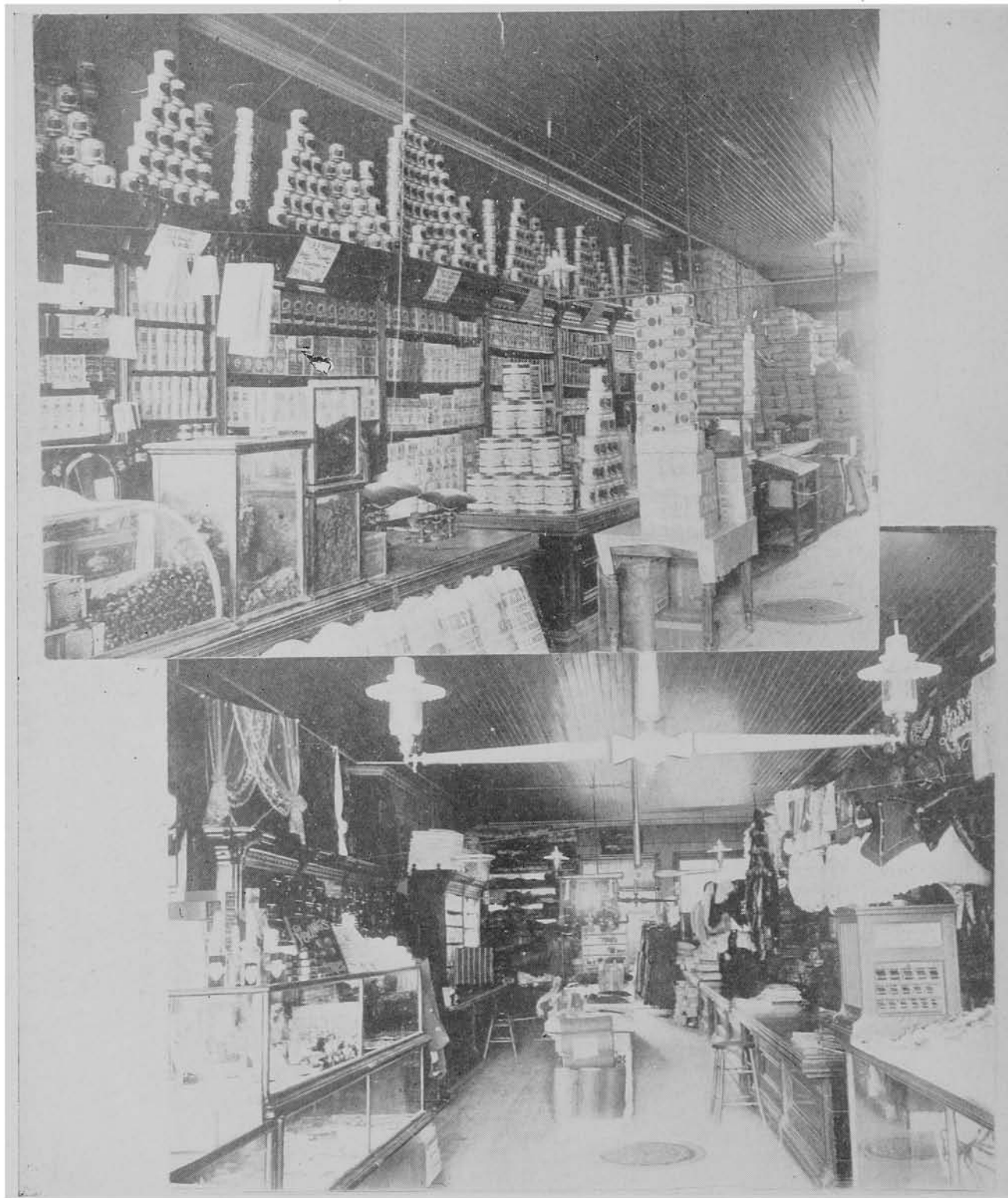


pay her bill 'to-morrow,' and she always speaks those words with a most winsome smile."

My impression of Cortland has steadily grown in fondness. Never shall I forget the introduction to her. Picture a wet, gloomy, drizzling rain on one Saturday afternoon a little over three years ago. Arriving at the picturesque Lehigh station, situated on the village stream then known as Main

which they live, by erecting appropriate and commodious depots? No building in town makes a more vivid impression on the mind of the traveler, and hundreds who pass through never judge by anything else.

Cortland is a village of homes. From the many imposing residences scattered throughout her limits to the cozy and hard earned cottage there is a homelike appearance with all. The proportion of



Photos by Harris. VIEWS OF INTERIOR OF PALMER & CO.'S STORE.

Grocery Department.

Dry Goods Department.

street, gondoliered through that rock-bottom water-way in a hack.

What a change! Who can think of that day now without gratitude for the present? Only the same old stations at the termini of our splendid streets are left as monuments of the past. Why is it that the railroad companies do not keep pace with the towns through which they run and by

rented houses is small, a large share owning their homes or paying for them. The absence of old and tumbledown structures is another marked feature of our town, and the general good care given to all residential grounds.

But by far better than this outward appearance of home loving there are very many signs which point to home happiness which depends more upon the heart than upon the dwelling. Church

street upon Sabbath morning or evening tells the story of church life. I do not think there is a town the size of ours in the state which is more faithful in church attendance. However, there is always a possibility of improvement. One noticeable fact in this connection is the large proportion of men who attend church.

The industries of Cortland impress me as not only successful but as exceedingly well managed and cared for. There are few places where such a spirit of genuine fellowship and cordiality exists. Employer and owner are in perfect sympathy with employe.

One who has been formerly under the pressure of city work, and has spent a large share of the time on sidewalks and amid blocks realizes what a privilege it is to be able to catch up a trout rod after dinner on a fine day, and after a comparatively short drive cast into a lively stream. In

us to enjoy without using up strength in climbing; for the magnificent trees (let us preserve them). Speaking of trees, I believe even Ruskin would have gone into greater ecstasies over the elm if he could have looked through Church street on a summer evening, particularly just as the day began to go out in the beauty of one of our inspiring sunsets. He tells us that the old cathedrals were framed after the plan of God's architecture as seen in the arched vaults of the majestic elms. If you want to see the truth of this statement, here at home, walk from the Methodist church to Port Watson street some moonlight evening in the summer or early fall.

I will leave it to others to speak of our well equipped stores, our clean newspapers, our good schools, our library, our hospital, our beautiful cemetery, our Young Men's Christian association, the many literary and social organizations,



THE CITY WATER WORKS.

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fact this suggestion is simply given as an illustration of the life which Cortland affords. Every one is busy but not too busy to live, to let others live and to make the most of life.

We all value the State Normal School, and what she has and is doing. The life of the village and township is strengthened and brightened thereby. It is needless to speak of the work going on there. Carlyle says of Shakespeare: "His works are so many windows, through which we see a glimpse of the world that was in him." Thus we can speak of this institution in our midst. The students and the splendid work we hear from the schools where they teach and from the colleges where they are studying are "the windows through which we see a glimpse of the world" that is in the Alma Mater.

For the natural beauty of our village we are very grateful; for the hills, the valleys, not in our village, (we leave that to Ithaca) but all about us, for

the musical taste and interest, not only benefiting the community by special festivals, but now showing itself strong enough to support regularly a weekly choral society. The more a town does to elevate and educate in the realm of good music, the loftier will be her amusements, and the healthier her morals. It is very encouraging likewise to note from our booksellers that the demand for good books is steadily and surely increasing. The old sentiment was that although man "could live without books," "civilized man could not live without books." We believe the latter most emphatically, but we also believe that civilized man can not live without books, and good books at that. And just here let me say, God speed the new Science club. It is a move in the right direction.

The new athletic field in the very heart of the village is something of which to be proud. There is no more intelligent and effective manner to keep

and inspire wholesome living and pure thinking than clean sport and athletic exercise. Show me a community without a playground for the young, and I will show you a dwarfed generation and listless workmanship.

As to the general public opinion of our town as to questions of justice and morality there is no doubt that when thoroughly aroused there is a most generous response for righteousness. There is a strong feeling against personal bitterness, which there ought to be, but there is a loyalty in antagonism against existing evils. To this spirit we owe the abolition of the saloon in our midst.

To sum up the whole matter, Cortland is "a good place to live in," but let us never forget that we shall be held responsible by the Kind Father who placed us here if we do not make it even the better, because we live therein.

Linderman, Laura A. Parsons, Lydia A. Strowbridge, Maria E. Forrest and Verdine E. Peck. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lucy L. Linderman; first vice-president, Mrs. Anna E. Bentley; second vice-president, Dr. Lydia A. Strowbridge; secretary, Mrs. Frances Park Mudge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Rose Clark; treasurer, Mrs. Clara T. Gale. The time of meeting was appointed to be the third Monday of each month, at 3 p. m., to be held at the homes of the members. Our numbers have doubled the first year, and we have many friends outside our ranks. Also, in our first year we met with a serious loss in the death of one member, Mrs. Bertha Payne Kenyon, which will long be felt, and who will tenderly be remembered. The average attendance has been good and meetings regular. We have been greatly encouraged by



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OFFICERS OF THE POLITICAL EQUALITY CLUB.

Dr. Lydia Strowbridge, Vice-P. Mrs. Anna Bentley, Vice-P.
Miss Myra Norton, Sec. Mrs. Lucy L. Linderman, Pres. Mrs. Frances P. Mudge, Cor. Sec.

Let these words from Kipling's song be ours:

"Hold ye the Faith, * * the Faith our Fathers sealed us;

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Keep ye the law—be swift in all obedience.
Clear the land of evil, drive the road and bridge the ford.
Make ye sure to each his own
That he reap what he hath sown;
By the peace among our peoples let men know we serve
the Lord."

Then can we ever say,

"Surely in toil or fray,
Under an alien sky,
Comfort it is to say,
Of no mean City Am I."

Faithfully,

Dec. 21, '99.

JOHN T. STONE.

Political Equality Club.—In April, 1898, Harriet May Mills, organizer of the New York State Suffrage association, visited Cortland and gave a lecture, the subject of which was "The Signs of the Times." A gentleman in the audience arose and moved that a club be organized in Cortland. A few women who believe in the results of organized effort met at Dr. Strowbridge's May 10th. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and signed by the following persons: Frances Park Mudge, Bertha Payne Kenyon, Mary Rose Clark, Anna E. Bentley, Clara T. Gale, Hattie E. Mudge, Lucy L.

the unprecedented favor of woman suffrage by our governor, as expressed in his speech last winter.

Streams in Cortland County.—The Tioughnioga flows into this county from the north in two branches, which unite near the village of Cortland and flow in a general southerly direction, emptying into the Chenango river in Broome county. Its principal tributaries in this county are Trout, Cold and Factory brooks, and Chenango, Labrador, Otter, Virgil, Cunningham, Owego and Merrill's creeks.

The County Clerk's Office was consigned for several years to an old building standing on Main street on the site of the present handsome structure, which was opened up for business in February, 1877. Efforts were made to get located in Homer village which offered to defray all expenses for site and buildings. The county appropriated \$17,000 for the new building.

The First Pavement laid in Cortland was on Main street, and it cost the village \$3,500. The contract was executed in June, 1866, and the village issued bonds payable in four equal annual installments.

Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, was organized May 9th, 1895, in Empire Hall by J. J. Kennelly, James E. Dolan and Frank D. O'Herin, of the Onondaga County Board. The intent and purpose of the order is to promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity among its members, by raising or supporting a fund of money for maintaining the aged, blind and infirm members, also to pay benefits to its members in case of sickness or death. The charter members

Lonergan; Recording Secretary, Joseph Dowd; Financial Secretary, Thomas Drake; Treasurer, J. T. Davern; Sergeant-at-Arms, John F. Burns; Sentinel, Richard McMahon. The prominent social features of the Division are its largely attended annual balls, banquet on each St. Patrick's day and yearly excursions to the Thousand Islands. The regular meetings of the Division are held on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7 p. m., in the Empire Hall.



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THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

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| E. D. Wood, rep. Ward 3. | C. Fred Thompson, rep. Ward 1. | A. A. Sprague, rep. Ward 4. |
| | L. T. White, rep. Ward 2. | |
| | S. N. Holden, President. | |

numbered 72 and the first officers elected were as follows:—County President, John F. Dowd; Division President, Charles Corcoran; Vice President, Joseph Dowd; Recording Secretary, M. V. Lane; Financial Secretary, John F. Burns; Treasurer, J. T. Davern; Sergeant-at-Arms, P. T. Carmody; Sentinel, John E. Lonergan. At the present time the Division numbers 175 and the officers for 1899 were as follows: County President, Charles Corcoran; Division President, John A. Kennedy; Vice-President, John E.

Illuminating Gas was introduced for use in Cortland early in the sixties. The board of Trustees by resolution adopted August 5, 1860, awarded the franchise for laying gas pipes to a company headed by James A. Schermerhorn, giving them the exclusive privilege for twenty-five years. In 1863 the village board appropriated \$130 for the erection of ten gas street lamps and for lighting them for the following year.

The Police Department.

At the charter election held in March, 1889, by a vote of the people it was decided that Cortland should have a uniformed police force, to be appointed by the board of trustees. On April 1, 1889, Albert Goldsmith was designated as chief of the department, and Nathan Hunt, O. L. Jackson and E. D. Parker night patrolmen. Shortly after Mr. Hunt was succeeded by James E. Sager. A new charter was granted the following June, which ordered the election of a police justice at the next charter election, whose term of office should be three years, and gave the board power to name the number of police officers. In March, 1890, C. S. Bull was elected to the office of police justice. April 1st of the same year James E. Sager was appointed chief of police. The department remained the same for three years. At the charter election in March, 1893, C. S. Bull was re-elected police justice. Albert Goldsmith resigned Aug. 7, 1893, and has held the office of constable since that time. Frank H. Monroe was appointed to fill the vacancy September 4th. Mr. Sager's resignation took effect in April, 1895, when W. T. Linderman was appointed and at once assumed the duties of chief of the department. In August, 1895, Mr. Monroe resigned to go into business in Oneonta, where he still remains. At the March election in 1896 E. E. Mellon was elected police justice, and the following May Sidney N. Gooding was appointed policeman by the board of trustees, and James A. Smith



THE POLICE FORCE.

J. H. Corcoran.

S. N. Gooding,

Night Captain.

W. T. Nix.

J. A. Smith.

E. D. Parker, Chief.

was appointed night captain. On April 12, 1897, O. L. Jackson and Mr. Smith resigned, and were succeeded by John H. Corcoran and William T. Nix; E. D. Parker was appointed night captain. In December, 1898, W. T. Linderman resigned and was succeeded by James A. Smith. E. D. Parker was designated by the board as chief of police and S. N. Gooding as night captain. At the charter election in March, 1899, R. L. Davis was elected police justice. The president of the village is at the head of the police force. There are four square miles in the corporation and over fifty miles of streets to patrol, and 2,500 inhabitants to each policeman. The present force is as follows: E. D. Parker, chief of police; S. N. Gooding, night captain; W. T. Nix, J. H. Corcoran, James A. Smith, patrolmen.



Photo by Hyatt. PROSPECT ST., NORTH FROM THE BEND.

Early Racing.—Speedy and high bred horses appeal strongly to a great many people in Cortland. The earliest track event of which there is a record was on Sept. 19, 1820. This contest, which lasted three days, was decided on the flats in the southeasterly corner of the village and on a circular mile track, the judges' stand being erected on a natural mound in the center of the field. The judges were Truman Doud, Chas. W. Lynde, Stephen Knapp and Roswell Randall. The conditions admitted any horse, mare or gelding carrying weight for age, and running three-mile heats. A purse of \$100 was awarded to the winning horse on the first day, \$75 on the second day; the five per cent. entrance money on the

purses of the first two days to be awarded to the swiftest three-year-old colt on the third day, one-mile heat.

I. V. Johnson was born in Virgil, Cortland county, June 17, 1869, being the oldest son of Vivus and Alvira (Sherman) Johnson. When 21 years of age he left his home in Virgil to accept a clerkship in the hardware store of F. D. Smith in Cortland, N. Y. He held the above position until the year 1895, when he accepted a position as salesman with the hardware firm of Buck & Lane, of this place, remaining with them until Oct. 31, 1898, when he took possession of the store at No. 5 Tompkins street, which he had purchased of T. S. Mourin, wholesale and retail dealer in flour, feed and country produce. He has on hand at all times a full line of the best grades of flour, feed, grain, hay and straw, seeds and poultry supplies, the Ceresota brand of flour being among the many standard brands which he carries. He is also a wholesale and retail dealer in fancy butter and eggs. On July 26, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Seaman of Dryden, N. Y. They have one child, Hazel M. He is a member and the present Vice-Grand of Vesta Lodge, No. 255, I. O. O. F., a member of Elon Encampment, No. 59, I. O. O. F., a member of the Knights of Maccabees, Tioughnioga club, and an active member of Excelsior H. & L. Co., No. 3.

Early Settlers in Cortland.—Jonathan Hubbard built a dwelling on the present site of Main and Court streets in 1804. Mead Merrill built a sawmill near Port Watson, which was in operation in 1816, and was appointed surrogate in 1810 and county clerk in 1813. The first court house was built by Josiah Cushman, who settled in Cortland about 1800. A tavern was built about 1818 by Nathan Luce. It was subsequently the famous Eagle



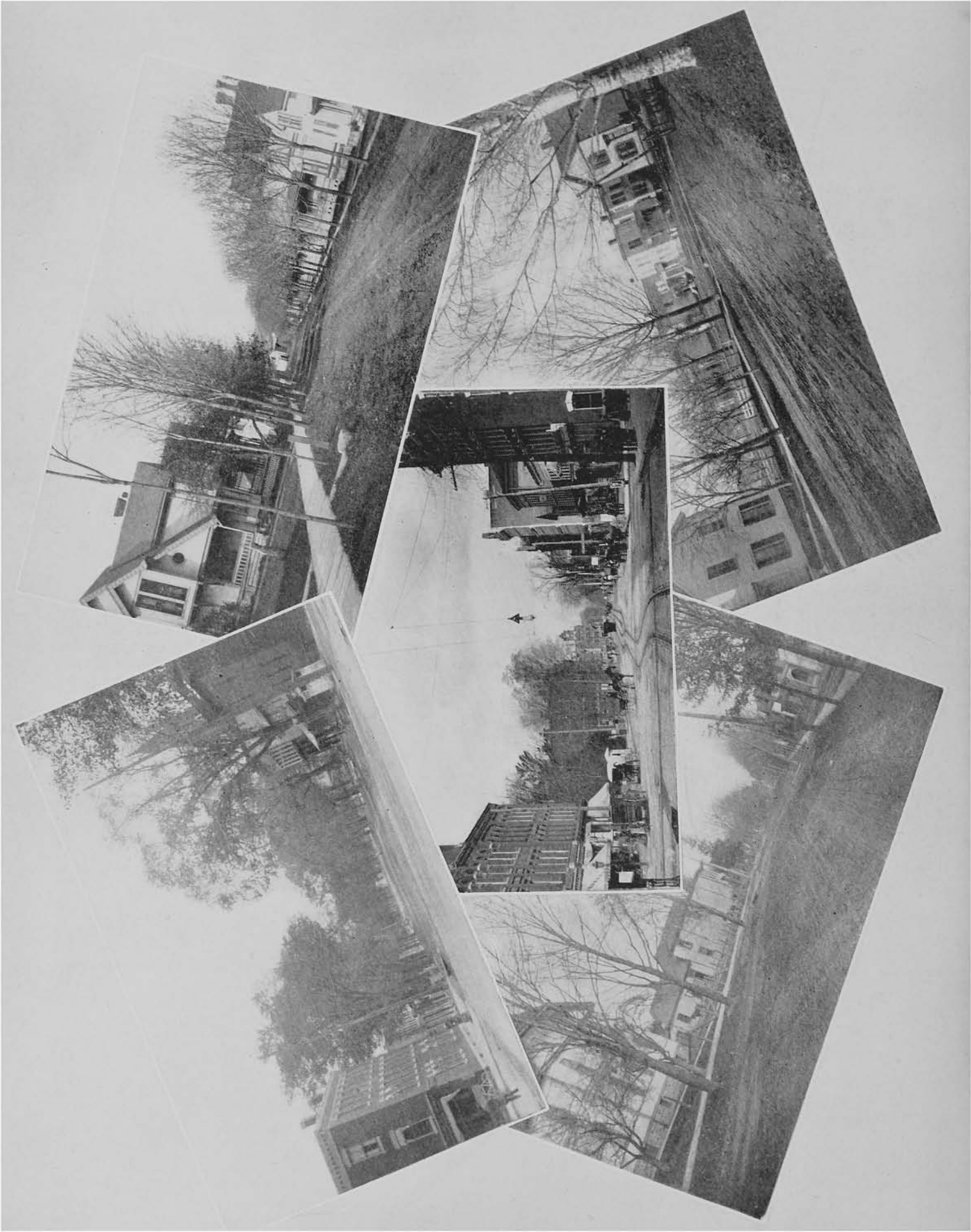
I. V. JOHNSON.

tavern. Jacob Wheeler probably was the first blacksmith in the village, coming here about 1812. The first jewelers and silversmiths were Joshua and his son W. H. Bassett, and the first harness and saddlemaker was William Bartlit, who located here prior to 1815. Others who came to Cortland about the latter year were: James Percival, who established the first newspaper, *The Cortland Republican* (June 30, 1815); Dr. Miles Goodyear, in

the fall of 1817; Jethro Bonney, in 1816; Nelson Spencer, who in 1820 erected a paper mill at the junction of the east and west branches of the Tioughnioga; Asahel Lyman, who in 1816 erected the old Samson block, corner Main street and Groton avenue (see view, page 111); Samuel Hotchkiss, who settled here in 1815, and who was deputy county clerk from 1815 to 1823, and clerk in 1823-1835, inclusive, and again in 1844-'47; Edward Allen, a blacksmith, in 1817; Judge Samuel Nelson, in 1818; William and Roswell Randall, in 1813; William Elder; who built the first tannery. The late Hamilton White's father, Hamilton White, afterwards a leading Syracuse banker, was the chief clerk for W. & R. Randall. William Mallory settled here in 1815, and was sheriff in 1800-'10, county clerk in 1815-'19, and in 1823 was appointed judge of the court of common pleas. His business was that of a distiller.



Photos by Harris. I. V. JOHNSON'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE.



Vesta Lodge, No. 255, was instituted Dec. 15, 1870, with the following officers: N. G., I. M. Seaman; V. G., H. M. Kent; Secretary, Gideon Wright; Treasurer, S. M. Benjamin; War., L. O. Hulse; Con., A. Sager. After the institution the following were admitted to membership by card: R. Lambert, S. M. Benjamin, Oliver Hitchcock, G. S. Holden, M. Rowley; by initiation, Geo. G. Sperry, Chas. E. Gilbert, P. W. Chaffee, Delos Sanders, J. J. Taggart, J. W. Benjamin, L. Dexter, John D. Frederick and Chauncey Genung. Number of members at date of institution 20, and of these Bro. Genung is the only one of the original members that has held continuous membership and is still in good standing in Vesta lodge. Bro. Genung has long been A. P. G. and for years past has served the lodge as its chaplain. On July 20, 1871, their first rooms were dedicated in the Squires building, now owned by Wm. Martin, and on Nov. 26, 1885, their present hall and rooms consisting of the whole of the third story of the Second National Bank building were dedicated to the principles of Odd Fellowship. The membership Jan.

E. S. Champion; I. G., W. F. Gardner; O. G., Wm. Smith. Vesta lodge on December, 1899, had a membership of 257.

Elon Encampment, No. 59, was instituted July 7, 1871, by the following staff: D. D. G. R., Wm. Powers; G. H. P., Richard Pollard; G. S. W., Wm. Elma; Gr. S., Wallace Kelley; Gr. Treas., H. C. Mann; G. J. W., John Livingston. The following were charter members: S. M. Benjamin, Chas. Gilbert, W. Eugene Powers, Gideon Wright, Delos Sanders, Horace M. Kent, Geo. G. Sperry. After this the following officers were elected and installed: C. P., H. M. Kent; H. P., Geo. G. Sperry; S. W., Gideon Wright; Scribe, W. Eugene Powers; Treas. Chas. E. Gilbert; J. W., Delos Sanders. The present officers were installed July 1st, by D. D. G. P., E. E. Barnes, viz: C. P., E. DeWitt Rogers; H. P., E. N. Sherwood; S. W., Frank Dunbar; Scribe, Abner McNett; Treas., Willard H. Gilbert; J. W., T. M. Marks; Guide, L. A. Bloomer; 1st W., E. E. Barnes; 2nd W., J. W. Petrie; 3rd W., H. L. Hartwell; 4th



Photo by Butler.

OFFICERS VESTA LODGE, I. O. O. F., NO. 255 (1899.)

7. Myron Oothout, N. G. 3. A. G. Klotten, V. G. 13. H. L. Hartwell, Recording Secretary. 11. E. D. Rogers, Financial Secretary. 12. T. N. Leach, Treasurer. 5. Joseph McDargh, Warden. 15. E. E. Barnes, Conductor. 14. Chauncey Genung, Chaplain. 6. W. H. Gilbert, R. S. N. G. 8. T. P. Button, L. S. N. G. 2. S. D. Dubois, R. S. V. G. 4. Burdell Hawks, L. S. V. G. 1. J. D. Pierce, R. S. S. 9. E. S. Champion, L. S. S. 16. William M. Smith, O. G. 18. W. F. Gardner, I. G. 17. E. N. Sherwood, Degree Master. 10. C. P. Wadham, P. G.

I, 1880, was 69, and on Jan. 1, 1890, 104. On Dec. 16, 1895, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge was held in the Opera House and lodge rooms with appropriate ceremonies, the grand officers of the state being present. The principal address of the day was made in the Opera House by Alfred A. Guthrie, G. M., who on the same occasion presented to Bro. Genung, for the lodge, a veteran's jewel, the first ever presented to a member of this lodge. Since the institution, two lodges, McGraw No. 320, and John L. Lewis, No. 587, have been formed by members of Vesta lodge who withdrew for that purpose. The following officers were installed July 1st, 1899, by D. D. G. M., L. A. Bloomer: N. G., Myron Oothout; V. G., A. G. Klotten; Sec., H. L. Hartwell; F. Sec., E. DeWitt Rogers; Treas., T. N. Leach; Chap., C. Genung; War., J. E. McDargh; Con., Irving Barnes; R. S. N. G., W. H. Gilbert; L. S. N. G., T. P. Button; R. S. V. G., S. D. DuBois; L. S. V. G., Burdell Hawks; R. S. S., J. D. Pierce; L. S. S.,

W., J. E. McDargh; 1st G. T., Fred Tyler; 2nd G. T., W. F. Gardner; I. S., Fred Pearson; O. S., A. G. Klotten. The Encampment has always had the same prosperity and reverses as Vesta lodge, occupying the same hall and are, as they have always been, inseparable.

The County Building, constructed of stone, with an ornamental front, was built in 1877. The county clerk's office occupies the first floor, the county judge and surrogate the second, and the board of supervisors' rooms are on the third floor. The walls are supported by iron beams and it is as nearly fire proof as possible, the floors being of tile. I. G. Perry of Binghamton is the architect. The building committee of the board of supervisors reported favorably on plans and cost Nov. 28, 1876. The board of supervisors entered into contract for the work with Louis G. Viele, and the price was to be \$15,000. This was subsequently increased to \$16,000, but the total cost was \$18,575. A thousand dollars was paid for the site.

John L. Lewis Lodge, No. 587, I. O. O. F., was instituted Sept 11, 1890, by Grand Master Spooner, assisted by Grand Secretary Terwilliger, Grand Treasurer Rowland and District Deputy Grand Master E. E. Warfield of Homer. The following were charter members: Isaac M. Seaman (deceased), A. B. Filzinger, C. A. Lounsberry (deceased), L. T. White, George D. Griffith, Fred Fenner, P. G., William H. Moore, P. G., George I. Pruden, B. D. Shirley, S. Knickerbocker, H. L. Gleason, C. H. Drake, A. G. Bosworth, Charles S. Bull, C. Fred Williams, S. de Puy Freer, W. P. Robinson, Wilbur Maltby, A. J. Breunig, F. A. Bickford, E. E. Spalding, John C. Seamans, George W. Cleveland, Jas. E. Seager, M. L. Pope, Harry Wheaton, E. Jay Hopkins and A. C. Upson. Forty-two new members were initiated that night and the following officers were installed: N. G., W. P. Robinson; V. G., C. H. Drake; Rec. Sec., A. C. Upson; Fin.

Treasurer, A. G. Bosworth; Warden, W. G. Spencer; Cond., George M. Champlin; O. G., C. R. Doolittle; I. G., Lewis Swift; R. S. N. G., F. M. Ingersoll; L. S. N. G., G. H. Ames; R. S. V. G., Clarence French; L. S. V. G., Benjamin Hamilton; R. S. S., J. J. Krebs; L. S. S., Charles Leonard; Chaplain, E. E. Spalding; P. G., T. N. Hollister. The following are Past Grands in the order of service: W. P. Robinson, C. H. Drake, A. G. Bosworth, A. J. Coles, G. E. Ingraham, George Vandusen, L. E. Blackmer, J. G. Bridenbecker, J. E. Bliss, W. D. Shirley, F. M. Ingersoll, Charles H. Miller, F. H. Morse, R. E. Caldwell, C. R. Allen, James R. Brown, L. Scott Gale, T. N. Hollister. The meetings of the lodge are held every Tuesday evening at the lodge rooms in the Schermerhorn block, where they have very convenient quarters fitted up, consisting of lodge hall, parlor, dining room and kitchen, together with the usual



Photo by Butler. OFFICERS OF JOHN L. LEWIS, I. O. O. F., No. 587 (1899).

1. Clarence French. 2. N. P. Meager. 3. Benjamin Hamilton. 4. Louis Swift. 5. John Krebs. 6. Frank M. Ingersoll. 7. Fred J. Bierce. 8. George H. Ames. 9. Charles Leonard. 10. C. R. Doolittle. 11. T. N. Hollister. 12. Walter D. Shirley. 13. A. G. Bosworth. 14. C. H. Miller. 15. E. E. Spalding. 16. W. G. Spencer. 17. G. M. Champlin.

Sec., George W. Cleveland; Treasurer, S. Knickerbocker; Chaplain, Dr. Jerome Angell (deceased); Warden, H. C. Beebe; Cond., F. H. Cobb; O. G., J. G. Jarvis; I. G., O. K. George; R. S. N. G., Fred Fenner; L. S. N. G., Elmer Williams; R. S. V. G., E. E. Spalding; L. S. V. G., G. E. Ingraham. This lodge being organized, as it was, by a hustling body of men, soon took rank as one of the foremost organizations of the order in this jurisdiction. Its degree teams were early fitted out with the best paraphernalia that could be had, and they took pride in doing their work according to the highest standards. The lodge now numbers among its members many of Cortland's foremost business and professional men and is in a flourishing condition, both financially and socially. The present membership is 147. The present officers are: N. G., F. J. Bierce; V. G., N. P. Meager; Rec. Sec., C. H. Miller; Fin. Sec., W. D. Shirley;

paraphernalia and ante-rooms. This lodge has three times been smoked out by fires from other parts of the block, but has each time emerged from the ordeal with a little better quarters than before. Time has dealt very gently with this organization, the grim destroyer having entered its portals but seven times during its existence. The higher branches of the Order connected with this lodge are the Cortland Encampment, No. 127, Canton Cortland, No. 27, and Bright Light Rebekah Lodge, No. 121.

Cortland Encampment, No. 127, I. O. O. F., was organized by the appointment of a committee by Canton Cortland March 12, 1891, to enroll members. Its charter had been granted by the Grand Lodge at Ithaca, Feb. 24, 1891, and it was instituted March 30, 1891, by Grand Patriarch John A. Bennett. The charter members were: A. G. Bos-

worth, G. I. Pruden, C. A. Lounsberry, E. M. Pudney, F. A. Bickford, C. H. Drake, B. D. Shirley, W. P. Robinson, Wilbur Maltby (deceased), A. C. Upson, G. D. Griffiths, E. J. Hopkins, A. J. Breunig, S. Knickerbocker, H. L. Gleason and A. B. Filzinger. Its first officers were: C. P., C. H. Drake; H. P., C. A. Lounsberry; S. W., W. P. Robinson; Rec. Scribe, F. A. Bickford; Fin. Scribe, B. D. Shirley; Treasurer, G. I. Pruden; J. W., A. G. Bosworth; I. S., A. J. Breunig; O. S., A. B. Filzinger; Guide, H. L. Gleason; First Watch, Wilbur Maltby (deceased); Second Watch, E. E. Spalding; Third Watch, R. E. Caldwell; Fourth Watch, E. M. Pudney. Its present officers are: C. P., F. M. Ingersoll; H. P., L. Scott Gale; S. W., J. R. Brown; Scribe, P. W. Chaffee; Fin. Scribe, G. H. Ames; Treas., N. P. Meager; Guide, W. D. Shirley; J. W., W. G. Spencer; O. S., A. L. Kinney; I. S., John Hull; First Watch, A. G. Bosworth; Second Watch, E. E. Spalding; Third Watch, J. J. Krebs; Fourth Watch, J. R. Bosworth; First Guard of the Tent, B. S. Brink; Second Guard of the Tent, George D. Griffiths. Its Past Chief Patriarchs in the order of their service are: C. H. Drake,

for the last year, 1899: Noble Grand, Mrs. Carrie Bosworth; Vice Grand, Mrs. Mable Shirley; Secretary, Mrs. Carrie A. Meager; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Pudney; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Ella French; Warden, Mrs. Carrie Loomis; Conductor, Miss Rose Leonard; Outside Guard, Frank Ingersoll; Inside Guard, Frankie Brown; R. S. of N. G., Mrs. Mercy Hamilton; L. S. of N. G., Mrs. Lavina Seaman; R. S. of V. G., Mrs. Clotilda Borden; L. S. of V. G., Mrs. Etta Brown; Right Altar Support, Mrs. Lucella Leonard; Left Altar Support, Mrs. Clara Coram; Chaplain, Mrs. Theresa Clark.

Canton Cortland, P. M., No. 27, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Vesta Lodge rooms, Sept. 15, 1887; it was mustered into service Dec. 1, 1887, by Brig. Gen. James O. Woodard, Commander, Dept. N. Y. Its charter members were: M. S. Bierce, G. I. Pruden, E. H. Stockwell, C. F. Williams, S. N. Gooding, B. D. Shirley, S. dePuy Freer, L. T. White, A. B. Nelson, F. A. Bickford, G. E. Ryder, G. W. Lausing, C. H. Roethig, D. F. Waters, A.



Photo by Harris. OFFICERS BRIGHT LIGHT, No. 21, DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH (1899).

1. Mrs. Lola Leonard. 2. Mrs. Clotilda Borden. 3. Mrs. Floyd Griffiths. 4. Mrs. William Brown. 5. Mrs. Annie Pudney. 6. Mrs. Theresa Clark. 7. Mrs. N. B. Meager. 8. Mrs. Carrie Loomis. 9. Miss Rose Leonard. 10. Mrs. Clara Coram. 11. Mrs. Ella French. 12. Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton. 13. Mrs. Edna Swift. 14. Mrs. B. H. Bosworth. 15. Mrs. Mable Shirley. 16. Mrs. John C. Seamans. 17. Frank M. Ingersoll. 18. Mrs. Etta Brown.

W. P. Robinson, C. A. Lounsberry (deceased), F. H. Weyant, G. I. Pruden, E. J. Hopkins, Burt Card, A. G. Bosworth, D. E. Stanford, L. E. Blackmer, R. E. Caldwell, W. D. Shirley, F. H. Morse, E. M. Santee (two terms), Duke Borthwick. The Encampment meets every first and third Thursday in the month at John L. Lewis Lodge rooms, in the Schermerhorn block. Its paraphernalia is said to be the second finest in the State, and its degree teams are second to none.

Bright Light, Rebekah Lodge, No. 121, I. O. O. F., was instituted Oct. 3, 1890, by Grand Master Spooner with the following officers in the chairs: Noble Grand, Mrs. Florence Cobb; Vice Grand, Mrs. Eva Watkins; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ida H. Ingraham; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Beebe; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Edith Geer; Warden, Mrs. Filzinger; Conductor, Mrs. Green; Outside Guard, Mrs. Caldwell; Inside Guard, Miss Anna Blackmer; R. S. of N. G., Mrs. W. P. Robinson; L. S. of N. G., Mrs. W. J. Perkins; R. S. of V. G., Mrs. E. Williams; L. S. of N. G., Mrs. E. J. Hopkins; Right Altar Support, Mrs. J. E. Briggs; Left Altar Support, Mrs. R. Beard. The officers

G. Bosworth, Edwin V. Baker, W. P. Robinson, Geo. Pitt, A. B. Filzinger. Its first officers were Com., M. S. Bierce; Lieut., G. I. Pruden; Ensign, E. H. Stockwell; clerk, C. F. Williams; Acc't., A. B. Nelson. It started with eighteen swords and now numbers forty-four. Its past captains, in the order of service have been: M. S. Bierce, G. I. Pruden (two terms) C. H. Drake, A. G. Bosworth, E. J. Hopkins, E. M. Pudney, G. E. Ingraham, D. E. Stanford, R. E. Caldwell, Geo. D. Griffiths. Its present officers are: Commander, W. D. Shirley; lieutenant, J. C. Seamans; ensign, B. H. Bosworth; clerk, G. H. Ames; accountant, D. E. Stanford; standard bearer, A. W. McNett; sentinel, F. M. Ingersoll; picket, W. G. Spencer. Among the more notable of its pilgrimages have been those to Detroit, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo. Among its members to receive honors outside of its doors have been A. G. Bosworth, who is now lieutenant colonel of the Fourth Regiment of this department; L. T. White, who was appointed to a position upon the staff of Col. W. H. Mosher, of the Second Battallion of the Fourth Regiment; W. W. Rainey, chaplain of the Fourth Regiment; R. E. Caldwell adjutant of the

First Battalion of the Fourth Regiment, upon the staff of Maj. King of Norwich. The Fourth Regiment consists of Cantons located at Binghamton, Elmira, Hornellsville, Cortland, Oneonta, Norwich, Bath, Corning and Clyde. The meetings of Canton Cortland are held each second and fourth Thursday of the month in John L. Lewis Lodge rooms in the Schermerhorn block. John L. Lewis Lodge and her sister branches have many members whom they delight to honor, but the space allotted to this article is too small to allow mention of the merits of each; it is, however, no disparagement of the others, but rather a credit to the entire membership, to make special mention of the services of Lieut. Col. A. G. Bosworth, who has passed the chairs of all branches of the order, has taken the degrees of all of the Grand bodies except the degree of Chivalry, to which he is entitled and which he will receive in the near future. No meeting of any branch to

James Dodd, Frank Dowd, R. C. Duell, T. Garrity, A. Gutchess, John Grant, Geo. H. Gleason, William T. Galvan, A. Goddard, C. Hike, J. A. Harriott, T. Hayes, D. Kernan, A. G. Klotton, T. Kernan, James R. Kelley, M. J. Kane, T. Kane, C. S. Knowles, P. Linskey, R. B. Linderman, H. Morgan, M. Mathewson, J. Mellon, D. Mahoney, J. Mead, F. Murrin, J. McCarthy, T. Noonan, Chas. R. O'Leary, J. Powers, George Peters, D. Preston, F. Parks, P. Guinn, M. Roach, D. Roach, Fred Ritter, James T. Summers, J. Stoddart, J. Sweeney, A. Scudamore, Fred Todd, Tom Murray. Members in good standing at present writing are 129. There has been paid out for relief of sick members since its organization \$394.59; valued property of Tribe, \$439.80; amount in bank, \$469.30. The following chiefs were raised to their stumps on first Sun of Buck Moon (or July 1st): Sachem, Jesse Van Denburg; Senior Sagamore, M. McMahon; Junior Sagamore, F. Donegan; Chief



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OFFICERS OF PECOSH TRIBE I. O. R. M., NO. 357.

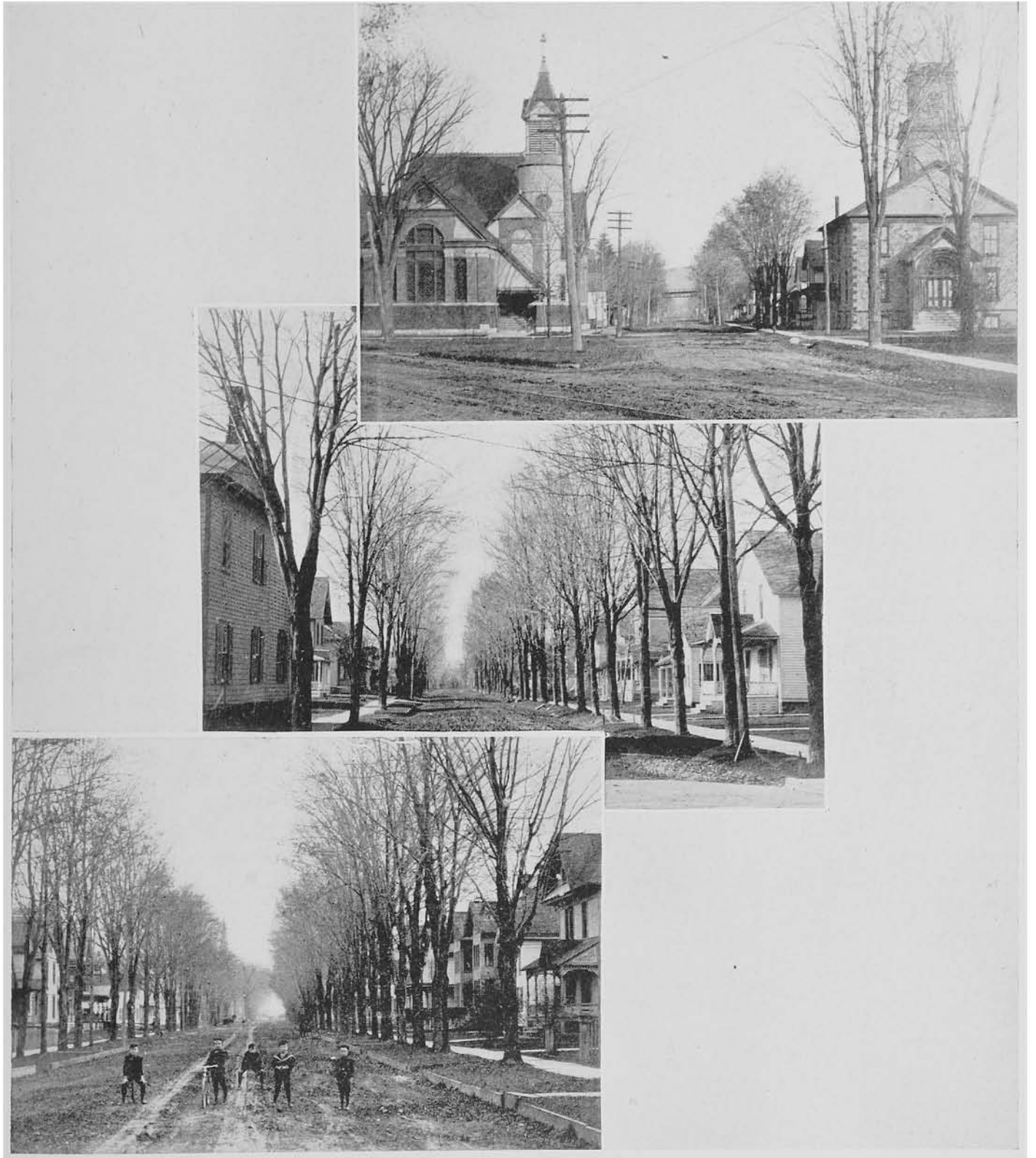
1. Arthur Gutchess, G. F. 2. Frank Donegan, J. S. 3. Martin McMahon, S. S. 4. Ernest Summers, G. W. 5. William Galvan, 2d W. 6. F. J. Burns, 1st W. 7. Thomas Kane, 1st Sannap. 8. Jesse Vandenburg, Sachem. 9. Thomas Kernan, 2d S. 10. Paul Drexler, 3d W. 11. William Aldrich, 2d B. 12. James Kelly, C. of W. 13. James Summers, P. S. and C. of R. 14. A. D. Wallace, P. D. G. S. 15. Henry Corcoran, P. D. G. S. 16. John T. Powers, 3d B. 17. Charles Knowles, 4th B. 18. Timothy McMahon, M. M. 19. Charles Wiegand, 1st B. 20. A. S. Brown, Trustee. 21. John Van Inwagen, P. 22. A. J. Klotton, M. M. 23. Vern Allen, 4th W.

which he belonged has ever found him absent while in town and physically able to attend. Always in the forefront of every movement for the upbuilding of his lodge, may he live long to enjoy the fruits of his labors and be a credit to the order which has been and is so dear to his heart.

Pecos Tribe 357, Improved Order of Red Men, was instituted on the 8th Sun of Plant Moon, Great Sun Discovery, 406, Common Era, 8th day of April, 1897, with seventy charter members, to wit: D. Warden, J. Van Inwagen, P. Welch, M. Welch, A. D. Wallace, J. Wiegand, M. E. Sarvay, John Andrews, R. Butler, A. Breunig, A. S. Brown, Thomas Butler, William Crapser, J. Burns, Duke Borthwick, Hugh Corcoran, Henry Corcoran, Jerry Conway, R. R. Crab, J. F. Dowd, Dan. Dwyer,

of Records, James T. Summers; Collector of Wampum, James Kelly; Keeper of Wampum, M. E. Sarvay; Prophet, John Van Inwagen; Guard of Wigwam, E. W. Summers; Guard of Forest, A. Gutchess; First Sannap, Thomas Kane; Second Sannap, A. Breunig; Trustees, James T. Summers, C. R. O'Leary, E. W. Summers.

The Mission Bands, Presbyterian church, are all in a flourishing condition. They are made up of four organizations: The Young Ladies' Mission and the Sunbeam bands among the girls and the Senior and the Junior Coral bands among the boys, representing about one hundred young people. They meet regularly for mission study and work, and add considerable to the missionary funds of the church.



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North Church Street.

A TRIO OF VILLAGE STREETS.
Maple Avenue.

Elm Street.



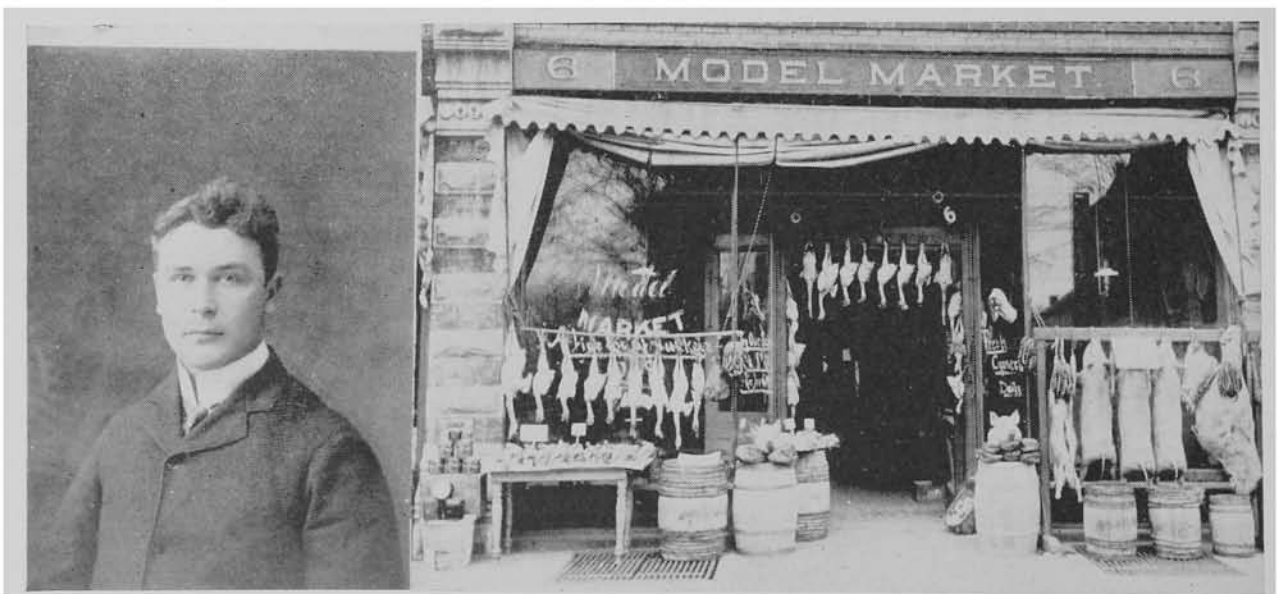
Daniel Reilly.

THE RAILROAD STREET MARKET.

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Daniel Reilly has been engaged in the meat business for twenty-seven years having begun as an apprentice with Crane & Arnold of Homer in 1873, being at that time but thirteen years of age. A year later he came to Cortland and for five years worked for Henry Snyder, afterwards being employed by Brown, Rood & Co. and G. W. Lansing & Co. In August, 1886, he formed a co-partnership with John Felkel and the firm of Reilly & Felkel opened a market on Railroad street, the first place of business located on that thoroughfare. The business is still conducted at the same place by Mr. Reilly, Mr. Felkel having retired in April, 1890, and the former is the only man in Cortland then engaged in the business who has conducted it continuously since then and who may be called the pioneer in the trade. He is a practical meat dresser and an extensive local

dealer in pork as well as a manufacturer of table supplies accessory to the business. Mr. Reilly was born in Homer, Sept. 17, 1860. On Feb. 11, 1885, he married Lenora Ready of Cortland. He is a member of the Emerald Hose Co. R. E. Reilly, the head of the firm of R. E. Reilly & Co., whose market is at No. 6 North Main street, learned the business while working for Reilly & Felkel on Railroad street, where he was employed from 1887 until 1892. The following three years he worked for Felkel on Clinton avenue, and on April 13, 1896, together with his brother Daniel, formed the present firm and opened the market which had been conducted by different parties for several years without success. Since then the business has been conducted in a successful manner and been made to pay. Mr. Reilly was born in Homer, Oct. 29, 1873.



R. E. Reilly.

THE MODEL MARKET.

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Village Presidents and Clerks.—Cortland was incorporated Nov. 5, 1853. Those who have served as presidents and clerks to the present time (Jan., 1900) are as follows, the name of the president being given first in each instance: 1853-1856, Joseph Reynolds, Charles Foster; 1857, A. S. Higgins, Charles Foster; 1858, A. S. Higgins, H. Crandall; 1859-'60, Thomas Keator, H. A. Randall; 1861, Thomas Keator, Charles Foster; 1862, Allen B. Smith, Wm. R. Stone; 1863, Henry Brewer, H. L. Collins; 1864, John T. Barnes, B. B. Andrews; 1865, Charles Foster, B. B. Andrews; 1866, Charles Foster, H. A. Randall; 1867, Charles Foster, I. H. Palmer; 1868-'9, Charles Foster, H. A. Randall; 1870, H. Crandall, H. A. Randall; 1871, J. S. Barber, I. M. Seaman; 1872, W. H. Crane, B. A. Benedict; 1873, W. D. Tisdale, Dorr C. Smith; 1874, J. C. Carmichael, Dorr C. Smith; 1875, James M. Smith, Dorr C. Smith; 1876, J. C. Carmichael, John C. Putnam; 1877-'8, J. S. Barber, E. S. More; 1879, R. B. Smith, E. S. More;

is a side degree composed of members having attained the chief degree of the Improved O. R. M. and their motto is "Fun and Good Fellowship," as the following Haymakers' Terminology, will show: Hayloft—meeting place; Barnyard—reception room; Field—open space; Tramps—red men; Council—meeting; Hitching Post, Stall and Bin—positions occupied by officers; Trough—water receptacle; spring—liquid refreshments; Fodder—eatables; Bale of Hay—candidate; Bundle—dollar; Straw—cent; Mow—treasury; Regalia—strawhat; Pitchfork, Rake, Flail, Scythe—haymakers' implements; Overalls and Linen Dusters—full dress costumes; Weed—cigar; Grass—chewing tobacco; Rake Tooth—cigarette; Smoke House—pipe; Police—call for fine; Guilty—come up; Good Condition—good standing; Bad Condition—bad standing. The following are the officers: Chief haymaker, Thomas Kernan; vice chief haymaker, Wm. Spencer; overseer, E. W. Summers; guard of hayloft, Charles Kane; guard



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MAIN STREET (WEST SIDE) NEAR COURT, 1870.

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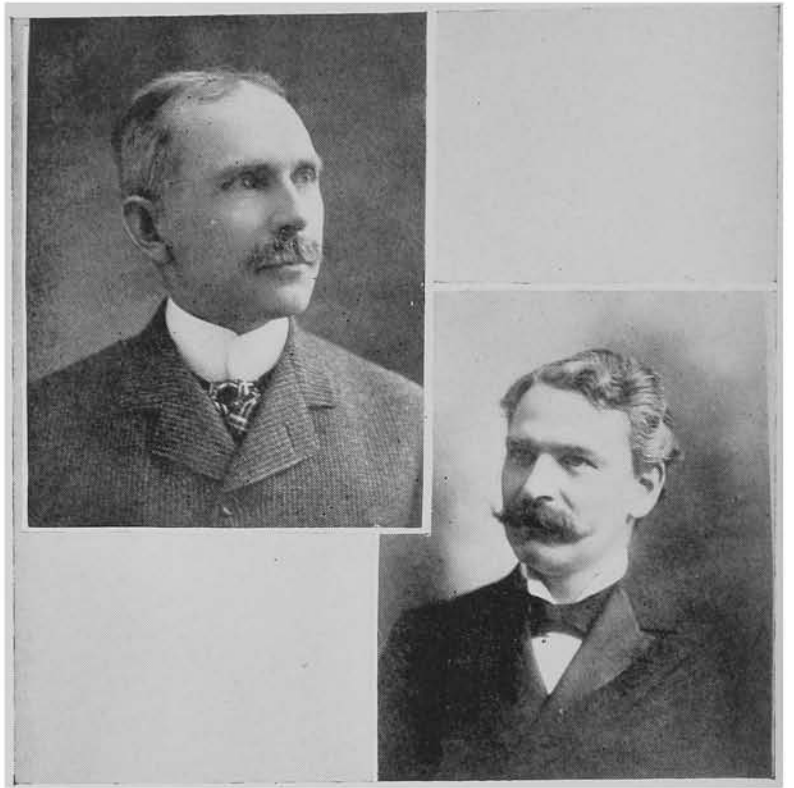
1880, L. J. Fitzgerald, E. S. More; 1881-'2, I. H. Palmer, J. Hubbard; 1883, A. Mahan, J. Hubbard, (F. Hatch to fill vacancy caused by death of Hubbard); 1884, D. E. Smith, F. Hatch; 1885, Hugh Duffey, F. Hatch; 1886, Gershom W. Bradford, F. Hatch; 1887, Harrison Wells, F. Hatch; 1888, Frank H. Cobb, F. Hatch; 1889, Irving H. Palmer, F. Hatch; 1890, Daniel E. Smith, F. Hatch; 1891, Calvin P. Walrad, F. Hatch; 1892, Charles H. Price, F. Hatch; 1893, Calvin P. Walrad, F. Hatch; 1894, Wayland D. Tisdale, F. Hatch; 1895, Francis W. Higgins, F. Hatch; 1896, Henry F. Benton, F. Hatch; 1897, Duane E. Call, F. Hatch; 1898, Arthur F. Stilson, W. C. Crombie; 1899, Samuel N. Holden, F. Hatch.

Victor Hayloft, 357 1-2, Hay Makers Association of New York, was instituted on September 27, 1897, with twenty tramps. The Hay Makers

of barn door, Frank Donegan; horn blower, Martin McMahon; boss driver, Vernon Allen; collector of straws, Paul Drexler; keeper of bundles, M. E. Sarvay; past chief haymakers, Charles Eddy, John Powers, Jerry McCarthy, Jas. T. Summers, John Mellon, Chas. R. O'Leary, George H. Gleason; representative to state haymakers' convention held at Matteawan the last week in March, 1900, Jas. T. Summers.

The Earliest Landlords in Cortland village were Danforth Merrick, whose tavern stood on the present site of the Cortland House, Joshua Ballard, whose hotel was on what is now the northwest corner of Main and Court streets, where the National Bank stands, Nathan Luce, where the Messenger House now stands and Samuel Ingles, who kept hotel on what is now the site of Sager & Jennings' drug store.

The H. M. Whitney Wagon Co. was organized in Homer, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1882, under the name of The Homer Wagon Co., Limited, the first president being Geo. W. Phillips, A. W. Hobart being the secretary and treasurer. In the fall of 1887 the business was removed to Cortland, locating in the old shops on Railroad street, now the site of the Central school. The following fall ground was broken on Court street where, during that year, the large shops since occupied by the plant were constructed. In December, 1888, the new factory was running; these large buildings having been constructed in the incredibly short space of three months. The main building, occupying three sides of a square and built entirely of brick, is three stories high, and is surmounted by three towers—the elevator and water towers. It is five hundred feet long and is equipped with automatic sprinklers as a protection against fire; and electric fire alarms, time clock and electric watchman's clock. The buildings occupy two acres of ground and have a capacity for turning out five thousand jobs a year. When running on full time one hundred men are employed in the works. The power is supplied by two forty horse-power boilers. The warerooms are especially advantageous, as one hundred complete jobs on wheels can be shown. The factory is the outgrowth of years of experience in carriage building and it is fitted with all the latest and most improved machinery for doing first-class work. A switch track connecting with the D. L. & W. railroad runs into the premises so that work may be loaded for shipment. The cost of the buildings was sixty-five thousand dollars. In 1887 H. M. Whitney succeeded Mr. Phillips as president of the company and on January 4, 1892, the name of the company was changed to The H. M. Whitney Co., at which time E. S. Burrowes became the secretary and treasurer, in which position he has since continued and taken an active part in the affairs of the company. On November 3, 1897, the name was changed to The H. M. Whitney Wagon Co. The present officers of the com-



Hyatt, Photos. H. M. WHITNEY. E. S. BURROWES.

pany are H. M. Whitney, president, and Edwin S. Burrowes, secretary and treasurer. Henry Morton Whitney was born in Moravia, N. Y., May 16, 1851, being one of a family of twelve children. He was the second son of William H. Whitney and Melissa Rogers Whitney and is one of the descendants of Henry Whitney, the founder of the Whitney family in America, who settled at Southold, L. I., in 1649. On leaving school he selected the law as a profession, but had only pursued his studies a few months along this line when his father died leaving him the only support of a widowed mother and several small children. He decided to learn a trade and with this end in view he moved to Tully, N. Y., and entered the employ of S. W. Cately, who was then the pioneer in carriage building in a large way

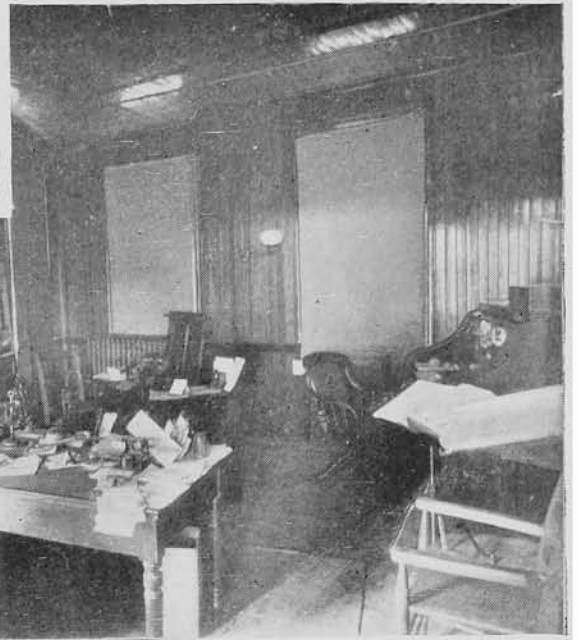


H. M. WHITNEY WAGON CO.'S WORKS.

in this state. After remaining with Mr. Cately for about three years, he abandoned the carriage business and in 1871 moved to Syracuse, N. Y., and for several years was manager for The Elias Howe Sewing Machine company at Oswego and Auburn, N. Y.; going south in the fall of 1875 to take charge of the Singer Manufacturing Co.'s business at Parkersburg, W. Va., and Marietta, Ohio. In 1881 he located in Homer, N. Y., and during a part of that year traveled on the road as a carriage salesman; in the fall of 1882 he organ-

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