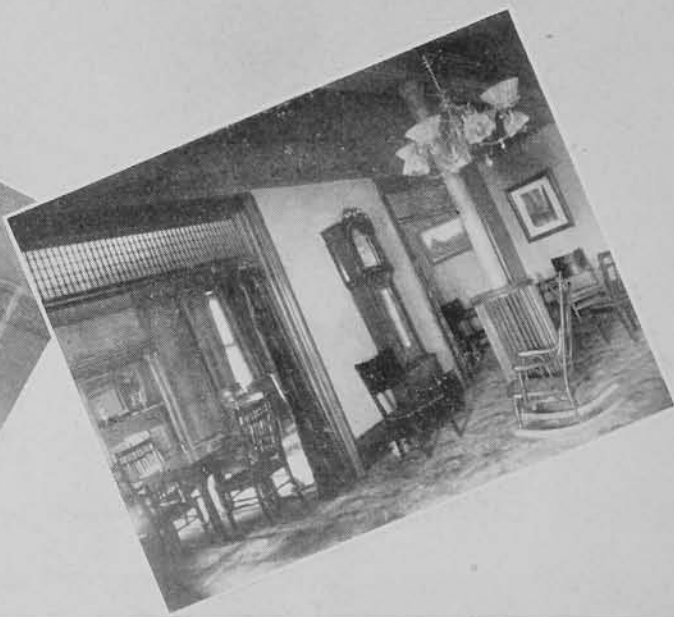
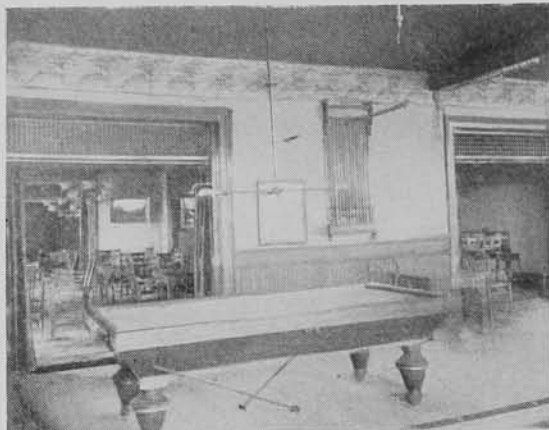


Taylor hall was rented and fitted up as a club house, which has been the club home ever since. It contains a large gymnasium, parlor, bath rooms, billiard parlor, card and smoking room, and is well suited for the purposes of the club. The present membership is about 100. The officers 1899 were: President, A. D. Wallace; vice-president, A. S. Brown; secretary, John J. Murphy; financial secretary, F. A. Maycumber; treasurer, Jas. Kelly; athletic captain, A. W. Williams; 'cycling captain, A. K. Weatherwax.

September. A suite of rooms were secured on the second floor of the Hopkins block, one of the big modern structures of Cortland, (view see Warren, Tanner & Co.'s store) and there the club has since made its home, and prospered. There are the reading room and parlor, 40 x 50 feet, the card room, 30 x 20, the billiard room, 50 x 35, the reception hall, 30 x 15, and ladies' dressing rooms and men's toilets. The decorations in the parlors are olive green, the card room light terra cotta, the reception room blue, and the billiard room red



Harris, Photo. Reading Room. THE TIOUGHNIOGA CLUB ROOMS.  
[For Exterior View, see Warren, Tanner & Co.'s Store.] Billiard Room.

Reception Room.

**The Tioughnioga Club**, the elite institution of the village of Cortland, was incorporated by Albert Allen, S. M. Ballard, J. S. Bull, Hugh Duffey, Wesley Hooker, E. M. Hulbert, O. U. Kellogg, Alexander Mahan, A. B. Nelson, W. H. Newton, F. D. Smith, F. C. Straat, D. W. Van Hoesen, C. P. Walrad and T. H. Wickwire, the date of the incorporation papers being December 3, 1891. The first meeting of the club (incorporators) was held on Dec. 29, 1891. There were present nearly all of the above, and they chose for their first officers and directors the following: President, Wesley Hooker; vice-president, Albert Allen; secretary, S. M. Ballard; treasurer, C. P. Walrad. The directors comprised the above and the rest of the incorporators. A constitution and by-laws were adopted. The membership is limited to 200 and candidates are voted upon by the entire membership, proposed by two resident members. It was also provided that fifteen should constitute the board of directors, five retiring each club year, which begins the first Wednesday in

in velvet stripe and gold figures. The club is more strictly social than a matter of business convenience. The ladies are invited to grace the rooms with their presence the first Wednesday night in each month, and the third Wednesday evenings are devoted to young people's parties. Interest in billiards has been kept up by periodical contests between members for prizes, a gold badge now held by Harry Dowd being offered as the championship prize of the club, which must be held through five successive contests to become the property of the holder. On Sept. 1, 1899, the billiard parlors were placed in charge of a committee, of which A. M. Schermerhorn is chairman, and since then billiards have been made to yield a fair margin over and above expenses. The only other sources of revenue are cigars, fees and dues. Fees for admission are \$15, and dues are \$10 a year. The full membership in January, 1900, was 147, not including non-resident and honorary. The second class comprises those living in adjacent towns who have social and business relations in

Cortland, and the latter class are restricted to local clergy and supreme court judges, who are invited and accepted by letter. Seven of the ten Cortland clergy and Judges Walter Lloyd Smith, George F. Lyon, Garret S. Forbes, Burr Mattice and A. H. Sewell are enrolled in this class. The average income from fees and dues is \$2,600 annually. About \$4,500 is invested in furnishings. Those who have filled the honorable offices of president and secretary are the following: President: Wesley Hooker, Albert Allen, Judge Joseph E. Eggleston, Arthur B. Nelson and Frank P. Hakes; secretary: S. M. Ballard, F. D. Smith, Henry A. Dickinson and S. K. Jones. The present officers are: President, F. P. Hakes; vice-president, A. M. Jewett; secretary, S. K. Jones; treasurer, N. J. Peck. The directors—One year: C. F. Brown, F. P. Hakes, E. C. Palmer, T. H. Dowd, C. F. Stillman; two years, A. M. Jewett, E. A. Didama, W. S. Barker, C. F. Thompson, H. P. Johnson; three years, J. S. Bull, F. Daehler, John Miller, N. J. Peck, S. K. Jones. Neither gambling or liquors of any character is tolerated in the rooms.

**What Is It Worth?**—The growth of a town increases property valuations, enlarges the circumference of local trade and expands rental values. It increases church and school attendance. It provides more mouths to be fed, more bodies to be clothed, more people to be amused. Competition between communities is to-day as stirring as between tradesmen. The latter displays his goods and advertises their values. Why may not the former? The Historical Souvenir is the show window for a community. The character of its public institutions, its scenery, its enterprises, and its places of business and recreation displayed to the world in half tone engravings will do for the community what the show window and the local newspaper advertising columns does for the merchant. If every family in Cortland has mailed one of these Souvenirs, who can doubt what the publication is worth to Cortland.



Butler, Photo. MRS. G. T. CHATTERTON.

**Mrs. G. T. Chatterton** seven years ago began the manufacture of ladies' skirts from measures taken to fit each case—individual measure. It is not on a large scale that she carries on this work, so that in the case of each order special attention is paid to the cutting and fitting as well as to the sewing. As it is customary to manufacture from stock measurements Mrs. Chatterton found that her plan of using individual measurements became an inducement for trade. She obtained agents and sent them out with instructions to solicit business from house to house and in the case of each order to secure measurements. This was done,

and she was from time to time able to extend her agencies until they ramified through the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maine. Now her business is very largely done through the mails. A customer sends her measure by mail and is accommodated in a manner just as satisfactory as though the business had been done by her in person and under a thorough guarantee, giving all the advantages which one might expect to obtain from a large factory. The goods she uses in making up skirts include imported moreen, satteen, and mercerized and taffetta silks. Mrs. Chatterton's business is carried on at No. 33 North Pendleton street. She has been a resident of Cortland all of her life, and is a member of the Methodist church.

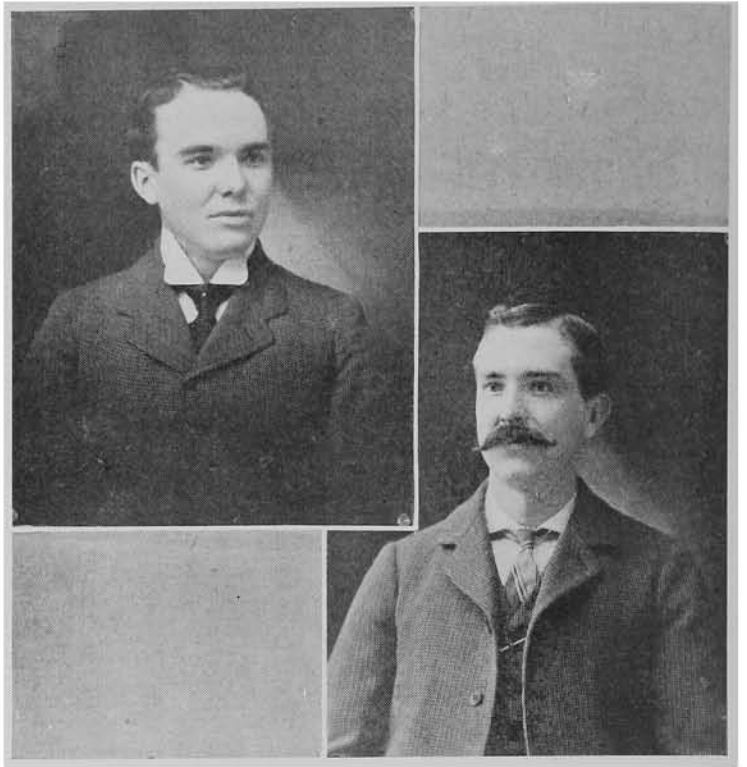


Photo by Harris.

E. C. PALMER'S RESIDENCE.



**Hollister Brothers** succeeded Hollister & Rigby in the bakery and confectionery business at No. 7 North Main street, their present location, on Jan. 1, 1897, a business which was started by Lord & Chidsey in 1887. F. W. Clark was afterwards the proprietor of the business, and he in turn was succeeded by Hollister & Rigby in 1896. When the present firm came into possession of the business they enlarged the bakeshop, doubling its capacity, put in a dining room and soda fountain, so that since then they have catered to the retail trade almost exclusively, both in bakestuffs and the other lines, which they handle. Both members of the firm, H. P. and Fred Hollister, are practical bakers, and as they are assisted by another, three bakers are constantly employed. They also have a considerable family trade in ice creams. H. P. Hollister was born in McGraw, June 6, 1867, and received a schooling in the public schools and the DeRuyter academy. On Dec. 5, 1884, he married Ella E. Gross of McGraw, and they moved to Cortland in February, 1886, Mr. Hollister being first employed in Wickwire's for about a year, and from June to September, 1888, in Rook & Brown's bakery in the Squires block. In the latter month H. P. and his brother T. N. bought out that firm, and in January, 1889, the former succeeded to the interest of his brother, finally selling the business to F. Schellinger in December, 1892. He then worked for Coon Brothers until he formed the co-partnership with E. B. Rigby and purchased the business in 1896, at No. 7 North Main street. Fred Hollister was born at DeRuyter June 6, 1873, and attended the Cortland Normal school. He worked for his brothers in the bakery from 1889 to 1891, then was employed in Duluth, Minn., three years. Returning east in 1894, he took a course in a business college and afterwards was employed by Dowd & Chaffee and Coon Bros. He is a member of the John L. Lewis lodge, I. O. O. F.



FRED HOLLISTER. (Butler, Photo.) H. P. HOLLISTER.

**The Population of Cortland** is now about 10,000. On Nov. 5, 1853, when chartered as a village it was 1,500. On Dec. 3 of the same year the first bank was opened by William Randall. The principal business firms then were J. W. Sturtevant & Co., J. S. Squires, S. E. Welch, O. W. Barnard, Daniel Bradford, William Fish, James Van Valen, Cloyes & Todd, Anthony and S. D. Freer, Henry Brewer and John McFarlan. In 1861 the population numbered a little more than 2,000. In January, 1862 the Eagle Hotel, including Henry Brewer's harness store and J. McFarlan & Co's. furniture store was destroyed by fire. In 1864 H. J. Messenger built the Messenger House and in 1865 the Taylor Hall block. In 1864 the First National Bank was organized, the Savings Bank in 1866 and the Cortland National Bank in 1869. The new special village charter was granted April 28, 1864, and in 1876 the village had a population of 3,398. In 1872 Fitzgerald & Kinnie began the manufacture of platform spring wagons and in 1874 Wickwire Bros. bought an old hand loom and began weaving wire cloth. In 1880 Cortland had 4,000 population and in 1882, 6,000.

**An Historical Souvenir**, such as this, is one of the best mediums for publishing to the world the superiority of a city or village, as richly endowed with natural advantages as Cortland. There is no other practical method of widely distributing views and description which will command public attention. The beautiful streets of Cortland will appeal strongly to the mind of the stranger; and especially those which are paved with asphalt, views of which are published for the first time in this Souvenir. The many pretty and imposing business blocks cannot fail to impress the thousands of strangers who will see this book, and call forth many encomiums which the business thrift and enterprise of Cortland as shown by such structures deserve. The views of store fronts and interiors, of the manufacturing establishments, the schools, the State Normal school and the churches cannot fail to excite admiration.



Harris, Photo. HOLLISTER BRO'S. STORE.

**The Railroad** from Syracuse to Binghamton, which first gave Cortland an outlet by rail, was constructed in 1853, being formally opened to the public on Oct. 18 and 19 of that year when large excursion parties went over the road. Jas. M. Schermerhorn, Hon. Henry Stephens and other citizens of Cortland and Homer were largely instrumental in getting the road through. The opening of the Utica, Ithaca and Elmira railroad in 1872 conferred additional advantages upon Cortland. This road has changed hands on different occasions and is now a part of the Lehigh Valley railroad system. The Erie and Central New York railroad, which contemplates a line of railroad through the state, was opened from Cortland to Cincinnati, 16 miles, in 1898 and is being operated now only over that distance. In 1878 the Canastota, Cazenovia and DeRuyter railroad (now a part of the Lehigh branch operated from Camden, Oneida county, to Elmira, Chemung county) was opened between Cortland and DeRuyter.

**The Photographers**, who did the viewing and made the sittings for the portraits printed in this Souvenir, are Edwin H. Hyatt, F. L. Harris and G. E. Butler, men who are artists in every branch of the business. It has been no small undertaking for three photographers to do the work required in a publication of this size and character. The value of the cuts depends very largely on the photographic work. It is impossible to get good photo engravings without first-class photos. We believe that the purchasers of the Souvenir will agree with us that no souvenir ever presented a better lot of views and portraits. The work of the photographers will be appreciated by the public as well as by the publishers of this Souvenir, and they are entitled to a great deal of credit for the time and trouble that have been required of them.



Butler, Photo. H. P. HOLLISTER'S RESIDENCE.

**The Sunday-School**, First M. E. church, was organized contemporaneous with the establishment of the church. Its present officers are: Superintendent, Dr. F. J. Cheney; first assistant superintendent, Dr. F. W. Higgins; second assistant superintendent, Mrs. F. J. Doubleday; secretary, Geo. P. Yager; assistant secretary, Stuart Dye; treasurer, Chas. Saunders; chorister, George Oscar Bowen; pianist, Miss Carrie Kellogg; assistant pianist, Miss Maud Grannis; superintendent primary department, Mrs. Viroqua Smith; first assistant superintendent, Miss M. L. Weatherwax; second assistant superintendent, Mrs. C. F. Weiler; secretary of Sunday-school board, Miss Nina McCarthy.



MAIN STREET CORNER GROTON AVENUE, 1816-1893.



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"Grip's" Historical Souvenir of Cortland fulfills several missions. It carries the news and perpetuates the scenes and historical data, which instruct and entertain a community. It entices the stranger within our gates. It records the approximate value to the village of the business and professional man. It acts as a guide to the visitor, directing him into this and that man's place of business, piloting him through the streets and public squares, pointing out this and that scene—this and that historic spot. It introduces him to the men and women who are leaders in professional, financial, commercial, manufacturing and social circles. It names the enterprising and successful resident of Cortland. It places in durable and permanent form a valuable compilation of personal and general information which in years to come are prized beyond value. It does not cater to the gnawing hunger for compliments and eulogistic commonplaces and generalities which are too commonly used in Souvenirs, and are never used in Historical Souvenirs. It does not lay to the soul unctious flattery. It caters not to vanity. The man of "sterling integrity" does not learn in this Souvenir that he possesses a jewel of such rare price. "Our leading," "genial," "affable" citizen are phrases unknown to its pages.

The Contributors to this Souvenir, have—perhaps unconsciously, in some cases—rendered the people of Cortland a great service. Accuracy in writing is an important end to be obtained and it is only by a member of the society that its history can be intelligently and accurately written. We are sure that every member of the several societies which are historically presented in this Souvenir will join us in expressing thanks to the writers of these most valuable and interesting sketches. The names of the contributors which in the majority of cases do not appear in connection with the sketches, are printed at the head of the first column on this page. Their work will long outlast them.

Errors will occasionally creep into a work of this magnitude, especially as so many proper names are used. Where they have been discovered in time correction has been made in Adenda, the location of which can be found by reference to the index. Criticism is not to be despised or avoided. We expect it. The carping critic always offers and never welcomes it.

The Far Sighted firm of Palmer & Co. early in the work of preparing "Grip's" Historical Souvenir of Cortland, secured a number of copies, believing that those who were slow in ordering the book would eventually welcome an opportunity to get a copy. Others who have found they did not order all they wanted may secure copies there as long as the supply holds out.

The Postoffice Sketch occasioned considerable research, and it was not until after the first was in print additional material was obtained through the energetic efforts of Mr. James Turner. Hence two sketches, see pages 46 and 93.

**Philip M. Neary** was born at Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., March 27, 1856, and received his education at the district school and at Ithaca High school. At the age of 17, while he was preparing to enter Cornell university his father died leaving a large family. The doctor being the oldest boy was obliged to shoulder the responsibility of caring for farm and family. From farm work and school teaching, however, he earned and saved enough to pay for a medical education at the University of the City of New York, from which he was graduated in March, 1888. He practiced at Union Valley, Cortland Co., N. Y., for seven years, and Jan. 1st, 1895, came to Cortland since which time he has practiced here. The doctor studied with Dr. Wm. Gallagher of Slaterville Springs, N. Y. He has held the office of health officer four years, coroner six years, and physician to Cortland county alms house six years. He was married Aug. 17, 1890, to Miss Bertha A. Payne of Lincklaen, N. Y., and has four children, Philip J., Leah Marguerite, Bertha Elizabeth and Mary Editha.

**Organization of Cortlandville.**—The first town meeting was held at the old Eagle Tavern on March 2, 1830. The following are the first town officers: Commissioners of highways, Parker Butterfield, Eleazer May, William R. Bennett; assessors, Harry McGraw, Daniel Mallory, Daniel Hibbard; school commissioners, Rufus Boies, Gilbert Edgcomb, Jr., Asa Loring; school inspectors, Marvin Huntington, Joseph C. Morse, Charles Chamberlain; commissioners of the gospel and school lot, Rufus Boies, Canfield Marsh; poor-masters, Daniel Miller, Tercius Eels; constables, Eleazer Carpenter, H. S. Brockway, Hezekiah M. Sanders, Gilmore Kinney; collector, Micah Hotchkiss; sealer of weights and measures, Edward Allen; justices of the peace, Jacob Badgley, Hiram McGraw, Jonathan L. Woods. One hundred dollars each was appropriated for the poor and for bridges. Several new roads were laid out the first year among which were what is now Mill street, Railroad street and a portion of Port Watson street. Railroad street was not laid out through to Main street until several years later. The land



Harris, Photo. P. M. NEARY, M. D.

in the eastern part of the present village limits, now filled in and built up with neat residences, was then low and swampy and what was known as the Baptist road, which ran diagonally from near the river, starting a short distance north of Port Watson street bridge and coming out near the junction of Adams street and the Homer road, was "corduroyed." Another road ran over Court House hill and struck into the Homer road north of the village. At that time Homer was the principal market for the produce of Cortland county, except what was shipped by river, and these two roads were the common thoroughfares for farmers living in the south end of the county, many of whom went to Homer to do their trading.

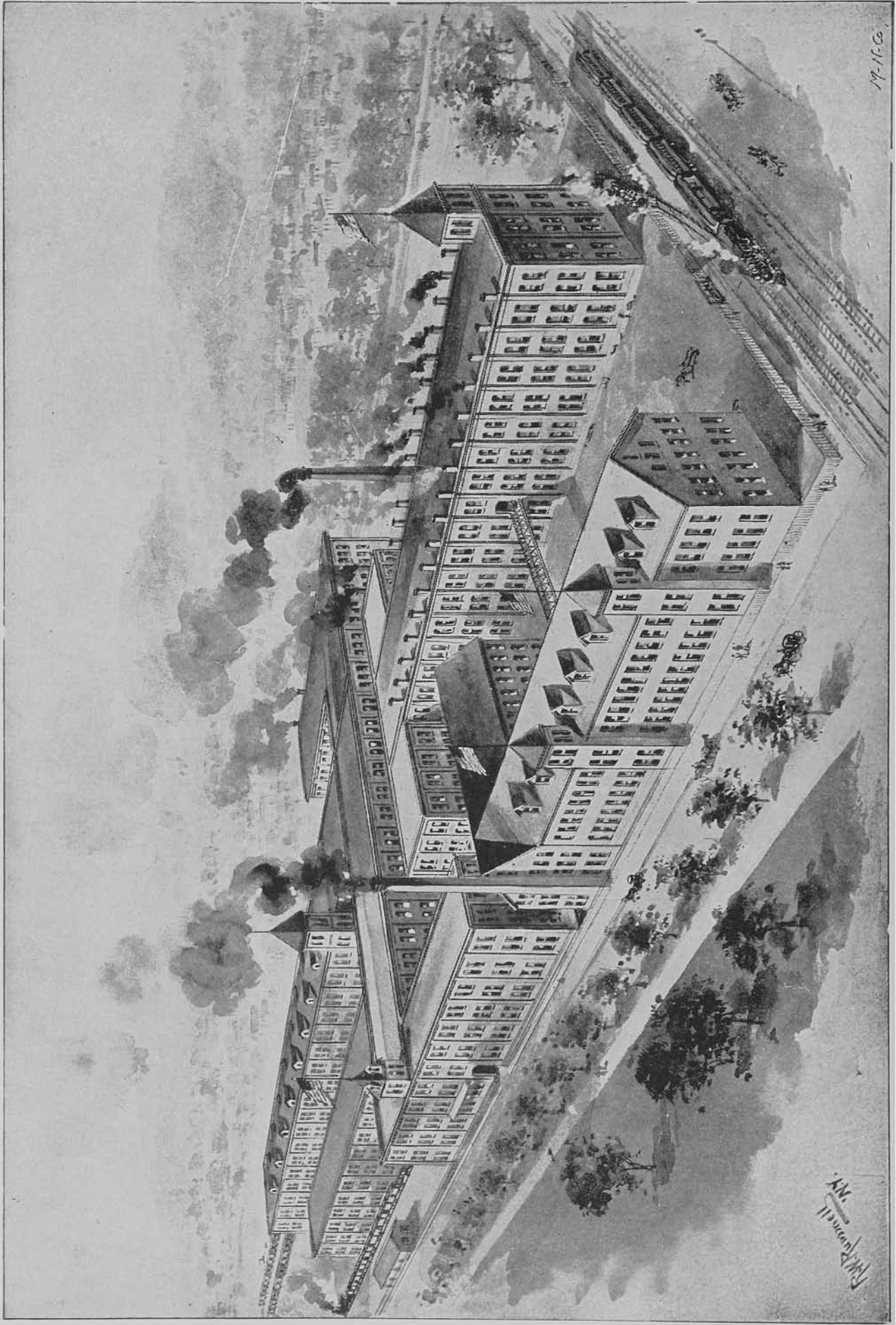
**Credit Where Due.**—The work of the photographer for the Souvenir is no light task. Therefore it is our purpose to give him credit. Butler, one of the Souvenir artists, should receive credit for the following views, which, by mistake, was improperly given: Portraits of G. W. McGraw and J. G. Osgood, p. 67; portraits of Policemen, p. 80; view of City Water Works, p. 77; portrait of H. T. Bushnell, p. 71; portrait of Walter V. Palmer, p. 74; portraits of N. Jay Peck and R. H. Beard, p. 66; portrait of Emmett F. Jennings, p. 51; view of Cobblestone Schoolhouse, (copy), p. 63; view of Ellis Omnibus Co.'s Works, (copy), p. 40; view of Railroad Stations, p. 25; view of Franklin Hatch Library, p. 24.



Harris, Photo.

DR. P. M. NEARY'S RESIDENCE.





GENERAL VIEW OF THE CORTLAND WAGON CO.'S WORKS.

**Cortland Wagon Co.**—Cortland is best known in the marts of the world as the home of the Cortland Wagon Co. This great establishment is not the resultant of a mere accident, nor has it reached its present colossal proportions at a single bound. Its early beginning was the creation of executive energy and enterprise, and its steady, sturdy growth has largely been the product of organizing ability, mechanical ingenuity and inventive genius of a high order. The embryo of this great carriage industry had its genesis in a little one story building on the present site of the Graham block on Port Watson street, where in the spring of 1866 Lawrence J. Fitzgerald began manufacturing carriages for the local trade. In 1869 Mr. Fitzgerald formed a partnership with O. C. Gee for

was found inadequate to supply the increasing demands of the trade. During the year 1875 Fitzgerald & Kinne changed the firm name to the "Cortland Wagon Manufacturing Co.," and in 1876 enlarged their manufacturing plant by the erection of a large additional building on the site of the present immense factories on East Court street. During the latter year 2,200 platform spring wagons were manufactured and sold. In the following year Mr. Kinne died, leaving the responsibility of the large and constantly increasing business on the shoulders of the surviving partner, who alone carried on the business with marked success until the 1st of January, 1879, when the present stock organization was formed and incorporated under the name of the Cortland Wagon Co. The char-

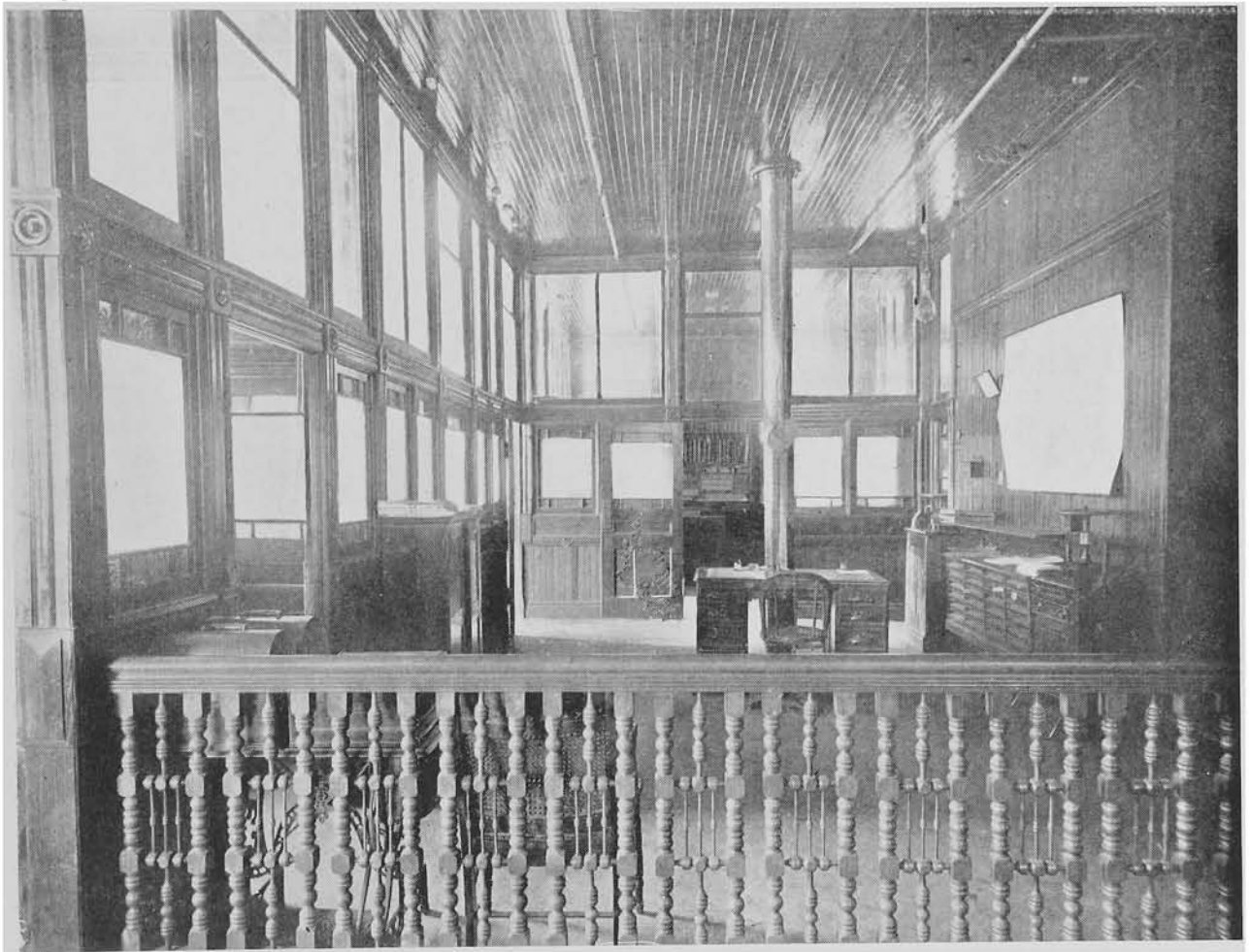


Photo by Hyatt.

OFFICE OF THE CORTLAND WAGON CO.'S WORKS.

the manufacture of carriages and sleighs. The business was carried on in a shop on West Court street, immediately in the rear of the present Wallace building on Main street. Early in the spring of 1872 Charles Kinne bought Mr. Gee's interest in the partnership, and soon after the firm of Fitzgerald & Kinne began the manufacture of platform spring wagons for the general trade. The immediate and increasing demand for these platform wagons compelled the erection of a more extensive manufacturing plant, hence on what is now the Central High school lot on Railroad street larger factories were erected, and in the spring of 1873 the platform wagon plant was moved into its new quarters on Railroad street. Soon the whole of the Railroad street lot was covered with factory buildings, and yet their capacity

ter directors of the new company were: L. J. Fitzgerald, W. D. Tisdale, Hugh Duffey, M. D. Welch. L. J. Fitzgerald was elected president, and Hugh Duffey vice-president and general superintendent. Although this company has increased in size and capital, these officers have held the offices to which they first were elected through consecutive years to the present time. During the first year of the existence of the new company nearly six thousand wagons were manufactured, which number was increased to eight thousand as the product of the following year. During 1880 new additional buildings were erected on the East Court street lot, and in 1881 the whole factories and offices were grouped together in their Court street home. This eligible location made possible the running of special railroad tracks into the works from the D., L. & W. and





Hyatt, Photo. L. J. FITZGERALD,  
President Cortland Wagon Co.

from the Lehigh Valley railroads. On Dec. 5, 1888, a disastrous fire broke out in the works and swept away the whole factory, save two buildings. In the following year the present magnificent factory structures were erected and equipped. Some idea of the size of the present factory may be conveyed by stating that the total floor space would cover nearly seven acres. Great as is the capacity of the enormous factory, it is frequently tested to its utmost during the busy season. The growth of the Cortland Wagon Co. has been phenomenal. Judged by the number and variety of work manufactured, by the excellent grade of work produced, as well as by the wide extent of territory into which the goods are shipped, this company holds a commanding position. The extent of the output has reached as high as 15,000 spring wagons and carriages, 5,000 carts and nearly 8,000 cutters and sleighs in a single year. From being manufacturers solely of platform spring wagons the company has become makers of spring wagons, buggies, carts, coaches and carriages of over 100 styles and varieties. They have offices and representatives in London, England, in Philadelphia, in Chicago and in San Francisco. The vehicles of the Cortland Wagon Co. have been sold not only in every state and territory of our own country, but also

have been shipped in large numbers to Mexico and South America, into nearly every European country, into China and India, into South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The Cortland Wagon Co. carried on an extensive trade in Canada until a few years ago when the Canadian prohibitory tariff made profitable shipment of goods into that territory impossible. To supply that trade the Cortland Wagon Co. organized a company and established carriage works at Brantford, Ontario, under the name of the Brantford Carriage Co., and now manufactures in that place for the Canadian trade nearly 5,000 carriages and sleighs annually. The abounding success of the Cortland Wagon Co. has been the means of starting many similar factories in different parts of the country, in which factories the machinery and mechanical arrangement of the Cortland Wagon Co. have been largely copied and followed. Factory and insurance inspectors openly assert that in labor-saving devices, in economical arrangements, in the perfection of mechanical details and in the simplicity and completeness of organization the Cortland Wagon factory stands unequalled. And when one enters these commodious buildings alive and teeming with the stir and movement of activity and enterprise and notes on every hand the utmost order method and system it is easy to give assent to the conclusion of the factory examiners. The Cortland Wagon Co. is making a higher grade of work from year to year. The grade of work manufactured this year is higher than in any previous year. The work shipped to-day bearing the manufacturing plate of the Cortland Wagon Co. is an unfailing guarantee of work of attested high grade. The work is made on honor and no matter how great the urgency, the rush, or the demand nothing is slighted. The motto of the manufacturing department—"Despatch Without Neglect"—is absolutely imperative on workmen and admits of no variation. Cortland is justly proud of this institution carried on by men whose minds are on

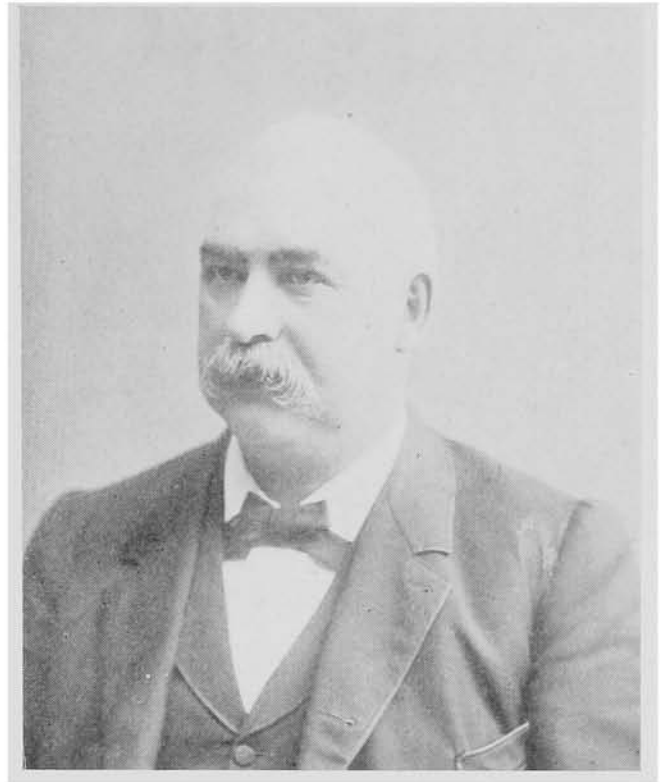


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L. J. FITZGERALD'S RESIDENCE.

a level and not above their business. If work is the true source of human welfare and happiness then these institutions that give opportunity for work must, in a sense, be viewed as benefactors not alone to those that toil but as well to those who reap advantages from those that toil. No business community deserves to thrive that fails to give lasting appreciation, encouragement and honor to all the institutions that are carried on by the vital union of head and hand, of labor and thought, for out of such a union shall constantly appear influences that make for greater light and larger life.

Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, the president and financier of the company, is prompt in the dispatch of business, and is approachable and affable. He is generous and loyal in his impulses, and is widely interested in a large number of enterprises. He is the owner of several stock farms, and possesses quite extensive agricultural interests. Mr. Fitzgerald was the incumbent of the office of State Treasurer during two terms, 1886-'7 and 1888-'9, being elected the first time in November, 1885, on a full gubernatorial and state ticket. Gov. Hill was running for his first full term as governor and Mr. Fitzgerald's associates on the state ticket in the successful issue of that campaign were such well-known Democrats as Frederick Cook of Rochester, Alfred C. Chapin of Brooklyn and Denis O'Brien of Watertown, since made a judge of the Court of Appeals. On his reelection in 1887, among his associates was Edward Wemple of Fultonville, one of the most picturesque figures in state politics. The result of both campaigns was so marked that every man on the winning ticket became prominent in the state. Mr. Fitzgerald has served a year as president of the village, four years as a member of the Board of Trustees, and two years as president of the Cortland County Agricultural society. He was one of the incorporators of the Second National



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Vice-President Cortland Wagon Co.

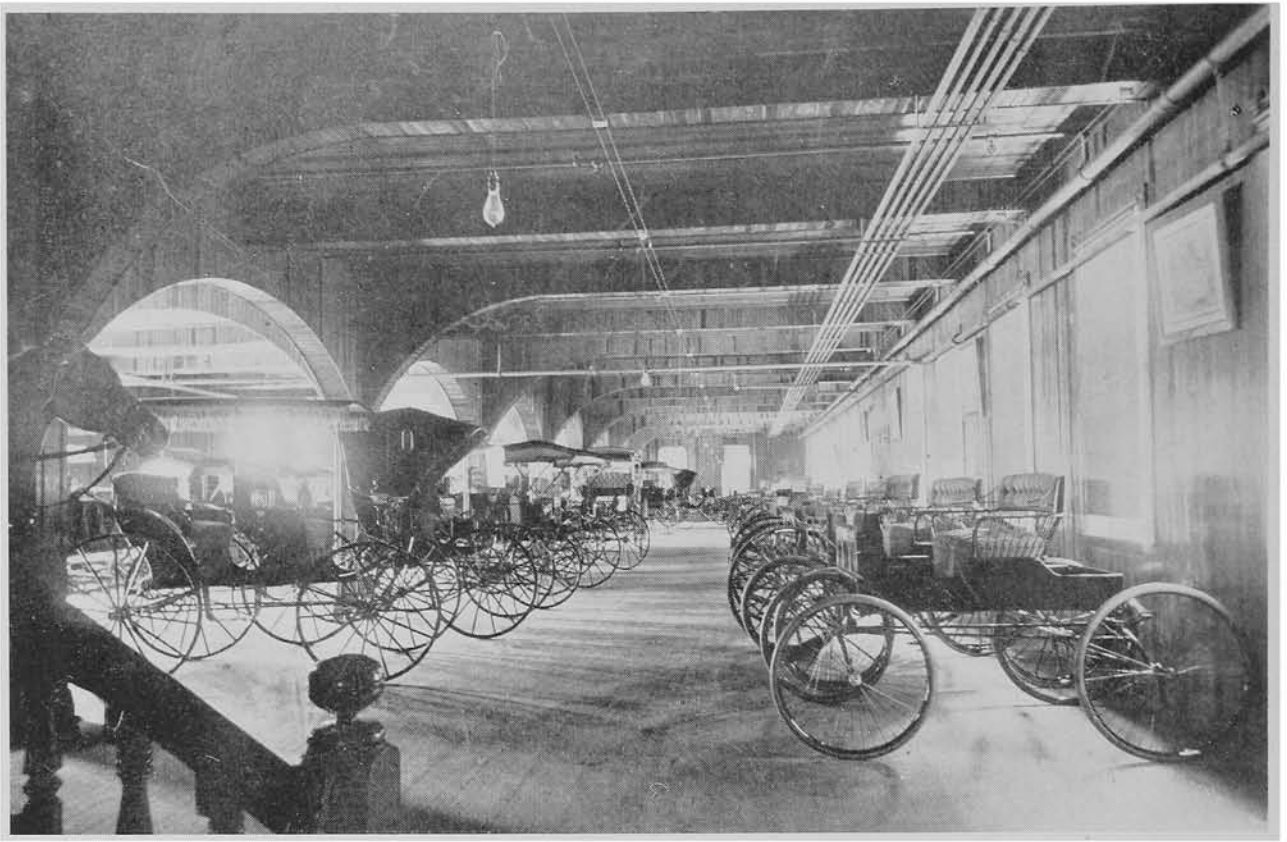
bank, of which he has been a director from the beginning, and he filled the position of vice-president down to within six years when he resigned; also being the vice-president of The National Bank of Cortland. As a member of the local board of the Cortland Normal school, of which he is the treasurer, Mr. Fitzgerald has been deeply interested in the prosperity of that institution. He was born in Skaneateles, Aug. 5, 1841, and educated in the Skaneateles academy. In that village he began the trade of wagon making, all of the details of which he mastered as a workman during nearly ten years he was employed in various shops, among them being S. W. Cately's at Tully, and factories in Auburn, Geneva and Homer. During the years 1862-'5 he was employed at Tully, coming to Homer in the latter year, and in Oct., 1865, marrying Joana Shea of that village.

The firm of Fitzgerald & Gee continued the business until 1872, when the latter sold out his interest to C. W. Kinne, and the firm of Fitzgerald & Kinne bought a tract of land on Railroad street, where they erected buildings capable of accommodating a more extensive plant. In 1875 new buildings were erected and the business was greatly extended both as to the capacity of the works and in the territory covered by their salesmen. On May 10, 1877, Mr. Kinne died, but the firm remained as hitherto, the Kinne estate retaining his interest in the business until the organization of the Cortland Wagon Co., two years later.



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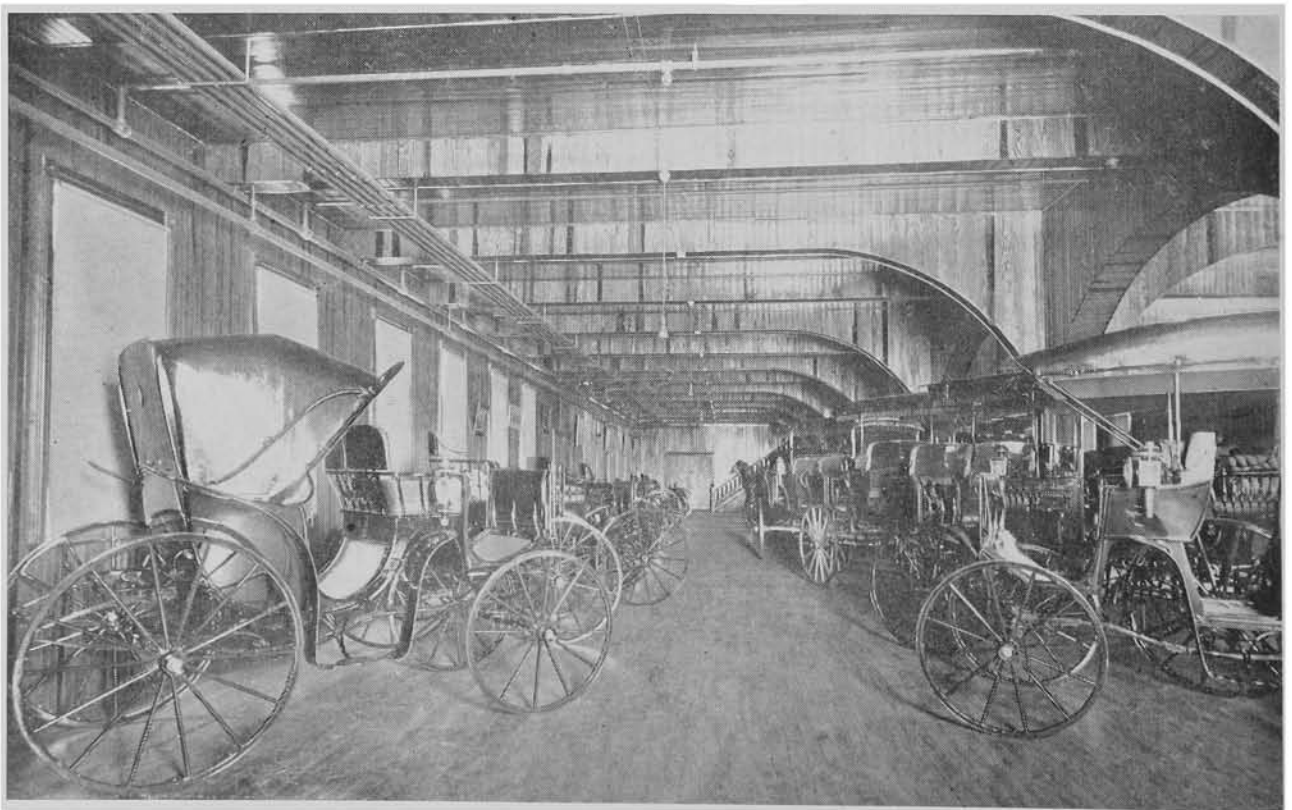




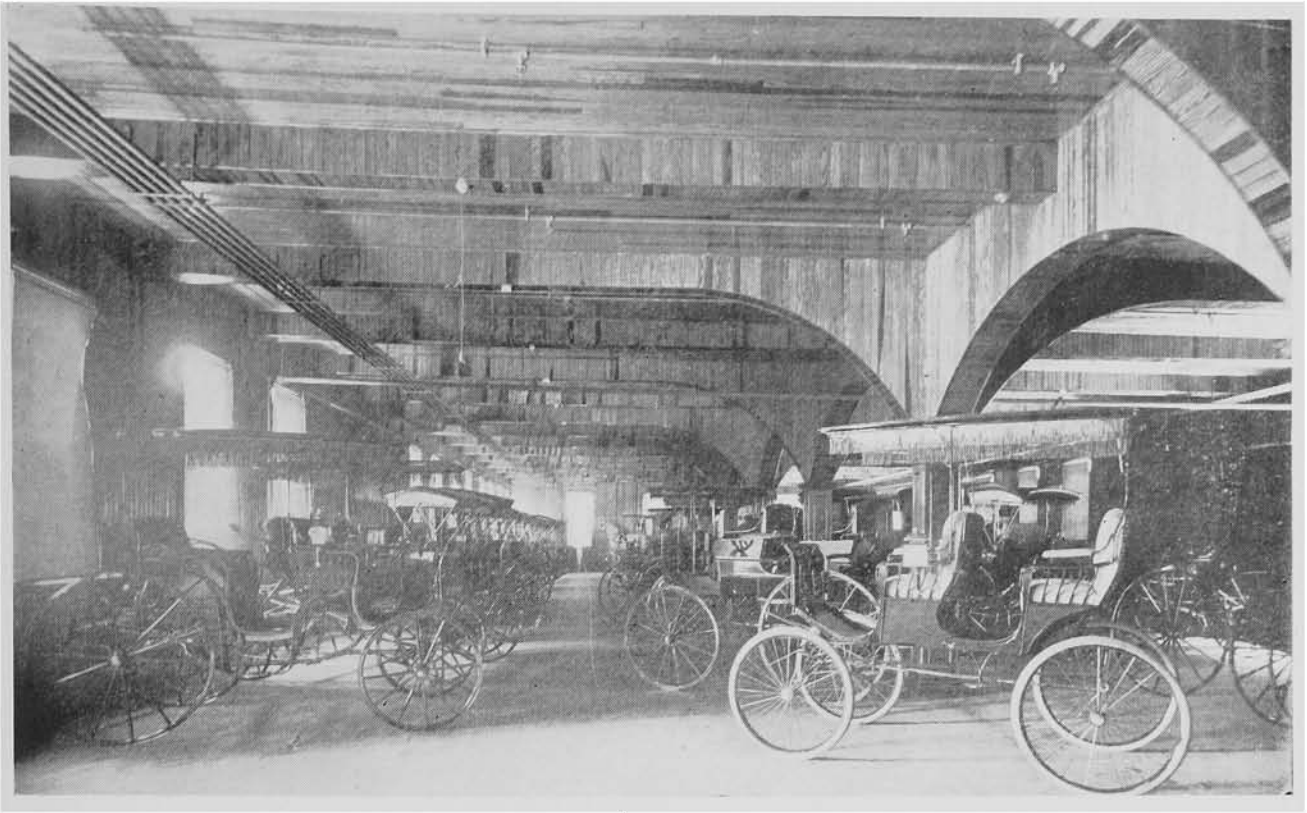
Hyatt, Photo. REPOSITORY CORTLAND WAGON CO., LOOKING EAST ON SOUTH SIDE.

Hugh Duffey, the vice-president and superintendent of the Cortland Wagon Co., is a man of commanding genius. He has not only supervising and organizing ability of a high order but has mechanical insight into the needs and power of machinery and the inventive genius to supply such needs. He is not only the inventor of most of the machinery used in the Cortland Wagon Co.'s factory, but much of the machinery that is to be found in other factories of the world. He is a master of details in all branches of vehicle construction, and he is so well informed of the actual cost of construction in every part of every wagon manufactured by the company that he can summon figures in items or in the aggregate at any

stage in the progress of a job without the necessity of figuring it out. At an age when most men are conservative he is radical in foreseeing the demands of the trade and progressive in keeping in the lead in the matter of style and finish of vehicles that are placed upon the market. He has been president of the village, member of the board of trustees, and has almost continuously held a civic office of trust. He is a firm believer in liberal public school education and was one of the most active in founding the present village school system, being a member of its original board of trustees. As a member of the local board of the State Normal School in this village he has been active and aggressive in seeing that the wants of



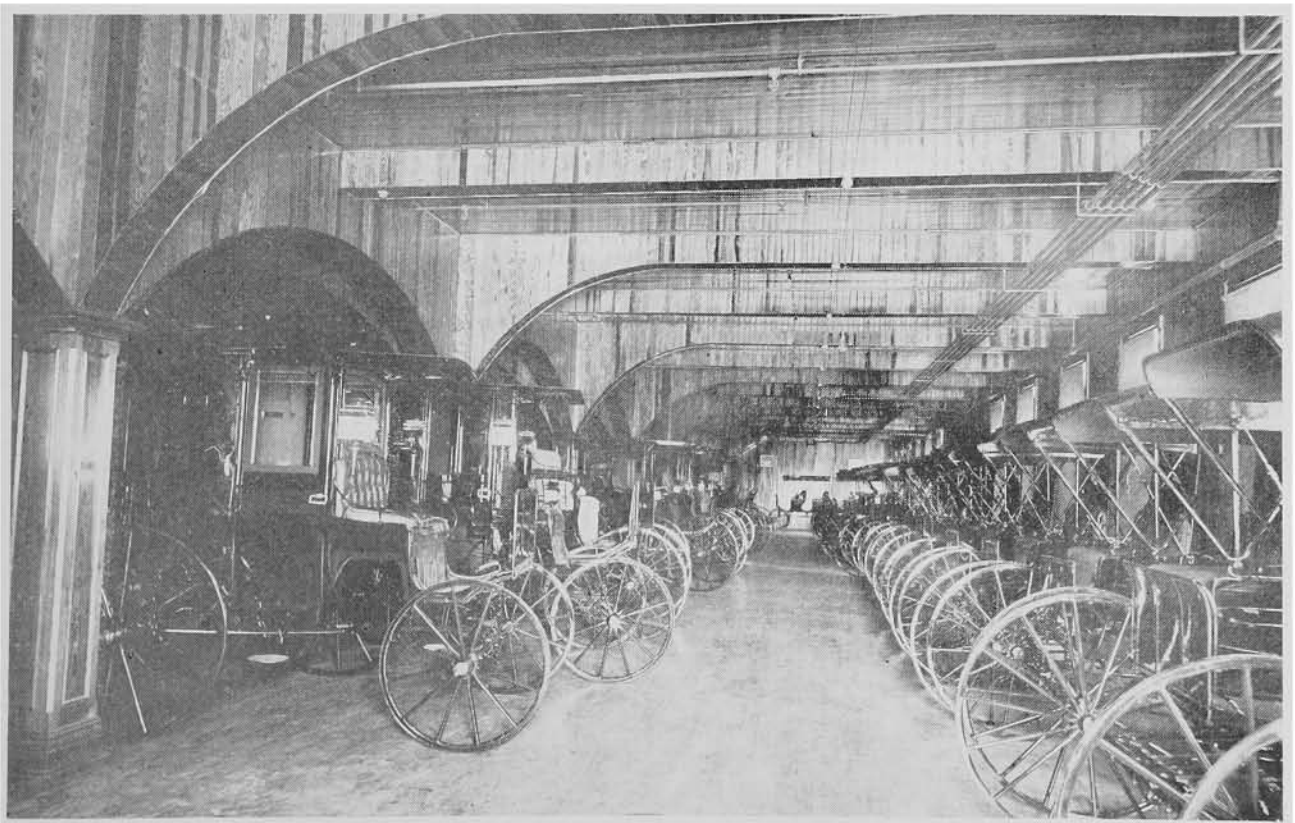
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Hyatt, Photo. REPOSITORY CORTLAND WAGON CO., LOOKING EAST ON NORTH SIDE.

the school are supplied ; and is always a generous upholder of organization and discipline. In politics he has been rightly classed as a stalwart Democrat. He has not only been chairman of the Democratic county organization for a long time, as well as a regular attendant at State conventions, and several times a delegate to the National conventions, but his counsel and advice have been sought for in the political circles of the state organization and greatly prized. On one occasion he was a candidate of his party for one of the responsible offices of the state. Mr. Duffey came to Cortland in the spring of 1875 with the Middletown Horseshoe Nail Co.'s works, of which he was one of the owners. The preceding year he had been in Cortland to secure a site and the erection of buildings. In 1879, when The Cortland

Wagon Co. was organized, Mr. Duffey was one of the incorporators, and was made the vice-president, which position he has since held. He was born in Portage, Wyoming county, June 10, 1840, and learned the trade of machinist and steam engineering in the Buffalo Steam Engine works. During the war he was chief engineer of a line of steamboats which conveyed troops and supplies for the Army of the Potomac. As a commissioner at the World's Fair at Chicago, where he represented the interests of Cortland, Mr. Duffey brought before public attention the products of its factories in a manner that undoubtedly made Cortland more widely known than ever. Mr. Duffey is the president and manager of the Brantford (Canada) wagon works, and is a director in the Homer & Cortland Traction Co.



Hyatt, Photo. REPOSITORY CORTLAND WAGON CO., LOOKING WEST ON NORTH SIDE.



**M. E. Sarvay**, who is engaged in the boot and shoe business at No. 13 Railroad street, came to Cortland in 1894 and bought out Passage & Overton, who were conducting the business at that place. The store is centrally located, spacious, completely stocked and is in every respect arranged and conducted to accommodate every demand that is made upon that line of business by the best class of trade. It is indeed an attractively fitted store. Mr. Sarvay's experience in the trade covers a period of fifteen years, beginning with his connection with the Tom Proctor company's store at Forestport, Oneida county, March, 1884, and continuing with the same house for ten years, seven of which were spent as manager of their store at Powell, Pa., from which place he came directly to Cortland in the year already mentioned. He was born in Watertown, May 29, 1865, and was educated in the schools of that city and at the Ives' seminary, afterwards taking a course in a business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In April, 1888, he married Mary Thorpe of Forestport, N. Y., and they have two children, John and Laura Sarvay.

**Impressions.**—Standing on the east side of Church street, where it meets Port Watson, on a beautiful evening in June of 1899, were the president of a well known college and the writer of these "Impressions of Cortland." We were looking north between the two rows of stately elms which here skirt the road; and while we were looking the writer received valuable, independent testimony to confirm his own opinion of the natural attractions of our village. It was from his companion, the college president, who said, emphatically: "I don't know of another village where you could find so handsome a column of elms as that." So speak all visitors; they have not long been in Cortland before the praise of its beauty is on their lips. But Cortland is not only to be spoken of because, as Bishop Heber says, "every prospect pleases." Cortland has many other advantages. It is the center and market of a thriving agricultural region, a recognized headquarters of all manufactures connected with the great wagon and carriage industry, and in a peculiar way the home—as its



Butler, Photo. M. E. SARVAY.

people reflect with much satisfaction—of a large and progressive concern, whose product takes the highest rank wherever screen wire in its various forms is spoken of. Cortland's public schools are good, for the gratifying reason that the people have elected to the responsible office of trustees public spirited men who consult, not intermittently and perfunctorily, but regularly and heartily, the important concern of the common schools, and inspire and support the efforts of an efficient superintendent and of an admirable corps of teachers. The Cortland Normal school is an institution which brings students from all parts of the state to our village, for it is conducted with energy and success, and its graduates have far more than a local or even a state reputation, being in demand all over the country. To the present writer it does not seem that "Impressions of

Cortland" would be complete without mention of the distinct benefit this village enjoys in its admirable hotels. And if Cortland's hotels serve to recommend it to the traveling public, its excellent water supply forms no small addition to its attractions as a permanent place of residence. Then, here are alert merchants with well-kept stores, strong banking institutions, and, which is a fact full of promise, the determination on the part of the people of Cortland not to rest satisfied with all these advantages, but to go on steadily in the march of improvement.—

AMOS WATKINS.



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INTERIOR OF M. E. SARVAY'S STORE.

**Gladding & Brown**, the proprietors of the Cortland Steam Laundry, have developed from a business started in a small way by Leander Stebbins in 1880 to an establishment which turns out all grades of work, from coarse goods to the finest draperies and tapestries. H. C. Beebe succeeded Stebbins in 1882, and down to 1895 he was followed by several different proprietors. On Oct. 4 of 1895 the business passed into the hands of Gladding & Card, who came to Cortland from Norwich. In February, 1899, Mr. Dwight W. Brown bought Mr. Card's interest, and since then the firm has been Gladding & Brown. The laundry occupies two floors of a building on the corner of Clinton avenue and Washington street. It is equipped fully with not only the best laundry machinery, but machines used for cleaning carpets and renovating feathers. The power is supplied by a 40-horse power boiler and a 20-horse power engine. It is fitted with steam condensers so that filtered water, which is the best for laundry purposes, may be used, and has two steam dry rooms. Two wagons are used for collecting and delivering laundry. Mr. A. L. Gladding was born in Otselic, Chenango county, in 1864. In 1883 he entered the employ of H. C. Beebe in Cortland, and was with him for four years, when he went to Norwich and bought the laundry of Joseph Windsor and conducted it for eight years. Then he returned to Cortland, and in company with Mr. B. I. Card bought the Cortland Steam Laundry. He was married to Edith M. Frisbie of Norwich Feb. 11, 1890. He is a member of the John L. Lewis Lodge of Odd Fellows. Dwight W. Brown was born in Plymouth, Chenango county, Dec. 18, 1843. For ten years he worked in the grocery of A. Bosworth at Norwich, N. Y., and later the grocery of E. L. Smith, afterward being employed by Harrington, the gardener. He came to Cortland at the time he went into partnership with Mr. Gladding. He married Frances T. Blackman of Norwich on Feb. 28, 1884.



A. L. GLADDING. (Butler, Photo.) D. W. BROWN.

**The Cortland Village Female Seminary** was incorporated by an act of the legislature in April, 1828. The payment of \$10 admitted to membership and the right to vote for trustees. The same year the school was opened in an old building, once used for a tavern, which stood back a short distance from Main street, about where McKinney & Doubleday's store now stands. The building was fitted up with accommodations for boarding pupils, and that part of the institution was placed in charge of Oliver Brewster, recently arrived from Onondaga. Miss Jane Ingersoll of Springfield, Mass., was appointed principal, with Miss Brewster as assistant, Miss McDonald of Ithaca teacher of drawing, and Miss Dutton of New Haven teacher of music. This institution flourished for about ten years, when it was closed to make room for the Cortland academy. A large number of young ladies who afterwards became well known in the society of Central New York were educated at this seminary.

#### **Town Clerks, Cortlandville.**

—List from organization of the town: Homer Gillett, 1831-'37; Tercius Eels, 1838-'40; J. C. Pomeroy, 1841, '43, '44; R. A. Reed, 1842; Adin Webb, 1845-'63; H. A. Randall, 1864-'67; A. N. Rounselle, 1868; W. J. Mantanye, 1869; Lewis Bouton, 1870; George L. Waters, 1871, '72; George S. Sands, 1873, '74; L. P. Hollenbeck, 1875-'83; H. A. Dickinson, 1884-'90; Wm. Corcoran, 1891-'93; Edmond C. Alger, 1894-'96; H. H. Pudney, 1898-'99.



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GLADDING & BROWN'S LAUNDRY.



**Early Business Ventures.**—Among those who first engaged in trade in Cortland were Nathan Luce, who, in 1818, built a tavern which with subsequent enlargements became known as the Eagle Tavern. Jacob Wheeler, in 1812, was the village blacksmith and William Bartlit, three years later was the village harness maker. In 1810 James and Samuel Percival started the Cortland Courier in Homer. In 1815 James Percival started the Cortland Republican in Cortland. Asahel Lyman built a brick structure on Main street, corner of Groton avenue, (see view, page 111) in 1816 and carried on a general mercantile business which subsequently went into the hands of A. P. and G. N. Lyman. In the course of the next four years Lyman & Blair went into business and Charles W. Lynde also opened a store about that time. William and Roswell Randall opened a store about 1813, and very soon after had two stores. They were very large dealers and supplied a large extent of the surrounding country. They also operated distilleries and asheries. William Elder is

has ever since been known as "the dry goods corner." A year or two later Sylvester Blair became his partner. The firm of Lyman & Blair dissolved in 1826, and the former continued the business until 1840 when he was succeeded by his sons, Asahel P. and George N. Lyman who discontinued the business in 1846 and went west. Samuel Blair, another well-known resident of Cortland, came here in 1817 and engaged in the business of a cooper. His son Chauncey, years afterwards became a prominent banker in Chicago. About the close of the first half of the century, say fifty years ago, about all the business done in Cortland was largely on the east side of Main street between Port Watson street and Clinton avenue. Daniel Bradford kept a drug store. J. W. Sturtevant & Co., W. O. Barnard, Orin Stimpson, Asa Lyman and James Van Valen were in general trade; Henry Brewer had a harness shop and store, J. McFarlan, a furniture store, Homer Gillett, L. Cudworth and I. M. Seaman, groceries; A. & S. D. Freer, hardware.



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THE COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

mentioned as a large tanner about 1824. Later he opened a boot and shoe store in Cortland, doing considerable manufacturing. Eleazer W. Edgcomb and Adin Webb formed a co-partnership in the mercantile business in 1823. Another prominent firm was Webb & Bishop. Truman Doud was an active and influential business man of Cortland. Daniel Laisdell was a large furniture dealer in those days. Charles W. and George Lynde were both prominent and influential merchants. The earliest law firm of prominence consisted of Judge Oliver Wiswell and Judge Stephens. Tercius Eels also conducted a general store in the early days of the village which stood on the site of the Garrison block. Large numbers of horses and cattle were collected at Cortland from time to time and shipped to Philadelphia. Among those engaged in that trade were Truman Doud, Harry Griffin, Gideon Messenger, Rufus Jennings, Joshua Ballard and Bela Pierce. Asahel Lyman, already mentioned, opened the first dry goods store at Main street and Groton avenue, which

**The Court House** first erected in Cortland county stood on what is popularly called Court House Hill, fronting the street now known as Monroe Heights. (See view, page 34. The building may be seen, dimly, in the street perspective of the view, "Court, Corner Church Street, 1840," on page 3). It was a wooden structure, with a steeple and spire, about two blocks west from and facing Main street. The site, which cuts across the head of Court street, is now tilled land. The building was erected in 1812-'13, at an expense of \$1,600, payable in six irregular installments specified in the contract. Seven hundred dollars of the contract price was accepted by the contractor, Josiah Cushman, in material. The present structure at Church and Court streets, built of brick, is a substantial building, and is an ornament to the village. It is one of the best constructed buildings in any town the size of Cortland.

**E. R. Wright** came to Cortland April 1, 1899, with an experience of about twenty years as an undertaker and funeral director, and bought out Fletcher & Bangs, who were located on Clinton avenue. On July 1 he purchased the large residential property of H. C. Johnson at No. 16 Gorton avenue, refitting the house and stables to secure the necessary accommodations and conveniences for his business. These improvements included arranging and furnishing commodious apartments in the house for warerooms and the accommodation of funeral parties, a convenience of no small importance in many cases where his services are required by people coming from out of town. By putting up an addition to the buildings in the rear 40 x 70, he secured room for a workshop and convenient and ample storage facilities for the paraphernalia of his business. With an equipment consisting of modern hacks, open and closed surreys, single carriages, an ambulance (placed at the disposal of the public) and hearse, and with several teams of black horses, his outfit is all that the public demands. Charles L., his son and assistant, like his father, proficient in all parts of the business, is in charge during the latter's absence. Mr. Wright was born in Webster, Monroe county, Sept. 22, 1851, and attended school in that village. In February, 1879, he started in the business he has since followed, and thoroughly acquired, at Avon Springs, Livingston county, where he continued it with success until he removed to Cortland. In 1874 he married Alice G. Willard of Webster, N. Y. He is a member of the Masonic order, the I. O. R. M. and the U. O. A. M.

**Rev. Amos Watkins** was born in London, Eng., July, 1853. He was educated in a private school and in one of the schools of the city of London, which correspond nearly to the High schools of our own country. During his school days he passed both the Junior and Senior examinations for schools of secondary education conducted by the University of Oxford. He was a teacher on the staff of the Lincoln Cathedral schools and of King Charles the First's school, Kidderminster, and of other educational institutions. Was matriculated at the University of London, but came to the United States in 1882 before taking his degree.



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Was graduated from the Illinois State Normal school in 1886, and appointed principal of the High school, Pueblo, Col. There he studied for holy orders under the direction of the Rt. Rev. J. F. Spalding, D. D. In 1889 he was ordained to the ministry, and was assigned by Bishop Spalding to missionary work at various points in the Arkansas valley, in the eastern portion of the state. Two years later he was called to the rectorship of St. Peter's church, Pueblo. In November, 1893, he became rector of Grace church, Cortland, where he is now in the seventh year of his ministry. In 1883 Mr. Watkins married Miss Agnes Harvey of Kidderminster, Eng. They have three sons, James K., Herbert G., and John R., aged 13, 11 and 8 years, respectively. Mr. Watkins is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and chaplain of the Cortlandville lodge, No. 470.



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E. R. WRIGHT'S UNDERTAKING BUILDING AND RIGS.