

Frank A. Ward.

Frank A. Ward, Alderman of the Sixth Ward, was born in Rochester, and received his preliminary education in the common schools of this city. He graduated from Princeton University in 1870 with honor. For many years Mr. Ward has been connected with the Ward's Natural Science establishment on College Avenue, of this city. Under his careful management this establishment

has spread its name in every part of the world. This company, in 1890, made Mr. Ward its treasurer. He has continued in that capacity ever since. Mr. Ward is director of the Rochester Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and of the Merchants' Bank. He comes from a family of well-known Rochesterians, his father, Levi A. Ward having been Mayor of the city for several years and as one of its first citizens.



Robert S. Paviour.

Robert S. Paviour, Republican Alderman of the Twelfth Ward, is serving his second term of office, having been first elected November, 1903. Born in this city September 17, 1859. Mr. Paviour was educated in the Rochester Free Academy from which he graduated in 1876. The same year he entered the office of Ward & continued in that business ever since. In 1880 he was made a partner in the firm, and since 1891 has been the sole representative. The business being now conducted under his own name. Mr. Paviour has had offices in the Chamber of Commerce building ever since it was built. He is a member of several fraternal and philanthropic associations. He is also chairman of the public safety committee of the Common Council.

Joseph F. Ribstein.

Joseph F. Ribstein is Democratic Alderman of the Seventeenth Ward and is now serving his third term. Mr. Ribstein is not only a most valuable man for his constituents but he also represents the interests of the entire ward with care, faithfulness, and zeal. Previous to his election as Alderman Mr. Ribstein held the office of City Sealer. He has long been a well known figure in local politics and is recognized as the Democratic leader of the Seventeenth Ward. He has acted as chairman on many important committees of the Common Council. Mr. Ribstein was born February 20, 1862.



Judge Chadsey.

One of Rochester's ablest lawyers and a man eminently qualified in every respect for the responsible position he occupies as justice of the Police Court is John H. Chadsey. A native of New York, he was born in

the village of Ballston, Saratoga County, March 1, 1845, and is the eldest son of Dr. Alonzo J. Chadsey, a well-known and eminent physician of that county. He was educated at private and public schools, and on the outbreak of the Civil War, when still a mere youth, enlisted in Company A, 132d Regiment, New York Volunteers. He was not, however, mustered into service on account of being under the required age. Judge Chadsey studied law with John Graham of New York City, and at the age of twenty-one was admitted to the bar. He took a course in political economy at the Cooper Institute, and was vice-president of the Cary Political Science Society of New York. From New York he went to Kansas and finally settled in Penfield, N. Y., in 1873. He has had headquarters in Rochester for upwards of twenty-five years, but up to his present term of office had never filled any public position. As an administrator of justice John H. Chadsey has given general satisfaction and has done much to elevate the Police Court.

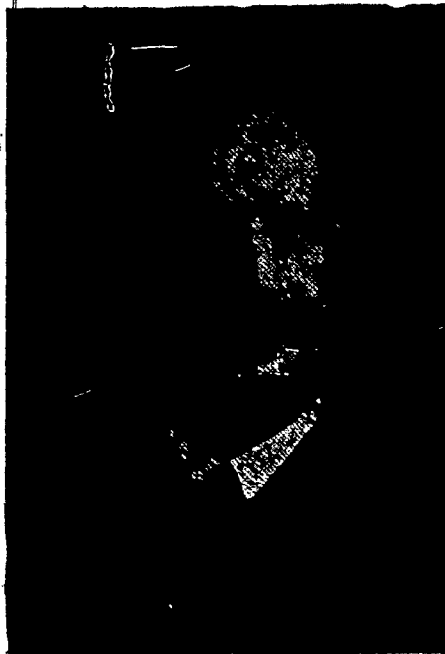
William F. Chandler.

William F. Chandler is clerk of the Municipal Court, having been appointed to that position in September, 1881, by Judges Warner and Still. Different from most positions of a like character the clerk of the Municipal Court is required to have a thorough knowledge of law to be qualified to properly manipulate the affairs of this court. Mr. Chandler is an able practitioner, having been admitted to the bar in this city in 1888.



Monroe County originally formed part of Seneca and Ontario Counties and did not become a separate county until February, 1821. It is named after James Monroe, who was at that time President of the United States. The present Court House, which is one of the most modern county legislative buildings in the country, was erected in 1896.

We append in brief biographical sketches of some of our representative county officials of the present day.



County Clerk Hotchkiss.

Following on his election the previous year, James L. Hotchkiss took up office as County Clerk January 1, 1904. Although never before holding public office Mr. Hotchkiss was well known in political circles, having been chairman of the general Republican County Committee for some years. He was born in Naples, Ontario County, May 1, 1867, and in its public schools and at the Rochester Free Academy from which he graduated in 1876. The same year a course in the city public schools he entered the office of Ward & continued in that business ever since. In 1880 he was made a partner in the firm, and since 1891 has been the sole representative. The business being now conducted under his own name. Mr. Paviour has had offices in the Chamber of Commerce building ever since it was built. He is a member of several fraternal and philanthropic associations. He is also chairman of the public safety committee of the Common Council.



District Attorney Warren.

Stephen J. Warren is one of the best known practitioners of law in the county and has occupied the position of District Attorney for nine years. Previous to his election he was assistant under District Attorney George D. Forsyth. Mr. Warren was born in the town of Henrietta and received his early education in the district school. He graduated from the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, took up the study of law in this city, and was admitted to the bar in 1892.

Mr. Warren is a member of many of the social orders of the city.

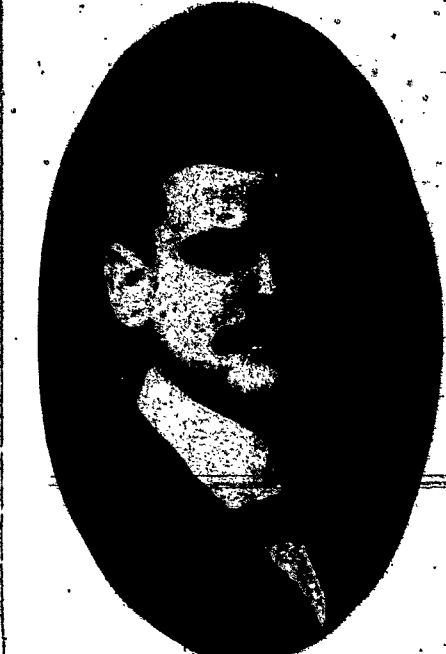


Howard H. Widener.

Howard H. Widener, first assistant to the District Attorney, has been connected with the District Attorney's office for the past twenty years,

serving first in the capacity of clerk for three years, thereafter as assistant. Mr. Widener was born at Chili in 1860 and received his early education in the common schools and at Chili Seminary. Studying law in Buffalo and in this city in the office of Judge Benton he was admitted to the bar in 1885, and entered the office of the District Attorney in the following year.

Mr. Widener is a capable and successful lawyer and is a member of both the Rochester Bar Association and the New York Bar Association.



Willis A. Matson.

Willis A. Matson was appointed to his present office of Assistant District Attorney in February, 1898. Mr. Matson is a native of New York State and was born at Clarendon, Orleans County, October 9, 1867. He received his early education in the common schools of Clarendon and later graduated from Brockport Normal School. He studied law in the office of Keeler & Salisbury of this city and was admitted to the bar in March, 1893. He immediately took up the practice of law in Brockport and later was appointed Police Justice of that village for a term of four years. After serving two years in this capacity he resigned in order to take up his present position. Mr. Matson has been a resident in this city for the past nine years, and is a member of several of its leading clubs and social organizations.



Willis K. Gillette.

Willis K. Gillette is clerk to the Board of Supervisors, having been appointed to that position January, 1908. Mr. Gillette is a staunch Republican in politics and has always affiliated with that party. He was born in Milford, Otsego County, April 26, 1886, and is the son of Rev. Charles Gillette, who died in December of 1887 in this city. He received his education in the public schools of Rochester and is a graduate of the High School and of the University of Michigan with the class of 1891. Mr. Gillette was admitted to the bar in the fall of that year and has practiced law in this city ever since. He first held public office as school commissioner of the Third Ward in 1892, and was twice re-elected. He was elected Supervisor in 1901 and served the Third Ward in that capacity for one year and until he was appointed to his present position.



Sheriff Craig.

The present Sheriff of Monroe County, William H. Craig, was elected in the fall of 1905 and entered on

the duties of his office January 1, 1906. Mr. Craig has been identified with politics all his life and is a Republican in his sympathies. He has been a resident of Rochester for 23 years. He was elected Alderman of the Fourth Ward in the fall of 1903 and served two terms. He was born in the village of Charlotte, N. Y., in 1858 and received his early education in the public schools and in the Brothers' School. For four years he was Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms at the State Capitol and consequently familiar with legislative matters. Mr. Craig is a popular hotel man, having been identified with the hotel business all his life. For fourteen years he also carried on a general livery business with coach and livery service in connection with the hotels.



County Attorney Warren.

The office of County Attorney was created by a resolution of the Board of Supervisors in November, 1905. Mr. Arthur Warren being the first appointee. This office he filled until June, 1906, when, under a decision in Nassau County, some question was raised as to the legality of the appointment. Mr. Warren promptly resigned, but was immediately retained to represent the county in all legal matters and continued under this arrangement until June 1, 1907, when, under Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1907, he was appointed County Attorney for a term of two years.

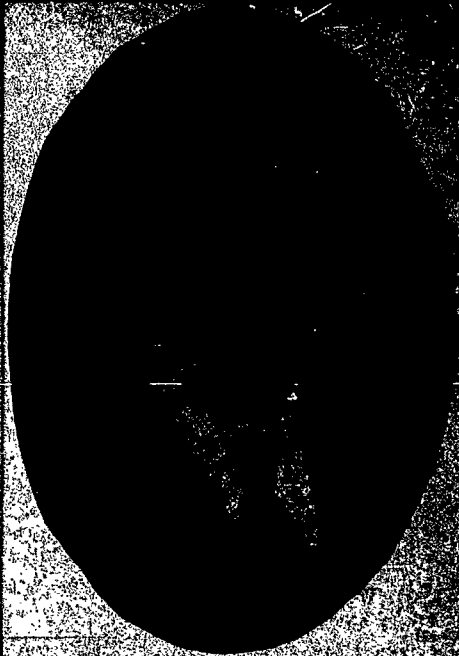
As County Attorney Mr. Warren has charge of all civil matters affecting the county and several towns and villages comprised in the county.

Mr. Warren is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Bradford County March 13, 1866. He received his education in the common schools and at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, N. Y. He commenced his law studies in the office of Edward T. Rly of this city, was also with Harris & Harris and C. C. Davis, and was admitted to the bar in 1891. He immediately established a law practice of his own, which has been eminently successful. Mr. Warren's first entry into official life was as Supervisor of the Nineteenth Ward. He was serving his second term when he resigned to take up his present appointment. Mr. Warren is a member of the Rochester Bar Association and belongs to several social and fraternal organizations.



Congressman Perkins.

Representing the Thirty-second Congressional District, which comprises the county of Monroe is James B. Perkins, a resident of Brighton and well known practitioner of law in Rochester. He was born in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, November 4, 1847, and came to Rochester at the early age of nine years. He received his education in the public schools and at Rochester University. He has had a successful career as a lawyer, and politician, and as a historical writer has won a national reputation. In the fall of 1897 he was chosen to represent the first district of Monroe County in the Assembly. Mr. Perkins made an enviable reputation for himself in the State Legislature and since his election to Congress he is now serving his fourth term. He has taken a most active part in the prominent questions of the day.

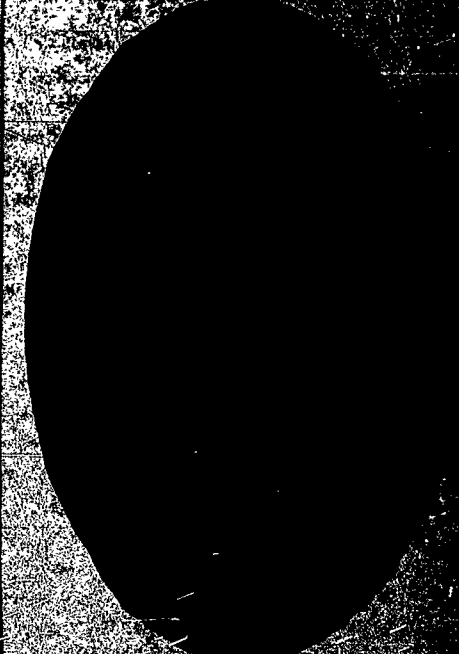


Coroner Klendler.

Henry Klendler has been identified with the office of Coroner for the past twenty-one years, having been appointed to the position in 1886. He was born in Rochester, June 27, 1847, and is a graduate of the public schools and of the Free Academy, with the class of 1875, completing his education. Mr. Klendler accepted a position in the weighmaster's office on the Erie Canal, serving as assistant weighmaster. Two years later he was appointed inspector of customs at the port of Charlotte. This position he filled until 1883, when he was appointed on the Republican ticket school commissioner of the Monroe Ward. Though this district was strongly Democratic, he was elected by a good majority. He held office for two terms when he was elected to his present position. Coroner Klendler is one of our most popular and efficient county officials.



Dr. Thomas is one of the best known physicians in the city and has been practicing medicine in the city since 1871. He was born in the city of Rochester, N. Y., and is the son of a well known family. He received his education in the common schools and at the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, N. Y. He commenced his medical studies in the office of Dr. T. Rly of this city, and was admitted to the medical profession in 1871. He immediately established a medical practice of his own, which has been eminently successful. Dr. Thomas's first entry into official life was as Supervisor of the Nineteenth Ward. He was serving his second term when he resigned to take up his present appointment. Dr. Thomas is a member of the Rochester Medical Association and belongs to several social and fraternal organizations.



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