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THE CHOIR OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

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Gentlemen (left to right)—John Grant, John P. Lanigan, James Walsh, William Walsh, Charles B. Dowd, F. W. Lanigan, director, James Beha, Charles McEvoy, James Schermerhorn, John F. Byrnes, Joseph P. McGuire.

Ladies (upper row)—Katharine Coligan, Katherine Gamell, Mrs. D. Kernan, Kitty Walsh, Margaret B. Lanigan, Mary Constantine, Augusta Crossman, Elizabeth Byrnes.

Ladies (second row)—Anna Burns, Mrs. F. W. Lanigan, organist, Josie Sullivan, Katherine Littleton.

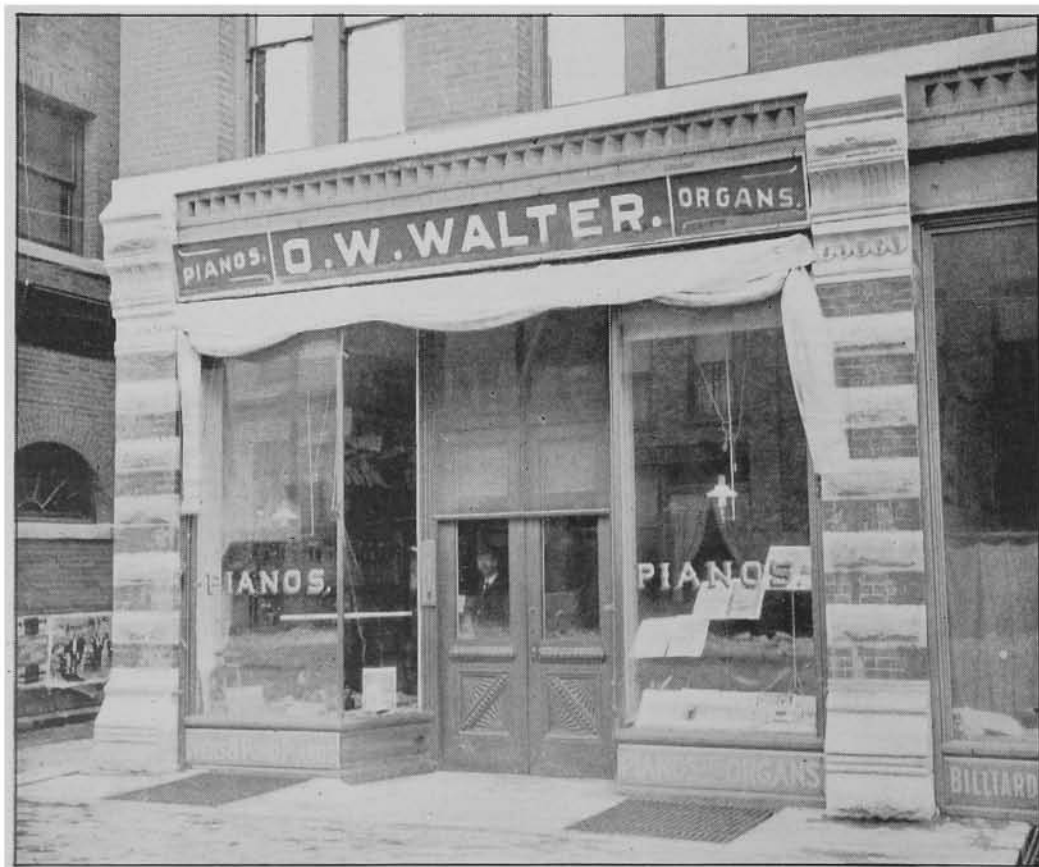
Ladies (lower row)—Agnes Moran, Nora Littleton, Frances Moran, Elizabeth O'Connell.

tenor, Frank W. Lanigan, John F. Byrnes, Joseph McGuire, John Walsh, Charles F. McEvoy, James Schermerhorn; bass, John Lanigan, James Walsh, William Walsh, John Grant, James A. Beha, Charles B. Dowd.

O. W. Walter, the well-known dealer in pianos, organs and musical instruments of all description, also the latest and most popular compositions, vocal and instrumental, is located in the Cortland House block at No. 6 Groton avenue. Mr. Walter caters to the best trade and handles the popular,

as well as the high grade instruments. He is the sole agent for Cortland county for many of the leading makes of pianos and organs, included among which are Ives & Pond, Shoninger, Behning and Capen and the Carpenter and Hamilton organs. He is undoubtedly, through his activity and push, extending his trade through the villages and country adjoining Cortland to the extent that he is admitted to be the leader in his line in this county. O. W. Walter established the business in 1892 at 25 North Main street and two years ago

moved to his present location. He has had twenty years' experience and was first in business for himself at Whitney Point, where he was located for six years. He was born at Newark Valley, Tioga Co., June 21, 1855, and was married to Miss Jennie Bishop of Newark Valley in June, 1881. He is a member of Vesta lodge, I. O. O. F.



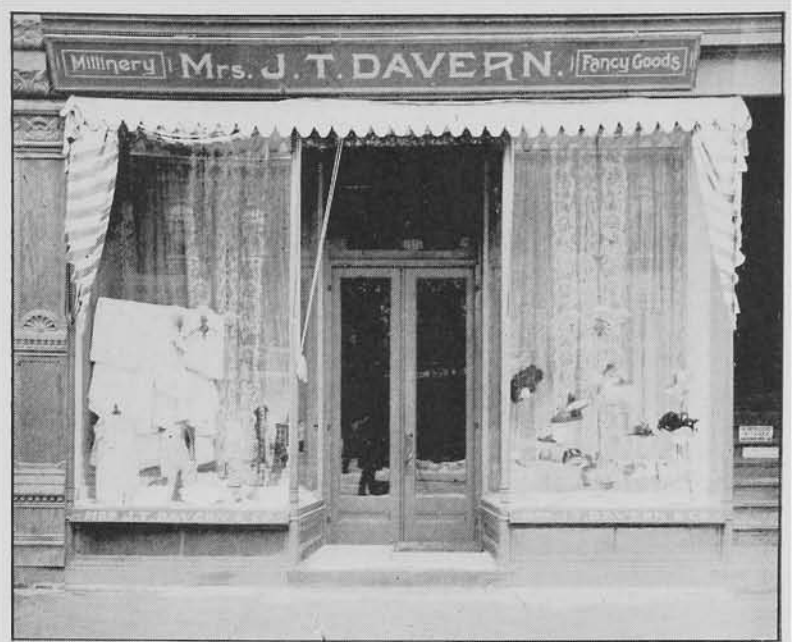
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O. W. WALTER'S MUSIC STORE.

The Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Mary's church was organized September 19, 1880, by Rev. Thos. McLoghlin, with a membership of about twenty-five, with Miss Kate Feore, president and Miss Eliza Johnson, secretary and treasurer. The society meets semi-monthly, and now has an active membership of fifty. The officers now are: Miss Mary F. Dowd, president, and Miss Louise Martin, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. J. T. Davern & Co. have conducted the ladies' furnishing and millinery business in their present location, No. 8 Main street, for the past seven years. This firm was for the seven years prior to that time in the Churchill building on North Main street, they having moved their business from the old Samson block into that building as soon as it was finished and ready for occupancy. Mrs. Davern is a practical milliner and ladies' furnisher, who has had experience in the best stores in Syracuse, having been connected with N. Peters & Son on Clinton street, the New York store on Genesee street and other establishments. When she began trade in Cortland it was in the old Samson block, where she started exclusively in the millinery line. Mrs. Davern's taste and skill soon became well known in Cortland and vicinity, with the result that her millinery trade not only grew beyond the accommodations in the old block, but the ladies came to her for assistance and advice in the matter of ladies' furnishings, which led the firm to increase the scope of the business by putting in all kinds of ready-to-wear clothing for the ladies. The store where the business is now being conducted is 28 x 90 feet with a basement done off for a stock room, and a workshop. The extent of the business is shown in the fact that this firm in the busy seasons employs clerks and work ladies, twenty assistants, including the best that can be had, those who have had the teaching and experience of the best city millinery establishments. Mrs. Davern gives her personal attention to the millinery department, while Mr. J. T. Davern does all of the buying and has charge of the financial part of the business.

Altar Society of St. Mary's.—In all Catholic churches the altar receives special care. This gives opportunities to the piously disposed who have leisure to keep the linen coverings immaculate, the candelabra whether brass, silver, or gold polished to the last degree and the flowers



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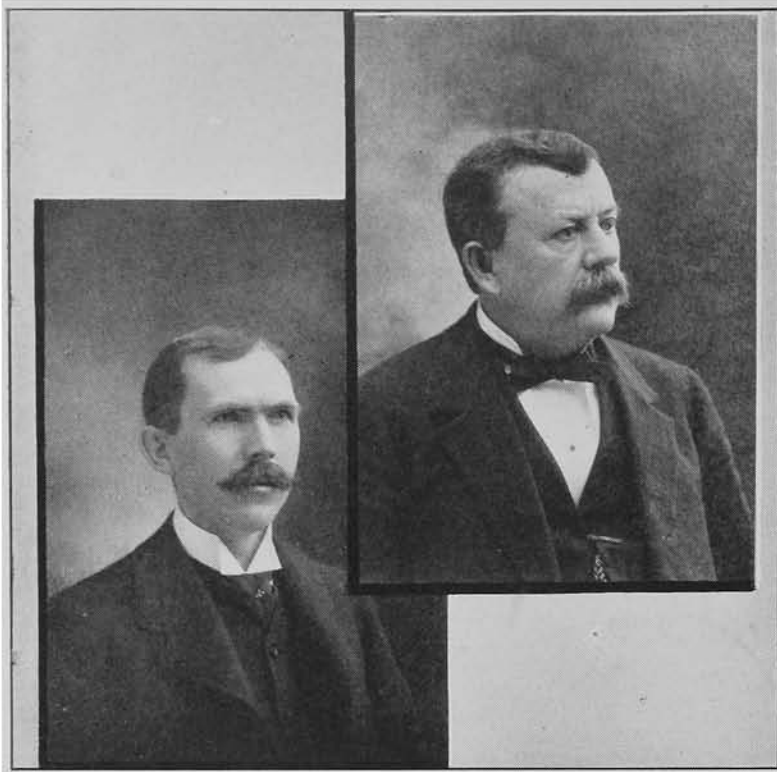
freshly arranged according to the best taste. Any amount of money may be expended on the fine linens and the beautiful laces which are often interwoven with gold and silver threads and jewels. The floral decorations vary from beautiful violets and other wild flowers gathered for the purpose by little children to the most expensive hothouse roses. In order that this work may be carried on with the necessary system, societies are formed whose members are pledged to the work. The Altar society of St. Mary's of the Vale was organized about 1880 by Rev. Thomas McLoghlin, who was assistant pastor at that time. The society is now composed of over sixty members. The officers for the present year are: President, Mrs. P. H. Dowd; vice-president, Mrs. D. Kernan; secretary and treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Quinlan.

In the War of '61 Cortland county lost by death on the field 233 men and raised by issuing bonds to pay bounties \$610,070. Three companies,

E, F and G, respectively, commanded by Capt. Robert P. Bush, John W. Strowbridge and Albert H. Barber, went to the front with the 185th regiment, mustered into service Sept. 22, 1864, and mustered out June 10, 1865. Martin C. Clark commanded a company which joined the 23d regiment at Elmira, mustered in May 16, 1861. Eight hundred men were recruited in Cortland in December, 1861, who went out from Albany with the 76th regiment, commanded by Col. N. W. Green of this village. At the same time Cortland sent Captain Andrew W. McNett with a company in the 93d and Captain J. V. White with another company in the 3d N. Y. Artillery. The 157th



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F. J. PECK, Cashier. (Hyatt, Photo.) S. S. KNOX, Pres't.

was raised chiefly in Cortland county and mustered into service at Hamilton, Madison Co., Sept. 19, 1862. [See history of the 76th, 157th and 185th regiments on other pages.]

The National Bank of Cortland was organized as a national bank May 13, 1875, it having previously been conducted for six years as a state bank. On Feb. 4, 1869, Articles of Association were subscribed to by several shareholders establishing a state bank, to be known as The Bank of Cortland, with a capital stock of \$100,000, which was organized with the following officers and directors: James S. Squires, president; James A. Schermerhorn, vice-president; B. B. Woodworth, cashier and teller; F. H. Hibbard, S. E. Welch, Samuel Seager, C. C. Taylor, Lucius Babcock, William H. Shankland, H. P. Goodrich, Horatio Ballard, Jerome Hulbert, J. C. Pomeroy, S. R. Hunter, A. B. Lamont. At a meeting held on May 13, 1875, it was voted to reorganize as a national bank under the name of The National Bank of Cortland, with a capital of \$100,000. The first officers and directors were: James S. Squires, president; B. B. Woodworth, cashier; E. M. Hulbert, A. B. Lamont, Samuel Seager, S. R. Hunter, G. L. Cole, S. E. Welch, Wesley Hooker, Martin Merrick, G. N. Copeland, O. A. Kinney and Hamil-

ton Putnam. Mr. Squires was succeeded by Mr. Wesley Hooker as president of the bank in January, 1884, Mr. Hooker retiring from that position in January, 1897, when Mr. Stratton S. Knox was elected to succeed him. Mr. Woodworth acted as cashier until succeeded by Mr. Charles E. Selover, in January, 1877, who in turn was succeeded by Mr. F. J. Peck in August, 1889. In the fall of 1888 the capital stock was increased to \$125,000. The total dividends paid to the stockholders of The National Bank of Cortland since its reorganization as a national bank, or during the period of twenty-five years, amount in the aggregate to \$203,112.50. During this time there have been accumulated as a surplus, including undivided profits, \$67,726.50. The bank has steadily grown in business, the last statement to the comptroller—January, 1900—showing the deposits to have amounted to \$391,641.45; its loans and discounts, the largest of any Cortland bank, were \$450,825.18. The officers and directors are: Stratton S. Knox, president; L. J. Fitzgerald, vice-president; Edward H. Brewer, Chas. W. Collins, H. M. Kellogg and W. J. Perkins of Cortland; H. C. Hendrick of McGraw; B. F. Taylor, G. J. Mager, F. H. Cobb and C. F. Thompson of Cortland; Peter D. Muller of Truxton; B. R. Corning of Cincinnati; William Martin and Frank J. Peck, of Cortland. The cashier is Mr. F. J. Peck and the assistant cashier, Mr. Henry L. Peckham.

Stratton S. Knox, president of the bank, has practiced law with success in Cortland for nearly twenty-five years. His special line is in office, real estate, surrogate and reference practice, and in settling up estates. He occupied the office of county judge and surrogate, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket in 1883, for a term of six years. In 1895 he was retained by The



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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CORTLAND.

National Bank of Cortland as attorney, and has ever since taken charge of its legal affairs, being elected president of the bank in 1897. Judge Knox was one of the most active citizens in securing for Cortland a system of modern sewers, which was the result of an agitation started previous to 1892, in which year a board of commissioners was created to carry the project into effect. He received the appointment as one of the board and was made its president, a position he has since occupied. While the judge has given no considerable time to politics, he is recognized as a firm Democrat, who has seen more or less service in party conventions and at the polls. He was born in the town of Colesville, Broome Co., Feb. 5, 1845. His early schooling was obtained in the district school and the Windsor academy. Later he spent part

ment was laid. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and chapter, and has occupied the post of Master of the lodge during the period of five years.

Mr. F. J. Peck was born in Aurora, Province of Ontario, Canada, March 15, 1864. When he was about a year old his parents came to Cortland county and located in Solon. His father, Rufus T. Peck, is well known in politics, because of the fact that he was member of assembly three years, 1889, '90 and '91, and as a candidate for state senator from this district in 1895 he lost his seat after a spirited contest, which attracted general attention. From Jan. 1, 1870, to Dec. 31, 1875, inclusive, (two terms) he served as school commissioner, second district. Mr. F. J. Peck was ten years of age when his home was transferred to Cortland. He was a pupil in the Normal



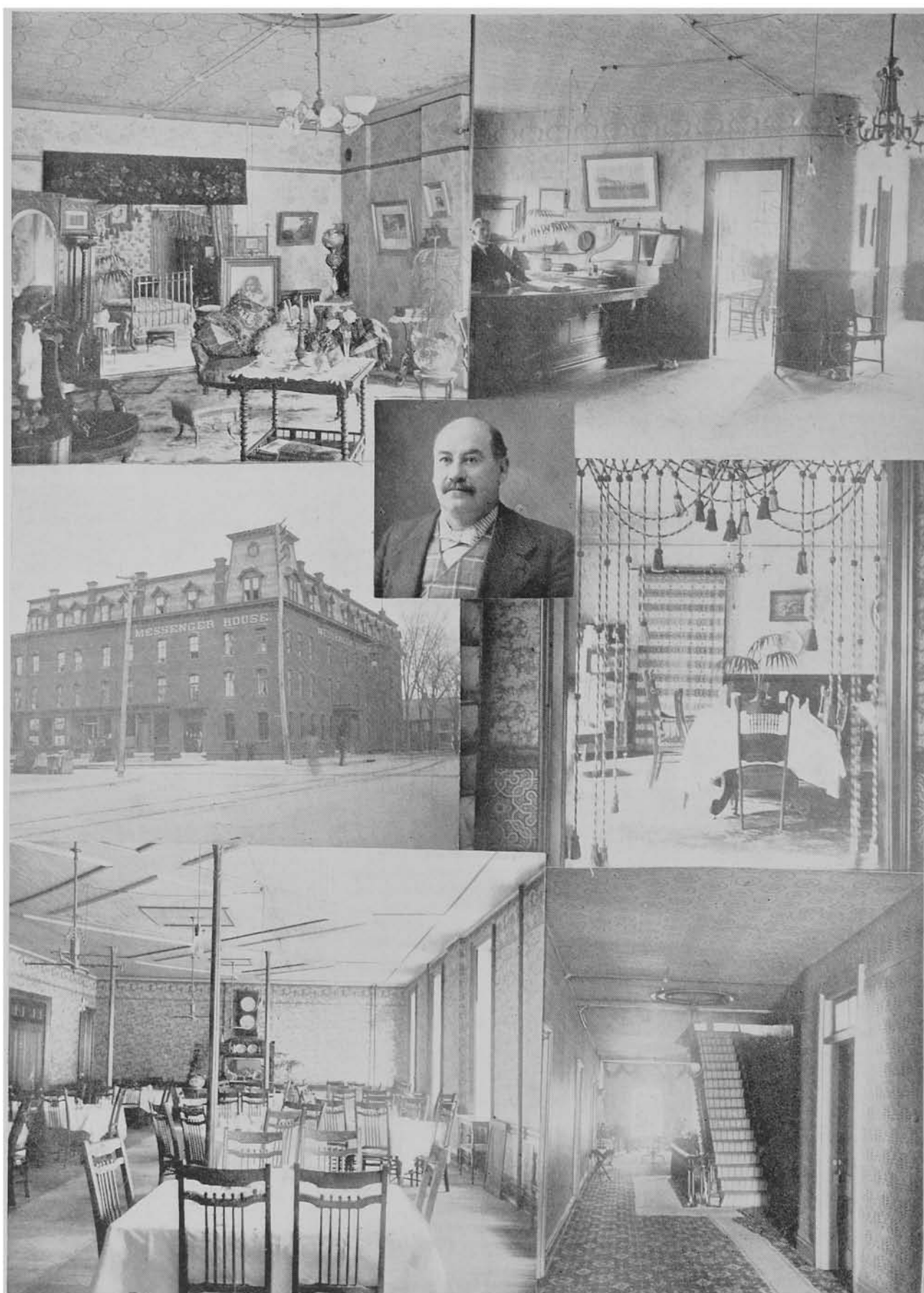
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INTERIOR VIEWS OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF CORTLAND.

of his time teaching school and getting a higher education. In 1869 he came to Cortland, and two years later was graduated at the Normal school. In the fall of 1871 he entered upon an optional course at the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Ct., and the following year entered the law office of M. M. Waters, in Cortland, where he pursued the study of law until admitted to the bar at the General term in Schenectady, N. Y., September, 1875. Before the close of the year he had entered into partnership with Mr. Waters, which continued until the latter located in Syracuse, in 1881. Judge Knox was married to Myra W., the daughter of M. M. Waters, Dec. 25, 1873. During the years of 1895-'6 and '7 he was village attorney. It was during his term that the question of modern pavements came before the people, and before he had retired from that office the Railroad street pave-

ment was laid. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and chapter, and has occupied the post of Master of the lodge during the period of five years.

The Cortland County Farmers' Club was organized Feb. 13, 1878. John D. Barber, Allen B. Benham, T. Mason Loring, A. P. Rowley, A. D. Blodgett, Dwight H. Hitchcock, Jas. M. Smith, Charles Copeland and Charles H. Price were active in keeping up an interest in this club in the beginning, and many well-known speakers and practical farmers have given time to the discussion of pertinent topics before the club, among whom were Prof. Roberts and Prof. Law of Cornell, Hon. Harris Lewis, once the president of the State Dairymen's association, Mr. Powell of Syracuse, Hon. B. F. Tillinghast, Prof. J. H. Hoose and Prof. James M. Milne.



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VIEWS OF THE MESSENGER HOUSE.

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The Parlors.
View from Port Watson and Main Sts.
The Dining Room.

O. L. Ingraham, Prop'r.

The Office.
Private Dining Room.
Main Hall, Parlor Floor.



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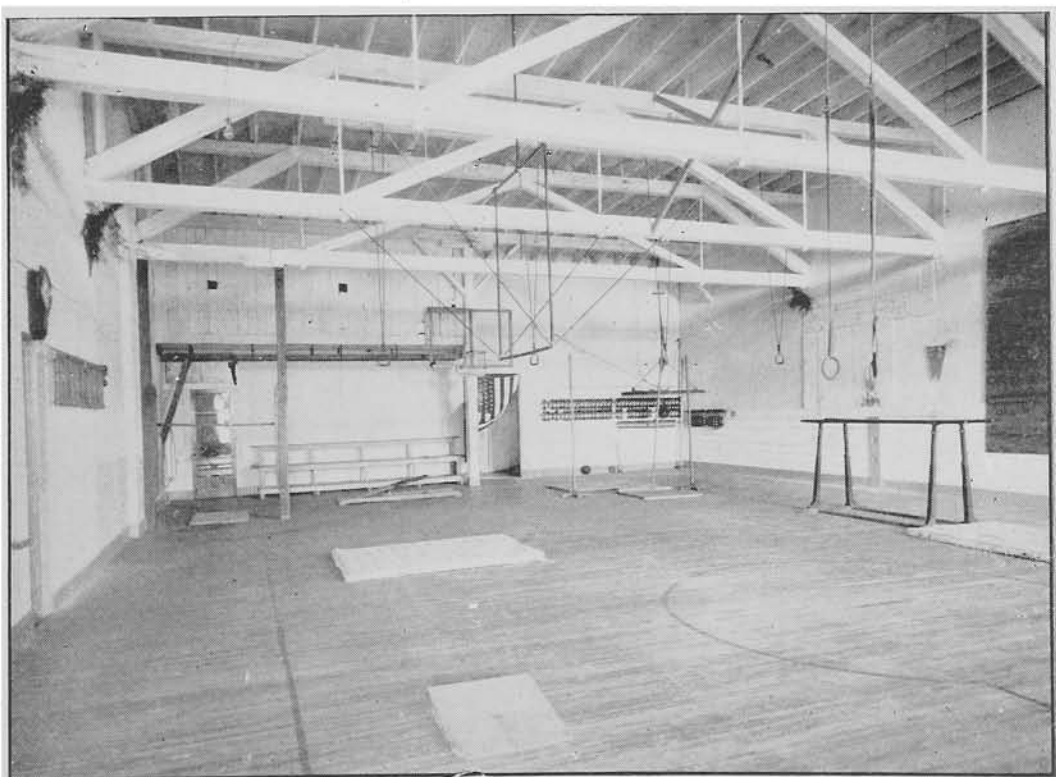
THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

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Miss Elizabeth Turner, Miss Mead, Mrs. Blodgett, Miss Mary White, Mrs. Booth.
Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. McDowell, Miss Allen, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss McGraw, Miss Stone.
Mrs. McGraw, Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Smith, Miss Hinman, Miss Brown.
Miss Edith Turner, Miss Cornelia White, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Jarvis, Miss Halbert, Mrs. Hollenbeck, Mrs. Ames.
ABSENT—Mrs. Kinney, Miss McCulloch, Mrs. Stilson, Mrs. Van Hoesen, Miss Van Hoesen, Mrs. Webb.

The Messenger House, standing at the corner of Port Watson and Main streets, on a site which has held a hotel for nearly a century, is known from Maine to California as the "Commercial Man's Home" and its proprietor, "Ollie" Ingraham, is as well known and famous as the house. The Eagle Tavern was the first structure to occupy this corner. It was built in 1818 by Martin Luce and flourished until 1862 when it burned. In 1864, the Messenger House, built by H. J. Messenger, was opened to the public and has always been a haven of refuge for the tired and weary traveler. Originally it was a three-story structure with large, well-lighted commodious rooms. Mr. Messenger conducted the house for several years when it passed into the hands of William Copeland, who found it necessary to add another story to the building in order to meet the demands of the increased business. The hotel was rented to R. M. Smith, upon whose retirement James A. Barry, a famous hotel keeper, known to almost every traveling man throughout the country, became its proprietor. Mr. Barry gave way to William Chadbourne, who was in possession when Mr. Ingraham purchased the property, ten years ago. O. L. Ingraham, or "Ollie," as he is familiarly called, is a born hotel man, and he has won for himself a host of friends by his genial, wholesouled manner. He was born in Dolgeville, N. Y., fifty-one years ago, and made his first ap-

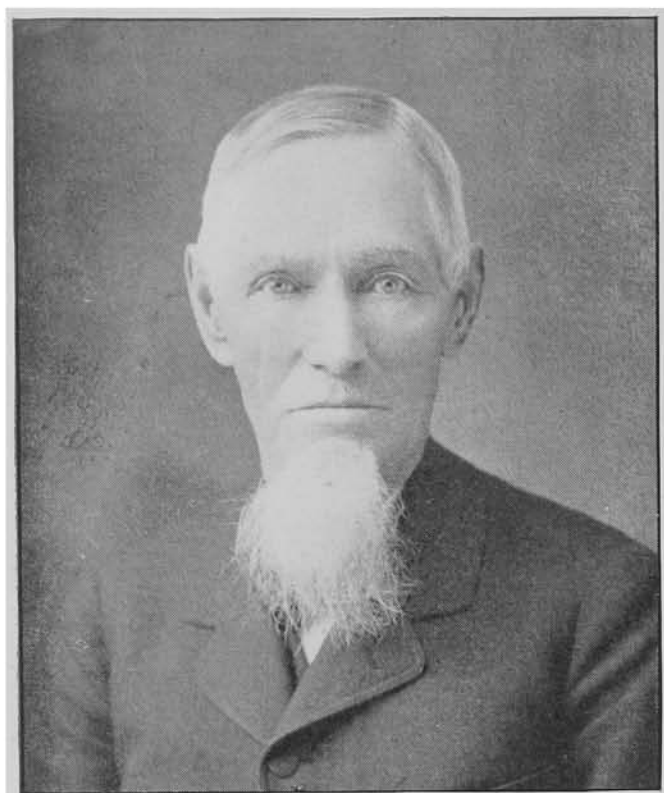
pearance in this village when quite a young man, but left here to engage in the cigar business in Syracuse, as a member of the firm of Nodine & Ingraham, and was the traveling representative of the firm, and his knowledge of the wants of the traveling man stood him in good stead when he embarked in the hotel business. His present residence in Cortland began fifteen years ago, when he became the proprietor of the European restaurant in Court street. He left there to become engaged in the drug business, and for several years ran the City Drug store. All this time he had his eye on the Messenger House, and when the opportunity presented itself he purchased the property. As a



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THE Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM.

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Harris, Photo. ROBERT PURVIS. [See sk., P. 163.

caterer to the wants of the traveling public he found the vocation for which nature had fitted him, and although the house was known far and wide as a model of its kind, he has even added to its reputation. Nothing is lacking to add to the comforts of his guests. The rooms, about 75 in number, are kept scrupulously clean, the linen white and snowy, and the beds soft and comfortable. The house is lighted throughout by gas and electricity. There is nothing which appeals more to a guest than the table. The viands are well cooked and the delicacies of the season appear on the tables and this department of the hotel has done much toward building up and sustaining its name. Experienced help is employed throughout the house and the very best service possible is given. Mr. Ingraham is a hard working and painstaking landlord.

N. B.—There is no hotel—and I have been at most all of them, having traveled over the state for twenty-five years—which sets a better table, excepting only those in the large cities of the state.—“GRIP.”

The Poor Account in Cortland county is never very heavy. Very little extreme poverty exists. The county supported for the fiscal year of 1899, forty males and twenty-two females in the almshouse, their period of maintenance aggregating 13,409 days, at a total cost of \$3,067.27, or an approximate cost of 23 cents per day.

The Y. M. C. A.—On the second and third floors of the Standard Building, at the corner of Main, Port Watson, and Tompkins streets, are located the rooms now occupied by the Cortland Young Men's Christian association. On March 17, 1868, a work was begun in the association's name that was carried on under the policy often adopted by the supporters of the early organization. Rooms were secured in the Schermerhorn block, consisting of a parlor and a reading room, open evenings only. In May, 1888, the present association was incorporated under the laws of this state, and began a definite work for men by men under the leadership of Mr. A. C. Howe, who was the first general secretary. In October Mr. A. C. Howe left for further study, and has since done excellent work in the physical department for associations in New York city. W. A. Kling took up the work in the fall of '88, and succeeded in bringing the association into general favor with the townspeople, and enlisted the largest number of members ever secured. Early in '91 Mr. Kling accepted a call to Colorado, where he built up the Pueblo association. He is now the state secretary of Ohio, with general supervision of the entire state. Mr. F. A. Ingraham took up the work Mr. Kling had left here, and did heroic work in carrying the association through financial difficulties. Ill-health laid Mr. Ingraham aside from active work for a time, but in '93 he became the general secretary of the Watertown association, where he remained until he entered the ministry in '98. Mr. J. H. Osterhout was called to succeed Mr. Ingraham, and faithfully served until his call to Catskill, in October, '96. His successor, F. K. Armstrong, has since served as general secretary. The rooms occupied by this organization are as well adapted for association work as rented rooms can be. The reading room and library is 25 x 65, with seven outside windows giving excellent lighting. There is annually over \$200 worth of first-class reading matter on the tables. Opening off the reading room is the recreation room, 24 x 32, with games of skill for the use of any who have a spare hour. A comfortable parlor, furnished by the auxiliary, completes the association's rooms on the second floor. In the fall of '89 John W. Plant, now on



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ROBERT PURVIS' RESIDENCE.

the staff of the House of the Good Shepherd at Syracuse, gave the first instruction in the physical department, and turned out a winning team at the Central New York Y. M. C. A. meet held at Ithaca the following spring. Excellent class work marked the record of Dr. Plant's successors: Mr. W. J. Helmer, now of Lorain, Ohio; Mr. Haskell, of Utica; Mr. F. W. Higgins, of Watertown; Mr. A. B. Wrought, now of Meridan, Ct., who carried on the work until the coming in '98 of the present instructor, Mr. A. R. Mosher, of Oberlin college. With Mr. Mosher's coming new energy was infused in all branches of gymnasium work. Victorious teams represented the Y. M. C. A. in base ball, foot ball, basket ball, hand ball, and in relay races. Field days are held early in the summer, with a creditable showing in some twenty events. A bicycle club, a camera club, a summer camp for the boys are now permanent features of the work. On the third floor, in a space 43 x 90, are located the gymnasium, bath rooms, dressing rooms and physical director's office. Starting in '89 with less than 500 square feet of floor space, the present gymnasium covers over 2,800 square feet. The floor is of best Georgia pine, entirely free from posts and all obstructions, and is as well adapted for association work as any in the state. The remodeling has just been completed at a cost of \$600. With this valuable adjunct a larger membership and an era of increasing prosperity is confidently expected, resulting in making a permanent, suitable home for the association, a positive necessity in the near future. The work is planned to be carried on along all the lines of approved association policy, and is under the able management of the following fifteen active members, who, with the village pastors, comprise the governing board of directors: Prof. J. E. Banta, president; O. A. Kinney, vice-president; A. B. Nelson, treasurer; W. Kelley, recording secretary; Dr. F. W. Higgins, B. L. Webb, T. H. Wickwire, J. W. Keese, W. H. Newton, M. B. Filzinger, Dr. F. D. Reese, E. D. Blodgett, Dr. F. J. Cheney, Prof. W. A. Cornish, D. Wesson, executive committee; F. K. Armstrong, general secretary; A. R. Mosher, physical director.



Hyatt, Photo. F. D. REESE, M. D. [See sk., P. 164.

Robert Purvis came to the county of Cortland in 1830, when he was about five years old. His father located on a farm in Harford, where he died in 1863, and on which Mr. Purvis lived for fifty-seven years. After the death of his father he continued to work and improve the farm, engaging largely in raising cattle and sheep, and some years later he became one of the pioneers of Cortland county in raising potatoes, devoting considerable acreage to that purpose. During the period of a half century in which he engaged in farming, he acquired additional lands, so that with a nucleus of 154 acres to begin with he has increased his farm holdings to a total of nearly 750 acres. Mr. Purvis was one of the original stockholders in The First National bank, and is at present one of the

directors, a position he has held in that institution for the past thirty years. He is also a director in the Ten Counties Insurance Co., with which he has been identified many years. For the past twelve years he has invested largely in railroad stocks, with considerable profit to himself. In 1887 he located in Cortland, not afterwards engaging in any active business pursuits, but devoting all of his time to the care of his farming interests. Mr. Purvis was born in the town of Exeter, Otsego county, October 20, 1825, on the farm where his father first located upon coming to this county. While a resident of Harford he served as supervisor, town school superintendent, commissioner of highways and inspector of elections. In 1881



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DR. F. D. REESE'S RESIDENCE.



Hyatt, Photo. THEODORE STEVENSON.

he was married to Jennie M., the daughter of Nathaniel Bouton, Jr., of Marathon, who was born in Marathon in 1842. Mr. Purvis' father, Andrew Purvis, was born in Scotland, and came to America in 1809. In 1812 he married Nancy Hale in Attleboro, Mass., where he carried on a weaving establishment. In 1822 he moved to Exeter, Otsego county, and in 1830 to Harford, Cortland county. Mr. Robert Purvis is the only one of their seven children who is living.

Frank DeWitt Reese, M. D., whose office and residence are at 16 Tompkins street, was born at Sherburne, Chenango county, N. Y., July 8, 1858, and moved with his parents to Earlville in 1865. In 1873 he entered the Hamilton public schools, but in 1877 circumstances found him the sole support of the family, and the same year he moved to Sherburne and for a time carried on a small farm. In 1879 he removed to Waterville, where he engaged in business successfully. This was only the means to an end, for he had fully decided to study medicine. He employed private tutors, also studied in the office of Dr. Geo. Allen preparatory to entering a medical college. In 1882 he entered the Long Island College hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., from which, three years later—June 3, 1885—he took his degree in medicine. During his last year in the college he was appointed an assistant to the professors in the clinics, in operative surgery and gynecology. He also took a special practical course in physical diagnosis with Profs. Armour and West

in the wards of the Long Island hospital. In August, 1885, Dr. Reese came to Cortland and opened an office in the Squires building, where he remained five years. In 1889 he purchased a vacant lot of C. E. Rowley, and a year later erected a pleasant residence, his present home. Since beginning active practice Dr. Reese has taken post-graduate work in the New York Post-Graduate Medical school, attending in 1893, '97 and '99, keeping abreast of the latest discoveries in medical science. He is an active and deeply interested member of the Cortland County Medical society, of which he was president from June, '90 to '91, and is now their delegate to the New York State Medical society. Dr. Reese is a member of the surgical staff of the Cortland hospital. He is also a member of the New York State Medical association, and was elected vice-president from this district in October, 1898, and served as president of the Third District branch until November, 1899. He is one of the constituent members of the Cortland Science club.

Theodore Stevenson was born in the city of Troy, N. Y. At an early age he came to Cortland and began soliciting fire insurance. Four months later he established an agency, locating in an office with Judge Crandall over The First National bank. In 1876 he moved into his present office, No. 22½ Main street. He represented the Phoenix Mutual Life, the Five Farm Builders and the Westchester Fire Insurance companies, the latter with which he has ever since been identified. In 1884 he took the Equitable Life, with which company he has since continued, and in which he has written an aggregate of over a million dollars. Through this agency over two hundred thousand dollars in losses has been paid. He soon added the accident branch of the Aetna Life Insurance company. He now also represents the Frankfort-American Insurance company, one of the strongest writing boiler and employers' liability insurance, and doubly so by having the old "Frankfort" of Germany as a backer. In 1880 he erected a neat two-story dwelling house on Groton avenue, and the follow-

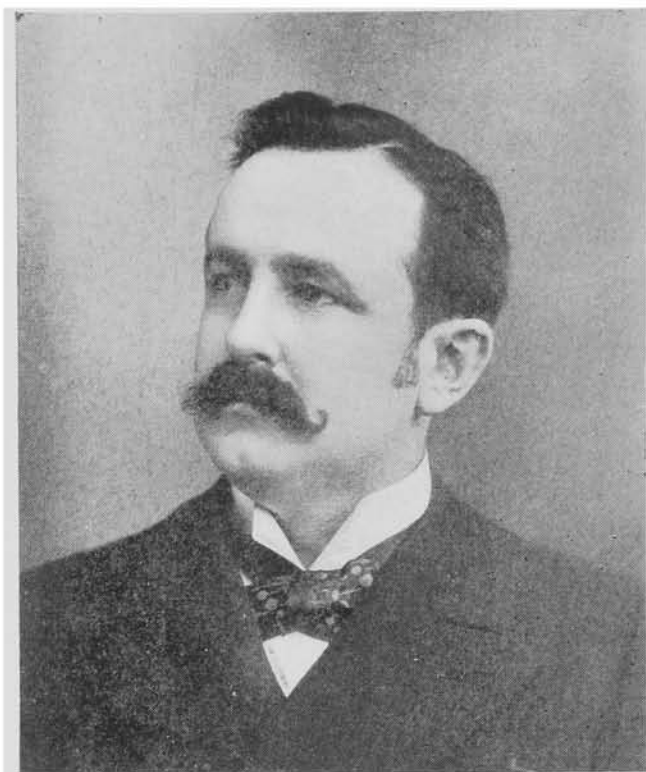


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THEODORE STEVENSON'S RESIDENCE.

ing year a fine three-story mansard roof dwelling on Church street for his family residence. This was supplied with all the modern improvements, also being the first house in Cortland furnished with steam heating. He also purchased a lot on Clinton avenue, on which he erected three Chautauqua cottages and two large double houses. In 1882 he purchased a tract of village land and laid out the following streets: Hubbard, Garfield, Pomeroy, Crandall, Franklin and Excelsior; also extending Elm street from Pomeroy to River street. He built four houses, three of them double, on Hubbard street; two large four-gable double houses on Elm street; three houses of twenty-two rooms each on Pomeroy street, one on Crandall street, the three-story building, 40 x 100 feet in dimensions, with large wing in rear, for the Excelsior Top Co., and parallel to the latter; in 1883, a three-story block, 75 x 225 feet, all set in solid mason work foundations and constructed in the most substantial manner, occupied by the Howe Stove Co., of which he was the president. In 1887, on the opposite side of Elm street, he contracted to erect a three-story brick and frame building, 150 x 200 feet, for the Carriage Top and Rail Co., of which he was president for five years. Later he laid out Stevenson street, extending from Groton avenue to Prospect street, over the hill. During the eighties he served as a village trustee, and was president of the Cortland Desk Co. In 1889 he erected a brick block 50 x 72 feet, known as the "Stevenson Block." Up to 1890 Mr. Stevenson had erected ninety-nine buildings, not including the three factories and block mentioned above.

Dr. Charles Depew Vernoooy was born in Ulster County, N. Y., February 16, 1868, and received his early education in the public schools. After attending the Normal school in 1885 he taught school four years in Ulster county, after which he entered the University of Syracuse, College of Medicine, conducting his studies there from 1889 to 1892. He graduated with honors in June, 1892, securing second prize in class honors and study. In July, '92, he first located for the prac-



Butler, Photo. C. D. VERNOOY, M. D.

tice of medicine in Enfield, Tompkins county, and soon grew into a large and extensive practice. There he remained until 1898, when he came to this village and located on Port Watson street. November 3, 1892, he married Miss Mary L. Anderson of Seneca Co., by whom were three children, Lester Carlton, Helen Elizabeth and Stewart Anderson Vernoooy. Since his residence here Dr. Vernoooy has built for himself an enviable practice and is considered a practitioner of ability among the medical fraternity. He is a member of the Cortland County Medical Society and also a member of the Masonic lodge.

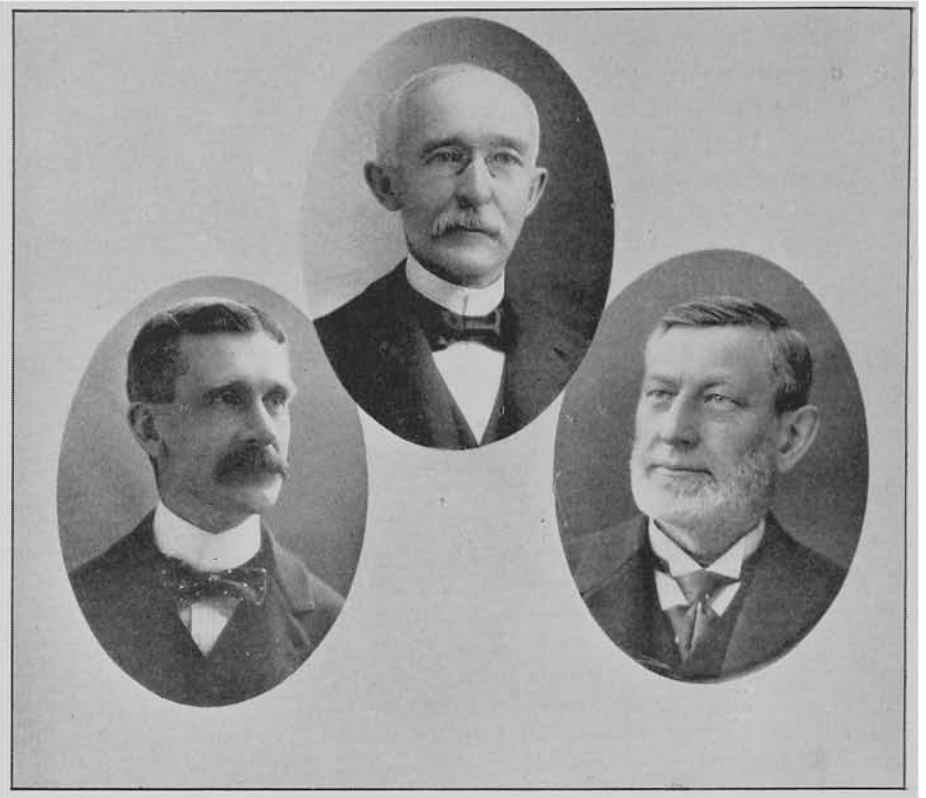
Sheriffs.—Asahel Miner, April 8, 1808; William Mallory, June 9, 1808; Joshua Ballard, April 3, 1810; Billy Trowbridge, March 25, 1814; William Stewart, March 2, 1815; Noah R. Smith, Feb. 13, 1819; Moses Hopkins, Feb. 12, 1821; David Cloye, 1822; Adin Webb, 1828; Wm. Andrews, 1831; Gilmore Kinney, 1834; E. W. Edgcomb, 1837; Alanson Carley, 1840; Christian Etz, 1843; Geo. Ross, 1846; J. C. Pomeroy, 1849; Frederick Ives, 1852; John S. Samson, 1855; Silas Baldwin, 1858; Frederick Ives, 1861; N. H. Haynes, 1864; Isaac W. Brown, 1867; John D. Benton, 1870; N. H. Haynes, 1874; Harlow G. Borthwick, 1877; Gerret S. Van Hoesen, 1880; H. G. Borthwick, 1883; Gerret S. Van Hoesen, 1886; Harlow G. Borthwick, 1889; John Miller, 1892; Adam Hilsinger, 1895; Arthur E. Brainard, 1898.



Butler, Photo.

DR. C. D. VERNOOY'S RESIDENCE.

Warren, Tanner & Co. took possession of the large double store in the Hopkins block—their present quarters—in April, 1892. This enterprise dates back to some time before or during the sixties, when the proprietors were Wells & Mills, who were located in the building owned by Geo. N. Copeland and James A. Schermerhorn at the time that Mr. George L. Warren came into the firm. This was about 1869. G. N. Copeland & Co. were then doing business in the store now occupied by C. F. Brown, and Wells & Mills were in the adjacent store on the north. In March, 1872, Mr. J. E. Tanner purchased the interest of Mr. Mills and the firm of Mills & Warren was changed to that of Warren & Tanner. In 1880, when the Schermerhorn block was completed, the firm moved into the new building, occupying the first store north of their old quarters. Mr. E. L. Pierce, the third member of the firm of Warren, Tanner & Co., who was at the time a clerk in the store, was admitted as a partner in February, 1889. The business was of course considerably enlarged when it was moved into the Hopkins block, where twice as much floor space was secured, giving a double store, 50 x 90 feet, with a basement of the same dimensions. The business comprises every line of goods included in a general dry goods trade with ample space for window and counter display, and a broad double entrance. There are also included everything in carpets, rugs and tapestries, ladies' and children's wear and gentlemen's furnishing goods. The attention given to customers by a large corps of courteous and obliging clerks is greatly facilitated by the use of the cash carrier system. The store is well lighted, ventilated and heated. In the basement are displayed the cheaper line of carpets, also mattings, rugs, curtains and oil cloths as well as duplicates of the stock in the store overhead. Mr. George L. Warren was born in McGrawville, Feb. 3, 1839. After attending the old Central New York college at that place he (in 1859) entered upon a clerkship of two years in the general store of P. H. McGraw & Co. He was then a bookkeeper in James S. Squires' store in Cortland until he enlisted in the



Hyatt, Photos. E. L. PIERCE. G. L. WARREN. J. E. TANNER.

157th New York Volunteers, Aug. 21, 1862, as private, serving with his company and regiment until mustered out Aug. 1, 1865, and obtaining, successively by promotion, the rank of second and first lieutenants and finally captain. From May to September, 1863, he served, in detached service, on the staff of Gen. Schinmelfening in the Army of the Potomac through the engagements at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, afterwards being with his regiment in the department of the South, at Folly Island, the siege of Charleston, Fort Wagner, in a Florida campaign; in 1864 at Hilton Head, S. C., and in the fight on James Island. He was later assigned to the staff of Gen. Gilmour and afterwards on duty in the commissary department at Fort Pulaski, Ga., and was present at the raising of the old flag over Sumter. After his discharge from service in Syracuse he returned to Cortland and for two years and a half was bookkeeper and teller in the First National bank. In 1875 he was married to Miss Mary Stevens of Cortland. He is a 32nd degree Mason and has held most of the offices in the local organizations of that fraternity. He has one daughter.



Hyatt, Photo. INTERIOR OF WARREN, TANNER & CO.'S STORE.

ter, Mrs. J. W. Augell. Mr. James E. Tanner was born at Blodgett Mills, May 30, 1841, and was educated in the common schools and the old Cortland academy. His father was a wool carder and cloth dresser. When sixteen years old Mr. J. E. Tanner became a clerk with Edwin and Lucius Darby at Greene, Chenango county, where he remained two years, then came to Cortland and entered the business of G. N. Copeland & Co., as the representative of Mr. James A. Schermerhorn's interests. A few years later he bought out the interest of LeRoy Cole and became an active partner, selling out, however, when he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the H. J. Messenger bank, where he was employed two years. At one time he owned a half interest in the Cornelius Kinney tannery at Port Watson. He was married to Sophronia A., the daughter of G. N. Copeland, March 13, 1866, and they have one daughter, K. Louise Tanner. He is an active member of the First Baptist church.

County Clerks.—John Ballard, April 8, 1808; Reuben Washburn, April 3, 1810; John Ballard, March 4, 1811; Mead Merrill, April 2, 1813; Wm. Mallory, March 2, 1815; Joshua Ballard, July 7, 1819; Matthias Cook, Feb. 14, 1821; Samuel Hotchkiss, 1822; Orin Stimpson, 1834; Gideon C. Babcock, 1840; Samuel Hotchkiss, jr., 1843; Rufus A. Reed, 1849; Allis W. Ogden, 1858; DeWitt C. McGraw, 1861; Frank Place, 1867; W. S. Maycumber, 1876; Howard J. Harrington, 1879; R. W. Bourne, 1882; Wm. H. Morgan, 1885; Hubert T. Bushnell, 1888; Stephen K. Jones, 1891; Ephraim C. Palmer, 1894; Hubert T. Bushnell, 1897.



Hyatt, Photo. CLARENCE TIFFT.

Clarence Tift, the barber at No. 84 Railroad street, opened the shop on July 8, 1899, where he began business in a small way. By attention to the wants of his customers, giving them excellent service, he has steadily increased his patronage until in the course of six months he has business enough to keep him constantly busy. In the meantime he has from time to time increased the conveniences in the shop until it is one of the best in the trade in town. Mr. Tift, born in Millville, Rensselaer county, Aug. 16, 1874, began at the trade in the shop of his brother, Eugene Tift, at Little Falls, where he learned the trade, and afterwards worked in some of the best shops in New York and Albany.

COUNTY DIRECTORY, 1900.

Member of Assembly—Geo. S. Sands, Cortland, N. Y.

County Judge and Surrogate—Joseph E. Eggleston, Cortland, N. Y.

Surrogate's Clerk—H. L. De Clercq, Cortland, N. Y.

District Attorney—Edwin Duffey, Cortland, N. Y.

Sheriff—Arthur E. Brainard, Cortland, N. Y.

Under Sheriff—Frank M. Hazard, Scott, N. Y.

County Clerk—Hubert T. Bushnell, Cortland, N. Y.

Deputy County Clerk—Stephen K. Jones, Cortland, N. Y.

County Treasurer—William H. Foster, Homer, N. Y.

Superintendent of the Poor—Mills G. Frisbie, Homer, N. Y.

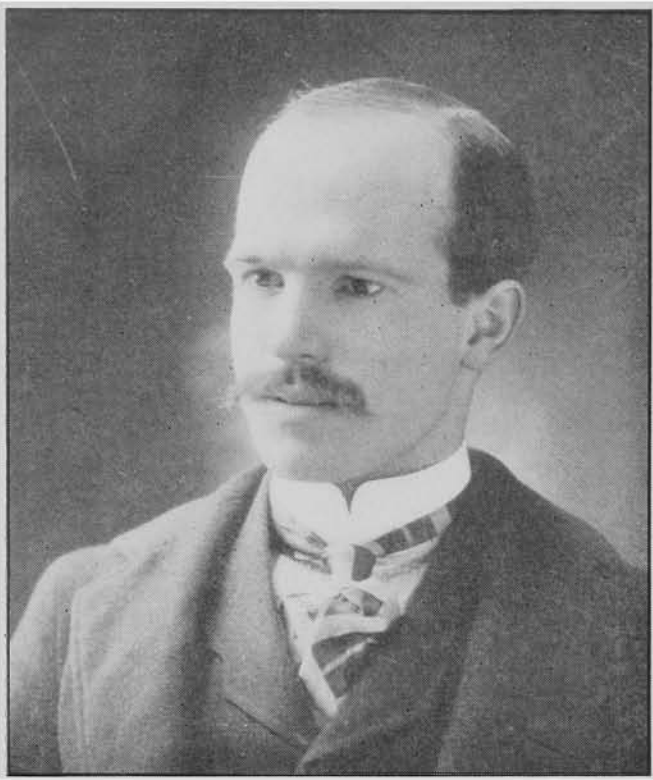
School Commissioners—Luke J. McEvoy, Cortland, N. Y.; Katherine E. Cobb, Homer, N. Y.

Coroners—Marion R. Smith, McGrawville, N. Y.; William J. Moore, Cortland, N. Y.; John E. Leonard, Harford, N. Y.; Frank H. Green, Homer, N. Y.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—A. W. Babcock, Scott, N. Y.



Harris, Photo. WARREN, TANNER & CO.'S STORE.



Butler, Photo. M. B. FILZINGER.

M. B. Filzinger, the candy merchant, is located at 14 North Main street, to which place he moved from 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ North Main street in 1895. Mr. Filzinger was born at South Danby, Tompkins county, March 18, 1875, and came to Cortland in 1882, where he attended the Normal school. Upon leaving school he worked for Cobb & Perkins, staying with that firm seven years, and there learned the trade of candy making. Before finally locating here he worked at his trade for six months in Jamestown. Mr. Filzinger carries a full line of choice candies and has connected with his store a milk depot disposing of the entire product of a dairy farm. He has installed a separator for separating the cream he uses and also makes a fine line of fancy butter. He has for the trade buttermilk, sweet milk and sweet cream. In the manufacture of ice cream, in which he does a large business, he uses only sweet cream. He furnishes a large amount of cream to parties and social gatherings, and for soda fountains.

County Calendar, 1900.—GENERAL: Assessment rolls complete, Aug. 1; Assessors meet to hear complaints, Aug. 21; Assessment rolls for public inspection, Sept. 1-15; Town board designates polling places, Sept. 4; Election notices delivered to town clerks, Sept. 1; General election, Nov. 6; Town board meets to audit accounts, Nov. 8; Board of Supervisors meet in annual session, Nov. 12; Board of Supervisors meet as board of canvassers, Nov. 13; Accounts to be presented to the Board of Supervisors,

not later than Nov. 15; Erroneous assessments, claims, to be presented to Board of Supervisors, not later than Nov. 15. SUPREME COURT, trial and special term: Jan. 29, Sewell, p. j.; May 7, Forbes, p. j.; Oct. 15, Lyon, p. j. COUNTY COURT: Jury term, March 19, Sept. 17, Dec. 10; Law term, July 10.

Regents of the State [Appointed for Life]—

Officers: Anson Judd Upson, Glens Falls, app. Feb. 11, 1874, chancellor; William Crosswell Doane, Albany, app. Feb. 10, 1892, vice-chancellor. Regents: Martin I. Townsend, Troy, April 24, 1873; Chauncey M. Depew, New York, Jan. 31, 1877; Charles E. Fitch, Rochester, Jan. 31, 1877; Orris H. Warren, Buffalo, April 11, 1878; Whitelaw Reid, New York, Jan. 17, 1878; William H. Watson, Utica, Feb. 2, 1881; Henry E. Turner, Lowville, Feb. 2, 1881; St. Clair McKelway, Brooklyn, Jan. 10, 1883; Hamilton Harris, Albany, March 18, 1885; Daniel Beach, Watkins, March 18, 1885; Carroll E. Smith, Syracuse, Jan. 24, 1888; Pliny T. Sexton, Palmyra, April 15, 1890; T. Guilford Smith, Buffalo, April 15, 1890; Lewis A. Stimson, New York, April 10, 1893; Sylvester Malone, Brooklyn, March 29, 1894; Albert Vander Veer, Albany, Feb. 13, 1895; Chester S. Lord, Brooklyn, Jan. 20, 1897; Members ex-officio: Governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction.

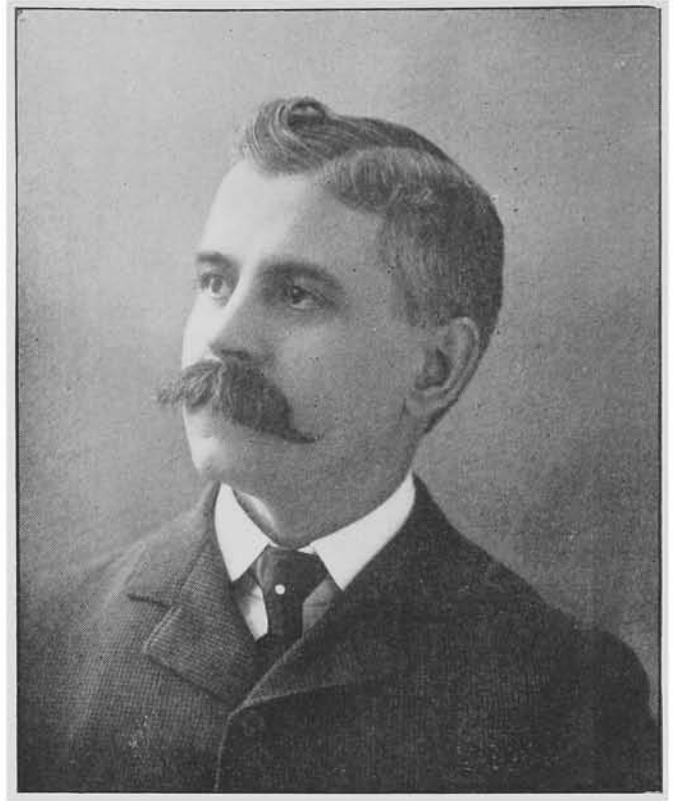
Death Penalty.—The first capital punishment inflicted in Cortland county secured as its victim Patrick O'Donohue, who murdered Mrs. Jane Ann Kinney of Truxton. He was hung in the court house in Cortland on Sept. 2, 1853, just one year to a day after the crime was committed. Kinney was led to believe that Mrs. Kinney was harboring his daughter Elizabeth, ten years old. Mrs. Kinney and her daughter was passing O'Donohue's house when he fired upon them, wounding the elder lady. Then he reversed his gun and clubbed her to death. O'Donohue gave himself up to the authorities and was tried in the following July. On August 3 the jury rendered the verdict, which doomed him to die. Schuyler Crippen was the presiding judge. R. Holland Duell, district attorney, was assisted in the prosecution by General Nye.



Harris, Photo. INTERIOR OF M. B. FILZINGER'S STORE.

George H. Ames commenced his career in the boot and shoe business in the Democrat building on Railroad street in 1891 and continued there until Feb. 17, 1893, when he removed to the corner of Railroad and Main streets where he stayed until April 1, 1899, when he occupied his present location at 51 Main street. Mr. Ames has had remarkable success in his business. He was born on a farm in Broome county, May 7, 1860, and remained there acquiring his education at Whitney's Point academy. After leaving school he spent one year in Utah with an engineering corps and on his return clerked in a store at Whitney's Point, being four years with Birdsall & King. He then came to Cortland and was employed in the store of F. N. Harrington & Co., where he stayed for four years when he went out with another engineering corps, this time going to Old Mexico where he was occupied in active field service in the construction and location of railroads for three years. He is a member of the John L. Lewis lodge, No. 587, I. O. O. F., and the Cortland Encampment and Canton Cortland. February 10, 1891, he married Miss Rose H. Johnson of Speedsville, N. Y., and they have three children, Robert Johnson Ames, born April 26, 1893; George Chester, born Jan. 14, 1895, and Frederick Willard, born Feb. 1, 1898. Mr. Ames is one of Cortland's most progressive citizens and has earned for himself the respect and esteem of all.

Shepard W. Cately was one of the pioneer carriage and wagon makers in this state, and an inventor of prominence in the trade. He obtained many patents and many of his inventions were patented by others. Resourceful in skill and conception, he was constantly perfecting improvements, many of which were used without the protection of the patent office. He was also a thorough, practical machinist, who could correct a disordered piece of machinery anywhere. Many of the leading wagon manufacturers of this state were at one time employed in his shops at Tully, where for twenty-eight years he carried on wagon manufacturing on what was then a large scale. From there the best known builders were scattered far and wide, and their shops to-day stand among the largest in the world. Mr. Cately was born in



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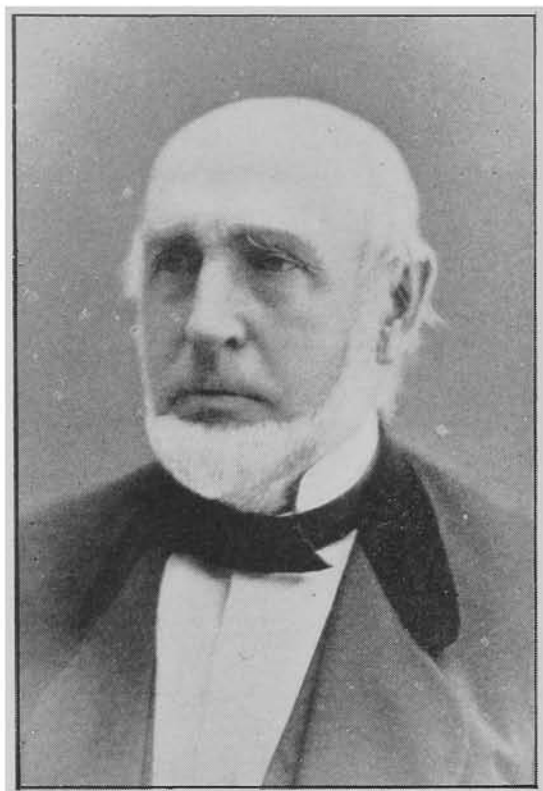
the town of Preble, Cortland county, March 24, 1815. His education was obtained in the district schools of Preble and the Truxton academy. Then he taught district school in Cortland and Onondaga counties, and was inspector of schools both at Tully and Brookfield, Oneida county. In the meantime he studied for the law until ill-health forced him to give it up; and then he went into the wagon-making shop of his brother-in-law, the late John DeLancey Denison, at Brookfield, and a short time after (in 1837) the two entered into co-partnership to carry on wagon-making under the firm name of Denison & Cately. The latter was the general salesman of the firm, but his mechanical genius was ever busy, and the business reaped the fruit thereof in many handy improvements which he made in vehicles from time to time.

Their business was the manufacture and sale of wagons, carriages and sleighs; and at that time it embraced the making of all of the several parts of a vehicle by hand and in the same plant. The buggies of that time were as heavy as the platform wagon of to-day, and had wooden axletrees and wrought iron skeins and linch pins. Elliptic springs were just coming into use. All the iron work was forged out of Swedish bars. Thus was ushered in a new era in wagon-making which, during the time of Mr. Cately, completely revolutionized the trade. Denison & Cately were extensive dealers in carriage and draft horses, the matching, training and marketing of which was the special care of Mr. Cately, who during his



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G. H. AMES' STORE.



Hyatt, Photo. S. W. CATELY. [See sk., P. 169.]

early life developed remarkable fondness for fine horses and excellent judgment as to their qualities. In 1848 the works were moved to Tully, it being the conviction of Mr. Cately that better railroad facilities were needed. There they expanded and kept abreast with improvement, until finally they had a reputation second to none in the country. When the war of '61-'5 broke out Mr. Cately went to Washington and secured the contract for the construction of sixty wagons for the government for army train service, which were to be made and delivered in New York in sixty days. It was a big undertaking, but all of the mechanics that could be found were kept at work early and late, and the contract was fulfilled to the letter. Mr. Cately also furnished the government with large numbers of horses which he purchased in this state and Canada. In 1876 he stopped manufacturing and came to Cortland as a salesman for Fitzgerald & Kinney, wagon manufacturers. This position he held for years, later acting as salesman in another branch of the business for Mitchell & Lewis of Racine, Wis. Advancing years and poor health finally compelled him to retire from active physical labor, but he continued to exercise his inventive ingenuity, with the result that he perfected and patented after his retirement from the position of salesman eleven different inventions on vehicle attachments. In company with his daughter, Mrs. Alice M. Ettling, he turned his attention to getting his inventions into general use, father and daughter forming a co-partnership and together carrying on the manufacture of carriage specialties, notably the buggy prop spring and lever, until his death, which occurred at his home in Cortland, Dec. 18, 1898, in his 84th year. "Of Mr. Cately's long and busy sojourn in Brookfield," writes an old acquaintance, "it is highly proper to say that, notwithstanding the varied and exacting duties of his business, he still found time to bestow proper attention on social and society matters, and by his ease of manner and constancy became a favorite, if not a leader therein. He was also a born reformer, and when anti-slavery truths began to find utterance with thinking and progressive men, he was among the first in his com-

munity to espouse the then unpopular cause, thus ranking as a pioneer in moral reform as well as in his chosen business. His zeal and firmness as an Abolitionist in local work and in liberal contributions to the cause were well known and highly appreciated by leaders in the great moral revolution whose ultimate success he survived to witness." It may be added that his home was always open to the colored champions of their own race, who in those stirring times came north to plead the cause of their brethren.

Mrs. Alice M. Ettling, the proprietor of the patents known as the Cately Carriage Attachments, which she became interested in manufacturing and promoting in 1888, has been the only lady exhibitor for the past ten years at the annual conventions of The Carriage Builders' National association as well as at those of the Dealers' association as long as the latter have been meeting in annual gatherings. Mrs. Ettling is very widely and favorably known in the carriage trade of this country as an active, shrewd and enterprising business woman who took up her father's inventions, furnished the capital for perfecting and manufacturing them and personally placed them on the market. By reason of the energy and business tact which she displayed in exhibiting these inventions she succeeded in getting the two principal ones, the buggy prop spring and the lever by which buggy tops are raised and lowered into the hands of the builders so that they are in use all over the world. Her first success was at the Toronto exposition in 1889 where she leased the Canada patent on the buggy prop spring and in 1893 she was rewarded at the World's fair with a medal and diploma on both of those patents, also receiving a special diploma as a reward of merit by the lady board of managers to S. W. Cately as inventor and Alice M. Ettling for making a success of the exhibit. Many of the largest manufacturers in the country are adopting these attachments which have become standard articles in the manufacture of carriage tops.



Hyatt, Photo. MRS. ALICE M. ETTLING.

The Prudential Life agency was established in Cortland in 1889. Geo. Charron, the present manager of the local office, took possession June 20, 1898, succeeding E. F. Coe. Mr. Charron came here from Syracuse, having received the appointment of assistant superintendent and manager of the Cortland office, Cortland being a branch of the Syracuse district, taking in Cortland and vicinity. The Prudential has a large number of policies issued through this office in force at the present time, and the business has increased from year to year, until it has become known as one of the sound and substantial business ventures of Cortland. The company's plans enter the homes of the people in all walks of life, there being the Industrial, which insures all healthy lives from two years to seventy years of age, and the Ordinary, which issues policies on lives from twenty to sixty years of age for \$500 to \$100,000. There has been a very large increase in this branch, which to-day controls quite a large percentage of the ordinary insurance in Cortland. The company enjoys the confidence of the people, being always just and upright in its dealings with the public. Geo. Charron was born in Cohoes, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1867, and was employed as a mill operator until July, 1889, when he entered the service of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in the Troy district. He was transferred to Auburn, N. Y., in 1892, and was made an acting superintendent. He was sent to Genevieve in 1895, and resigned in 1896. He afterwards accepted a similar position with the Western and Southern Life at Dayton, Ohio, which he also resigned. He took charge of a Prudential agency in Syracuse Sept. 14, 1896, and was promoted to assistant superintendent Jan. 1, 1897. He married Miss Elizabeth Hickey of Aurora, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1898. Wm. Kennedy, one of the local agents for this company, was born in Cortland, June 20, 1863, and received his education at the Normal school. At the age of 15 years he entered the employ of the



Geo. Charron. THE PRUDENTIAL STAFF. T. E. Kennedy. Wm. Kennedy. (Hyatt and Harris Photos.) Evan Evans.

D., L. & W. railroad, where he remained four years. For two years he was employed as an engineer for the Cortland Wagon Co. and Hayes Chair Co. He served as orderly at the state capitol at Albany under Gov. Cleveland in 1883, '84 and '85, and occupied the place of assistant postmaster under Jas. F. Maybury from 1886 to 1890, inclusive. On May

last entered the local office of the Prudential company, and has conducted the business for the village of Cortland; also a fire insurance agency, Empire Hall block, over 26 Main st. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Mutual Benefit association, and an exempt and honorary member of the Emerald Hose Co. Evan Evans, another well known agent for this company, was born in Briccon, South Wales, July 24, 1862, and came to this country June 4, 1886, when he entered a grocery at Waterville, N. Y., as clerk. He worked three years for W. C. Stiles & Co., chair fitting factory at Warren, Ohio, and went from there to the Pacific coast. He spent the years from 1889 to '91 in California;



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