

the substantial citizens of Ludington. He takes a commendable pride in this place, and every movement looking to its material advancement meets with his encouragement and active support.



WILLIAM M. and C. V. WRIGHT, members of the firm of Wright Bros., proprietors of a steam laundry in Traverse City, form one of the most reliable and enterprising business firms of the place. They have established a reputation for fair dealing, good work, promptness and faithfulness in every respect which is rapidly resulting in their becoming well-off. Their trade is not merely local, as numerous towns in this vicinity send their quota of work to be done in this well equipped laundry.

Isaac Wright, the father of our subjects, is an Alderman and an influential citizen of Vandalia, Cass County. His main occupation has been that of farming, principally in the state of Michigan. He was born in Tennessee in 1829. His wife, Nancy, who before her marriage was a Miss Van Matre, was born in Indiana in 1834. Of their union the following children were born: Rufus, who was born in Indiana in 1852, and who is a farmer; Josephus, born in Indiana in 1853, now running a laundry in Michigan City, Ind.; Calvin V., born November 5, 1855, and a member of the firm of Wright Bros.; Maggie, born in Indiana in 1865, now a resident of Niles, Mich; William, the next in order of birth; Lillie, born in Michigan in 1866, now living at Cassopolis, Cass County, this state; and Van Matre, born in Michigan in 1874, engaged in the laundry business with his father at Fairmount, Grant County, Ind.

William M. Wright was born September 5, 1862, in Henry County, Ind., and from his early years was trained in habits of industry and thrift. He had a fair common-school education, and on completing his early studies entered the high school. His father gave him and all of his sons their time

when they were nineteen years of age. Our subject worked for the first summer thereafter for his father and then went to Kalamazoo, where he found work in the Insane Asylum. At the end of nine months he came to this city, and for five successive years was employed in the Northern Michigan Insane Asylum, discharging his duties to the full satisfaction of his superiors.

Having laid aside a small sum of money, Mr. Wright furnished S. E. Hill some capital with which to start a small laundry on the South Side. This was the commencement of what is now a large and prosperous business. On leaving the asylum Mr. Wright embarked in business with Mr. Hill, increased the capacity of the plant and extended the trade. In September, 1891, his brother Calvin bought out Mr. Hill and the present partnership was formed. The brothers have been prospered beyond their expectations and have spared no pains in giving their customers prompt and careful attention.

December 26, 1887, William M. Wright married Miss Bertha G. East, of Cass County, Ind. She was born October 5, 1865, and is a daughter of Calvin and Mabel (Reynolds) East. Two children, daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, namely: Neta M., April 5, 1889, and Gracie, May 17, 1892. Fraternally William Wright belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees.

Calvin V. Wright married February 5, 1882, Miss Annie Delong becoming his wife. She is the daughter of Harmon and Carrie (James) Delong. The result of this union is three children, as follows: Neva, born November 8, 1883; Kittie, born June 7, 1886; and Hazel, born July 14, 1892.



ALBERT A. CRANE, who has been engaged in the practice of law at Gaylord since the spring of 1880, was born in Lyons, Mich., October 15, 1853, being the son of Ansela and Sarah D. (Way) Crane, natives, respectively, of New York and Canada. His grandfather, Obediah Crane, a native of New York, settled in Michigan

in an early day, being numbered among the pioneers of Pontiac. There he engaged as a tiller of the soil until his death.

The parents of our subject have spent their married life in Michigan; and are still residents of Lyons. They are faithful members of the Society of Friends, and in their lives endeavor to exemplify the beautiful teachings of their church. The father is a man of temperate habits, great energy and the highest principles of truth and honor. He has made his life occupation that of farming, and while he has never gained wealth, he is blessed with a comfortable amount of this world's goods. His children are five in number, namely: Ellen, wife of James Cramer, of Belding, Mich.; Albert A.; Oscar T., a farmer residing at Lyons; Eva, wife of James Root, also a resident of Lyons; and Theron, who died at twelve years of age.

After having been for some years a pupil in the common schools, our subject entered the Agricultural College at Lansing, and attended that institution during the summer months, the intervening winter seasons being devoted to the teacher's profession. He was graduated with the Class of '75, and shortly afterward, having determined to become an attorney, he entered the law-office of Ruff & Tone, at Lyons. A short time was thus spent, after which he went to Illinois and taught school at Courtland, De Kalb County. On his return to Lyons he resumed his legal readings, and in the fall of 1879 he was admitted to the Bar at Ionia.

Coming to Gaylord in 1880, Mr. Crane soon entered into partnership with W. H. H. Cooper, under the firm name of Cooper & Crane. July 7, 1883, the firm established the Gaylord Exchange Bank, and also for some time afterward dealt in real estate, and represented a number of insurance companies. In March, 1891, Mr. Crane, who had purchased Mr. Cooper's interest, closed the bank, which was succeeded by the Gaylord State Savings Bank. Since that time Mr. Crane has confined his attention to the practice of law and dealing in real estate, in addition to which he owns the abstracts of Otsego County.

In 1880 Mr. Crane married Carrie I., daughter of Burgess Hall, formerly a merchant of Lyons, where she was born. They have had three chil-

dren, of whom Jessie and Richard survive. In politics a Republican, Mr. Crane has served for two terms as County Clerk, and was Deputy in the same office one term. He has also been Town Clerk School Inspector, and has filled the important position of President of the village. He is active in local politics, and has frequently been a delegate to county and congressional conventions. As President of the Business Men's Association, he has endeavored in every way possible to promote the commercial progress of the town. He is now in partnership with Albert M. Hilton, the firm name being Crane & Hilton.

Socially Mr. Crane is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is serving as Secretary of the local lodge. In Masonry he has attained the rank of Knight Templar. He is connected with Gaylord Post No. 366, A. F. & A. M., and is its Past Master.



CHARLES A. MUNSELL is one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of Traverse City, to whose energy and business push are due the development and commercial activity of this place. He has only recently entered upon his active career, but everything in his character promises a successful future. To him belongs the distinction of being among the very few persons in business here who are native sons of Grand Traverse County, with the history of which his own has been entwined during his entire life. He learned the wagon-maker's trade with great facility, for he has always been skillful with tools, and the business seemed to come naturally to him. Some three years ago he came to Traverse City, and now has a shop on East Front Street. Here he has a commodious general-repair shop, and is receiving a large share of the public patronage.

Referring to the personal history of the subject of this notice, we find that he is the son of J. P. and