

Mr. Root "hit the trail" for Isabella county way back in 1868, driving all the way from Western Reserve, Ohio, and camping in December of that year on section 25 of Union township.



Thomas J. Root.

on what is now the splendid farm owned by him within sight of Mt. Pleasant. During his absence it is operated by his son-in-law, Albert E. Audlin.

Mr. Root was born at Andover, O., May 29, 1838. He received a common school education, worked on his father's farm until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted and served two years as sergeant. He came back



to Ohio with an honorable discharge, married Miss Marcia Butler, and together they came into the wilds of Michigan to serve out their home.

Mr. Root went west a couple of years ago with the crowd from Mt. Pleasant and took up a timber claim, and his many friends in this section will be pleased to know of his success.



JUDGE PETER F. DODDS.

Judge Dodds was born in the county of St. Lawrence, New York, on January 4, 1849. He remained in that state until the year 1866, when he came with his parents to this county, and has resided here ever since. When a boy his great ambition was to acquire a thorough education, and he worked hard toward this end. His success along this line, is known to all. He graduated from the Ypsilanti State Normal school, and from Olivet college, from which latter institution he received the degree of A. M. From the time he was admitted to the bar, until he was elected to the office of Circuit Judge, for this judicial circuit, in 1893, he was engaged in the practice of law in this city, and was considered one of the best lawyers in this part of the state. As a judge he has met all the requirements of the office in so able and satisfactory a manner that he is now serving for a third time, and has no opposition for the place in his own or any other party. He is a learned man, an able and upright judge, and a citizen of the very best type. He was married to Miss Minnie E. Bouton, in 1876, and they have one son, Fal B. Dodds.

SAMUEL W. HOPKINS.

Samuel W. Hopkins was born at Exeter, R. I., April 1st, 1845, and received his early education in the schools of Rhode Island and Connecticut. Then he attended the Ellington Academy, the Manchester Academy, and the Bryant & Stratton Business college at Cleveland, graduating in 1865. He then taught school for a number of years, and in 1869 commenced reading law at Rockville, Conn., entering the law department of the University of Michigan in 1870, graduating in 1872. After a few months at Grand Rapids he came to this city and took up the practice of his profession.

Until 1896 Mr. Hopkins was a Republican, and as such held the offices of township clerk, justice of the peace, prosecuting attorney. In 1870 he was elected as representative in the state legislature, being re-elected

in 1878. In 1892 he was elected state senator from this district. In the senate he was chairman of the tax committee and others of the best now the tax law of the state. He also served the Republican party as chairman of their county committee.

In 1896 he disagreed with the Republican party on the money question, and affiliated with the Bryan wing of the Democratic party. In 1900 he was a delegate to the Silver Republican National convention, to the Populist National convention, and an alternate delegate to the Democratic National convention. Mr. Hopkins is now an independent in politics.

Always interested in public and society matters, he has been connected with several local organizations, and as an officer has had much to do with



Samuel W. Hopkins.

their success. He was for six years president of the board of education of the city schools. For fifteen years president of the board of trustees of Unity church. He is at present engaged in real estate and financial transactions, and has several thousand acres of farming land for sale.

Mr. Hopkins was married at Jerusalem, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1872, to Miss Margarette Vedder.

FRANCIS H. DODDS.

Francis H. Dodds was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, June 9th, 1858. When he was a lad eight years of age his parents came to Michigan, locating on a farm in Coe township. Mr. Dodds graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1880, and from Olivet college in 1882.

Upon leaving college he entered the law office of Griffin & Dickinson, at Detroit, remaining there one year, after which he came to this city and entered into a partnership with his brother, Judge Peter F. Dodds. The law firm of Dodds Brothers continued until 1898, when Peter F. Dodds was elected circuit judge, since which time F. H. Dodds has continued in the practice alone.

Mr. Dodds is a staunch Republican and stands high in his party. He has served as chairman of the county committee, handling campaign mat-

ters to the full satisfaction of all concerned, and with credit to himself.

As an attorney he is vigorous, fearless and trustworthy, and stands in the foremost ranks of his profession;



Francis H. Dodds.

as a citizen he is public spirited, taking an active hand in any enterprise which will advance the interests of the city or county.

H. A. SANFORD.

H. A. Sanford was born in Jackson county in 1860, moving with his parents to Flint in 1867, and from there to a farm in Lincoln township, this county, in 1870. Mr. Sanford attended the local schools, then attended the Ann Arbor high school for one year, and the Hillsdale college for three years.

Then he commenced the study of law in the office of H. H. Graves, of Mt. Pleasant, being admitted to the bar in September, 1887, since which



H. A. Sanford.

time he has practiced in this city, winning a very high place among the profession of this section of Michigan. Mr. Sanford is a staunch Democrat and has been quite prominently identified with political matters of this section. In 1890

he was elected prosecuting attorney, and his administration of affairs was that satisfactorily that he was re-elected in 1892, notwithstanding that the county is naturally quite heavily republican. He has also served three years as city attorney, and was township clerk of Union township for two years, when Mt. Pleasant was a village.

Mr. Sanford was married in 1888 to Miss Maggie Peak, of this city. They have two daughters.

F. C. WALLINGTON.

F. C. Wallington was born in Eaton county, Mich., in 1860. Mr. Wallington read law in the office of Webster & Millard, at Ionia, being admitted to the bar Feb. 20, 1886. April 1, 1896,



F. C. Wallington.

he came to Mt. Pleasant and opened a law office, and in the twenty years which have since elapsed has not only built up a successful practice but acquired a considerable property.



Mrs. F. C. Wallington.

Mr. Wallington was married in 1881 to Miss Mattie McCarger, of Eaton county. They have one son, Ivan D., a resident of this city.

IVAN D. WALLINGTON.

Ivan D. Wallington was born in Ionia county, Dec. 23, 1883, and came with his parents to this city in 1886.

He received his education in the schools of this city and at the Normal, from which he graduated in



Ivan D. Wallington.

1902. He then taught school for three years, and during the past summer took up reading law, being now connected with the office of his father, F. C. Wallington.

Mr. Wallington was married June 1st, 1905, to Miss Norma Cameron, of Sherman City.



F. McNamara, Attorney.



Phillip H. Garvey.



F. H. Dusenbury, Prosecuting Attorney

ALBERT LOVELAND.

Albert A. Loveland was born in Litchfield county, Conn., May 26, 1843, and received his education in the common schools. When 18 years of age he enlisted in Co. H, First Conn. Cav. He was wounded and taken prisoner Nov. 13, 1864, going to Libby prison from which he was paroled March 23, 1865. At the close of the war the Connecticut legislature authorized the governor to confer upon him a testimonial of honor for distinguished services, which consisted of a beautifully engrossed copy of the resolution, together with the names of 29 battles in which he participated.

Mr. Loveland came to Mt. Pleasant in 1871, being engaged in lumbering and other pursuits until 1888, when he was admitted to the bar of Isabella county. He is at present serving his fifth term as Justice of the peace and his third term as circuit court commissioner. In 1888 he was also admitted to practice before the pension bureau, war department and treasury department of the U. S.

Mr. Loveland was married Dec. 25, 1865, to Nora L. White, of Litchfield, Conn.



Albert A. Loveland.



Residence of John T. Hidey.

JOHN T. HIDEY.

The beautiful home on Normal avenue, shown herewith, nearly all of the buildings of the Indian schools, the dormitories, the school building, the power house, the kitchen, the residences of Dr. Richmond, H. E. Chatterton, the Commercial block, the Exchange Savings Bank block, A. E. Gorham's residence, the Chatterton block, all shown elsewhere in this book, were

the work of John T. Hidey, contractor and builder, and these shown are by no means all that he has built in Mt. Pleasant. But they testify to his mechanical ability and thorough workmanship. He is at present finishing a \$20,000 school at Alma.

Mr. Hidey has been a resident of Mt. Pleasant for 23 years, and from the above it will be readily inferred that he has been an important factor in

the growth and development of the city.

There is probably no better appointed home in this city than that of Mr. and Mrs. Hidey. The interior reflects to a marked degree the skill of the master; design and convenience reign



John T. Hidey.

supreme. Mr. and Mrs. Hidey have two fine boys; Robert, now in his third year at the University of Michigan, noted member of the Junior foot ball team of the mechanical engineering department, and Ralph, just out of the high school.

F. A. SCHMIDT.

F. A. Schmidt was born in Germany in 1867, where he received his early education, coming to the United States when 18 years of age. On coming to this country he came direct to Michigan, locating in Greenville, where for the next four years he

west he, in 1894, took a course in the John J. Mitchell cutting school, N. Y., and then returned to this city, in 1895, opening a merchant tailoring establishment. Since that time he has continued to conduct that business, building up a reputation for doing

first-class work at reasonable prices, and very firmly establishing himself with the people of this city and vicinity.

Mr. Schmidt was married in July, 1894, to Miss Wyotta Whitney, of this city.



Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Schmidt.

worked at the tailor's trade. Then he came to Mt. Pleasant, where he found employment for the next year, going from here to Milwaukee, where he remained a number of years. Then after spending three years in the North-



John T. Landon and the Result of one Hunting Trip.

RICHARD DANA BALMER.

For nearly a quarter of a century there have been but few faces in Mt. Pleasant more familiar than that of R. D. Balmer, shown herewith. Mr. Balmer is a native of New York, com-



Richard Dana Balmer.

ing here from Niagara county. When a young man he was engaged in school teaching and in later years in the mercantile business and farming. He came to Mt. Pleasant and engaged in the lumber business, was later in the mercantile, and finally retired from any other active business save that of politics, and as a result of the latter is at present, and has been for the past four years, holding down a fine appointment in the auditor general's department at the state capital, but comes home to vote at every regular and special election, and sandwiches visits during the interim, and everybody is glad to see him.

Genial "Dick" Balmer has more friends and fewer enemies than most men in any community.

HELEN E. C. BALMER.

Mt. Pleasant has added to her distinction of being an educational and social center, by being the home of Past Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Michigan, Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, whose portrait is shown herewith. Mrs. Balmer was born in Niagara county, N. Y., and attended the public schools, the Lockport Union School and the Lewiston Academy. She taught school for years in the district schools of Western New York, and came to Mt. Pleasant in 1884, and taught in the public schools of this city; was assistant preceptress of the High School for two years; is a graduate of the State Normal School, and holds a diploma as "Master of German" from the Bay View Assembly. All her life's work has been on educational lines, and has been thorough, and the impress of her individuality has been indelibly stamped upon many whose characters have been thus moulded by the training received at her hands. The same energy which characterized her school work is carried into everything

she undertakes, and in the position as head of the important Order of the Eastern Star, has won much praise for her efficient work. She served as president of the Woman's Study club of this city for two years, and of the



Helen E. C. Balmer.

Ladies' Literary association for a term of three years. She is a member of the W. R. C. and of the Loyal Guard, and a charter member of the L. O. T. M. M., and of the Eastern Star Chapter of this city, which was organized in 1889, and has held the office of Worthy Matron for seven terms. She was elected Grand Conduress of the Grand Chapter twice, Associate Grand Matron three times, and served as Worthy Grand Matron two years, also holding the office of R. W. A. G. C. in the General Grand Chapter for three years. Mrs. Balmer is a regular contributor to one of the popular magazines, and is the author and publisher of two books of appropriate hymns and songs now in use respectively by the Orders of the Eastern Star and the L. O. T. M. M.

ISAAC R. JAMESON.

Isaac R. Jameson was born March 25, 1836, at Royalton Center, Orleans county, New York. In 1840 his parents



Isaac R. Jameson.

moved to Ypsilanti, Mich. and from there to Tuscola county in 1850. Here Isaac R. helped to clear up a new farm for his father, and for five winters worked in the lumber woods along Cass river. He enlisted in the U. S.



Mrs. Florence J. (Fox) Jameson.

army Feb. 22, 1864; was wounded May 12, 1864, at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Va., discharged from Carver U. S. hospital Dec. 19, 1864. Came home and sold farm in Juniata township, taking up his residence in Vassar in the spring of 1865. He was appointed postmaster at Vassar by President Lincoln, but resigned in 1866 and was elected register of deeds for Tuscola county, serving two terms or four years.

He was married to Miss Florence J. Fox, of Ashtabula, Ohio, at Caro, Mich., Jan. 3, 1870. From Caro he went to Eaton county, this state, remaining there until 1873, when he took a position in the office of the auditor general of Michigan, serving as a clerk for thirteen years. In July, 1886, he came to Mt. Pleasant, and in April, 1887, became a permanent resident, opening an abstract office, to which business he has since devoted his attention, although being elected register of deeds and serving the county of Isabella in that capacity during the years 1895 and 1896. He is a member of Wabon lodge, F. & A. M., and of Wa-bu-no Post, G. A. R.



T. A. Winans, Alderman Second Ward.



Residence of Dr. P. E. Richmond

Dr. P. E. Richmond.

Dr. P. E. Richmond is now the pioneer physician of Isabella county. For thirty-five years he has practiced medicine in Mt. Pleasant and vicinity, and the roads of the county which he has not traveled are few and far between.

Dr. Richmond was born at Louisville, New York, June 12, 1846. His preliminary education was obtained in the common schools, until the age of 16, when he began teaching, continuing for a number of terms, after which he began a preparatory course at the St. Lawrence Academy, Potsdam, N. Y., which he continued for two years. He then entered the medical department of the University of McGill, graduating from the same March 25, 1873.

Dr. Richmond is a member of the American Medical Association, and of the State Medical Society. The doctor is today the grand medical director of the Gold Reserve Life Association, the home offices of which are in this city.



Dr. P. E. Richmond.

Dr. Richmond was married Jan. 7, 1877, to Miss Anna V. Gray, their home being one of the neatest of the modern residences of this city, and shown herewith. They have one daughter, Mrs. Dr. J. O. Parker, of Owosso.

DR. ALBERT T. GETCHELL.

Dr. Albert T. Getchell was born at West Falls, Erie county, N. Y., July 28, 1856. At an early age he removed with his parents to Stratford, Ontario, where he received his literary education in the public and private schools of that city. Together with his par-



Dr. Albert T. Getchell.

ents he moved to Michigan in 1875, entering the medical department of the University of Michigan in 1880, and graduating June 26, 1884. He practiced medicine at Clio, Mich., for two years, and then accepted the position of house surgeon of the Grand Rapids hospital, remaining there one year. He then engaged with the manager of the Alma Sanitarium, and af-

ter a year at that place located at Mt. Pleasant, where he has won and held a prominent position among the medical profession for eighteen years. The doctor is a member of the Isabella County Medical society, the Michigan State Medical society, and the American Medical society.

In 1877 Doctor Getchell was married to Miss Ella Scouten, of Clio, Mich. They have one son, who has been attending the Michigan Mining college, but who is now in Mexico.

S. E. GARDINER, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon.

Dr. Gardiner was born in Willett, N. Y.; was educated in the New York State Normal school and the Western Reserve university; graduat-



Dr. S. E. Gardiner.

ed at the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, in 1893. Has practiced in this city eight years. In serving his sixth year as U. S. pension examiner, and is city health physician. Specialty: Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.



H. Hunter,
Of the firm of Loucks & Hunter.

DR. JAMES FRANKLIN ADAMS.

Dr. Adams, whose picture is shown herewith, came to Mt. Pleasant in 1897, from Chicago, where he had practiced for four years, two years in Mt. Forest hospital, six months with Dr. Baidiger, of that city, previous to which he had been appointed physician in charge of Emergency hospital, where he won considerable fame in his treatment of the 262 small pox cases which came under his care while at that institution. Dr. Adams is a native of Ontario, educated at the



Dr. James Franklin Adams.

university of Toronto, and upon leaving that institution taught school in Michigan for two years, then graduated at the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1892, after a full course of four years. His success since coming to Mt. Pleasant is too well known to need comment, sufficient to say that his services are in constant demand and the people have much confidence in him.

The doctor was married in 1900, to Miss Mae McClare, of Chicago, a refined and charming little woman, and they have one pretty little daughter. Dr. and Mrs. Adams are Mt. Pleasant citizens who are most esteemed.

J. LEAHY.

J. Leahy was born at Peterboro, Ont., March 5th, 1864, where he remained until 16 years of age, when his parents moved to Michigan, locating at Mt. Pleasant, where his father engaged in the meat business. Jerry attended school in Canada and this city until he secured a teacher's third grade certificate; then he entered the employ of Hweeney & Co., remaining with them during the years 1882 and 1883. Next he entered the store of J. J. Wright, where he remained for one and one-half years.

In 1886 he entered into a partnership with his brother, and the firm of Leahy Brothers engaged in the meat business at Meredith, Mich., continuing the business for the next four

years. During his residence at Meredith Mr. J. Leahy was elected Justice of the peace, being re-elected and resigning on leaving.

Mr. Leahy had an ambition for a professional life, and on leaving Meredith he came to this city, where he entered the office of the late Dr. Park and took up the study of the eye, fitting himself for optical work. Then he took a course in the Detroit Optical school, remaining until he graduated. Since that time he has made a specialty of optical work, devoting his time to the business and having now



J. Leahy.

established a large and growing trade in thirty-five of the villages and cities of this section.

While Mr. Leahy has built up a large business his success is due to his having a thorough knowledge of the work, coupled with many years of experience, and a determination to give to each all the benefit possible from glasses. He merits the title "Expert Optician," by which he is known.

DR. CHAS. D. PULLEN.

Dr. Pullen has been a resident of Mt. Pleasant for fourteen years, coming to this city and succeeding Dr. F. H. Tyler, whose business and practice he purchased at that time.

Dr. Pullen was educated in the schools of Allegan county and graduated at the university of Ann Arbor. Dr. Pullen has built up a fine practice in this city and surrounding country. He keeps abreast of the times in his profession, and each year takes post



Dr. Chas. D. Pullen.

graduate work in the best institutions of the country, and has made a specialty of the eye and ear.

The doctor has been a member of the school board of this city since his residence here and in various ways has enjoyed the confidence of the people. He is the resident physician of the Indian school. His office is located at his handsome home on East Broadway.



A Chippewa River Scene, adjoining the Mt. Pleasant Park.

Elm Grove Farm.

The pretty farm scene shown herewith is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Muterspaugh, of Denver township. This is one of the many handsome farm homes of Isabella county, but excels the great majority in its appointments, being heated throughout with a modern hot air furnace, and having a thorough water system supplying all parts of the house; the source of supply coming from a fine flowing well, which has force enough to carry the water into a large tank in the basement, from which it is pumped to the second story from where it is distributed about the house. The house is also equipped with a hot water system.

Mr. Muterspaugh has been a resident of this county for a quarter of a century, during which time he has developed his splendid farm of 80 acres and erected this modern dwelling. He has an interesting family, consisting of his wife, son, and daughter, the fifth person shown in the engraving being a neighbor, Miss Irene Brophy.

Matie, the daughter, is married and lives in Fremont township. Arthur, the son, remains at home and has the management of the farm, in which work he has been very successful during the past four years.

Mr. Muterspaugh devotes his time very largely to the interests of the New England Nurseries, of Rochester, N. Y., he being their representative in this locality. He has sold and distributed more excellent fruit (trees, shrubbery, etc., through this and adjoining counties than any two men ever in the business.

He takes much pride in his home yet in speaking of the modern conveniences with which he has supplied it, he modestly says: "It is not much just what every farmer may have if he feels so inclined, and would have if he could see and know the genuine comfort it brings," and then he added that he wished every farmer could see it.



C. F. Marsh, the Broadway Grocer.

WILBER E. PRESTON.

Wilber E. Preston conducts an abstract, real estate and loan business.



Wilber E. Preston.

on the corner of Main and Broadway in the office opened by him in 1888. Previous to opening his present office Mr. Preston had been engaged in like business for seven years in this city in an office in the Commercial block. Mr. Preston also makes a specialty of estimating lands for investors in Isabella, Midland and Clare counties, his residence of 43 years in Isabella county and his accurate knowledge of property values in this locality ripened by years of experience in dealing in real estate peculiarly fitting him for this line of work. Mr. Preston devotes his personal attention to every detail of his business notwithstanding its volume has annually increased over forty per cent for each of the past five years, and has brought to him a measure of success in his chosen work exceeded by no one in this portion of Michigan.

W. H. LLOYD.

W. H. Lloyd was born on a farm in Lima township, Washtenaw county, Mich., March 21, 1854. His early life was spent on a farm and in attendance upon the district school, his education being rounded out at the Ann Arbor high school.

January 29th, 1880, Mr. Lloyd was married to Miss Carrie Court, of Lima, they starting in on a farm, where they resided until 1882, when he sold his farm and came to Mt. Pleasant, locating on a farm in Deerfield township, where they continued to reside until the death of Mrs. Lloyd, in February of 1888.

After his wife's death Mr. Lloyd came to Mt. Pleasant to reside, engaging in the contracting business, and in the 18 years which have since passed he has erected many of the fine residences and business buildings which make this such an attractive place to strangers. Mr. Lloyd has ever endeavored to do a class of work which would stand upon its merits, and from the way he is spoken of by those owning buildings which have been erected by him we believe that he has been successful in that effort.

December 18, 1890, he was married to Miss Addie N. Johnson, of Mt. Pleasant and there is one of the pleasant homes of this city.



Residence of Andrew R. Muterspaugh, Elm Grove Farm.



W. H. Lloyd.



Residence of Lewis D. Cole.

Lewis D. Cole.

Lewis D. Cole, senior member of the firm of Cole Brothers, contractors and builders, is a product of Isabella county, having been born in Lincoln township on Christmas day, 1867. His boyhood was passed on the farm, he attending the district school and then

for the erection of the new buildings at the Indian schools. Among other fine buildings which Mr. Cole has erected is the school building (\$30,000), library building (\$20,000) and the \$20,000 addition to the court house all at Ste. St. Marie, also the elegant large school building at Owosso and the high school building at Shepherd, the hospital building at the Indian school, and his own handsome residence on Normal avenue, this city, shown herewith.

This latter building is built of press-



Lewis D. Cole.

learning the mason's trade, which he followed for a few years. Then he began to figure and make bids on jobs, and from that day to this he has kept at it, with the result that at this date a whole lot of buildings in different sections of Michigan stand as monuments to his mechanical ability, skill and judgment. To Cole Brothers has just been awarded the contract

ed brick, is finished throughout in oak, heated by steam, lighted by electricity and is one of the many beautiful homes of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Cole has an interesting family, consisting of a wife and three boys, the latter chips off the old block. Aside from his contracting business Mr. Cole owns and manages a fine farm in Lincoln township.

WM. A. McRAE.

W. A. McRae is one of our well known builders. He was born in Elton, Ont., in 1857. Graduated from the high school at Lindsay, Ont., taught school a year and then went to the Northwest and took up the building business, which he has since followed. The city of Winnipeg, and many other cities and towns in western Canada, contain notable evidence of his ability in that line. After his return to Ontario Mr. McRae was elected a member of the Victoria council, and was justice of the peace for Victoria for eight years, up to 1892, when he located in Mt. Pleasant. He has now been a resident of this city for 13 years, and during that time has won a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens and business associates. He has splendid natural ability, and about 30 years' practical experience has enabled him to acquire a thorough knowledge of every detail of his business, and many residences in this and adjoining cities attest his skill as a mechanic. Exact detail, careful execution and honest work mark every building he undertakes from basement to attic.

Mr. McRae has a beautiful home on Main street, an interesting family, six bright scholars attending the Normal and city schools, and one married daughter, Mrs. Boasinger, of East Jordan. He has many friends and altogether has many reasons for being a happy, contented and respected citizen.



Residence of Wm. A. McRae.



MICHAEL DEVEREAUX.

Michael Devereaux was born in the township of Irondequoit, Monroe county, New York, his parents moving to Michigan the same year of his birth, and settling on a new farm in Osceola township, Livingston county. Mr. Devereaux attended the common schools until he was 18 years of age, then spent a year at a private seminary at Howell, Mich., after which he commenced teaching. His first school was in Osceola township, after which he taught the village school at Fowlerville one winter, then took charge of the village school of Zilwaukee, Saginaw county for two years.

He had an ambition for a more liberal education and went to the State Normal school at Ypsilanti, where he

studied for two years. Then he spent five years as principal of the schools at Ontonagon, Mich., after which he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, graduating in May, 1876, and coming to Mt. Pleasant the same year, where he formed a partnership with S. W. Hopkins. This firm continued in business until 1878, when Mr. Hopkins was elected as representative in the state legislature, and Mr. Devereaux as prosecuting attorney of Isabella county.

In 1882 Mr. Devereaux formed a partnership with J. W. Hance, under the firm name of Hance & Devereaux, for the transaction of a general real estate and loaning business, which firm has continued in business to the present time, and is considered one of

the old and established enterprises of Mt. Pleasant. In 1895 Mr. Devereaux erected the handsome block in which their office is located, the new one taking the place of the block erected in 1883, which burned in March, 1895.

Mr. Devereaux served Mt. Pleasant as mayor in 1890 and 1891, and again in 1894 and 1895. He was one of the nine directors of the Mt. Pleasant Improvement Co., which secured the State Normal schools for this city, serving as president of the same. He is at the present time president of the board of public works, and in 1896, upon the death of C. Bennett, was appointed administrator of that estate, handling the same to the present time with satisfaction to those interested, and with credit to himself.



Mt. Pleasant Fire Team taking School Children for a Sleigh-ride.



Residence of S. R. Morrison.

S. R. MORRISON.

Samuel R. Morrison, whose beautiful and modern home on Normal avenue is shown herewith, is a "State of Mainer," having been born down on the banks of the Kennebec river. He came to Mt. Pleasant in 1871, having thus been here 35 years and actively engaged in business during all this

time, real estate, mercantile, lumber, etc. About 20 years ago he formed a copartnership with F. S. Dains, and the firm has continued ever since under the firm name of Morrison & Dains. Mr. Morrison is a veteran of the Civil war, an active member of the G. A. R. Post of this city, and a very highly respected citizen of Mt. Pleasant.

D. H. NELSON.

D. H. Nelson was born in Saginaw county September 23, 1838. In December of 1859 he came to this county, locating at Isabella City, where he engaged in the mercantile business, continuing the same until 1863,

they came to Mt. Pleasant and erected the store at the corner of Main and Broadway which was destroyed by fire last spring, the site of which is now occupied by the Foster block. In this store he placed a stock of general merchandise, devot-



D. H. Nelson

when he enlisted in the Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, serving one year in the United States army.

In 1864 he returned to Isabella City, entering into partnership in the spring of 1865 with F. C. Babbett, then conducting a general store at that place for the next year. In 1866



Susan Fitch,
Grand daughter of D. H. Nelson.

ing his attention to that business from 1866 to 1880.

In addition to his mercantile business Mr. Nelson has been interested in a considerable number of enterprises which have added in the building up of Mt. Pleasant. In 1886 he

became identified with the firm of Dusenbury, Nelson & Co., bankers, which firm was succeeded by the Exchange Savings bank when it was incorporated as a state bank.

Mr. Nelson has never been what could be considered a politician, although at all times having the welfare of the city at heart and be ready to do his full share in any public enterprise. In 1886 he was elected president of the village of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Nelson was married June 30, 1864, to Miss Nellie C. Babbett, of Isabella City. August 14, 1881, his first wife died, and in May, 1882, he was married to Miss Mary L. Lamb, of Cleveland, Ohio.



MRS. MARY L. NELSON.

Wife of D. H. Nelson, one of Mt. Pleasant's Prominent Christian Scientists.



S. W. Rogers, Jeweler,
South Main Street.



Residence of Frank Whitehead.

GEORGE M. BAYLIS.

George M. Baylis, proprietor of the "Parliament" billiard parlors and bowling alley, was born at Tecumseh, Mich., in 1866. When he was six years of age his parents moved to Clinton county, locating on a farm near St. Johns. "Bay" remained on the farm, driving the geese to water, riding horses to cultivate corn, carrying water to be men on the back forty, and enjoying the other pleasures of a boy's life on a farm, until he reached the age of fourteen. Then he was sent back to Tecumseh, where he attended the high school for three years, then a select school for two terms, after which he commenced playing professional base ball. For nine years he was connected with

having the superintendency of the boring department, and even to this day retaining a great admiration for this firm.

In 1904 Mr. Baylis purchased his present business, which has been greatly improved and built up under his management. His place of business has at all times been so conducted as to entirely eliminate the prejudice frequently felt against such forms of amusement. Every objectionable feature has been carefully guarded against, making his amusement parlors very popular, and giving them the patronage of the best class of Mt. Pleasant citizens.

Mr. Baylis has been frugal, industrious and economical, accumulating a nice property aside from his business, having considerable money invested where it works while he sleeps. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the L. O. F., being financial secretary of the latter. Mr. Baylis has always taken much interest in out door sports and is president of the Marquette Trout club.

Mr. Baylis was married in November, 1899 to Miss Mae Wheeler, of Winterfield township, Clive county. They have one little daughter nearly four years of age. They have a neat home in the second ward.

WILLIAM PARDO.

William Pardo was born in Kent county, Ontario, November 9, 1867, receiving his education in the schools of that locality. In 1887 he started to learn the barber's trade and has since followed that vocation, in the eighteen years which have elapsed becoming one of the best tonsorial artists to be found in this section.

Mr. Pardo's first business venture was in 1890, when he purchased a shop at Blenheim, Ont., which he ran for one year, then selling out and coming to Michigan, locating at Flint, where he worked at his trade for one year. Then he purchased a shop at Swartz

Creek, which he conducted until 1894, when he sold out and came to Mt. Pleasant. On his arrival in this city he purchased a shop then owned by Wm. Campbell. This he sold the following fall and purchased the Bonnett House shop. A little later he formed a partnership with D. K. Trevegno, who was then conducting a shop in the Commercial block. Mr. Pardo moving his shop to that block and consolidating the two. Four years ago he pur-



William Pardo.

chased his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. During his residence in this city he has not only won a warm place in the estimation of Mt. Pleasant citizens because of his business methods, but a host of friends because of his many sterling qualities. He is not only a successful tonsorial artist but an all around hustler, and a firm believer in the future of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Pardo was married Feb. 25, 1891, to Miss Minnie McKenzie, of Blenheim, Ont. They have four children.



George M. Baylis.

the best teams, traveling over a great portion of the country, after which he settled at St. Louis, Mich., and went to work for Whitney & Taylor. When they moved their hub factory to this city he came with them, he



F. C. Clark, Hardware Merchant.



Residence of Prof. C. T. Grawn.

Arthur Stanley Coutant.

Arthur Stanley Coutant was born December 11th, 1854, on the Western Reserve, Greenwich, Ohio, his father being Isaac Newton Coutant and his mother Anne Ogilvie Coutant. His father was a railroad man in the employ of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati railroad, now known as the Big Four. He died in March, 1904. The father's ancestors came from France at some period of the Huguenot persecution, but his grandmother was New Amsterdam Dutch, and his mother of English descent.

A. S. Coutant's mother was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, her father being Scotch-Irish and her



Arthur Stanley Coutant.

mother pure German. Mr. Coutant was educated in the city schools of Columbus, Ohio, and the country schools of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

He came to Michigan in December, 1872, entering the office of the Independent at Greenville, Mich., for the purpose of learning the printing trade. In 1875 he entered the Greenville high

school, graduating in 1879, after which he entered Oberlin college, completed Freshman year, then returned to Greenville to assume the duties of foreman of the Independent office. This position he held from 1881 to 1887. In April, 1886, he was elected city collector for the city of Greenville, but refused a re-nomination the following year because of his intended removal.

May 1st, 1887, he purchased the Isabella County Enterprise which he has since conducted, and which has proved a very successful financial venture. In 1889 he purchased the Northwestern Tribune of George Connelly, both of which papers he is still publishing in this city.

Mr. Coutant has been prominently identified with the political history of the county, having served four years as a member of the Republican county committee, six years as a member of the Republican Congressional committee for the 11th district. In 1896 he was elected a member of the Republican State Central committee faithfully discharging all of the duties connected therewith for four years. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster of Mt. Pleasant and under his administration it was raised from a third to a second class office, and seven rural routes out of this city established.

Mr. Coutant was a delegate to the National Convention of Republican clubs at Cleveland in 1890, at Detroit in 1895, and at St. Paul in 1900. He has been a delegate to every state convention held by the Republicans since 1887 except three.

Mr. Coutant was one of the twelve Mt. Pleasant citizens who organized the Central Normal School, and he was very closely identified with the passage of the act establishing the Central State Normal School at Mt. Pleasant by the legislature of 1896.

Mr. Coutant has been identified with a number of enterprises which have contributed to a considerable degree in building up Mt. Pleasant, and at

the present time is vice president and director of the Mt. Pleasant Light & Fuel company, secretary and director of the Isabella County Creamery Co., and treasurer and director of the Mt. Pleasant Sugar Co.

Mr. Coutant was married December 29th, 1881, to Miss Anna M. Saterlee, of Greenville, and they have two children, Florence Ruth Coutant and Benjamin Wallace Coutant.

W. O. HULLINGER.

W. O. Hullinger was born at Greenville, Ohio, in 1875, coming with his parents to Nashville, Barry county, Mich., when still quite young. While attending school at Nashville he started in to learn the printers' trade, and worked at that until 1897, when



W. O. Hullinger.

he started the Press, at Potterville, Mich. In 1899 he purchased the Journal at Perry, Mich., and in 1903 consolidated this with the Maurice Clipper. In April, 1904, he traded that property for the Central Michigan Times, published in this city, and has since devoted his time to the publication of this paper.

Mr. Hullinger was married in June, 1900, to Miss Mabel A. Cooper, of Nashville. They have two sons.



H. A. Miller, Editor of Courier.

H. A. Graham, A. M.

Commissioner of Schools.

H. A. Graham was born near Brampton, Ont., in 1863. He received his early education in the common schools of Ontario and Michigan; came to Michigan in 1875 and took his part in pioneer life. He received two literary degrees from Albion college and one from Michigan university. He also possesses a life certificate and is



H. A. Graham.

a life director of the N. E. A. He has been principal or superintendent of the following towns: Shepherd, Clark, Grayling, Mt. Pleasant, Ontonagon and Calumet. He has been twice elected commissioner of schools, once in Ontonagon county and now in Isabella county.

J. W. HERSEE.

J. W. Hersee is the city treasurer of Mt. Pleasant, and owns and operates a large agricultural implement warehouse on East Broadway. He was elected treasurer last spring on an independent ticket, which shows his popularity.

He has been in Mt. Pleasant for 14 years, and every one of those years



J. W. Hersee.

has been a bustling one. He first began in the flour and feed business, then became buyer for the Carr & Granger elevator and gained the reputation of being one of the best in Michigan. After the elevator closed Mr. Hersee went into the agricultural implement business and has been in that ever since, with the result of a constantly growing business that has gained for him an enviable reputation throughout Isabella and adjoining counties.

"Jim" was born in Canada, is only 42 years old, has a neat home in the second ward, an estimable wife and an interesting family of children.

WALTER F. NEWBERRY.

Walter F. Newberry, of the Mt. Pleasant Electric Company, was born on a farm down in DeKalb county, Missouri, and lived there until he was seven years old when his parents moved to the village of Cameron. Here he attended school until he was 17, when he returned to the old farm and personally conducted it for five years, at the end of which time he went to Colorado and engaged in mining for four years. He



Walter F. Newberry.

then came to Chicago and organized the Newberry Warehouse & Storage Co., conducting that for 14 years, during the latter part of which time he had an interest in the electric company of Mt. Pleasant. Finally, desiring to get into a smaller city and away from the congested conditions of the metropolis, and where his children might have educational advantages such as Mt. Pleasant affords, he sold his Chicago business and came to this city. Since that time he has devoted his attention to the electric light plant, with a farm on the side which he conducts for pastime, but which through the knowledge and experience gained in his younger days he makes remunerative. Mr. Newberry has an interesting family of three children, one son and two daughters, all attending the high school. Mr. Newberry is regarded as one of Mt. Pleasant's best citizens; enterprising, energetic and always interested in the welfare and progress of the city.



A. B. Warwick.

Harness Dealer, Broadway.

White Plymouth Rock bred and owned by Paul Lafromboise, M.



Pleasant, Mich.; member of American White Plymouth Rock Club.

To the People of Mt. Pleasant:

I came among you an entire stranger but the many courtesies, the consideration, and the assistance which I have received in connection with my work upon this souvenir will always be remembered by me as one of the pleasant associations of a lifetime. For all this I wish to express my gratitude, and to assure the people of Mt. Pleasant that should there ever come a time when it is in my power to return the compliment I am theirs to command. Respectfully,

Helding, Mich.

CHAS. J. SUELY.

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