

JOSEPH F. RIBSTEIN.

Joseph F. Ribstein is Democratic Alderman of the Seventeenth Ward and is now serving his third term. 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.

During his term of office he was ever alert to do something for the citizens of the Seventeenth Ward. It was through his efforts that a firehouse on Hudson Street was built; he secured the extension of the street car line on Joseph Avenue with improved service, and many other improvements. In numerous other ways he has always shown a zeal on behalf of his constituents that make him invaluable to them in the Council.

Mr. Ribstein is an active member of St. Jacob's Society, St. Fidelis Society, Catholic Men's Association of Holy Redeemer Church, Young Men's Catholic Club of St. Michael's Church, President of Rochester Branch of Federation of German Catholic Societies and he is also prominent in many other organizations.

Mr. Ribstein was born February 20, 1862.

CHANCES OF PRESIDENT'S SONS.

Thus Far Only One Has Succeeded in Following His Father.

Sons of the former Presidents of the United States are not to be discounted as factors in public affairs.

The boys of President Roosevelt and President Cleveland are still too young to be reckoned with, and McKinley had none, but those wearing the name of Lincoln, Grant and Garfield are holding prominent places in public life, and it is by no means an impossibility that one of them may yet go to the White House.

There is a precedent. John Quincy Adams made a greater President than his distinguished father, John Adams. Harrison, father and son, did not succeed each other, but Benjamin Harrison was grandson of William Henry Harrison so that it will be seen that relationship is by no means a bar to a man's ambitions.

The case of the Grants at once suggests itself. There are two of them now holding high places in public esteem, and one of them, Frederick Dent Grant, has followed the calling of his father, and is a soldier. The



RAYMOND E. WESTBURY.

Rochester's Common Council possesses in the person of Alderman Raymond E. Westbury, of the Third Ward, one of the most faithful, energetic and careful municipal legislators that has ever been elected to that body. He was born in this city May 4, 1876, and obtained his education in the public schools and at the Rochester Business Institute.

After some years of business experience, Mr. Westbury entered the law office of William Butler Cattenden and was admitted to the bar in June, 1902. He entered into a law partnership with G. Townler Fries, with whom he is still associated, at 612 Ellwanger & Barry building. Mr. Westbury was elected alderman in 1903 by a handsome majority, and again in 1905.

As chairman of the important Common Council Committee on Law he has shown his excellent judgment and tact in addition to conservative methods and energy. He is also a member of the railroad, city property, charter amendment and public schools committees. His majority in the Third in the coming election is forecasted to be greater than ever before.



Howard H. Widener.

Republican Candidate for County Attorney

Howard H. Widener, the Republican candidate for District Attorney, has served the county as District Attorney for over 15 years. He is a public candidate for District Attorney, and as being in line for promotion. The convention unanimously accorded him the nomination.

Mr. Widener is well spoken of by all grand and trial jurors, who have had occasion to act in the courts where Mr. Widener appeared for the people. He is familiar with the procedure of the courts in all their detail from the Police Court to the Court of Appeals. His experience in the office would save the taxpayers thousands of dollars, by being able to promptly dispose of the hundreds of cases that annually come to that office. He is a criminal lawyer of good ability and has been successful in the argument of cases in the higher courts as well as being a match for any attorney as a trial lawyer. His experience has served promotion to the office of District Attorney to every voter in the interest of the people.

Mr. Widener is a member of the First Assistant Under-Sheriff, District Attorney, George A. Bennett, of the Supreme Court, Foray and Stephen. He continued several years in several positions of responsibility. He well knows the guarantee of the constitution for the people. The people certainly make an attempt to elect a man who has been along these lines and who has had a successful record in his efficient administration. Mr. Widener is now 47 years of age and in this county, in Rochester Lodge, No. 1, and other fraternal organizations.



JAMES RUDOLPH GARFIELD.

Other, Jesse Grant, who has spent most of his years in California, was not quite so well known until recently a number of boomers suggested him as available material for nomination to the Presidency.

Then folks began to sit up and take notice and ask questions about Jesse Grant.

They found out that Jesse was the third son of Lee's conqueror, that, having retired from business, in which he acquired liberally of wealth he is now settled down in New York.

Mr. Grant delights to recall the days when his father was President, and to tell of their simplicity. His father's first act, he says, was to order out of the White House all the soldiers placed there on guard.

"The President of the United States is only a citizen," was the way General Grant put it, "and needs not the guards that are used to surround monarchs."

The other prominent Grant, Frederick Dent Grant, is not now a Presidential suggestion even, but the advance of a man in the military service is often meteoric. Riding up San Juan Hill put Theodore Roosevelt in the White House, and it is ever a possibility that General Grant who bears a most striking resemblance to his distinguished father, might figure in some episode of valor that would at a stroke lift him above the choice of the politicians.

General Grant is one of the most favored men in the service, President Roosevelt in particular reposing the utmost confidence in him.

Though he is much younger, Secretary of the Interior James Rudolph Garfield, youngest son of the martyred President, perhaps stands a better chance of some day going to the seat his father occupied than any other President's son.

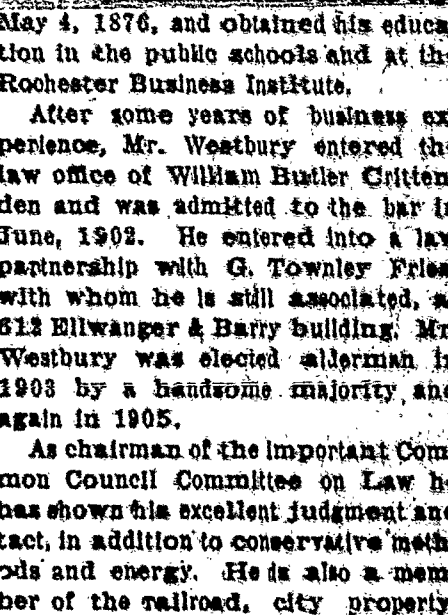
His career has been of the kind that invites expectation. He was a boy around the White House, he went to school at Hentor, studied law, graduated, made himself an honorable record in the Ohio Senate, and then came to Washington.

It is a fact not generally remembered that James Rudolph Garfield was not Mr. Roosevelt's first choice for Civil Service Commissioner. The place was originally offered to his brother, Harry A. Garfield, leading Ohio attorney and man who gained fame because of the persistency with which he has opposed political corruption in the State. Harry declined the place, and it then went to James R.

As soon as the latter got a foothold at the Capitol, he made a quick impression and proved to President Roosevelt that he is the kind of man needed to aid in the administration's war on corporations. In a short time he had been advanced from the Civil Service Department and made Commissioner of Corporations. It was in this post that he did his most notable work, and as a reward he was finally taken to the official family of the President as Secretary of the Interior.

Here Mr. Garfield gained his spurs by addressing himself to the task of dealing with the land thieves. He also removed many of the red tape customs that had been retarding business, and had put the work of the department far behind.

President Roosevelt was much delighted with the vigor the son of Ohio's first martyred President put in his work, and Mr. Garfield is now one of the President's closest advisers.

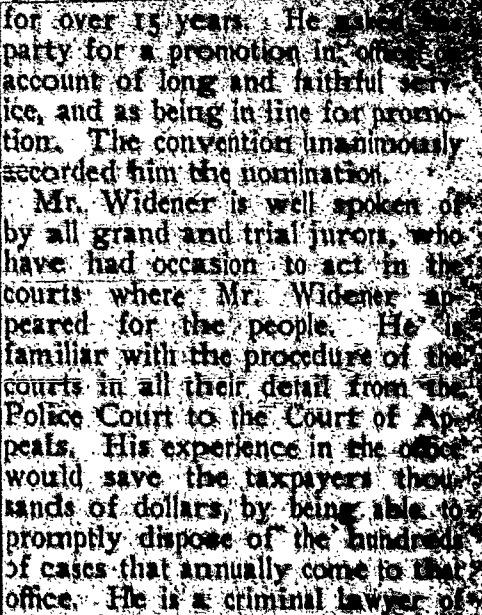


C. E. OWEN.

The ability of Charles E. Owen on the Board of Supervisors has been recognized by his associates in his election to the office of chairman. He is a candidate from the Third Ward for re-election on the Republican ticket and his friends predict for him a brilliant victory at the polls.

Mr. Owen was born in this city, January 7, 1868, and has always been a resident of the Third Ward. He was appointed to the office of supervisor in 1903, to succeed Willis K. Gillette, who became clerk of the Board. Elected at the polls in the fall of 1903, Mr. Owen filled his office so satisfactorily that the voters of the Third re-elected him in 1905.

Of the five years that Mr. Owen acted on the Board, he has been chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for three years and was one of the factors in keeping the county taxes at the remarkably low figure they have reached in the last few years. Mr. Owen is the president of the Moore & Biers Clothing Co., 125 St. Paul Street.



WILLIAM A. BUCKLEY.

William A. Buckley, Democrat, and Independence League candidate for Alderman of the Fifteenth Ward, is a well known business man, a member of the firm of Buckley, Dalton, building contractor, and was born in the Fifteenth Ward and has lived there all his life and is personally known to every voter in the ward.

Mr. Buckley is a man of the popularity of strict business man and commands the respect of all who know him. He has been an active factor in the Democratic party in his ward for many years and has been one of the ablest workers in the county of Democrats.

He is president of Branch 11, M. B. A. also District Council, C. M. H. A. member of the Improved Order of Red Men, A. O. U. M. W., and other fraternal organizations.

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