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GROUP OF PROMINENT CITIZENS.

1. Rev. J. J. Cowles, Pastor of Presbyterian Church. 2. Rev. W. P. Garrett, Pastor of Methodist Church. 3. Rev. A. Bergen Browe, Pastor of Baptist Church. 4. F. A. Purchas, Manager of Thomas P. Taylor Paper Box Factory. 5. H. K. Alexander, President Village of McGrawville. 6. W. G. Purchas, Manager Central Paper Box Co.

ers in every state in the Union, and have an increasing export trade.

The paper box business was started here by The McGraw Corset Co. in 1890, but upon the succession of the A. P. McGraw Corset Co. was disposed of. The Central Paper Box Co., with Walter G. Purchas as manager, succeeding to the local and county trade. Restricted as they are, this firm employ in their factory on East Center street sixteen hands, and turn out about 3,000 boxes daily. They occupy 7,000 square feet of floor space. In November, 1897, Thomas P. Taylor, a prominent manufacturer of Bridgeport, Conn., and mayor of that city, started a paper box factory in the Corey building, with F. A. Purchas as manager. In the following year they were compelled to seek larger quarters and moved into their present factory, which had been enlarged for their use. Here they have 15,000 square feet of well lighted floor space, where forty-five hands turn out daily 10,000 finished boxes for the eastern and middle states. Seiler Bros. of Newark, N. J., have one of their milk stations here, which, under the management of James C. Muir, is of great benefit to the town and the surrounding farmers. Mr. Muir is also the manager of the Corset City base ball club. Of course the citizens point with pride to the Lamont residence, where Col. Daniel S. Lamont, ex-Secretary of War, passed his boyhood days, and where his mother still resides. On the soldiers' plot in the cemetery are four large mounted cannon, which were presented to the local G. A. R. by the

United States through Col. Lamont's influence while secretary of war.

It is doubtful if any town of its size has three more prosperous churches or three more able pastors. The Baptist church was organized in 1828 from the Homer Baptist church, and the present edifice erected in 1830. This was extended and improved in 1867, and in 1899 the building was completely renovated and new cathedral glass memorial windows were placed in position. The pastors have been: W. G. Dye, 1829-44; Wm. Holiday, 1845-7; S. J. Decker, 1848-50, Alfred Bennett, (supply) 1851; L. W. Nichols, 1852-4; C. Darby, 1855-6; Alvin Bailey, 1857-61; J. P. Ash, 1862-4; J. D. Tucker, 1865-6; W. G. Dye, 1867-8; E. Savage, 1869; L. P. Day, 1870-2; C. A. Stone, 1873-7; S. N. Westcott, 1878-81; D. K. Smith, 1882; D. B. Grant, 1883-6; W. W. Conner, 1887; S. H. White, 1888-9; J. E. Usher, 1890-2; N. S. Burd, 1893-8. The present

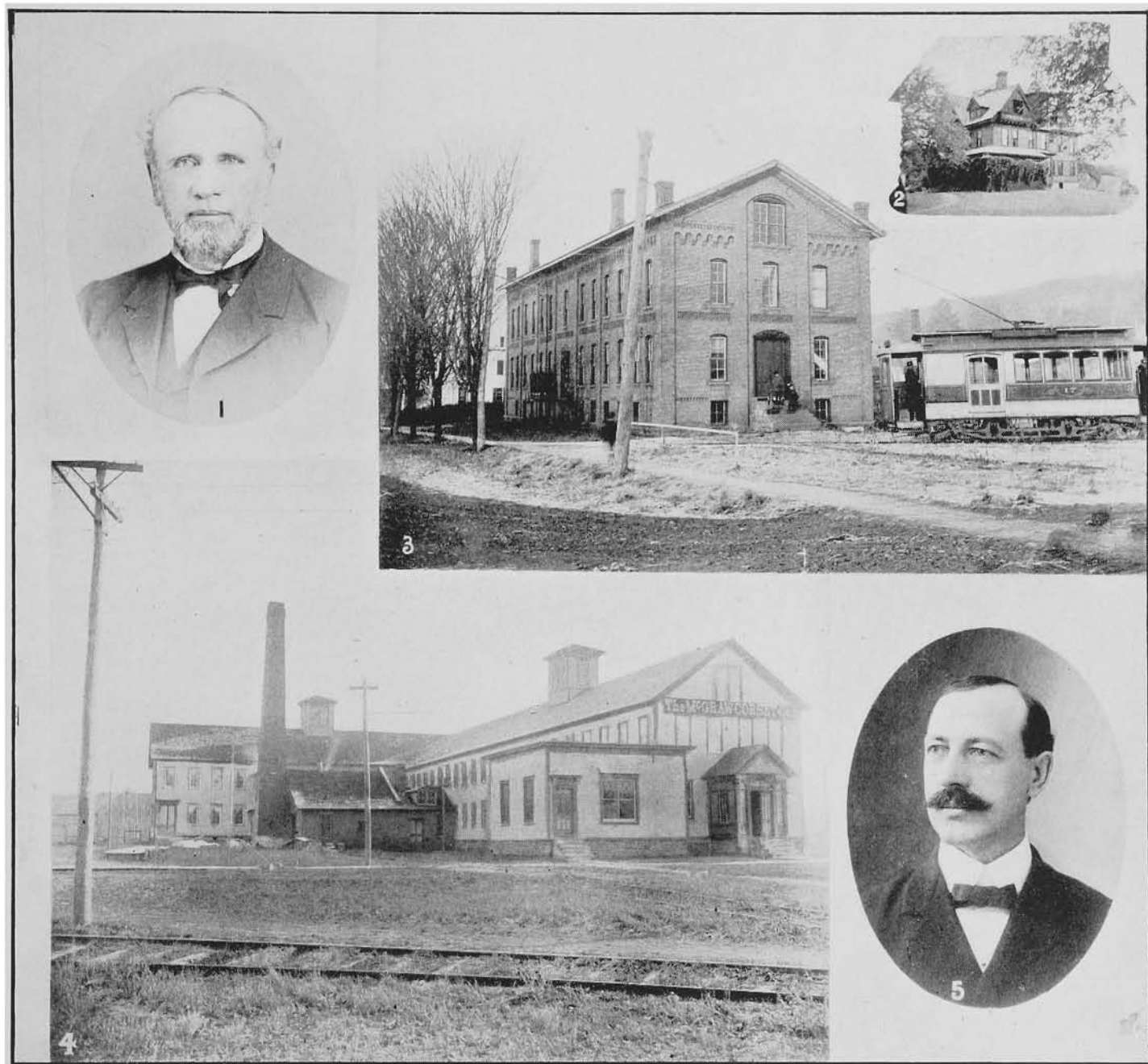
pastor, Rev. A. Bergen Browe, came in March, 1899. The Methodist church was organized in 1833 and erected the present edifice in 1834. This has since been completely renovated and in 1898 handsome memorial windows of cathedral glass were placed in the church. The pastors have been: 1833, Morgan Ruger; 1834, — Reynolds; 1835,



Burlingham, Photo. B. H. RANDALL'S RESIDENCE.

— Kinney; 1836, Jesse Pomeroy; 1837, Eben L. North; 1838, Peter G. Bridgeman; 1839, Daniel Fancher; 1840, P. G. Bridgeman; 1841, John Crawford; 1842, Henry Minard; 1843, James Jameson; 1844, Thomas Wire; 1845, William Cameron; 1846-7, Charles D. Burrett; 1848-9, William N. Pearne; 1850-1, Edwin G. Bush; 1852-3, Wesley H. Miller; 1854-5, Thomas D. Wire; 1856, William N. Burr; 1857-8, Wesley Fox; 1859, Charles T. Moss; 1860-1, Ira B. Hyde; 1862-3, David C. Ducher; 1864-5, Oren L. Torry; 1866-7, Samuel M. Fisk; 1868-70, Warren D. Fox; 1871, Horace Har-

that time having been held in a room over the wagon shop of Lester Graves. The church has, since its erection, been enlarged and renovated and stained glass windows put in position. The society is contemplating the erection of a new edifice during the coming year. The pastors have been: 1833-7, S. Smalley, Joseph R. Johnson; 1838-9, Peleg R. Kinne; 1840-67, Ezra B. Fancher; 1868-70, Edward H. Bates; 1871-80, George Bayless; 1881, Charles K. Scoon; 1882-5, John G. Blue, 1886-8, Edwin H. Dickinson; 1889-91, Leslie R. Groves. The present pastor, Rev. J. J. Cowles,



A. P. MCGRAW CORSET CO.'S FACTORIES.

1. Hon. P. H. McGraw, Founder of the Works. 2. Residence of A. P. McGraw. 3. Warehouse and Shipping Department. 4. Factory. 5. A. P. McGraw, President and Treasurer.
(Portraits by Hyatt. Factories by Harris. Residence by Burlingham.) [See sk., P. 219.

ris; 1872-3, George C. Wood; 1874, Richard Stillwell; 1875-7, Anson D. Webster; 1878-80, Phineas H. Wiles; 1881-3, Major Z. Haskins; 1884-5, Warren D. Fox; 1886-8, Anthony C. Smith; 1889-90, Joseph H. Zartman; 1891-5, Edward J. Brooker. The present pastor, Rev. W. P. Garrett, came in October, 1896. The Presbyterian church was organized March 11, 1833, at the residence of Lester Graves on Church street, now owned by George Case, with twenty-four members who came from the First Presbyterian church of Cortland. In 1835 the present church edifice was erected and was dedicated Feb. 4, 1836, the meetings up to

came in November, 1891. All three churches have handsome parsonages and prosperous auxiliary societies. Among the prominent organizations are: the Corset City Band, who have recently purchased handsome new uniforms and of which G. H. Maricle is leader.

William H. Tarble Post, 476, G. A. R., which was organized April 25, 1884, with 28 charter members. The post now numbers 47 and meets in G. A. R. hall in the Warren building on Main street. The officers are: Commander, Mitchell Sanford; Senior Vice, J. R. Maybury; Junior Vice, D. B. Phelps; Adjutant, P. W. Chaffee; Quartermaster,



Harris, Photo. THOS. P. TAYLOR PAPER BOX FACTORY. [See sk., P. 220.]

A. B. Rumsey; Surgeon, W. P. Henry; Chaplain, H. C. Hendrick; O. of D., W. T. Burditt; O. of G., Samuel Taylor. The past commanders are: N. W. Smith, H. E. Phelps, W. P. Henry, A. B. Rumsey, P. W. Chaffee, H. C. Hendrick.

McGrawville Lodge, 320, I. O. O. F., was instituted May 4, 1888, and now has 117 members. They have elegant rooms on the third floor of the village hall. The present officers are: N. G., Arthur Norcott; V. G., W. L. Bean; Secretary, F. D. Graves; Financial Secretary, W. J. Benjamin; Treasurer, G. H. Maricle; Warden, C. C. Wilcox; R. S. N. G., Arza Chapin; L. S. N. G., C. B. Warren; R. S. V. G., W. E. Miner; L. S. V. G., Albert Dockstater; R. S. S., C. D. Finch; L. S. S., Byron Hopkins; I. G., William Norcott; O. G., R. B. Dibble; Chaplain, O. Cooper; P. G., H. M. Dunbar. The Past Grands are: O. A. Kinney, Ephraim C. Palmer, C. B. Warren, Elwyn C. Palmer, John Haughton, W. J. Arner, C. M. Bean, F. J. Berggren, Arza Chapin, G. H. Maricle, P. W. Chaffee, D. E. Ensign, A. E. Seymour, M. C. Bean, I. J. Walker, C. B. Gross, A. R. Rowe, C. F. Davenport, Edward Shufelt. P. W. Chaffee of this lodge is Grand Worthy District Deputy.

McGrawville Grange, 462, was organized Sept. 30, 1882, and now has more than 200 members. They own their hall on Church street, and hold a successful annual fair. The officers are: Master, C. B. Hall; Overseer, W. O. King; Lecturer, W. L. Bean; Steward, Wesley Chrysler; Gate-keeper, J. H. Hill; Secretary, S. E. Wells; Treasurer, C. W. Travis; Ceres, Mrs. A. D.

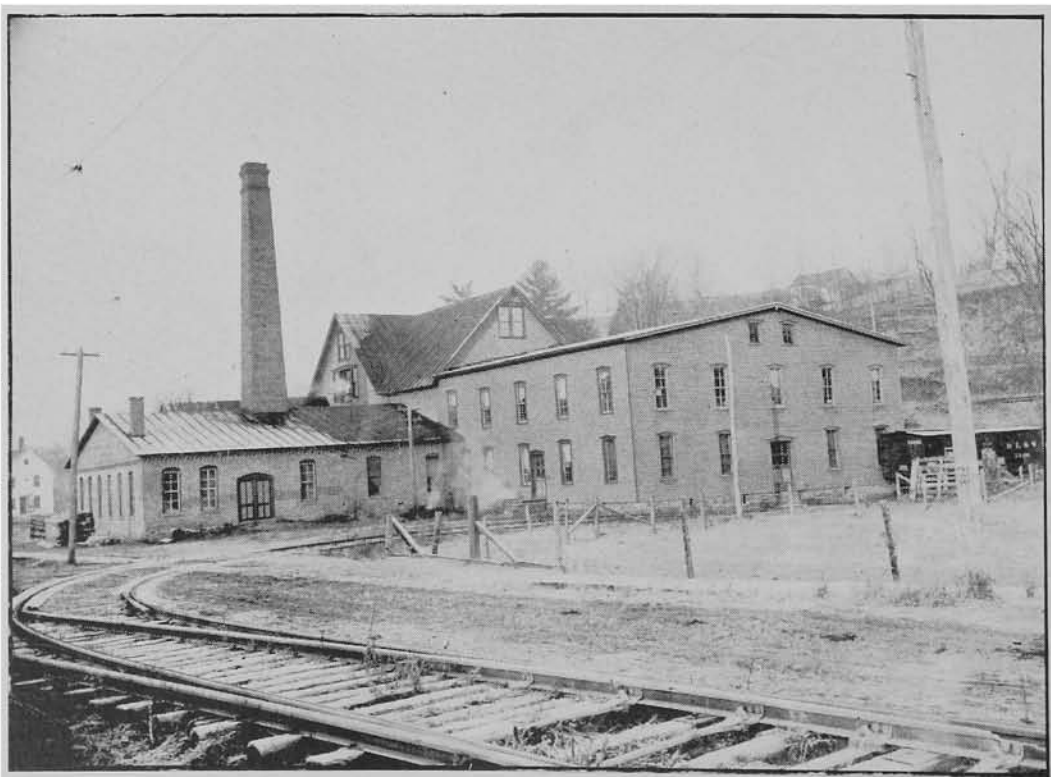
Loomis; Pomona, Mrs. J. A. Phelps; Flora, Mrs. Chas. Humphries; L. A. S., Mrs. G. W. Case.

McGrawville Lodge, 212, I. O. G. T., was organized Nov. 5, 1896, and is in a flourishing condition. They meet in G. A. R. hall, and the officers are: C. T., T. D. Goodell; P. C. T., E. J. Dunbar; V. T., Sarah Maybury; S. J. T., Mamie Maybury; Chaplain, J. A. Brooks; Marshal, Eugene Olds; Secretary, F. J. Loomis; Treasurer, Arthur Freeman; G., H. Olds; S., Francis Bean. The Past Chiefs are: George D. Bailey, C. A. Hurd, Geo. Hoag, Earl Dunbar, F. J. Loomis, T. D. Goodell.

Star of the East, Rebekah Lodge, 127, was instituted March 20, 1891, and meet in Odd Fellows' hall. The officers are: N. G., Jane Totman; V. G.,

Hattie Phelps; P. G., Mary Carruthers; Secretary, Mary Sly; Financial Secretary, Belle Palmer; Treasurer, Mary Atkins; Chaplain, Triphena Chapin; Warden, Myrtle Underwood; Conductor, Althea Underwood; R. S. N. G., Blanche Coady; L. S. N. G., Zetteen Humphries; R. S. V. G., Abbie Jacobs; L. S. V. G., Stella Dunbar; R. A. S., Jessie Pritchard; L. A. S. Lillian Burditt; O. G., Lena Masten; I. G., Cora Maricle.

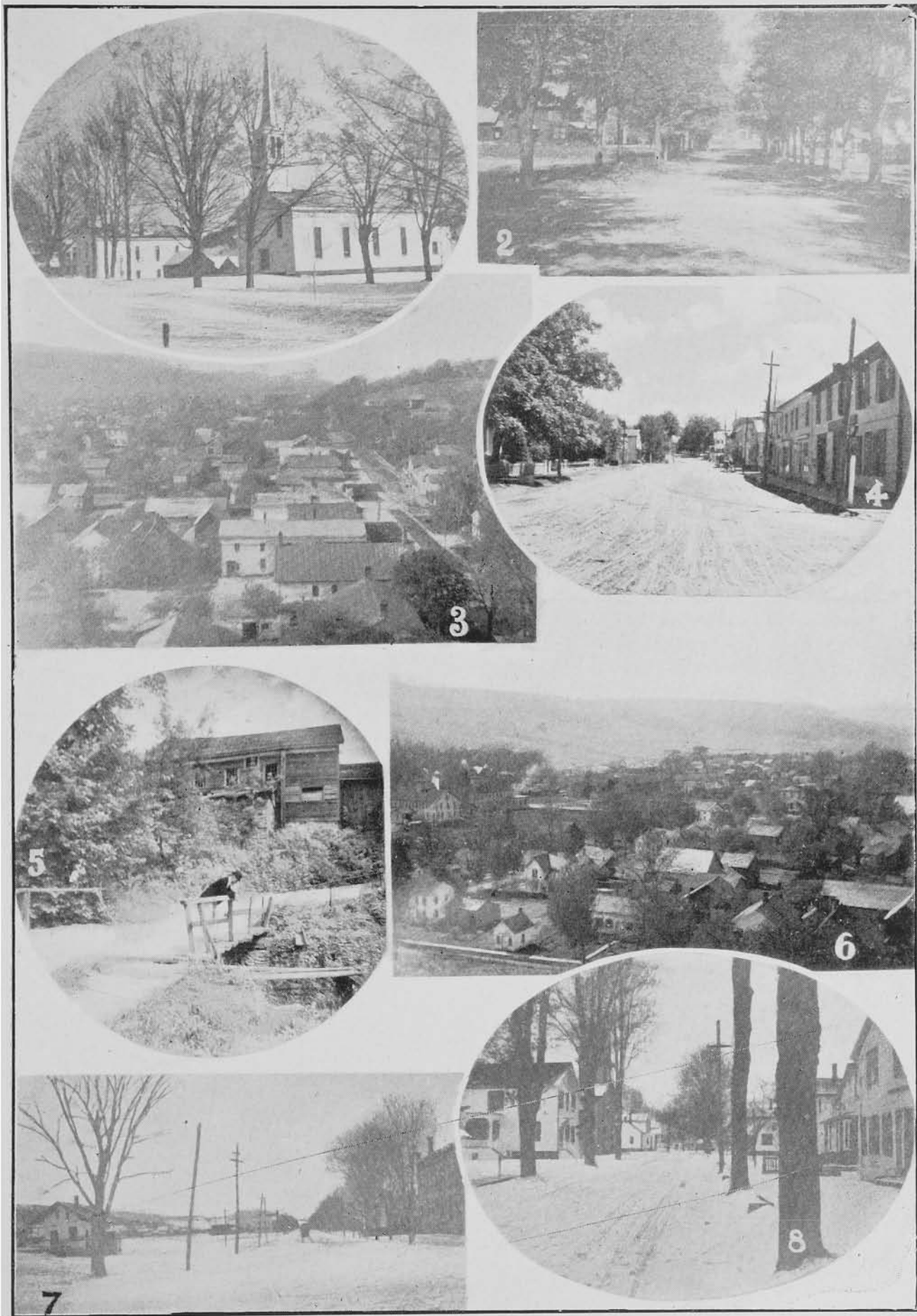
The McGrawville Rural cemetery is one of the many beautiful scenes which surround this village. Here, amid winding paths, trees and shrubs, are many costly monuments; and here, on the soldiers' plot, stands the monument erected by the patriotic citizens in memory of the fallen heroes who went from here to fight for "God and Country." The lot is guarded by large mounted cannon.



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CENTRAL PAPER BOX CO. FACTORY.

[See sk., P. 220.]



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VILLAGE VIEWS.

1. Church Heights. 2. South Street. 3. Birdseye View, Looking West. 4. Main Street. 5. Old Red Grist Mill
6. Birdseye View, Looking Southwest. 7. Elm Street. 8. Church Street.



Copied. THE LAMONT RESIDENCE.

The village has no newspaper, but the A. P. McGraw Corset Co. have a job printing office in their factory, where three power presses are continually running and three hands are employed. In the forties three papers were published here, the principal one being the McGrawville EXPRESS. In 1878 W. A. Huntington started the McGrawville SENTINEL, which was later purchased by Berggren Bros. and changed to the Cortland County SENTINEL. It became the leading weekly paper in the county, and was sold to the STANDARD PRINTING CO. of the adjoining city of Cortland, who have since maintained a branch office here and publish it as the weekly edition of their daily and semi-weekly. The people here in this way get all the advantages of a daily paper, as a regular McGraw department is maintained in all of these publications, and no expense is spared, but telephone and electric cars are freely used for their news service. It was here that "Dan" Lamont received his education, and here he did his first newspaper work. The writer now has before him the first proof sheet corrected by the future editor of the Albany ARGUS. It is the first page of Vol. I. No. 1, of "The McGrawville Advertiser," Tarble & Lamont, publishers, and dated July 26, 1866.

In the EXPRESS of Sept. 28, 1848, the firm of Kinney & McGraw advertised leghorn hats for sale, Jas. Sanderson manufactured furniture and coffins in his shop on the Freetown road, McGraw & Green sold staple and fancy dry goods, George Pennoyer manufactured carriages at the old Lester Graves shop, M. & M. Webster made boots and

shoes and run the tannery. Kinney & Thompson also run a general store.

Since writing the church notices, the Baptist and Methodist churches have been wired for electric lights, and as the Presbyterian has been so lighted for several years, all the churches are now lighted by electricity.

Of the town officers, Justice of the Peace Arthur A. Borthwick, Constable Charles Euson and Assessor W. H. Huntley reside here.

There are three notaries public in the village, A. P. McGraw, C. B. Warren and B. T. Burlingham.

In reading this sketch it should be remembered that until April 8, 1808, this village was in Onondaga county, and until 1829 part of the town of Homer. As there were no railroads in these early days, the pioneer settlers followed the streams, and for this reason the valleys of the Tioughnioga, East, Chenango and Otselic rivers were settled before this section in their midst.

Many sketches of this place of undoubted value as history have been written. This article has not been copied, but the data has been obtained by a careful study of old deeds, records and papers, and personal interviews with older residents, and is believed to be as absolutely correct in every particular.

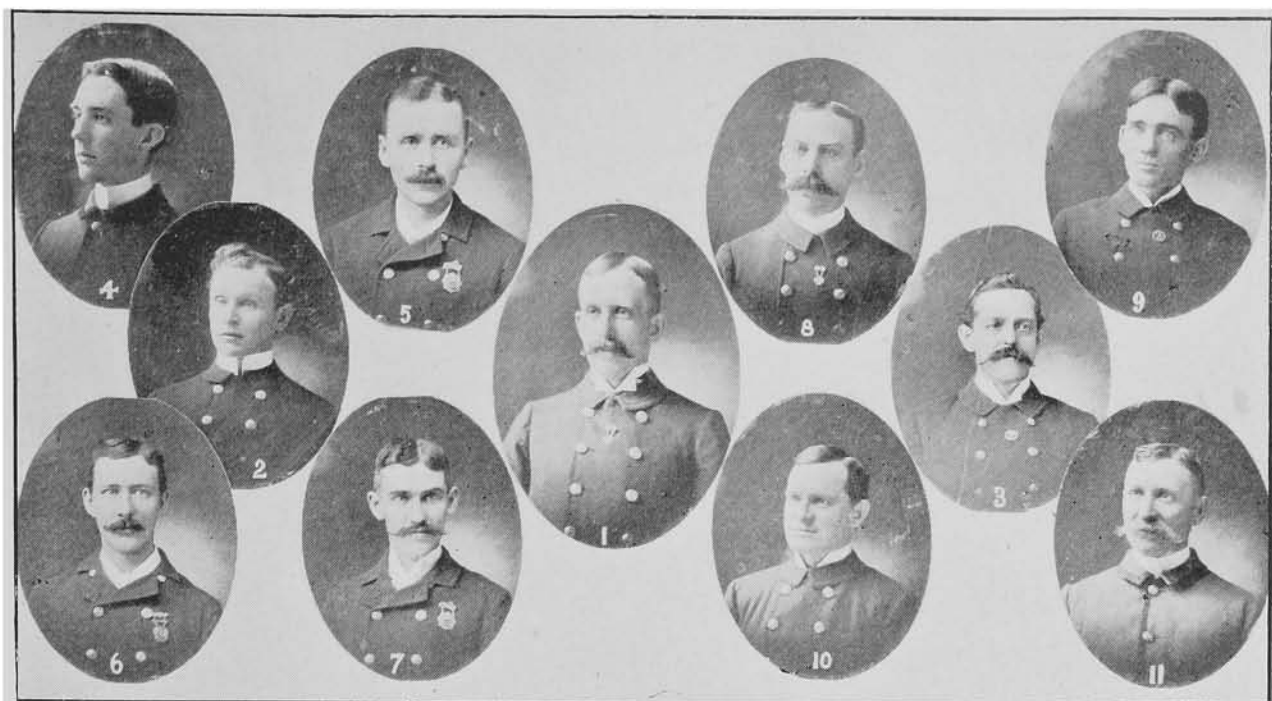
Among the prosperous organizations is the Twentieth Century club, composed of the most prominent ladies in town, and who meet at the residences of the members to discuss literary matters.

In the sixties, R. Latting had a daguerreotype gallery here and in the eighties McGilvey & Thompson and Otto Wurs, respectively, had galleries here. The latter is now a leading photographer in New York. While there is no professional photographer here now, there are more amateurs than in any town of its size in this section. Some of them do fine work and have dark rooms and modern conveniences. Among the leading ones are Rev. W. P. Garrett, H. K. Alexander, C. D. McGraw, L. L. Wellman, B. T. Burlingham, G. J. Stafford, George D. Pudney, F. D. Graves, J. P. White, C. D. Finch, Dr. F. H. Forshee, S. K. Buell, Carl Hammond, Bruce Johnson, F. L. Phillips.



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F. G. ISAACS' LIVERY.



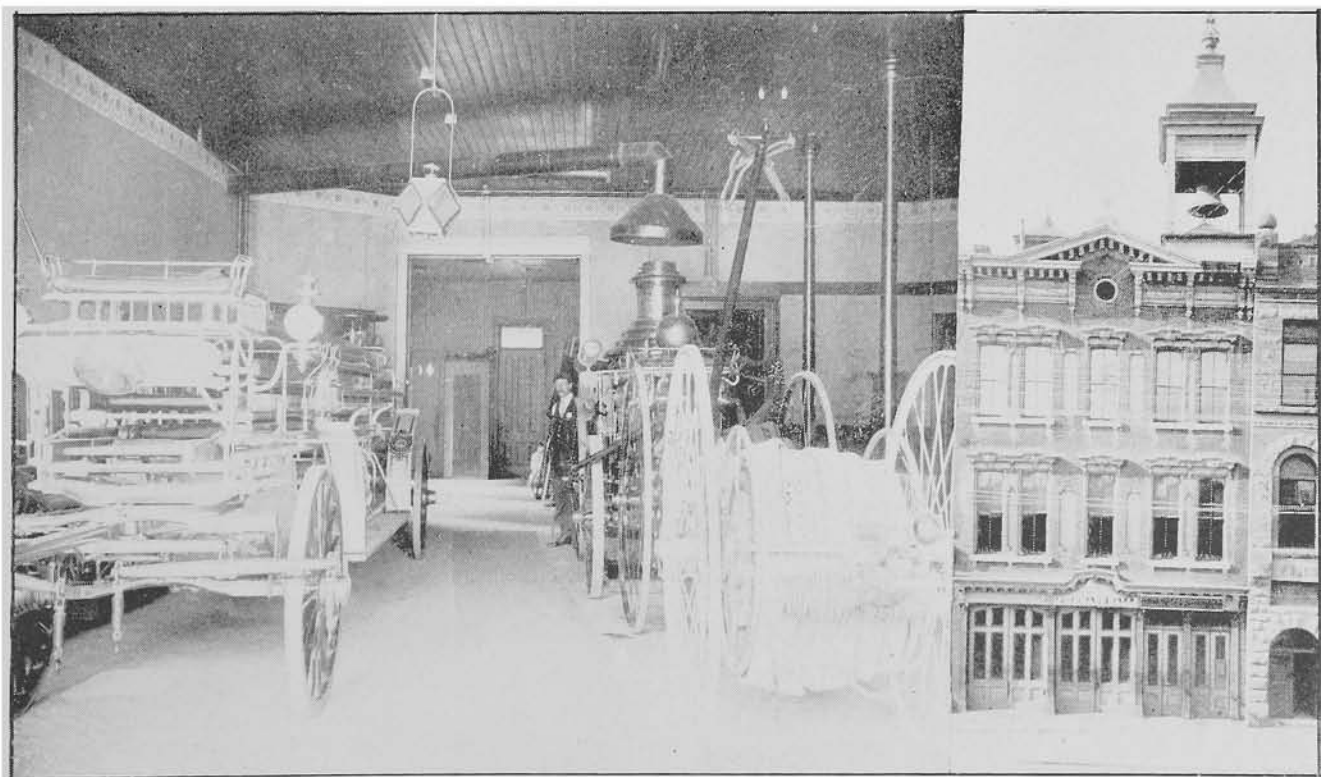
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OFFICERS OF THE CORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1. Chief Engineer, H. P. Davis (Orris). 2. First Assistant Chief, Daniel Reilly (Emerald). 3. Second Assistant Chief, E. N. Sherwood (H. & L.). 4. Secretary, H. Dell Hollister (Hitchcock). 5. Treasurer, E. M. Eastman (W. W.). 6. Superintendent of Fire Alarm, James F. Costello (W. W.). 7. Representative Board of Engineers, F. G. Christenat (W. W.). 8. Representative Board of Engineers, Myron P. Crane (Orris). 9. Representative Board of Engineers, D. F. Waters (H. & L.). 10. Representative Board of Engineers, E. Fitzgerald (Emerald). 11. Representative Board of Engineers, Stephen S. Horton (Hitchcock).

The Water Witch Steamer and Hose Co. is the oldest company in the department, and at the organization of a fire department in Cortland village in the year 1854 was the only company organized, which in fact constituted the entire department. On the 5th day of June, 1854, the Board of Trustees met and appointed fifty citizens of the village to constitute a fire company, and on June 14, at the Curtis House, the organization was perfected by electing Edwin F. Gould, foreman; E. Gourley, first assistant foreman; J. C. Jarvis, second assistant foreman; Glen Cuyler, secretary. A committee on by-laws and uniforms was also appointed. A long and complete set of by-laws, con-

sisting of twenty-three articles, were duly adopted, and the name decided upon for the newly organized company was the Water Witch Fire Co. At a meeting held on the 15th day of July, 1854, a new company was organized from the Water Witch Fire Co., which was called the Water Witch Hose Co., and these two companies constituted, for a long time, the entire fire department, and the two companies have so continued together under the name of the Water Witch Steamer & Hose Co. On Thursday afternoon, Nov. 16, 1854, the "Little Witch," a hand engine, which suggested the name Water Witch, together with its maker, a Mr. Button, arrived in Cortland, and was received by the

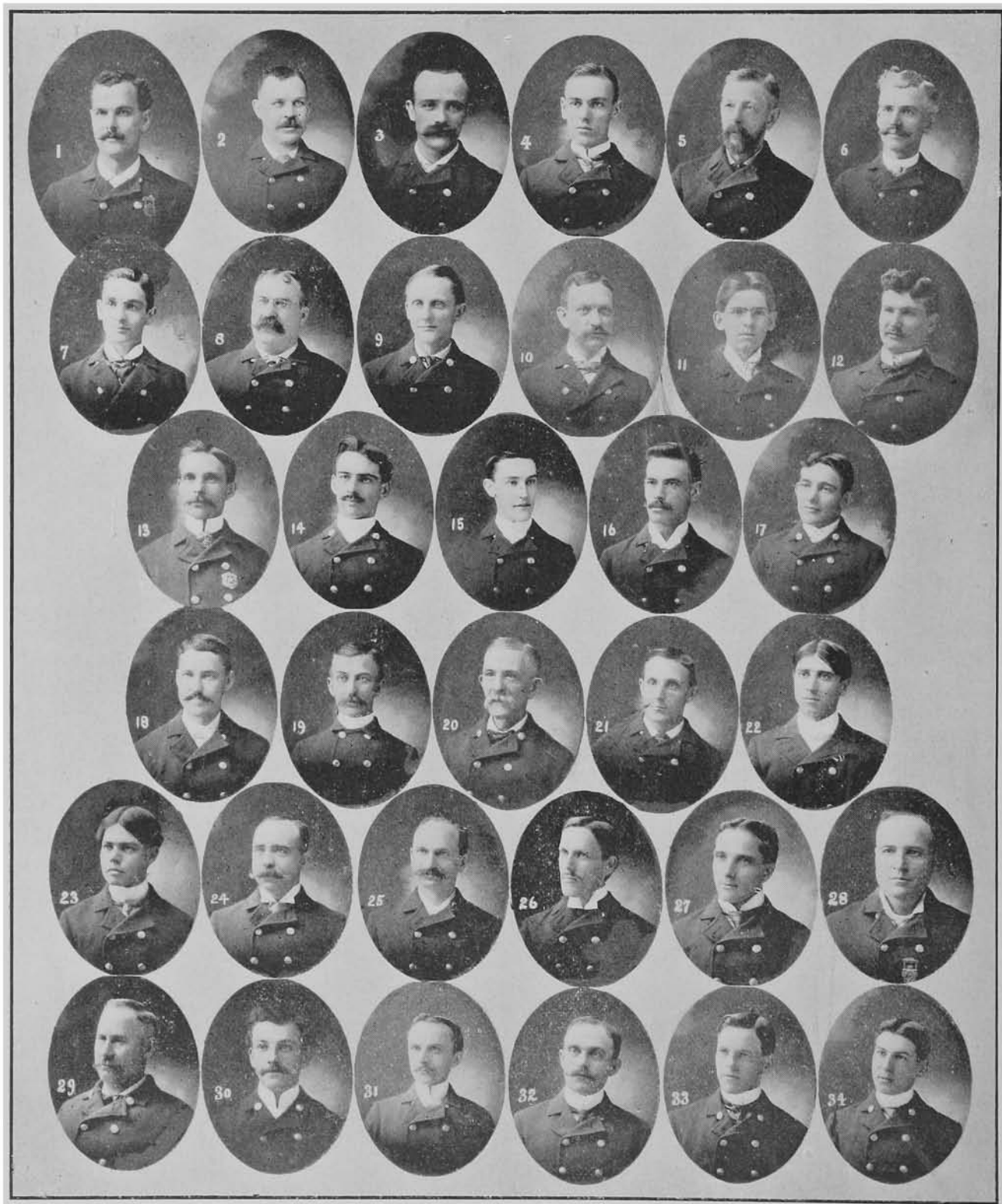


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HEADQUARTERS OF THE CORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

board of trustees and firemen amid great enthusiasm and the ringing of bells. The "Witch" was immediately tested, and operated so successfully that it was unanimously agreed that it was indeed a veritable witch. This engine, or (as the boys called it) "machine," was the pride and admiration of the company, and they were

Orris Hose Co. boasts of the honor of being founded by firemen who served in the first hose company organized in this village. The organizers of this company served under the name of Water Witch Hose until the year 1878, when they became incorporated under the name of "Orris Hose Co.", and since that time have been known



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WATER WITCH S. & H. CO., NO. 1.

[See sk., P. 225.]

1. W. H. Gilbert, Foreman. 2. Harry Phillips, First Assistant Foreman. 3. Robert E. Allen, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. Burdell Hawkes. 5. C. E. Ingalls. 6. F. P. Merchant. 7. C. L. V. Hicks. 8. E. E. Price. 9. F. L. Doughty. 10. L. A. Arnold. 11. W. R. Potter. 12. James A. Smith. 13. C. P. Butler. 14. H. E. Phelps. 15. W. F. Harvey. 16. Bert Hulbert. 17. Edward E. Per Lee. 18. E. H. Willson. 19. Fay Millen. 20. J. J. Chamberlin. 21. Edward Parmier. 22. Ernest M. Holden. 23. C. L. Meade. 24. H. L. De Clercq. 25. C. V. Coon. 26. Lawrence Bristol. 27. E. J. Stillman. 28. A. J. Barber. 29. B. Delavan. 30. A. L. Smith. 31. Dever Truman. 32. William Brown. 33. Harry Duncan. 34. Ralph Wright.

ever ready to accept or issue challenges and try her powers and abilities with the hand engines from all the nearby towns, and almost every test proved her superiority. The present company consists of about forty members, with Mr. F. Christenat as the retiring foreman and Mr. W. H. Gilbert as the new incumbent.

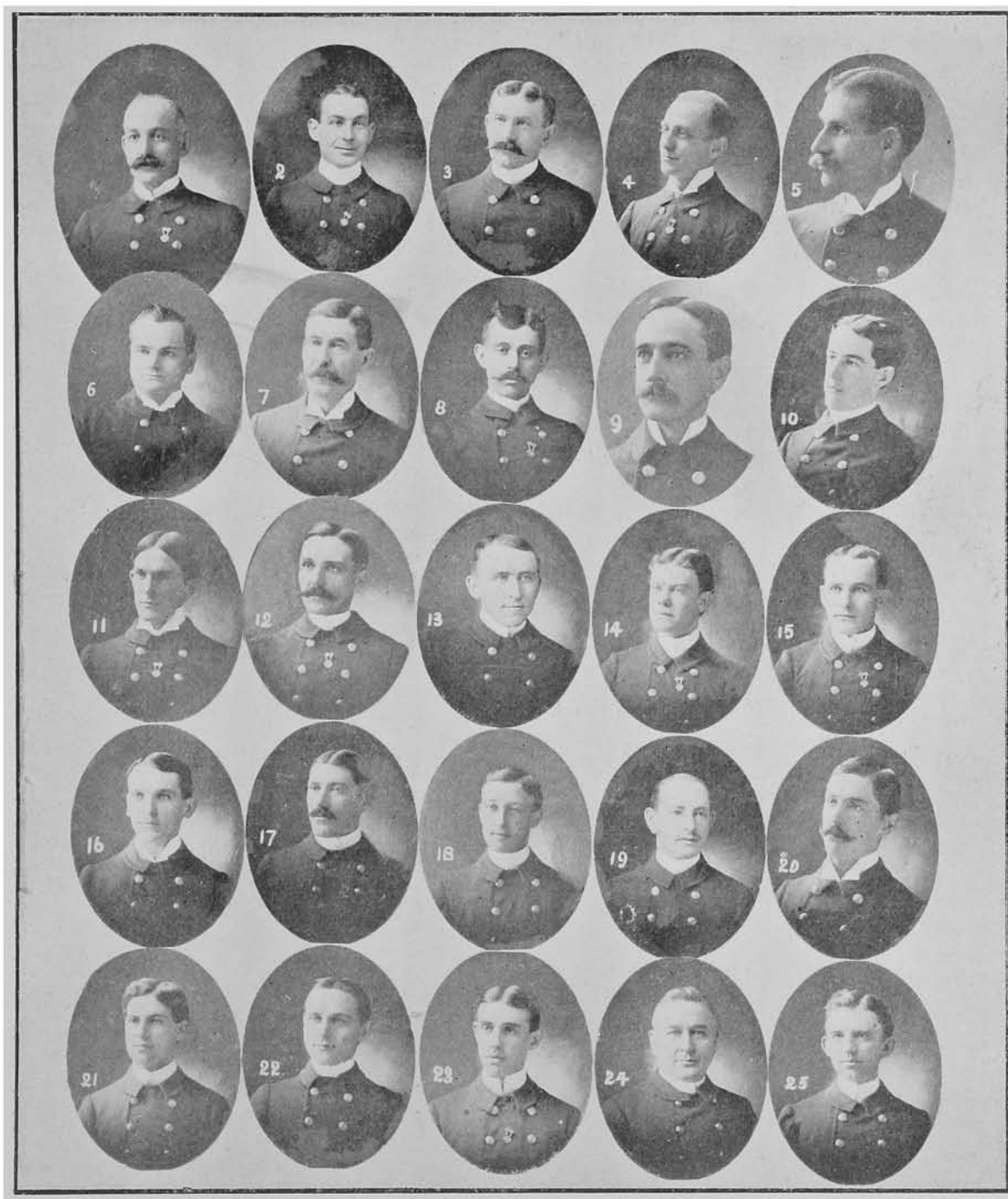
as one of the most efficient companies of the Cortland fire department. Their parlors, located in the Moore block on Main street, are elegantly furnished and equipped, having all the essentials necessary for the entertainment and pleasure of the members and their guests. The officers for the year 1900 are: Foreman, A. W. Stevens; First As-

sistant Foreman, James Farrell; Second Assistant Foreman, A. F. Sager; Secretary, A. J. White; Treasurer, Wm. Angell; Representative on Board of Engineers, M. P. Crane.

Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co., No. 3, was organized Dec. 10, 1864. The first officers were: Foreman, Aaron Sager; Assistant, E. D. Mallery; Secretary, Charles W. Collins; Treasurer, W. W. Gale. Some time previous to this date the village had procured a truck and apparatus, which were looked after and operated by a committee appointed by

great pride to the company. The present officers of the organization are as follows: President, J. W. Petrie; Foreman, H. L. Hartwell; First Assistant, A. S. Filzinger; Second Assistant, R. E. Caldwell; Secretary, N. F. Mather; Treasurer, H. J. Baker; Trustees, T. N. Leach, J. J. Glann, John H. Phelps.

Emerald Hose Co., No. 4, was organized June 5, 1878, with M. F. Cleary, foreman, and Edward Luther, secretary, Irving H. Palmer being chief engineer. This company has won its full share of honor and fame for the Cortland fire department. In



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ORRIS HOSE CO., NO. 2.

[See sk., P. 226.]

1. A. Stevens, Foreman. 2. James A. Farrell, First Assistant Foreman. 3. A. F. Seager, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. A. J. White, Secretary. 5. William Angell, Treasurer. 6. William A. Wallace. 7. Dorr C. Smith. 8. M. E. Sarvay. 9. G. H. Kennedy. 10. William Riley. 11. Lawrence Dudley. 12. N. J. Peck. 13. J. M. Miller. 14. Arthur Williams. 15. Charles Morris. 16. Edward Ringer. 17. Charles Griffith. 18. L. C. Tyler. 19. W. F. Seacord. 20. D. J. Riley. 21. Harry Chapin. 22. John Gutchess. 23. H. B. Greenman, Jr. 24. Dr. Tompkins. 25. Harry Chaplin.

the Village Fathers for that purpose. The truck at that time was stored in a barn belonging to W. R. Randall, but soon after the company was formed was placed in a shed built upon the north side of the old Fireman's Hall. The company became incorporated on the 19th day of April, 1877. In the spring of 1894 the village purchased a new and modern hook and ladder truck, and in 1899 bought a fine large team, both being a source of

1878 it participated in the State Firemen's parade at Ithaca. As guests of the Auburn Fire department the Emeralds attended the State Firemen's parade at Auburn in 1880, and carried off the highest honors for excellence in drill. The Emeralds captured the State championship prize for the best running team the first time such prize was offered by the State Firemen's convention. They entered their running team in the contest at Buffalo, N. Y.,

for the championship of the United States and Canada and a prize of \$300, and won the first prize in 43½ seconds, distance 300 yards, with standard cut regulation hose. The Massachusetts gold and diamond badge, a trophy won at Syracuse, ornaments the parlors of the Emerald Hose Co. The

coupling full three threads, putting on pipe three full threads, standard cart, carrying 350 feet of rubber-lined linen hose, weighing 1 lb. to the foot, Cortland, N. Y., 1886." This company is the possessor of the finest silver parade carriage in the world, and, of course, unfailingly wins the first



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EXCELSIOR HOOK & LADDER CO., NO. 3.

[See sk., P. 227.]

1. R. E. Caldwell, Foreman. 2. E. A. Townsend, First Assistant Foreman. 3. M. B. Filzinger, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. J. W. Petrie, President. 5. N. F. Mather, Secretary. 6. H. J. Baker, Treasurer. 7. John H. Phelps. 8. H. L. Hartwell. 9. S. K. Jones. 10. George A. Loucks. 11. T. N. Leach. 12. P. J. Benjamin. 13. Ezra Puderbaugh. 14. Frank B. Stockwell. 15. A. G. Bosworth. 16. I. V. Johnson. 17. M. K. Harris. 18. O. A. Hammond. 19. B. H. Bosworth. 20. Arthur A. Scudamore. 21. Verne Topping. 22. Bert Wright. 23. Fred Murray. 24. G. E. Butler. 25. A. B. Filzinger. 26. J. J. Glann. 27. Henry Peek. 28. C. H. Wilsey. 29. A. H. Foote. 30. Myron Tuttle. 31. Byron Tuttle. 32. E. J. Warfield. 33. Fred C. Shoals. 34. Frank Northrup. 35. Charles Wright. 36. Andrew Warwick.

Emerald's running team has held the world's highest record now for thirteen years. This record is in the New York Clipper of April, 1887, page 40, as follows: "41¾ seconds, Emerald Hose Co. team, limited to 17 men, running 200 yards to hydrant, attaching hose, laying 300 feet of hose, breaking

prize wherever exhibited. This company also owns the fine building which stands on the corner of Church and Railroad streets. This building represents the pluck, push and business sagacity of the Emeralds. Starting without a single dollar to purchase even the lot on which the building

stands, they now own, free from debt, the lot, building and all their furnishings. Among the races won by the Emeralds without straps or harness, but running simply as they would run to a fire, the following twelve races are given, with their official time: 1—Quarter mile, 1.20½; 2—300 yards, 52 sec.; 3—300 yards, 47 sec.; 4—300 yards, 45 sec.; 5—300 yards, 49½ sec.; 6—300 yards, 45½ sec.; 7—300 yards, 43½ sec.; 8—300 yards, 46¼ sec.; 9—300 yards, 50 sec.; 10—300 yards, 55 sec.; 11—300 yards, 45½ sec.; 12—300 yards, 41¾ sec.

which motion was carried unanimously. At a meeting of the village board of trustees, Sept. 12, 1888, consent was given to the incorporation of Hitchcock Hose Co., No. 6, which act of incorporation was recorded Sept. 21, 1888. From that time to the present the Hitchcock Co. has sustained a creditable record. The original officers of the company were as follows: President, Chas. H. Drake; Vice-President, Floyd B. Hitchcock; Secretary, William Wood; Treasurer, Fred S. Bennett; Foreman, W. T. Linderman; First Assistant



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EMERALD HOSE CO., NO. 4. [See View Hose House, P. 230.—sk. P. 227.

1. Edward Dowd, Foreman. 2. Thomas Kernan, First Assistant Foreman. 3. Thomas Kane, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. M. F. Cleary, President. 5. J. A. Nix, Secretary. 6. Henry Corcoran, Treasurer. 7. J. F. Dowd. 8. M. V. Lane. 9. M. T. Roche. 10. B. H. McNiff. 11. Frank Burns. 12. A. J. Lucy. 13. T. J. Murray. 14. George McKane. 15. J. McAuliff. 16. James Gaffney. 17. Emmett Cleary. 18. Thomas McAuliff. 19. Patrick Dalton. 20. Morris Lane. 21. Frank Kane. 22. James E. Dwyer. 23. John Couch. 24. John D. Kiley. 25. Michael B. Burns. 26. Wm. Meldrim.

Hitchcock Hose Co., No. 6, was first organized as an independent company for the protection of the mammoth plant of the Hitchcock Manufacturing Co., the original members being principally employes in the shops of that company. The organization was effected June 8, 1888. Within a week after the date of the formation, at a regular meeting of the board of engineers, a motion was made by John H. Phelps, of the Hook & Ladder Co., that Hitchcock Hose Co., No. 6, become an active member of the Cortland fire department,

Foreman, G. W. Schermerhorn; Second Assistant Foreman, A. J. McCready; Trustees, F. S. Bennett, F. B. Hitchcock, C. E. Reed; Representative on Board of Engineers, C. H. Drake. The first apparatus was kept in a small room connected with the Hitchcock Manufacturing Co.'s shops on the south side of Elm street, near the D., L. & W. tracks, and consisted of a two-wheel cart, drawn by a bay horse named "Billy," the gift to the company of Mrs. C. B. Hitchcock, the Hitchcock Hose Co. having the honor of owning the first horse in the

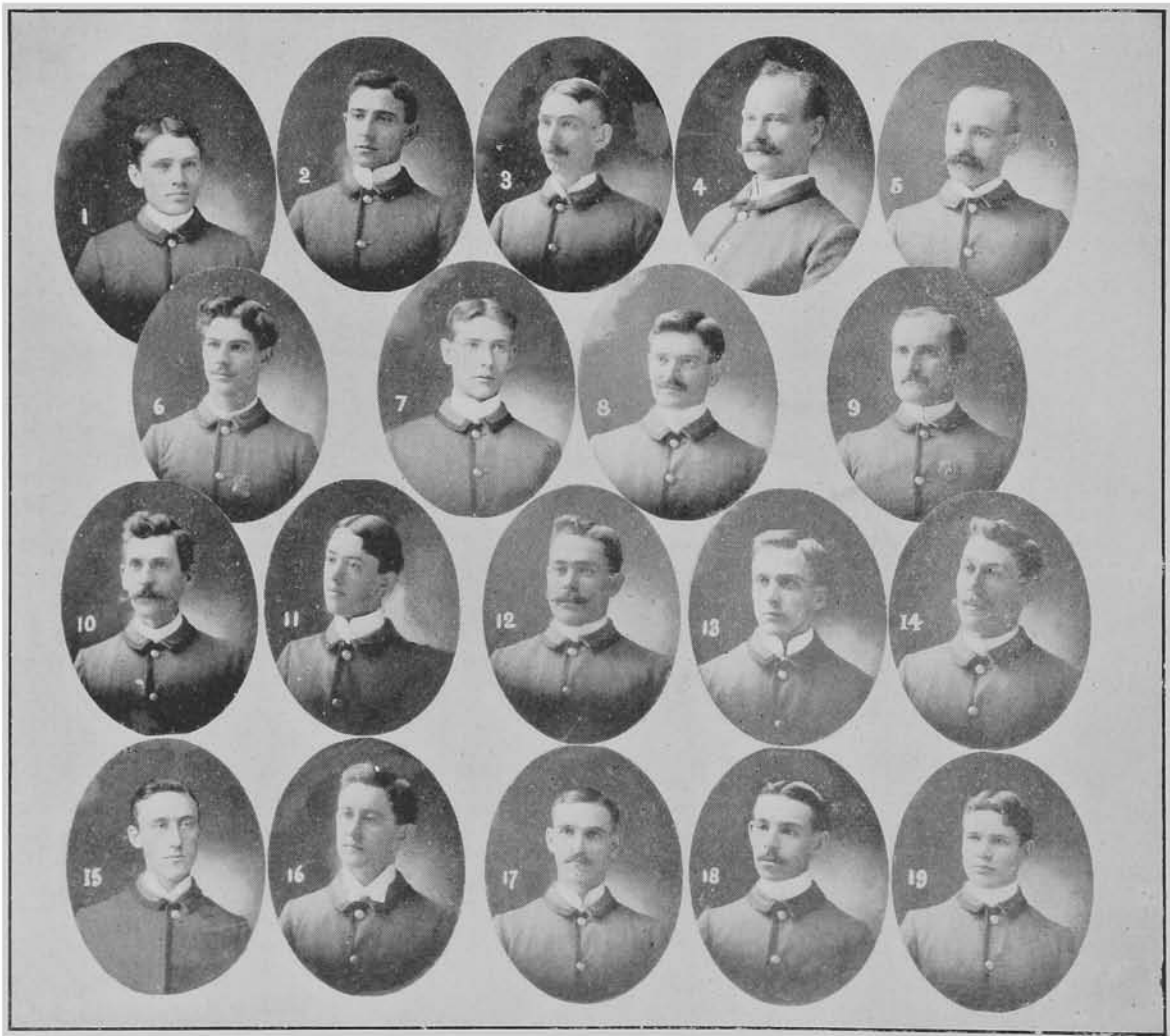


EMERALD HOSE HOUSE.

Cortland fire department. In the spring of 1889, the building now occupied by the company was erected by the organization, to whom it still belongs. The building is two stories in height, and stands on the north side of Elm street. The first floor is occupied by the apparatus, and at the rear is a stable for the use of the horse. The parlor and bunk rooms are on the second floor, the Hitchcock Co. also having the honor of inaugurating the bunker system. Late in the year 1889, the handsome hose wagon now used by the company was built at the expense of the village of Cortland, which, with the harness and indicator, are the only portions of the entire system of the organization not owned by the company. Up to

within three or four years past Hitchcock Hose Co. maintained one of the most efficient drill teams in the state. Its record at conventions of the State Firemen's association, and the Central New York Volunteer Firemen's association, of which the Hitchcock Co. is a member, has been very complimentary to the efficiency of the team. This drill team has won prizes as follows: Elmira, first prize, 1889—second prize, 1891; Ithaca, first prize; Oswego, second prize. At Canton encampment, Syracuse, a Braxmar silver trumpet, valued at \$100, was awarded the company for best appearing company in line. The present officers of the company are: President, F. S. Bennett; Vice-President, Charles Seaman; Secretary, H. Dell Hollister; Treasurer, M. L. Withey; Financial Secretary, John Holmes; Foreman, Morris Brotherton; First Assistant Foreman, Charles Williamson; Second Assistant Foreman, Earl Cole; Trustees, S. S. Horton, M. O'Brien, H. Dell Hollister; Representative on Board of Engineers, Wm. T. Linderman.

The Sewers.—In the spring of 1893 the people of Cortland voted to expend \$70,000 for a system of sewers. The commissioners were C. F. Wickwire, C. W. Collins, Hugh Duffey, F. H. Cobb and S. S. Knox. Fred Hatch, the village clerk, served as clerk of the board. W. B. Landreth, the village engineer, made the surveys, and the commissioners laid out the system. The cost of the work, \$58,000, was defrayed by the issue of bonds drawing 4 per cent. interest, which were optional after ten years and not enforceable within twenty years. The system is the best that could be constructed, and fully answers all purposes.



Butler, Photos.

HITCHCOCK HOSE CO. NO. 6.

[See sk. P. 229.]

1. Maurice Brotherton, Foreman. 2. E. S. Cole, Second Assistant Foreman. 3. F. S. Bennett, President. 4. Eugene Tuttle. 5. M. O'Brien. 6. C. D. Seaman. 7. Howard Tuttle. 8. John Luce. 9. S. L. Buck. 10. Wallace Gardner. 11. Harry Parks. 12. Fred DeMond. 13. Charles Chorley. 14. Frank DeMond. 15. Harry Cole. 16. Ray Tanner. 17. E. L. Cole. 18. John Holmes. 19. Alford Wright.

CITY OF CORTLAND CHARTER.

In the introduction to this Souvenir, written by Dr. James M. Milne in October, 1899, Cortland is declared to be a city in everything except name.

While this work was being compiled the name was added.

The City of Cortland was born March 16, 1900, the day Gov. Theodore Roosevelt signed Chapter 160, Laws of 1900—the city charter.

The City of Cortland has a fairly estimated population of 10,000. It became a city with not a vacant house for rent.

At the village charter election held March 13,

and seven natural channels of trade radiating from Cortland, the center of the state; with almost three miles of completed asphalt and brick pavement; with sewer and light conveniences, perfect water supply, uniformed policemen, five fire companies, trolley lines and six hotels.

Dr. James M. Milne, who has been called the Father of the City Charter and G. J. Maycumber, who more than any other man has supplied abundant activity in behalf of the charter visited quite a number of cities and conducted a thorough and searching inquiry as to their experience with their respective charters. There is



STREET SCENES IN THE VILLAGE OF HOMER, N. Y.

Public Green, Looking North (Dr Braman, Photo). Main Street, Northeast (Fred Ford, Photo).
Main Street, South (Loaned by Mrs. E. H. Knapp).
East Hills from Wall Street (Fred Ford, Photo). Main Street, Northwest (Thos. Knobel, Photo).

1900, the last under the old charter, 1958 votes were cast. The usual estimate is one voter to five inhabitants—certainly not above that ratio.

Among the thirty-five cities in the state of the third class, Cortland ranks twenty-ninth in population with the probability of occupying the twenty-seventh position if an official census were taken to-day.

In wealth and resources it ranks the twenty-third.

This is its present numerical position. Prospectively it occupies an enviable place. Its topographical advantages are very great, with a broad level and roomy territory upon which to expand

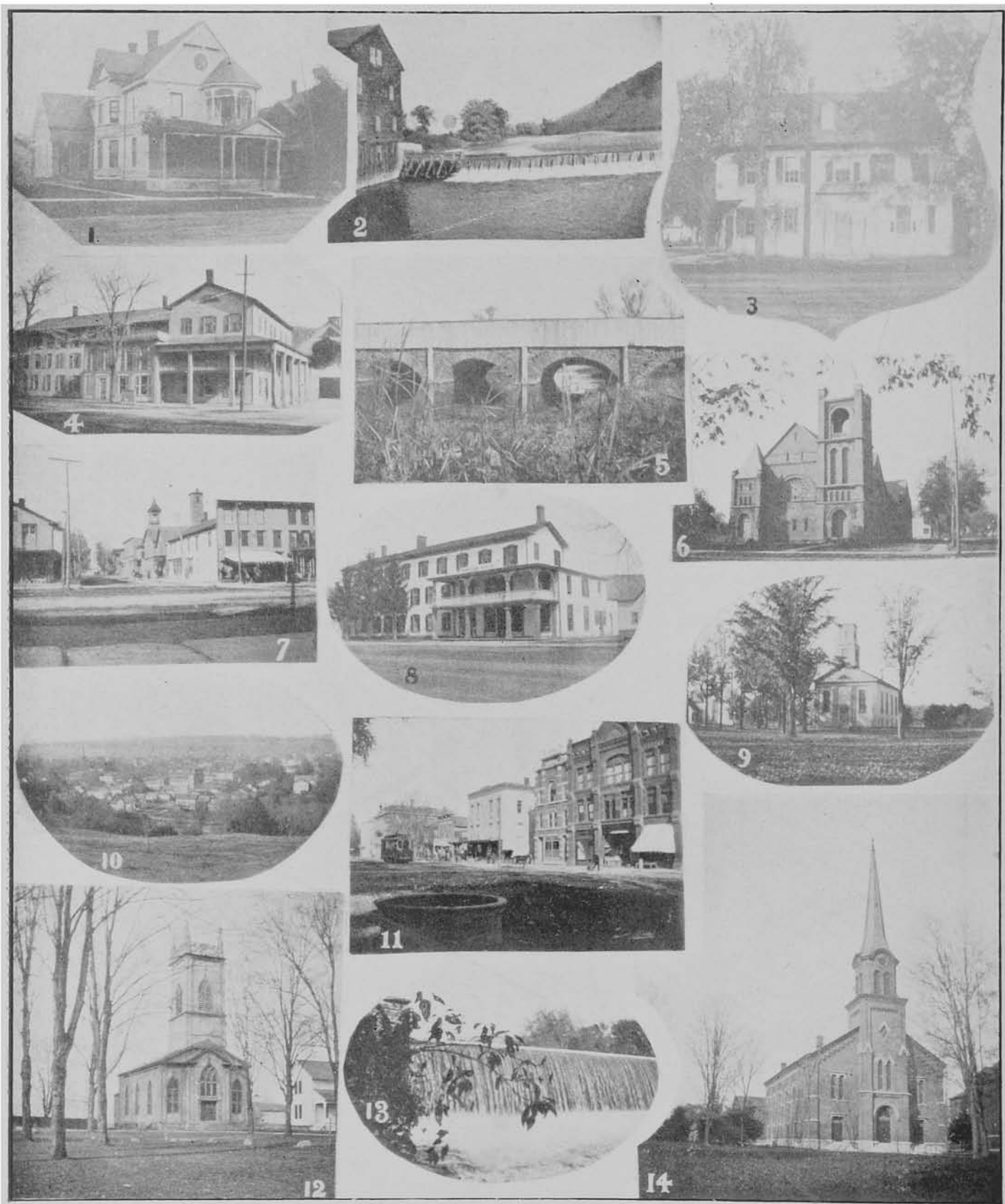
not space here to give the result in detail of their vigorous and intelligent work. The fact that at the charter election in which the question of city or no city charter was made the issue the friends of the measure won by an overwhelming majority, after a full discussion on the platform and in the newspapers, proves that the labors of these two gentlemen met with generous approval from the public.

Dr. Milne and Henry A. Dickinson then drafted a charter, counseled and advised by O. U. Kellogg, D. W. Van Hoesen, N. L. Miller and members of the different departments and organizations of the village.

On Feb. 15 the Board of Trustees (see portraits, page 79), voted a resolution recommending the enactment of this charter by the legislature.

On Feb. 16 a petition to the legislature for a charter was signed by all prominent manufacturers except two, both of whom were in Florida,

retary. Those who spoke in favor of the charter were O. U. Kellogg, D. W. Van Hoesen, E. A. Alger, N. L. Miller, H. A. Dickinson and James M. Milne. Those who opposed a charter without referendum, or for other reasons, were Rev. J. L. Robertson, A. J. Murray, Prof. E. C. Cleaves, Dr.



SCENES IN THE VILLAGE OF HOMER, N. Y.

1. Dr. Braman's Residence (Dr. Braman). 2. Old Mill (Mrs. R. E. Wilmarth). 3. Earliest Tavern, Samson House (Dr. Braman). 4. Sautelle House (Windsor Hotel). 5. Albany Street Bridge (Wilmarth). 6. Baptist Church. 7. James Street (Wilmarth). 8. Mansion House (Wilmarth). 9. Calvary Episcopal Church (Wilmarth). 10. Homer from Heberd's Hill (Wilmarth). 11. Main Street from the Green (Wilmarth). 12. Methodist Church (Wilmarth). 13. Lower Dam (Wilmarth). 14. Congregational Church (Wilmarth).

all of the bankers except one, and most all of the business men.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 24, a public meeting, called by the President of the village, was held at the Opera House. It was presided over by County Judge Joseph E. Eggleston, George J. Mager, sec-

F. W. Higgins, I. H. Palmer and B. T. Wright. The meeting closed with a division of the house overwhelmingly favorable to the charter.

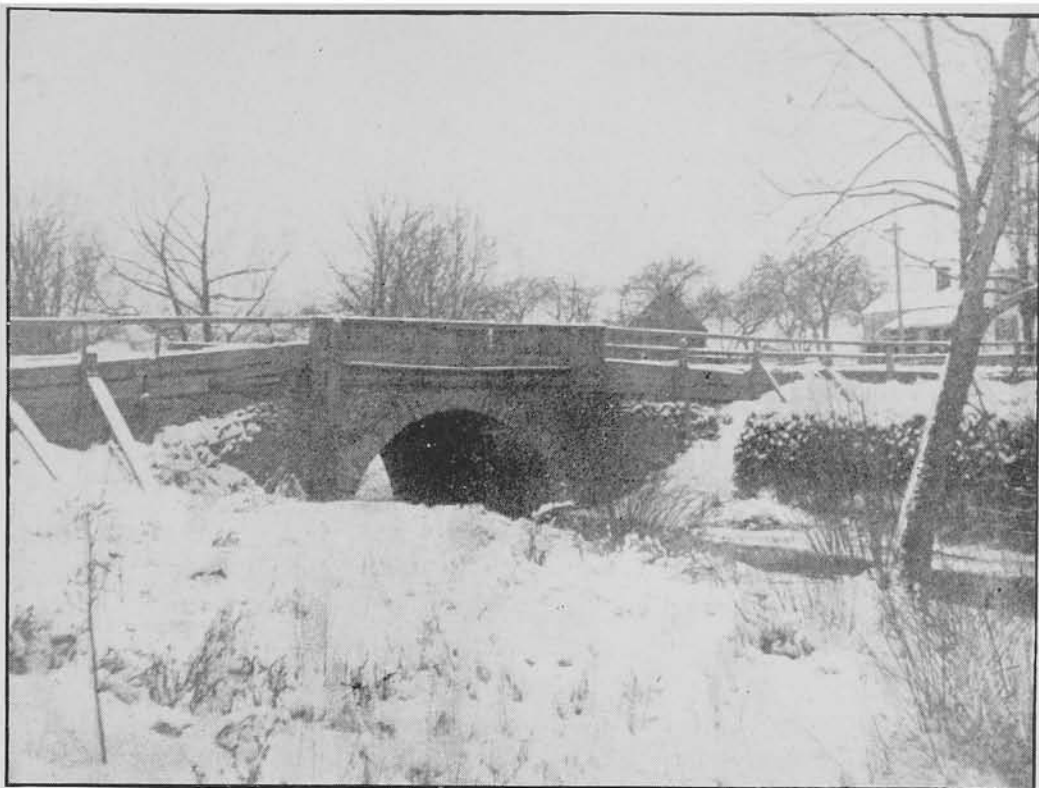
It was endorsed by both the Republican and Democratic county and city organizations, and on Feb. 19 introduced in the Senate by Senator John-

son, and in the Assembly by Geo. S. Sands. Both sides were heard by the Senate and Assembly cities committee on Feb. 27, and the next day the bill was handed down in both houses with a favorable report.

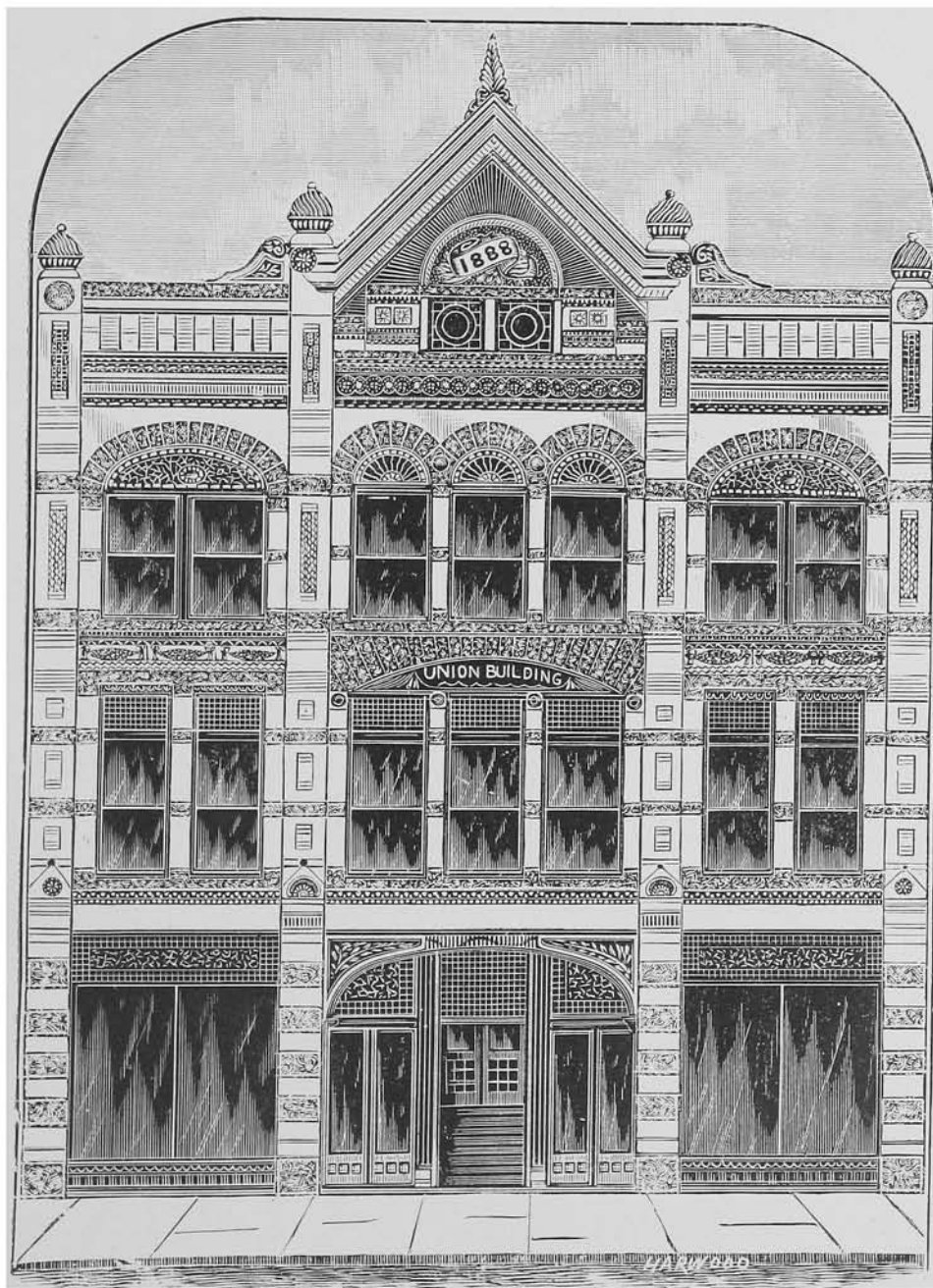
On March 8 the Assembly bill was passed in the lower house and substituted for the Senate bill in the upper, reaching the Governor the next day. The vote in the Assembly was 139 ayes, 0 noes, and in the Senate 47 ayes, 0 noes.

The Governor gave a hearing March 16, and the same day signed the bill, having held the question open until after the village charter election, which was held Tuesday, March 13, and which declared by a vote of nearly two to one for the charter.

On the evening of March 19 the village Board of Trustees met and organized as the Common Council of the city, and at such meeting ap-



Mrs. Wilmarth, Photo. THE OLD ALBANY POST ROAD.



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pointed two additional aldermen as required by the charter, thus completing the Common Council.

At a meeting March 22, the Mayor and Common Council appointed the officers for 1900 required in the act.

At the date of going to press the following are the elective and appointive city officers for 1900:

- Mayor—S. N. Holden.
- Ald., Ward 1—Edward Yager.
- Ald., Ward 2—C. F. Thompson.
- Ald., Ward 3—A. E. Buck.
- Ald., Ward 4—E. D. Wood.
- Ald., Ward 5—William G. McKinney.
- Ald., Ward 6—Vernon Skeele.
- City Clerk—Fred Hatch.
- City Chamberlin—George J. Maycumber.
- City Judge—R. L. Davis.
- City Attorneys—Kellogg & Van Hoesen.
- City Physician—E. A. Didama, M. D.
- City Assessor—Eugene W. Bates.
- Commissioner of Charities—J. R. Schermerhorn.
- Board of Public Works—Stratton S. Knox, President; Chester F. Wickwire, Hugh Duffey, Frank H. Cobb, Charles W. Collins.
- Board of Education—F. D. Smith, President; C. F. Brown, A. W. Edgcomb, G. J. Mager, W. J. Greenman, N. Jay Peck, Edward Keator, F. P. Hakes, M. H. Yale.
- Superintendent of Schools—F. E. Smith, Secretary of the Board.
- Board of Health—A. C. Walrad, President; D. C. Greenman, secretary; F. L. McDowell and Henry I. Relyea.



Bentley, Photo. SCENE ON TIOUGHNIOGA—FROM PINE ST. BRIDGE, HOMER.

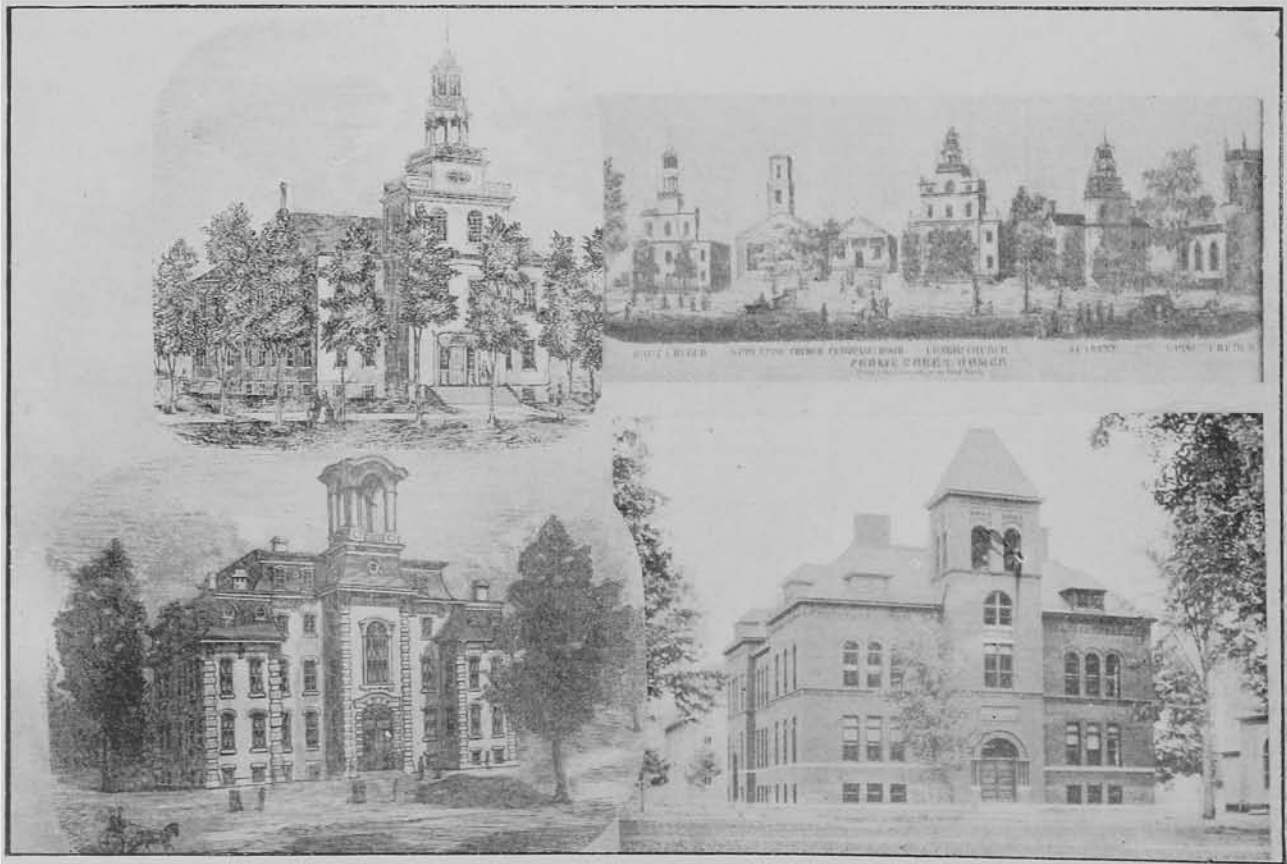
The Pressman on this Souvenir has shown capability, good judgment and rare qualifications as a pressman. The best half-tone work requires special facilities. Mr. H. G. Joy, Jr., 23 years of age, has had five years' experience, one year as the chief pressman, but this is his first job requiring so much skill. This work he produced on a Huber two-revolution, four-roller, double-inking press, than which no better press is made for fine job work. It is a credit to the young man, who gives promise of a flattering future in the art of high class productions.

Farther Lights Society.—The Farther Lights society of the First Baptist church was organized Aug. 12, 1898, by Miss Lizzie Hyatt of Boston, with a membership of four. Since that time it has steadily grown, until now it numbers 31 active members and one honorary member. It is a society for young ladies, and its object is for the support of women and children on the foreign fields. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Jesse Bosworth; vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Bennett; secretary, Miss Harriet Robinson; treasurer, Miss Jessamine Ellsworth.

Errata. — In the sketch of L. M. Loope, on page 131, he is represented as a Democrat.

He has always been one of the strongest of Prohibitionists, with no immediate prospect of a change in his politics.

Ishkoot Council, D. of P., was organized March 14, 1900. The officers: Poc, Mrs. Mary Gleason; Winona, Mrs. Mary Summers; Prophet, Alice Sheridan; Powhattan, Ernest Summers; K. of R., Margaret Hayes; K. of W., Ellen Summers; C. of W., Ellen Woods; 1st S., Anna Mellon; 2d S., Elizabeth O'Donnell; 1st R., Tessie Dwyer; 2d R., Mary Ready; G. of T., Miss B. Couch; G. of F., Maggie Garrity; 1st C., Miss E. Noonan; 2d C., Miss L. Dillon; 1st W., J. Kelly; 2d W., J. Summers; 3d W., J. Harriott; 4th W., G. Gleason.



HOMER, N. Y., GREEN, ACADEMIES AND CHURCHES.

Cortland Academy—Erected 1819. Demolished 1869.
Homer Academy—Erected 1869. Burned Jan. 17, 1893.

Homer Green, 1850.
Homer Academy—Erected 1893.