

Land Titles.

The searching of titles to the lands on which the homes and business establishments of Rochester are located is largely done by the Abstract Guarantee Company and the Title and Guarantee Company.

These two companies are under one manager and occupy nearly one-half of the tenth floor of the German Insurance Building. They own the only block plant in the County of Monroe and the only systemized list of deeds outside of the County Clerk's office. They have expended over \$90,000 in copying the records in the County Clerk's office and in arranging them upon the locality plan, so that all conveyances within a square bounded by four city streets are bound up together.

The result is that in making a search by this plan conveyances are often discovered that could not be found by the name indexes in the clerk's office.

The company also owns hundreds of maps not on file with the county authorities, which are of great value on old titles.

The office employees of the company are accommodating and ready to make examinations on short notice and at reasonable prices.

STAINED AND LEADED ART GLASS.

J. Henry Gustafson.

Success in high degree has rewarded the efforts of Mr. J. Henry Gustafson since he established himself in business at 77 Main Street West some seven years ago. The present premises are now located at No. 80 of the same street, the rapid growth of the business having necessitated the removal to larger quarters. Mr. Gustafson manufactures and deals in everything pertaining to stained and leaded art glass work and brings to the management of his business an intimate technical knowledge and long years of practical experience. Employing only high grade artists and giving all work his own personal supervision, Mr. Gustafson has built up a first class trade and has gained the confidence and patronage of the best people. Mr. Gustafson is prepared at all times to submit designs and estimates and any other information pertaining to leaded art glass to any one desiring it. Particular attention is paid to church work and memorial windows, both in figure and design. A special feature is also made of artistic lamp shades and of beveled plates in metallic sash of copper and brass and German silver.

Those who are connoisseurs in such matters and are looking for quality and first class workmanship would find it to their advantage to pay a visit to Mr. Gustafson's workshops.

Schled and Merkl.

A progressive firm in the monument manufacturing line is Schled and Merkl who, succeeded to the old established business of Hart Bros. in January of last year and whose office, show rooms and works, are located at 788-790 Mt. Hope Avenue opposite the main entrance to Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Messrs. Schled and Merkl bring to the management of their business a long practical experience and intimate technical knowledge. They manufacture and deal in all kinds of marble and granite monuments, headstones, statuary, etc., and their aim has always been to afford the greatest measure of satisfaction to their customers. An interesting feature in their work is the use of pneumatic tools. The most untrained observer can readily notice the striking difference in results obtained between the old time method of mallet and chisel and the modern scientific use of compressed air. The work is more cleanly cut, smoother and more finished, while a saving in time is effected of over 35 per cent. A visit to their work shops will well repay the visitor both as regards the interesting and artistic character of their work and the large and varied stock which they carry.

Mr. F. U. Hart, formerly of Hart Bros., is retained as manager for the firm.

Real Estate and Building.

The rapid industrial and commercial expansion of Rochester within the past few decades has necessarily stimulated to greater activity all real estate and building operations. Many new office buildings of artistic design and handsome business establishments add to the dignity of our main thoroughfares while immense new factories dot the city's outskirts in every direction and square mile after square mile of outlying territory is being gradually absorbed into our ever widening aggregation of beautiful homes.

One of our best known concerns in this line of business is the Holister Real Estate and Building Co., whose handsome suite of offices is located in the Central Building.

PURITY AND QUALITY IN WINES AND LIQUORS.

John Rauber & Co.

Mention of Rochester's wholesale liquor interests at once brings to mind the deserved prominence enjoyed in that trade by the firm of John Rauber & Co., the well known importers and dealers in high grade wines, liquors, cordials, etc.

The business was established in the sixties and the present location, at 214-216 Main Street, the property of the estate, was taken in 1889, being one of the best appointed and substantial structures devoted to wines and liquors in Western New York.

Peter F. and John Rauber, who left valuable estates and died in 1895 and 1897, respectively, left the business in a most satisfactory position and the present proprietors, John S. Rauber and Henry P. Rauber, sons of John Rauber, ascribe their unusual success in the past decade to this fact and give much credit to those to whom credit justly belongs. The present executives were born in Rochester in 1879 and 1874, respectively, and on leaving the parochial schools and the Rochester Business Institute, devoted their attention to the business.

The history of the concern has been associated with purity and quality in the goods handled and this, combined with capable management and business energy, has contributed to the signal success and high reputation which the firm has gained. The best comment on the firm's popularity is the fact that its sales have doubled within the past ten years.

O. T. Stacy Co.

Sugar contains more concentrated nutriment than any other article of daily consumption and, administered in the form of manufactured confections, it is admittedly as wholesome and sustaining as it is pleasing to the palate. Under the strict administration of the Pure Food Laws it is now impossible to find any deleterious ingredients in the manufactured product of our candy factories.

Foremost in this industry in Rochester is the firm of O. T. Stacy Co., whose present factory, constructed in 1894, covering an area of 40,000 square feet and consisting of four stories and basement, is located on the eastern side of Clinton Avenue North, Nos. 152 to 160.

The business was originally established as a partnership in 1885, subsequently dissolving five years later and forming into two separate branches, the incorporated firm of O. T. Stacy Co. and the Rochester Candy Works.

The present plant is fully equipped with the most modern type of machinery and possesses every facility for turning out the highest grade confectionery, while every means is adopted to insure the comfort and convenience of its 200 workers.

The firm sell direct to the jobbers and largest retailers throughout the United States.

Crouch & Beahan Company, Incorporated.

The firm of Crouch & Beahan Co. is the consolidation of two great business interests, the C. T. Crouch & Son Co., Lumber, and C. C. Beahan, Coal, both concerns having been well and favorably known in local business circles.

The consolidation of allied interests is one of the frequent phenomena of the commercial world, necessitated as it usually is by the rapid growth of our modern industrialism. Diminishing as it does the necessary operating expenses, it is a benefit to the public inasmuch as it tends to lower the prices of commodities.

The location of the company's offices remain as formerly at 99 Dewey Avenue and 122 West Avenue.

A general line of lumber is dealt in, also interior finish, and coal. The same gratifying success which has hitherto attended the two individual interests will, it may be safely predicted, continue to follow, but in greater degree the operations of the combined firms. The officers of the company are C. H. Crouch, president, and C. C. Beahan, secretary and treasurer.

E. A. Comstock & Co.

Prominent among the lumber concerns of Rochester is the firm of E. A. Comstock & Co., whose offices and yards are located at 1020 Main Street East.

Mr. Comstock has been identified with the lumber business all his life while the present firm dates its establishment some six years back. The company deals exclusively in building lumber, having its market right in the city of Rochester. Having their own switch leading into their yards they enjoy every advantage and facility for handling their large and increasing trade. The firm

affords employment to an average of 35 workers, and it is gratifying to know that the best relations exist between master and men.

J. Hungerford Smith Co.

The history of a great concern is very often the history of an individual, and this is true with regard to the subject of our sketch. The great factory on North Goodman Street, occupied by the J. Hungerford Smith Co., manufacturers of "True Fruit" syrups is a striking testimony to the patient study, research and experiment of its founder, Mr. J. Hungerford Smith.

Twenty-seven years ago Mr. Smith was a pharmacist in the town of Plattsburg, N. Y. Seeking to improve the various beverages dispensed from his soda fountain, he began experimenting with fruit syrups. Success crowned his efforts and his products met with an increasing and popular demand. In 1890 Mr. Smith moved to Rochester on account of its location in the heart of the greatest fruit producing section in the world and the following year the present company was organized. Since then its record has been one of rapid and never varying success, its phenomenal growth having necessitated expensive additions to its factory accommodation from time to time more than twice doubling its original size. The present factory is magnificently equipped with every modern facility and convenience, much of the machinery being of special design and the invention of Mr. Smith. A cold pressure process is employed by which is retained in the finished product all the freshness, richness and delicacy of flavor of the fresh, ripe fruit.

The firm's products have won the highest awards at many of our great national expositions, including the Pan-American, Charleston and St. Louis. Associated with Mr. Smith—who is president—in office are A. G. Richardson, vice-president; W. P. Anderson, secretary, and W. H. Stout, treasurer.

A CRYSTAL HARDWARE STORE.

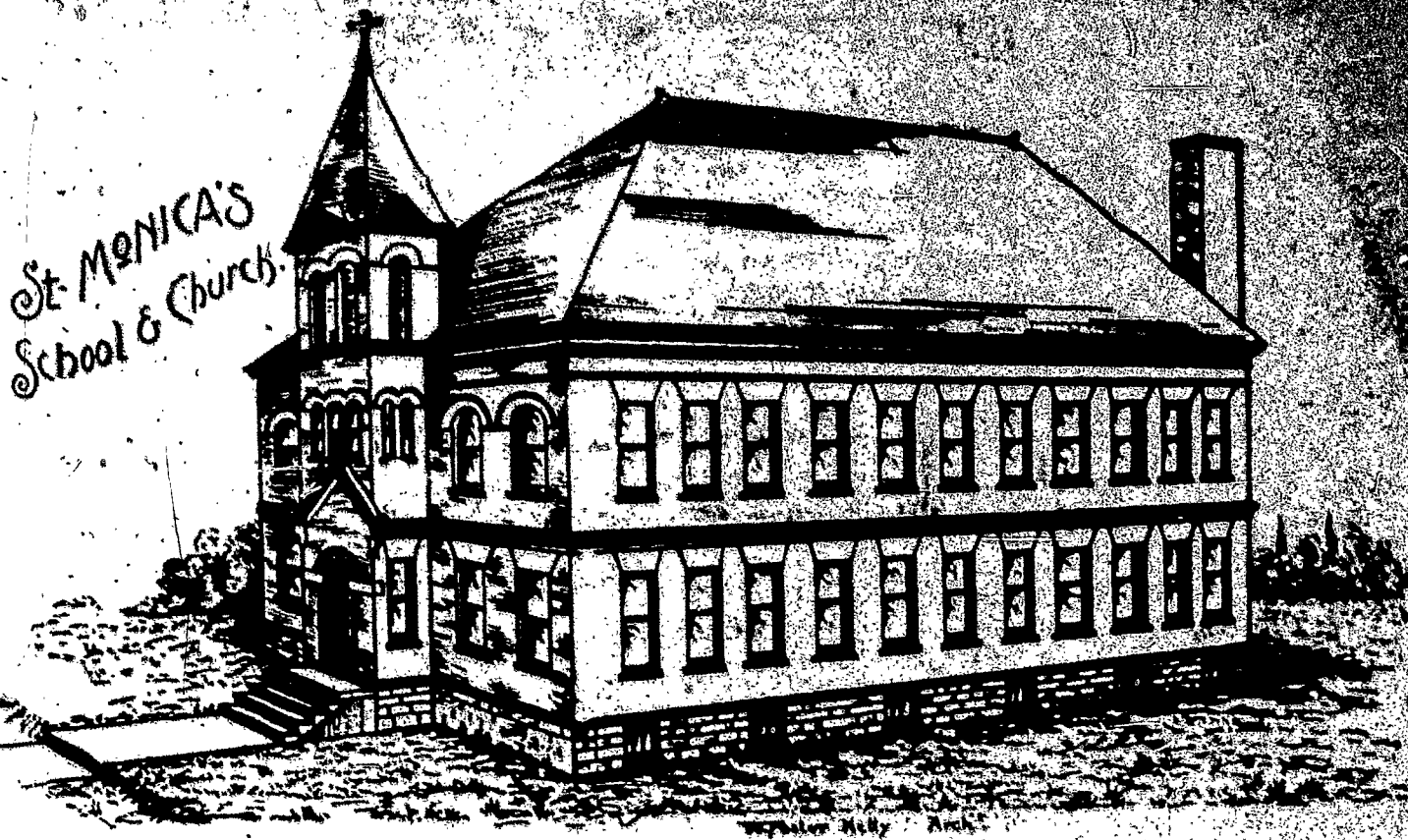
Weaver, Palmer & Richmond.

The handsome new store at 13, 15 and 17 Exchange Street into which Weaver, Palmer & Richmond have just moved presents a most unique and attractive appearance by reason of having the entire stock displayed behind glass front drawers. Weaver, Palmer & Richmond have been doing business in Rochester for the past twenty-one years, occupying the premises on East Main Street which they have now outgrown. Four years ago the firm was incorporated with Mr. Griff D. Palmer as president and Mr. Lee Richmond as secretary and treasurer. The company's new quarters comprise the entire building numbering from 13 to 17 Exchange Street, and consisting of five stories and basement, affording ample room for the largely increased volume of business which has attended the company's operations during the past few years. The company also operate additional stores at numbers 12, 14, 16 and 18 Mill Street, devoted exclusively to the sale of agricultural implements.

A large and varied stock of everything in the line of hardware is carried, a special feature being the builders hardware room in which all samples are displayed in plate glass cases.

The company's business is both wholesale and retail and in addition to their large local trade operate extensively throughout the western part of the state. They are also the exclusive agents in this territory for several large manufacturing concerns in special lines, such as the Plaster, Jr., cultivators, the Oliver plows and Yale and Towne, builders' hardware.

St. MENICA'S School & Church



Graduates: Francis Carey, Catherine Carey, Aloysius Dittner, Raymond Kinsella, Lorella Kearns, Mary Redden, Johanna Ryan, Helen Sullivan, Margaret Hamon, Mary Tobin, Marie Fisher, Robert Weldon.



Holy Rosary Church and School

Graduates: Geraldine M. Schofield, Helen M. Fogarty, Edward M. Lorschelder, Josephine B. Wals, Raymond Atkins, Charles D. Gouss, George J. Foss, Ivo A. Weber, Charles H. Harris, Francis J. Arthur Kelly, Joseph J. Charles, Ed. Vlaherty, Mary J. Rossey, Margarette M. Foss, O. Page, Madeline Houghy, M. Hahn, Elizabeth McGovern.

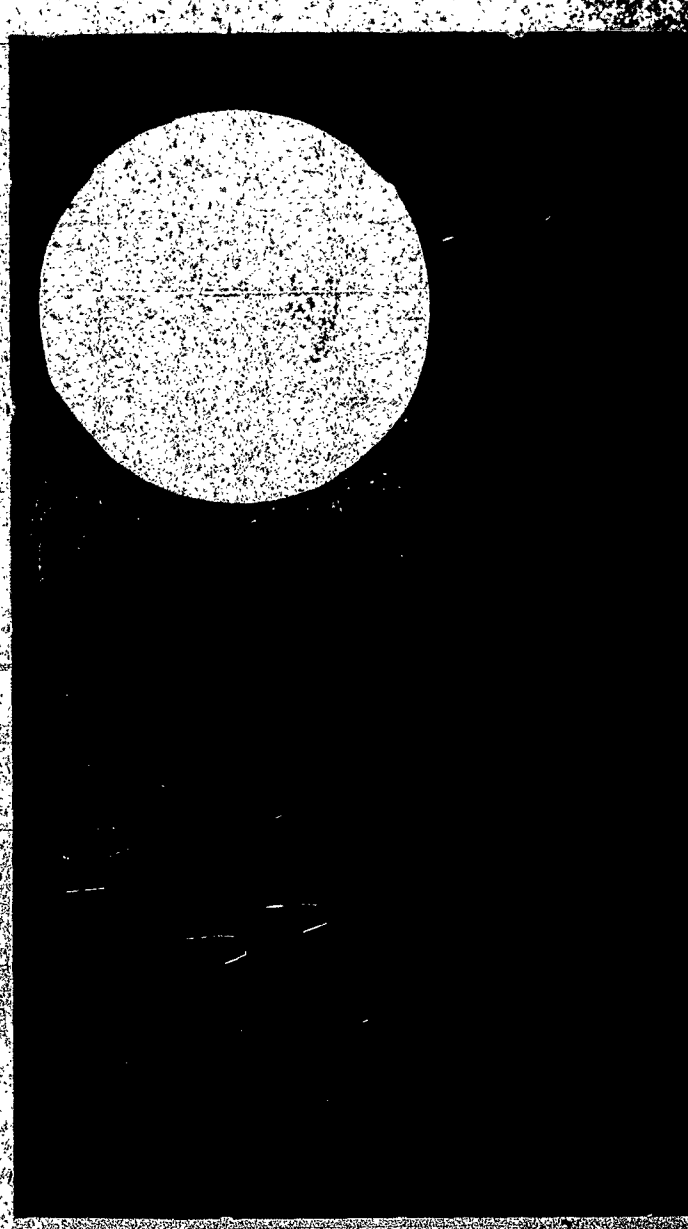
Vogel & Binder.

Another well known firm in the manufacture of interior woodwork requisite for the home is the Vogel & Binder Co., whose office and factories are located at 320 St. Paul Street. Beginning business on Front Street in 1885, a rapidly increasing trade necessitated the firm's removal to more commodious premises on St. Paul Street some ten years later. In 1901 the business was incorporated with L. Vogel as president and M. I. A. Vogel as treasurer. The original factory consists of a four-story building, giving 24,000 square feet of space and an addition made over a year ago gives some 4,500 square feet more.

Modern machinery, skilled labor and careful management have given this firm a reputation for high class and conscientious work. Everything in the line of interior woodwork and furnishings, sash, doors, window frames, etc., is manufactured and finds a steadily increasing market in the city and immediately vicinity. Over thirty-five men are employed.

G. H. Stalker.

Established for the last twenty-one years in the same location on the corner of Allen and Platt Streets, Mr. G. H. Stalker has earned a well-merited reputation for high class and finished workmanship. Everything in woodwork necessary for the fitting up of house and store is here manufactured, sash, doors, blinds and window frames, stair work, scroll sawing and turning, interior finish of every description. With floor space of 14,000 square feet, equipped with the most up-to-date machinery and employing the very best of skilled labor, Mr. Stalker possesses every facility for turning out the most finished products. "Fine work and low prices" is Mr. Stalker's business motto, and fastidious indeed must be the customer whom he fails to please.



Corpus Christi School

Graduates: Ruth M. Christner, John George W. Baker, Olive P. O'Grady, Radie J. Thayer, G. Weber, William J. Jones, Florence C. Naughton, Irene M. Maguire, Lawrence J. Jones, Schantz, Lorella J. Bohrer, Veronika B. O'Leary, Amelia G. Hill, Edith M. Lockhart, Catherine M. Schwaigart, Marion V. Hughes, A. Margaret Schaff, Frances Condon, John H. Schaff, Fred W. Schwaigart.