

When he had mastered the business he spent some time in traveling, principally in Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania, and while in the latter state attended the Centennial of 1876.

April 6, 1887, Mr. Bell married Miss Elizabeth E. Haynes, of Northport, this state. The lady is a native of England, and a daughter of William and Rosana (Redford) Haynes. Two children, a son and daughter, grace the union of our subject and wife and are called, respectively, Morris and Ethel. The family residence, which is a comfortable and commodious one, is at No. 742 Washington Street. Mrs. Bell is a faithful member of the Congregational Church, the services of which her husband usually attends.

Of late years Mr. Bell has spent several winters in Florida and while absent has left his business in good hands. He is a true-blue Republican and socially is a Knight of the Maccabees. In manner he is courteous and affable and a man whom it is a pleasure to know. His fellow-citizens freely accord him their confidence and best wishes, for he is known to be thoroughly deserving and a man of sterling worth.



FREEMAN ARNOLD. To anyone who closely applies himself to the occupation which he has chosen as his vocation in life there will come, almost invariably, a high degree of success and the regard of his associates. Mr. Arnold is no exception to this rule, for his present position among the people of Otsego County has been reached by industry, honor and strict attention to his business affairs. On coming to Gaylord in August, 1884, his cash capital was limited to \$200, but with this as a nucleus he has built up a large trade in the merchant-tailoring business and has become the owner of valuable property in the city and surrounding country.

The parents of our subject, Joseph and Amanda (Frantz) Arnold, were natives of Pennsylvania, and he was born in Monroe County, that state,

August 15, 1858. His grandfather, John Arnold, spent his entire life in Pennsylvania, where, after many years devoted to agricultural work, he died at an advanced age. His family consisted of three sons and three daughters, among whom was Joseph, a native of Susquehanna County, but now a resident of Monroe County. Though reared upon a farm, he early learned the blacksmith's trade and this he has since followed industriously and successfully. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died when the latter was a boy, and the father afterward married her sister, by whom he has one daughter, Lillie. In religious belief he is an earnest, faithful member of the Reformed Church, to which our subject's mother also belonged. Of their children, we note the following: Alvin resides at White Haven, Pa.; Jerome, a blacksmith and farmer, lives in Monroe County, Pa.; Simon died in Pennsylvania; Lucy was married to Obediah Bidding, and makes her home in Reading, Pa.; Theodore follows the occupation of a shoemaker in Monroe County; our subject is the next in the family circle; Mary died at the age of nineteen years; and Joseph, a blacksmith, is engaged at his trade in Monroe County.

In youth our subject had the advantage of an academical education, and at eighteen years was graduated from the academy at Broadheadsville. Soon afterward he went to Stroudsburg, Pa., and apprenticed himself to an expert tailor, with whom he remained for three years as an apprentice and one year as a clerk. Becoming thoroughly familiar with the trade, he engaged at "jour" work in various places, being at Lehighton for a time, later at Mauch Chunk, Bethlehem and Stroudsburg, and coming from the latter place to Michigan. He reached Gaylord in August, 1884, and at once rented a shop on E Street, afterward buying the property. By industrious application to the business and by close study of the wants of his patrons, coupled with a thorough knowledge of the trade, he soon gained a reputation as an expert tailor, and is now not only the oldest man in that line of business in this place, but the most successful and prominent as well. In the summer of 1888 he traded his property on E Street for his present place of business on Main Street, which is

centrally located and commands better advantages for trade.

The political questions of the age receive from Mr. Arnold the serious consideration which they merit, and he is well informed concerning public matters, being able to give a reason for his preference for Democratic principles. For two terms he served as School Inspector, and in 1890 was elected County Treasurer, in which capacity he served for four years, his discharge of the duties attending the position being generally satisfactory. In addition to the business which he conducts, he is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, and at various times has dealt in real estate. Fraternally he is a Knight-Templar Mason and a member of the Order of the Maccabees.

In 1886 Mr. Arnold married Miss Mattie White, who was born in Stroudsburg, Pa., and is a daughter of James White, a railroad bridge-builder residing in that place. They are the parents of five children, namely: Frank, John, Edward, Alice and Mattie. In their religious connections the family are identified with the Congregational Church, and are active in the good works of that denomination.



EUGENE E. DOUVILLE, Postmaster at Manistee, born in Milwaukee, Wis., January 15, 1844, was reared in that city, attending the high school for a time, and graduating from Lincoln's College at the age of eighteen. On the completion of his education he learned photography, which trade he followed for some time thereafter. Coming to Manistee in the spring of 1865, he opened a gallery, and conducted an extensive business in that line for six years.

From the photographic business Mr. Douville turned his attention to the insurance and real-estate business, and has since had a large trade in that line. He has made a specialty of handling pine lands, both for himself and for others. Personally he has inspected much of the land in the northern part of the state, and few are better informed concern-

ing the valuation of property than is he. Of office and abstract work he has also made a specialty. In connection with Edward Lewis, the County Register of Deeds, he opened a set of abstracts for Manistee County, and these he still owns. All later transfers have been entered in this record book, so that they are easy of access. The Lockwood system, which is considered the most complete, was used in the compilation of the records, it being covered by copyright.

About five years ago Mr. Douville visited the southern pine lands, accompanied by M. W. Gallagher, a practical woodsman, who had personally inspected the pine lands in all of the Gulf States. They made large investments there, and during the four years following had an office in New Orleans about six months of each year. Their sales were extensive, aggregating about two hundred thousand acres of pine lands, which were sold largely to Northern lumbermen. Mr. Douville still holds an interest in about one hundred thousand acres of pine lands in the South.

The Douville Addition to the city of Manistee, which was made by our subject, consists of about forty lots lying in the center of the town and occupying a very desirable location. He also owns suburban property and several business blocks that bring in a good income from their rental. For some years he was in partnership with his brother, Walter W., in the book business at Manistee, their trade being an extensive one. After twenty years together, his brother, who had been the manager of the business, died suddenly, in 1886, after which the stock was sold.

On coming to Manistee Mr. Douville became identified with the Democratic party, which in those days was largely in the minority, the place being considered a Republican stronghold. Through his efforts, in connection with a few other loyal Democrats, he succeeded in bringing his party to the front as a formidable and often successful competitor of the other organization. Beginning in 1876, he served for four years as Probate Judge. For one term he was Mayor, also served as City Recorder and City Treasurer, and has long been identified with the County Executive Committee, of which he is the present Chairman. He has attended