

OTSEGO COUNTY OFFICIALS

S. M. FRENCH, JUDGE OF PROBATE

There is no more important county office in the gift of the people than that of Probate Judge. In the duties of that office—in the just and equitable settlement of estates, it requires a



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man of good ability and fine discrimination, honest and conscientious, and such a man is found in the present incumbent, Seth M. French. By his energy, integrity and faithfulness to business he has earned and built up a reputation and name that is a valuable asset in the possession of any man. He is a pioneer citizen of the county, and in the early history of Vanderbilt village successfully conducted a saw and heading mill. He is the present Chairman of the Republican County Committee, and has for years taken a lively interest in the party's welfare.

GEO. COOK, SHERIFF

Otsego county has had many sheriffs; it is an office of much importance, and one that the average man cannot well fill, but would prove a dismal failure. The duties are manifold and it requires a man of iron nerve, a good judge of human nature and retentive memory and above all a man of acute observation. Geo. Cook, our present sheriff, embodies these qualifications in a high degree and is filling the office very acceptably to the people. Previous to his election to this office last November Mr. Cook had been the faithful village night watchman and deputy sheriff, and so ably did he perform his duties that it led to his election as sheriff.

Mr. Cook is a Mason, Odd Fellow and Maccabee.



GEO. COOK

NEW GAYLORD HOTEL, St. AMOUR BROS., Proprietors



Any town with a really first-class hotel has a reputation that is almost world wide, and Gaylord has such a hotel and such a reputation. In the early spring of 1903 St. Amour Bros., experienced hotel men of Cheboygan, purchased the leading hotel of the town and Silvio A. St. Amour, junior member of the firm, removed to Gaylord and took personal charge of the hotel which was christened the New Gaylord. The hotel immediately took front rank, and today enjoys a fine patronage and a first-class reputation. The cuisine is equal to that of the best hotels in large cities, and many commercial travelers plan their trips to stay over Sunday at the New Gaylord. In addition to perfect dining room service the sleeping apartments are large, well furnished and steam heated.

COOK BROS., Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishings, Shoes, Carpets Rugs, Etc.

Cook Bros. stand in the front rank of enterprising Gaylord business houses. This firm started in business here February 1, 1899, buying out H. Alpern & Co. However since then they have added largely to the stock until now their store is filled with a fine assortment of goods. Their lines comprise clothing, dry goods, dress goods, ladies' and gent's furnishings, shoes, hats, carpets, rugs, curtains, etc. This firm immediately set to work to establish themselves in the confidence of the buying public by giving a hundred cents value for every dollar expended in their store. That they have succeeded is evidenced by the fact of constantly increasing business, which is destined to become even greater in the future. Last spring the firm made a fine improvement to their property by raising up the building and constructing a cement walk in front. The interior of the store is admirably arranged for displaying goods to advantage, and with their immense stock presents an appearance pleasing to behold.



Messrs. Cook Bros. are progressive citizens, always ready to advance the

interests of Gaylord in every way practicable. Both gentlemen enjoy a large acquaintance and are held in high esteem throughout the community. They enjoy fellowship in the local lodges, Bert the senior portion of the firm, being a K. P. and Maccabee.

while Fred is an all around fraternal man being prominently identified with both branches of Masons, the K. P., Maccabee and Woodman lodges. He is Chancellor Commander of the local Knights of Pythias.

CARR & SON, MEAT MARKET

The people of Gaylord are to be congratulated upon their good fortune in having in their midst such an exceptionally well kept meat market as that conducted by Carr & Son, of which D. Carr and Ernest Carr are both partners in the business and butchers of experience. The firm does its own slaughtering and is therefore always in a position to offer their patrons the choicest cuts of beef, mutton, pork, etc., that money can buy. Poultry, game, oysters and fish can be found at their place whenever on the market at all, and these gentlemen take special pains to keep a great variety of meats. They manufacture sausage of all kinds, head-cheese, etc., and their famous White Lily lard has made a reputation for itself.

Mr. Carr, senior, came here six years ago from Ortonville and engaged in the meat business with Chas. Sobanski. After three years of partnership he bought out his partner and took his son Ernest in with him.

Both gentlemen are well known and are enjoying a nice trade. Mr. Carr is a butcher with several years experience having run a market in Ortonville 20 years prior to his coming here. Ernest is one of the substantial young business men of the town. He is treasurer of Livingston township, and enjoys fellowship with the Masons and K. P.'s.

H. E. FOX, DRUGGIST

Every town has its quota of drug stores, and none in this section of Michigan are better equipped and enjoy the confidence and patronage of the public



H. E. FOX

than that of Harry E. Fox. Harry came to Gaylord in 1882 with his parents from Bangor, VanBuren county, when he was a mere lad. He received such education as Gaylord schools offered and at an early age entered the drug and grocery store of his father and received invaluable training. Being ambitious and having a taste for the drug busi-

ness he decided to take a course in the Detroit College of Pharmacy from which institution he graduated in June, 1900. He returned to Gaylord and ran the drug department of his father's store and in December, 1902, acquired the business.

Fox's Pharmacy is modern in every respect and the large trade he enjoys attests to the excellence and purity of his goods. In stock can be found a full line of all kinds of drugs, proprietary medicines, toilet articles, novelties, confectionery, cigars, paints, wall paper, etc. Careful and prompt attention is paid to the filling of all prescriptions.

In Fox's drug store is located the pay station under the control of the Northwestern Telephone & Telegraph Co.

A. J. MADDOCK, Machine Shop and Foundry

It is rare indeed in towns the size of ours to find a well equipped machine shop, together with a foundry able to turn out iron and brass castings. A. J. Maddock is the proprietor of such an industry in Gaylord and since starting here in 1901 has built up a splendid business.

Mr. Maddock does all kinds of repair work and when any disabled machinery leaves his plant it is practically as good as new. He does a big business in repairs for mills in this vicinity, the owners having come to know through experience that all work turned out by him is satisfactory.

Immense snow rollers are made by him on order, and he also manufactures plows to order, which are in every respect high grade.

The casting capacity of his shop is 2,500 pounds of gray iron per day and 700 pounds of brass.

Mr. Maddock is an Englishman by birth, but came from Boston to Gaylord and since his residence here has made many friends who wish him a prolonged and successful business career.

CREGO & PELTON, General Hardware, Stoves, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Etc.



During the comparatively short time that they were engaged in the same business, and from the start their trade here has been phenomenal.

Mr. W. J. Crego of the firm has charge of large lumbering interests nine miles east of Gaylord on the McGraw branch.

Mr. John L. Pelton has charge of the store, which is completely stocked with everything pertaining to the hardware trade. They do an enormous business in builders' hardware, paints, oils, varnishes, etc., carry a fine line of stoves and ranges, sporting goods, including guns and ammunition.

Both Messrs. Crego and Pelton are enterprising progressive business men and their success is due to their splendid business qualifications. They are fraternal men of high standing and belong to nearly all the Gaylord lodges.

With eggs at 20c a dozen at this season of the year, we are thinking that the poultry business is not overdone in Otsego county, and that the man who operates a henry will soon wax rich.

GAYLORD VILLAGE OFFICIALS

ORRIS W. FARRAR, PRESIDENT

All around busy man most tersely describes the multifarious doings of O. W. Farrar. This gentleman came to Gaylord in June, 1897, and as he expresses it, "just happened to come."



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was a fortunate happening for both town and Mr. Farrar, as he saw many opportunities here, immediately got busy and has been decidedly busy ever since.

By profession Mr. Farrar is an attorney-at-law in connection with this he carries on a real estate and insurance business, and is also justice of the peace and village president. He has large holdings of real estate, both resident and business. Since his residence here he has built upwards of 20 dwellings, selling many of them on easy payments, and at the present time is engaged in building five more houses. His business property is in the form of a substantial brick block of three Main street fronts finished last spring, also another block of two stores and one frame store. He is the owner of desirable Main street business frontage which will doubtless be improved next year.

Mr. Farrar is Past Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Massachusetts.

CHAS. O. HAIGHT, TRUSTEE

Chas. O. Haight emigrated to Gaylord in the year 1892, coming from Vassar, and for many years was general manager of the 5,000 acre farm of the



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Detroit Iron Furnace Co. just north of town. Some 12 years ago the company discontinued the making of charcoal and dismantled the brick kilns, and since which time Mr. Haight has leased the Company farm and successfully carried on the agricultural work on a large scale. By wise management and good judgment he has added to his worldly possessions, and his elegant house shown elsewhere in this issue bears testimony to that fact. Mr. Haight is more useful than ornamental as a citizen and is serving his town on the Council, a just recognition of his worth and ability. Charley is a lodge man and affiliates with the Masons, K. P.'s and Maccabees.

JAMES A. QUICK, TRUSTEE

James A. Quick dates his entrance into Gaylord some twenty years ago—1885, hailing from Oakland county. A farmer by occupation he quickly purchased



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land and proceeded to tickle the soil with a hoe and it brought forth abundant yield for him. His brother An-

son had preceded him to Gaylord, and the boys seeing a business opportunity embarked in the grocery and clothing trade. They were diligent in business, careful and conservative buyers, and soon enjoyed a lucrative patronage. By reason of ill health James withdrew from the firm and took a beneficial trip to the western coast. For some years they have been identified with the banking business in Gaylord, being joint owners in the Otsego County Bank. Coming here at an early day, they have not only witnessed the town and county grow, but have played no unimportant part in its growth, always taking a lively interest in matters pertaining to the general welfare of the commonwealth. Several times James has been honored with positions of trust, and has always acquitted himself well, and at the present writing is one of the village trustees. He has extensive property interests in both town and country, and a half-tone picture of his beautiful Gaylord home adorns this issue of the Herald. All hail to such men as James A. Quick.

FRANK J. SHIPP, CLERK

Mr. F. J. Shipp came to Gaylord in 1898 as superintendent of schools and for five succeeding years filled the position with credit and lasting benefit



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to the schools. In 1903 he entered the employ of the Dayton Last Block Works as bookkeeper and assistant to Manager Wm. H. Kemper.

When he first came to Gaylord Mr. Shipp foresaw that it was destined to be a place of considerable importance and took a deep interest in its progress. His most serious his third term as village clerk, is a member of the school board, vice-president of the Huff & Mitchell Co., and is ever on the alert for the advancement of Gaylord.

Mr. Shipp is a firm believer in Gaylord as a superior manufacturing point and his masterful article elsewhere in this issue on this subject is interesting and logical reading.

Mr. Shipp graduated from Albion college in 1896 and taught school in Montana two years before coming to Gaylord. Fraternal he is a Mason, K. P. and W. M., having at various times filled different offices in these organizations. Personally he is a citizen who is very much alive and a power for progress in the community in which he lives.

LUKE DUBBER, TRUSTEE

Our esteemed citizen, Luke Dubber, is an Englishman by birth, and thirty years ago was living with his parents in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. About that



LUKE DUBBER

time of life he was seized with a desire to go north into the lumber woods of Michigan, and the winter of 1875 saw him in Otsego county with cant hook and axe in hand ready to hew out a home in the wilderness. How well he has been evidenced by a walk down East Main street by his spacious grounds and fine residential property. Among other additional property he has acquired is a valuable 80 acre farm adjoining the village on the east. As a land looker and timber estimator he stands high, and his services are in constant demand. At present he is in the employ of the Gaylord branch of the Dayton Last Block Works, and is also a member of the Village Council, and whilst is a man of good parts and ever zealous for the upbuilding of his town and county. Don't keep this copy of the Herald; send it to some distant friend.

OTSEGO COUNTY COURT HOUSE

CHARLES H. WELCH, CLERK

Charles H. Welch, our affable and polite County Clerk, the obliging man who issues the marriage licenses and



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keeps tab on the babies and a whole lot of other important data, and who by the way is serving his third term, is all right and makes a model clerk; and some day may have a family all of his own, but as yet has never developed a tender passion. Charles was raised on a farm with his parents in Charlton township, and likes to fish for trout in season and chase the nimble deer.

DAVID M. HOFFMAN, REGISTER

David M. Hoffman, the competent Register of Deeds for Otsego county, has been for many years a resident of the county, chiefly devoting his time



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to farming, his homestead being located in the thriving township of Elmira. He is a public spirited man, capable and trustworthy, has frequently been elected to positions of trust and responsibility, is serving his second term as Register, and is highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen as a man and citizen.

GEORGE H. SMITH, TREASURER

George H. Smith, Otsego county's courteous and obliging Treasurer was for a number of years a prominent and successful merchant of Gaylord. He is a pioneer of the county, having come here in an early day, and has played an important part in the annals of the county; served his town as supervisor for a number of years, and is an honest and painstaking official and universally respected.



GEORGE H. SMITH

A. D. MARSHALL, C. C. COMMISSIONER

This issue of the Herald would be incomplete were its Circuit Court Commissioner Anthony D. Marshall not briefly mentioned. He is a modest and unassuming man and wouldn't stand for his picture in the paper—which is just like him. He and wife and infant daughter came to Gaylord when it was a mere hole in the woods, and have always taken a deep interest in matters social, political and religious, and as a careful and accurate disciple of Blackstone he is universally trusted and admired. By frugality and industry he has acquired a pleasant home and good business property, and as a man and citizen is a valuable acquisition to any community.

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