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The City of Rochester.

As a city, its many natural advantages, combined with the able and enterprising management and administration of its affairs, have gained for Rochester a high place among the cities of the United States. During the past half a century its growth has been phenomenal and all indications point to still greater expansion and a larger measure of prosperity in the near future. In point of population it is the third city in the Empire State, and twenty-fourth in the United States.

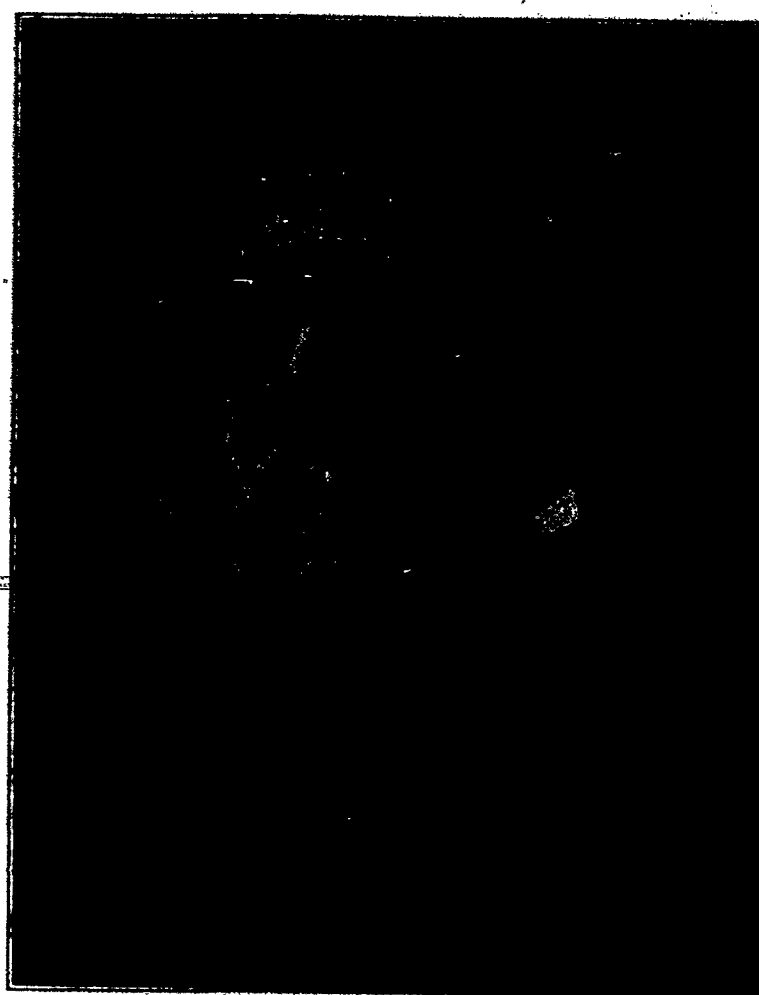
Its municipal government is under the regulations of the White Charter, the passing of which in January, 1900, made it a city of the second class. The main effort of this charter was the centralizing of all authority and responsibility in the administration of its affairs in one head, the Mayor.

At present writing a charter has already passed the Legislature and moved to this city in 1880. Previous to his connection with the department to render it operative, making Rochester a city of the first class, engaged in railroad work. In January, 1900, he was appointed chief clerk and deputy by Commissioner year. Under its provisions the city will have a larger measure of home rule and a greater jurisdiction over public service corporations. Following are biographical sketches of present-day officials:



Commissioner Gilman.

The Commissioner of Public Safety, George A. Gilman, comes of old Yankee stock, his ancestors on both sides having emigrated to America early in the seventeenth century. He was born in Westboro, Mass., September 16, 1847, and moved to this city in 1880. Previous to his connection with the department of public safety he had been engaged in railroad work. In January, 1900, he was appointed chief clerk and deputy by Commissioner year. Under its provisions the city will have a larger measure of home rule and a greater jurisdiction over public service corporations. Following are biographical sketches of present-day officials:



Hon. James G. Cutler,
Mayor of Rochester.

James G. Cutler was born in Albany April 24, 1848, and received his early education in the Albany Boys' Academy. Mr. Cutler's ambitions were towards an architectural avocation and he pursued his studies for three years in the office of Nichols & Brown in Albany. In 1872 he removed to this city and opened an office as a practicing architect, which he maintained until 1884 making an enviable reputation in the architecture of many prominent public and private buildings. In 1884 Mr. Cutler gave up his practice as an architect in order to devote his entire time to the manufacture and exploiting of his mail chutes for large buildings on which invention he had secured patents. The utility of these mail chutes have carried the name of Cutler to all parts of the globe. As of efficiency in the office of Mayor head of the Cutler manufacturing

Company Mr. Cutler has achieved the most gratifying business success.

Mr. Cutler's advent into active administrative affairs was in January, 1900, when Mayor Carnahan appointed him Commissioner of Public Safety, in which position he inaugurated a series of improvements which he, later as Mayor, was able to complete. The campaign of 1905 saw his election as Mayor, his first term winning him commendation as "the best Mayor Rochester ever had," and his even greater success during nearly a year of his second term has demonstrated the truth of that assertion.

His official life has been indelibly impressed into the history of Rochester in many ways and a standard for all parts of the globe. As of efficiency in the office of Mayor head of the Cutler manufacturing



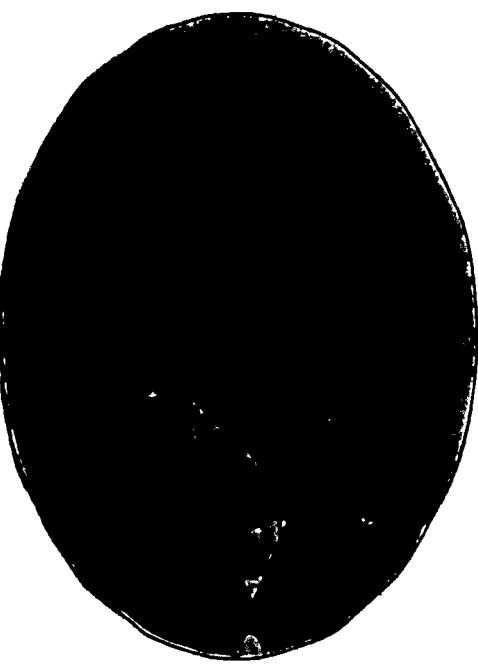
Commissioner of Public Works
Elwood.

Frederick Thomas Elwood is a native of Rochester and received his education in its public schools and university. Engaging in engineering work Mr. Elwood acquired his practical experience in the west in Mexico, in Colorado and in Arizona. Subsequently entering the employ of the municipal government he served in the capacity of assistant in the City Engineer's office until 1904 when he became executive clerk to Mayor Cutler, holding that office until his appointment as Commissioner of Public Works February 1 of last year. Since his appointment to the present office Mr. Elwood has devoted his energies to reorganizing and improving the facilities for the cleaning of the street districts of the city and the removal of its waste and garbage accumulations.



Chief of Police Hayden.

John O. Hayden has proved himself an efficient and capable Police since his appointment to the responsible office over two years ago. Mr. Hayden was born in Ireland, N. Y., February 1, 1865, and moved to this city at the age of five years. He was educated with the Rochester Public Schools and the University of the City of Rochester. He has been in the police force for over ten years and has served in various capacities. He was appointed Chief of Police in 1906.



City Treasurer Otis.

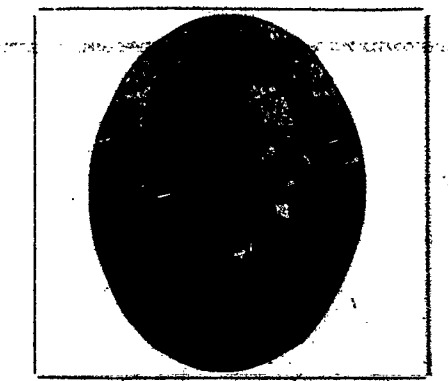
Lyman M. Otis, City Treasurer, was born in Henrietta in 1831, receiving his education in the common schools of that town and at the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima. In 1867 he removed to Rochester where he has been resident ever since. Mr. Otis has been identified with the lumber business most of his life but sold out his interests in 1899 to the Morse Lumber Company. As a public official his record dates from 1886 when he was elected clerk of his native town. Mr. Otis has given eminently satisfactory service in the various capacities of Alderman, Supervisor and City Assessor. He is now in his second term as City Treasurer.



Fire Marshall Walter.

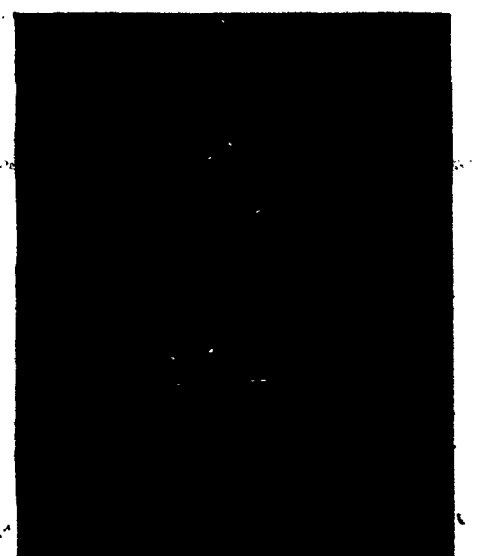
The name of J. A. P. Walter is familiar to all Rochesterians as being at the head of the bureau of buildings and combustibles. Mr. Walter was appointed fire marshal by the Common Council in 1891, and since then has occupied this important position. With Mr. Walter as the head of his department rests the responsibility of seeing that all buildings are of safe construction, the erection of fire escapes where needed and the storage of explosives and combustibles.

Mr. Walter was supervisor of the old Thirteenth Ward in '79, '80 and '81. He is a veteran of the civil war and was appointed from the head of the civil service list in 1891.



Norman Rosenberg.

Norman Rosenberg, third assistant to the Corporation Counsel, was appointed to that office January 1, 1904. Born in this city September 28, 1878, he graduated from the local mission of Public Works, having held that office since April 1, 1903. Mr. Rosenberg's name will be recognized as being connected with the Board of Education from 1898 to 1900, previous to which time he was in the carriage business. He has been connected with various other business enterprises of Rochester, among which was the shoe trade and general contracting business. Mr. Rosenberg was born in this city, August 30, 1856, and has lived here all his life. He is a resident of the Eighth Ward and is prominently connected in political affairs of that district.



William Schlenker.

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Corporation Counsel Webb.

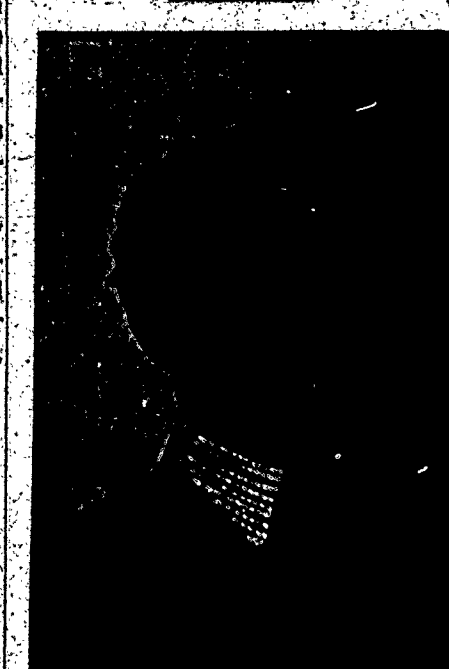
William W. Webb the present Corporation Counsel is a well known figure to many Rochesterians. He has always lived in this city and for many years has taken a deep interest in public affairs. Mr. Webb is a graduate of public school No. 14 and the University of Rochester. Upon completing his education he entered the office of Cogswell & Perkins, where he studied law for three years. He was admitted to the bar in 1874, and soon after became an assistant district attorney. After two years' service in that office he resigned, and since then has engaged largely in corporation business. Mr. Webb is prominently connected with many organizations, among which are: Sons of American Revolution, Mayflower Society, Genesee Valley Club, Rochester Club, Whist Club and County Club.



John M. Stull.

John M. Stull is first assistant to the Corporation Counsel, having been appointed to that office January 1, 1900. For some three years previous to his appointment Mr. Stull had also held office as a United States Commissioner. Born at Rush in Monroe County in 1870, his family removed to Rochester when he was only five years old. He received his education in the public schools of this city, and at the University of Michigan. Taking up the study of law he gained experience in several local offices and was admitted to the bar in January, 1893, being then with the law firm of Cogswell, Bent & Cogswell. Thereafter he carried on a private practice until the date of his present appointment. Mr. Stull is a member of the Delta Upsilon College Fraternity.

Charles Lee Pierce, Tax Assistant Corporation Counsel, was retained by Corporation Counsel Webb as special counsel for the enforcement of the tax law in January 1, 1904, and continued in that capacity until January 1, 1906, when the permanent office of Tax Assistant Corporation Counsel was created, he being appointed to fill that position. Mr. Pierce was born April 22, 1877, in the town of Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y. He received his education in the common schools of that town, prepared for college at Marston College, and graduated from the University of Rochester in the



Benjamin B. Cunningham.

Entering the office of the Corporation Counsel as managing clerk June 1, 1898, Benjamin B. Cunningham was subsequently promoted to his present position of assistant in January 1, 1906. Mr. Cunningham was born in this city April 1, 1874, and received his education in the public schools and Free Academy. Thereafter studying law in the office of W. B. Chittenden, he was admitted to the bar June 1, 1898, and for three years he engaged in private practice until his appointment to the Corporation Counsel's office. To Mr. Cunningham was assigned the work of drafting the important charter which has passed the Legislature and at present writing awaits only the signature of the Governor, making Rochester a city of the first class.

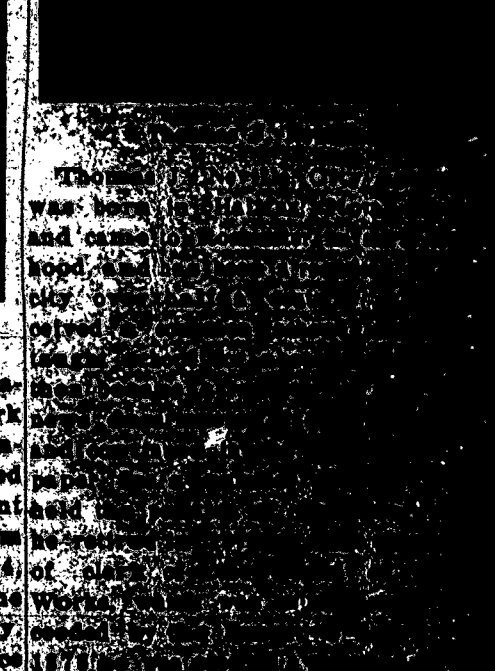
Mr. Cunningham is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Union Club. He is also a member of the Veteran Corps of the First Separate Company, New York State Militia.



City Clerk Clements.

Lewis D. Clements was appointed City Clerk in January, 1906. Mr. Clements was born in Rochester December 20, 1873, and received his education in the public schools. Learning the machinist's trade he followed it for a period of nine years in the employment of a number of Rochester concerns. His first entry into public life was as a messenger in the State Legislature at Albany in the Senate aide in 1899. He subsequently rose to the various grades of Stationary Clerk of the Senate in 1901 and 1902 and of Deputy Clerk in charge of city bills in 1903.

In December, 1903, he was appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal in and for the Western District of New York, Rochester being his headquarters. Serving two years in this capacity he resigned to take up his present office.



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