

upon the Democratic ticket in a strong Republican ward proved his popularity among his fellow-citizens and the high regard in which he was held by them. He served as a member of the Council until the spring of 1893, meantime assisting to the fullest extent possible in promoting all measures for the benefit of the people and the town. In 1892 he was the nominee of the People's party, and also of the Democratic party, for the responsible position of Probate Judge, to which he was elected by a flattering majority. Since becoming a resident of the Fifth Ward, he has been urged to accept the nomination as Alderman from this ward, but has invariably declined. At one time he was a candidate for Mayor of Cheboygan, but as his wife was ill then he made no effort to secure election, and consequently suffered defeat.

In his fraternal relations the Judge is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Mahoning Lodge No. 29. He also affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees. On the 3d of November, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Katie, daughter of Eli B. Peck, of Cheboygan. This estimable lady was the devoted helpmate and companion of her husband until her death, which occurred April 30, 1894, after a long and severe illness. Two children had been born of the union, a son, Charles, and daughter, Grace.



**S**AMUEL E. QUA, Treasurer of Otsego County, came to Gaylord in January of 1884, and purchased an interest in a grocery and provision business, which, in partnership with his brother Henry J., he conducted for seven years. In 1891 he became the sole proprietor of the concern, but afterward admitted his son, William W., into partnership, and the business is now conducted under the firm name of S. E. Qua & Son.

The following facts are noted concerning the

parental history of Mr. Qua: His father, Samuel, was born in Hebron, N. Y., and in youth learned the trade of painter and glazier, which he afterward followed for some years, but later engaged in farming. He married Miss Margaret Hobson, a native of Ireland, who was brought to the United States in infancy, and, being orphaned at an early age, was reared in the family of Reuben Blood, at Madrid, N. Y. In 1865 the family removed to Michigan and settled on a farm near Paw Paw, where they remained until their removal to Otsego County. The parents now live retired in Gaylord.

The four sons and one daughter of Samuel and Margaret Qua were named as follows: Reuben, a resident of Gaylord; Henry J., a merchant of this place; Samuel E.; Ella, wife of Dr. James P. Fox, of Gaylord; and George F., whose home is also in this town. Our subject was born in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., January 7, 1846, and received the rudiments of his education in the common schools of New York. At the age of ten years he settled with his parents upon a farm, and afterward by practical experience gained a thorough knowledge of agriculture.

After coming to Michigan, Mr. Qua was engaged in farming in Van Buren County for one year, but later secured employment in a sawmill. He next purchased farming property in Van Buren County, and in connection with the tilling of the land he followed various occupations. Among other things he ran threshing and saw machines for eleven years. From Van Buren County he came to Gaylord, where, as above stated, he has since engaged in the grocery business. By his uniform reliability and courtesy, he has gained the confidence of the people, who regard him as an upright and progressive business man.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Qua has for years been prominent in his party, and is now one of its leaders in this locality. While in Van Buren County he served as Township Clerk. Soon after coming to Gaylord he was appointed Street Commissioner, and under his direction the stumps which had so long defaced the principal streets were removed, and a number of improvements made. In that office he served for two and one-half years. Both as Deputy Township Clerk and

later for four years as Township Clerk, he rendered efficient service in behalf of his fellow-citizens. At the same time he also held the office of Village Assessor. For two years he was Township Treasurer, and for four years filled the position of Superintendent of the Poor, being also a member of the Otsego County Poor Board. In 1894 he was nominated by his party for the office of County Treasurer, and in the fall of that year he was elected by a majority of four hundred and six, running ahead of the rest of the ticket, which fact attests his popularity in the county. For two years he was Chairman of the Republican County Committee, and at various times has been a delegate to political conventions.

October 5, 1867, Mr. Qua married Miss Julia A. Butterfield, who was born in Albion, Orleans County, N. Y. Their four children are William Wesley; Lutie Ethel, wife of John M. Brodie, of Chicago; Elmer LeRoy, and Bessie May. The family is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Qua is one of the Trustees. Fraternally he is a member of Gaylord Lodge No. 366, A. F. & A. M.; Gaylord Chapter No. 119, R. A. M.; and Interlake Lodge No. 329, I. O. O. F. He is also identified with the Knights of the Maccabees.

The Government of our country has one of its most loyal supporters in Mr. Qua. During the Civil War, he enlisted, in 1863, and was mustered into service with Company L, First New York Cavalry, in which he served faithfully until the close of the Rebellion. He is a member of Doore Post No. 61, G. A. R., in which he has officiated as Post Commander. In addition to his grocery business, he is the owner of forty acres of improved farm land near Gaylord. He has built and now owns the Opera House Block, the principal business block of Gaylord, which contains store, bank, the Masonic lodge hall and the opera house. In the organization of the Gaylord State Bank he was one of the principal factors, and still retains his connection with that concern as a stockholder. As an official he is energetic, honorable and painstaking, and in his hands the financial interests of the county are safe. As a business man, he combines the thrift of his Scotch ancestors with the progressive spirit of our own nationality. The

success which he has gained is the result of his industry and good judgment, and justly entitles him to a position among the prosperous, capable and enterprising citizens of Gaylord.



**C**HARLES E. COOPER. There are few of the residents of Northern Michigan who are not acquainted with the genial Postmaster at Manton, who is numbered among the pioneers of Wexford County and has been foremost in advancing its interests. Sherman was the only town in the county at the time of his removal here in the winter of 1871-72, and it was an insignificant hamlet, containing only thirteen buildings of every description. The nearest railroad points were Clam Lake and Traverse City.

In the spring of 1872 Mr. Cooper removed his newspaper plant from Howell to Sherman, and founded the *Wexford County Pioneer*, which was the first paper ever published in the county. His object in locating in Sherman was to obtain the state printing, which had to be done in Wexford County. For six years he continued the publication of his paper at Sherman, and meantime gained prominence throughout this section of the state as an able journalist and editor. In its political complexion the paper was a stanch advocate of Republican principles.

Selling that paper in 1878, Mr. Cooper came to Manton and purchased for \$50 the *Manton Tribune*, which had been running for twenty weeks. This he conducted as an independent paper for the fourteen ensuing years, with the exception of one year, when he sold the plant, but was afterward obliged to take it back. To such an extent did he increase its popularity and influence, that on selling it he received \$1,000 for the plant. Under the first administration of President Cleveland he was appointed Postmaster at Manton, and served until a change of administration occurred. When Cleveland was re-elected President he again