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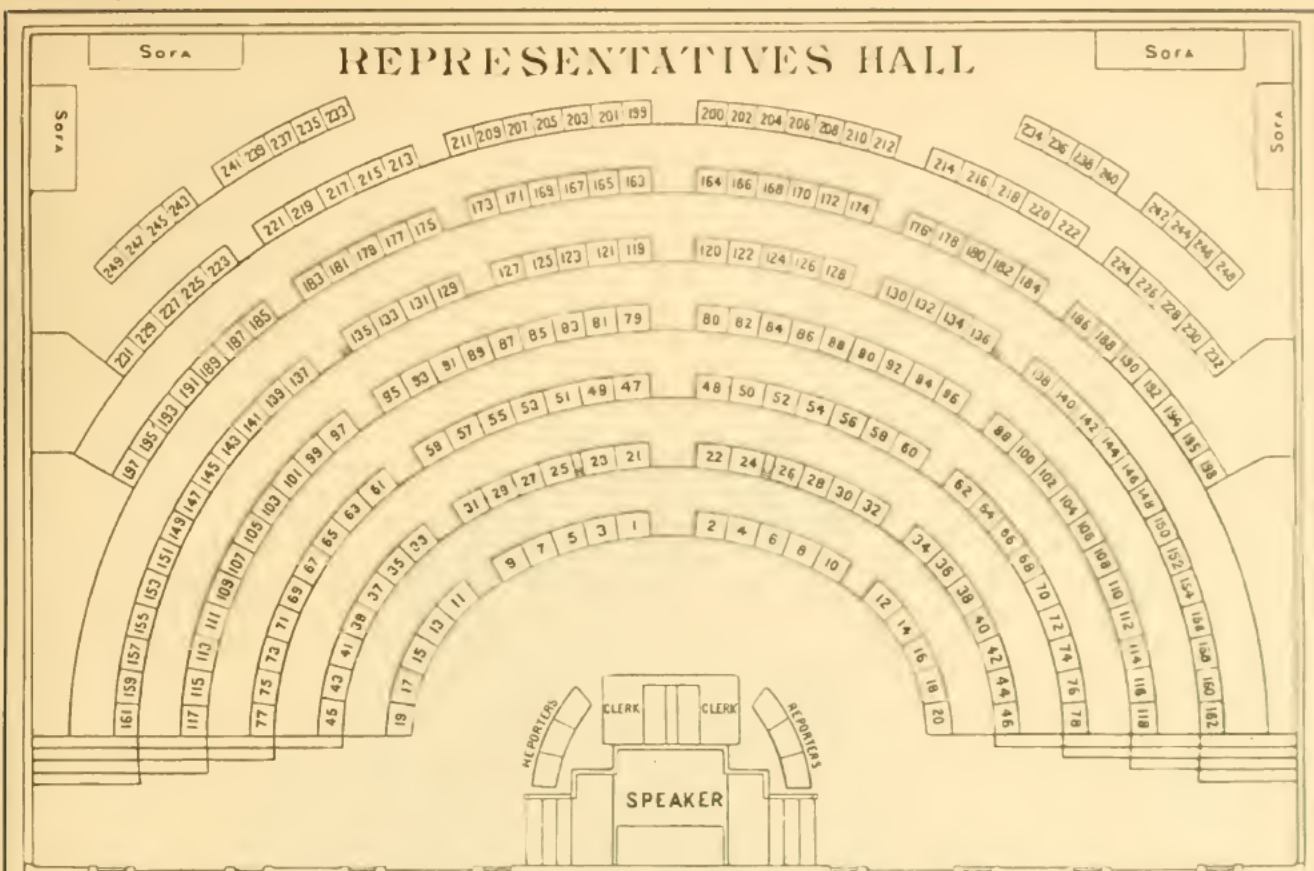


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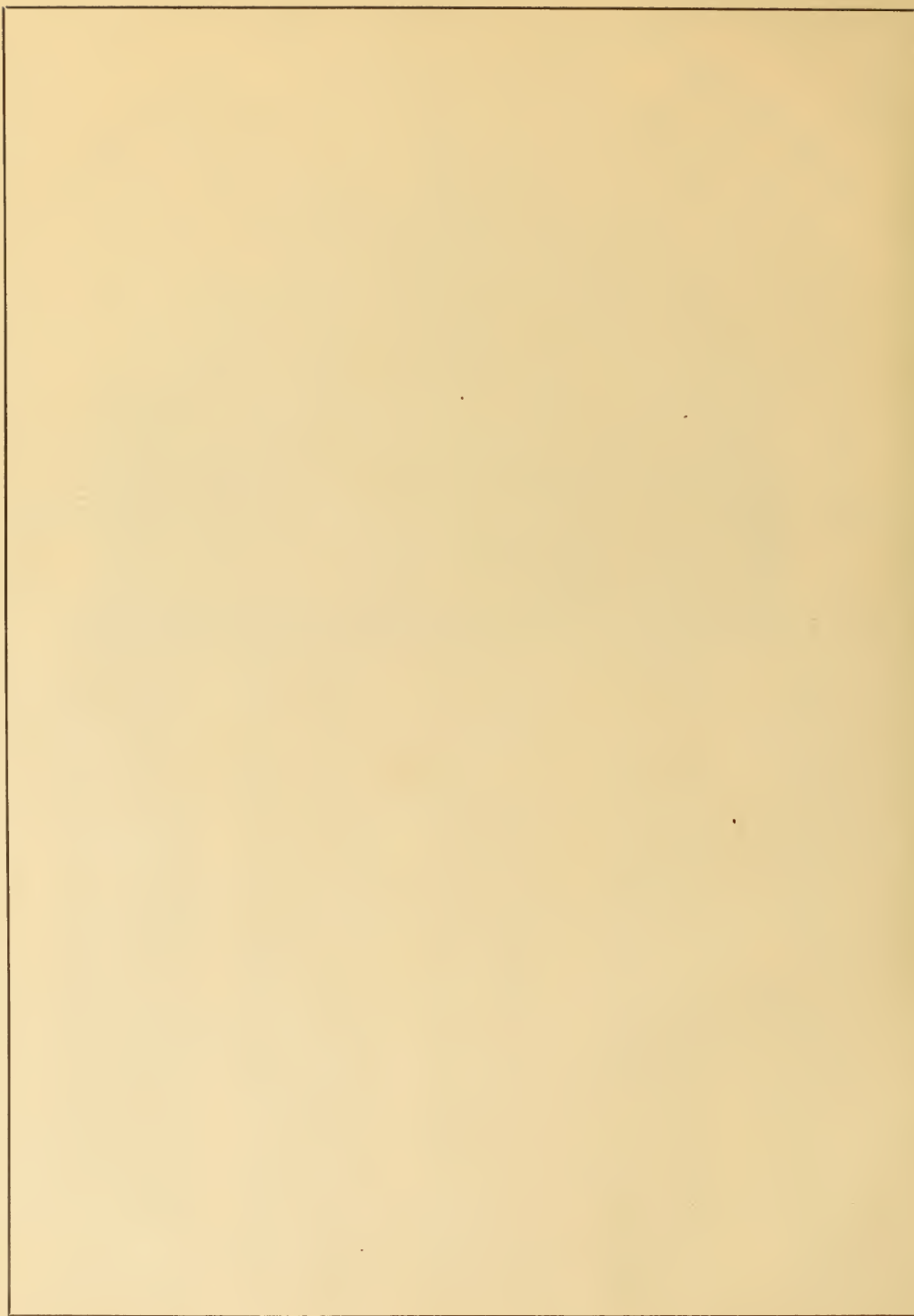
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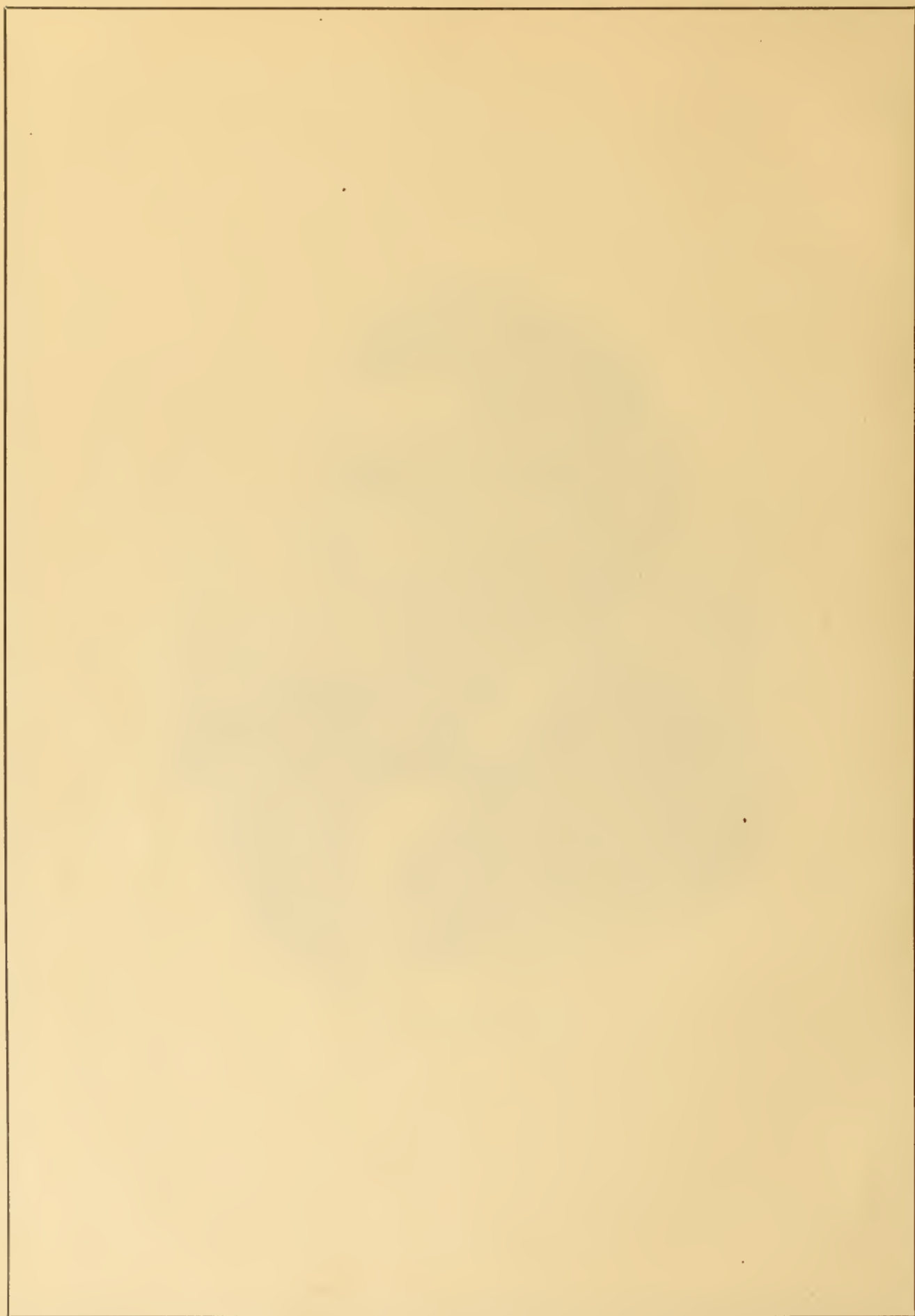
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HON. HOBART B. BIGELOW



## GOVERNOR HOBART B. BIGELOW.

GOVERNOR HOBART B. BIGELOW, of New Haven, is a man from the people, and from earliest boyhood has shared their instincts and sympathies. Through industry, perseverance, and force of character, he has raised himself to a commanding position in business and financial circles, and enjoys a record that any citizen of Connecticut might justly feel proud of. He was born in North Haven, Conn., May 16, 1834, and lived there until he was ten years of age, when his father, Levi L. Bigelow, removed to Great Barrington, Mass., where he was station agent on the Housatonic railroad for three years. From there he went to South Egremont, Mass., where he entered into the manufacture of pump-chains. He returned to North Haven about 1855, where he still resides, thoroughly respected and esteemed by his fellow townsmen. He has held the office of tax-collector for a number of years, and has participated with credit in the management of town affairs.

His mother, who is also living, was Miss Belinda Pierpont, a lineal descendant of Rev. James Pierpont, the second minister at New Haven, and one of the founders of Yale college. The Connecticut poet, Rev. John Pierpont, well known in the literary world, and the eminent jurist, Edwards Pierrepont, have the same descent. Edwards Pierrepont was born at North Haven, which was also Mrs. Bigelow's birthplace.

The Bigelows of Connecticut are connected with the Massachusetts family of that name, and have been noted for intellectual integrity, sound patriotism, and strict observance of moral principle. The solid manhood of Colonel Thomas Bigelow, of the Fifteenth Massachusetts regiment, an efficient Revolutionary officer, has been characteristic of the race. He commenced life as a blacksmith, and, like General Greene of Rhode Island, won his way to a position of honor and responsibility. He marched to Cambridge at the head of

a company of minute-men after hearing of the battle of Lexington; assisted at the capture of Burgoyne, and was at West Point and Valley Forge.

With the blood of the Pierponts and Bigelows in his veins, nothing less than success could have been expected when Governor Bigelow commenced at Guilford the carving of his own fortune in the world. He had enjoyed what facilities the common schools of his native town afforded, but had completed his education at the academy in South Egremont, and at the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to the machinist trade, entering the works of the Guilford Manufacturing Company, of which William Faulkner was president. On the failure of the Guilford company eight months afterwards, he removed to New Haven, and completed his apprenticeship in the New Haven Manufacturing Company's works.

His uncle, Asahel Pierpont, was president of the company, and was also the founder of the extensive business now carried on by Malloy, Wheeler & Co., one of the largest lock-manufacturing concerns in the country. His uncle's influence helped in shaping his business career, and inspired him with self-reliance.

At the expiration of two years, his trade having been completed, he entered the employ of the old firm of Ives & Smith, which afterwards passed into the hands of Wilcox & Gay. Governor Bigelow held the position of foreman in both concerns.

On the death of Mr. Gay, in 1864, through the kindness of friends Governor Bigelow was enabled to purchase the machine department, Mr. Cyprian Wilcox, of the old firm, retaining the foundry. Three or four years later he also purchased the foundry, and carried on the business of both departments, including his work and enlarging his sphere of activity every year. In 1870 he transferred the entire concern to



Grapevine Point, and added to the machine department the manufacture of boilers, having already established himself to a considerable extent in the latter industry. At present, the Bigelow Boiler Works stand among the foremost in the State.

Seven years ago Governor Bigelow associated Henry Elson, formerly his superintendent, with him in business. In October, 1879, George S. Barnum, who had been a clerk in the establishment, was also taken into partnership. The works are now controlled by H. B. Bigelow & Co., and constitute an active industrial center.

In 1861 Governor Bigelow received a government contract for 300,000 "gun parts" for the Springfield rifle, requiring three years in its execution. The contract gave employment for a large corps of hands, and was carried out successfully and to the satisfaction of the government. For several years Governor Bigelow has been a director in the Merchants' National Bank of New Haven, one of the largest institutions in the State, and on the death of Nathan Peek, in January, 1882, he was elected its president. By virtue of his office as mayor of New Haven he was also, until January 1, 1881, a director in the Derby Railroad.

He served one year each in the offices of councilman and alderman of New Haven, the late Morris Tyler being mayor at that time. In the spring of 1875 he was elected a member of the House from New Haven, his majority being 1,638. The election showed his splendid personal popularity in the city. During the session he was a member of the Committee on Banks, and was a hard and diligent worker in that capacity. His views on financial questions were always sound, and his judgment was decisive with his colleagues. Throughout, his career in the legislature was highly honorable, both as a citizen and legislator.

In December, 1878, he was elected mayor of New Haven by a majority of 2,378. This mag-

nificent triumph was due in part to disaffection in the Democratic ranks, numbers of the opposition party voting for him instead of their regular candidate. But it is beyond question that Governor Bigelow was the most popular Republican in New Haven, and polled a larger vote than any one else could have done. His administration as mayor was conservative, prudent, and economical, and met with universal public approval. The city was ably governed, Mr. Bigelow attending to his public duties with the same fidelity with which he controls his private matters. As President Watrous, of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford road remarked, when presenting his name before the Republican State Convention in 1880, his eminent success in the management of his own interests demonstrated his fitness for any trust to which he might be called by the suffrages of his fellow citizens.

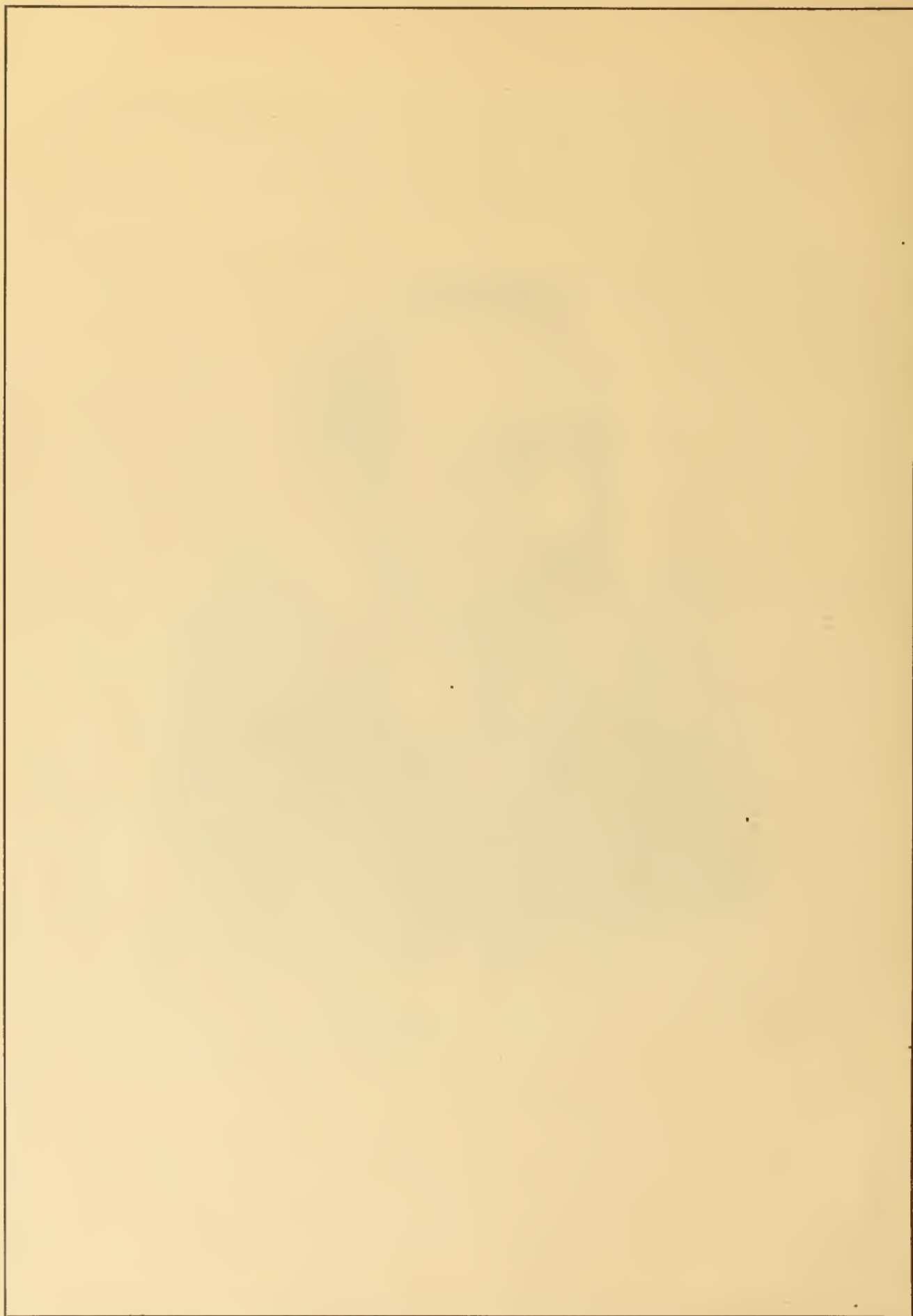
As chief executive of the State, Governor Bigelow has won the heartiest approval of the public, and his administration has commanded complete confidence.

Governor Bigelow is a member of the Church of the Redeemer at New Haven, Rev. Dr. John E. Todd's, and is a broad and liberal Christian gentleman. While his life has been one of brilliant business success, it has also been characterized by conscientious religious convictions, benevolent aims and purposes, and untarnished personal honor.

He resides on Orange street, in one of the most attractive portions of New Haven. His family consists of a wife and two sons, and occupies a high social standing in the community. His oldest son, Frank L. Bigelow, graduated from the Yale Scientific School last summer, and holds the position of aide-de-camp on his father's staff. The remaining son, Walter P. Bigelow, is pursuing a liberal course of studies at New Haven.



HON WILLIAM H BULKELEY





## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

### WILLIAM H. BULKELEY.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR WM. H. BULKELEY, of Hartford, is a descendant of Rev. Peter Bulkeley, the founder of Concord, Mass., and is thereby connected with one of the oldest New England families, the representatives of which have invariably impressed themselves upon the moral, social, and business life of the communities in which they have lived. The American ancestor was a brilliant non-conformist divine, succeeding his father, Rev. Edward Bulkeley, in the church at Woodhill, Bedfordshire, Eng., but on account of complaints instituted by Archbishop Laud he was compelled to seek refuge with the New England Puritans. He arrived at Cambridge in 1634, and settled with a band of followers at Concord. His death occurred in 1659. He was a distinguished writer in his time, and a "masterly reasoner," says President Stiles, "in theology." Two of his manuscripts are preserved in the library of the American Antiquarian Society. His son, Rev. Gershom Bulkeley, graduated from Harvard in 1655, and married a daughter of President Chauncy. In 1661 he was settled as pastor at New London, where he remained until 1667, when he was installed over the church at Wethersfield. Subsequently he devoted himself to the practice of medicine at Glastonbury. "As a clergyman he stood at the head of his profession, and ranked among the first in medical science." Rev. John Bulkeley, the next in the line of descent, was also a graduate of Harvard. He was ordained pastor of the Colechester church in 1703. In ability he ranked with the leading divines of New England. His son, Hon. John Bulkeley, graduated at Yale in 1725, and was a distinguished lawyer. Eliphalet and John C. Bulkeley, son and grandson respectively of John Bulkeley, were extensive land owners and business men. The father of General Bulkeley, the late Hon. Eliphalet A. Bulkeley, graduated from Yale in 1824. Ex-

Judge Origen S. Seymour, of Litchfield, whose death occurred during the past year, was a member of the same class. After graduating, Mr. Bulkeley studied law with William P. Williams, of Lebanon. His wife, Lydia S. Morgan, is a cousin of Ex-Governor Morgan, of New York. In 1830 he moved from Colechester to East Haddam, and commenced the practice of his profession in that town. His ability immediately brought him into notice, and he was elected a member of the House of Representatives from there. Afterward he was chosen a member of the Senate for two terms from the eighteenth district.

General William H. Bulkeley, the subject of this sketch, was born at East Haddam, March 2, 1840. Seven years later, his father, then holding the office of school fund commissioner, established his residence in Hartford, and remained here until his death, a few years ago. He was the founder and first president of the Alma Life and also of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1857 he was elected a member of the legislature from Hartford, with Judge Nathaniel Shipman as his colleague, and was elected Speaker of the House. He was prominent in State politics for years, and from the outset was identified with the whig and republican parties. General Bulkeley was educated in the public and high schools of Hartford, Principal T. W. T. Curtis, then in charge of the High School, being his instructor. He left the school before graduation, with an admirable record for scholarship and application, and entered the employ of Thatcher, Goodrich & Stillman, then the oldest and leading dry goods establishment in the city. In March 1857, he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and engaged in the same business with H. P. Morgan & Co. Afterwards he entered the dry goods trade for himself, and conducted a successful business for six years in Fulton

street, Brooklyn. In 1868 General Bulkeley returned to Hartford, and organized the Kellogg & Bulkeley Company, lithographers, of which he has since been the president. He was for several years vice-president of the *Ætina* Life Insurance Company, and is at present a member of the board of directors. He is also a director in the Orient Fire, the American National Bank, and the United States Trust Company. Three years ago in October he purchased the famous dry goods establishment of Hartford, the "Bee Hive," one of the largest and most enterprising concerns of the kind in New England, and has since managed it with consummate ability and success.

General Bulkeley has had five years' experience in the common council board of Hartford, serving one year as vice-president and one as president of that body, thus acquiring a thorough parliamentary training. At the expiration of his membership in the council, he was appointed a member of the board of street commissioners, retaining the position by successive appointments between seven and eight years. He resigned a year ago, having been one of the most efficient members the board has ever had. General Bulkeley has had much experience in public and official life, and has acquitted himself with honor and distinction in every position that he has held. He was a member of the Yorktown commission, representing Connecticut on the board composed of representative men from the thirteen original States. His political career has been eminently successful, and as presiding officer of the Senate last year he won golden opinions from all sides. He commands the complete support and confidence of his party.

General Bulkeley has had a creditable war record, having been one of the first to respond to

the call for troops after the attack on Fort Sumter. He was a member of the Brooklyn City Guard, G company, Thirteenth regiment, N. Y. N. G., and advanced to the front with his command, April 19, 1861. The organization was in service for four months. In 1862 he organized Company G, of the Fifty-sixth regiment, N. Y. N. G., and was elected captain. He was with his command through the Pennsylvania crisis of 1863, being in General "Baldy" Smith's division. The regiment was ordered home during the New York draft riots, after which it was disbanded, its term of service having expired.

General Bulkeley is an active member of Robert O. Tyler Post, G. A. R., of Hartford, and also of the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut.

Two of his brothers, Morgan G. Bulkeley, at present mayor of Hartford, and Charles E. Bulkeley, a graduate of Yale college in the class of 1856, were also in the service during the war. The latter was a captain of artillery, and died in December, 1864, while in command of Battery Garesche, near Washington. He was a member of the Hartford bar, and would have made his mark in the world had his life been preserved. Mayor Bulkeley served in a New York regiment—making three members of the family engaged in the Union army during the critical periods of the war.

In private life General Bulkeley is a gentleman of superior traits of character; a member of the Pearl Street Congregational church, Rev. Dr. William L. Gage's, and a generous contributor to the needs of the poor. From every point of view General Bulkeley is a man of commanding influence, rare business ability, and the strictest personal integrity.





HON. CHARLES E. SEARLS,

SECRETARY OF STATE.

HON. CHARLES E. SEARLS of Thompson, the Secretary of State, was born at Pomfret, March 25, 1846, and graduated at Yale College with honor in the class of 1868. He belongs to one of the oldest and most influential families in Windham County, and is in all respects a representative of the intelligence, culture, and patriotism of Eastern Connecticut. His father, Edwin C. Searls, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1857, having removed to that city during the early childhood of his son, and engaged in business there. His mother is a sister of the late Colonel Charles Matthewson of Pomfret. The Searlses and Matthewsons have been among the best families of Windham County for generations, and have taken an active part in public affairs. Immediately after the decease of his father, Mr. Searls's mother returned to Connecticut, locating at Thompson, where the family have since resided. After a

thorough preparation for college, Mr. Searls entered Yale in 1864, and pursued an academic course at that institution. Among his classmates were Professor I. T. Beckwith, of Trinity College; Judge Geo. H. Cowell, of Waterbury; Rev. Alanson P. Tinker, of Lyme, now a brilliant Congregational clergyman at Auburn, Me.; Rev. T. C. Welles, of Wetherfield, now settled at the West; Rev. Chumney B. Brewster, of New Haven, one of the ablest Episcopal clergymen that Connecticut has produced; John Marvin Chapin, of Springfield, Mass., subsequently a graduate of the Hartford Theological Seminary, and Dr. William T. Bacon, of Hartford. Mr. Searls stood well in his class, graduating with an *honorable rank*. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Society, and throughout his college course was a hard and conscientious worker. One of his room-mates while at Yale was Charles Edwin Smith, now of



Deacon Smith, of the *Cincinnati Gazette*, and at present one of the editors of that paper. He was thoroughly popular with his associates and the faculty, and his marked success in life has been enjoyed by all who were connected with him in college.

After graduating Mr. Searls studied law in the office of Hon. Gilbert W. Phillips, of Putnam, and commenced practice there in 1870. His ability has placed him among the first members of the Windham County bar, and but few men of his years have achieved greater success in their profession. In 1869 he was elected Town Clerk of Thompson. Two years later he was chosen a member of the House from that town, serving as Chairman of the Committee on New Towns and Probate Districts. Among the important measures coming before his committee were the reso-

lutions establishing a new county seat at Waterbury, and the new towns of Beacon Falls and Newington. In 1874 he delivered the oration before the literary society of the Woodstock Academy, his subject being, "The Scholar as a Conservative." Mr. Searls is a gentleman of superior culture and ability, correct and methodical in his business and professional duties, and of the strictest personal integrity. The warm-hearted commendation of John M. Hall, of Willimantic, in presenting his name before the Republican Convention which nominated him for the office of Secretary of State, was fully justified by the upright and honorable career which Mr. Searls has made for himself. His administration of the duties of the Secretary's office has shown him to be amply qualified for the responsible position which he holds.



HON. JAMES D. SMITH.

TREASURER.

HON. JAMES D. SMITH of Stamford, State Treasurer for the current year, was appointed by Governor Bigelow, January 3, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. David P. Nichols of Danbury, who was elected Treasurer by the Republicans in November, 1880. The appointment devolved upon Governor Bigelow under the statute, and was made with judicious regard for the public interests. Treasurer Smith's eminent fitness for the position has been heartily recognized throughout the State, and the appointment has met with the unanimous approval of Republicans and Democrats. It was fitting that Mr. Nichols's successor should be chosen from Fairfield County, and in selecting Mr. Smith a high compliment has been paid by Governor Bigelow to the young Republicans of that section. Treasurer Smith was a member of the legislature last year from Stamford, and won the fullest confidence and

esteem of his associates. While not an active participant in debate, his influence upon the legislation of the session was often felt, and was always wholesome in its effect. His views were sound and could be safely followed at all times. Mr. Smith is one of the ablest business men and financiers in Connecticut, and is a member of the Wall street firm of Jameson, Smith & Cutting, with which he has been associated for upwards of sixteen years. He commenced his business career at Ridgefield, but removed soon afterwards to New York, where he became cashier and first book keeper with the firm of Hoyt, Sprague & Co. Subsequently he became a member of the Wall street firm, with which he is at present connected. He is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, the Produce Exchange, and the New York Mining Exchange, and on Tuesday, January 10, was elected one of the directors of the New

York elevated road. He has also held directorship in a number of large corporations, including the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, the Union Pacific, and the Kansas Pacific Railroad companies, the Panama Railroad company, the Quick-silver Mining, and the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph companies. He was one of the founders of the Woodlawn Cemetery, and was largely instrumental in its success. Treasurer Smith has visited Europe a number of times in the interest of his firm. Among the first-class securities, which he has successfully placed abroad, may be mentioned \$2,000,000 of St. Louis City Park and Sewerage bonds, \$4,000,000 of Mississippi and Illinois River Bridge bonds, and \$6,000,000 of North Missouri first mortgage bonds. Mr. Smith is a gentleman of splendid social traits, and is Vice-Commodore of the New York Yacht Club. The celebrated yacht "Estelle," which has one of the fastest records of the New York fleet, belongs to him and is the envy of New York yachtsmen. Mr. Smith's personal popularity and influence in

New York were exemplified in the most gratifying manner during the Presidential campaign of 1880. He organized and was the president of the Bankers and Brokers New York Stock Exchange Garfield and Arthur Club, one of the most powerful and influential organizations in the campaign, and labored most efficiently at its head. This club furnished the impetus for the organization of the Produce Exchange and Dry Goods Exchange Garfield and Arthur clubs, and developed largely the sentiment among business men throughout the country that national prosperity and success depended upon the retention of the Republican party in power. Mr. Smith has always been an ardent Republican, and is a representative of the party's best impulses and purposes. He is a native of New Hampshire, having been born at Exeter in that State, and is upwards of 44 years of age. He prepared for Yale College, but instead of entering that institution, finally decided on a business life, and has achieved exceptional success in it.





COL. WHEELOCK T. BATCHELLER,

COMPTROLLER

COLONEL WHEELOCK T. BATCHELLER, of Winchester, State Comptroller, was born in that town in February, 1840. Four years later his father died, leaving him to the care and training of his mother. The latter was a daughter of Captain Wheelock Thayer, after whom Comptroller Batcheller was named. Captain Thayer settled at Winsted in 1817, moving there from Massachusetts, and became one of the most prominent citizens of the place. At first in the employ of the father of Hon. John Boyd in the manufacture of scythes, he soon went into business for himself, and erected the third scythe shop in the place, which he managed with skill and ability, accumulating considerable property. Compelled to retire from active business by the infirmities of advancing age, he was succeeded in 1858 by the firm of Wilder & Batcheller, his son-in-law and grandsons, of whom W. T. Batch-

eller was one. Previous to this Mr. Batcheller had attended the common schools of Winsted till the age of fourteen, after which he spent two terms at Hudson River Institute at Claverack, N. Y. In 1855 he took his place in the shop, and in the following six years passed through the various grades of scythe-making, gaining a practical knowledge of the details of manufacture and the needs of workmen. While at the anvil the call reached him for volunteers to save the nation, and in three weeks after the fall of Fort Sumter he marched through the greatest throng the village had ever held, First Lieutenant of a company of men raised for the regiment of Colonel (now General) Alfred H. Terry. At the Bull Run engagement he was in command of his company.

His term of service expired in three months, and the next year a large number of his old

comrades joined him in forming a company for the nine months' service, and he went into camp a captain, but before his regiment (the Twenty-eighth Connecticut) left the State he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, which rank he held until mustered out. He was a great favorite with the soldiers in both commands. During a large portion of the siege of Port Hudson, in which the Twenty-eighth actively participated, and at the surrender, he was in command of the regiment—Colonel Ferris being in command of the brigade. After returning home at the end of twelve instead of nine months, he again became connected with the army, this time in the quartermaster's department of General Sherman's army. He was stationed at Savannah, Ga., Morehead City, Goldsborough, and Raleigh, N. C. At the latter place he had charge of all the railroads centering there, from the time of General Johnson's surrender in April, 1865, to December of the same year—the government operating them during that time.

Colonel Batcheller resumed the scythe business in 1867, this time as manager of the Thayer scythe company, successor of the previous firms, on the old premises, which position he still holds. As a business man he is methodical, thorough, able, entirely upright, and of course successful. He is not ambitious beyond his capacity to handle business easily and well. As might be inferred, his goods have an excellent reputation, and those

who deal with him find it a pleasure to remain his customers.

Colonel Batcheller has never been known as a politician. What public honors he has borne have invariably sought him. The republican nomination in 1879 for representative from Winchester was a complete surprise when announced to him. The estimation in which he is held by his towns-people, who have known him from infancy, was shown by the figures at the close of the poll. He led his colleague thirty-one votes and the State ticket fifty-eight votes. In the House he was made chairman of the military committee, where his thorough comprehension of the business before the committee and able support of its action on the floor won him many new friends. He has a pleasant, genial, and magnetic way, which always commands the respect and very frequently the devoted attachment of those he meets. It should be said that he was a charter member of Palmer Post, G. A. R., of Winsted, and is at present one of the department officers, standing high in the estimation of the old soldiers of the State. Although he had not been before the State as a public man, and no manner of preliminary effort had been made, his name was received with great satisfaction when proposed in the republican State convention for comptroller, and he received the nomination on the first ballot. For the duties of the office he is in every respect admirably qualified.





Q. GEN. ALEXANDER HARRISON



PM GEN. FREDERICK E. CAMP



ADJ. GEN. GEORGE M. HARMON

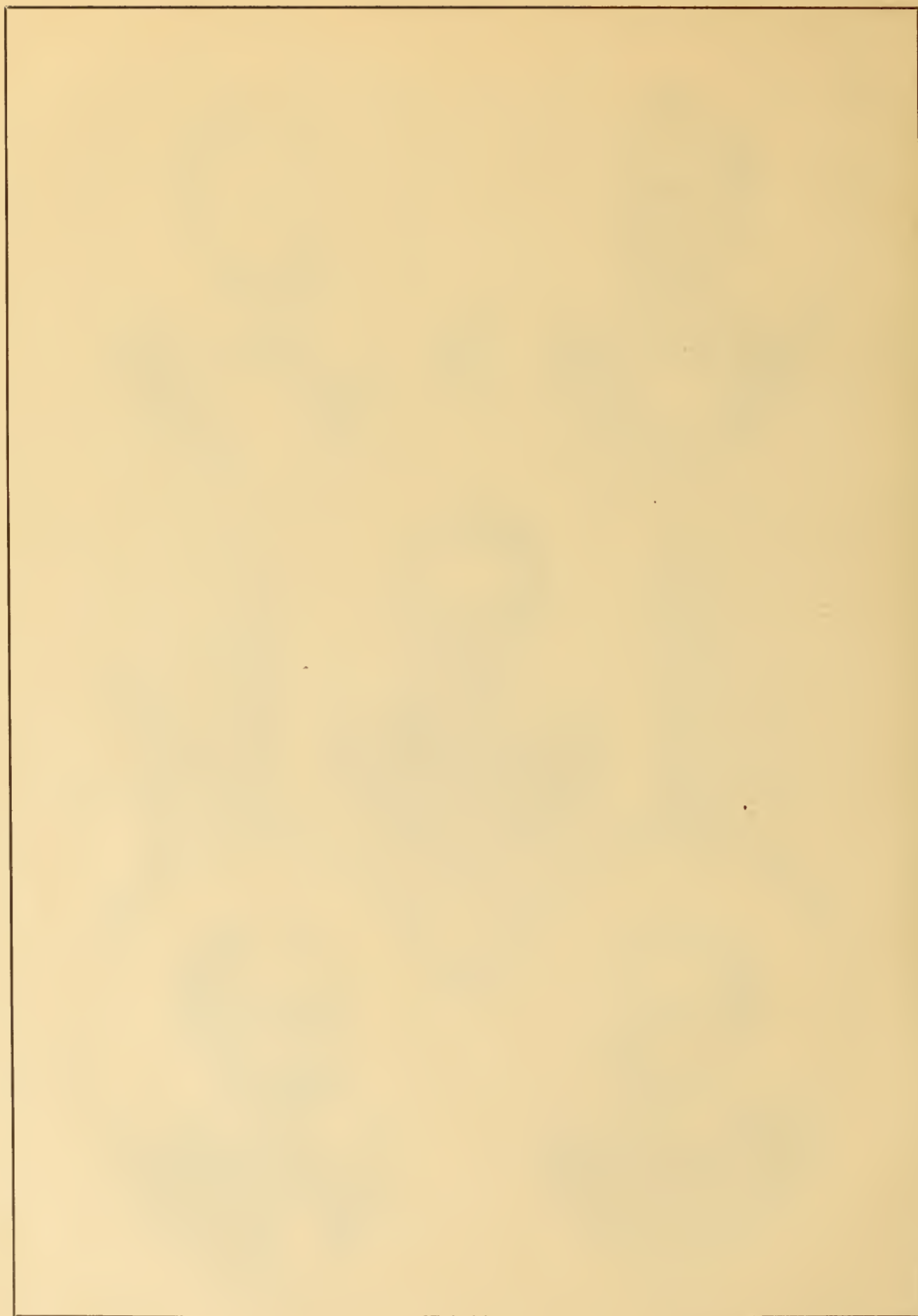


COM. GEN. GEORGE W. FORD



ADJ. GEN. GEORGE M. HARMON





**GEN. GEORGE M. HARMON,**  
ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Was a member of the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery during the war, serving in the Virginia and Maryland Campaigns. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Company F, Fourth Connecticut Infantry, afterwards organized as the First Artillery, in May, 1861, and was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant October 26th, also in that year. March 24, 1862, he was appointed Captain, and proved an able and efficient officer. General Harmon is a resident of New Haven, and is a prominent business man in that city, being a member of the firm of Foy & Harmon, extensive corset manufacturers. He has also established a partnership with R. A. Tuttle & Co., of Boston, engaged in active business in that city. Until the opening of 1882 General Harmon was a member of the New York firm of Banning, Chadwick & Co., Commission house, but dissolved his connection with it in order to engage in the Boston enterprise. He is a man of exceptional business talent, and is one of the ablest managers in the State. General Harmon has served several terms in the Common Council Board at New Haven, and is at present a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. He is Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, having been elected to that position for the Presidential Campaign of 1880.

**GEN. ALEXANDER HARBISON,**  
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Has occupied a prominent place in Republican politics in Hartford for a number of years, having held various positions of trust and responsibility in his party. For four years he was a member of the Board of Aldermen, and was president of that body during the administration of Mayor Robinson. He was connected with the Board when the Trinity College grounds were purchased for the site of the State capitol, and exerted a decided influence in the transaction. General Harbison has been a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and was, also,

for several years chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Hartford. He was the Republican candidate for Mayor in 1876, and candidate for the State Senatorship against Hon. Charles M. Pond, whose majority he succeeded in reducing by upwards of 1,200 votes. During the presidential campaign of 1880, he was Chief Marshal of the Hartford Republican organizations, and devoted himself with great energy to the duties of the position. General Harbison is an active business man, and is at the head of the firm of Harbison Brothers, director in the Kellogg & Bulkeley Company, and also in the Mansuy Carriage Company. For five years he was president of the Connecticut Stock Breeders' Association, and secretary for four, having thus been connected with the organization officially since it was incorporated. General Harbison was born at Armagh, Ireland, March 31, 1842. Since 1849 he has resided at Hartford. He was educated at the High School, and has been in successful business here for nineteen years.

**GEN. FREDERICK A. CAMP,**  
PAYMASTER-GENERAL.

Of Middletown, was a member of the Twenty-fourth Connecticut, enlisting in 1862. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and was mustered out with his command in 1866, after thirteen months of service. Soon afterwards he received the appointment of Captain in the Twenty-ninth Connecticut, and in November, 1864, was promoted to rank of Major. January 1, 1865, he was made Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twenty-ninth U. S. C. T., and served in that capacity until the muster out of his command in November, 1865. He was present with his regiment at Lee's surrender. In March, 1866, he received a Lieutenant's commission in the regular army and remained in the service until 1875, when he resigned, having attained the rank of Captain. For several years past he has been the Secretary and Treasurer of the Middletown Gas Company. General Camp is a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

GEN. GEORGE H. FORD,

COMMISSARY-GENERAL,

Is a prominent citizen of New Haven, where he is engaged in the jewelry business, his establishment being one of the largest and best appointed in New England. He is an active member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the directors of the Grilley Company. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Institute at New Haven, Chairman of the donation committee of the Orphan Asylum, and takes an active interest in all public matters involving the welfare of his city. General Ford is a man of marked executive ability, and occupies a leading business position at New Haven. He is also associated with prominent social circles in the city, and is a gentleman of superior attainments.

GEN. JAMES G. GREGORY,

SURGEON-GENERAL,

Of Norwalk, was a member of the General Assembly from that town in 1879, and served as Chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations. He was also a member of the Committee on Claims. He is at present a member of the Board of Burgesses at Norwalk and Trustee from Fairfield County of the Middletown Asylum for the Insane. Dr. Gregory was born at Norwalk, and is thirty-eight years of age. He graduated from Yale College in the class of 1865, and from the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1868. He was connected with the medical staff at the Brooklyn City Hospital for two years. In 1870 he returned to Norwalk, where he has since resided. He has taken an active part in Educational interests, and is held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen.





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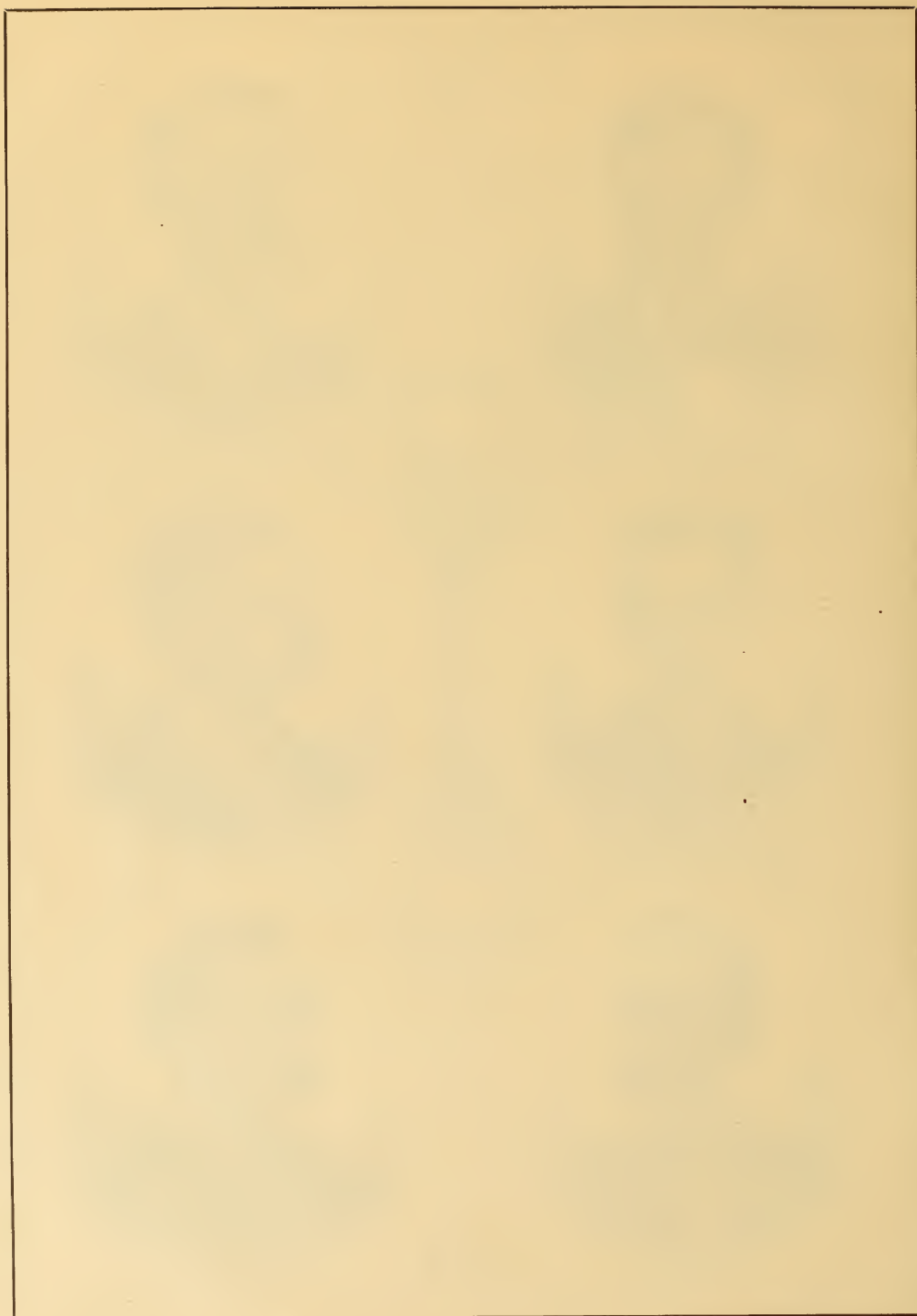
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COL. SIMON J. FOX



COL. HENRY C. MORAN



## COL. WILLIAM E. BARROWS

Of Willimantic, Aid-de-camp, was a member of the Nineteenth Massachusetts regiment during the war, and was on staff service in the Second Corps, winning the confidence and esteem of his superiors as a gallant and meritorious officer. He is vice-president and treasurer of the Willimantic Linen Company, one of the largest thread concerns in the world. He is a man of exceptional executive ability, possesses the highest business qualifications, and has made his way to a foremost place among the active and successful men of the State.

## COL. WILLIAM B. RUDD,

Aid-de-camp, was born in Fredonia, N. Y., August 17, 1838. His paternal grandfather was Major Nathaniel Rudd of Vergennes, Vt.; his grandmother a sister of Judge Hopkins of Hopkinton, N. Y., for many years prominent in the politics of the States of New York and Vermont. His father, Rev. George R. Rudd, was educated at Hamilton College, was graduated in the class of 1823, prepared for the ministry at the Auburn Theological Seminary, was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Cayuga over the Presbyterian church of Scipio in January, 1827; in October of same year married Miss Frances Beardslee of Auburn, a lady of far more than ordinary literary and social attractions. Rev. Mr. Rudd was a close student, a man of fine intellect, cultivation, and refinement. His son, William B., removed to Lyons, N. Y., with his parents, sister and brothers, in 1850. He received a common school education until sixteen, when he began his business life, first with his brother, Edward P. Rudd, of the firm of Rudd & Carleton, book publishers, New York city, later continuing in the same business in Lyons, N. Y., acting also for several years as agent for the American Express Co. Entered the army in the fall of 1861 in the Ninety-eighth N. Y. Regiment, serving in the Peninsula campaign; in the spring of 1865 was appointed Adjutant of the 107th Regiment, National Guard, State of N. Y.; was married in June, 1865, to Maria C. Holley, daughter of ex-Gov. A. H. Holley of Lakeville, Conn., and became connected with the "Holly Manufacturing

Co." of Lakeville on removing to that place in the spring of 1866; from the first has been its Secretary, still holding that position as well as Agent, and is one of the Directors and largest stockholders. He has been a Republican since the formation of the party, his first Presidential vote being cast for Abraham Lincoln. He has been more or less connected with and interested in politics for several years; has been a member of the State Central Committee for the past ten years; was District Delegate to the Cincinnati Convention in 1876.

## COL. CHARLES A. RUSSELL.

Aid-de-camp, is a member of the firm of Sabin L. Sayles & Co., woolen manufacturers at Dayville, in the town of Killingly, and the son-in-law of Mr. Sayles. He was born at Worcester, Mass., March 2, 1852, and prepared for college under Rev. Harris R. Greene. He graduated from Yale in the class of '73, and was well known as a boating man during his collegiate career. Three days after graduation he became city editor of the *Worcester Press*, and remained with that journal until its publication was discontinued by the proprietors and managers. Colonel Russell, who is a first-class newspaper man, was immediately appointed to a position on the *Worcester Spy*, where he remained until the spring of 1879, when he married Miss Ella Frances Sayles, daughter of Hon. Sabin L. Sayles, and removed to Killingly. Colonel Russell's father, Mr. Isaiah D. S. Russell, is a resident of Worcester, where he is engaged in business.

## COL. FRANK L. BIGELOW.

Aid-de-camp, is the eldest son of Governor Bigelow, and was appointed a member of the staff last fall, succeeding Colonel Rutherford Trowbridge of New Haven. He was born at New Haven, September 21, 1862, and prepared for college at the Hopkins Grammar School in that city. He graduated at the Sheffield Scientific School in the class of 1881, and traveled through Europe during



the past summer and fall. His special department in science is dynamic engineering, a branch requiring exceptional qualifications and training. Colonel Bigelow is associated with the establishment of H. B. Bigelow & Co. at New Haven.

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COL. SIMEON J. FOX,

Assistant Adjutant-General, was originally appointed May 10, 1869, under the administration of Governor Jewell, and has since remained in the Adjutant-General's office. He is an efficient organizer, and no inconsiderable share of the progress attained by the National Guard in the State during the past twelve years has been due to his influence. Colonel Fox was a member of the New Haven Grays, and also held the position of Quartermaster in the Second Regiment previous to his appointment. During the war he served in the Twenty-seventh Connecticut Infantry.

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COL. HENRY C. MORGAN,

Assistant Quartermaster-General, was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., December 30, 1842, and was educated at the Brooklyn Polytechnic and Collegiate Institute. He resided at Brooklyn and at Irvington, N. Y., until 1861, when he entered the United States military service, receiving the appointment of First Lieutenant in the Twelfth Infantry, May 14. He was assigned to recruiting and mustering duty at Albany, N. Y., Pottsville,

Pa., and at Wilmington, Del., until January, 1863, when he joined his regiment in the Army of the Potomac and was engaged in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was in New York city during the draft of 1863. In June of that year he was promoted to a Captaincy in the Twelfth Infantry, and was also on detached service at Fort Ward, New York harbor. At the battle of the Wilderness, May 4, 1864, he was wounded twice, and lost his left leg by amputation in consequence of the wounds. He was assigned to duty at Philadelphia as assistant to the chief mustering officer for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, December, 1864, and remained there one year. Subsequently he was assigned to service at Fort Hamilton and at Washington, remaining at the latter post until May, 1866. He was afterwards on general recruiting service until December, 1867. At the reorganization of the army he was transferred to the Thirtieth United States Infantry. He was brevetted Major for gallant and meritorious services at Gettysburg, and received the brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel for gallantry at the battle of the Wilderness. In February, 1868, he was relieved from active service on account of incapacity resulting from wounds, his retirement being in accordance with an act of Congress. Lieutenant-Colonel Morgan was appointed Assistant Quartermaster-General by General Harbison in January, 1881, and is one of the ablest officers in the service of the National Guard. He is a cousin of Lieutenant-Governor Bulkeley. His father, Nathan D. Morgan, was a native of Colchester, and his mother was a daughter of Captain Henry Churchill of Portland, Conn.



HON. ORVILLE H. PLATT.

UNITED STATES SENATOR

HON. ORVILLE H. PLATT, one of the United States Senators from Connecticut, was born in the town of Washington, Litchfield County, in this State, on July 19, 1827, and will therefore be fifty-five years of age in July next. He was a son of Daniel G. Pratt, a farmer, and worked upon his father's farm until he was 20 years of age. His education was received in the common schools and in the academy of Frederick W. Gunn, of wide reputation in later years as the principal of "The Gunnery," so called, in the town of Washington, an institution of learning which became justly celebrated. Mr. Platt studied law in the office of Hon. Gideon H. Hollister, Litchfield, the well known historian of Connecticut, who died last year, and was admitted to the bar in Litchfield in 1849. Subsequently he secured admission to the Pennsylvania bar in Towamla, Bradford County, and spent six months

in the office of Hon. Ulysses Mercur, now Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He returned to Connecticut in 1851, and located in Meriden as a practitioner of law, and has since made that city his home. In 1855-6 he was clerk of the Connecticut Senate and was elected Secretary of State in 1857. In 1861-2 he was a member of the Senate, and in 1864 and 1869 was elected to the House—the last year serving as its Speaker. In all these positions he displayed exceptional qualifications and showed a special aptitude for legislative business. In 1877 he was chosen State Attorney for New Haven County, and held that place till elected in 1879 to the United States Senate to succeed Hon. William H. Barnum. His term in the Senate will expire March 3, 1885.

This is a rough sketch of his career, which has been in all respects useful and honorable. Mr.

Platt's name was first mentioned in connection with the high office of United States Senator in 1868, when a lively contest occurred in the Legislature between the supporters of Ex-Governor William A. Buckingham and General Joseph R. Hawley. He had worked up no canvass, but a minority of the Republican voters voted for him steadily through many ballots, and finally divided the contest between the two principals by voting for Governor Buckingham. In the contest of 1879 the chief candidates to start with were General Hawley and Governor Jewell, Mr. Platt again coming in with a strong balance of power, but this time with the prestige of a larger acquaintance in the State, and consequently with more powerful influences. The canvass which determined the issue was well equipped with some of the best Republicans of the State, and its votes were so varying that at one time during the balloting General Hawley came within two votes of receiving a majority, while Mr. Platt on the same ballot had but three votes—two cast by the members from his own town, and the other by the Senator from the Meriden District. From that point, however, his strength developed, and a few ballots more, which closed at three o'clock in the morning, gave him the nomination.

Mr. Platt in person is tall and commanding. His manners are genial and popular. He is a pleasant speaker and a good debater—always clear and concise, wasting very few words for the sake of oratorical effect. As a lawyer he has had for many years a high standing at the bar, and has made a specialty of patent cases, though doing a general law practice. All his life he has been a promoter of Christian and philanthropic enterprises, actively working for the best good of society through the organized channels of religion and temperance, while by his own example assisting every good cause.

In the Senate assignment of committees he is Chairman of the Committee on Patents, a member of the Committee on Pensions, on revision of laws, and on contingent expenses of the Senate. His recent speech on the arrears of the pensions, which has been favorably commented upon for its terse vigor and good sense by many leading papers, is a fair specimen of his methods in public debate, proving what has already been said—that he aims at the point under discussion rather than to secure rhetorical embellishment, though his language is always as finished as it is clear and forcible.





HON. JOSEPH R. HAWLEY.

UNITED STATES SENATOR

HON. JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, U. S. Senator from Connecticut, is a native of North Carolina, born at Stewartville in that State on the 31st of October, 1826. His father, who was a clergyman, settled there, and it was during a temporary residence in the State that the son was born. While yet a boy the family moved to Cazenovia, N. Y. Later Joseph came to Hartford and entered the High school, and in course of time entered Hamilton college, from which he was graduated in 1847. Three years later he was admitted to the bar in Hartford, and subsequently entered into a law partnership with Hon. John Hooker, now the reporter for the Supreme Court of Connecticut. He practiced law for several years, but his tastes were political. He had from the experiences of his youth and his natural

training become strongly opposed to the institution of slavery, and when the question of its extension into the territories of the United States was opened by the passage of the Kansas Nebraska bill in 1854, and the whole subject was agitated by the struggles in Kansas, he was aroused to a point where his profession was of little account. The *Hartford Evening Press* had been established as an organ of the then experimental political movement which took the name of the Republican party, and in 1857 Mr. Hawley became its chief editor, and was acting in that capacity when the war of the Rebellion broke out in 1861. In the first company which was recruited in Connecticut in answer to the call for three months' volunteers he was a leader, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on the 11th of April, 1861. From

that time until the close of the war he saw continuous service, and rose by promotion through the several grades of military advancement until he was a Brigadier-General of volunteers and then a Brevet Major-General, with which rank he was mustered out of service January 15, 1866. After the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, General Terry, a Connecticut man, was placed in command at Richmond, and General Hawley served with him as his chief of staff until the volunteer army was disbanded.

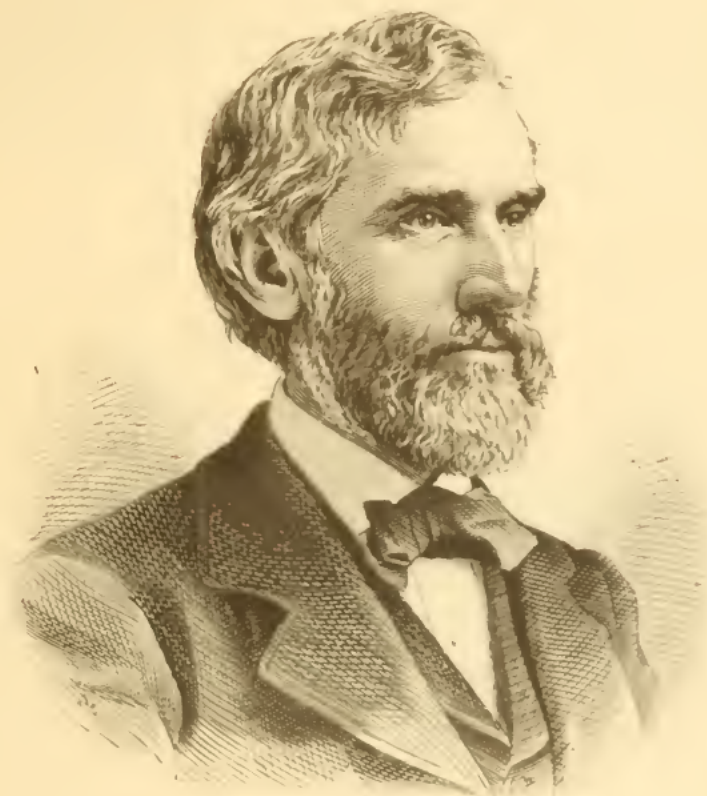
Very soon after he was mustered out of service the Republicans of Connecticut met in State convention and nominated him for Governor. His opponent was James E. English of New Haven. He was elected by a popular majority of 541, after a very closely contested campaign, and a singular coincidence was furnished in the result—showing the even political balance in the State notwithstanding war issues—by the fact that General Hawley's majority in the year following the war was precisely that which Governor Buckingham, the Republican candidate, received in the year preceding the beginning of hostilities between the North and the South. In 1867 he was re-nominated for Governor, but was defeated. During all this period here referred to Gen. Hawley had retained his interest in the *Hartford Press*. In 1867 this paper was consolidated with the *Hartford Post*, and Gen. Hawley and his associates of the *Press* bought a controlling interest in the *Hartford Courant*, of which he has since been nominally editor-in-chief, though devoting very little personal attention to it, as his time has been devoted to more public matters.

In 1868 Gen. Hawley was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention held in Chicago, and was elected President of that body, which placed in nomination Gen. U. S. Grant for the Presidency. It was at a time when new and dangerous financial doctrines were being advocated and the integrity of the Government was threatened regarding its moneyed obligations, and

to Gen. Hawley was largely due the prevailing sentiments of the convention on the right side of this question. His speech on taking the chair anticipated the platform and contained in one expression, that the bonds of the Government "must be held as sacred as soldiers' graves," all that was needed to close the argument against repudiation or dishonor. He was also a member of the convention in 1872, which renominated Grant, and was Secretary of the Committee on Resolutions, and again in 1876 at Cincinnati he represented Connecticut and was Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. From 1873 to the close of the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia he was its President, and at the conclusion of the great exposition he was presented with a handsome testimonial in recognition of the valuable services he had given to the enterprise as the head of the national commission. In November, 1872, he was elected to Congress from the First Connecticut District to fill the unexpired term of Julius L. Strong, deceased. He was elected for a full term succeeding, defeating William W. Eaton, the Democratic candidate. Subsequently he was twice defeated by George M. Landers and again elected, and in 1880 he declined a renomination to become a candidate for United States Senator, to which position the Legislature of 1881 elected him for a term of six years. He was first a candidate for this position in 1868, and was defeated by Gov. Buckingham. In 1872 he obtained a caucus nomination, but was defeated by a combination of Republicans and Democrats, who supported Senator Ferry.

General Hawley is a vigorous campaign speaker, and is always in demand when important elections are pending. He rarely prepares his speeches in detail, but relies upon the inspiration of the moment, and in purely extemporaneous effort has few superiors. He has strong and earnest convictions, and possesses the courage to avow them on all proper occasions.





HON. JOHN R. BUCK.

CONGRESSMAN, FIRST DISTRICT.

HON. JOHN R. BUCK, republican representative in Congress from the First District, was born at Glastonbury, Connecticut, December 6, 1836, and was educated at Wilbraham academy and Wesleyan university.

After completing his academical education he engaged for a while in teaching. Afterwards he studied law, was admitted to the Bar in 1862, and has since practiced his profession at Hartford.

He was for several years the law partner of the Hon. Julius L. Strong. He was assistant clerk of the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1864, clerk in 1865, and clerk of the Senate in 1866. He was president of the Common Council of the city of Hartford in 1868; was City Attorney in 1871 and again in 1875, and was Treasurer of the county of Hartford from 1863 to 1881. In 1880 and 1881 he was a member of the Connecticut Senate. In Novem-

ber, 1880, he was elected to the Forty-seventh Congress from the First Congressional District to succeed General Hawley, who had been elected United States Senator, receiving 17,048 votes against 15,114 votes given for his Democratic competitor. Mr. Buck is one of the leading lawyers at the Hartford Bar, and has been employed as counsel in many important cases, involving the powers, duties, and liabilities of municipal, railroad, and other corporations.

He was one of the early promoters of the Bar association of the State. Mr. Buck has always been an active and prominent republican, and has ever taken a zealous interest in the affairs of his State.

It may especially be said of him that he has ably and faithfully filled all the positions of honor and trust to which he has been appointed.

Mr. Buck will make a useful Member of Con-



gress by reason especially of his long and active experience in legislative matters. He is a most persistent and patient worker, and invariably wins men and their support to measures more by quiet persuasion than by oratory. Yet he is a good public speaker—always terse and to the point. So far as attention to the needs of his constituency is concerned, he may be depended

upon to be watchful, and the business interests which he may be called upon to assist will be sure to have a most effective supporter. Though a new member of the House, he has been assigned to important committees, including that on the revision of the laws, which is a place sought by leading lawyers in that body.



HON. JAMES PHELPS.

CONGRESSMAN, SECOND DISTRICT

HON. JAMES PHELPS of Essex, Middlesex county, Democratic Representative in Congress from the Second District of Connecticut, was born in the town of Colebrook, in Litchfield county, in the year 1822. He is a lawyer by profession. He was educated in the common schools and at the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire. He makes no pretension to those classical accomplishments which are the valuable results of a long course of university training and culture. He claims nothing of blooded ancestry or pedigree, and nothing of popularity, or ability, or professional attainments and success, which are not common to all others of similar advantages. Whatever of merit he possesses has been acquired by persevering industry, energy of purpose, and fidelity to principle, which have secured for him a reasonable measure of public confidence and support.

His father was Dr. Lancelot Phelps, who repre-

sented the Litchfield district in Congress from 1835 to 1839. His wife is a daughter of the late Samuel Ingham, who represented the present Second District during the same period that Dr. Phelps did the Litchfield district, and at various times held other important trusts under the state and national governments. They were both unassuming, practical, self-made men, who made no extravagant pretensions, and claimed no superior excellence or ability, and commanded the highest respect of their fellow citizens.

Mr. Phelps's professional education was acquired in the office of Mr. Ingham and in the law department of Yale college, whose staff of lecturers and instructors was then composed of the Hon. David Daggett, the Hon. Samuel J. Hitchcock, and Isaac H. Townsend, Esq. He was admitted to the Bar in 1845.

He was several times a member of each branch.

of the Connecticut legislature; was a judge of the Superior Court from 1863 to 1873, and of the Supreme Court of Errors from 1873 to 1875, when he was elected to the Forty-fourth Congress. By the generous confidence of the people of his district he has since that time continued to be a member of that body.

Mr. Phelps is by nature a conservative. He has no Bourbonism in his composition, and no respect for that spirit of radicalism which would recklessly elevate party at the expense of the best interests of the country. He was an earnest supporter of Stephen A. Douglas for the presidency in 1860, not only because he was the regularly-nominated candidate of the Democratic party, but because he detested the rebellion within the party which set up John C. Breckenridge as an independent candidate and thereby insured Democratic defeat and furnished a pretext, though a groundless one, for the actual disintegration of the party and the attempted dismemberment of the Union by the unwarranted secession of the slave-holding states. He regarded the integrity of the Union as of paramount importance, and could see no alternative, in the face of an armed

rebellion against the government, but its suppression by the strong hand of military power. During the long and bloody conflict which ensued, he gave all his influence and support to the cause of the Union.

His Congressional career has been marked by no demonstrations of display and no attempt or desire to exhibit himself. He has quietly and faithfully attended to his duties, looked carefully after all the wants and interests of his constituents, and, where efficient work has been required, has endeavored to perform his part.

He has introduced several measures of public and national importance, and been appointed on some of the most prominent and responsible committees of the House. In the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth Congresses he served on the Committee of Ways and Means. His published speeches on "The resumption of specie payment," "The re-funding of the national debt," "The employment of United States soldiers at the polls," "The re-coinage of silver," "The Electoral Commission," "The tariff," and other important questions, have fully expressed his views on those subjects of greatest interest to the people.





HON. JOHN TURNER WAIT.

CONGRESSMAN, THIRD DISTRICT

HON. JOHN TURNER WAIT of Norwich, of the Third District, was born at New London, August 27, 1811. He received a mercantile training in early life, but, giving up that pursuit, prepared for college at Bacon Academy, Colchester, and entered Trinity College in the fall of 1832, where he remained for two years, prosecuting that course of studies which he deemed best adapted to qualify him for the profession of law. He studied law at first with Hon. L. F. S. Foster of Norwich, and subsequently with Hon. Jabez W. Huntington, and was admitted to the Bar in the fall of 1836. He at once commenced practice in Norwich, and has since resided there.

Mr. Wait is connected by blood with many of the oldest and leading families in eastern Connecticut. On his father's side he is associated with the Griswolds and Marvins of Lyme, while on his mother's side he is a lineal descendant of

William Hyde and Thomas Tracy, two of the thirty-five colonists who settled at Norwich in 1659. His family have given many prominent members to the legal profession. His father was long one of the leading lawyers at the bar of New London county, and for several years a judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He was a presidential elector in 1793, and cast his vote for Washington. He was also one of the commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to dispose of the western lands and establish the present school fund. Mr. Wait's father represented the town of New London for nineteen sessions in the General Assembly, and was several times one of the candidates for Congress of the old Republican party during the administration of Mr. Jefferson. Henry M. Wait, the father of the present Chief Justice of the United States, and cousin of the subject of this sketch, was also

a leading lawyer of New London county, and for a number of years held the position of Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of the State.

Mr. Wait's maternal grandfather was Dr. Philip Turner, in his day a celebrated surgeon. At the early age of nineteen he was appointed assistant-surgeon of a provincial regiment under General Amherst, and served through the French war. In 1777 Congress elected him Surgeon-General of the Eastern Department, which station he filled with great ability till near the close of the war of the Revolution. In 1800 he removed to New York, where he continued in the practice of his profession till he was placed as physician in charge of the troops stationed at the fortifications in the harbor of that city. This office he held until his death in 1815.

Congressman Wait was State's Attorney for New London county in 1842-44, and also from 1846 till 1854. Since the organization of the Bar Association in that county, in 1874, he has been its president, and for a large number of years has been closely identified with most matters of legal interest in that section of the State. His law practice has been extensive and profitable, his commanding influence at the Bar insuring him all the business that can possibly be attended to. For the past twenty-five years he has been engaged in nearly all the important cases, civil and criminal, that have come before the New London County courts. He was counsel for Mrs. Cobb in the celebrated murder case which attracted such wide attention two years ago, and it was no doubt his remarkable plea, occupying seven hours in delivery, that saved her life. Mr. Wait is an eminent jurist, and unquestionably is one of the ablest advocates in Connecticut.

Before the war Mr. Wait was a Democrat in politics, and was nominated by his party for Lieutenant-Governor for four consecutive years from 1854, receiving each year the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket. In 1860 he advocated the election of Stephen A. Douglas as President. At the outbreak of the war in 1861 he became a strong Union man.

His son, Lieutenant Marvin Wait, of the Eighth Connecticut regiment, served with distinguished courage on the field. In the gallant charge of that command at Antietam he fell mortally

wounded. His last words were, as his regiment pressed on, "Are we whipping them?"

In 1864 Mr. Wait was one of the electors-at-large for Connecticut, on the Lincoln-Johnson Presidential ticket. He was a member of the State Senate from the Eighth District during the years 1865 and 1866, the last year serving as president *pro tempore* of that body. In 1867 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives from Norwich, and was nominated for Speaker by acclamation. Probably no gentleman, as presiding officer of the House, was ever more thoroughly esteemed for "the ability, urbanity, and impartiality with which he discharged the duties of the chair." He was again elected to that body in 1871 and in 1873. In the session of 1871 he won unqualified praise for the speech which he delivered in support of the joint resolution declaring Marshall Jewell elected Governor of Connecticut.

In 1874 he was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, receiving the highest vote on that ticket. Subsequently he was elected to the Forty-fourth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. H. H. Starkweather, and was re-elected to the Forty-fifth, the Forty-sixth, and the Forty-seventh Congress, each time by an increased majority.

As a member of Congress Mr. Wait has cared for the interests of his constituents with untiring vigilance and zeal. The extensive industries which give employment to thousands of citizens in the two eastern counties of the State have had in him an intelligent and watchful guardian. As the advocate and friend of home industries he has steadily opposed in Congress every attempt to impair or weaken the laws under which Connecticut manufacturing and mechanical interests have sprung up and prospered, and has given his support to every measure calculated to advance the commercial and agricultural prospects of the State.

During his four years of service at Washington he has been invariably attentive to the demands made upon his time and consideration by his constituents in matters affecting their private interests. Courteous and frank towards all who have approached him, he has allied men to him by the strongest personal ties, and is universally popular throughout his district and the State.





HON. FREDERICK MILES.

CONGRESSMAN, FOURTH DISTRICT

HON. FREDERICK MILES was first elected a member of Congress in 1878, carrying his District by a plurality vote of 1,179. For years the Fourth District had been a democratic stronghold, and counted on as certain for that party at every Congressional election. The choice of Mr. Miles, under such circumstances, was conceded to be the result of his personal popularity, which he had established throughout western Connecticut by an honest and brilliant business career. At the republican Congressional convention in Bridgeport, early in September, Mr. Miles was unanimously renominated, not a member of his party in the district being in any way opposed to his candidature. The selection commanded the enthusiastic support of the republicans of Fairfield and Litchfield counties, and was ratified at the polls in November. Congressman Miles was born at Goshen, Litchfield county, December 19, 1815, and received a common school and acad-

emic education. His father, Augustus Miles, was a prominent citizen of the town, and served in both branches of the State legislature. The family is traced back to Richard Miles, who landed in Boston in 1636, and was one of the original settlers of New Haven. Mr. Miles, the subject of this sketch, engaged in business at New Haven in 1832, commencing as a clerk in a dry goods house. But after remaining there somewhat over a year, he returned to Goshen and entered upon a clerkship in his father's store. In 1838 he became a partner with his father, and remained in business until 1847. In May, 1848, he removed to Salisbury, where he has since resided. For the past nineteen years he has carried on the iron business at Copake, Columbia county, N. Y. The industry is an important and flourishing one, furnishing work to a large corps of hands and employees.

For a long period he persistently declined po-



litical office, it being a fixed principle with him not to accept of any position to which he could not devote all the time necessary for the transaction of its duties and obligations. With his business increasing from year to year, he felt that he had not the time for politics, and though office was open to him at any time that he would say the word, he steadily resisted the solicitations of his friends to accept of nominations for political preferment. But in 1877, after the most urgent requests from the republicans of the Seventeenth Senatorial District, he consented to accept the nomination for State Senator, which had been tendered him by acclamation. He was elected in November and took his seat in the Senate at the beginning of the session of 1878. The following year he was nominated for Congress by acclamation, and as has already been stated carried his District by a large plurality vote. Mr. Miles served in the 1879 session of the Senate until February 27, when he resigned in order to accept of his seat in the National Congress. The day after his resignation, Senator Gilbert W. Phillips of the Fourteenth District offered the following resolution, which was passed unanimously by the Senate and ordered recorded on the journal:

*Resolved*, That we regret for ourselves the necessity which has compelled the Hon. Frederick Miles, Senator from the Seventeenth District, to resign his seat in this body, and that we hereby cordially assure him of our confidence and esteem, with the hope that abundant prosperity and happiness may attend him through life.

Senator Phillips spoke in high approval of Senator Miles's character and life, and predicted that the interests of the State would be carefully guarded in his hands in the new sphere of action to which he had been called. Senator Oliver Hoyt of the Tenth District seconded the passage of the resolution in a handsome speech, in which he expressed thorough appreciation of the service rendered by Mr. Miles in the Senate. He said he had come to know him as a man of sterling character, firm and conservative in his con-

victions and perfectly upright in his purposes. Senator Fagan of the Eighteenth District, a democratic member, concurred in what had been said, and wished to add his appreciation and esteem for Mr. Miles. Senator Whitman of the Third District, also a democratic member, advocated the passage of the resolution and expressed his sincere regard and friendship for the Senator from the Seventeenth. It was with these high eulogies from his Senatorial associates, irrespective of party, that Mr. Miles left his place in the Connecticut Senate to assume the duties of a larger sphere of activity in the National Congress. His career in that body has been thoroughly creditable and dignified. While not an active participant in debate, he has been a hard worker in the committee rooms, and his votes have always been on the right side. In the matter of tariff legislation his votes and efforts have been strongly in favor of protecting American industries. He believes in a tariff that shall ensure protection to American workingmen against the competition of poorly paid foreign laborers, whose products can be imported and sold here under the cost of our own goods. He is also perfectly sound on the financial question, and is opposed to all legislation that may impair the financial credit and standing of the United States.

While at Washington he has paid the closest regard to the interests of his constituents. Not a man from Connecticut has ever visited him there on business of any kind, needing his attention or advice, without being received with courtesy, and furnished with all the information that could be obtained. With this constant regard for the interests and prosperity of his constituents, it is not an occasion of surprise that Congressman Miles is one of the most popular men in the Fourth District. His intelligence, courtesy, and manliness towards every one with whom he comes in contact, and his fidelity in places of public trust entitle him to the high place which he holds in the esteem of his constituents and of the State.



HON. JOHN R. HILLS.

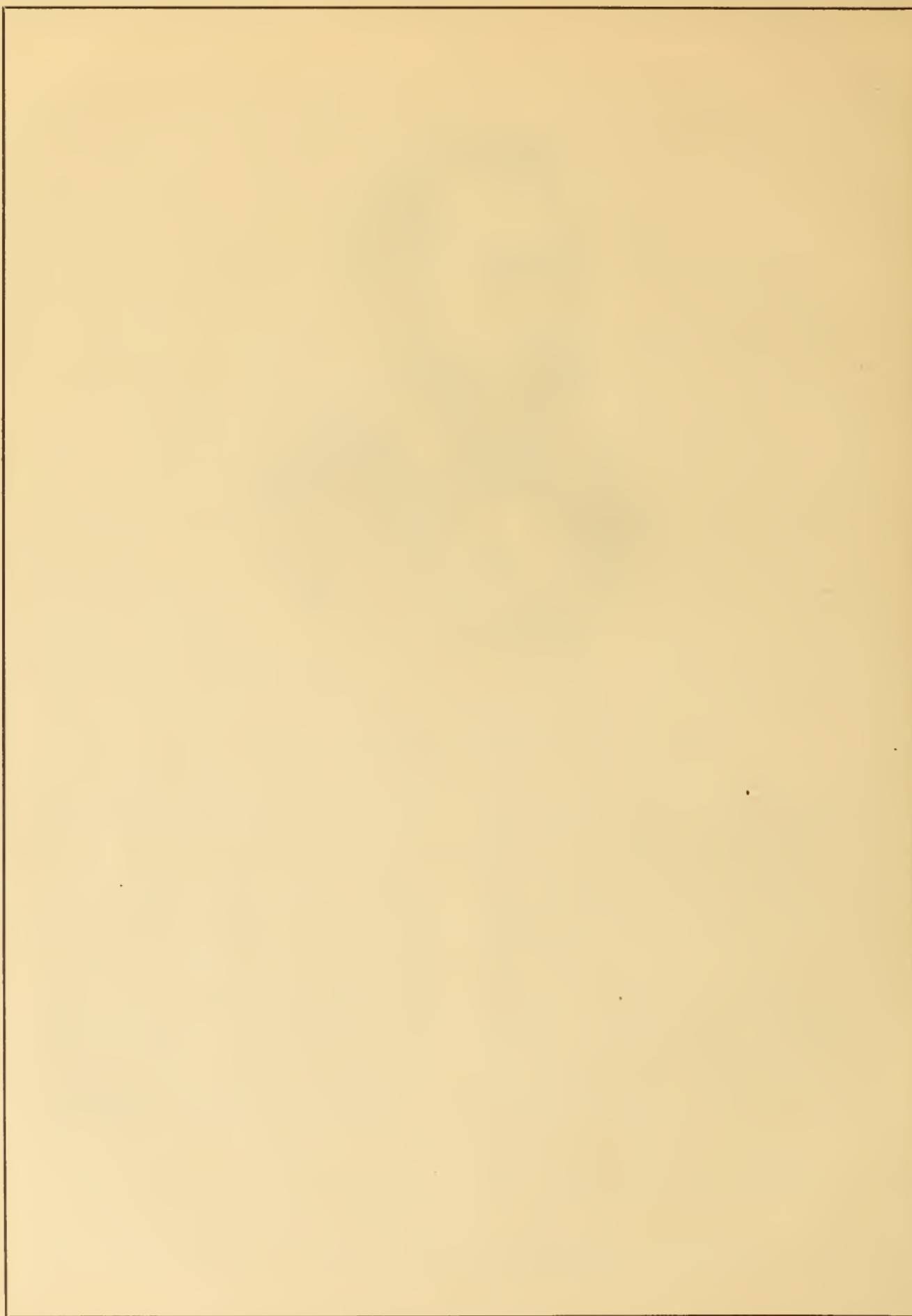
DISTRICT NO. 1

HON. JOHN R. HILLS, Republican Senator from the First District, was a member of the Senate for the term of 1878 and 1879, serving as Chairman of the Incorporations Committee. At the special election in the spring of 1881 to fill the vacancy in the Senate from the First District caused by the resignation of Hon. John R. Buck, Mr. Hills was again elected, and served during the closing month of the session. In November he was elected for the third time, defeating his competitor by a splendid majority. Mr. Hills's return to the Senate last fall evinced anew his popularity in Hartford. He has never been defeated at the polls, and has carried his own ward, in local elections, in several different contests, by a majority of 200 votes. Senator Hills's personal popularity has been the guarantee of success when he has been a candidate before the people.

He was born in Hartford, October 9, 1811, and received a common-school education. He is a

leading contractor and builder in this city, and has done some of the best work in the city. The new Theological Seminary, at the corner of Farmington avenue and Broad street, was erected by him. He is also an extensive dealer in real estate, his transactions aggregating large sums annually. For a number of years he has been engaged in the coal business, and is a member of the firm of Newton & Hills. He is a director in the United States Trust and the Kellogg & Bulkeley Companies and president of the Hartford Cement Company, and in various other ways is identified with the business interests of the city.

Mr. Hills has served two years in the Common Council Board and one term in the Board of Aldermen. He has been a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for ten years, and is at present the presiding officer of the board. In every position which he has been called to fill his course has been marked by strict fidelity to duty and conscientious devotion to the public welfare.







HON. JOHN S. CHENEY.

DISTRICT NO. 2

HON. JOHN S. CHENEY of South Manchester, Republican Senator from the Second District, served as Chairman of the Committee on Manufactures and on New Counties and County Seats last year, discharging the duties of the position with ability and success. In 1877 he was a member of the House from Manchester, and proved himself an able and influential representative.

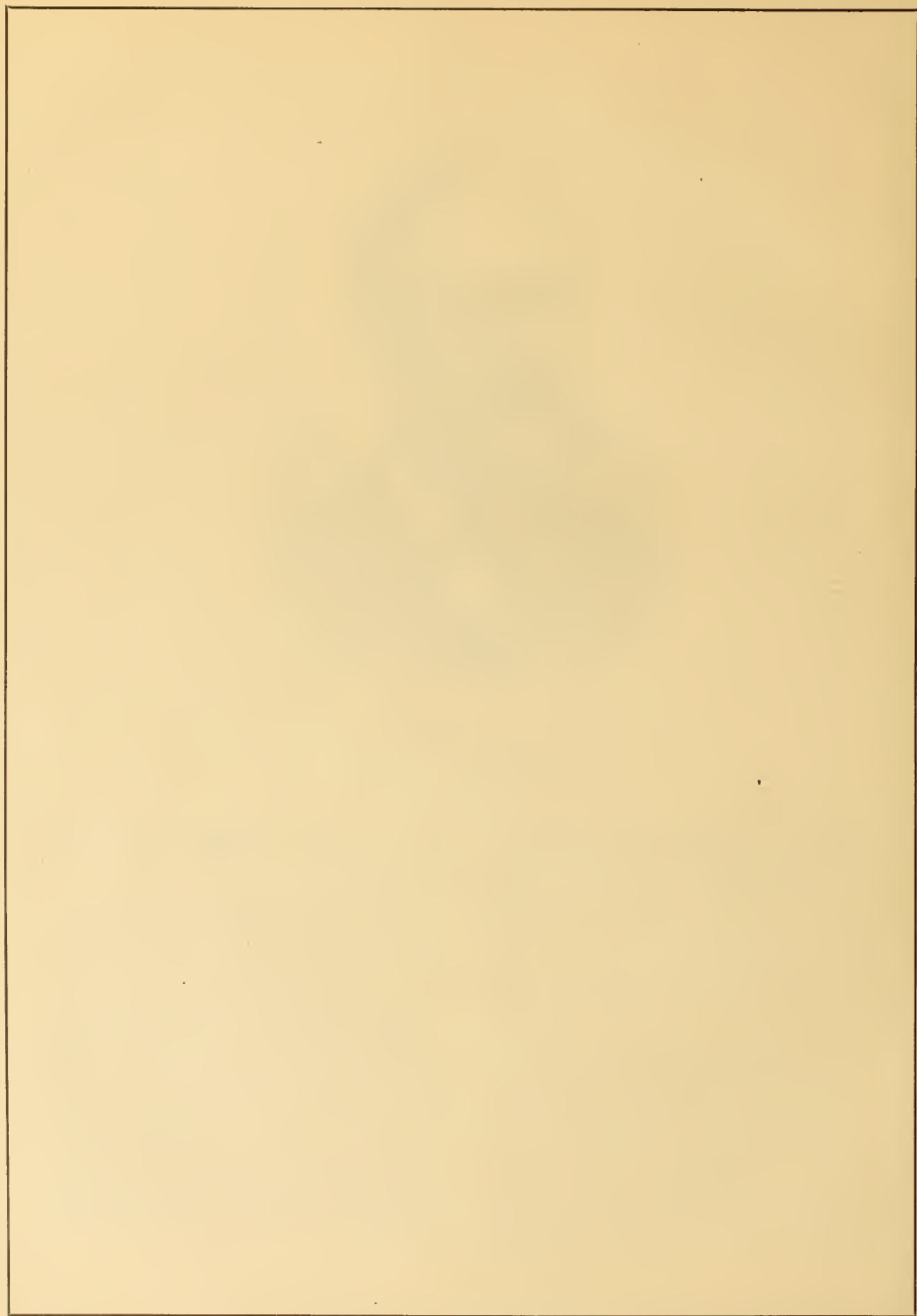
Senator Cheney has traveled extensively in this and foreign countries. During a residence of sixteen years in California and Australia, he filled at different times the offices of mayor, town councillor, and justice of the peace, and also assisted in the management of various charitable and other local institutions.

He was for seven years a member of the Connecticut national guard, serving as first lieutenant

and captain of Company G, of the First Regiment, and is thoroughly conversant with military affairs.

He was formerly engaged in mercantile pursuits, but has been for the past eighteen years a silk manufacturer and a member of the well-known firm of Cheney Brothers, and possesses first-class business traits and training.

Senator Cheney was one of the "Argonauts" of California, leaving New York for the Pacific coast in December, 1848, by way of Cape Horn. He is a native of South Manchester, and was born April 14, 1827. He received an academic education, and is a man of large familiarity with men and affairs. His senatorial life has won him the most cordial approval of his constituents, whose interests have been faithfully guarded in his hands.





HON. RIAL STRICKLAND.

DISTRICT NO. 3

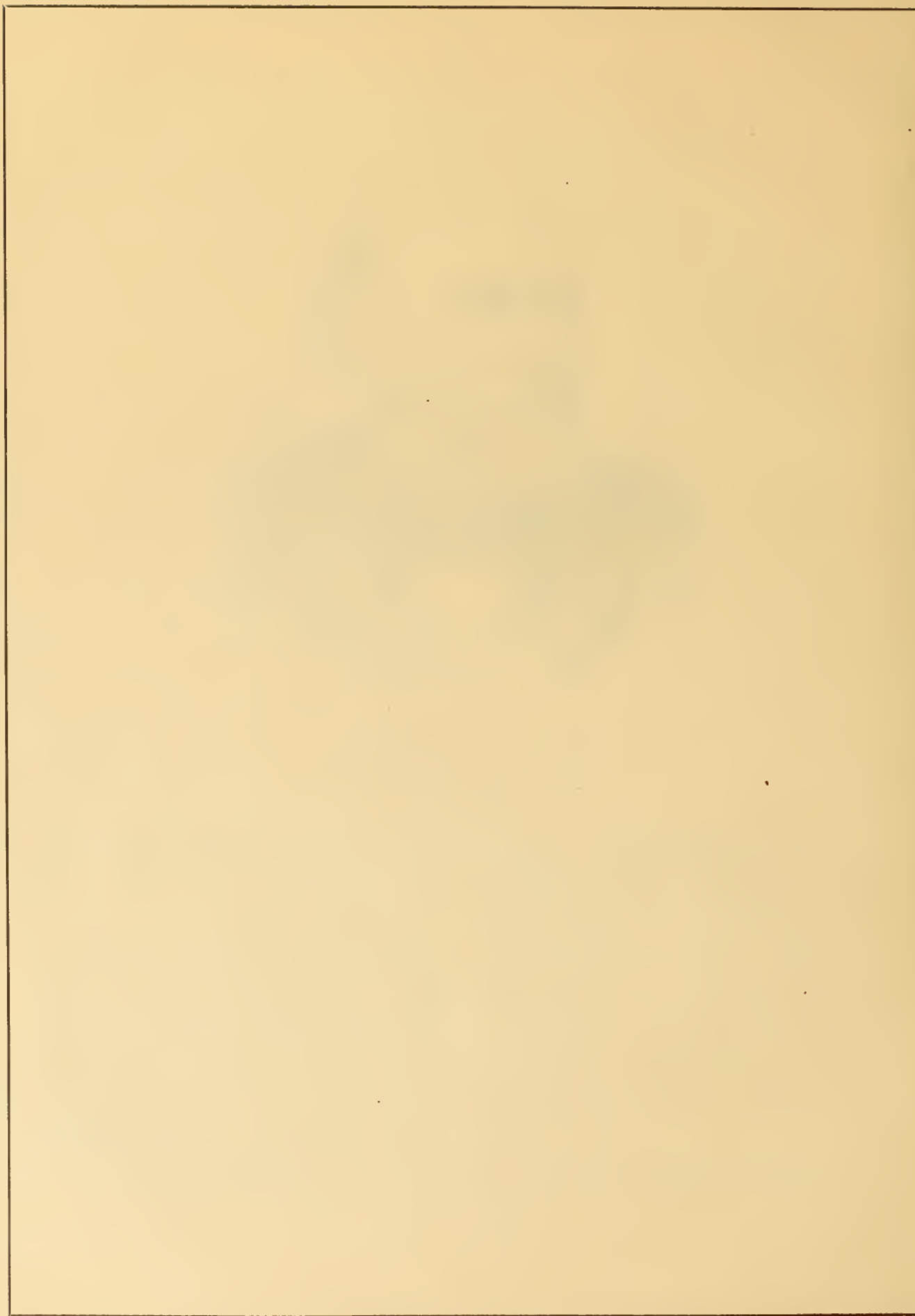
HON. RIAL STRICKLAND of Enfield, Democratic Senator from the Third District, was born at Stafford, January 23, 1814, and was educated at Monson Academy and the Albany Medical College. He also studied medicine with Dr. Hamilton of Somers. In 1840 he commenced the practice of his profession at Longmeadow, Mass., and remained a resident of that town until 1859, representing it one year in the General Court of the State. When elected representative, he received every vote but sixteen in the town. In 1859 he removed to Enfield, and has since resided there, in the active practice of his profession.

Dr. Strickland is one of the most popular citizens of Enfield, and received at the Senatorial

election in November a majority of 342 votes in the town, which includes the populous industrial center of Thompsonville. His majority in the district was 102.

Dr. Strickland was appointed Pension Surgeon by the government in 1863, and has since retained the position. He has held important offices in the State Medical Association, and has often served as delegate in political conventions. He is an Independent Democrat in politics, of the David Davis school, and will be governed by his best convictions in the discharge of his Senatorial duties. He has warm friends in both parties, and is highly honored and respected by his fellow citizens. The present is his first term of service in the Connecticut legislature.







HON. ANDREW S. UPSON.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

HON. ANDREW S. UPSON of Unionville, Republican Senator from the Fourth district, has served one term in the Senate, occupying the position of chairman of the Committee on Banks during both years that he has been a member of that body. He was a member of the House from Farmington for the years of 1872 and 1873, and has been assessor and member of the Board of Relief of that town. Senator Upson was born at Burlington, June 16, 1825. His father died before he was two years old, leaving a widow and six children, with a farm of 200 acres under mortgage. The farm was sold, and at the age of four years Mr. Upson began working for his board and clothes on a farm, where he remained until he was sixteen. At the expiration of this period he commenced work in a manufactory at \$8 per month. Gradually advancing he became a traveling salesman; then one of the owners,

and finally President of the Union Nut Company, of which he was one of the founders. Senator Upson is one of the leading business men at Unionville, and is connected with several manufacturing institutions there. He is President of the Standard Rule, the Meech & Hart, and the Union Nut Companies; Vice-President of the Union Rolling Mill Company at Cleveland, O., and a director in the Aetna Nut Company at Southington, and the Cowles Hardware Company at Unionville. He is also a director in the Bristol National Bank at Bristol. He has been the General Manager of the Union Nut Company for seventeen years. Under his supervision the Company has grown to more than five times its original proportions, and now has a branch manufactory at Cleveland, O., in successful operation; also under Mr. Upson's general management. About two years ago he assumed the active management

agement and treasurership of the Standard Rule Company, having at that time been its President for three years. Senator Upson's career has been one of remarkable financial success, and

shows the innate character of the man. He has been a valuable member of the Legislature, discharging his duties in both Houses with marked efficiency.



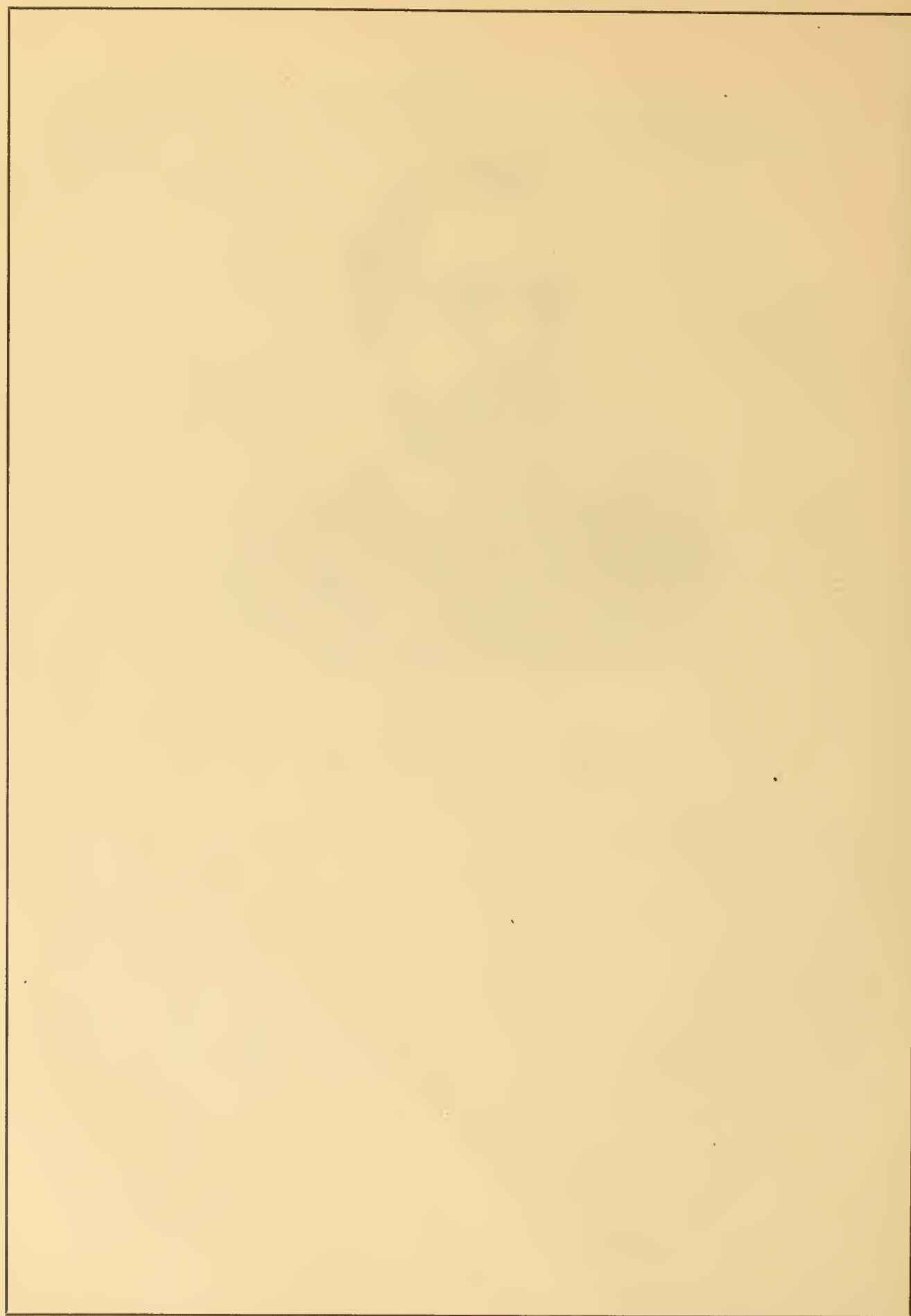


HON. JAMES SAMUEL ELTON.

DISTRICT NO. 5

HON. JAMES SAMUEL ELTON of Waterbury was born in that city November 7, 1838, and received an academic education, including a two years' course at General Russell's Military School at New Haven. He is a prominent business man at Waterbury, and is a director of a number of the leading manufacturing concerns there, including the American Pin Company, the Coe Brass Manufacturing Company, the Waterbury Brass Company, of which he is at present the president, and also in the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company. He was formerly a

director in the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Company, and president of the American Pin Company. He is also a director in the Waterbury National Bank, and was an active associate in the Elton Banking Company, while it was engaged in business. Senator Elton has not before been a member of the Legislature, but in consequence of his large and important business experience has been able to render most valuable service during the session. He was elected by the Republicans of the Fifth District.





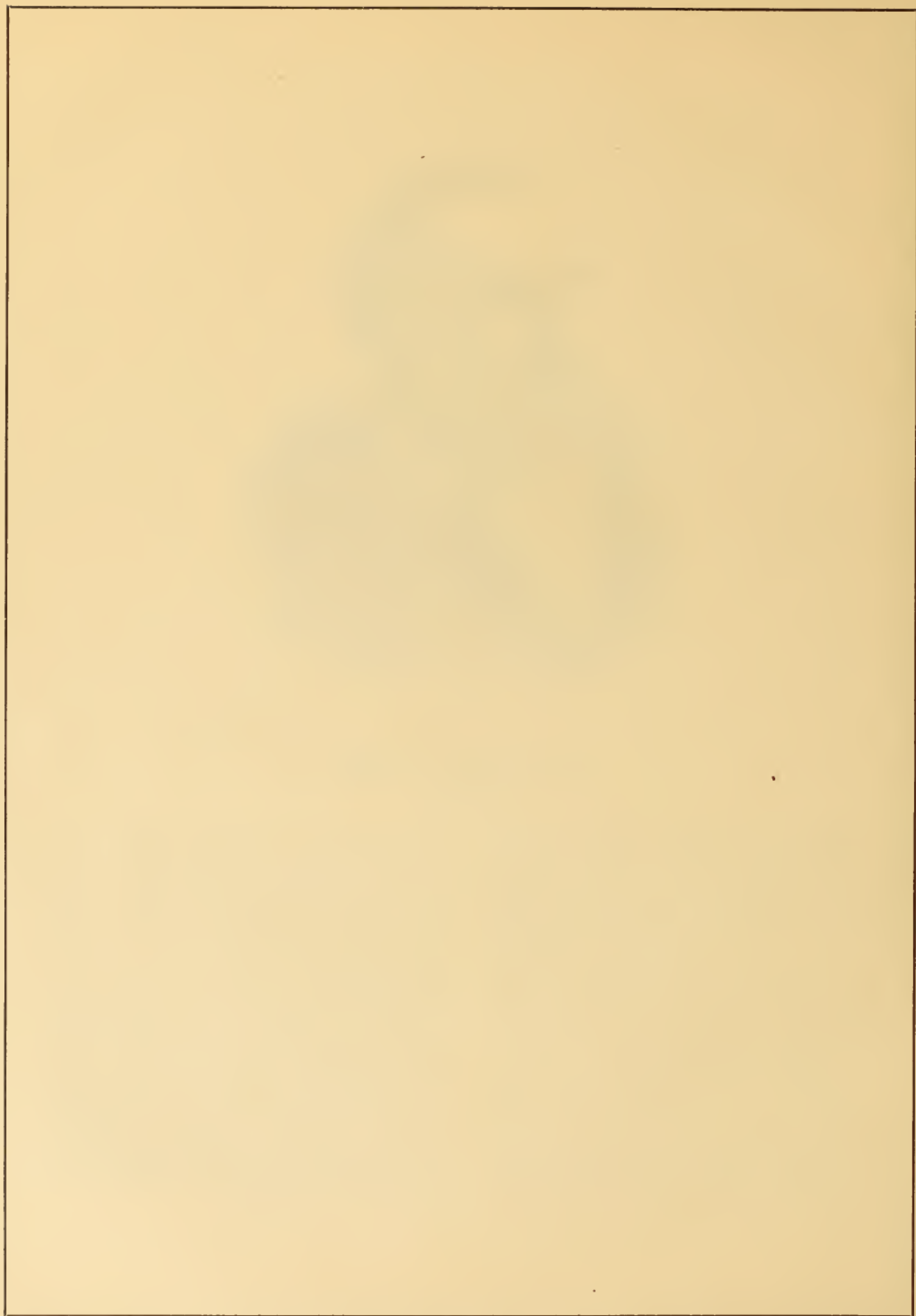
HON. EDWARD F. JONES.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

HON. EDWARD F. JONES of Branford, Republican Senator from the Sixth District, was a member of the Senate last year, serving as Chairman of the School Fund and Contested Elections Committees. In 1878 he was a member of the House and served on the Committee on Insurance, and on the special Railroad Committee. In 1878, and also in 1880, he was a delegate to the Republican State Conventions, and has taken an active interest in politics. He is a member of the Republican State Central Committee from his district. Senator Jones was born in New Jersey in 1821, and resided in New York City from 1844 to 1868, where for fifteen years he was connected with one of the largest jobbing or wholesale boot and shoe houses in the city,—re-

moving thence to Branford, of which town he has since been continuously a resident. He has held from time to time the positions of Auditor and member of the Board of Relief. Senator Jones is the only Republican ever elected to the House from Branford, and is one of the most popular citizens of that town. He has been one of the New Haven County Auditors, and was one of the incorporators of the Guilford Savings Bank, of which he is at present one of the trustees. He is the secretary and assistant treasurer of the Branford Lock Works, and a man of broad business training and experience. His senatorial career has been highly creditable, and has won for him the hearty esteem and friendship of his associates and constituents.





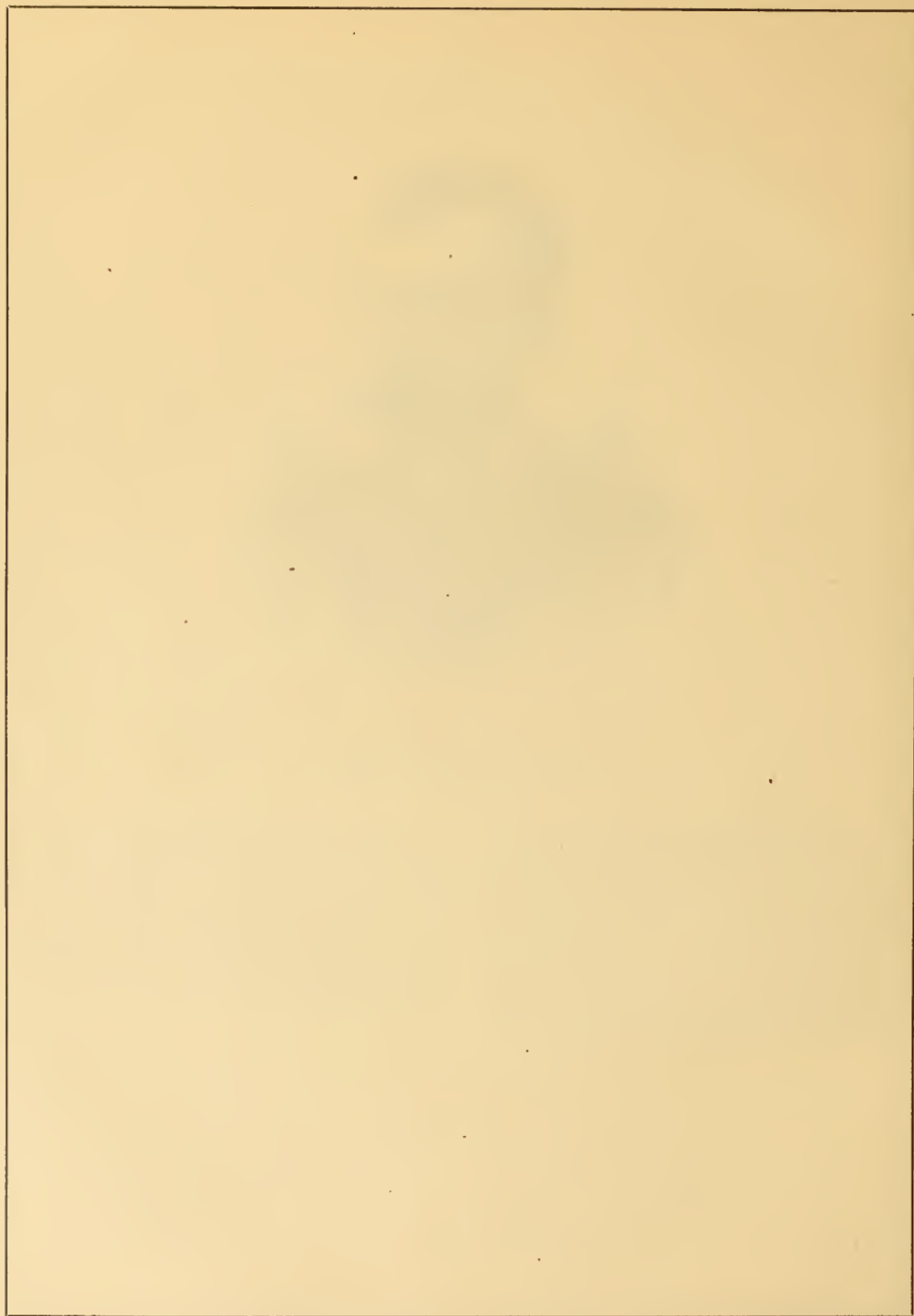


HON. GEORGE MILES GUNN.

DISTRICT NO. 7

HON. GEORGE MILES GUNN, Democratic Senator from the Seventh District, was a member of the House from Milford for the years 1880 and 1881 and proved himself to be an able and clear-sighted legislator. In debate he presents the subject in hand with force and ability, making his points with precision, and in the majority of cases winning the assent of his associates. His career in the House has been highly credita-

ble, and for a man of his years has been one of marked success. Senator Gunn was born at Milford August 10, 1851, and graduated from Yale College in the class of '74, and from the Yale Law School in '78. He is a member of the Board of Education at Milford, and is one of the most promising of the younger members of the New Haven County bar.







HON. WILLIAM JOSEPH MILLS.

DISTRICT NO. 8

HON. WILLIAM JOSEPH MILLS of New Haven, who represents the Eighth Senatorial District, is widely known throughout the State, and it is seldom that New Haven, the largest constituency in the State, has been represented in the Senate by one of Mr. Mills' years. His election in 1880 by a majority larger than that which General Hancock received in the same district shows great popularity. The subject of this sketch was born in Yazoo, Mississippi, on the 11th day of January, 1849, and consequently is now in his thirty-second year. He is descended from Virginia stock, his ancestors for generations having been prominent physicians and planters, ranking among the best families of the Old Dominion. William Mills, the father of the Senator, following the example of his predecessors, studied medicine, and was a man of extensive scientific and literary attainments. After his marriage he resided in

Mississippi and practiced his profession and planted cotton until he fell a victim to the great yellow fever scourge in 1853, which attacked him while rendering aid to his stricken family and friends. On his death his family moved North, and a few years after his decease the mother of the Senator married William H. Law, of Norwich, a gentleman belonging to one of the historic families of our State, whose ancestors have illuminated the political and adorned the social history of our commonwealth since its earliest period. Mr. Mills graduated from the Norwich Academy, and then studied for several years under the best tutors and private masters that could be secured. In the latter part of 1867 Mr. Mills went into the house of Grinnell, Mottum & Co., of New York, one of the largest shipping and commission houses in the country, and stayed with them until January, 1871, during which time, by strict

attention to business, he passed through every department in their house and reached one of the highest positions in their service. The experience which he then acquired has been of the utmost value to him. Not having a fondness for mercantile pursuits, Mr. Mills resigned from their employ, and, after recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, entered the Yale Law School, from which he graduated in 1876, taking while there a high position for excellence in literary composition. He is now in the active practice of his profession. Mr. Mills took an active part in the campaign of 1876 and did much toward carrying the State for Tilden and Hendricks, and in appreciation of his work he was selected by the Democratic electors to carry the six votes of this State to Washington, being the only Democrat who has had that honor since the Pierce campaign of 1852. Mr. Mills represented New Haven in the Assembly during the session of 1878, and was nominated by his party in 1880,

as Senator, and elected by a plurality of 2,226 over his competitor. This, we believe, is the largest majority ever given to a Democratic Senator in his district. During his service in the House and in the Senate Mr. Mills has made a host of friends, and his every vote has been guided only by what he thought was right. He is a strong Democrat in his feelings, but at the same time is not one of those who believe that his party can do no wrong. Mr. Mills is a director in the Southern Pacific Mining & Mineral Land Company, a corporation which is controlled by some of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of New Haven, and which owns a large number of valuable gold, silver, and copper mines in Arizona and New Mexico. He is also a director of the Automatic Boiler & Engine Company, one of the most promising manufacturing enterprises in New Haven. The Senator has lived in New Haven since 1868.



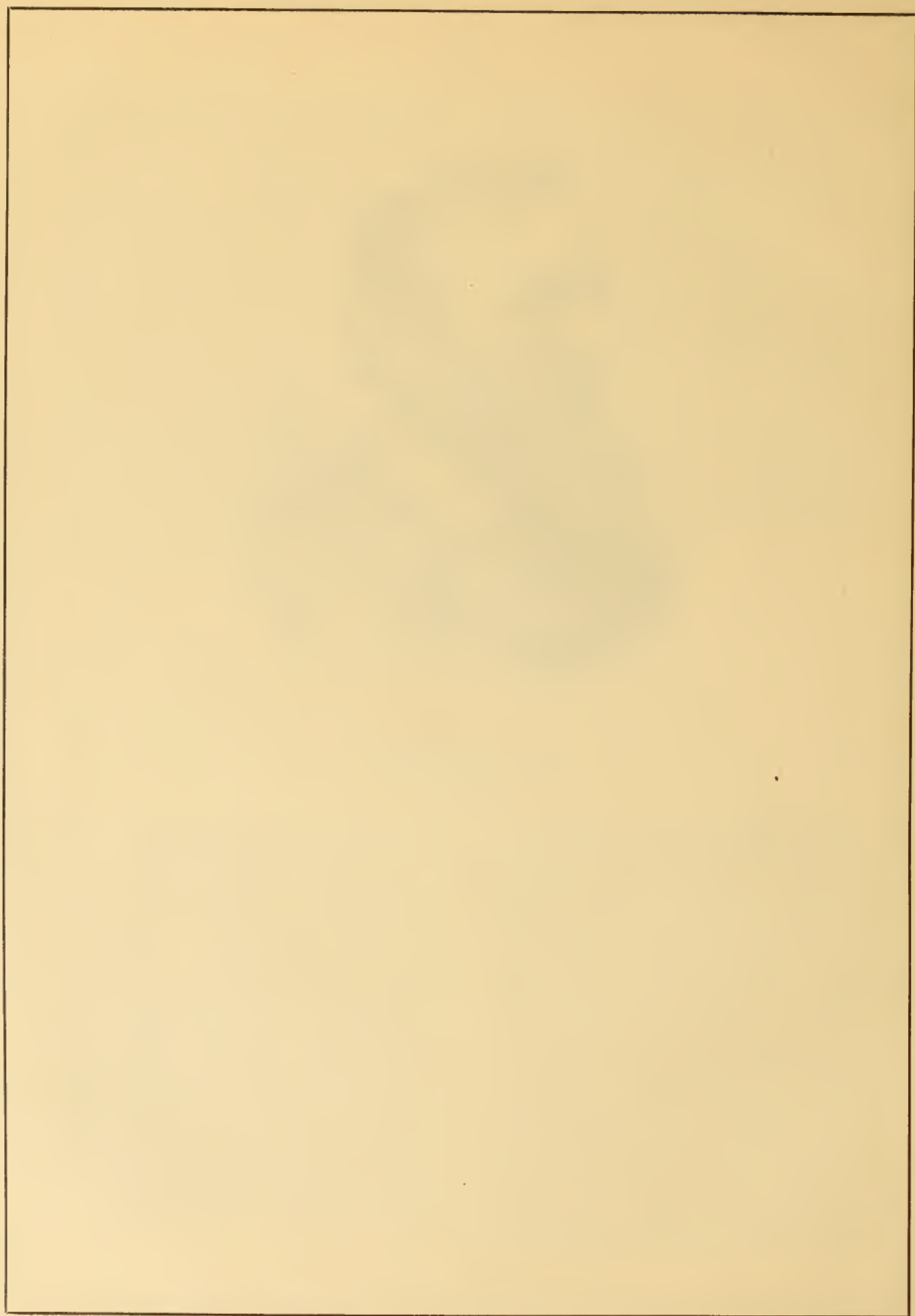
HON. ROBERT COIT.

DISTRICT NO. 9

HON. ROBERT COIT of New London was re-elected in November, carrying his district by a solid majority. He has served as Chairman of the Insurance Committee on Engrossed Bills, the latter being one of the most important of the legislative committees. In 1879 he was a member of the House, serving on the judiciary committee. Two years ago last fall he was elected mayor of New London, and has been one of the most popular and efficient chief executive officers that city has ever had. Senator Coit is a gentleman of great popularity in his section of his State. He was born at New London in 1830, and graduated from Yale College at the age of 20 years, in the class of 1850. Mr. Coit is a lawyer by profession, and has been in practice for twenty-five years or more. He is president of the New London Northern Railroad Company,

and a man of fine business capacity. He has held the office of Judge of Probate for several years; Register in Bankruptcy for ten years, and is vice-president of the National Union Bank of New London, and one of the directors of the New London Savings Bank. He has shown, since his entrance into legislative affairs, an excellent aptitude for the business required. Without making any ornamental show, with an apparent desire to avoid public attention, he is a vigilant legislator, watchful especially over the interests of his immediate constituents, and thoroughly attentive to every matter of public concern. He possesses conservative tendencies in the right direction, and is regarded by his associates as a man of unusually clear comprehension and good judgment. In politics he is a Republican.







HON. CHARLES PERRY WHITE.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

HON. CHARLES PERRY WHITE of North Stonington was elected by the Republicans of the Eighth Senatorial District in November, 1880, by the largest majority ever given in that district, and holding over, now represents the Tenth District, which comprises the towns of Ledyard, Norwich, and Preston, as readjusted by the Legislature of 1881. Senator White brought to his aid in the Senate a long and valuable experience with habits of industry and strict integrity, serving as chairman of important committees and in other important capacities. He was an industrious legislator, always found at his post of duty; and no complaint was ever heard from any part of his constituency that their interests were not well and faithfully served. He was born in North Stonington, November 12, 1813, and enjoyed the advantages of a common-school and

academic education as afforded by his native State and in Rhode Island. His mother was a descendant of Commodore Perry. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his grandfather served in the Revolutionary army. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace for more than a quarter of a century, and has held other local offices of trust and responsibility. In 1881 he resigned the position of Chairman of the Republican Town Committee, which position he had held for twenty years. His devotion to the cause of temperance, and unselfish interest in all movements tending to reform, and his courage in the capacity of Justice of the Peace when cases have been before him in the interest of the suppression of vice, have strengthened the confidence of all the people in him as the years have multiplied. When his present term expires he will

have held the office of Judge of Probate for twenty-three years, and would be continued if his age permitted. He was elected to the House from his native town in 1853 as a Democrat, but

since 1855 he has acted with the opponents of that party, and has been an ardent member of the Republican party from the day of its birth.





HON. CHARLES P. STURTEVANT.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

HON. CHARLES P. STURTEVANT of East Lyme, Republican Senator from the Eleventh District, was a member of the House during the session of 1878, and has held nearly all the offices in the gift of his townsmen during the past ten years. He is engaged in the woolen manufacturing business, and holds the position of agent and secretary of the Niantic Mills company. He is a man of fine executive ability and is a valued member of the Senate. His experience in the House has

made him familiar with methods of legislation, and in the wider field to which he has been chosen has represented them with credit and honor. Senator Sturtevant was born in New York city, in 1844, and received an academic education. He is the only son of Hon. A. P. Sturtevant of Norwich, one of the millionaire Manufacturers of this State. He has resided at East Lyme for a number of years, and is prominently associated with New London county interests.





HON. OLIVER HOYT.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

HON. OLIVER HOYT of Stamford, Republican Senator from the Twelfth District, has been elected a member of the Senate for three consecutive terms, during two of which he has held the position of president *pro tempore*. As Chairman of the Committee on Humane Institutions he has exhibited the greatest fairness and consideration, and has looked carefully after the interests of the State and the expenditures of the public funds. In 1878 he was Chairman of the Joint Special Committee on Federal Relations, and also of the Committee on State Expenditures, serving with notable ability and discrimination on the latter. Senator Hoyt's business training fitted him for the work of the State Expenditure Committee, and throughout the session he labored with indefatigable zeal for the public interests. In 1879 he took an active part in the temperance legislation of the term, working with great per-

severance for the modification of some of the temperance acts passed at previous sessions. He is an able and judicious leader, and his influence in the Senate has been of decided value to the State. Senator Hoyt was born at Stamford, in 1824, and was educated in the common and select schools of the town. Early in life he engaged in the hide and leather business in New York, in which he has been very successful. He was chosen a Presidential Elector in 1872, and cast his vote for General Grant. He is a director in the National Park Bank of New York, also in the Home Fire Insurance Company and the Phoenix Insurance Company of New York. He has served three terms in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a liberal patron of the institutions of that denomination. During the year 1881 he was a member of the international assembly of Method-



ists at London, representing his church with characteristic earnestness and success. Senator Hoyt is a man of positive convictions, and is thoroughly equipped for public life. His course

has invariably been one of honor and integrity, and in Church and State and social life he has done noble service.

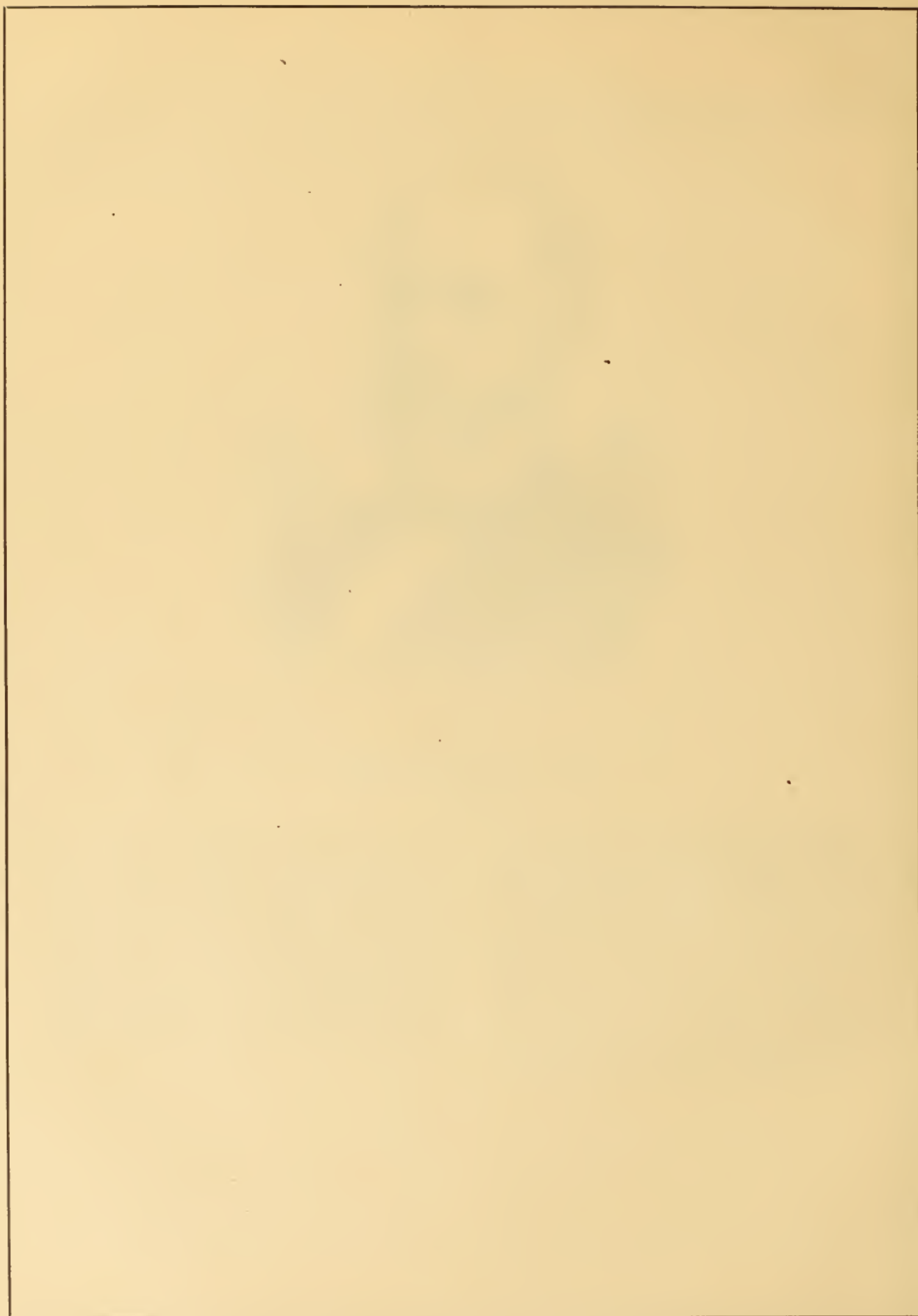


HON. TALLMADGE BAKER.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

HON. TALLMADGE BAKER of South Norwalk, Republican Senator from the Thirteenth district, has been in public life for a number of years and is prominently known throughout the State. He was State Treasurer during the administration of Governor Andrews, and has been a member of the House from Norwalk for three terms, having served in that body during the years of 1870, 1877, and 1881. For twenty-three years he was engaged in the wholesale grocery and

provision trade at New York, but retired from that business in 1869. He has served his fellow townsmen at Norwalk in various capacities, having held the offices of Street Commissioner, member of the South Norwalk Common Council, member of the Board of Water Commissioners, and Vice-President of the Fairfield County Insurance Company. At the November election he was chosen Senator by a splendid majority.





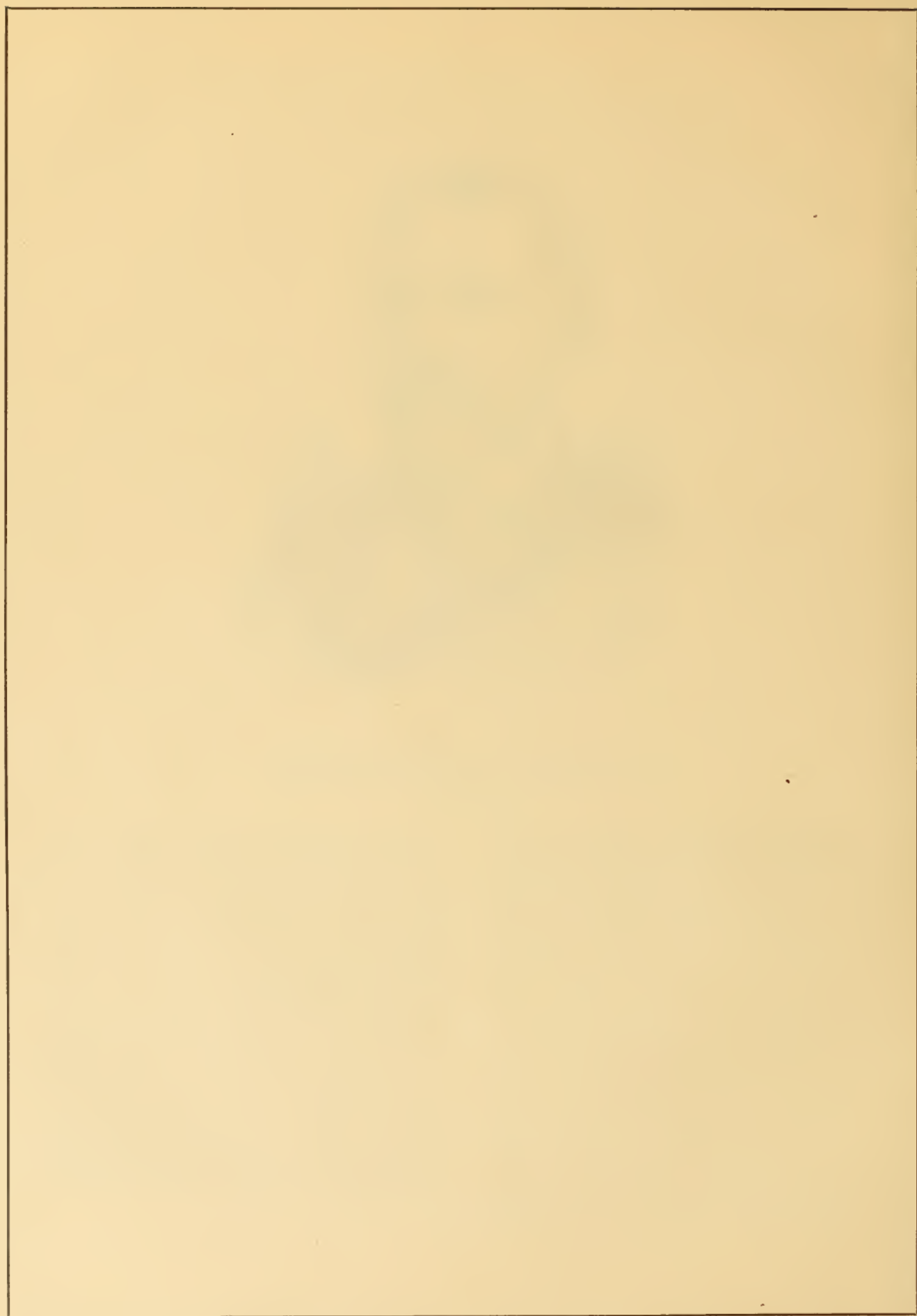


HON. MORRIS WOODRUFF SEYMOUR.

DISTRICT NO. 14

HON. MORRIS WOODRUFF SEYMOUR, of Bridgeport, Democratic Senator from the Fourteenth district, holds over from 1881, serving last year with marked ability and efficiency on the State Prison Committee. He is a son of the late Ex-Chief Justice Origen S. Seymour of Litchfield, where he was born October 6, 1842. Senator Seymour graduated from Yale College in the class of 1866, being a classmate of the Hon. John M. Hall, the present speaker of the House. He received a thorough legal education at the Columbia Law School at New York, and began the practice of the legal profession at Bridgeport in the fall of 1868, and has since resided there. He is one of the most popular lawyers connected with the Fairfield County Bar, and commands an extensive practice. He is in partnership with

his brother, Edward W. Seymour, and is one of the leading practitioners in the United States courts, especially in patent and other causes. In 1870, Senator Seymour was elected assistant judge of the Bridgeport City Court, and was also appointed that year on the staff of Gov. James E. English, with the rank of Colonel. In 1871 he was chosen City Clerk of Bridgeport, and in 1872 and 1873 he held the offices of City Attorney and Corporation Counsel. He was appointed a United States Commissioner in 1871, and held the office until his election as Senator, when he resigned the place. In every position which he has held he has discharged his duties with ability and fidelity, and enjoys the highest esteem and friendship of his associates.





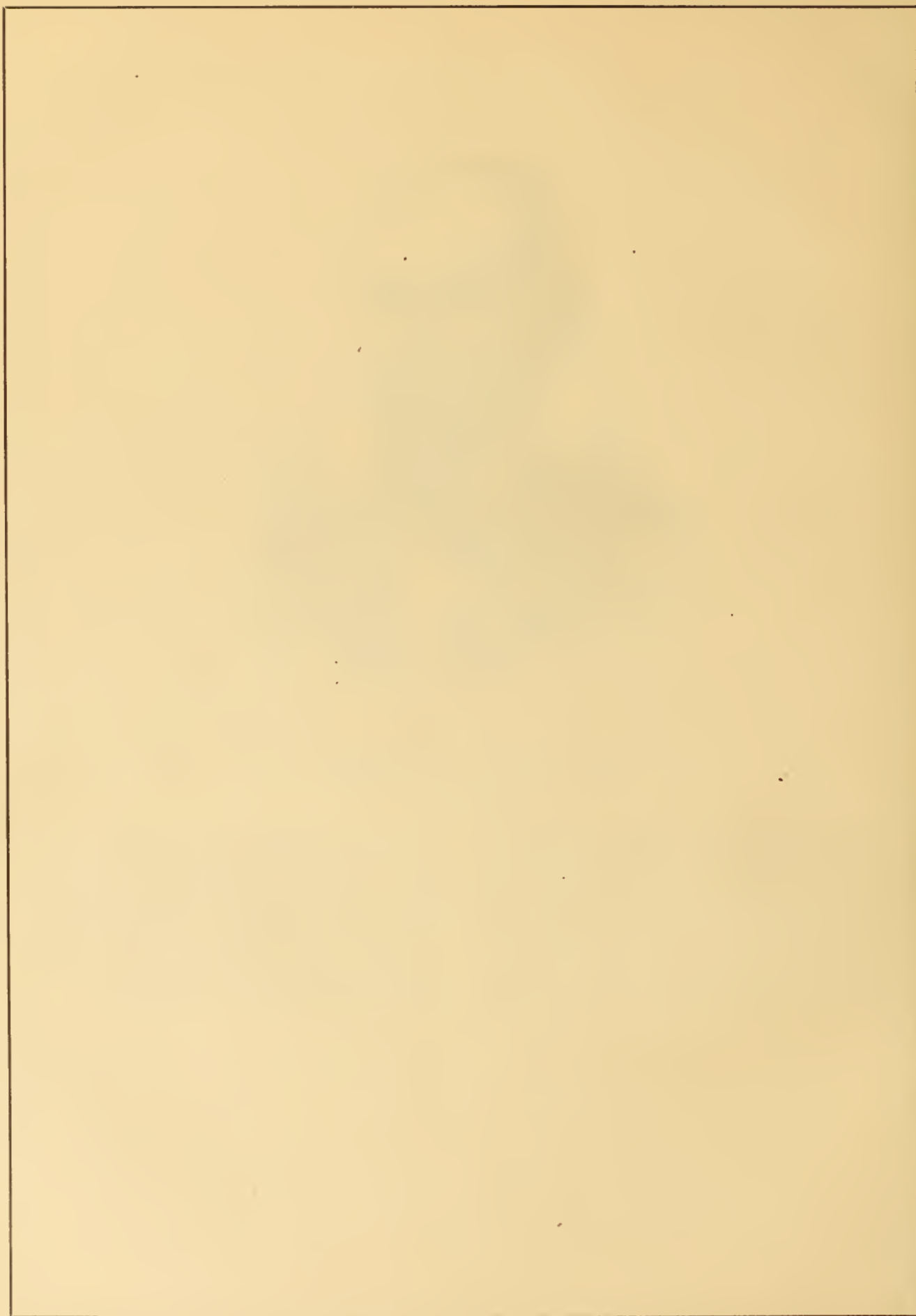
HON. WILLIAM N. NORTHROP.

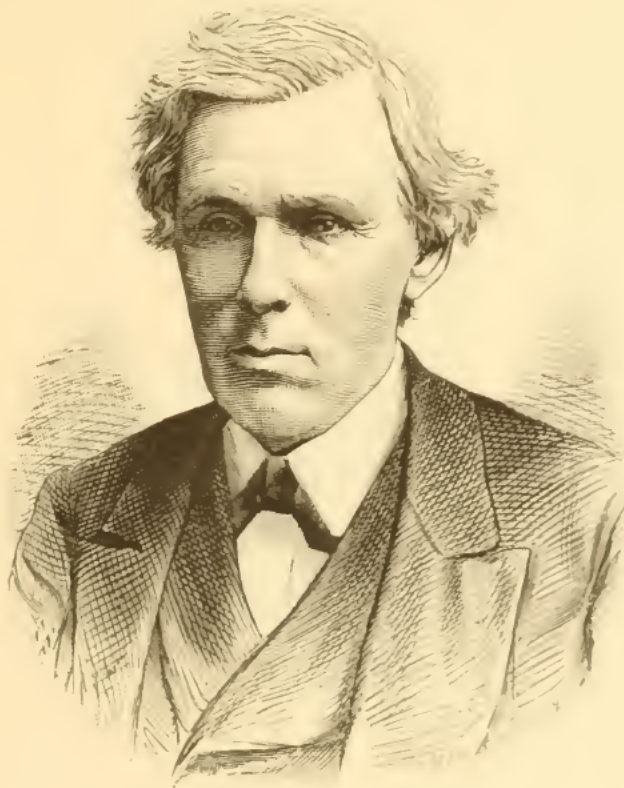
DISTRICT NO. 15.

HON. WILLIAM N. NORTHROP of Newtown, Democratic Senator from the Fifteenth district, has held various local offices, including that of First Selectman since 1875, Justice of the Peace for fifteen years, and member of the Board of Assessors, member of the Board of Education, Director of the Newtown Savings Bank, and also

of the Board of Relief. He is a farmer by occupation, giving special attention to the raising of cattle. He is a man of conservative principles, and in politics is a Democrat. Senator Northrop was born at Newtown, July 15, 1829, and received a common and select school education. The present is his first term in the legislature.







HON. HENRY HAMMOND.

DISTRICT NO. 16

HON. HENRY HAMMOND of Killingly, Republican Senator from the Sixteenth district, was in the Senate last year, serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee. At the present session he is Chairman of the Committee on Banks, and also Chairman of the Committee on Temperance. He was born at Pomfret in 1814, and received his education at the public schools. He was engaged in mechanical business until 1851. Two years later he removed to the town of Killingly, where he has since resided. He enlisted early in the anti-slavery cause, and, while in his minority, assisted in the organization of the first anti-slavery society in the state, but took no active part in political matters until the formation of the Liberty or "Free-Soil Party," when he gave his first vote for President to James G. Birney in 1844. His ancestors were among the earliest

settlers in this country from England, and took an active part in the French and Indian wars. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1854, and was appointed by Speaker Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations. He was again a member in 1865 and served on the Railroad Committee. He has held the office of County Commissioner, and was three times elected General Railroad Commissioner for the State. He was appointed United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut by President Lincoln, and afterwards Collector of Internal Revenue for the third Congressional District by President Johnson. He was for several years an active trustee in the Windham County Savings Bank, and is now President of the First National Bank of Killingly, and a director in the Danielsonville Cotton Company. During the war Sen-

ator Hammond was very active in his efforts to sustain and strengthen the loyal party, and at the most critical periods was several times intrusted with the transaction of important busi-

ness with the departments at Washington in the interests of the State. He is a man of large public experience, and has made a strong and influential member of the Senate.



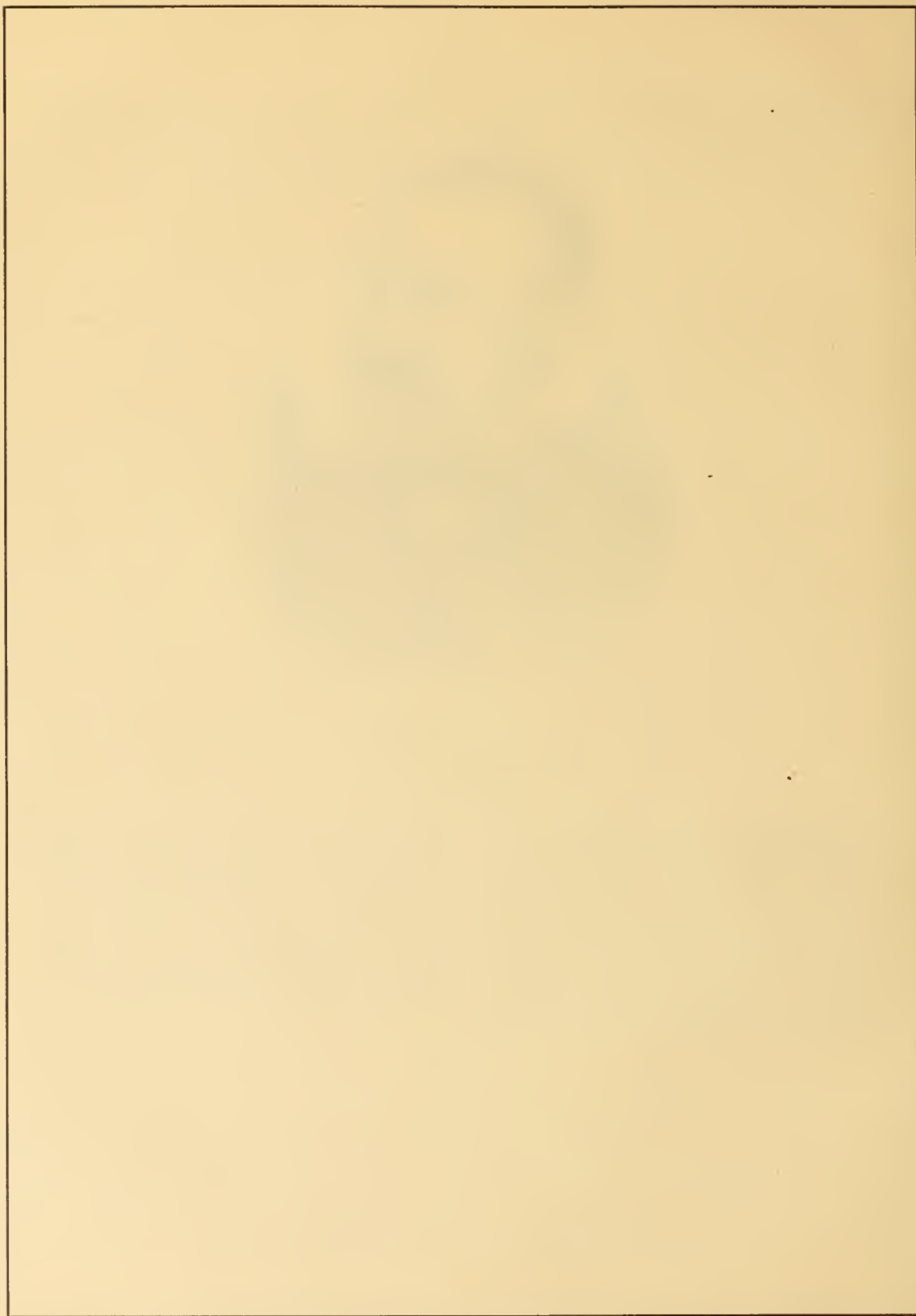


HON. EUGENE S. BOSS.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

HON. EUGENE S. BOSS of Windham, Republican Senator from the Seventeenth District, was a member of the House in 1877, serving as Chairman on the part of the House on the Committee on Frauds in Elections, and on the Committee on Insurance. He has also been a Presidential Elector from Connecticut, a member of the Board of Burgesses, and Acting Warden of the Borough of Willimantic, and one of the

trustees of the Willimantic Savings Bank. For the past twenty-four years he has been engaged in business with the Willimantic Linen Company, and is an active and influential citizen. He was born at Willimantic, January 13, 1842, and received a common-school education. Senator Boss is a prominent Republican, and is one of the leaders of his party in Windham county.





HON. LORRIN A. COOKE.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

HON. LORRIN A. COOKE of Barkhamsted, Senator from the Eighteenth District, is a native of New Marlboro, Mass. He is descended from the first settler of that town, Mr. Wheeler, who brought his wife on horseback from Springfield, Mass., to their new wilderness home. Lewis Cooke, grandfather of the Senator, was a Captain in the State Militia, and, having the Western fever, moved from New Marlboro to Chenango County, N. Y., in its early history, when his son Levi was but a lad. The latter was brought up to "endure hardness," being put to service with another pioneer in the rough work of clearing up forests in a new country.

After a few years of frontier experience he returned to New Marlboro, satisfied with "the West," and content ever after to remain in New England.

In 1829 he was married to Amcha Todd of

Sandisfield, Mass., and to this pair was born Lorrin Alanson, the subject of this sketch, on the 6th day of April, 1831—the only child they ever had. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke removed to Norfolk, Conn., in 1837, and to Colebrook in 1843, where he became an excellent farmer, a quiet, good citizen and neighbor until in May, 1871, he breathed his last, after a short and severe illness, while a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives.

Lorrin A. Cooke was educated at the common schools and at Norfolk academy, and early fell into the somewhat usual custom of many New England farmer boys of those days—teaching in the winter, and working on his father's farm in the summer. He was a successful teacher and was employed repeatedly in the same schools. While spending a winter in one of these he made the acquaintance of Miss Matilda F. Webster, daugh-



ter of Dea. Abner S. Webster of Sandisfield, Mass., who became his wife in 1858. After this event he taught school less frequently, and in company with his father settled down to a farmer's life on the Colebrook farm, once owned by Jonathan Edwards, D.D., afterwards President of Union College. In intelligent, progressive farming he became one of the first in the vicinity. While younger than any of his predecessors he was elected president of the local agricultural society. He was one of the early and influential promoters of a milk train on the Nangatuck railroad from Winsted to New York. His neighbors early observed his capacity, and in 1856, at the age of twenty-five, elected him to the Legislature from Colebrook. An enthusiastic, conscientious young Republican, in those forming days of the party when know-nothingism controlled the State, he held to his convictions and voted for Francis Gillette and against James Dixon for U. S. Senator until the very last. He was always proud of that action, especially in the Johnsonized, brevet Democratic days of Mr. Dixon. He was early made Acting School Visitor, and in 1864 was elected First Selectman, at a time when the burden of recruiting, filling quotas, etc., demanded the best talent the town could furnish. He was re-elected until he left town. Of course such a record as he was making attracted the notice of others than his immediate neighbors, and in 1869 he was urgently invited to become an officer and the chief manager of the Eagle Scythe Co. at Riverton. He accepted the position, and has remained there until the present time. His management of this trust has been characterized by vigor, industry, and success. The works had just been rebuilt, and a debt had been contracted larger than the capital stock: prices had begun steadily to decline and competition was increasingly strong. The situation was grave enough to try severely the capacity of a man fresh from the farm, without previous experience in this or any line of manufacturing. Moreover Mr. Cooke saw that changes must be at once inaugurated. The three traveling salesmen were one by one relieved of their duties, which were assumed by

Mr. Cooke in addition to the office work and active management of the Manufactory. In the face of every obstacle, existing and since following, the company has become solidly established.

Mr. Cooke has been greatly attached to his domestic life. After ten years of happy married life, he was greatly afflicted by the death of his wife in 1868, without issue. In December, 1870, he married, as a second wife, Josephine E., daughter of Michael Ward, Esq., for many years a manufacturer in Riverton. Three children have been born to them: Edward Levi, a most promising boy, who died at the age of six years; Ward, who died, aged one year; and Edna, now three years of age.

Since his removal from Colebrook, Mr. Cooke has been sought for to fill other positions of trust. Living in a town strongly Democratic, his Republican principles have been in the way of his holding public positions therein. He has been repeatedly placed in nomination by his fellow Republicans, and elected once as a minority Selectman. Nominated once as Representative, he reduced the minority from fifty in other cases to fifteen in his own. As candidate for Senator in the 15th district in 1875, he was defeated with the whole ticket, but he received a very flattering vote in his own town. In the reconstructed 18th district, he last fall received a majority of 328; twenty-three ahead of the majority in the previous Presidential year, carrying every town except Colebrook. For four years he has been Postmaster at Riverton.

In all this record it should be broadly stated and carefully noted that every position Mr. Cooke has ever been placed in has come to him unsought. Ardently attached to the principles of the Republican party, he does not favor men who cannot be trusted, even if they so call themselves by that name.

Mr. Cooke became connected with the Congregational church in Colebrook, in 1860, and for most of the time until his removal was Superintendent of its Sunday-school. In Colebrook he was, and in Riverton he is an efficient officer in that church.



HON. MILO B. RICHARDSON.

(DISTRICT NO. 19.)

HON. MILO B. RICHARDSON is the Democratic Senator from the Nineteenth District. Mr. Richardson's maternal grandfather, Milo Barnum, removed to Lime Rock, a village in the town of Salisbury, Conn., in 1820. He was born at Dover, Dutchess County, N. Y., July 16, 1790. At the time of his removal, although he had previously acquired a considerable fortune, for those days, his worldly possessions were very limited. With that indomitable energy which always characterized him, and which he has transmitted in a very large degree to his descendants, he set about to recover his ruined fortunes. In a few years he had accumulated a liberal property, founded the great house with which his name is still connected, the Barnum-Richardson Co., and retired from business with the respect and esteem of his neighbors. He was a man of positive character, honest and true to his convictions, an

excellent citizen, and a kind and faithful friend. He died May 10, 1860. Leonard Richardson, the father of Senator Richardson, was born at Willsborough, Essex Co., N. Y., September, 10, 1808. His ancestors emigrated from Scotland to Quebec about 1775, whence they removed to Willsborough. While Leonard was quite young his parents migrated to Sharon, Conn. In 1825 he engaged as a clerk in the store of Milo Barnum, at Lime Rock. April 16, 1832, he married Lucy Ann, daughter of his employer, by whom he had three children, Milo Barnum, James Leonard, and Caroline Barnum. In 1830, in conjunction with his father-in-law, with whom he had become associated in business, he built a foundry for re-melting pig-iron, and in a few years, William H., son of Milo Barnum, was taken into the firm. The business prospered greatly, and became the foundation of the great corporation which now controls

the entire Salisbury iron interest. Beside the manufacture of pig-iron, the house is largely engaged in the manufacture of car wheels at Lime Rock, Jersey City, and Chicago, and of cars at Huntington, West Virginia, in each of which places are extensive works. They send wheels to foreign countries, and supply the principal roads of this country with the product of their foundries and furnaces.

February 13, 1849, the Hon. Milo B. Richardson, the subject of this sketch, was born at Lime Rock. He was educated principally at the Rocky Dell Institute, in his native village, under the charge of Mr. J. H. Hurlburt. He also attended Edwards Place School, at Stockbridge, Mass., for a short time. Since his majority, he has been actively engaged in the management of important interests of the Barnum-Richardson Company, and other corporations. He is at present a director and assistant treasurer of the former concern, and a director of many other corporations engaged in the mining and manufacture of iron in this and other States.

In the spring of 1872, when only twenty-three years of age, he was nominated on the Democratic State ticket for Treasurer, with Richard D.

Hubbard. He was chosen a Representative from Salisbury in 1874 by the largest majority ever before given in that town. The same year he was appointed an aid on the staff of Governor Charles R. Ingersoll, with the rank of Colonel. He has been for many years prominent in the politics of Connecticut. Since 1875 he has been an active member of the Democratic State Central Committee. He was elected to the Senate November, 1881, by a very large majority over his Republican competitor, securing the unprecedented majority of 440 in his own town, only 104 votes being cast against him.

In 1872 he married Ellen Caroline, daughter of U. H. Miner, Esq., of Falls Village, Conn., and granddaughter of Lee Canfield, a pioneer manufacturer of Salisbury iron, by whom he has had three children, Lucy Caroline, Jesse (deceased), and Milo Barnum. Senator Richardson is an active business man, public-spirited, and a kind and affable gentleman. He is very popular wherever known, and his political honors have always been thrust upon him. He was nominated by acclamation for his present position, and has never sought office.



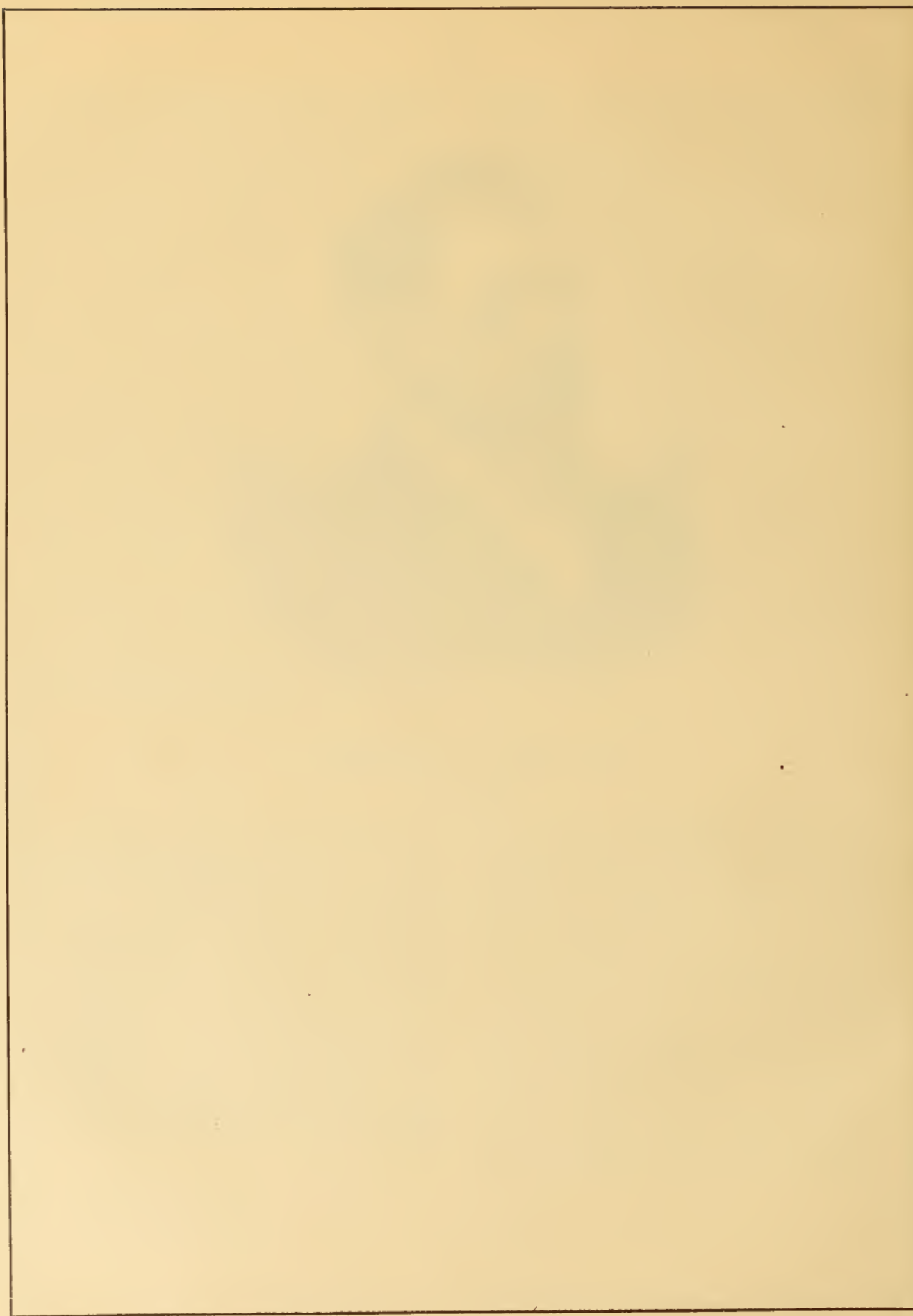


HON. ALBERT P. BRADSTREET.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

HON. ALBERT P. BRADSTREET, of Thomaston, was a member of the Senate last year, serving as Chairman of the Insurance Committee. He represented the town of Thomaston in the House during the years of 1877 and 1878, also serving the last year on the Insurance Committee. Senator Bradstreet graduated from Yale College in the class of 1871, and from the Columbia Law School in 1873. As a member of the Legislature his clearness of judgment, intelligence, and foresight have won for him the highest esteem of his associates. During the session of 1880 he was elected Associate Judge of the Waterbury City Court, and has held various local offices, including that of Town Clerk of Thomaston since

its incorporation in 1875. He has also been a member of the Board of Education, and Justice of the Peace. Senator Bradstreet is the first Republican elected to the Senate from the old Sixteenth District since 1873. His majority was 164, which is a gain of 257 in the district as compared with the returns of 1878, when the Democrats carried the election by ninety-three votes. Mr. Bradstreet was born at Thomaston June 9, 1846, and is one of the most popular young men in his locality. He is an admirable debater, presenting his arguments clearly and forcibly, and is thoroughly sound in his views of legislation.





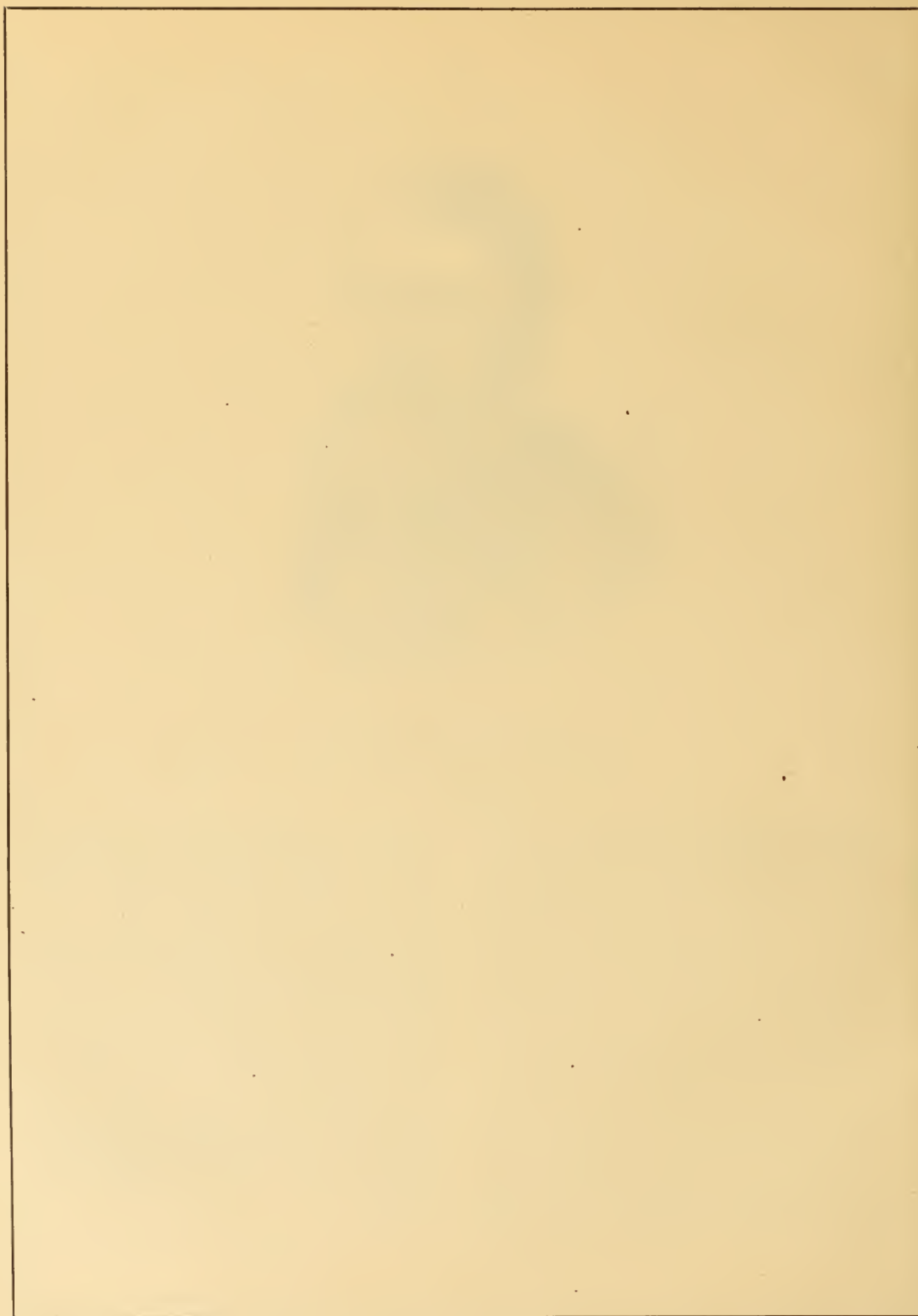
HON. RICHARD PRATT SPENCER.

DISTRICT NO. 21

HON. RICHARD PRATT SPENCER of Saybrook, Republican Senator from the Twenty-first District, has been president of the Deep River National Bank since 1866, and was formerly president of the Pratt, Read & Co. corporation, engaged in manufacturing ivory goods. He has also held the treasurership of the Deep River Savings Bank, and has had large acquaintance and experience with banking interests. He was a resident of New York city for ten years, but the greater portion of his business life has been spent at Deep River, where he is at present erecting a fine residence for himself on the site of the old homestead, nearly opposite the National Bank building on Main street. His father, the late George Spencer, commenced the manufacture of ivory goods at Deep River in 1816. He lived there until three years ago, when he died at

the age of ninety-one years. Senator Spencer was born at Deep River, February 12, 1820, and received an academic education, including a course of study at Parish's Seminary at Berlin. He has been prominently identified with interests connected with his native town, and possesses the fullest confidence of his constituency. He was elected to the Senate in November by a majority of 105 in his district. Senator Spencer is a gentleman of means and culture, and possesses a very valuable private library. He is, in fact, a well known bibliophile, and owns one of the rarest collections of old books in the State. His ripe experience, business training, and judgment enable him to take a prominent position in the Legislature, and insure him a successful career as Senator.





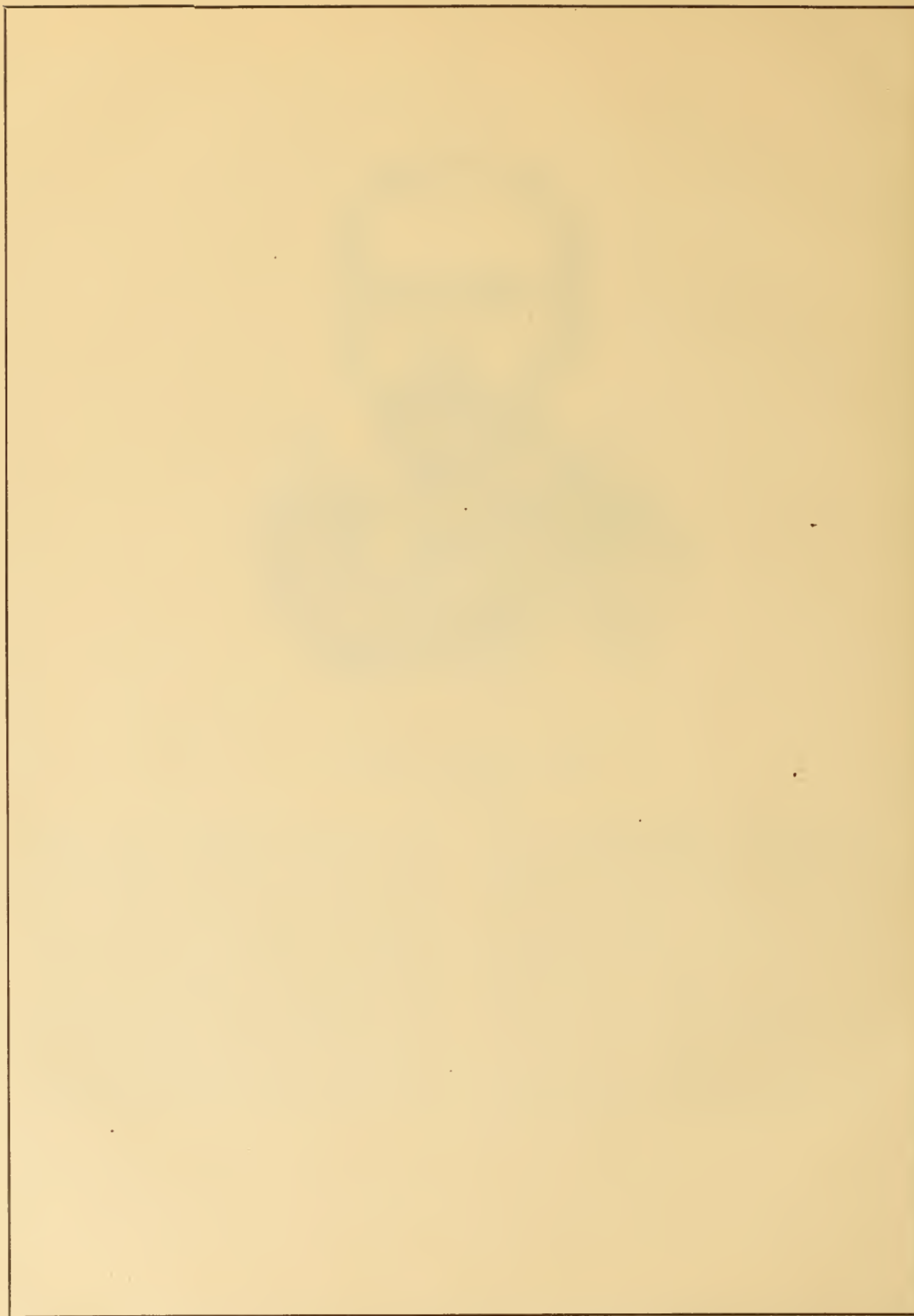


HON. JOSEPH W. ALSOP.

DISTRICT NO. 22.

HON. JOSEPH W. ALSOP of Middletown, Democratic Senator from the Twenty-second District, was a member of the Senate last year, serving with ability and success in that body. He was born in New York city in August, 1838, and was educated at the Yale and Columbia Scientific Schools. He also pursued a complete medical course of study, graduating from the Medical School, University of New York, in 1864. He has served in both boards of the Middletown Court of Common Council, and was a member of the House from Middletown in 1873, holding the position of Chairman of the School Fund Com-

mittee on the part of that body. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Connecticut General Hospital for the Insane, at Middletown, Connecticut Industrial School for Girls, also of the Russell Library of that city, trustee and treasurer of St. Luke's Home, and occupies other local offices of trust and responsibility. Senator Alsop is interested in agricultural experiments and the breeding of stock. He is a gentleman of scholarly attainments, prominent in all matters of public good, and exceedingly popular in his own city and among his senatorial associates.







HON. RALPH P. GILBERT.

DISTRICT NO. 21.

HON. RALPH P. GILBERT, the first Senator chosen from the new 23d senatorial district, was born in Hebron (Gilead Society), Aug. 30, 1819. His ancestors were among the earliest and most prominent settlers of the town, and all of the highest character and strictest integrity. Hon. Sylvester Gilbert established the first Law School in Eastern Connecticut, and had the training of 56 students therein. He served as a member of the State Legislature thirty-two sessions, and was a member of the U. S. Congress in the years 1818 and 1819. He was also one of the committee appointed by the Legislature of this State to sell the lands known as the "Western Reserve," which brought \$1,200,000; the interest of which is used for the support and encouragement of our common schools. His father, Peyton Randolph Gilbert, was the senator first elected from the

old 21st district, filling the office in 1830 and 1831. The subject of our sketch received an excellent common school education, and in his 17th year commenced teaching a district school in the winter season and working upon the farm the rest of the year. In the town of Hebron, where Mr. Gilbert resides, a town, until quite recently, so evenly divided politically that one party has been about as likely as the other to carry the election, he received 58 more votes than his competitor; and in the district a majority of 111. His business has been mainly farming, but within the last few years the more arduous duties have been transferred to his son. He has always been a Republican, and as such has held various town offices of trust and responsibility, in all of which he has done his duty. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the session of 1880,

at which time he was a member of the Committee on Finance, of which the late Hon. David P. Nichols was chairman on the part of the House. Benevolent, philanthropic, and educational interests command his warm approval and effort, and

he occupies a prominent position in church and society affairs. For twenty-one years he has been at the head of the Sunday-school at Gilead, and is an active and influential member of the church.



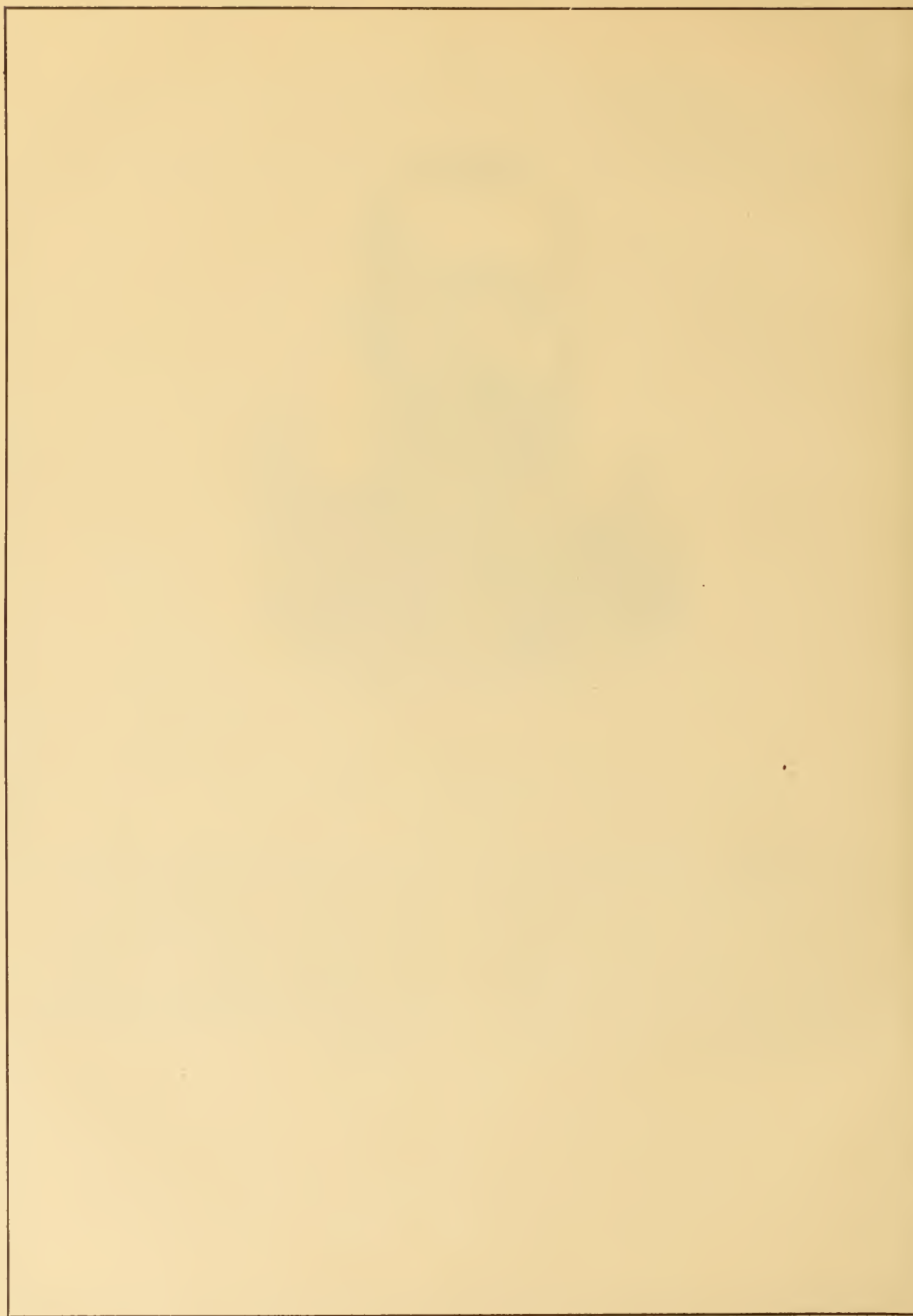
HON. EBENEZER C. DENNIS.

DISTRICT NO. 24.

HON. EBENEZER C. DENNIS, Republican Senator from the Twenty-fourth district, holds over from 1881, serving last year as Chairman of the Committee on Claims. He was born at Hardwick, Worcester County, Mass., July 26, 1834, and received a common school and academic education. He was for twenty years engaged in the wholesale hide and leather business, but at present is occupied with the grain trade, manag-

ing wholesale and retail transactions. He has held the office of Assessor at Stafford for a number of years, is Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and has been a director of the Stafford National Bank for many years. He has also been Warden of the Borough of Stafford, and has taken a prominent part in local affairs. Senator Dennis has been a member of the Republican party since its organization.







GEORGE GRISWOLD SILL.

Elected Representative from Hartford by the Democratic party at the November election, was born in Windsor, October 26, 1829, being now in his fifty-third year. In early life he attended the academy at Ellington, then under the direction of Mr. Charles L. Brace, well known through his labors in the Children's Aid Society in New York, and prepared for college by private tuition. In 1848 Mr. Sill entered Yale College, and graduated from the university in 1852. After receiving his diploma he attended the lectures at the Yale Law School for a year, and then entered the law office of ex-Governor Richard D. Hubbard, where he remained until 1854, when he was admitted to the bar. Since that time he has engaged in the practice of his profession. For twenty-seven successive years he has been a Justice of the Peace, was long a prosecuting Grand Juror, and in this capacity was very active during the years when an attempt was made to enforce the

law which prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquors. He was also chosen side judge, with the late Hon. Eliphalet A. Bulkeley, and on the retirement of the latter, succeeded him as Recorder of the City Court of Hartford, and retained the position for two years. He has also served three years as a member of the City Council, a part of the time as Alderman. He is at present a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. In business enterprises he has taken an active part. He is president and a director in the Hartford Governor Company, and a director in the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company. He has also served as a director in the Merchants Loan and Trust Company of Rockville and Willimantic. In 1872, under the lead of Horace Greeley, Representative Sill left the Republican party, believing that a more conciliatory policy should be pursued by the government toward the people of the Southern States. Until then he had been a Re-

publican, and was especially prominent in support of the Union in the war of the Rebellion. In his office the first company of the First Connecticut regiment was raised. In the spring of 1873 he was nominated Lieutenant-Governor upon the Democratic ticket, ex-Governor Ingersoll being at the head of the ticket, and was elected to the office for four successive terms. He is noted for his success as a public speaker, not only upon the platform, but upon social occasions. For several

years he was Judge-Advocate of the Putnam Phalanx, at a time when Isaac W. Stuart, Henry C. Deming, and others, whose brilliant wit and polished culture added no little to the fame of that body, were enrolled upon its list of membership. His long experience in public life, and his intimate acquaintance with legislative matters, has made ex-Lieutenant-Governor Sill a valuable member of the House.





CHARLES H. COOLEY.

Representative from the city of Hartford, was born in Middletown, May 15, 1839, and is now forty-two years old. His school days were passed at the common and high schools in Middletown and at the academy of which Daniel H. Chase was formerly principal, in the same place. After leaving school he was employed for a time with the dry-goods house of W. A. & J. N. Camp, in Middletown, and in the year 1854 came to Hartford and entered the employ of the Colt Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. At that time the volunteer fire department was in existence, and Mr. Cooley was for several years a member of Pioneer (now Stillman) hose company, when that organization was domiciled in the brick house still standing on Temple street. When the Republican party was organized in 1856, he became an energetic worker in it, and has since been identified with its interests. When the first company of wide-awakes was organized in the

Buckingham campaign of 1860, he was one of the original members. The influence of this organization, which was founded in Hartford, spread rapidly throughout the country, and in the Lincoln and Hamlin campaign became one of its most important features. In May, 1860, Mr. Cooley went to Providence, R. I., and assisted at the starting of the Burnside Rifle Company, whose manufacture was the invention of the late General Ambrose E. Burnside. One year later, at the outbreak of the war, he returned to Hartford, and found employment with the Sharps Rifle Company. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-second regiment, C. V., Colonel George S. Burnham commanding, obtained the rank of sergeant, and served during the term of the regiment. When mustered out of service he returned to Hartford, and again entered the employ of the Sharps Rifle Company, and remained there until the close of the war.

when he became engaged with the Pratt & Whitney Company as a contractor, and has remained there since, having built up a successful business. In the days when necessity compelled Union men to band together to promote the interests of the country, Mr. Cooley joined the Loyal League of Hartford, and was an active member of that organization during its existence. At the conclusion of the war he became one of the organizers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was for many years a comrade of Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 2, of Hartford. During its successful period he was president of Hartford Council of the Sovereigns of Industry. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, F. and A. M., and a director in the Pratt & Whitney Mutual Benefit Association, of which he was one of the organizers. Through his connection with the Sunday-school of the First Universalist Church of Hartford, Mr. Cooley is well known. Of this he was for several years superintendent, and through his efforts the membership was raised to the largest of any school in Hartford. He has also been for many years a leading member of the order of Good Templars. In the fraternity of the Knights of Honor he has served with distinction, being at present Past Dictator of Pioneer Lodge of Hartford, and Grand Dictator of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He is also a member of the Supreme Lodge of the World, and in the sessions of that body at Charleston, S. C., in May, 1880, and at Minneapolis, Minn., in May, 1881, represented the Connecticut Grand Lodge, his colleague being General Frank D. Sloat of New Haven. Representative Cooley is and always has been since its organization a member of the Republican party. In State and national politics he is especially well versed, having throughout his life paid close attention to political affairs and the questions which have so often interested all voters.

#### FREDERICK RIPLEY

Of Avon, was born in Vernon, May 20, 1833, and is now forty-eight years old. His education was acquired at the common schools. In business he

is a dealer in Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco, and has followed this pursuit for the past twenty-five years, having an extended acquaintance throughout this section. He is a Republican, and has previously held the offices of Constable, Collector, and Grand Juror in Avon.

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#### HENRY NORRIS GALPIN

Of Berlin, has already served two terms in the General Assembly, having been a member of the House in the years 1863 and 1880. He has been Postmaster at Berlin, and now holds the office of Town Auditor. Mr. Galpin was born in Berlin in 1820, and passed his sixty-first birthday December 22d last. His education was acquired at the common schools and academy, and he is engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was elected by the Republicans.

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#### HENRY D. BARNARD

Of Bloomfield, was chosen a member of the General Assembly, at the last election, by the Democratic party. He was born in Bloomfield, August 11, 1828, and is now in his fifty-fourth year. He was educated at the common schools, and is a farmer.

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#### CHARLES S. TREADWAY

Of Bristol, is a native of the town he now represents in the General Assembly, having been born there in January, 1848. His education was derived from the common schools and the high school in Waterbury. During his active life he has been engaged in the banking business, and is now cashier of the Bristol National Bank. He is a Republican.



ELIJAH MANROSS

Of Bristol, has already served one term in the legislature, having been elected a member of the House in 1880. In that year he served on the Committee on Sale of Lands. He was born at Bristol, June 27, 1827, and received a common-school and academic education, completing his course of study at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. Upon entering active life Mr. Manross learned the clock business, and was a manufacturer until 1867, when, owing to ill health, he was obliged to retire and give himself over to absolute rest. After rugged treatment, including a year and a half passed in the wilds of the Adirondacks, he regained his strength, and now enjoys good health. Of late years he has engaged in out door employment.

The father of Representative Manross was the late Captain Munross, a pioneer in the manufac-

ture of brass clocks in America, with which industry he was prominently identified. Three of his brothers served in Connecticut regiments during the war of the rebellion, one of whom (Captain Newton S. Manross) was killed while leading his company (K, of the Sixteenth regiment) into the sanguinary field of Antietam. Sergeant Eli Manross, of the Fifth Connecticut, was wounded at Chancellorsville, and John Munross, also a brother, was disabled at Cold Harbor.

Besides his previous term in the legislature, Mr. Manross has held the office of Justice of the Peace, and has served upon the Republican Town Committee for several years, and now holds the office of Constable. He has acted with the Republican party for more than thirty years, and been found always upon that side during the present session.



### CHARLES C. McALEER

Of Burlington, is thirty-eight years of age, and was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland. His education was derived from national schools, and he is now in the grocery and provision business. This is the first time that he would accept any office, having been elected a member of the Legislature by the Democratic party at the last election. He is the first Irishman ever elected to the Legislature from the town of Burlington.

### GEORGE MILLS, 2d,

Of Canton, has previously held a number of local offices, among them that of Town Surveyor and Assessor. His birthplace was Avon, where he was born in 1817, his present age being sixty-four years. Throughout his life he has followed farming as a pursuit. He is a Democrat.

### JEFFERSON R. HOLCOMB

Of East Granby, has throughout his life pursued the avocation of farming. He is now forty-four years of age, and was born in East Granby, April 12, 1837. In his youth he attended the common schools of his native town, and this course of study was supplemented by a short term at the Suffield Literary Institute. Politically he is a Democrat.

### ARTHUR G. OLMSTED

Of East Hartford, was born in the town he now represents, November 11, 1839, and is forty-two years of age. He received a good education from the common and high school, and during his life has followed the vocation of farming. In the war of the rebellion he enlisted with the Twenty-first Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, and served the full term of the regiment in Company A. of which he was a sergeant. At present Mr. Olmsted is a member of Drake Post No. 4, G. A. R., of Manchester. Politically, he is a Republican.

### CHARLES W. ROBERTS

Of East Hartford, is forty-one years of age, having been born in East Hartford, May 30, 1840. His education was acquired at the common schools, and his avocation is that of a farmer. For five years he held the office of First Selectman of East Hartford, and is now Auditor of the town accounts. Although elected a member of the Legislature by the Democratic party, he supports only those measures which he deems for the public good, whether from Democratic or Republican sources.

### ORSON SUMNER WOOD

Of East Windsor, was born in Mansfield, November 15, 1839. His education was acquired at the Norwich and Ellington high schools, and at Yale College, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1864. During his life he has engaged in agricultural pursuits. The present is his second term in the Legislature, he having been a member of the House in 1873, when he served upon the Committee on Railroad Affairs. He is also School Visitor in East Windsor. Politically he is a Republican.

### CHARLES EMMONS WOODWARD

Of East Windsor, was born in East Windsor, July 4, 1843, and is now thirty-eight years of age. He received the advantages of a good common-school education, and was for a number of years engaged in the tobacco and cigar business. At the present time he is employed in the tissue-paper mill of Frank H. Whittlesey, at Windsor Locks, and has charge of the finishing and shipping department. During the war of the rebellion he served in the navy in the Gulf squadron, and was a paymaster's clerk on the United States steamer "Estrella," Commodore Winslow commanding. During O. D. Seymour's two terms of office as Sheriff of Hartford County, Mr. Woodward was a Deputy Sheriff. He is a Democrat.



### LOREN H. PEASE

Of Enfield, was chosen a member of the General Assembly for the first time at the last election. Previous to that, however, he held the offices of Assistant United States Marshal, member of the school committee, acting school visitor, tax collector, and census enumerator. At present he is an assessor and registrar of voters. A republican, he will act with that party. Mr. Pease was born in Somers in July, 1835, and is now forty-six years of age. In his early life he attended the public schools of his native town, the Ellington High School, and the Normal School in the State of New Hampshire. For several years he taught school in the New England, Middle, and Southern States, and subsequently entered the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, Pa. Graduating in 1861 he practiced as a physician for several years, until compelled by ill health to relinquish the calling. During the war he served as Assistant Surgeon of the Tenth Regiment, C. V. After giving up the medical profession he engaged in mercantile and insurance business, and when the Thompsonville Trust Company was organized became and has since been a member of the board of directors. Afterwards he was elected its cashier, in which position he brought it to a first-class condition and then found a substitute. He organized and is now President of the New England Glass Burial Case Company, of Thompsonville, a flourishing concern recently established for the manufacture of the Aikins patent glass burial casket. Since its organization Mr. Pease has been a director of the Vitified Wheel Co. of Westfield, Mass., a corporation manufacturing emery and corundum wheels.

### JOSEPH WARREN JOHNSON

Of Enfield, has previously represented the town in the sessions of 1866 and 1870. In the latter year he was Chairman of the Committee on Railroads. Born in Somers, December 2, 1838,

he attended the common schools in his native town, and later the academy at Monson, Mass. At the completion of his legal studies he was admitted to the bar in 1864, and has since followed his profession, having built up a successful practice. For the past twenty years he has been a Justice of the Peace in Enfield. In politics he is a republican.

### THOMAS COWLES

Of Farmington, is one of the oldest members of the General Assembly, and has had a great deal of legislative experience. He is a republican in politics and was elected a member of the House in the years 1849, 1852, 1863, 1869, 1870, and 1872. In the year 1844, he was chosen Assistant Clerk of the Senate, and twenty years later, in 1864, he was chosen a State Senator from the third senatorial district. He has also held the position of Bank Commissioner. Mr. Cowles was born in Farmington, June 12, 1809, and is now in his seventy-third year. He was educated in the public schools, and is a graduate of Yale college of the class of 1829. During his life he has practiced law. He now holds the office of notary public, commissioner of the superior court, and registrar.

### LUCIUS C. HUMPHREY

Of Farmington, is a member of the republican town committee, and was elected as a laboring man by his party, receiving the largest majority a representative ever received in Farmington. He was born in Orwell, Bradford county, Pa., July 7, 1849, and is thirty-two years of age. He received a common school education, and is now a contractor of the Union Nut Company, of Unionville, in whose employ he has been for thirteen years.

### CHARLES H. TALCOTT

Of Glastonbury, is a descendant of Deacon Benjamin Talcott, who was born in Wethersfield, March 1, 1675, and who married the daughter of John Hollister of Glastonbury, January 5, 1699, and settled in the latter town the same year. At this time Benjamin Talcott built a large house on the Main street in Glastonbury, which was fortified and used as a place of refuge by the inhabitants from the attacks of Indians. Until it was torn down in 1850, when the present residence was erected on the spot, the house bore the marks made by the bullets of the savages. In 1643 the farm on which it stood was purchased by the father of Benjamin Talcott and has been in the Talcott name ever since. The present proprietor, Charles H. Talcott, is fifty-eight years of age, and was born in the old homestead, January 31, 1823. He was educated in the common and select schools of Glastonbury, and during his active life has been a farmer. During the war he served as captain of the Twenty-fifth regiment, C. V., under the command of Colonel George P. Bissell, of Hartford. He has always been a staunch republican.

### AARON W. KINNE

Of Glastonbury, is a republican and has held a number of public offices, among them being those of Selectman, which he occupied for four years, member of the board of relief three years, agent of the town deposit fund, three years. The two last named Mr. Kinne still occupies. This will not be his first term in the legislature, he having occupied a seat in the house in the sessions of 1855 and 1862. He was born in Glastonbury, March 10, 1814, and is grandson of the Rev. Aaron Kinne, who was Chaplain at Fort Trumbull at the time of the Groton massacre. His education was derived from the common schools, and during his life he has followed farming as a pursuit.

### ARTEMAS GOODRICH HARGER

Of Granby, is a native of Massachusetts, having been born in West Granville in that State, on

January 25, 1834, and is now forty-eight years of age. At the age of twelve years he removed to Bloomfield, Conn., and remained there three years; since then he has lived in Granby. He received his education from the common schools, and during his life has followed agricultural pursuits. He is a republican in politics and besides being a member of the General Assembly, is a Justice of the Peace in the town which he represents.

### GEORGE R. CASE

Of Granby, is forty-four years of age and was born in Barkhamsted, December 17, 1837. He was educated at the common schools and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the war he enlisted as a musician in the Tenth Regiment, C. V., and served under Colonel Russel. He is a republican.

### HENRY J. GATES

Of Hartland, is prominently identified with the interests of the town he now represents in the Assembly. Besides the offices of constable, town clerk, assessor, and minor offices held by him, he was a member of the House in 1855. He at present holds the position of assessor. Mr. Gates was born in Hartland April 13, 1820, and is now nearing his sixty-second birthday. He enjoyed the advantages of a good education at the common schools, and during life has followed the blacksmith's trade, at the same time engaging in farming. During the war of the rebellion he served as a corporal in the Sixteenth Regiment, C. V. Politically he is a Republican.

### GEORGE CLARK

Of Hartland, was born in the town which he now represents in the General Assembly, May 4, 1838, and is now forty-three years of age. He was educated at the common schools, and is a farmer. During the war he served as a private in the Twenty-fifth Regiment, C. V., commanded by Colonel George P. Bissell of Hartford. He is a Republican.





CHARLES HUNTER OWEN

Of Manchester, is a lawyer by profession, and was born in Hartford, March 15, 1838, his father being the late Elijah H. Owen. In his youth he attended the common schools in Hartford, and graduated from the High School in the class of 1856. He then entered Yale College, and graduated in the class of 1860, and has received the degree of A.M. from that institution of learning. Subsequently he studied at the Harvard Law School and received the degree of LL.B. in the class of 1863. He has since pursued his profession, his office being located in Hartford, and has

a large practice. During the war Mr. Owen enlisted in the first Regiment, Connecticut Heavy Artillery, and was commissioned captain by brevet. He served as aide-de-camp on General Robert O. Tyler's staff, with the fourth division of the second army corps. He obtained an honorable record and was pensioned for the loss of his left elbow at the battle of Cold Harbor. He is a Republican in politics, and has held the offices of Grand Juror and Justice of the Peace in Manchester.

**CLINTON W. COWLES**

Of Manchester, is engaged in the hotel and livery business there, and possesses a wide circle of acquaintances. He is forty-one years of age, having been born in the town which he now represents, July 9, 1841. His education was acquired at the common schools. He has held the offices of First Selectman and Judge of Probate, and is now a Notary Public and Clerk of the Probate Court in the Manchester District. During the war of the rebellion he was an army sutler in General Cowdins' brigade. His popularity is at-

tested by his election in the Republican town of Manchester. He is a Democrat in politics.

**JOHN A. HALING**

Of Marlboro, was born in that town March 20, 1855, and is among the young men of the General Assembly, being but twenty-six years of age. He was educated at the common schools, and is a farmer. He is a Democrat.





### AMBROSE BEATTY

Of New Britain, was born in Cleghill, County Langford, Ireland, June 10, 1831, and is now fifty years of age. He received a common school education, and at the early age of eighteen years entered the military service of Great Britain. In 1852 he left the army and emigrated to America, and for two years followed agricultural pursuits in Cherry Valley, Otsego County, N. Y. From there he went to Albany and engaged in the hardware business. In 1856 he removed to New Britain, and served for a period of sixteen years in the famous factories of the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, and of Landers, Frary & Clark. He is now engaged in business as a merchant, in the grocery, provision, and meat line, and his high standing in the mercantile community is due to the integrity of his character and upright dealings with all persons. Upon a number of occasions Mr. Beatty has served his towns-

men in a public capacity. In 1869, and again in 1870, when New Britain was a borough, he was elected one of the burgesses. When the old volunteer fire department was in existence he was elected chief, and held the position for a number of years. On the organization of the paid fire department he was appointed chief engineer by both political parties, and served in that capacity until elected senior alderman of the city in 1875. The year previous he was elected assessor. In the years 1878 and 1879 he represented the city in the House, and in the latter year was elected a member of the school committee and Mayor of New Britain, and is now chosen for the third time to represent that beautiful and prosperous city in the General Assembly. During the agitation of slavery Mr. Beatty was an uncompromising Republican, but for several years past he has been one of the most steadfast Democrats in the State.

### JAMES THOMSON

Of New Britain, was elected at the last election by the Democrats, and on all strictly party questions votes with them. He was born in Farmington, February 5, 1822, and is now in his sixtieth year. Educated at the common schools, he entered mercantile pursuits, but has now retired from active business. He is one of the incorporators of the New Britain Savings Bank, and is also a member of the Board of Street Commissioners of the city of New Britain. Heretofore he has declined all nominations to political offices.

### DAVID L. ROBBINS

Of Newington, was born in the town which he now represents in the Legislature, October 30, 1848, and is thirty-three years of age. His education was derived from the common schools and from the Golden Hill Institute of Bridgeport. His business is general farming and seed growing. In addition to the office of Representative he is also at present Town Treasurer of Newington. Politically he is a Democrat.

### REV. EDWARD SOUTHWORTH TOWNE

Of Plainville, is a native of Massachusetts, and was born in South Hadley Falls, June 20, 1839. He enjoyed a complete course of preparatory study and graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1864. During his life he has been engaged in the mercantile and life insurance business, but is now a clergyman. He is a Republican.

### JAMES HENRY WARNER

Of Rocky Hill, was born July 18, 1851, and is consequently thirty years of age. He enjoyed the advantage of a good common-school education, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a Democrat.

### EBENEZER GOODRICH CURTIS

Of Simsbury, passed his fifty-ninth year on the fifteenth day of last November. He was born in

Simsbury in 1822, and attended the common schools in that town and in 1840 the "old stone school" in Hartford. In politics he is a Democrat, unjust measures excepted, and has held in Simsbury the positions of Assessor, member of the Board of Relief, and Constable. He is at present a member of the Board of Relief and Town Registrar. He is a farmer.

### DANIEL OLCOTT REED

Of Simsbury, occupies a public office this year for the first time, although he has previously engaged in politics, having served as a member of the State Central Democratic Committee from the Third Senatorial District. He was born in Granby, October 1, 1846, and is now in his thirty-sixth year. His education was acquired at the common schools, and during active life he has engaged in business as a merchant.

### JAMES FRANKLIN PRATT

Of Southington, is forty years of age, and will reach his next birthday on the fourteenth day of the coming May. He was born in Southington, and acquired a good education at the district school and the Lewis academy in that town. He is now engaged in the general merchandise business. He is at present President of the Village Improvement Society of Southington, and a member of the Board of Relief. The last-named position he has held for three years. In politics he is a Republican.

### GEORGE FRANCIS SMITH

Is a leading citizen of Southington, having for many years been prominently identified with the interests of this town. He is now in his fifty-first year, having been born in New Haven, October 24, 1831. His education was acquired at the common schools and the academy. At the age of seventeen years he entered into business pursuits, and until his twenty-sixth year was a dry-goods salesman. He then located in Hartford, in the retail business, and remained there four years; at the expiration of this time he



went to New York, where he engaged in the wholesale business. In 1851 he became connected as a partner with the firm of H. D. Smith & Co., of Plantsville, the oldest manufacturers of carriage makers' hardware and forgings in the country. At present Mr. Smith is business manager of the firm. He is also President of the Southington Savings Bank, and holds several minor local offices. In the seven years' war of the people of Plantsville with the New Haven and Northampton Railroad Company, to establish and maintain their rights to a depot in Plantsville, Mr. Smith has taken an active part, and has served as chairman of the citizens' committee. During his life he has never given attention actively to politics, but at the last election was elected by the Republicans by a majority of one hundred and seventy-nine votes, the largest majority ever given any candidate in Southington.

#### JOHN P. JONES

Of South Windsor, was born in Hartford, May 15, 1832, his present age being forty-nine years. His education was derived from the common schools. At an early age he removed to South Windsor, and has there pursued the avocation of farming. He has also been for several years prominently connected with the affairs of the town, having held the several offices of Assessor, member of the Board of Relief, Selectman, and Agent of the Town Deposit and School Society Funds. The last-named position he now holds. He was elected by the Democratic party.

#### SILAS W. CLARK

Of Suffield, is a Republican in politics. He was born in Washington, Berkshire county, Mass., July 22, 1814, and is now sixty-seven years old. During his life he has been engaged in business as a stock dealer and farmer. For two terms he has held the office of Selectman in Suffield. For

several years he has been a director of the First National Bank of Suffield.

#### JAMES RISING

Of Suffield, was born in that town and is about fifty-five years of age. His education was derived from the common schools in his native town, and during his life he has resided there, engaging in the vocations of a farmer and general trader. A strong Republican, he was nominated by that party for Representative and received the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket. He has previously held the office of Selectman and minor local offices in Suffield.

#### E. BUEL ROOT

Of West Hartford, was elected to the Legislature for the second time at the last election, he having been a member of the House during the last session. He was born in West Hartford, November 20, 1837, and received his education at the common school and academy. During the years 1874, 1875, and 1876 he was on the School Committee, and was Secretary of the School Board, and a Justice of the Peace. In the Union army he was a private under General Joseph R. Hawley, in the first three-months' regiment, and was afterwards Captain of Company D, Twenty-second regiment, C. V. In politics he is a Republican, and pursues farming as an avocation.

#### EDWIN F. GRISWOLD

Of Wethersfield, was born in the town which he now represents, September 22, 1834, and is now in his forty-eighth year. In his youth he received a good common school and academic education, and during life has pursued farming as an avocation. This is his first public office, to which he was elected by the Republicans of his town in November last.



### EDWARD DENMORE ROBBINS

Of Wethersfield, is a Republican. Born in Wethersfield October 20, 1853, he received a good primary and high school education, and at the conclusion of this entered Yale College, and graduated in the class of 1874, of which class he was valedictorian. After receiving his diploma he continued his studies for two years at the college, and after one year passed in a German university, again returned to New Haven and entered the Yale Law School, where he remained one year and a half. He is a lawyer by profession.

### DANIEL W. PHELPS

Of Windsor, is a native of that town, and is now twenty-nine years old. He was educated at the common school, and at the conclusion of his school days followed agricultural pursuits until he reached his majority. At that age he became a commercial traveler, and in 1877 went into the general merchandise business, at Windsor. He was formerly postmaster of that town, and is a Republican.

### LEMUEL R. LORD

Of Windsor, was postmaster at Poquonnoc for five years, and is now treasurer of the Poquonnoc school district. He was born in East Windsor, January 25, 1835, and is now in his forty-seventh year. After receiving a good common-school education, he entered business as a miller,

and pursued this avocation for twenty years. Since then he has engaged in business as a merchant. During the war he enlisted in the Twenty-fifth regiment, C. V., and served in that command as sergeant. He is a Republican.

### JOHN WILLIAM COOGAN

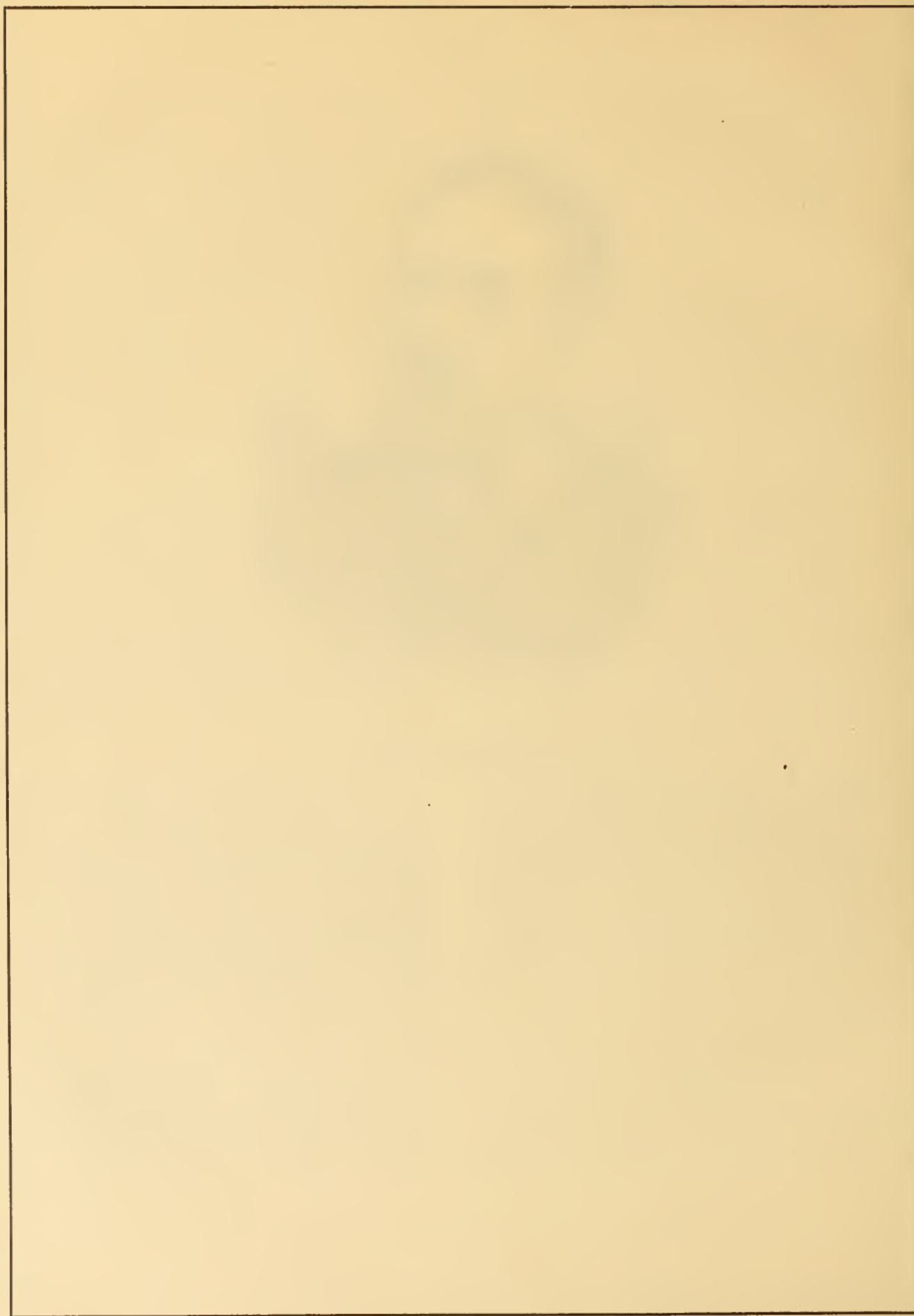
Of Windsor Locks, is one of the youngest members of the House, his present age being but twenty-six years. He was born in Windsor Locks, June 3, 1855, and received a thorough schooling at the public schools in that town. Subsequently he entered St. John's College, in Fordham, N. Y., and graduated from that institution in 1876. Choosing the legal profession as his avocation, Mr. Coogan entered the office of his brother, Hon. T. C. Coogan, at Thompsonville, and remained with him until the fall of 1877, when he entered the Yale Law School, in New Haven, from whence he graduated in 1879. During his stay in New Haven and while in attendance at the law school, Mr. Coogan studied in the office of Hon. William C. Case, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, and had the benefit of his able care and instruction. Immediately after graduating he came to Hartford and took the office of his brother, Hon. T. C. Coogan. Although enjoying an extensive acquaintance in the surrounding towns, Mr. Coogan's practice is principally confined to Hartford. In 1881 he was admitted to practice in the United States courts. In politics he is a Democrat, and at the last election ran thirty-one votes ahead of the number cast for the Democratic candidate for Senator in Windsor Locks.



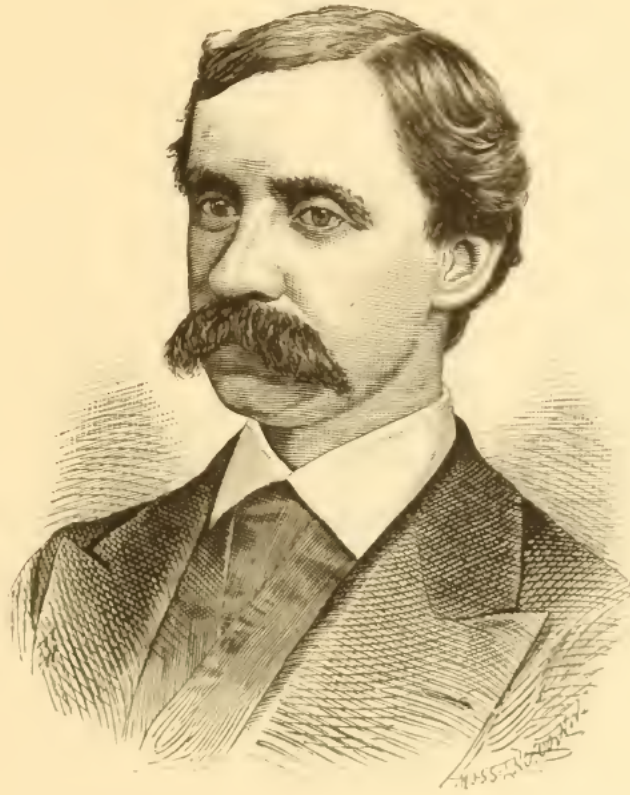
A. HEATON ROBERTSON

Of New Haven, will be remembered by those who sat in the House in 1880 as one of its ablest members. His ability was clearest demonstrated by his minority report, as a member of the Committee on Contested Elections, in the somewhat famous "Haddam election case," which was a logical and profound exposition of the merits of the claims of the contesting parties. He was also a member of the Committee on Railroads, and acted as its clerk. Colonel Robertson is a native of New Haven, and is but a little past his thirty-first birthday. He is a member of the law firm of Wright, Robertson & Hotchkiss, the senior member of which is also in the present House, is a son of Hon. John B. Robertson, mayor of New Haven, ex-Secretary of State, and

formerly postmaster of New Haven, and a grandson of the late Abram Heaton, of that city. He graduated from Yale in the class of 1872, and in 1874 from the Columbia Law School, and gained admission to the bar of New York State in the same year. In 1875 he was admitted to the bar of New Haven county, and has since been in active practice. Governor Ingersoll appointed him one of his aides-de-camp in 1873, and he was re-commissioned during each year of his administration. He was elected Alderman of the Sixth Ward of New Haven, in 1877, and served until 1881. In 1880 he was a member and chairman of the Lamp department. He is now a director in the Oppenheim Manufacturing Company of New Haven. In politics he is a Democrat.





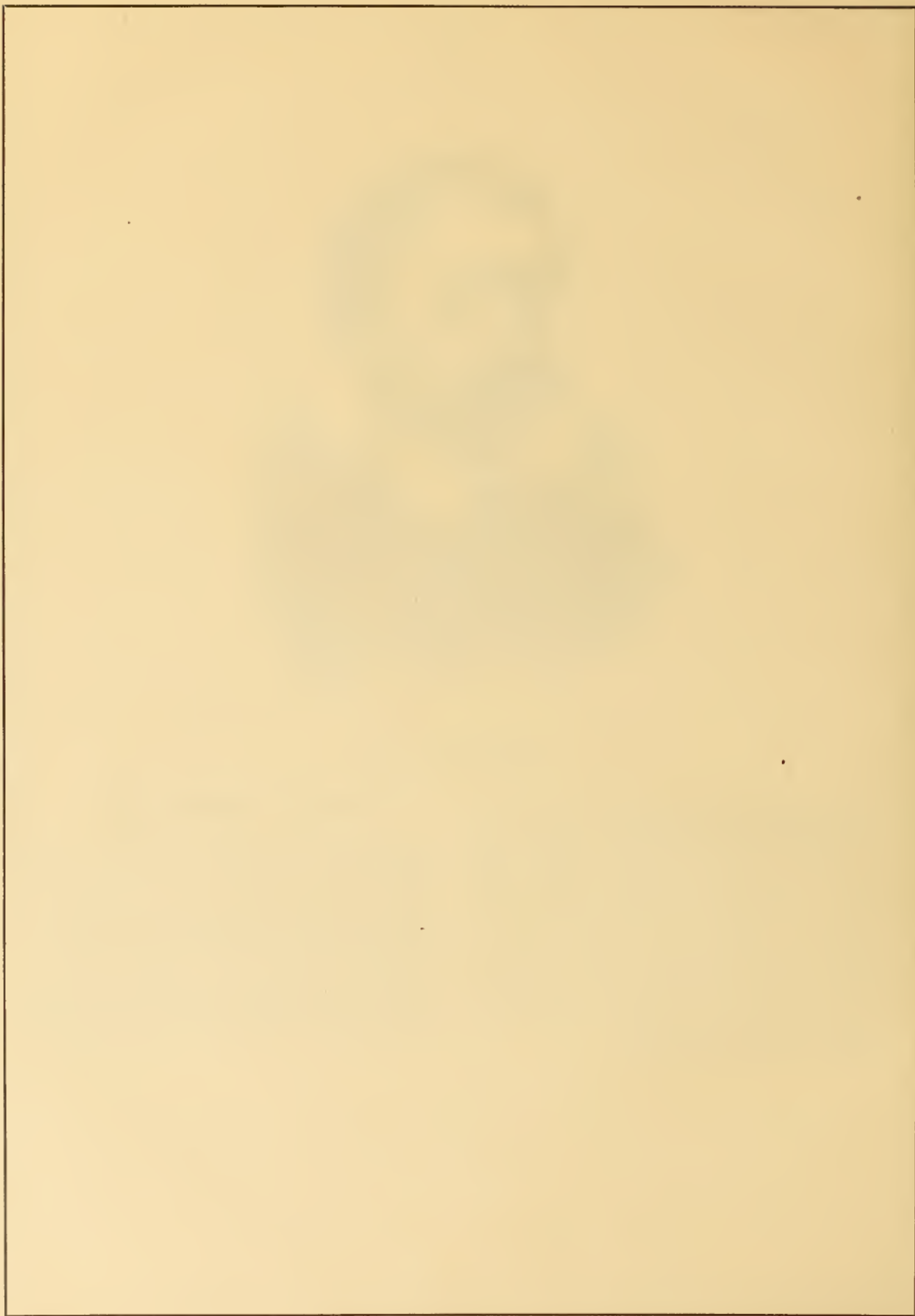


TIMOTHY J. FOX.

A keen and shrewd young lawyer, is one of New Haven's Representatives this year. He graduated from the Yale Law Department in 1869, having previously studied at the New Haven High School, a private Classical School, and St. Francis Xavier's College, N. Y. He has been City Clerk and City Attorney of New Haven, understands its politics thoroughly, and is a leader of the Young Democracy of that city. He is a native of Ireland, and is thirty-five years of age. He has a lucrative law practice.

## ANDREW WHEELER CULVER

Of Beacon Falls, a native of Oxford, is the representative of this town. He was born February 19, 1846, and is now in his thirty-fifth year. Though never before in the Legislature, he has held the offices of Selectman and Assessor, has been a member of the Board of Relief, and occupied other positions of trust. He was educated at the common schools, and is a farmer and cattle dealer. He votes with the Republicans.





SAMUEL RUSSELL WOODWARD

Of Bethany, has never before been elected to the Legislature, but he has had a large experience in local offices, having been Selectman six years, Town Agent four years, Agent Town Deposit Fund three years, Acting School Visitor seven years, Highway Commissioner one year, and Justice of the Peace five years, and now holds all

these positions of responsibility. Mr. Woodward was born in Morris on October 8, 1844, and is now in his thirty-eighth year. The common schools and academy afforded him a means of gaining an education. He follows the dual occupations of farming in summer time and teaching school in winter. He is a Democrat.



### WILLIAM ALVIN WRIGHT

Of Branford, senior member of the New Haven law firm of Wright, Robertson & Hotchkiss, represents Branford at this session of the Legislature. He is a native of Waukesha, Wisconsin, is thirty-four years old, and graduated from the Yale Law School in 1872. In June of that year he began the practice of his profession in New Haven, and has been a resident of Branford since the fall of 1876. Prior to his admission, Mr. Wright was for several years connected with newspaper enterprises in New Haven, having been one of the originators of the New Haven *Lever* in 1868, and in 1871 and '72 was the publisher of the *Daily News*, an evening paper, which, under his management, was quite successful. His father, Robert W. Wright, was a well-known newspaper man in this State and in Richmond, Va., and during the administration of Governor English was his Executive Secretary. Mr. Wright is a Democrat.

### BENJAMIN A. JARVIS

Of Cheshire, is one of the veterans of the House, his experience beginning in 1845 and continuing in the years 1851, 1863, 1865, 1866, 1868, and 1877. Mr. Jarvis is a native of Cheshire, and is sixty-eight years of age. He is a trustee and

treasurer of the Episcopal Academy in that place, Judge of Probate and First Selectman. Of local offices he has held those of Assessor, Collector of Taxes, and member of the Board of Relief. He was educated at the common schools and Episcopal Academy, and has followed farming. He generally acts with the Democratic party.

### CHARLES B. TERRELL

Of Cheshire, who also represents Cheshire, is another of the young members, he now being in his twenty-fifth year. He is a native of Cheshire, and was born on April 1, 1856. He is a member of the fraternity of farmers, and in politics is a Democrat. He was educated at the common school and at the Cheshire Episcopal Academy.

### WILLIAM E. DOWNES

Of Derby, a graduate of Yale, class of '45, represents his town this year, a duty he also performed in 1855. Mr. Downes is a native of Milford, and is fifty-seven years old. During the last eighteen years he has been connected with manufacturing enterprises. He is a Republican.



CHARLES H. PINE

Of Derby, whose experience in mercantile and banking pursuits well fits him for a place upon some of the important committees, has his first experience as a legislator this session. Mr. Pine was born in Riverton, town of Barkhamsted, on September 20, 1845, and is therefore in his thirty-seventh year. He left the public schools at the age of sixteen years to enlist as a drummer in Company E, Nineteenth Connecticut Volunteers, afterward the Second Connecticut Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and served three years and until the close of the war. At its termination he engaged in mercantile business with N.

B. Lathrop, in Wolcottville (now Torrington), remaining two years. In 1867 he entered the Ansonia National Bank as clerk, and was subsequently made book-keeper and then teller, and in 1873 was elected cashier of the institution—a position he now holds. He is also president of the Seymour Manufacturing Company, treasurer of the Fourth School District of Derby and the Pine-Grove Cemetery Association, and in 1879 and 1880 was treasurer of the borough of Ansonia. He is a Republican, and in 1876, 1878, and 1880 advocated the cause of that party "on the stump."

## ORLANDO B. THOMPSON

Of East Haven, who was born March 26, 1817, represents his native town, an office for which he was nominated in 1876 and again in 1880. In the latter year he unsuccessfully contested the claim of his competitor to an election. Mr. Thompson was educated at the common schools, and the winters of his early years were passed in fishing in Georgia waters, and his summers in taking menhaden in the North. He introduced Saltonstall-Lake ice into New Haven in the spring of 1844. He has held the office of Registrar since the passage of the act creating it, he has been Town Treasurer since 1879, and is also Treasurer of the Town Deposit and School Funds, Senior Warden of Christ Church, and Treasurer of the parish. He is a staunch Democrat, but is ready to act regardless of party when it is for the public weal.

## ELISHA CHAPMAN BISHOP

Of Guilford, is a native of the town he represents, and was born April 10, 1824. From 1861 to 1871 he was engaged in the production of petroleum in the Pennsylvania oil-fields, and while a resident of Titusville, the great oil center, served as member and President of its School Board, and also as a director of one of its banks. Returning to Guilford in 1872, he was elected First Selectman, was re-elected in six of the succeeding years, and still holds the office. He has been a Warden of the Borough, and is a corporate member of the Guilford Savings Bank. During the last ten years he has been a farmer, to which calling he was bred in his youth. He is a Republican.





### EDWARD GRISWOLD

Of Guilford, a native of the same town, and now in his forty-second year, will be remembered with pride and pleasure by all who served during the war in the First Light Battery of Connecticut Volunteers. When the civil war broke out he was twenty-two years old, and in September, 1861, he, with another resident of Guilford, enlisted thirty-four of the young men of that place as members of the First Light Battery, and served with them as a private soldier in that organization three years. At the end of that time his record showed that he had participated in one more engagement than any other member of the battery. Returning from the war, he was solicited by the late Governor Buckingham and by Generals Russell and Kellogg to recruit a section of artillery for the Connecticut National Guard. This he did, the condition of many enlistments being that he too should become a member, and upon organization he was unanimously elected commander—a position he most satisfactorily

filled six years. It was the first battery that ever appeared with the State militia fully equipped for mounted service. He has been an active member of the Grand Army from its organization. During the past fifteen years he has kept a "country store" of general merchandise, and for several years has been business manager of the Guilford Canning Company, a concern which packed over \$50,000 worth of fruits the past season. He is public-spirited and popular, especially with the young people and laboring classes. He was born June 30, 1839, and studied at the common schools and at the Guilford Institute. He cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln, and has always voted with the Republicans.

### BELA ATWATER MANN

Of Hauden, now in his forty-seventh year, was born in Naugatuck on September 4, 1845, and

was educated at the common schools. He votes with the Democrats. His business is that of manufacturing tapes and webs.

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HORACE O. HILL

Of Madison, Republican, served the cause of the Union as a member of Company I, Twenty-sev-

enth Connecticut Volunteers. He was born in Madison on March 2, 1836, and attended its common schools and academy. He has been collector, member of the Board of Relief, and Justice of the Peace—the latter office having been held by him since 1875. He gives most of his time to farming pursuits.

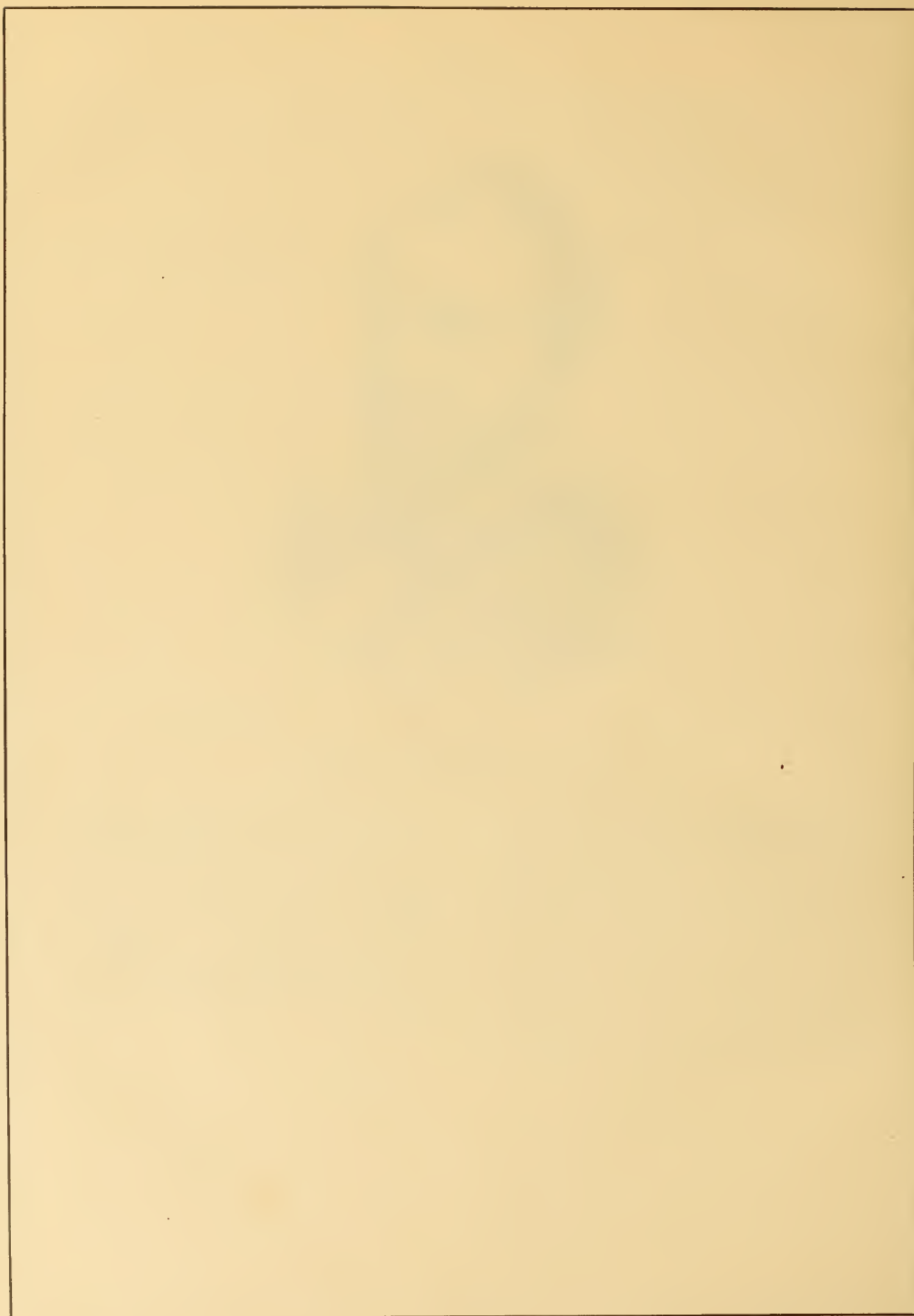


WILLIAM WORCESTER LYMAN

Of Meriden, comes to the Legislature for the third time, having been a member of the House in 1859 and 1881. He is busily engaged in manufacturing, being president of the Meriden Flint Glass Company (which establishment turns out unquestionably the finest goods made in the country, with none superior any where in the world) and director in various other large concerns in that city, and was formerly president of the Meriden Cutlery Company. It is claimed for him that he introduced air-tight fruit-jars into

the markets, and was the first to issue printed directions as to their use—being thus the pioneer in an important branch of industry which to-day represents millions of dollars annually. He is a leading and representative citizen of Meriden, and has been a member of both branches of its city council. In politics he is a Republican. He is a native of Woodford, Vermont, was born on March 29, 1821, and was a pupil at the common schools.







DR. GROVE HERRICK WILSON

Of Meriden, Republican, is the colleague of Mr. Lyman in the present Legislature. He was a member of the House in 1880 also, and was Chairman of the Committee on Humane Institutions. He was born in Stockbridge, Mass., on March 25, 1824, and was educated at its public schools, at the Lee (Mass.) Academy, and by private tutors. Thereafter he taught school in Massachusetts and Delaware until he entered the Berkshire Medical Institution at Pittsfield, Mass., from which he graduated with a doctor's diploma in 1849. He at once began the practice of medicine, and has since uninterruptedly followed it. He has held various local offices in this State and Massachusetts, particularly that of Chairman of the Board of Education, many years. The doctor's tastes and studies are in the direction of scientific and liberal culture. He is versed in modern progress and discovery, and has positive individual opinions on such matters. Though not a member of the church, he holds to a rigid

morality and is moved by high religious sentiments, and on religious subjects thinks broadly and deeply, and one of his aims is to make profitable his social as well as his professional life. He comes by direct descent from 'Erick the For-ester, whose long war with the Angles resulted in his accession to a belt of land extending entirely across England and embracing the counties of Leicester and Warwick. The family retain a manor at Great Streton, Leicestershire. His American ancestor was Henry, son of Sir William Herrick, who settled in Salem, Mass., in 1629, and whose grandson settled in Preston, Conn., in 1702, and a great-grandson in Coventry, Conn., in 1730, where was born Dr. Daniel Herrick, the maternal grandfather of the doctor, who, though born in another State, may truly claim to be a representative of this State. On his father's side he is connected with some Revolutionary stock through James Wilson, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

### GEORGE O. ELLIS

Of Middlebury, is now in his sixty-sixth year, and was chosen by the Republicans to represent this town. Mr. Ellis is a manufacturer of repute. He is a grand juror and member of the Board of Education. In his youth he attended the common schools. He was born on September 7, 1815, in Attleboro, Mass.

### CHARLES A. TOMLINSON

Who represented Milford in the House in 1876 and 1877, is in the Legislature for the third time this session. Though but thirty years old, he has "made his mark in the world," and has held many important offices, those of county commissioner for New Haven County, and member and secretary of the Board of Education being among them. He is a director in several manufacturing concerns, and holds various local offices. As a dealer in coal he has been quite successful. He was born in Milford on July 19, 1848, and was educated at its public and high schools. He is a Democrat, but professes to be ready to act on all questions unbiased by party or personal prejudices.

### THOMAS W. STOW

Of Milford, makes his first appearance in the House at this session. He has often been called to the local offices of town clerk, justice of the peace, grand juror, commissioner of the Superior Court, and auditor of town accounts. He was born in Milford on May 4, 1842, and is therefore thirty-nine years of age. He enjoyed the advantages of the common schools. He votes with the Democrats.

### DR. FRANKLIN B. TUTTLE

Of Naugatuck, is this year called upon to represent his native town in the Legislature, having been the Democratic nominee for that office. He is forty-two years old, and has practiced medicine since his graduation from Yale Medical College in January, 1864, having previously received a practical and thorough English education. He was elected school visitor by his townsmen seventeen years ago, and has since continuously held that office.

### WILLIAM BRONSON CURTIS

Of North Branford, is a native of Exeter, Otsego County, New York, and is sixty-nine years of age. After the usual course of instruction at the common schools, he entered Yale College, graduating therefrom in 1840, and in 1843 was ordained to the ministry at Humphreyville, now Seymour. Nearly up to the time he entered Yale he worked upon his father's farm, and now employs his otherwise unoccupied time in assisting in the care of his son's farm. He has never held political or civil office until now, and has not been a politician in the popular sense. He is a Republican.

### ANDREW F. AUSTIN

Of North Haven, a native of the town, represents it in the Legislature for the first time this year. For fourteen years, beginning with 1866, he was a selectman of North Haven; eleven years, beginning with 1869, town agent; twenty years school visitor, and nineteen years justice of the peace. The last two offices he now holds. He was also enumerator for the 102d district, employed in taking the tenth census in this State. Mr. Austin was born in North Haven on March 26, 1834, and is now nearly 48 years of age. He is a farmer and a member of the Republican party.





EDWARD E. BRADLEY

Of Orange, was born at New Haven, January 5, 1845, and was educated in the public and private schools of that city. In his sixteenth year he was appointed to a clerkship in the New Haven Wheel Company's establishment, and has remained there continuously until the present time, with the exception of eight months in 1865, when he was with John English & Co., also of New Haven, in the iron trade. In the fall of 1865 he accepted the treasurership of the Wheel Company, and has since retained the position, discharging its duties with eminent ability and success. The company is one of the largest business concerns in the State, employing a corps of workmen the year round. Its reputation is widely known, not only throughout the United States, but also in foreign lands, where it has extensive business transactions. But it is not wholly as a successful business man that Colonel Bradley is known and honored. His associations with the National Guard of Connecticut, and his efforts for the pro-

motion of its interests have given him an enviable distinction in the State. In May, 1861, he joined the military organization at New Haven known as "The Independent Company of New Haven Grays," which was organized after the departure of the active command for the war. Two years later he was an active and foremost worker for the re-organization of the Grays as a company under the State military laws, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant. The command was assigned to the Second Regiment, and has since been known as Company F. of that organization. He was promoted to First Lieutenant, November 9, 1863, and was commissioned Captain, October 6, 1865. In June, 1868, he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel, and August 16, 1869, he was commissioned as commander of the regiment. Colonel Bradley was one of the best officers the Second Regiment ever had, and aided essentially in developing the splendid military feeling which existed in that command for ten or a dozen years.

after the war. The New Haven Grays were his especial pride, and during his captaincy, from 1865 to 1868, the company was recruited to the maximum of 101 officers and men, the limit then prescribed by law. Under his command it became the model military organization of the State. On assuming command of the regiment he carried the same spirit of emulation with him, and was amply rewarded by seeing the old Second respond warmly and heartily to his ambitions. In August, 1871, he resigned his command, having been in the service for nearly nine years. In every position which he held, his record was one of loyalty and devotion to the National Guard. He was appointed Paymaster-General, with rank of Brigadier-General, by Governor Hubbard in 1877, and held the position two years. He has been a member of the Board of Burgesses at West Haven, and is one of the leading residents of the town which he represents. The present is his first term in the House, but his extensive business and military experience fits him for rendering valuable service. General Bradley is a Democrat in politics, a man of strong and honest convictions, and is the first Democratic representative from Orange since 1851.

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#### JAMES H. BARTLETT

Of Oxford, who satisfactorily represented this town in the House in 1879, has again been called to perform that office. He is now fifty-two years of age, having been born in Washington, Dutchess County, New York, on October 7, 1829. He was educated in the common schools, and about the year 1857 removed to Freeport, Ill., where he engaged in mercantile business. He remained

there a number of years, and was one of its Aldermen in 1858 and 1859. He is at present, as he has been for nine years, a selectman of Oxford, and has abandoned mercantile pursuits for farming. He acts with the Republican party. In 1852 he voted for General Scott, in New York city, and did active political work in the Fremont campaign of 1856, and was also an ardent supporter of Abraham Lincoln.

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#### GEORGE F. TYLER

Of Prospect, who served his town in the House in 1870, again assumes the office of representative. Members of the old Twentieth Connecticut will remember him as a private in company A. He was born in Prospect on November 23, 1833, and is therefore but a little way along in his forty-ninth year. His occupation is that of brazing hoe and fork ferules. For four years he was selectman of Prospect, and is now one of its grand jurors. He was educated at the public schools, and is a Republican.

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#### JOHN W. ROGERS

Of Seymour, has been baggage-master at this place during the last nineteen years, and has also followed the occupation of a farmer. He is a justice of the peace, and has been constable and grand juror. He was born at Woodbury on August 20, 1813, and had no other educational advantages than those of the common school. He is a Republican.



ASAHIEL F. MITCHELL.

Of Southbury, a native of Woodbury, was born in 1823. His boyhood was spent upon the farm, and he was educated in the common schools and academy. In early manhood he removed to Virginia, and was employed in mercantile pursuits by his uncle, and later continued in that business in Wisconsin upon his own account. In 1849 he went to California. At the first he worked in the mines, engaged in freighting, and with his brother, J. W. Mitchell, opened grocery and provision stores at Murphy's, Calaveras county, and Sonora, Tuolumne county. These he disposed of when the mines began to fail, and settled in Stockton, where, having a knowledge of dentistry, he opened an office, and had a lucrative practice until his return in 1863 to his native town. In the spring of 1864 he went to Fayette county,

Ohio, to cultivate a large farm he had bought for speculative purposes. In consequence of the war help was scarce, but with the aid of seven families living upon the farm he raised in that year 400 acres of corn besides other crops, one-half the corn being harvested by the wives, girls, and boys of the farm hands who were serving in the army. During his residence in Ohio he was conspicuously active in procuring enlistments at the most critical period of the war. In the fall of 1864 he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., and engaged in real estate dealings. Eleven years ago he purchased the farm where he principally resides. He has held many local offices in this and other States. He has voted for every Republican presidential nominee since the organization of the party.



## PHINEAS T. IVES

Of Wallingford, who was a member of the House in 1863, re-appears as a representative the present year. He is one of the leading business men of that place, and is widely known as a manufacturer of matches. He is fifty-nine years of age, was born in Cheshire on February 15, 1822, and enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the common school. He has held the various town and borough offices, and is now a water commissioner, and director in the Dime Savings Bank of Wallingford. He is a member of the Democratic party.

## JOHN W. BLAKESLEE

Of Wallingford, a farmer and dealer in cattle, has always been concerned in or connected with large grazing or stock farms, and has given little attention to political offices. He is a native of Wallingford, and became forty-one years old on the 22d day of October last. He has been Justice of the Peace, Grand Juror, and member of the Board of Relief, but has declined to serve as Selectman or Assessor. He was the Democratic candidate for Representative.

## JUDGE CHARLES W. GILLETTE

Of Waterbury, a Republican, appears for this town at this session. He is fifty years of age, and has practiced law since 1856. Formerly he was postmaster of Waterbury, and a member and clerk of its city council, judge of its city court, and is now judge of probate for the Waterbury district. He was born in that portion of Oxford now included in Beacon Falls, and was educated at the common schools and academy, and by private instructors.

## HENRY C. GRIGGS

Of Waterbury, represents this busy city in this legislature. He was born in Tolland on December 18, 1834, but has lived in Waterbury since 1845. At fourteen years of age he found employment in the dry-goods store of Elisha Turner. In 1851 he became connected with the Waterbury Hook and Eye company, and subsequently engaged in several business enterprises until 1864, when he organized the Smith & Griggs company, John E. Smith being the senior partner. During the last few years he has been engaged in the manufacture of metal goods. He has several times been a candidate for the Legislature, and has been an alderman and one of the road commissioners of Waterbury. He was educated at the common schools and the academy. His politics are those of the Republican party. He is a clear headed, shrewd, prompt business man and a genial and courteous companion.

## SAMUEL M. BAILEY,

A native and much esteemed citizen of Wolcott, also represented the town in the legislature of 1881. He became 51 years of age on the 7th of January. In the late war he served in company E, Twentieth Connecticut Volunteers. He is a farmer, a graduate of the common schools, and a Republican.

## CHARLES THOMAS WALKER

Of Woodbridge, dealer in pianos and organs and teacher of music, is called for the first time to represent this town. He is 42 years of age, having been born in Oxford, on July 12, 1839. He studied at the common schools and the academy, and at present holds no office. He will support the measures of the Republican party.



GEORGE COIT RIPLEY,

The well-known lawyer, sits in the House for the first time as a representative of Norwich. He is a native of that place, and is in his forty-third year. After passing through the graded schools of Norwich he entered its famous Free Academy, and was a member of its first graduating class. Subsequently he entered Yale and graduated with the class of 1862. Soon after leaving college he enlisted in the Tenth Connecticut Volunteers, and was discharged at the close of the war a

first lieutenant. Returning to Norwich he opened a law office, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He has been city clerk, city recorder, and city attorney of Norwich, has sat in its city council, and has been associated with the State's attorney in the prosecution of many of the important criminal cases in the courts of New London County. Colonel Ripley is a Republican, and has done effective campaign work for that organization.

### HENRY BISHOP DOWNER

Of New London, was reëlected by a handsome majority to serve in the present Legislature, his course as a member of the House of 1881 having been entirely satisfactory to his constituents. He acts this year, as last, with the Democrats. Mr. Downer is one of the oldest and most popular conductors on the New London Northern road, being now in the twenty-seventh consecutive year of service in that capacity. He was born at Bozrah on November 18, 1816, and was educated at the common schools.

### BRYAN F. MAHAN

Of New London, the colleague of Mr. Downer, is a native of the town he has been called for the first time to represent, and is in his twenty-sixth

year, the date of his birth being May 1, 1856. When 16 years old he graduated from the Bartlett High School in New London, and immediately apprenticed himself for three years to the plumbing trade, an occupation he followed until the fall of 1877, when he gratified a desire to read law, and for that purpose entered the office of ex senator Ralph Wheeler, with whom he remained until the following year, and then entered the Albany Law School, for which he passed a creditable examination, and graduated therefrom in 1880. Immediately after graduation he was admitted to the bar of the State of New York, and in March, 1881, to that of Connecticut. His success has been attained by patient and persistent toil, and not without encountering many obstacles and discouragements. He is an industrious and patient student, and one of the most active and energetic members of the Democratic party locally.





WILLIAM STEBBINS CONGDON.

Second representative from Norwich, is a native of that town, where he was born January 1, 1851. After a course in the common schools, he passed through the Free Academy, graduating valedictorian of his class in 1870. He subsequently entered the Sophomore class in Brown University, and graduated in 1875. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar. Soon after, he formed a partnership with the Hon. Allen Tenny, which has continued to the present time. In 1879 he was chosen

clerk of the city court, a position he still holds. Mr. Congdon is an earnest Republican, did effective work in the last Presidential campaign, making speeches in various parts of Eastern Connecticut, and materially aiding to swell the unprecedented majority which that section gave for Garfield and Arthur. He was elected to the House of Representatives last fall by a large majority. This is his first legislative term.

### JOSHUA CHARLES LEFFINGWELL

Of Bozrah, is a native of the town he represents, and will become forty-six years of age next May. He has been justice of the peace for a number of years, and is now a grand juror. After receiving the usual course of instruction at the common schools he attended a select school in Norwich Town. He is a farmer, and a member of the Republican party.

### URIAH W. CARRIER,

First representative of Colechester, is a self-made man who has come to the front through the exercise of persistent and well-directed energy. He is a native of that town, and has but just reached his fifty-seventh birthday. His boyhood was passed upon a farm, but at the age of twenty years he set forth to begin anew, and, finding his way to Rockville, obtained employment with Hunt, McLean & Co., with whom he remained three years. He then became junior partner of the new firm of Hunt, Stickney & Carrier, which subsequently did an extensive business in general merchandise. In the spring of 1858 Mr. Carrier opened a large dry-goods store in Hartford, but at the end of two years sold it and returned to Rockville. There he resumed business, and during the next fourteen years enjoyed a lucrative trade. In 1874 he disposed of his store in Rockville and removed to Colechester, where he has since lived and has conducted the business of a country merchant with marked success. He had only ordinary educational advantages in his youth, and but few helps over the hard places that poor and struggling young men encounter. Mr. Carrier is a life-long Democrat. He has held various local offices.

### JOHN WILLIAM ENGLISH

Of Colechester, the second representative, is also a Democrat. He is a native of Colechester, and was born on September 10, 1850. He received

a general common school education, and is actively engaged in the manufacture of rubber boots.

### JOHN W. LUCE

Of East Lyme, is a member of the firm of Luce Brothers, who were pioneers in the development of the Menhaden fisheries, a business that has grown in the last fifteen years from insignificant proportions to be a vast industry, employing hundreds of men and more than a million dollars in capital. They were the first to introduce steam vessels into the fisheries, and their enterprise and intelligence are perceptible in every department of the business. They deal largely in menhaden oil and fertilizers, and occupy extensive mills at East Lyme in the prosecution of their business. John W. Luce is a native of Tisbury, Mass., and is a little more than forty-five years old. He is a Republican, and was a member of the House in 1873.

### OLIVER L. JOHNSON

Of Franklin, was born in that town on March 28, 1828, and is in his fifty-third year. He enjoyed such educational advantages as were to be obtained from district and select schools in the country. He is one of the general agents of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, and is also engaged with the New London Northern Railroad as purchasing agent. His father was in the war of 1812, and represented the town of Franklin during one term of the Legislature in New Haven.

### HENRY ADAMS LATHROP

Was chosen in 1849 to represent Griswold, and he is now in the Legislature for the second time. He was born in Providence, R. I., on October 29, 1813, and is in his sixty-ninth year. He was elected as a Republican.

### PARMENAS AVERY

Of Groton, who served in Company C, Twenty-first Connecticut Volunteers, and is a successful dealer in stoves and hardware and a practical house and ship plumber and tinsmith, is first Representative of Groton. On October 1, 1841, he was born in Stonington, and was educated in the common schools of that place. He was formerly a Republican, but followed the late Horace Greeley into the so-called "Liberal Republican" ranks, and has been identified with the Democratic party since.

### SUMNER H. GOVE

Of Groton, is a native of Nahant, Mass., and twenty-nine years old. He is the Republican Registrar of Voters in Groton. He attended the high schools in his youth, and now conducts the business of a carpenter and builder.

### NATHANIEL B. WILLIAMS

Of Lebanon, was born in 1822. He has been an active member of the Republican party since its organization, and will continue to act and vote with it. Mr. Williams was educated at the excellent high schools in Colchester, and Westfield, Mass. He has held the offices of selectman and assessor several years. His occupation is farming. He is a native of Lebanon.

### CHARLES C. LOOMIS

Of Lebanon, is one of the many farmers who are members of the House, and to this occupation he couples that of teaching school. He is a native of the town he represents, and was born on January 30, 1848. Common and select schools furnished the basis of his education. He has held the offices of grand juror, assessor, and member of the Board of Relief. He is a Republican.

### JAMES A. BILLINGS

Of Ledyard, was born in North Groton, now known as Ledyard, on February 24, 1821, and is nearly sixty-one years of age. He has been Judge of Probate, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer, his term of service in the latter two offices expiring very recently. He votes the Republican ticket, is a farmer, and was educated at the common schools.

### AUGUSTUS F. READ

Of Lisbon, was born in that town on the 16th day of October, 1841, and is in his forty-first year. He is another of the many farmers in the House, and also one of the many Democrats. He attended the common schools in his youth, has held several local offices, and is one of the Registrars of Electors in Lisbon.

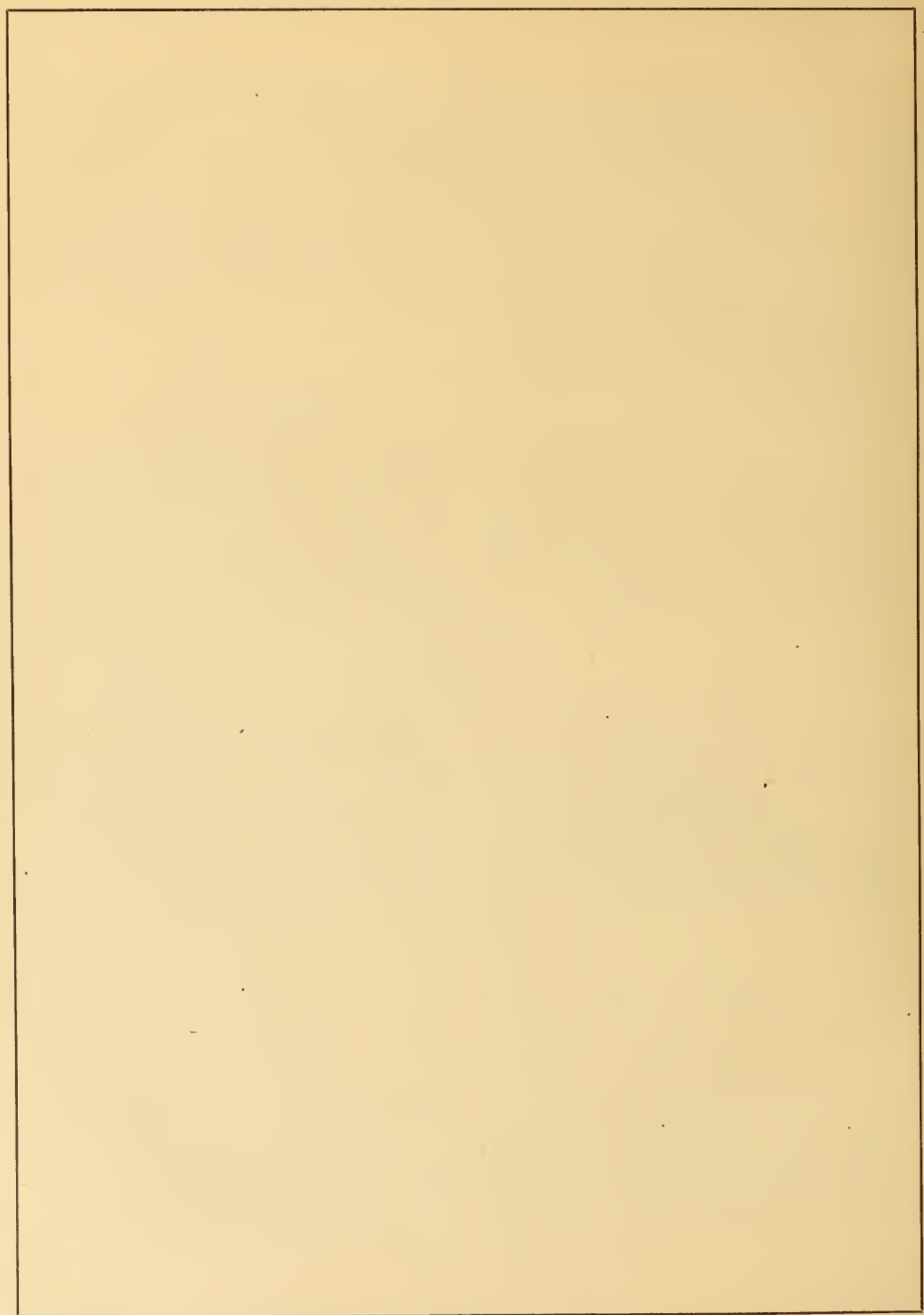
### HENRY B. L. REYNOLDS,

First Representative of Lyme, was born in Norwich Town on May 24, 1826, and is 55 years of age. He has occupied the most important office at the disposal of the town, that of selectman, and enjoys the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was a pupil in the excellent schools of Lyme, and has been a carpenter for many years.

### BENAJAH P. BILL

Of Lyme, was also a member of the House in 1872. He is a farmer, and a Democrat. Lyme is his native town, and he was sixty-seven years old on the 5th of last December. He has been constable, collector of taxes, selectman, and justice of the peace, and now holds the latter office.







RAYMOND N. PARISH

Of Montville, was a member of the House of 1866. Formerly he was a farmer, but during the last nine years, in connection with farming, he has been engaged in the hardware business in Norwich. He is a native of Montville, and was born on March 31, 1834. He had the educa-

tional advantages of the common school. At different times he has filled the offices of assessor, selectman, town clerk, and treasurer. He is a Republican, but acts independent of party when occasion arises.

### ORRIN CHAPMAN

Of North Stonington, one of the Republican farmers of this town, represents it in this Legislature as he did in that of 1878. He is now the First Selectman of North Stonington, has been a Justice of the Peace for many years, and has also filled various other local offices. He is a native of North Stonington, and was born on July 6, 1834. He attended the common schools in boyhood, and has followed agricultural pursuits with encouraging success.

### CHARLES HENRY BROWN,

A resident and native of North Stonington, is one of the younger members of the House, having reached the age of twenty-four years on the 28th day of last October. He is engaged in mercantile pursuits, and is a successful and respected member of the community in which he lives. He was educated at the common and high schools.

### ERASTUS E. CLARK,

The genial and popular landlord of the hotel in Old Lyme, is a Democrat of the liberal sort. He is fifty-eight years old, and a native of Old Lyme. In 1878 he also represented that town in the Legislature.

### CHESTER W. BARNES

Of Preston is a native of Norwich Town, adjacent to Preston, and attained the age of forty-one years on the 16th day of March, 1882. During the past eleven years he has successfully conducted the retail grocery business. He has been First Selectman of Preston and has held other

offices of trust. He was educated at the common schools, and is a Democrat.

### CHARLES P. HEWITT

Of Preston is classed with the young members, his thirtieth birthday not arriving until March 8th, 1882. After leaving the common schools he entered the academy at East Greenwich, R. I., and after graduating engaged and continued in farming pursuits. He is a native of Preston, and a Democrat.

### GURDON F. ALLYN

Of Salem is in the House this year for the third time, having also been a Representative in 1869 and 1879. He has had a wide experience in local offices, having served several terms as Selectman and member of the Board of Relief, and has supervised the work upon the town roads. He was born in Ledyard on October 1, 1826. On leaving the common schools he entered the Bacon Academy at Colchester, and remained there nearly two terms. He is a farmer, and during the last seven years has to some extent carried on the auctioneer's business. He acts with the Republican party.

### DENNIS MCCARTHY

Of Sprague enjoys the distinction of being the only member of the Greenback party in the House. He has barely turned his twenty-seventh year, and is a native of Rhode Island. The common schools afforded him a partial means of acquiring an education. His occupation is cotton-spinning. He holds the office of Registrar of Voters in Sprague.





STILES TRUMBULL STANTON

Of Stonington, the brilliant and versatile ex-journalist, whose reputation for graceful, humorous writings extends considerably beyond local circles, and whose career before and since his retirement from the newspaper field has been a series of successes, comes to the House this year with the gratifying endorsement of a majority largely increased over that which placed him in the Legislature of 1881. He is a native of Stonington, and a member of one of its old and respected families. He was prepared for (but did not enter) Yale at the Collegiate Institute of New Haven, and soon after graduation became a

journalist—a profession that, it appears to his friends, he should have continued in. From 1875 to 1878 he was on the brigade staff, Connecticut national guard. In the campaign of 1880 he acted as Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, and an alternate delegate to the Chicago Convention in that year. He was also Executive Secretary to Governor Charles B. Andrews, and has held numerous local and social offices. His course in connection with the Committee on Military Affairs in the last Legislature was entirely satisfactory to the members of the national guard of this State.

### ALEXANDER SMITH PALMER, JR.,

Of Stonington, a native of Westerly, R. I., is associated with Captain Stanton in the representation of this town. He graduated as a civil engineer from the scientific department of Yale College in 1865, and subsequently read law for two years in Chicago. He is now engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born on May 29, 1843, and is in his thirty-eighth year. He is a Democrat.

### TIMOTHY PARKER

Of Voluntown, is a native of Hopeville, and forty-six years of age on the 14th of February, 1882. During the last five years he has kept a "country store" in East Lyme, where he formerly was Postmaster. For twenty years, ending with 1875, he was employed by the Mowry Axle and Machine Company as accountant and traveling salesman. He commenced his business career as clerk in a store in Greeneville. During the war he was Commissary-Sergeant of the Eighteenth Connecticut Volunteers. He was a pupil at the common schools, and has always been an active Republican.

### NATHANIEL ADAMS CHAPMAN

Of Waterford, one of the Democratic "war-horses" of New London County, and a genial, companionable gentleman, has been chosen to represent his native town in this Legislature, as he was in those of 1868 and 1876. He is a lawyer by profession, having an office in New London, though a resident of Waterford. He attended

the common schools and academy, and has filled the various offices in the town government.

### AUGUSTUS H. ABERNETHY

Of Bridgeport, comes of a stock which has been in Connecticut since about 1635, when his direct ancestor, William Abernethy, came from Scotland and settled at Branford. The family has been well represented in the professions of law and medicine, and it is worth notice that the great-grandfather on the mother's side of the present member was prominent during the war of the Revolution, and is recorded afterwards as having represented his town in the General Assembly for forty consecutive sessions. In the succeeding generation the grandfather on the Abernethy side was repeatedly a member of the Legislature from the town of Torrington. The father of Dr. A. H. Abernethy was a graduate of Yale, in the class of 1825, and studied law, practicing for a short time in Waterbury, and then removing to Litchfield, which town he represented repeatedly in the Legislature. He subsequently removed to Bridgeport, when the immediate subject of this sketch was about ten years of age. Dr. Abernethy, who was chosen last autumn to represent this town, was born in Litchfield, May 21, 1838, and studied medicine in New Haven, being in the office of Drs. Jewett and Townsend. In 1864 he graduated from the Yale Medical School and entered the navy, where he remained as Assistant Surgeon for about a year and a half, after which he began practice at Bridgeport. He has served on the Board of Education some eleven or twelve years, and the Board of Health, and holds both these positions now. In politics he is a Democrat.



PETER W. WREN

Of Bridgeport, is a member of the wholesale wine and spirit house of McMahon & Wren, in Bridgeport, the largest firm in that business in the State. He was born at New York, August 20, 1847, and is a graduate of the New Haven High School. Immediately after leaving school he learned the trade of a printer, and as to this he says: "I spent many a weary night sticking type in the office of *The Journal and Courier*, at New Haven; but that was in the days gone by, some sixteen years ago. I can still, however, go to the case

and fill a stickful of type in pretty good time, and without many errors either." After about three years he engaged in other business, in which he was very successful. He is recognized as one of Bridgeport's leading business men, and his house is one of the largest real-estate owners and taxpayers in the city. He is now a member of the Bridgeport Board of Education and of the Committee on Schools which is appointed by that body. He is a strong Democrat, and may generally be depended on to act with the party.



## HARRY SANFORD GLOVER

Of Bethel, learned the trade of a hatter in Bethel, to which place he removed in 1843, and where he continues to follow the business. He was born at Newtown, June 30, 1827, and two years later removed to Brookfield, where he attended the common schools previous to the time of his apprenticeship. He has served one year on the Board of Relief, but has not held other public office previous to his election to the present Legislature. Mr. Glover is a Republican.

## SAMUEL THORNHILL

Of Brookfield, was born at De Peyster, N. Y., March 3, 1834, and received a common-school education. He is a farmer by occupation, and has filled a number of local offices, including those of Selectman, member of the Board of Relief, Grand Juror, and Assessor, which last he now holds. Politically he is a Democrat.

## HOWARD W. TAYLOR

Of Danbury, was born at Danbury, August 11, 1858, and is consequently one of the youngest members of the House. He was fitted for Yale, but instead of entering college took up the study of law at the age of seventeen, and after reading in the office of his father for some three years passed his examination in June, 1879, and was admitted to the bar in the September following. Mr. Taylor at present holds the office of Justice of the Peace. In politics he is a Democrat.

## CHARLES J. DEMING

Of Danbury, served two years in the Union army, enlisting as a private in the Fourth Connecticut (First Heavy Artillery), August 10, 1861, and being promoted to Adjutant of the Nineteenth Connecticut in August, 1862. In 1863 he resigned on account of ill health, and in the same year was elected Town Clerk of Litchfield. He was born at Litchfield, August 10, 1838, and received an academic education. He is a Democrat.

## CHARLES BROWN

Of Darien, was a member of the House in three preceding terms, 1858, 1860, and 1878, but has not held the common minor offices. He is a ship joiner by occupation, and is one of the oldest members of the House, being now seventy-one years of age. He was born in Darien and received a common school education. Politically he is a Republican.

## STEPHEN D. WHEELER

Of Easton, was born at Weston, and is now forty years of age. He received his early education at Easton Academy, and has been chiefly engaged in farming. He has not held office or been specially active in politics, and is one of the considerable number of men in this Legislature who were elected without such previous training, but in the belief that they will make straightforward members and be careful of the interests of their respective towns. Mr. Wheeler is a Republican.

## HENRY F. SHERWOOD

Of Fairfield, spent most of the early part of his life in Fairfield, then removed to Mississippi and remained there till about the beginning of the war, at which time he was in New Jersey. He served in the Quartermaster's department, and after the retreat of Pope's army in 1862, returned to New Jersey, where he enlisted in the Thirty-third Regiment, then being organized, and remained in it through the war, being present at Sherman's famous "march to the sea." He was honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant at the close of the war, and has since been engaged in business as a commercial agent. He was born at Weston, December 25, 1829, and received a common school education. He is a Democrat, but not a strong partisan.

## FRANCIS M. PIKE

Of Fairfield, was born at Southport, February 10, 1855, and received a common school and academic education. He is engaged in the grocery and provision business, and has been twice elected Registrar of Voters. He is a Democrat in politics.

## CORNELIUS MEAD

Of Greenwich, is one of the veteran members of the House, having occupied a seat in 1873, 1874, 1877, 1880, and 1881, making this his sixth term. In his town he has served as Assessor, member of the Board of Relief and of the Board of Education, and has a large experience in local and State affairs. He was born in Greenwich, and is now fifty-two years of age. His business is farming, and in politics he is a Democrat.

## CHARLES EDGAR WILSON

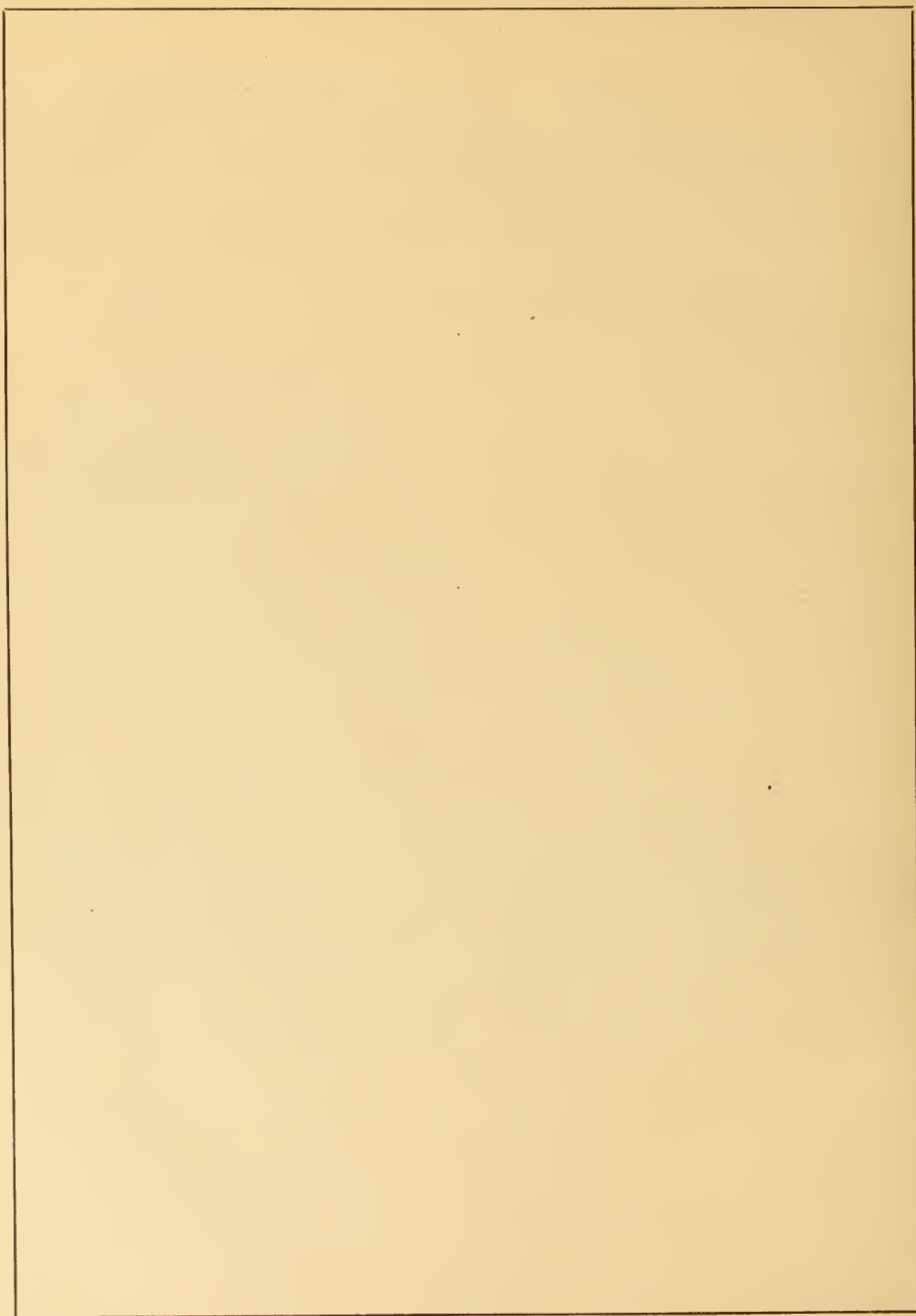
Of Greenwich, was a member of the last House, and was re-elected with his colleague, Mr. Cornelius Mead. He was born at Greenwich, February 7, 1848, and received an academic education. He is a commercial agent by occupation, and in politics is a Democrat.

## DANIEL SEYMOUR BRINSMADE

Of Huntington, is a civil and hydraulic engineer and a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School in the class of 1870. Immediately after his graduation he became engineer for the Ousatonic Water Company on the dam and canals then in process of construction, and has since remained in the same position. He is now also Secretary and Treasurer of the company and Superintendent of the Birmingham Water Power Company. He has been for the past ten years Registrar and Acting School Visitor in the town. Mr. Brinsmade was born at Trumbull, and is now thirty-six years of age. Politically he is a Republican.

## ANDREW B. CURTISS

Of Monroe, has been engaged since his boyhood in the milling business, in which he early became associated with his father, who has followed it for fifty years. In connection with this, he has held an active interest in a general store. He has served as Selectman, and is well and favorably known in his vicinity. He was born in Monroe, July 25, 1844, and received a common school education. In politics he is a Republican.







SELLECK Y. ST. JOHN

Of New Canaan, was a member of the House in 1879 and 1881, serving in the former year on the Committee on Finance, and in the latter on that on Banks. He was Treasurer of the New Canaan Savings Bank for seventeen years from its organization in 1859, and has been Cashier of the National Bank of that place since its organization in 1865. He has been a Director of the New Canaan Railroad for ten years, and President of the company since 1876. He is also President of the New Canaan Cemetery Association, and

has held a number of local offices at New Canaan, including that of Town Clerk for nine years, and Justice of the Peace for fifteen. Besides his banking pursuits, he has been engaged in mercantile business for many years, and is a prominent citizen of the town which he was chosen to represent. Mr. St. John was born at South Salem, N. Y., February 10, 1819, and received a common school and academic education. In politics he is a Republican.

#### ALEXANDER TURNER

Of New Fairfield, received a common school education, and for the past ten years has taught during the winter, and followed farming during the summer. He has served as School Visitor and Tax Collector, and holds both offices now. He was born at Sherman, August 21, 1847, and is a Democrat.

#### WILLIAM H. GLOVER

Of Newtown, was a member of the House in 1871, and has held a number of local offices. He was Census Enumerator in 1880, and has served as Tax Collector, Justice of the Peace, Registrar of Voters, Deputy Sheriff for three years, and Constable. He now holds the latter office. By occupation he is a farmer. He was born at Newtown, January 15, 1840, and was educated in the district schools and Newtown academy. In politics he is a Democrat.

#### EDSON WHEELER WILSON

Of Newtown, was born at Easton, Connecticut, and received a common school and academic edu-

cation. He is now forty years of age, is known as a vigorous Republican, and was elected as such by a majority of thirty in a democratic town. He is an architect and also carries on a furniture business. He has served two years as Selectman in his town.

#### CHARLES W. BELL

Of Norwalk, has been conspicuously identified with the public discussion of the regulation of the oyster business. He has served on the oyster committee of his town, and in 1879 was one of the commission appointed by Governor Andrews to examine and report on the oyster interests of the State, and on a method for the regulation and encouragement of the business. He was born in Cornwall, N. Y., April 6, 1836, and received his education in the public schools. His chief business has been the planting of oysters, and, in addition to his services on the committee and commission already mentioned, he has filled the place of Justice of the Peace and Grand Juror. In politics he is a Republican.



GEORGE R. COWLES

Of Norwalk, was a member of the last House, serving on the Insurance Committee, and this year was re-elected by the largest majority ever given a representative of Norwalk. He graduated at Williams college in the class of 1845, and studied law in the office of Chief-Justice Butler. After a few years of practice his health failed and he retired for a time from active work. The information in legal science which he has acquired by study and observation is most thorough and profound, and his opinions in such matters are still extensively sought and highly valued.

Subsequently he engaged in the insurance business, and acted as agent for several Hartford companies, including the Aetna, Hartford, Phoenix, Home of New York, and the leading foreign companies. In 1860, on the incorporation of the Norwalk Insurance Company, he became its secretary, which position he has since held. He has also been for nine years Burgess of the Borough of Norwalk. He was born at New Hartford, and is now fifty-five years of age. Mr. Cowles is a Republican.



### THOMAS SANFORD

Of Redding, has occupied a seat in the House during two previous sessions, those of 1856 and 1877. During the latter year he was House chairman of the Committee on the School Fund, and was appointed by Governor Hubbard a member of the commission to revise the pauper laws of the State. Mr. Sanford took an active part in the work of this commission, and the statutes which are now in force in this matter are largely the result of the labors of that commission. During the same year he was appointed on the committee to inquire into the need of increased facilities for the care of the insane poor of the State. His present business lies chiefly in the settlement of estates and the management of a farm. He is thoroughly familiar with practical values, and is frequently appointed a committee of the Superior court to assess damages in flowage cases, or when land has been condemned. He has filled most of the local offices, serving as Selectman ten years, and then declining a re-nomination; as Deputy Sheriff six years, and as Sheriff three years. He was born at Redding, and is now fifty-eight years old. His early education was obtained in the schools of the town. He is a Democrat in politics.

### EBENEZER FRANCIS FOSTER

Of Redding, was a member of the House in 1871, and has filled a number of local offices, including that of County Commissioner for three years. He is a millwright, and also follows farming, and is now Marshal of the County Agricultural society. In politics he is a Democrat. He was born at Ridgefield, and received a common school education. He is now fifty-five years of age.

### EDWARD JESUP COUCH

Of Ridgefield, was born in Redding, July 17, 1828, and received his education in the common schools

of the town. Soon after reaching his majority he went South and resided there for a number of years, returning while still a young man and following the business of hatting and agriculture. He is one of the Directors of the Ridgefield Savings Bank. He has not held public office until the present session, and was elected, with his colleague, by the largest majority that was ever given in his town for Representatives. In politics he is a Republican.

### LEWIS ELLIOTT SMITH

Of Ridgefield, is a teacher by calling and has served eight years as a member of the town Board of Education. He has held a number of minor offices and been several times elected justice of the peace but did not qualify. This is his first term in the Legislature. He was born in the town he now represents, February 24, 1847, and attended public and private schools there, receiving also private instruction. Politically he is a decided Republican.

### ALLAN WALLACE PAIGE

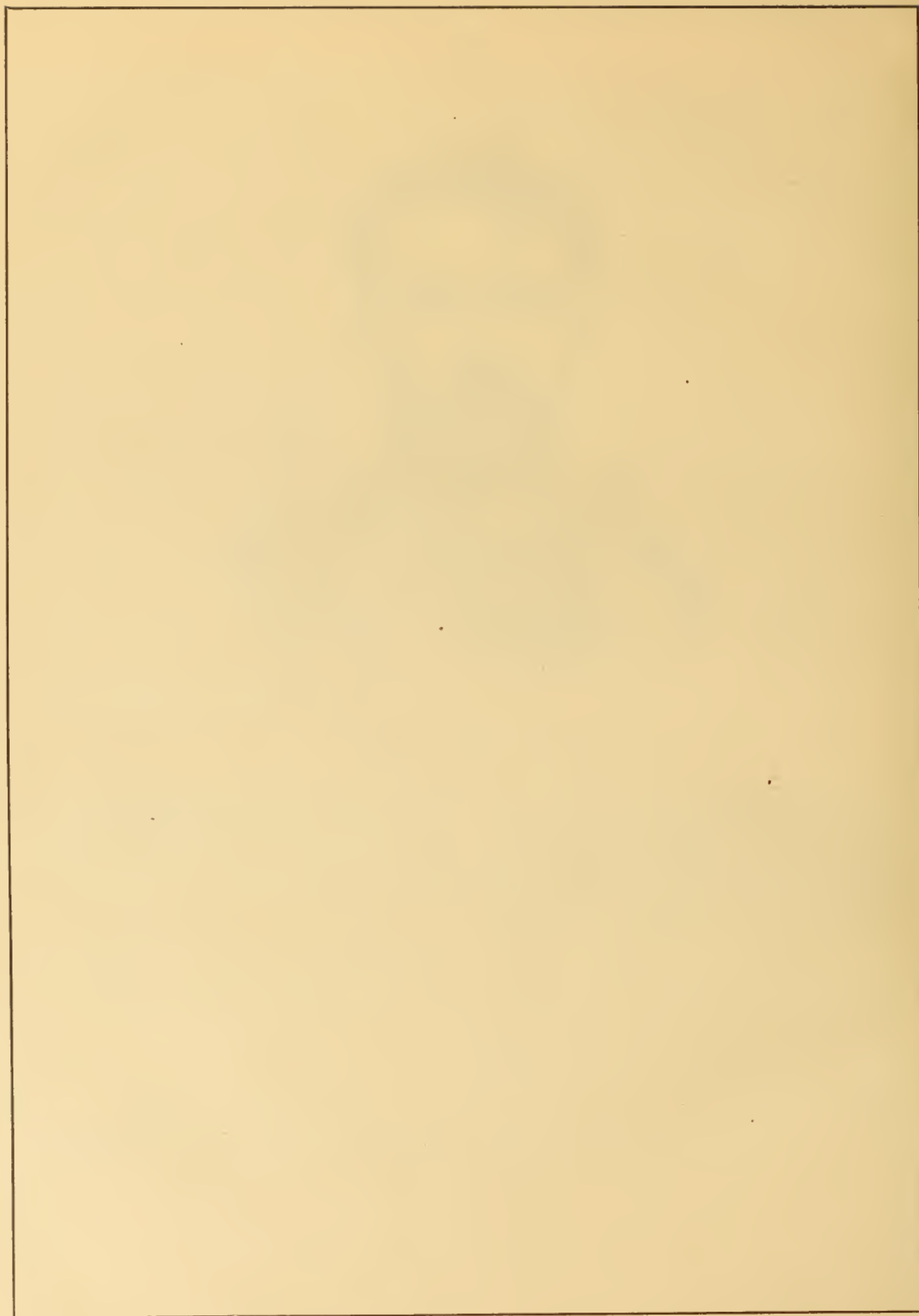
Of Sherman, was born there February 28, 1854, and fitted for Yale at Russell's military school and the Hopkins grammar school in New Haven. He did not enter college, but after teaching for two years, and being connected for some time with the Springfield Republican, took up the study of law in the office of Hon. D. B. Booth of Danbury. He filled an appointment in the House in 1878, was messenger of the Senate in 1880 and candidate for the assistant clerkship in 1881 with the unanimous support of his county. In 1879 he entered the Yale law school, graduating in 1881 in the same class with Mr. Clinton Spencer and Mr. Charles P. Woodbury. In politics Mr. Paige is a Republican.



EDWIN LEWIS SCOFIELD

Is a young lawyer very well and favorably known in Stamford where he has been borough attorney and town counsel. He spent a single year with the Senior class at Columbia College Law School, and was admitted to the bar of Fairfield county immediately after completing his twenty-first

year. He is a strong Republican and at the last election was chosen first Representative in a democratic town by the largest majority, with a single exception, ever given to any representative from the place.







WILLIAM WRIGHT GILLESPIE

Of Stamford, has not previously held any political office, but proves a very useful member of the present House. He belongs to the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock—a race which has made its impress on the world's progress, and especially upon the commercial and political history of this country. He was born in Ireland, October 16, 1839, and on the death of his father, a distinguished teacher and writer, and a poet of some celebrity on his native heath, emigrated to Canada. While still a mere youth he removed to New York city, and here he remained till the fall of 1860, working at his chosen profession—that of a printer—in some of the largest offices of the city. In December of that year he was called to Stamford to become foreman in *The Advocate* office. In 1867 he entered into partnership with the late Wm. S. Campbell, then proprietor of the paper, and after that gentleman's death, which occurred the same year, became editor and chief proprietor of *The Advocate*, which position he has since retained. His education was liberal,

both his father and mother being teachers. Mr. Gillespie has given much attention to scientific and mechanical subjects, and a few years since entered the lecture field with great success. Wherever he has appeared as a lecturer, he has been fortunate enough to enlist the closest attention of his auditors, and receive such manifestations of approval and appreciation on the part of those whom he addressed as must have been most gratifying and pleasing to him. His lectures are given chiefly for the benefit of worthy objects—mechanic institutes, free reading-rooms, young men's Christian associations, and churches—in all of which he takes a lively interest. Mr. Gillespie was elected a member of the present House by a majority of over one hundred, and that fact, considering Stamford a Democratic town, it is necessary only to state to shew his personal popularity among a people with whom he has associated for upwards of a quarter of a century.

## ANSON H. BLAKEMAN

Of Stratford, is a farmer, fifty years of age, and has occupied the positions of Selectman, Town Auditor, and member of the Board of Relief, holding the latter office now. He was born at Stratford, May 23, 1831, and received his education in the common schools of the town in which he has since resided. Mr. Blakeman is a Republican. He has always been active in politics, has been a member of the Republican Town Committee for twenty years, and often Chairman of the same.

## ELLIOTT P. NICHOLS

Of Trumbull, was born there June 27, 1823, and received his education in the common schools. He has filled the offices of Selectman, Assessor, and member of the Board of Relief. He has usually been engaged in the manufacture of carriages, being employed fifteen years in this business by Nichols, Peck & Co., and three years member of the firm of Nichols & Co., in the same business. He was also engaged for twelve years in the making of saddle-trees, and has

spent five years in raising fruit and vegetables. Politically he is a Democrat.

## GREGORY THOMAS OSBORNE

Of Weston, was born at Weston, February 14, 1820, and educated in the common schools of the town. He is a farmer by occupation, and has served the town as Selectman and member of the Board of Relief, retaining the former office at the present time. Has for twenty-five years been engaged in buying and selling cattle. Is now engaged in selling agricultural implements. His political associations are with the Democratic party.

## JOHN W. HURLBUTT

Of Westport, was a member of the House in 1880, and has not filled many of the usual minor offices, though he is now Assessor in his town. He is a drygoods merchant, and in politics acts with the Democratic party. He was born in New York, October 16, 1821, and received his education in a private school.



JAMES T. HUBBELL

Of Wilton, was born at Norwalk, March 17, 1855, and educated at Wilton Academy. He has filled a number of local offices, including those of Constable, School Visitor, and Deputy Registrar of Voters, and is now Acting School

Visitor. He is a student at law in the office of General William Randall Smith, and in politics is a Democrat and adherent of the party on national and State issues, but not a blind partisan.



### HENRY M. CLEVELAND

Of Brooklyn, first entered the Legislature in 1867, serving during that year as Chairman of the Committee on Education. In 1877 he was again chosen to represent Brooklyn, and was assigned to the Committees on Insurance, Contingent Expenses of the General Assembly, Final Adjournment (of all which he was Chairman), Federal Relations, and Judicial and County Expenses. His experience in public affairs has been considerable, outside of the Legislature. In 1868 he was elected a member of the State Board of Education, and afterwards was appointed agent to enforce the law providing for the attendance at school of children employed in mills and factories. He served on the board the full term of four years. While a member of the House of 1877 Mr. Cleveland, the late Judge O. S. Seymour, and Hon. D. P. Nichols were appointed a special commission to examine the condition of life insurance companies. He also served upon a special commission on State Expenditures, his associates being the late Hon. L. F. S. Foster, Senator Joseph R. Hawley, ex-Governor Marshall Jewell, and Hons. Nathaniel Wheeler and A. N. Baldwin. Mr. Cleveland is a native of Hampton, and is in his fifty-fifth year. He has been engaged in mercantile business in this State and in New York City for many years, his partner in the metropolis being the late Mayor George Opdyke. Mr. Cleveland is a Republican.

### DANFORTH O. LOMBARD

Of Ashford, Colonel Dean's associate, is a successful manufacturer of lumber and dealer in fertilizers and agricultural tools, and is well known to the business community of this and other States. His war record embraces three years and two months of service, first as musician of Company D, Twenty-first Regiment Connecticut troops, then as First Lieutenant in the One Hundred and Twenty-first United States Colored Infantry, and later as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General, Provost Marshal and Acting Quartermaster at Camp Nelson, Kentucky, under General Brisbin. Mr. Lombard has been Judge of Probate for the Ashford District and Notary Public during the past two years. He was edu-

cated at the East Greenwich Seminary, is a native of Ashford, and was forty-three years of age on the 6th day of last June. He has always been a Republican.

### MARVIN H. SANGER

Of Canterbury, has been before the public in one and another official capacity since 1857, and at a still earlier date filled important local offices with the same fidelity that characterized his administration of trusts conferred by the State. In the year named he was chosen to represent Canterbury in the Legislature, and again in 1860. In 1873 he was elected Secretary of State, and was re-elected to that office in each of the three succeeding years, and left it with a record for executive ability and wise and prudent management. He is a representative Democrat of the progressive type, and is influential in the councils of his party in something more than a local sense. Born in Brooklyn, on April 12, 1827, he is not yet fifty-five years of age, and is engaged in merchandising and farming. In 1852 he was elected Town Clerk and Treasurer of Canterbury, and held the former office continuously until 1864, and still holds the latter, together with those of Judge of Probate and Justice of the Peace.

### FRANCIS S. BENNETT

Of Canterbury, enters the Legislature for the first time. He was elected by Democrats, is a native of Canterbury, and was thirty-six years of age on the 28th day of January. He has been actively engaged during the last fifteen years as carpenter, house-joiner, and mill-wright.

### ERASTUS M. LOOMIS

Of Chaplin, belongs to the great farming fraternity, of which Windham County furnishes very good specimens this year, and is, moreover, a Republican. He was born in Andover, and was fifty-seven years old on the 29th day of October.



CHARLES L. DEAN

Of Ashford, has the honor of being the third member of his family to serve in the State legislature, the only instance, it is believed, of such succession in the history of the town. His grandfather, Leonard Dean, represented Ashford in the House in 1833, his father, the late Hon. John S. Dean, in 1850 and 1859, and also the Fourteenth Senatorial District in 1877 and 1878, and Col. Dean himself represented the town in 1881. In the latter session Col. Dean served on the important Committee on Railroads. His experience in public affairs began when he was twenty-one years old, he having at that age been appointed Postmaster of Westford, an office he held twelve years. In 1869 he was appointed a Commissioner for Windham County, and he was continued in that trust until 1875. Upon the election of Governor Andrews he commissioned

Col. Dean as a member of his staff. He is a native of Ashford, and will become thirty-eight years of age on the 29th day of next May. During the eight years ending in 1873 he was engaged in the manufacture of glass in Ashford, located in Boston in 1871, and since 1874 has been the senior member of the firm of Dean, Foster & Co., glass manufacturers, Boston. He is regarded in mercantile circles, both in that city and throughout this state, as an able and successful business man whose career is full of promise. He is a director of the Stafford National Bank, of Stafford Springs, and is prominently identified with the industries and progress of the town he represents. He has always taken an active interest in the Republican party, and occupies a prominent and influential position with his party in northern Windham County.



## SIMEON A. WHEATON

Of Eastford, who is fifty-two years of age, has been in mercantile business since he was twenty years old, and he is also extensively engaged in farming. He was born in Thompson on March 28, 1829, and was educated in the common schools and Woodstock Academy. He was one of the Commissioners for Windham County, has held several local offices, and is Agent of the Town Deposit Fund and member of the School Board. He is a Democrat.

## DANIEL M. DEMING

Of Hampton, farmer and dealer in timber and lumber, is one of the Board of Relief of Hampton, and has been one of its Selectmen. He was born in Wethersfield on August 15, 1820. He is a Republican.

## ASAHEL J. WRIGHT

Of Killingly, has since 1875 been a teacher in the public schools of the town, but for some years before that date he was engaged in the jewelry business in Southington, in this State. Foster, R. I., is his birthplace, and he became twenty-seven years of age on the 29th day of last September. He was educated at Proctor Academy, Andover, N. H. He is a Republican.

## JAMES N. TUCKER,

Who is associated with Mr. Wright in the representation of Killingly, is a native of that place. He has been Registrar of Voters for a number of years, and Justice of the Peace, Assessor, and member of the Board of Relief. He is a farmer and a Republican. His age is thirty-three years.

## HAVILAH M. PRIOR

Of Plainfield, has lived in the town he represents more than fifty years, having removed thereto from Bozrah, his native town, when two years old. He has just passed his fifty-second birthday. He learned the trade of machinist, but has devoted the greater part of his life to farming. He studied at the common and select schools in youth. He has long been a Republican, and has acted with that party in the Legislature.

## HENRY F. NEWTON

Of Plainfield, who is in the House for the first time, is a veteran of Company K, Twenty-first Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. He is a farmer and a Republican, and was born in Griswold on October 17, 1838, and is in his forty-fourth year.

## THOMAS O. ELLIOTT

Of Pomfret, was also a member of the Legislature of 1881, and is therefore somewhat experienced in legislation. During the war he served as a private in Company K, Seventh Connecticut Volunteers. His age is thirty-nine years, and he is a native of Thompson. He has filled several local offices, is a farmer and a Republican.

## FREDERICK HYDE

Of Pomfret, who announces himself as Democratic in politics but independent in action, completed his fifty-fifth year on the 15th day of December. He removed from Canterbury, his native town, to Madison County, N. Y., in 1863, and thence in 1866 to New York city, where for ten years he held an important trust in connection with the Gold Exchange Bank. In the spring of 1879 he retired to Pomfret, and has since lived there, giving attention to some extent to farming pursuits. He has held many minor offices in his native town.





THOMAS JONES THURBER.

Representative from Putnam, a lineal descendant of Gov. Jones of Rhode Island, was born in 1831, received a high-school education, and came from Providence in 1846 with his father's family to reside at North Killingly Hill, which place has since been incorporated within the limits of Putnam, and is now known as Putnam Heights. After spending here six years and attaining his majority in 1852, he returned to Providence and entered the New England agency of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. His principals were the most systematic merchants, and rigidly exacting in their requirements of mercantile details. He served them four years, and considers his subsequent business success due to the thorough training he there experienced. His next engagement was as agent for Edward Harris, woolen manufacturer of Woonsocket, whom he represented in New York for thirteen years, the last three years of which term he was allowed an

interest in the business. The selling of one's own goods was considered a doubtful experiment until this new departure of Mr. Harris from a commission house to the distribution of his large account through his own agent proved a success under Mr. Thurber's management, and though his commencement in 1856 was suddenly followed by the panic of 1857, his losses were less than one-half per cent. Mr. Thurber's next undertaking in the same line was for four years with Gardner, Brewer & Co's New York house, and from there to A. T. Stewart & Co's, where he had charge of the several domestic woolen mills owned by this concern. While in the employ of the latter firm it became apparent to Mr. T. that he was carrying too heavy a load, so, by advice of his physician, he followed out a long-cherished plan by retiring to the old home on the Heights in 1875, for recuperation, leaving his two sons in New York in the same line of business. In the

few years since clasped Mr. Thurber has regained his health, found opportunity to develop plans for the good of others, filled minor town offices, and devoted himself to such scientific studies as interested him. He has ever been a student and lover of fine arts, and though disclaiming it as a profession, but indulging in it purely as a recreation, his creditable work in oil painting meets

with ready purchasers. In politics Mr. Thurber is a Republican, besides favoring all the prominent reforms of the age. A friend to education and a disciple of temperance, he is satisfied with no half-way measures for the promotion of these causes. Of a retiring disposition, he is of course best appreciated by those who know him socially and intimately.

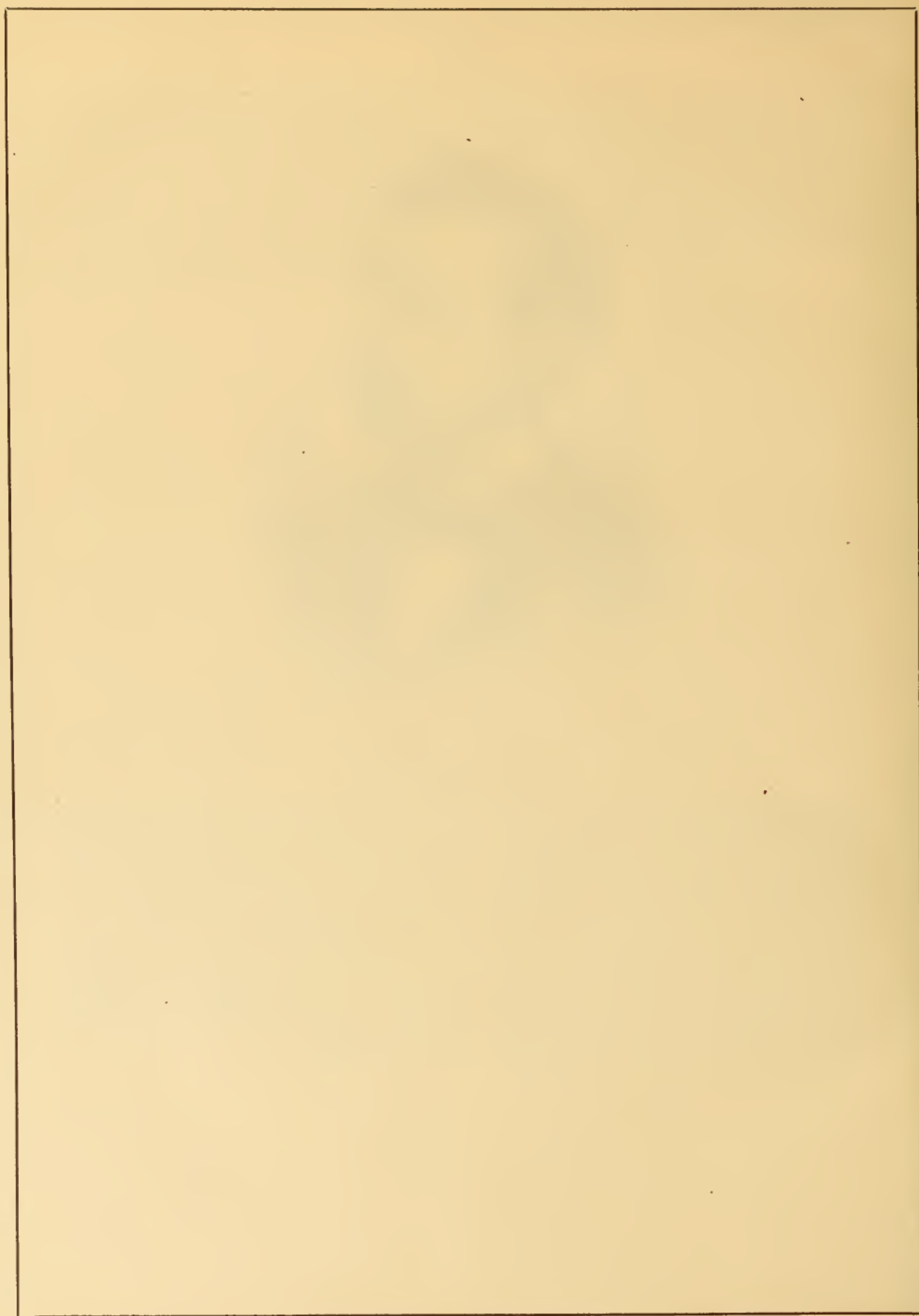


LUCIUS H. FULLER

Of Putnam, was a member of the House of 1881, serving with marked ability and prominence on the Committees on Banks and on Capitol Furniture and Grounds, having been clerk of the last-named committee. He is a native of Tolland, being a son of Hon. Lucius S. Fuller—for two terms Senator from the Twentieth District—and will become thirty-three years of age on the last day of next August. He has been engaged in the business of fire insurance since he was eighteen years of age, and has lived in Putnam during the

last fourteen years. He has held various local offices, including that of Warden of the Putnam Fire District, and is Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of that place; he also has been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace. He received a common-school and academic education. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and recognized the present session as a prominent member. He has been assigned to the chairmanship, this session, of the very important Committee on Fisheries.







#### MARTIN LUTHER BARSTOW.

Representative from the old and quiet town of Scotland, is one of its Selectmen also. He has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and acts with it in matters pertaining to legislation. He has held pretty much all the im-

portant local offices in his town, and is universally esteemed as a public-spirited and honorable citizen. He is a farmer, and is also interested in mechanical pursuits. He was born in Willington on April 6, 1833.

### SILAS A. WAITE

Of Sterling, Republican, served faithfully as a private in the Twenty-sixth Connecticut Volunteers during the late war. While charging with his regiment upon the fortifications at Port Hudson, on Sunday morning, June 14, 1862, he was severely wounded. Mr. Waite was born in Newport, R. I., and is 42 years old. He has been engaged in the lumber business during the past two years, and is one of the Selectmen of Sterling.

### EDWIN T. WHITE

Of Thompson, is another of the farmers who form a majority in this as in preceding Houses. He reached his forty-eighth birthday on the 18th of January, and is a native of Shrewsbury, Vermont. He has been Constable and is Assessor of Thompson. He votes with the Republicans.

### WILLIAM HAMILTON ARNOLD,

Mr. White's associate, lives in that part of Thompson known as North Grosvenordale, and from 1867 to 1877 was postmaster of the place. He has been engaged in mercantile business as clerk and proprietor since his seventeenth year, and is now owner of a general store in Grosvenordale. His age is thirty-four years, and he was born in West Woodstock. He is a Republican.

### SAMUEL BINGHAM,

A native and lifelong citizen of Windham, and sixty-three years of age, is in the Legislature

for the third time this session. He was a member of the House in 1863 and again in 1881, serving as chairman of the Committee on Banks in the first named year, and on the Committee on Finances in the latter year. Mr. Bingham is one of the oldest bank cashiers in the State, having served in that capacity in the Windham National Bank nearly forty-one years. In 1852 he was a presidential elector, and during the late war was commissioner of the board of enrollment of the Third Congressional district. He is a Republican.

### HENRY MILTON BRADFORD

Of Woodstock, is a son of the late Dr. Milton Bradford, a name well known and held in esteem in Woodstock and the neighboring towns. Henry M. was educated at the high school of Woodstock, his native town, and at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass. He is an Assessor and has been a Registrar of Voters. Born on November 7, 1846, he is in his thirty-sixth year. He is a farmer and a Republican.

### ZENAS MARCY,

The second representative of Woodstock, was elected Justice of the Peace thirty years ago and has since continuously held that office. He is a farmer and acts with the Republicans, but reserves the right to vote for reforms of the day which may not be incorporated into the principles of the party. He cast his first vote for Gov. Foote, the first Whig governor of the State. He was born in Woodstock, on December 24, 1812, and is but little more than sixty-nine years old. He was an original Republican.





JOHN M. HALL

Of Windham, the Speaker of the present House, is an exceptionally brilliant and able young lawyer, and his elevation to the speakership is a deserved compliment to his talents and a recognition of valuable party service. His legislative experience covers a wider field, perhaps, than that of any other man of his age in the State, the present being his fifth term in the House, the preceding terms having been in the years 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1881. During these sessions he was a member of the Committees on Fisheries, Contested Elections, Constitutional Amendments, Railroads (of all which he was Chairman), Judiciary (twice), Establishment of Senatorial District, and, in 1871, of the joint select committee which canvassed the vote for governor and other State officers, in view of alleged election frauds at New Haven, and upon the strength of whose report the General Assembly declared the Hon. Marshal Jewell Governor of the State. Mr. Hall is a native of the borough of Willimantic, and

was forty years of age in October. After graduating from Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass., in 1862, he entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1866. Immediately after leaving college he began the study of law, entering for that purpose a prominent law office in New York city, and at the same time taking the regular course at the Columbia Law School. In 1868 he was admitted to the Bars of New York city and Connecticut, and in the spring of 1869 began the practice of his profession in Willimantic, where he has since resided. He is a member of the State Bar Association, and one of the Executive Committee of that organization. In his own town Mr. Hall has been Registrar of Voters, Acting School Visitor, Justice of the Peace, and Clerk of the Court of Probate. He was a Corporator and has been a Director of the Dime Savings Bank of Willimantic, and is active in promoting the progress and interests of the borough. His first vote was cast for Abraham

Lincoln, and he has since been one of the most active of Republicans, giving the party at all times the cordial support of his voice and pen. In 1876 he was a Delegate to the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati, and in the last national campaign he organized and was President of the Garfield and Arthur Club of Williamantic.

#### WILLIS J. BEACH

Of Litchfield, is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York, and is a practicing physician in the town which he represents. For the past ten years he has held the office of Town Clerk, and is a prominent citizen of the place. Dr. Beach was born at Litchfield, February 9, 1844, and has always resided there. He is a member of the Democratic party, and is popular with all classes. The present is his first term in the Legislature.

#### GARNER B. CURTISS

Of Litchfield, was a member of the House in 1875, and is a Democrat in politics. He has held the offices of Selectman, Assessor, and member of the Board of Relief. His occupation is farming. Mr. Curtiss was born at Litchfield, March 27, 1826, and was educated in the common schools.

#### WILLIAM H. WARD

Of Barkhamsted, was born at North Adams, Mass., and is fifty-one years old. He received a common school and academic education, and was formerly engaged as railroad and steamboat agent. He has also been occupied in mercantile and mechanical pursuits, but at present is retired from business. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen at Barkhamsted, and politi-

cally is a Republican. This is his first term in the Legislature.

#### HUBERT B. CASE

Of Barkhamsted, is a native of that town and was educated at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and at Hannum's Business College in Hartford. He has been Assistant Postmaster and Town Treasurer at Barkhamsted, and is an active and energetic citizen of the town. Few men of his years have a stronger personal following in Litchfield county. Mr. Case is engaged in mercantile pursuits and farming. In politics he will generally act with the Democratic party. He is twenty-six years of age.

#### NEHEMIAH LAMBERT BLOSS

Was born and has always resided in Bethlehem, and received a common school and academic education. He was formerly engaged in teaching, but has spent most of his life in farming. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for three terms, member of the Board of School Visitors six years, and Assessor for ten years. He still retains the latter office. Mr. Bloss is a Democrat in politics, and will generally act with that party. The present is his first year in the Legislature. His age is fifty-four.

#### PETER WOOSTER

Of Bridgewater, was born at Bridgewater, April 6, 1820, and received a common school education. He has held the offices of Selectman, Town Treasurer, Auditor, and member of the Boards of Relief and Education, still occupying the last three positions. He was formerly engaged in the manufacture of hats, but is at present occupied with farming interests. In politics Mr. Wooster is a Democrat.



SAMUEL W. BRADLEY

Of Canaan, was a member of the House in 1879. For the past twelve years he has been the secretary and superintendent of the Hunts Lyman Iron Company, and is an active business man. He is a member of the Democratic party, and an

advocate of temperance measures. Mr. Bradley was born at Cornwall, July 26, 1847, and was educated in common and select schools, and received a thorough business training.



### ANDREW J. TERRELL

Of Colebrook, is engaged in mercantile business, and is a justice of the peace. He was born at Simsbury April 7, 1846, and received a common school education. In politics Mr. Terrell is a Democrat, but on general questions he will vote independently of party. He has not before been connected with the Legislature.

### SOLOMON SACKETT

Of Colebrook, was a member of the House in 1870, the Legislature being in session that year at New Haven, and is at present a member of the Board of Selectmen. He has been engaged as a commercial traveler, representing Winsted cutlery and agricultural implements produced there, having been employed in the business for twenty-five years. He is an independent Republican, and a firm advocate of civil service reform. Mr. Sackett was born at Sandisfield, Mass., and is fifty-eight years of age. He was educated in the common schools, and is a man of resolute opinions and convictions.

### CHARLES H. HARRISON

Of Cornwall, is a member of the Board of Assessors of that town, but has not before been a member of the House. He was born at Cornwall January 12, 1852, and received a common school education. He is engaged in farming, and in politics is a Democrat.

### LUMAN C. WICKWIRE

Of Cornwall, was born at Cream Hill, December 26, 1846, and received a common school and academic education, including a course at the South Berkshire Institute. He has held the office of assessor at Cornwall, and is identified with the Democratic party. Mr. Wickwire is a farmer by occupation.

### HUBERT S. SCOVILLE

Of Goshen, is the collector of taxes for that town, and a member of the Republican Town Committee. He is a carriage maker by occupation, and is an industrious and energetic citizen. He was born at Goshen March 14, 1847, and was educated in the common schools and the academy at Goshen. This is his first term in the Legislature.

### FRANKLIN E. WADHAMS

Of Goshen, was a member of the Thirteenth Connecticut Regiment during the war, and is a Republican in politics. He was formerly engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business at Omaha, Neb., with the firm of McGavock Brothers, and also in the hardware trade with M. J. Bellows at New York. Mr. Wadhams was born at Goshen July 17, 1844, and received a common school and academic education. He was a member of a military school at the outbreak of the war, and enlisted at his earliest opportunity in the service. He is a highly esteemed citizen of Goshen, and a valuable member of the House.

### CHESTER ALONZO HAYES

Of Harwinton, was born at Granby May 2, 1821, and remained there from 1821 to 1845, when he removed to Harwinton, where he has since resided. He is engaged in farming, and in politics is a Republican, having been a member of that party since its organization. The present is his first term in the Legislature.

### HORACE W. BARBER

Is a native and resident of Harwinton, having been born there October 21, 1821, and was educated in the common schools of the town. He is a Republican politically, and is engaged in farming. This is his first term in the Legislature.

### CHARLES LEE

Of Kent, is a farmer by occupation, and in politics is a Democrat. He has served as Constable in his town for two or three years, and is an active political worker. Mr. Lee was born at Kent, August 13, 1853, and received a common school education.

### WILLIAM GRISWOLD

Received a common school education at Morris, where he was born November 21, 1847, and has since resided. He has had experience in the Board of Selectmen, of which he is still a member. He is engaged in farming, and has acted with the Democrats in the House. He has not before been a member of that body.

### THADDEUS L. ROOT

Of New Hartford, was born at Canaan, July 12, 1829, and received a common school and academic education. His early life was spent in Winsted, but since 1860 he has resided in New Hartford, where he is engaged in farming. His mother was the daughter of Ichabod Loomis, who removed from Windsor to Winchester. His father, Hiram Root, was a native of Canaan, as was also his grandfather. Mr. Root is a Republican, and is thoroughly interested in the temperance cause.

### ANSON J. ALLEN

Of New Hartford, was born at Barkhamsted, October 27, 1835, and was educated at the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield. He is engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in politics is a Democrat. The present is his first year of service in the Legislature.

### FREDERICK S. RICHMOND

Of New Milford, has held a number of local offices, and has been Deputy-Sheriff in Litchfield

County for twelve years. By occupation he is a farmer, cattle-drover, and tobacco-dealer, and conducts a good business. He acts with the Democrats in the Legislature, being identified with that party. Mr. Richmond was born at New Milford, October 21, 1823, and was educated in the common schools.

### AMOS H. BOWERS

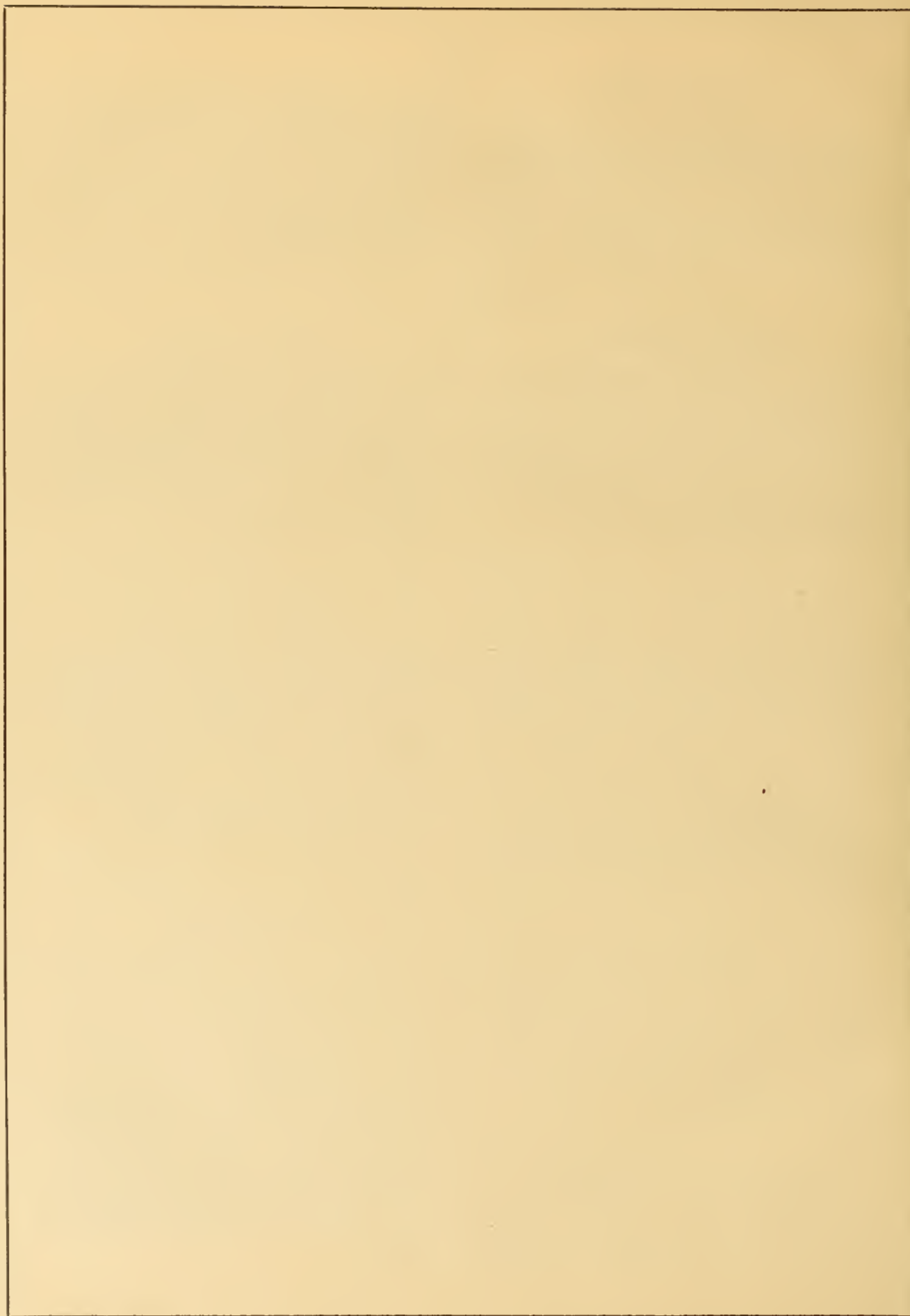
Of New Milford, is Acting School Visitor of the town, and was Census Enumerator for District No. 30, in 1880. He is engaged in teaching and farming, and politically is affiliated with the Democratic party. Mr. Bowers was born at New Milford, February 2, 1845, and received a common school education.

### HENRY G. WILLIAMS

Of North Canaan, was born there January 24, 1839, and received a common school education. After attaining his majority he spent a number of years at the West and South, engaged in mercantile pursuits. At present he is carrying on a farm, and resides on the old homestead where he was born. Mr. Williams is a Democrat, and on general issues acts with that party.

### PLUMB BROWN

Of Norfolk, was a member of the House in 1857, and has held a number of local offices, including that of Selectman and Member of the Board of Relief. He is at present Assessor, member of the Board of Education, Bank Director, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Norfolk Savings Bank. Mr. Brown is a staunch Republican, having been a member of the party ever since its organization. He is engaged in farming, and is a native of the town which he represents, having been born there October 11, 1822. He was educated in the common schools and academy.







ENOS BLAKESLEE

Of Plymouth, a native of the town, was born August 15, 1820. After receiving a common school education he learned the trade of a carriage-maker, and has been for some time engaged

in that business in the village of Plymouth. Mr. Blakeslee is an earnest Republican, although he has not been active in politics, and the present is his first term in the Legislature.

## MYRON W. ODELL

Of Roxbury, was born at Washington, June 28, 1839, and received a common school education. He has served on the Board of Selectmen at Roxbury, and is a Democrat in politics. The present is his first term in the Legislature. Mr. Odell's business is that of a cattle-dealer, and he is well known throughout the western section of the State.

## LEWIS PHILLIPS ASHMAN

Of Salisbury, was a member of the Seventh Connecticut regiment, serving in that command for three years. He has held the office of Constable and Deputy-Sheriff under John D. Yale. He is engaged in farming, and is an Independent Democrat, reserving the right to vote in the legislature without reference to partizanship. Mr. Ashman was born at Sharon, April 15, 1842, and received a common school education.

## EDGAR J. REED

Of Sharon, has been the Collector of Taxes of the town for four years, and is familiar with local interests. He is farmer by occupation, and in politics is associated with the Democratic party. Mr. Reed was born at Salisbury, October 3, 1834, and received a common education.

## ALVA S. COWLES

Of Norfolk, has served on the Board of Selectmen, and is at present one of the town Assessors and Justice of the Peace. He is engaged in farming, and in politics is a Republican. He was born at Norfolk, August 1, 1839, and received a common school and academic education. Mr. Cowles's ancestors were among the first settlers of Norfolk.

## WILLIAM DAKIN

Of Sharon, was born there, November 15, 1852, and was educated in the common school. He has held the offices of Registrar of Voters and Constable, and is a farmer and stock dealer by occupation. In politics he is a Democrat. The present is his first term in the House.

## JOSEPH KITCHELL JUDSON

Of Thomaston, was born there, February 18, 1840, and received a good common school education. He has held the office of Constable, and is at present a member of the Board of Assessors, Fire Commissioner at Thomaston, and Justice of the Peace. He is engaged in mercantile pursuits and farming. Mr. Judson is a Republican in politics. The present is his first term in the Legislature.



JOHN H. HURLBURT

Is the first representative from the town of Salisbury. The ancestors of the Hurlburt family are traced to England, a member of which emigrated to America in about 1630, and settled in the southeastern part of Connecticut near New London. His progeny spread out over different portions of the state, one settling in Westport, from which branch the subject of this sketch is descended. During the period of the French wars his ancestors were eminent in the commercial world, Captain James Hurlburt losing many ventures upon the ocean in those stormy times. His paternal grandmother was a Nash, a sister of Daniel Nash late of Westport, well-known in business circles as an eminent financier. His maternal grandfather was Abel Burr, a man of superior mind, distantly related to the celebrated Aaron Burr. When about twenty-one years of age his father Isaac Hurlburt removed to Wilton, Fairfield county, where he still resides. In that town in 1810, January 21, the subject of this sketch was

born. His early years were spent in attendance upon the public schools and the academy of his native town. In 1838 he entered Trinity College, Hartford. After leaving college he devoted himself with great assiduity to his chosen profession of teaching. He was engaged for a number of years as classical instructor in Mr. Selleck's celebrated school at Norwalk, Conn. In 1864 he removed to Lime Rock in the town of Salisbury, Conn., and became principal of Rocky Dell Institute, which position he has retained up to this time.

He is widely known as an eminent instructor. He has trained many teachers who are very successful in their calling, and has fitted young men for college. His methods of instructing are original and peculiar. Discarding the worn out systems of the books, he presents every subject in an entirely new and attractive manner, thus securing interest and attention and greatly shortening the time of acquiring the subjects studied.



In addition to his duties as principal of a private school, always making great demands upon his time and energies, he has served for nine successive years as Secretary of the Board of school Visitors of Salisbury, and is now serving the tenth.

Under his management the schools of Salisbury have improved in a wonderful manner, attracting attention from those interested in schools in different parts of the state. During his administration a system of graded schools has been established in different parts of the town, affording unusual advantages to the children of the entire town. A high standard of qualification has been required of teachers, and nearly every school building has been in that time rebuilt or repaired, so that the school-houses of Salisbury attract the attention of strangers. Mr. Hurlburt has been prominent in the politics of his adopted town, but owing to his professional duties, has never filled any civil office.

He has always interested himself in every project to advance the welfare of his fellow-townsmen. Pleasing in his manner, kind and courteous, he wins the esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. He received the unsolicited nomination of his party and the votes of many prominent republicans who appreciate his labors in behalf of schools and other matters of public importance.

He has been twice married; his former wife was Rebecca Maria, daughter of B. O. Banks, Esq., of Norwalk, by whom he had two children, Sarah Elizabeth and John Henry. His present wife is Roxanna Sophia, daughter of C. H. Glens, Esq., of Salisbury, by whom he has five children, Catharine Glens, Marian, James Edward, Christopher Henry, and Charlotte Augusta. Mr. Hurlburt is a man of more than ordinary ability, clear-headed and energetic. He has managed his large school for many years without assistance, and with the approval of his patrons. As an educator he has few superiors, and his management of public school interests has called forth commendations from the state authorities.

#### FREDERICK DEVOE

Of Torrington, was born in New York city, November 29, 1840, and was educated at the colle-

giate school. He is engaged in the paint and paper-hanging business, and in politics is a Republican. During the war he served in the Sixth New York artillery. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in company K of that command, for services in the field at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House. He was inspector at Petersburg, Va., after the evacuation of the place by the rebels, and held the position of Provost-marshal at Burksville Junction, Va., for some time. He has not before been a member of the Legislature.

#### GEORGE A. ALLEN

Of Torrington, is a farmer by occupation, and received the cordial support of his fellow townsmen at the election in November. He was born at Torrington, February 28, 1850, and was educated in the common schools of that town. He has held the office of Assessor, and is at present a Justice of the Peace. In politics he is a Republican.

#### CLARK S. SWIFT

Of Warren, is the oldest member of the House, being now seventy-six years of age. He was born at Warren, and received a common school education. He was a member of the House, during the years of 1847 and 1848. His occupation is farming, to which he has devoted most of his life. In politics Mr. Swift is a Republican.

#### ERASTUS J. HURLBURT

Of Washington, was born at Dover, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1825, and received a common school education. He has lived in Washington since he was eleven years of age, and has held various local offices, including that of Town Treasurer and also Treasurer of the Town Deposit Fund for twenty years. He is engaged in general merchandise and freighting business, and is an active and influential resident. Mr. Hurlburt is a Democrat.



JOSEPH H. NORTON

Of Winchester, was born in Tolland, Mass., March 29, 1814. He was reared on a farm and educated at the common schools. At the age of fifteen years he engaged as a farm laborer, and subsequently, for four seasons, tended a carding machine and made linseed oil, in East Otis village, with an uncle, Joseph Hunt. In 1835 he engaged as clerk in the store of Lucius Gibbs, at East Otis, where he remained but a short time, and then entered the employ of Isaac Miller, of West Granville. He subsequently traveled for another firm, for \$600 and a per cent. of profits, and finally went into business for himself, which he conducted until December, 1841, when he purchased the mercantile establishment of Pomeroy & Norton, at New Boston, Mass. He conducted this business about sixteen years with marked success. While there he served as selectman, assessor, justice of the peace, and for a number of years was postmaster. Having been solicited by a number of the leading business

men of Winsted to remove there and take the management of the Winsted Manufacturing company, he finally accepted. September 4, 1862, he entered upon his duties as agent, secretary and treasurer of the establishment, which positions he has held to the present time, except that of secretary, his son, Allen H. Norton, having been secretary for the past few years. This is one of the largest scythe manufactories in the country (there being but two whose operations are more extensive), and it is not too much to say that its present prosperity is largely due to the excellent management of Mr. Norton. He is a director in the Hurlbut National bank, and has been for years; is also a director in the Mechanics' Savings bank, and president of the Winsted Real Estate company. Mr. Norton is a public-spirited citizen, and has done much to build up and advance the interests of the borough of Winsted. He is a Republican in politics, having been a member of that party since its organization.



## JOHN D. YALE

Of Winchester, was born at Canaan, August 30, 1826, and received a common school education. He has held the office of sheriff in Litchfield county, one term, and is a prominent Democrat. For twenty-three years he has been a traveling agent for a New York house, and is an efficient business man. The present is his first term in the legislature.

## GOULD C. WHITTLESEY

Of Washington, was born at New Preston, in the town of Washington, and is 62 years of age. He is one of the veteran teachers of Litchfield county, having been engaged in the profession for 35 years, and is the principal of Waramaug academy at New Preston. He has held various public offices, including that of registrar of voters, notary public, justice of the peace, and acting school visitor, and is an active and prominent citizen of the town. He is a Republican.

## AUGUSTUS N. WOOLSON

Of Watertown, was born at Hopkinton, Mass., and is 47 years of age. He was educated at the common schools and at Wilbraham academy. For a number of years he was engaged in farming in Illinois, but for the past seventeen years he has been occupied in manufacturing at Watertown, where he has a factory for the production of umbrella and parasol trimmings. Mr. Woolson has always voted the Republican ticket.

## WILLIAM JUDSON CLARK

Of Woodbury, was born at Woodbury, October 25, 1841, and received an academic education. He has been a member of the board of selectmen, and is at present secretary of the board of education, and acting school visitor. He is engaged in farming, and in politics is a Republican. Mr. Clark has not been a member of the legislature before this year.

## WILLIAM COTHREN

Of Woodbury, was born at Farmington, Maine, November 28, 1820. He prepared for college at the Farmington academy, and graduated at Bowdoin College, Maine, in 1843. He received his second degree, in course, at the same college, in 1846, and the degree of Master of Arts *ad eundem*, at Yale College, in 1847. He studied law under the direction of Hon. Robert Goodenough, of Farmington, Maine, a member of congress from his district, and Hon. Charles B. Phelps, of Woodbury, in this State. He went to Woodbury in 1844, and was admitted to the bar of Litchfield county in October, 1845, and has practiced law at Woodbury ever since. He ranks among the leading lawyers of the State. As a citizen he is public-spirited and generous. He was elected a county commissioner for Litchfield county at the May session of the General Assembly, in 1851, and senator of the sixteenth senatorial district, in 1855. In April, 1856, he was admitted an attorney and counselor of the United States Circuit Court, and on the 8th of March, 1865, he was admitted an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was elected corresponding member of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, at Boston, Mass., May 5, 1847, and a member of the Connecticut Historical Society, November 23, 1852, of which, for many years, he has been a vice-president; an honorary member of the Old Colony Historical Society, at Plymouth, Mass., April 24, 1854; a corresponding member of the Wisconsin Historical Society, Jan. 17, 1855; a corresponding member of the Vermont Historical Society, February 3, 1860; a corresponding member of the Maine Historical Society, September 18, 1861; an honorary member of the Rutland County Historical Society, October 8, 1868, and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Alpha, of Maine, September 20, 1873. From the twentieth year of his age he has been a contributor, in prose and verse, to the press and magazines of the day. A short time after his settlement in Woodbury he turned his attention to the collection of the historical data of the town. The result has been the publication of an elaborate history of the town, in three volumes of twenty-five hundred pages. The first volume was issued in 1854, and was the pioneer work, as a full history of the town, that had been issued.





DAVID WARD NORTHROP

Of Middletown, was a member of the House in 1871 and also in 1881, when he served upon the judiciary, engrossed bills, and state house and grounds committees; was chairman of the school fund committee, and member of the select committee on canvass of votes for Governor, when the close contest was decided. He was born at Sherman, February 19, 1844, and graduated from Wesleyan University in the class of 1868. He prepared for college under Ex-Governor C. B. Andrews, finishing his preparatory course at Amenia seminary, New York state. After graduating from college he entered the Albany law school, completing his course of study there in 1870. Since that time he has been practicing law in Middletown in partnership with the Hon. A. B. Calef. He was elected Judge of Probate

of the Middletown district in 1873, and served for eight years. He was formerly a member of the Middletown City Council, Secretary of the city district Board of Education, and Assistant Clerk of the Superior court in Middlesex county. The latter position he occupied for ten years. He is at present a member of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University. For several years he was a member of the Democratic State Central committee and was elected by that party at the last election. Mr. Northrop is the third in line of direct succession as members of the House, in his family, his grandfather, David Northrop, having represented the town of Sherman in 1810, and his father, David Northrop, the same town in 1835.

## ALEXANDER HAMILTON GILBERT

Of Chester, was a member of the House in the session of 1860, and was elected at the November elections by the Republicans. He was born in East Haddam, October 6, 1806, and is now in his seventy-sixth year. He was educated at the common schools, and in early life engaged in the manufacture of woolen fabrics. From 1845 until 1860 he constructed extensive docks for repairs on government ships in the United States and Austria. Politically he is a Republican.

## GEORGE A. OLCOTT

Of Clinton, was a member of the House during the sessions of 1880 and 1881. He was born at Clinton, June 5, 1836, and was educated at the common school and academy. Mr. Olcott has followed the sea the greater part of his life, and has been engaged principally in the coasting and fishing trades. Politically he is a Republican.

## HENRY W. STOCKING

Of Cromwell, is forty-five years of age, having been born in Cromwell, October 18, 1836. He attended the common school in that town and is a graduate of the academy. For the past eighteen years he has engaged in business as a dealer in Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco. For several years he has occupied public offices in his town, among them being those of Registrar of Electors, member of the Board of Relief, and member of the Town Committee; the first two named he now occupies.

Formerly he was Captain of Company B, Sixth Regiment. He is a Republican.

## TALCOTT PARSONS STRONG

Of Durham, enlisted at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion in the Twenty-fourth Regiment, C. V., and received his discharge after serving thirteen months. He at once re-enlisted in the Fifteenth Regiment, C. V., and served until the close of the war. He also served five years in the Connecticut National Guard as Second and First Lieutenant and as Captain. Captain Strong was born in Durham, January 15, 1840, and will reach his forty-second birthday this month. He was educated at the common schools, and since the war has been in the employ of the Merriam Manufacturing Company of Durham. Politically he is a Republican.

## JULIUS DAVIS

Of Durham, is one of the youngest members of the House, being but twenty-six years of age. He was born in Killingworth, June 22, 1855, and received his education in the common schools. Until the age of seventeen years he engaged in farming, and then went into the coal business, in which he continued until 1874. In that year he entered the grocery and feed business, and has engaged in it ever since. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Central School Committee in Durham. He was formerly a Constable.



JAMES LAWTON

Of Middletown, serves his second term in the Legislature at this session, having been a member of the House last year, when he served on the Committee on Roads and Bridges. He was born in Portland, September 5, 1843, and is thirty-eight years of age. In his youth he attended the common school, and his education was derived therefrom. For the past sixteen years he has

engaged in the grocery and provision business in Middletown, and is senior member of the prosperous firm of Lawton & Wall. Mr. Lawton enjoys in an eminent degree the confidence and esteem of his party, the Democratic, as is shown by his re-election as representative by an increased majority. He has many friends throughout the State generally, who respect him highly.



### NATHANIEL C. JOHNSON

Of Chatham, for many years followed the sea, but has now retired from active pursuits. He was born in Middle Haddam, March 22, 1816, and, after attending the common schools, at the age of sixteen years became a sailor and led a sea-faring life until 1876. During the last thirty-three years of this time he was Captain. He is a Republican.

### JOSEPH W. HUNGERFORD

Of East Haddam, was chosen a member of the Legislature by the Republicans of his town at the recent election. He has previously been a member of the Board of Relief, in which body he served two terms. He was born in East Haddam, September 21, 1829, and is now in his fifty-third year. In his youth he attended the common schools, and this course of study was supplemented by a six-months' term at the Williston Seminary in Easthampton, Massachusetts. He is engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is a Republican.

### RICHARD H. GLADWIN

Of East Haddam, is a Republican, and has held the offices of Selectman and Grand Juror and others of trust and importance in the school district, parish, and corporations of East Haddam. He is now Clerk and Treasurer of the School District and of the Cemetery Association. Born in East Haddam, March 21, 1827, he was educated at the common and high schools in that town, and has through life pursued the avocations of ship and house joiner and builder.

### WILLIAM F. McCRERY

Of Essex, is fifty-seven years of age, having been born in Hamburg, August 8, 1824. His education was acquired at the common schools and the Hills Academy at Essex. After leaving school

he entered upon a sea-faring life and followed it for thirty-six years, serving upon both steam and sailing vessels and visiting American and foreign ports. For the past three years his time has been occupied in farming. He is a Democrat, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen in Essex in 1879.

### HENRY HUBERT BRAINARD

Of Haddam, is a native of Higganum, in the town of Haddam, and is fifty years of age. In his youth he attended the common school and the select school kept by the Rev. James Noyes, located at Walkeley Hill. He has held the office of town assessor, and is now and has been for several years a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is a farmer and a Republican.

### ORRIN SHAILER

Of Haddam, was born in that town September 22, 1824, and is now in his fifty-eighth year. He was educated at the common and select schools, and in active life has engaged in the sale of seed-leaf tobacco and farming. He is a Democrat.

### AUGUSTUS W. STEVENS

Of Killingworth, was a member of the General Assembly in 1881. He was brought up on a farm, but at the age of twenty years began to work at wood-turning, following this in the winter and farming in the summer. In a short time he became one of the owners of an ivory-turning manufactory, and subsequently combined with this the running of a grist mill and saw mill. He has been sealer of weights and measures, grand juror, member of the School Committee, and member of the Society Committee. He was born in Killingworth, January 25, 1824, and is fifty-eight years of age. Politically he is a Democrat.



DELOS D. BROWN

Of Chatham, is Chairman of the Republican Town Committee, a position which he has held for the past three years. He was born at Orleans, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, in 1838, and is now in his forty-fourth year. His education was acquired at Chase's Institute in Middletown, and at Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. During active life he has engaged in manufacturing and the mercantile business, and during one session of the Legislature was House reporter for the *New Haven Morning News*. At the outbreak of the war Mr. Brown enlisted in the Federal service, raised a company for the Twenty-first Regiment, C. V., was commissioned First Lieutenant and afterwards promoted to the rank of Captain. During the war he participated in nearly all of the battles in which the Twenty-first was engaged, including Fredericksburg, the siege of Suffolk, Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and others. The father of Repre-

sentative Brown enlisted in the war of 1812, but did no active service. His grandfather served in the war of the Revolution. All of the male members of his father's family were in the army or navy during the war of the Rebellion. His father is Rev. Thomas G. Brown, who when over sixty years of age was appointed chaplain of the Twenty-first Regiment, and became known as the "fighting chaplain." At the battle of Drury's Bluff the Rev. Mr. Brown was wounded. He is now living, being in his eighty-third year, and on Battle-Flag day, September 17, 1879, marched the entire distance from the Arsenal over the route of procession to the State Capitol in Hartford at the head of his regiment. Two brothers of Representative Brown served in the navy during the war, and a brother-in-law, Lieutenant F. W. H. Buell, was with him in the Twenty-first Regiment. Lieutenant Buell died in the service.



## SIDNEY TALCOTT DAVIS

Of Killingworth, is a Democrat, and was a member of the House last year. He was born in the town which he represents, June 24, 1837, and was educated at the common schools. His avocation is that of a farmer. In previous years he has been a selectman of the town, and is now a grand juror.

## ALVA B. COE

Of Middlefield, has held a number of local offices in the town which he now represents, among them being justice of the peace, school visitor, and first selectman. The position last named he still holds. He was born in Middletown in 1826, and reached the age of fifty-five years on December 14th last. During his life he has engaged in farming, and is a Republican in politics.

## OZIAS H. KIRTLAND

Of Old Saybrook, served in the House of Representatives in the session of 1852, and has been town clerk of Old Saybrook continuously since 1864. He has also been a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was born in the town which he now represents, September 24, 1819, and is in his sixty-third year. Educated at the common schools, he has through life pursued the lumber and fish business, and is senior member of the firm of Kirtland & Clark. He is a Republican.

## JOHN M. PENFIELD

Of Portland, was born there September 28, 1829. He was educated at the common schools, and during life has followed agricultural pursuits. This is his first term in the Legislature, to which he was elected by the Democrats.

## JOHN CHILD

Of Saybrook, was born in Higganum, in the township of Haddam, December 25, 1819, and is now sixty-two years of age. He enjoyed the advantages of a common school education, and during active life has been engaged in ivory working. Politically he is a Republican.

## E. J. B. SOUTHWORTH,

The junior member of the delegation from Saybrook, was born in that place in 1844, and is thirty-seven years old. The greater part of his life has been passed in his native town, where he is engaged in the dry-goods business, being a member of the firm of L'Hommedieu & Southworth. He was educated at the common schools, and is a graduate of the Deep River Academy. In early manhood he was employed as an ivory worker in the establishment of Pratt, Keed & Co. Afterwards, when the Connecticut Valley Railroad was built, he accepted a position under the contractor, remaining in charge of a section of the track for some years after the road was completed. It has been the custom of the voters of Saybrook to elect one representative from the older citizens and the other from the younger men. Mr. Southworth was the candidate of the latter class. He is a straight out-and-out Republican and a zealous worker. This is his first experience in a legislative body.

## JOHN A. POST

Of Westbrook, was born in that town February 26, 1832, and is forty-nine years of age. At the age of eighteen he began to follow the sea, and in 1854 took command of a steamship, and continued the same until the outbreak of the war of the rebellion. When the port of New Orleans was opened he became captain of the steamship George Cromwell, running between New York and New Orleans, and commanded that vessel until the close of the war. He is a Republican and is now living in retirement.





ALVAH NORTON BELDING

Of Vernon, is a prominent silk manufacturer, who was elected by the largest vote, proportionate to the whole number cast, ever given in the town. He was born at Ashfield, Mass., and at about the age of twenty removed to Michigan. After clearing some wild land he began to travel with silk, and some few years later in company with two of his brothers opened a house for the sale of silks in Chicago. Soon after the brothers formed a partnership with E. K. Rose of Rockville for the manufacture of silk. Within two years they had houses in New York and Cincinnati, and four years later moved into larger

quarters at Rockville. The business continued to increase and an additional factory was started at Northampton and another in Montreal, the whole giving employment to nearly 800 hands. Alvah N. Belding has the entire charge of the manufacturing departments of the mills at Rockville and Northampton, and is a director in various home institutions. He has not been active in politics, being, as he says, too busy a man, and his election was a mark of the confidence of his townsmen of his business ability and his disposition to look after the interests of the place. In politics he is a Republican.

### CHARLES YOUNG

Of Tolland, was born in that town October 23, 1845, and received a common school education. He followed farming for several years and then became a traveling salesman, going out from Springfield and Boston for three years, since which time he has kept a general store and been Manager of the Western Union telegraph office. He has served as Constable and Tax Collector for three years, also six years on the Board of Education and several terms as Town Auditor. In politics he is a Democrat.

### HENRY E. STEELE

Of Tolland, is at present a farmer and has followed this business through life, except during seven years in which he was Overseer at the House of Refuge, N. Y. He was born in West Hartford, February 27, 1833, and received his education in the common schools of the state. He has held several local offices including that of Assessor for two years. In politics he is a Democrat.

### ERASTUS D. POST

Of Andover, was born at Hebron, July 13, 1818. He is a lineal descendant of the first family by the name of Post coming to Connecticut. He was once a resident of the town of Columbia, but for the past thirty-five years has resided in Andover. He follows the vocation of farming. He attended the district schools in his childhood, and afterward at various academics received a thorough business education. The confidence of his townsmen in his ability and integrity is shown by his repeated election to nearly every office within the gift of the town. He is well informed in all local matters, and a wise and discreet counsellor. In politics he is a Republican.

### JOSEPH CLARK ALVORD

Of Bolton, is the youngest member of the House and was born at Bolton, October 1, 1858. He received his education in the public schools of his native place, and in the Hartford High school, which he entered at the age of thirteen years, being the youngest member of his class. He is a farmer by occupation, has been somewhat active in

politics, and is now a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is a Republican and elected from a town which was steadily democratic for many years, the first break occurring when a Republican was chosen to the last legislature.

### SAMUEL BRAINARD WEST

Of Columbia, has served as United States Internal Revenue Gauger, Registrar of Electors, Grand Juror, and member of the Town committee. He was a member of the Union army serving as Sergeant in Company E of the 1st Connecticut Cavalry. He was born at Delaware, Ohio, August 5, 1841, and received a common and high school education. His present occupation is the management of a farm, and he has always been a vigorous adherent of the Republican party. Mr. West is the fourth in line of his family who has served in the Legislature. Captain Joshua West represented Lebanon in 1776; his great-grandfather Samuel West, Columbia in 1809; his grandfather Samuel West, junior, in 1813; his father Samuel F. West the 21st Senatorial District in 1847. His grandfather Samuel West, junior, was a colonel commanding a regiment at New London in 1812.

### WILLIAM F. SWEET

Of Coventry, is the senior partner in the firm of Sweet Brothers in South Coventry. He was born in West Greenwich, R. I., February 23, 1846, and received a common school education. At the age of 21 he began to act as a book-agent for Hartford firms, and subsequently acted as book-keeper and clerk until 1877, when he commenced business on his own account. He has been Clerk of the court of Probate for several years and Assistant Town Clerk, besides filling a number of other local offices. In 1873 he was a member of the State Central committee. In politics he is a Democrat.

### EDGAR BASS

Of Coventry, counts as a Democratic gain, being elected to the place filled by a Republican last year. He is a farmer by occupation and received a common school education. He was born in Scotland in Windham county, Sept. 17, 1834.



### LOUIS PHILIPP

Of Vernon, is by birth a German, but came to this country at the age of fourteen and was employed as clerk in a commission house for about four years, until 1858, when he removed to Rockville, where he has since lived, being chiefly engaged in mechanical pursuits. He enlisted as a private in Company E, First Connecticut Cav-

alry, in 1863, and served until the end of the war. He is a Republican and a good representative of the large German element in the population of the town. He was born in 1840, and received a thorough education in Germany up to the time of his removal to this country. He has held a number of local offices.



### JOSEPH ABBOTT THOMPSON

Of Ellington, was a member of the House in 1874, and by occupation is a farmer of the old fashion, living on the homestead which has been in possession of the family 141 years. He is a director in the Connecticut Central Railroad, and in addition to his other business carries on cider-making on a large scale, and has systematized the manufacture so thoroughly as to make his works known all about that part of the county. He was born at Ellington, April 29, 1827, and educated at the Ellington High School. Politically he is a Republican.

### ALFRED WILLIAM HUTCHINSON

Of Hebron, is a farmer, and has held a number of local offices, including those of Assessor, member of the Board of Relief, and School Visitor, for a number of years. He was born in Hebron, January 3, 1841, and received a common-school education. In politics he is a Republican.

### JOEL JONES

Of Hebron, has been twice engaged in the taking of the census, in 1870 as Deputy Marshal, and in 1880 as Enumerator. He has served repeatedly as School Visitor and Justice of the Peace. His business is farming and teaching, in which latter occupation he feels a special interest, and he has taught successfully twenty-three terms in New York, Kentucky, and Connecticut. He was born at Hebron, July 1, 1822, and received a common-school education. He is a strong Republican.

### OLON S. CHAFFEE

Of Mansfield, is a young man engaged in the business of manufacturing, in his native town. He is said to inherit some of the temperament of his grandfather, Joseph Conant, who was known as being connected with every enterprise in town, and was one of the first to begin the manufacture

of silk in this country. Mr. Chaffee was born in Mansfield, November 20, 1854, and received his early education in the schools of the town and at Fitch's Norwalk school. He has been Chairman of the Town Committee since his majority, but has avoided local offices. He is a Republican.

### GEORGE W. MERROW

Of Mansfield, is a member of the firm of J. B. Merrow & Sons, manufacturers of hosiery and dealers in general merchandise. He comes of a stock which is accustomed to appear in the Legislature: his father, J. B. Merrow, having served in both branches, and his brother having occupied a seat in the House of 1879. The present member was born at Merrow Station, June 18, 1852, and received his early education partly in Hartford and partly at the Munson Academy, at Munson, Mass. He holds the office of Postmaster, is a member of the Republican Town Committee, and has been active in the party.

### LORENZO WOOD

Of Somers, was born in the town he now represents, and is about sixty-four years of age. In early life he came to Hartford and learned the trade of a mason, and subsequently worked here for many years. After a time he returned to his native place, where he carries on his trade and also works at farming. He has not been specially active in politics, and this is his first appearance in the Legislature. In politics he is a Republican.

### RANDOLPH FULLER

Of Somers, is a farmer by occupation, and is about 54 years old. He occupies the farm that was held by his ancestors before him, and is favorably known in the community which he represents. He was born at Somers May 25, 1827, and received his early education in the common and select schools. Politically he is a Republican.

### WILLIAM ALBERT KING

Of Stafford, was born at Greenfield, Mass., and is now 25 years old. He was educated at Monson Academy, and Amherst College, graduating in the class of 1878. He was admitted to the bar, and is located at Stafford Springs. This is his first office. He is a Republican in politics and was elected by a large majority, running 65 ahead of his ticket.

### MALCOLM REGINALD GRISWOLD

Of Stafford, was born at Burlington, March 19, 1848, and attended the Wilbraham Academy. Subsequently he studied dentistry at the Philadelphia Dental College, and settled in Stafford, where he has devoted himself to his profession with marked success. He has been active in politics during the last five years, and in 1880 was made chairman of the Democratic Town Committee.

### HARTLEY WALKER

Of Union, was born at Westford, December 22, 1814, and received a common school education. He is now engaged in farming, but for a long period was engaged in the boot and shoe business. He has served as selectman and justice of the peace, but has had no previous experience in legislative duties. In politics he is a Democrat.

### THOMAS J. YOUNGS

Of Union, like a large part of the representatives of his comty, traces his descent back to the

early settlers of the country. The family was originally established on Long Island, and his grandfather, after serving three years in the Revolutionary war, removed to Farmington, Conn. Thomas J. Youngs was born there in 1830, and is now about 51 years of age. He has at different times followed teaching, lumbering, and farming, and has been chosen justice of the peace, assessor for seven consecutive years, and to various other town offices. He served as surgeon's steward on a gunboat on the Mississippi during a considerable portion of the war, and was at Fort Pillow, Memphis, and Vicksburg. In politics he is a Democrat.

### MATTHEW BURDICK

Of Willington, is one of the oldest members of the House, and was born at Hopkinton, R. I., October 17, 1808. He has filled a considerable number of local offices, including those of Selectman, School Committee, Assessor, and member of the Board of Relief. He has been Postmaster for the past sixteen years. By occupation he is a farmer, and in politics a Republican. His early education was obtained in the common schools.

### WILLIAM DORR IRONS

Of Willington, was born at Slatersville, R. I., June 19, 1842, and went at the age of five years to Willington, where he has chiefly resided since that time. He served in the Union army, and is by occupation a farmer and fish dealer. He has always been active in politics and a vigorous adherent of the Republican party. He has filled a number of local offices and acted as principal prosecuting officer of the town.



## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, ETC.

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

## ON THE JUDICIARY.

Senator Bradstreet, 20th District.

Messrs. Johnson of Enfield, Cothren of Woodbury, Sill of Hartford, Ripley of Norwich, Scofield of Stamford, Northrop of Middletown, Robertson of New Haven, King of Stafford.

## ON SCHOOL FUND.

Senator Strickland, 3d District.

Messrs. Wood of East Windsor, Jarvis of Cheshire, Reynolds of Lyme, Taylor of Danbury, Loomis of Chaplin, Reed of Sharon, Davis of Durham, Philipp of Vernon.

## ON BANKS.

Senator Hammond, 16th District.

Messrs. Stanton of Stonington, Treadway of Bristol, Bradley of Orange, St. John of New Canaan, Deming of Hampton, Norton of Winchester, Lawton of Middletown, Steele of Tolland.

## ON STATE PRISON.

Senator Upson, 4th District.

Messrs. Paige of Sherman, Griswold of Wethersfield, Bartlett of Oxford, Mahan of New London, Elliott of Pomfret, Hurlbut of Washington, Penfield of Portland, Chaffee of Mansfield.

## ON NEW TOWNS AND PROBATE DISTRICTS.

Senator White, 10th District.

Messrs. Chapman of Waterford, Harger of Granby, Tomlinson of Milford, Foster of Redding, Newton of Plainfield, Sackett of Colebrook, Gladwin of East Haddam, Fuller of Somers.

## ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Senator Mills, 8th District.

Messrs. Post of Andover, Galpin of Berlin, Hill of Madison, Chapman of North Stonington, Glover of Newtown, Wheaton of Eastford, Williams of North Canaan, Hungerford of East Haddam.

## ON INCORPORATIONS.

Senator Coit, 9th District.

Messrs. Cleveland of Brooklyn, Cowles of Manchester, Fox of New Haven, Lathrop of Griswold, Gillespie of Stamford, Yale of Winchester, Gilbert of Chester, Belding of Vernon.

## ON CLAIMS.

Senator Dennis, 24th District.

Messrs. Cowles of Norwalk, Clark of Suffield, Austin of North Haven, Barnes of Preston, Hyde of Pomfret, Allen of New Hartford, Child of Saybrook, Merrow of Mansfield.

## ON EDUCATION.

Senator Cooke, 18th District.

Messrs. Robbins of Wethersfield, Mitchell of Southbury, Palmer of Stonington, Couch of Ridgefield, Wright of Killingly, Hurlburt of Salisbury, Stevens of Killingworth, Jones of Hebron.

## ON SALE OF LANDS.

Senator Richardson, 19th District.

Messrs. Sanford of Redding, Gates of Hartland, Ives of Wallingford, Loomis of Lebanon, Barstow of Scotland, Hayes of Harwinton, Johnson of Chatham, Walker of Union.

## ON FINANCE.

Senator Hoyt, 12th District.

Messrs. Bingham of Windham, Pease of Enfield, Griggs of Waterbury, Parish of Montville, Wren of Bridgeport, Odell of Roxbury, McCrery of Essex, Thompson of Ellington.

## ON RAILROADS.

Senator Baker, 13th District.

Messrs. Gillette of Waterbury, Cooley of Hartford, Williams of Lebanon, Wilson of Greenwich, Lombard of Ashford, Richmond of New Milford, Southworth of Saybrook, Young of Tolland.

## ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Senator Cheney, 2d District.

Messrs. Pine of Derby, Phelps of Windsor, Parker of Voluntown, Deming of Danbury, Waite of Sterling, Devoe of Torrington, Strong of Durham, Youngs of Union.

## ON AGRICULTURE.

Senator Alsop, 22d District.

Messrs. Cowles of Farmington, Curtiss of North Branford, Bill of Lyme, Nichols of Trumbull, Bradford of Woodstock, Bradley of Canaan, Brainerd of Haddam, Wood of Somers.



## ON HUMANE INSTITUTIONS.

Senator Sturtevant, 11th District.

Messrs. Wilson of Meriden, Towne of Plainville, Downer of New London, Abernethy of Bridgeport, Dean of Ashford, Beach of Litchfield, Coe of Middlefield, West of Columbia.

## ON CITIES AND BOROUGHES.

Senator Hills, 1st District.

Messrs. Congdon of Norwich, Coogan of Windsor Locks, Tyler of Prospect, Bell of Norwalk, Tucker of Killingly, Bowers of New Milford, Olcott of Clinton, Sweet of Coventry.

## ON FISHERIES.

Senator Spencer, 21st District.

Messrs. Fuller of Putnam, Woodward of East Windsor, Griswold of Guilford, Luce of East Lyme, Mead of Greenwich, Harrison of Cornwall, Kirtland of Old Saybrook, Alvord of Bolton.

## ON INSURANCE.

Senator Boss, 17th District.

Messrs. Bishop of Guilford, Lord of Windsor, Johnson of Franklin, Curtiss of Monroe, Sanger of Canterbury, Brown of Norfolk, Stocking of Cromwell, Bass of Coventry.

## ON MANUFACTURES.

Senator Jones, 6th District.

Messrs. Lyman of Meriden, Smith of Southington, Carrier of Colchester, Brinsmade of Huntington, Prior of Plainfield, Ashman of Salisbury, Shailer of Haddam, Merrow of Mansfield.

## ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Senator Seymour, 14th District.

Messrs. Northrop of Middletown, Downes of Derby, Congdon of Norwich.

## JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES.

## ON TEMPERANCE.

Senator Hammond, 16th District.

Messrs. Gregg of Waterbury, Roberts of East Hartford, Allyn of Salem, Sanford of Redding, Thurber of Putnam, Wadhams of Goshen, Post of Westbrook, Griswold of Stafford.

## ON FEDERAL RELATIONS.

Senator Elton, 5th District.

Messrs. Kirtland of Old Saybrook, Talcott of Glastonbury, Stow of Milford, Read of Lisbon, Pike of Fairfield, Marcy of Woodstock, Wickwire of Cornwall, King of Stafford.

## ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Senator Seymour, 14th District.

Messrs. Brown of Darien, Curtiss of Litchfield.

## ON FORFEITED RIGHTS.

Senator Gilbert, 23d District.

Messrs. Owen of Manchester, Wright of Branford, Leffingwell of Bozrah, Wheeler of Easton, White of Thompson, Bloss of Bethlehem, Lawton of Middletown, Jones of Hebron.

## ON CAPITOL FURNITURE AND GROUNDS.

Senator Northrop, 15th District.

Messrs. Arnold of Thompson, Manross of Bristol, Walker of Woodbridge, Avery of Groton, Sherwood of Fairfield, Judson of Thomaston, Case of Granby, Hutchinson of Hebron.

## ON REVISION OF JOINT RULES.

Senator Gunn, 7th District.

Messrs. Beatty of New Britain, Thompson of East Haven, Gove of Groton, Thoruhill of Brookfield, Newton of Plainfield, Swift of Warren, McCrery of Essex, Belding of Vernon.

## ON NEW COUNTIES AND COUNTY SEATS.

Senator Cheney, 2d District.

Messrs. Scofield of Stamford, Olmsted of East Hartford, Fox of New Haven, Bishop of Guilford, Billings of Ledyard, Wilson of Greenwich, Brown of Chatham, Sweet of Coventry.

## ON MANUAL AND ROLL.

Senator Mills, 8th District.

Messrs. Brown of Chatham, Rogers of Seymour, Reed of Simsbury.

## ON STATE LIBRARY.

Senator Coit, 9th District.

Messrs. Cothren of Woodbury, Gillette of Waterbury, Sill of Hartford, Bingham of Windham.

## ON STATUE OF EX-GOVERNOR BUCKINGHAM.

Senator White, 10th District.

Messrs. Sill of Hartford, Robertson of New Haven, Ripley of Norwich, Hubbell of Milton, Thurber of Putnam, Whittlesey of Waterbury, Johnson of Chatham, Fuller of Somers.

## CANVASS OF VOTES.

Senator Bradstreet, 20th District, Senator Gunn, 7th District.

Messrs. Barber of Harwinton, Knapp of Glastonbury, Culver of Beacon Falls, Halliatt of

Westport, Allen of Torrington, Pratt of Southington, McCarty of Sprague, English of Colchester.

#### SENATE COMMITTEES.

##### SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Senator Boss, 17th District; Senator Gunn, 7th District.

##### SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

Senator Bradstreet, 20th District; Senator Seymour, 14th District; Senator Hoyt, 12th District.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEES.

##### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Messrs. Ripley of Norwich, Clark of Hartland, Bailey of Wolcott, Wilson of Newtown, Bennett of Canterbury, Blakeslee of Plymouth, Davis of Killingworth, Burdick of Willington.

##### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Messrs. Root of West Hartford, Mead of Greenwich, Wright of Killingly.

##### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENT OF SEATS.

Messrs. Stanton of Stonington, Robertson of New Haven, Fuller of Putnam.

##### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

Messrs. Owen of Manchester, Dean of Ashford, Wright of Branford.

#### OFFICERS AND ATTACHES OF THE SENATE.

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##### CLERK.

Charles Perrin, Stonington.

##### MESSENGERS.

Chauncey H. Eno, Simsbury; L. W. Sessions, Windham.

##### DOORKEEPERS.

George S. Jeffrey, Meriden; George W. Lovejoy, Monroe; George A. Thompson, North Stonington.

##### REPORTERS.

Hartford Post, E. Hart Fenn; Hartford Courant, John C. Kinney; Hartford Times, William O. Burr; New Haven Palladium, Charles D. Page; New Haven Courier, Frank M. Lovejoy.

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##### CLERKS.

Charles P. Woodbury, Easton; Donald G. Perkins, Norwich.

##### TELLERS.

First Division, Tomlinson, of Milford; Second Division, Northrop of Middletown; Third Division, Stanton of Stonington; Fourth Division, Cooley of Hartford.

##### MESSENGERS.

John L. Wilson, Suffield; Eugene Morehouse, Stratford; Thomas J. Peck, Ashford; Russell P. Foster, West Cornwall.

##### DOORKEEPERS.

James E. Smith, North Haven; A. E. S. Bush, East Lyme; Lloyd A. Wood, Haddam; John A. Alvord, Bolton; Edwin Killam, Enfield.

##### MESSENGER OF COMMITTEE ROOMS.

Stephen Sage, Winchester.

##### MESSENGER OF COAT ROOMS.

Nathan H. Newberry, Groton; Edwin M. Thorne, Windham.

##### REPORTERS.

Hartford Post, Ira E. Forbes; Hartford Courant, George D. Curtis; Hartford Times, E. Tracey Greaves; New Haven Union, Alexander Troup; New Haven Register, William Rodman; Meriden Republican, William F. Graham.

#### POLITICAL DIVISION.

SENATE,	Rep.	Dem.	Gr.	Ind.
	17	7		

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

##### COUNTIES.

	Rep.	Dem.	Gr.	Ind.
Hartford,	28	17		
New Haven,	19	14		
New London,	17	12	1	
Fairfield,	15	17		
Windham,	20	4		
Litchfield,	20	21		
Middlesex,	14	8		
Tolland,	15	7		
	148	100	1	

Republican majority, 1882—Senate, 10; House, 48; Joint Ballot, 58.



# THE Connecticut Mutual LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

A Home Company with an unexampled Home Record.

A list of towns in the State of Connecticut, in each of which Death Claims aggregating an amount exceeding \$10,000 have been paid by THE CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY from its organization, December 15, 1846, to January 1, 1882.

Hartford, - - -	\$509,613	Haddam, - - -	\$24,684	Portland, - - -	\$27,034
New Haven, - - -	268,941	Hamden, - - -	18,200	Putnam, - - -	15,349
Berlin, - - -	18,034	Killingly, - - -	19,300	Rockville, - - -	44,990
Bridgeport, - - -	66,597	Litchfield, - - -	26,300	Saybrook, - - -	13,250
Bristol, - - -	26,632	Lyme, - - -	13,500	Simsbury, - - -	11,600
Danbury, - - -	23,150	Meriden, - - -	49,699	Southington, - - -	17,920
Deep River, - - -	12,531	Middletown, - - -	38,918	Washington, - - -	21,200
Derby, - - -	16,700	Montville, - - -	11,044	Waterbury, - - -	47,930
East Windsor, - - -	15,700	Naugatuck, - - -	14,325	Willimantic, - - -	30,200
Enfield, - - -	19,000	New Britain, - - -	48,500	Windsor, - - -	27,239
Essex, - - -	12,269	New Hartford, - - -	24,400	Winsted, - - -	16,055
Fair Haven, - - -	25,000	New London, - - -	62,451	Woodbury, - - -	22,820
Glastonbury, - - -	11,500	New Milford, - - -	15,559		
Granby, - - -	14,936	Norwich, - - -	132,375	Total, in 40 towns,	\$1,835,445
Paid in 97 other towns in the State,					358,779

Total Death Claims paid in 137 towns in Connecticut, \$2,194,224

The above amounts have been divided amongst the representatives of nine hundred and fifty-two persons, nearly all heads of families. Thousands of living witnesses, widows, orphans, and dependent relatives stand ready therefore, in every portion of our State, to bear testimony from actual experience, to the beneficent workings of this Company, and revere with thankful hearts the loving thoughtfulness of those who in their life-time provided with unselfish hand the only substitute which could avail in the absence of their personal care. Including the above sum, paid entirely within the limits of our own State, there has been paid during the same period on account of DEATH CLAIMS, in all the territory covered by the operations of this Company, the vast sum of

\$38,528,031.22.

And in settlement of ENDOWMENT POLICIES, the sum of

\$4,960,718.24.

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# 1851. THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATEMENT 1882.

OF THE

## Phœnix Mutual LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.

### ASSETS, JANUARY 1ST, 1882:

Loans on First Mortgages of Real Estate, . . . . .	\$5,180,221.44
Premium Notes on Policies in force, . . . . .	1,820,538.96
Real Estate owned by the Company, . . . . .	1,498,096.31
United States Bonds, . . . . .	273,182.25
City and Municipal Bonds, . . . . .	389,889.75
Railroad Bonds, . . . . .	483,708.75
Bank Stocks, . . . . .	163,638.00
Loan on Collateral, . . . . .	8,000.00
Cash on hand and in Bank, . . . . .	555,694.89
	<u>\$10,372,970.35</u>

### ADD:

Market value of Stocks and Bonds over cost, . . . . .	\$75,801.00
Interest accrued and due, . . . . .	104,125.06
Premiums in course of collection, . . . . .	5,513.73
Deferred Semi-annual and Quarterly Premiums, . . . . .	39,066.38
	<u>224,506.17</u>
Gross Assets, . . . . .	<u>\$10,597,476.52</u>

### LIABILITIES:

Reserve on Policies in force, at four per cent. interest, (Connecticut and Massachusetts standard,) . . . . .	\$9,571,530.00
Claims by Death outstanding, . . . . .	172,933.29
Premiums paid in advance, . . . . .	22,288.70
Loading on outstanding and deferred premiums, . . . . .	8,916.02
Special Reserve, . . . . .	100,000.00
Contingent Reserve on policy account, . . . . .	47,626.00
	<u>\$9,923,294.01</u>
Surplus at 4 per cent., . . . . .	\$674,182.51
Surplus at 4½ per cent., (New York standard,) . . . . .	<u>\$1,265,309.51</u>

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

EDSON FESSENDEN, President Hartford Hospital	CHARLES S. GOODWIN, Merchant, 279 Main St., Hartford
EDWARD GOODMAN, Counsellor at Law, 345 Main St., Hartfd.	DRAYTON HILLYER, Pres't Hartford Light & Ice Co.
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JONA. B. BUNCE, Vice-Pres't Phœnix Mutual Life Ins. Co.	

### OFFICERS

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JOHN M. HOLCOMBE, Secretary.

# 1850 CONNECTICUT 1882

## FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.

### SIXTY-SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT.

CASH CAPITAL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000,000.00
RESERVE FOR ALL LIABILITIES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	415,234.06
NET SURPLUS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	330,328.36
TOTAL ASSETS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,745,562.42

### DIRECTORS.

JULIUS CATLIN,	HENRY C. ROBINSON,	JULIUS CATLIN, Jr.,
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JOHN D. BROWNE, President.

CHARLES R. BURT, Secretary.

L. W. CLARKE, Ass't Secretary.

### **The Connecticut Fire Insurance Company.**

*(From the Hartford Evening Post.)*

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of this Company, the old board of directors was re-elected. The usual dividend was declared and the annual statement submitted. The showing for the year, the first under the administration of President J. D. Browne, was exceedingly satisfactory. The business has been very largely increased over that of any preceding year, and the net result in the way of increase of surplus has been nearly \$50,000.00. The Company ranks among the best in the United States. While the officers have adopted, and strictly adhere to a conservative policy, no opportunity is lost to advance its best interests. The great increase of its assets shows that it is among the progressive companies, and the large number of new policies written during the year indicates very clearly that it is a favorite with the insuring public.

### **The Connecticut Fire Insurance Company.**

*(From the Hartford Courant.)*

Having for many years past enjoyed the advantages of management of the most sound and conservative character, the Connecticut is looked upon as one of the strongest and safest companies in the business. It is the third oldest of the Hartford companies, and there are only four or five companies in the United States that have a larger capital. It stands among the dozen or so American companies having the largest assets, and in everything that goes to make a company sound and worthy of the most implicit confidence the Connecticut ranks as one of the foremost of existing organizations.

### **The Connecticut Fire Insurance Company.**

*(From the Hartford Times.)*

This Company comes to the front with a statement which must be very satisfactory to the stock and policy-holders. The premium receipts have increased more than 30 per cent., and its income from its investments shows a marked advance over any previous year. The administration of the affairs of the Company in the hands of the present officers has been conservative, and at the same time progressive.



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SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT  
OF THE  
HARTFORD  
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
OF HARTFORD, CONN.

➤ *CAPITAL, \$1,250,000.* ➤

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1882.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, in Bank, and Cash Items, . . . . .	\$132,520.82
Cash in hands of Agents, and in course of Transmission, . . . . .	266,856.48
Rents and Accrued Interest, . . . . .	27,212.86
Real Estate, unencumbered, . . . . .	651,175.60
Loans on Bond and Mortgage (1st lien), . . . . .	749,800.00
Loans on Collateral Security, . . . . .	589,787.92
Bank Stock, Hartford, Market Value, . . . . .	374,261.00
"    New York, " . . . . .	254,910.00
"    Boston, " . . . . .	78,375.00
"    Albany and Montreal, " . . . . .	86,030.00
Railroad Stocks, . . . . .	179,700.00
State, City, and Railroad Bonds, . . . . .	395,577.35
United States Bonds, . . . . .	286,368.00

\$4,072,575.03

SUMMARY.

Cash Capital, . . . . .	\$1,250,000.00
Reserve for Re-Insurance, . . . . .	1,327,112.18
All Outstanding Claims, . . . . .	162,599.08
Net Surplus Over All, . . . . .	1,332,863.77
Surplus as to Policy-Holders, . . . . .	2,582,863.77

GEO. L. CHASE, President,

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# THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONN.

## ITS HISTORY.

The Company was organized June 21, 1854, on a Capital of \$100,000. On the 28th of June, 1854, the Capital was increased by subscription to \$200,000; and again increased June 16, 1859, by subscription, to \$400,000, and on the 7th of April, 1864, was further increased by subscription to \$600,000. The losses of this Company in the Chicago fire, which occurred in October, 1871, amounted to \$937,219.23, and to this may be added the losses by *forest fires* which occurred on the same day in Wisconsin and Michigan, amounting to \$50,176.73, making a total loss to the Company on that memorable day, of \$987,395.96, which was a little more than 164 per cent. of its Capital Stock. A blow so serious required prompt action to save the valuable franchise and business of the Company. At a meeting of the Stockholders, held December 1, 1871, by a unanimous vote the Capital was reduced to \$300,000, and at a later meeting, held the same day, they voted to restore the Capital to \$600,000 by subscription, which was accordingly done. July 1, 1876, the Capital Stock was again increased, the Stockholders paying in \$400,000, making the Cash Capital \$1,000,000; and in March, 1881, a still further increase was decided on, and the Stockholders at once paid in \$1,000,000, making the Capital Stock of the Company

**\$2,000,000.00.**

Regarding this latter increase the "Hartford Courant," in its issue March 8, 1881, said:

"This important movement is in direct accord with the drift of the fire insurance business at this time and will not be questioned as a wise and timely step. Insurers are looking for large capital and strong companies, and have learned the folly of relying upon the little companies which go to pieces under just the strain against which insurance has been taken. The increase of the PHOENIX to \$2,000,000 makes it rank in capital with the third fire insurance company of the United States, and lifts it from a position of great importance to one of the very highest in the country. And it has earned its way there by a course of energy and honesty. With its capital doubled to \$2,000,000, and its \$1,100,000 of surplus undisturbed, the Phoenix doubles its already firm claim to the full confidence of the business community and will undoubtedly reap due reward from its bold and enterprising movement. It is more than the simple action of one company. It is an important movement for the whole financial interest of Hartford, for it tends to bring this place still more to the front as the great insurance city, and to strengthen its claim to be the center of the insurance business."

The gross Premium receipts for first year of Company's business were	\$38,487.41
The gross Premium receipts for year 1881 were	1,706,288.20
The total Premium Income of the Company since organization amounts to	26,020,771.26
And it has paid for losses the immense sum of	15,367,943.67

## STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COMPANY JANUARY 1, 1882.

Cash Capital,	\$2,000,000.00
Reserve for unadjusted losses,	137,487.14
Reserve for reinsurance,	1,053,201.37
Net Surplus,	1,119,284.02
<b>Total Assets,</b>	<b>\$4,309,972.53</b>

## THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand and in Bank, in hands of Agents and in course of transmission,	\$497,387.07
Real Estate,	178,255.31
United States Stocks and Bonds,	203,829.00
State, County, and Municipal Securities,	322,409.45
Bank Stocks,	874,884.00
School District, Corporation, and Water Bonds,	233,375.00
Railroad Stocks and Bonds,	1,104,020.00
Loans on Collateral,	653,794.00
Loans on Real Estate,	219,780.00
Interest and Rents accrued,	22,238.70
<b>Total Assets,</b>	<b>\$4,309,972.53</b>

## The following representative men are the Directors of the Company:

JOSEPH MERRIMAN, East Hartford.	ASA W. JILLSON, Hartford.	ERASTUS H. CROSBY, Hartford.
CHARLES M. BEACH, Hartford.	MILO HUNT, "	CHARLES H. SMITH, "
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#### THE EVENING POST ANNUAL FOR 1882.

Since the volume of the "Evening Post Annual," now in hand, appears without either preface or introductory, the Publishers can hardly do less than in this connection to remind its readers of the representative character of the work. The Biographical Sketches and Portraits embrace about three hundred of the public functionaries of the State, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the other members of the Executive Department, the Staff Officers and Aids, the United States Senators and Congressmen, and the entire membership in both branches of our State Legislature. A vast amount of information regarding these distinguished gentlemen is furnished in the voluminous text, which, while it is of unquestioned interest to-day, must form, with successive issues, the chief reliance of the future historian of the Commonwealth.

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