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Mishap Drove Oldest Adler Employee Into Business

Clay Babcock, Rochester
manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, was 57 years old Saturday. He was born in DeRuyter, N.Y., in 1871, and was brought to Rochester at an early age. Fourteen years later he graduated from school and in the same year made his first business connection with the Babcock Coal Company.

Mr. Babcock was later in the employ of Gorton & McCabe, furniture and rug dealers, who ran an establishment on the present site of McCurdy & Company store. He then entered the Mutual Life Insurance office and for 21 years has been local manager.

Mr. Babcock is past master of the Frank R. Lawrence Lodge and a member of the Genesee Valley Club, Rochester Club, Ad Club and one of the organizers of the Rochester Life Underwriters' Association. He lives at 251 Rosendale Street.

This is the story of Samuel Baer, whose career was sharply diverted in his youth from music to business, as the result of an accident which nearly left him a cripple for life.

Baer, who has since made his mark in the business world, doesn't regret it now.

As the oldest employee, with forty-five years of service to his credit at the Levy Bros. & Adler-Rochester, Inc., Baer, purchasing agent finds ample recompense for his thwarted ambition and talent in music.

How highly he is regarded in his business is shown by this tribute from his employers:

"The story was typical when he first came to us, and there are not many in the factory who can tell you more about its development. He has made himself so much a part of this plant that we would not be surprised if someone called him Mr. Firm."

"All of us who know Sam feel that he is solid gold all the way through, and we are always glad to see his smile and to call him "Sam.""

FIRST PAY FOR VIOLIN

When still a youth in his teens, Sam had an intense yearning to play the violin. But he didn't have one. To get the money with which to buy the instrument, he joined the Adler Bros. in October, 1885, and he spent his first week's pay of $5 to buy himself a second-hand violin.

An industrious youth, Sam kept his job and studied music in his spare time. He made rapid progress and won recognition for his talent. Soon he had a position on a prominent orchestra, while he still held his job with the Adler firm.

Everything was fine with Sam until years later. Then came the accident. While vaulting over a high fence, he caught his foot in a wire and fell on a concrete sidewalk, with the result that he fractured his right elbow.

Sam's violin playing days were over, after the accident, for he found that his right arm was partly stiff at the elbow. With reluctance he gave up the violin to direct all his energy to the single interest of his job.

This is how Baer tersely tells his story:

"I came to Adler Brothers in October, 1885, then in the Journal-American building. The building had no electric power and all machines were operated by hand."
In March, 1912, Levy Brothers, prominent wholesale clothiers, merged with Adler Brothers, and the progressive firm of Levy Bros. & Adler-Rochester was established. I am proud of being its oldest employee, and have held the post of purchasing agent for a number of years.

On July 19, 1932, when he resigned his post with the Public Works Department after 13 years service, previous to that he was a contractor and builder in Hamlin for 25 years, teaching school in the winter.

He is survived by two sons, J. Roy and Asa M. Baird; three daughters, Mrs. Chester M. Fishbaugh, Mrs. William Rice and Mrs. Leo J. Leiter; a brother, Albert J. Baird of Hamlin; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Barber was a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Disclaimers

Financial WIZARDRY

Takes Reporters Into Confidence, but Has Nothing To Tell Them.

Rochester Public Library

August 20, 1920

It was a recent illustration of the＜br＞

SUCCESSION TO

Mrs. Mary E. Sumner. Lucy M. and Mrs. Mary E. Gunner, all of Rochester.

The body was taken to the chapel of Ingmire & Thompson Company, 137 Chestnut Street, where funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Barber was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.
Collaborator Kin Of Kipling

Charles Wolcott Balestier

Rochesterian Remembers Young Charles Balestier As Eager Librarian Here

By AMY H. CROUGHTON

Back in the days of the 1890's, when Charles Wolcott Balestier was librarian of a little lending library in the Reynolds Arcade, he had the idea of writing a novel on railroad and neglected no opportunity to familiarize himself with the technical side of the work. Mr. Turpin of the Rochester engineering department, Mr. Turpin, who had not heard from him for many years received a letter from him a day or two ago asking about old Rochester friends.

Balestier was unusual looking and had an unusual personality. He was about five feet eight inches tall and quite thin in face and figure. He was intensely nervous and I remember one occasion, when we went into the gallery of the old Rochester Opera House to see Lawrence Barrett in one of his notable roles, Charlie became so nervous that he could not remain to see the play out, but left and walked the streets for some hours in order to calm his nerves. "I'll never forget the day when he came running up the stairway of the arcade waving a letter and shouting; "Lowell has just accepted my story!"

Wolcott Balestier was graduated from Cornell and on returning to Rochester was employed by the old Evening Express, for which he conducted a column. In 1889 he was sent to Europe as agent for a New York publishing house and met Rudyard Kipling. A warm friendship sprang up between the two young men and they planned to write a number of novels in collaboration. The first, "The Naulakha," was published. Balestier providing the material for the railroad scenes. Wolcott's health began to fail in 1891 and his mother and sister, Caroline Balestier, now Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, took him to Europe, where he died and was buried in the American cemetery at Dresden, typhoid fever being the immediate cause of death.

It is said that Caroline and Rudyard Kipling first became attached to one another while they were caring for Wolcott in his illness and that it was his request that their marriage take place as soon as possible after his death. They were married in London Jan. 15, 1892, six weeks later.

Beatty Balestier, a younger brother of Wolcott and Caroline, is still living at Brattleboro, Vt., at the Dummerston Farm. Mr. Turpin, who had not heard from him for many years received a letter from him a day or two ago asking about old Rochester friends.

The Balestiers, Charles Wolcott, Josephine, who became the wife of Dr. Dunham of New York City; Caroline, now Mrs. Kipling; and Beatty, were the children of Henry Wolcott Balestier and Anna Smith Balestier. Mrs. Balestier was the daughter of E. Peshine Smith, Rochester lawyer and diplomat, who for five years was legal advisor to the Mikado of Japan, and later returned to make his home with his widowed daughter in the house still standing at the corner of Lexington Avenue and Thorn Street. There the young Balestiers were brought up and legends of their brilliancy and unconventionality are still told by old inhabitants of the Tenth Ward.
W. G. BARNETT, EX-DETECTIVE

DEATH CLAIMS

W. G. BARNETT, EX-DETECTIVE

Sergeant Barnett was born in Rochester in 1872, receiving his education at School 15, afterward entering the grocery business, and then the police department.

Rose Rapidly

He was appointed patrolman on May 22, 1899, serving as such for three years. On June 1, 1902, he was promoted to detective and June 1, 1916, to detective sergeant.

Early in his career he gained for himself the name of a fearless policeman, engaging in scores of hand-to-hand street fights with hoodlums in several of which were known as "toughest sections in town." An intuitive understanding of human nature gave him considerable aid in his later work in the detective bureau that brought to his credit solution of many mystifying crimes.

Hundreds of arrests were to his credit. One of his most spectacular cases was the Brash murder. A man killed his wife and threw the body into the canal. Sergeant Barnett traced Brash to Cleveland and arrested him there. He brought Brash back to Rochester. The man was tried, convicted and later electrocuted.

Sergeant Barnett was a member of Yonndio Lodge, F. and A. M.; Lalal Rookh Grotton, M. O. V.; Damascus Temple, F. and A. M.; Windsor Lodge, Rikatoa Rad Men. For more than a score of years he was secretary of the Rochester Police Benevolent Association. He is survived by a widow.

Tributes are Paid

The respect in which he was held by his former superiors was manifested today in the following statements made by them upon learning of his death:

Director Curtis W. Barker said: "I am very sorry to hear of the death of Sergeant Barnett. He was a fearless and courageous officer. He was a shrewd investigator. His exemplary conduct in office made him one of the most valuable officers in the Rochester Police Bureau."

Chief Andrew J. Kavanaugh: "Although Sergeant Barnett's death came during his retirement, his passing is mourned by the entire department."

Captain of Detectives John P. McDonald: "Sergeant Barnett was one of the most efficient officers the Rochester Police Department ever had. He was never found wanting where duty called. His record was of the highest. I am grieved to hear of his death. I feel that I have lost a personal friend and fellow officer with whom it was an honor to work."

Married in Frankfort

The original of this letter is owned by Freeman C. Allen of Hawthorn Street, and its substance was published in the Publication Fund Series, Volume Seven of the Rochester Historical Society. It sets at rest once for all, the controversy as to where Delia Scantom was married, for it has always been conceded that the marriage took place in the home where Hamlet Scantom was residing at the time. But it raises another question—whether the first couple married within the boundaries of the original village of Rochester? There are many more things that might be written about Jehiel Barnard. He played a baseoon in Rochester's first band in 1816-17, he helped to rid the banks of the Genesee River of rattlesnakes, killing six in one day and collecting the bounty of six shillings from Squire House, and he was one of the first five trustees of Rochesterville elected in 1817.

About 1837 Jehiel Barnard moved from Rochester to Ogden but in 1863 he was back in the city and living in the Exchange Street house. On Oct. 12, 1865, Mr. Barnard and his wife and their four sons and two daughters were photographed together at the studio of Gregg and Poelwson, in celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of the parents. Less than a month later, Nov. 7, 1865, Jehiel Barnard died. His wife survived him until 1881. Henry Barnard of the firm of Barnard, Potter and Remington, is a grandson of Jehiel Barnard.

Mrs. Scott, the donor of the shears was born July 21, 1834, and was 11 years old in the Summer in which Jehiel Barnard revisited his former home in Exchange Street. She remembers him as a sturdy, pleasant looking man of short stature, then apparently in very good health.

A number of other historical relics have been presented to the Rochester Historical Society by Mrs. Scott whose interest in historical matters and genealogical research has been life-long. She has a collection of rare volumes on genealogy and is recognized as one of the greatest authorities on this subject in New York State. Her ability to read seven languages, including the old Norman French in which many records have been preserved, have enabled her to trace family histories back for many centuries. She is a member of the New York Genealogical Society and is the only American woman correspondent of the International Genealogical Society.
Stroke of Apoplexy Fatal to Henry Barnard, Veteran Business Man

UNUSUALLY ACTIVE LIFE

Banker and Merchant; Was Great-grandson of Hamlet Scrantom

Henry Barnard, president and treasurer of Barnard & Simonds Company, a member of the firm of Barnard, Porter & Remington and former chairman of the board of directors of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and Trust Company, died last evening at his home, 102 Rutgers Street, aged 80 years.

Although he had not been in the best of health since his retirement from the chairmanship of the bank board Jan. 24, Mr. Barnard was able to attend to his business affairs until his death. Death was the result of an apoplectic stroke he suffered Friday.

Mr. Barnard was widely known in business and civic circles. He was born in Rochester Feb. 1, 1850, and lived here all his life. He was a grandson of Jehiel Barnard, whose marriage to Delia Scrantom, daughter of Hamlet Scrantom, first Rochester settler, was the first marriage in Rochester.

Bank Director Since 1912

Mr. Barnard's connection with the bank began in 1912, when he was elected a director of the Lin-
HARRY J. BAREHAM—Believes in himself and G. O. P.

(This is the twelfth in a series of intimate, pre-election pen pictures by J. Cody Waller. The first ten dealt with the candidates for City Council. Yesterday's article presented Thomas H. Remington, campaign manager of the City Manager League. Tomorrow—City Manager Stephen B. Story, storm center of the campaign.)

By J. CODY WALLER

A MAN may be a political leader for years and never be recognized as "The Boss." George W. Aldridge for a quarter of a century was undisputed boss of the Republican organization. James L. Hotchkiss succeeded him as leader—but not as boss.

George W. Aldridge would seek out Republicans with grievances and ascertain the cause of the grievances. His question was: "Just what have you inimicable to my interests?"

James L. Hotchkiss, if anything, always was too kind to be a political boss. He knew too much about everybody in Rochester to go chasing after renegades.

He believed Republicans were obligated to the organization and if they "got off the reservation," they could get back as they came, or stay away, without compulsion.

Now the Republican organization has a leader of two years' experience as its chief. And he is fast becoming a boss. But he doesn't speak of "my interests," as did George W. Aldridge. The organization isn't something he developed strictly for himself. It belongs to all the members of the party who are represented by county and ward committee members. It belongs to the Republicans who believe in "our system" of government for municipal, state and national affairs.

If anybody "gets off the reservation," he doesn't just let it pass.

What's the Matter?

"What's the matter with him? Tell him I want to see him."

And he makes it his business to hear every complaint.

Mr. Voter, meet Harry J. Bareham, Republican county chairman and the boss of the regular campaign for Joseph C. Wilson, Joseph L. Guzzetta, R. Andrew Hamilton, Ernest C. Whitbeck and Joseph P. Hogan for city councilmen.

Mr. Bareham is different from George W. Aldridge. He is different from James L. Hotchkiss. Mr. Aldridge seldom talked for publication. Mr. Hotchkiss seldom talked, and never complained when reporters misquoted him to his disadvantage, which frequently happened.

Mr. Bareham talks. He speaks for himself, as a citizen. He speaks as leader of the Republican organization. He will defend the organization against all attacks. And, what's more, he
doesn't have to rely on someone else to write speeches, or letters or interviews for him.
There isn't anybody in Rochester who can write speeches, or letters or interviews for him.

Mr. Bareham, or as he is called, Mr. B., has no ambition to be a big political boss, to be a crony, to be a henchman for ward heeler politics. He has been an active member of the public service for more than thirty years. He was born in Palmyra, N.Y., in 1879, and spent his early years there, before coming to Rochester.

He attended Rochester's high school and, as a young man, began life as a stenographer and bookkeeper. He has been a stenographer and bookkeeper since 1899, and has worked at it in conferences with lieutenants. He is a member of the Italian Ward of the city and has been a member of the Italian Ward of the city for more than thirty years.

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Strong With Labor

They would have recognized him as boss with a capital "B" in Rochester's history. He has been "batting around" the Sixth and Eighteenth Wards for more than thirty years. He was born in Palmyra, N.Y., in 1879, and spent brief periods in Palmyra and Marion before coming to Rochester.

He attended Rochester's high school and, as a young man, began life as a stenographer and bookkeeper. The two jobs went together, thirty years ago. He is still an expert stenographer, and works at it in conferences with lieutenants. He is a member of the Italian Ward of the city and has been a member of the Italian Ward of the city for more than thirty years.

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Woodland Pictures
Attract Barker Each Summer

Unknown and unsung, the teaching profession goes its way day in and day out, contributing a larger share to upbuilding of modern civilization than any other single profession or business, yet seldom noticed by a public that has come to take its education for granted. Many a man and woman now an outstanding figure in the community, perhaps in the state and nation, owes more to him or she can ever repay to a humble, self-sacrificing pedagogue. Here, then, is the twenty-ninth in a series of articles on Rochester teachers, and the famous or near famous men and women they have taught.

If James F. Barker, assistant superintendent of schools, ever fails to report at his office in the Education Building, Rochester’s sleuths better hop the first train to Timogami, Ont., and they’ll probably find him working out a photographic problem in his cabin located on one of the Canadian city’s 1,200 islands.

Each year for the past sixteen Summers, he takes a respite from his duties as head of Industrial education in Rochester public schools by setting up his Kodak and shooting landscape and fishing scenes of one of Canada’s most picturesque havens.

For besides ranking high in pedagogical circles, Mr. Barker has many times won the acclaim of critics for excellence of his photographic subjects and his ability to reproduce clearly defined lines of land, mountain and sea.

And his ability doesn’t stop there either. Given a few tubes of oil, an easel and some brushes, he can transform a drab picture into one that frequently wins distinctive awards at artists’ exhibits.

Perhaps his ability at sketching goes back to his college days when as a graduate engineer of Cornell University he studied architecture and for five years worked as draftsman in one of Chicago’s largest contracting concerns.

His teaching experience started in 1903, when he received an appointment in Milwaukee as manual training teacher. A short time later, he was appointed director of the manual training department of the Hackley Manual Training School, Grand Rapids, Mich., one of the few endowed public high schools of the country.

Later, in Cleveland, he directed activities of the East Technical High School, where over 2,000 students were enrolled. Receiving a call from Mechanics Institute to become its president in 1916, he came to Rochester and has resided here since. For three years, he held that position until his present appointment was tendered.

As head of industrial training department of Rochester schools, he has direct charge of the Continuation School, where 3,000 students receive instruction; junior high schools of the city and industrial and practical arts classes of the various local schools.

Another major item under his supervision is adult education, which is represented by over 11,000 men and women receiving instruction in night schools of the city.

An interesting sidelight of recent statistics on this subject, according to Mr. Barker, is the fact that few out of every thirty persons in Rochester attends night school, one, two three or five night a week.

Senior evening high school, where there is an enrollment of 824 pupils this year, summer high school sessions with more than 5,000 students in attendance are among his chief supervisory subjects.

A long life of varied interests and bearing fruit in many useful forms of public service ends with the death of Henry Barnard, pioneer business man and former chairman of the board of directors of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Barnard’s ancestry goes back in a direct line to the early days of Rochester. His grandfather, Jehiel Barnard, married the daughter of Harriet Scrafford in the first wedding ceremony in Rochester, uniting two families that have had a large influence in the development of the city.

The name of Barnard has long been one of the most prominent in Rochester’s business circles, but it has been in his public benefactions, his ideals of citizenship and his substantial influence on worth while
BAREHAM ENDS STORMY CAREER AS G. O. P. HEAD

Political Life Began in 1917 When He Was Named Alderman of 16th—Safety Chief

When Harry J. Bareham, Republican county leader, turned over his chairmanship to Supervisor Thomas E. Broderick, he closed a brief but stormy career as Republican chieftain.

Mr. Bareham was born in Palmyra, Mar. 8, 1878. He moved to Marion and then to Rochester as a boy. He attended Rochester's schools and became a stenographer and bookkeeper.

In 1917, he was elected alderman of the 16th Ward to succeed John McFarlin, who became city assessor. He continued as alderman until Jan. 1, 1922. He then ran for president of the Common Council and was elected. He took office and a few hours later resigned to become Commissioner of Public Safety in the cabinet of Mayor Clarence D. VanZandt.

Ousted in 1925

On Aug. 19, 1925, he was ousted. Two years later, Van Zandt, Joseph C. Wilson, and William E. Love rose to power as insurgents, James L. Hotchkiss, then leader, had refused to designate the trio for re-election.

The insurgents after their victory set up Mr. Wilson for county chairman. Mr. Bareham came to the defense of Mr. Hotchkiss, defeated the insurgents and Mr. Hotchkiss retained control of the county committee.

On Oct. 4, 1927, there was another battle against Mr. Hotchkiss and this time Mr. Bareham became a candidate for county chairman against Charles E. Bostwick and William H. Craig. Mr. Bareham won out.

As county treasurer he permitted the Board of Supervisors to raise his salary from $4,500 to $7,500. This brought a protest from the voters which made itself felt in the election of 1932, when James Morrell, Democrat, won the position.

The building of the new $4,000,000 county home and hospital also was trolled into the election campaign and added to the losses, it was claimed.

Mr. Bareham's organization in 1932 regained control of the city administration, lost to it since the City Manager League victory gave it City Hall control in 1928.

Last year the city and state were swept by a Democratic landslide and Mr. Bareham's difficulties doubled. Last March a movement was on foot to make Supervisor Broderick chairman, but it failed to win support of old-line Republicans.

RAYMOND N. BALL

Appointed of Raymond N. Ball, president of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and Trust Company, as a director of the Buffalo branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was announced yesterday by R. M. O'Hara, managing director, at Buffalo. Appointment of Mr. Ball gives Rochester two places on the directorate of the Buffalo branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, thus providing it intimate business and banking contact with the Federal Reserve system, the backbone of the nation's banking and financial structure. The other Rochesterian on the board is Edward G. Miner, chairman of the board of directors of the Pfaudler Company, who is also identified with other important business interests.

Seven Members on Board

The Buffalo branch of the Federal Reserve Bank has seven members on its board of directors, consisting of four bankers and two business men and Mr. O'Hara, the managing director. Appointment of Mr. Ball is regarded as signal recognition for Rochester's banking interests. Some years ago the late Thomas E. Lannin, president of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, served as a member of the board. Mr. Miner was the first Rochester business man to be appointed, and Mr. Ball is the second banker.

Mr. Ball was notified of his appointment by George L. Harrison, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, who urged that he accept. This he has done. Mr. Ball is appointed for a term of three years, beginning on Jan. 1, 1932.

Since his graduation from the University of Rochester, 17 years ago, Mr. Ball has had an intimate contact with financial affairs of...
Joseph Bauer Unhurt Through Four Years Civil War Battling


THE Times-Union herewith presents the above, with a series of sketches of 80 surviving veterans of the Civil War residing in Rochester and Monroe County.

Joseph Bauer, for the last two years grand marshal of the Memorial Day parade in Rochester, who recently returned from the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Binghamton to attend the reunion of his comrades in the Fifth New York Independent Battery at the home of Mrs. Carrie Grove in Werner Park, Rochester, is senior vice-department commander of the G. A. R. in New York State.

This indicates the active schedule of a veteran of the Civil War, now in his 87th year, who also finds time for fishing at the bay, and the home games of the Red Wings in the stadium in Norton Street. For the old warrior is a rooter for Rochester baseball team, and has caught just as good fish as flourish in Lake Ontario.

Of German Ancestry

This tale, however, has to do with Joseph Bauer's military record. He was born in Baden, Germany, April 1845, where his father, Hilarious, served seven years in the German army, and removed with his family to Rochester in 1852. Joseph had two brothers and five sisters when the family took up residence in Rochester and he is the only survivor.

He had passed his 16th birthday anniversary and was a keen-eyed observer of the neighbors who were leaving home for battle fronts in the Southland, when he enlisted, Oct. 21, 1861, in Company K, Eighth New York Calvary in which he served until early the next Spring when his company was transferred to Bruckel's Artillery, composed of four batteries and commanded by German officers. All the men were of German birth or descent with the exception of a lone Englishman in this outfit.

After two years service he was discharged and again he enlisted, this time for three years, with the Fifth New York Independent Battery.

He soldiered not without glory for the war department records show he was in the service for the Union from Oct. 21, 1861, up to July 6, 1865. He took part in the Siege of Yorktown, 1862, was in the battle of Gaines Mill, 1862; Malvern Hill, 1862; Antietam, 1862; Fredericksburg, 1862; Gettysburg, 1863; Malvern Run, 1863; Rappahannock Station, 1864; Spottsylvania Court House, 1864; Cider Creek, 1864; Fishers Hill, 1864, and the Battle of the Wilderness in the same year.

Became Shoemaker

From the guns and camps young Bauer returned to Rochester and went to work at his trade of making shoes. Then he moved on to Buffalo where he met, wooed and won Miss Louisa Wolf of that city and they were married there Mar. 5, 1866. To them were born five boys and five girls, and one son, Joseph J., fought through the Spanish War and served two years in the Philippines and the grandson of the Civil War veteran and great-grandson of Hilarious, the veteran of the German Army, Earl B. Pugsley, saw service on the Mexican Border and crossed the seas to fight with Pershing in the W. P. War.

Mrs. Bauer, wife of the G. A. R. officer, died 16 years ago. She lived to see many post-war honors come to her husband, one of which was the Gettysburg medal, which Gen. Daniel Sickels pinned on his coat in 1882 at a reunion on the battlefield.

This ex-service man, turned shoemaker, plied his trade in many cities including Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester and Norwalk, Ohio. At Attica, N. Y., in 1896 he organized the Rowley and Taylor Post, G. A. R., and when he returned to Rochester to take charge of a shoe factory in the Autumn of 1888 he was transferred to E. G. Marshall Post, G. A. R., in which he has held
ISAAC A. BAUM, CASKET FIRM DIRECTOR, DIES
Resident of Rochester for 55 Years, Passes at 77; Services Today

Rochester Public Library
54 Court St.

ISAAC A. BAUM, Rochester capitalist and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Casket Company since it was founded, died yesterday, aged 77.

Mr. Baum was born in Hartford, Conn., and has been a resident of Rochester for 55 years. Until he moved to The Scaramore some time ago, his home was in East Avenue.

Mr. Baum was three life members of Rochester Lodge of Masons and a member of the Irondequoit Country Club and Temple Berith Kodesh. He was one of the founders of the National Casket Company.

Mr. Baum leaves his widow, Mollie W. Baum. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Mount Hope Chapel by Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Temple Berith Kodesh.

Honorary bearers will be Julius M. Wille, Joseph Michaels, Harry M. Beach, Julius J. Bakrow, Fred Vanbergh, Morley A. Stern, William I. Rosenberg, Dr. Nathan W. Soble, Vice-Mayor Isaac Adler, Benjamin S. Meyer, Sol H. Savage and Selim Slieman.

50 Years In Phone Company

Feb. 18, 1856, and was educated at the Brockport Normal School. Mrs. Baxter is of Russian birth, the marriage having taken place during the period when Mr. Baxter was stationed in her country.

In At Beginning

It was in April, 1879, that Mr. Baxter came to Rochester to become second operator in the newly-opened telephone office of the Bell Telephone Company at 10-12 Main Street Bridge. In the following year he was sent to Western Europe with a construction crew of the International Bell Telephone Company to install telephone service in Switzerland, Holland and Belgium. One other Rochester man, Charles O. Harris, was also a member of the crew. When this work was ended Mr. Baxter was sent to Russia, where he spent eight years in telephone system construction work and learned a good bit about the workings of Russian official red tape. Even 40 years ago there was abundant indication of the unrest which has ended in the present state of affairs in Russia, he says.

Coming back to Rochester Mr. Baxter was made chief operator in the office of the Bell Telephone Company in the Wilder Building, having charge of operation and "trouble." In the Fitzhugh Street office to which he went later he had charge of the installation department and for the past 20 years he has been chief clerk of the plant department.

Mr. Baxter's ability to speak in five languages has been of considerable value to the telephone company, especially in the earlier days of construction work.

Known As Plant Expert

Along these lines the name of Milton S. Baxter is better known in Washington and Albany than it is in Rochester, for the state agricultural department and the Smithsonian Institute frequently consult him on data concerning plant diseases. In the lists of plants of New York State, published at Albany, Mr. Baxter's name frequently appears and he is cited in the Smithsonian publications. Last Spring the Smithsonian Institute sent one of its men to Rochester to spend two days with Mr. Baxter in field work.

At his home, 46 Ely Street, Mr. Baxter has a wild flower garden which would be as good as a textbook to any student who followed
its blooming throughout the year. There Mr. Baxter has transplanted specimens of hundreds of wild plants which have their habitat in Monroe County and many specimens from further afield.

Monday night at 6:30 o'clock Mr. Baxter's associates of the Rochester Telephone Corporation are to give a dinner in his honor in the auditorium of the Columbus Building, marking the 50th year of his association with the telephone company.

William M. Bennett Resigns Principalship of West High

William M. Bennett, principal of West High School since 1910, was born in Davisonville, Mich. He attended Colgate University and upon graduation in 1881 was appointed science instructor in Nashville, Tenn., High School. He acted as principal of New Berlin, N. Y., High School for a year and at the Canandaigua High School for three years.

Then Mr. Bennett removed to Erie, Pa., where he was appointed head of an academic science department and served three years.

Mr. Bennett then came to Rochester and taught in the old Free Academy. In 1886 he was appointed head of the physics and mathematics department in West High School, and in 1909 assumed the principalship.

Mr. Bennett is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, Warren C. Hubbard Lodge, F. and A. M., the Torch Club, Rochester Teachers Association, the New York State Teachers' Association, National Educational Association and Associated Academic Principals of New York State.

The Bennett home is at 18 Warwick Avenue.

Ill Health Ends His 31 Years Connection With School System

Thirty-one years' connection with the Rochester public school system was severed yesterday when the Board of Education accepted the resignation of William M. Bennett as principal of West High School.

Mr. Bennett, who has been principal of West High School for 21 years, having succeeded Herbert S. Weet, now superintendent of schools, in that position, retires because of ill health.

Last March Mr. Bennett had a case of pronounced nervous exhaustion coupled with an anaemic condition that necessitated his absence from school for a month. While not restored to normal health, he returned to school and carried on his duties until the close of the school year. Early in July he suffered a relapse.

Spinning Will Carry On

James M. Spinning, vice-principal, will be charge of the school until a principal is chosen.

Mr. Bennett was appointed to the Rochester public school system on Nov. 5, 1881, and began his work in the old Rochester Free Academy in South Pritchard Street, where he succeeded Albert L. Arey in charge of science work in chemistry and biology. When East High School was opened, Mr. Bennett was assigned to direct the work in chemistry there. In September West High School was opened, he was transferred to that school where he became head of the department of physics and, for a time, of mathematics. He was appointed to the principalship in September, 1910.

Teacher 41 Years

Mr. Bennett, altogether has had 41 years of teaching and administrative work. He taught for a year...
Unhonored and unsung, the teaching profession goes its way day in and day out, contributing a larger share to the upbuilding of modern civilization than any other single profession or business, yet seldom noticed by a public that has come to take its education for granted. Many a man and woman now an outstanding figure in the community, perhaps in the state and nation, owes more than he or she can ever repay to a humble, self-effacing pedagogue. Here, then, is the second of a series of articles on Rochester teachers and the famous or near-famous men and women they have taught.

Only begotten Son of God,
Whose feet the troubled waters trod
Whose gentle voice once calmed the sea
On storm tossed lake of Galilee,—
Hear Thou a father’s earnest plea:
And bring my son, John, to me.

Clinton N. Howard, Rochester’s “little giant” of prohibition, penned the above lines as he paced the wind-swept ocean beach on Cape Cod in 1919, hoping that the angry waves would toss up the body of his son, John, observer in the United States Aviation Corps, who, with a pilot, had been ordered to cross Cape Cod Bay to Boston in an airplane the day before.

His prayer was answered in part. A carrier pigeon fluttered into over the gray wastes, carrying a message from the aviators, telling of the terrific winter storm they had encountered at sea. A few days later, their camera was washed up on the beach, mute evidence of the tragedy.

“John Gough Howard will always be remembered at West High School,” declared William M. Bennett, principal of the school. “During my twenty-five years as teacher and principal here, I never knew a finer example of American boyhood.

“He was well-appearing, well-mannered and a leader in every school activity, from sports to dramatics. I spent two summers with John in the Canadian woods and became quite an admirer of him.

“His character was revealed to me in a little incident of his school days. During a fit of irritability (and teachers have them) one of John’s instructors noticed a flower in his lapel and, deciding to make an issue of it, sent him to me.

“I talked it over with him as man to man and asked him what he thought should be done. Without a word he arose and going to the teacher, apologized to her. Needless to say, the teacher later became one of John’s best friends.”
William M. Bennett, Former West High Principal, Dies

Members of Rochester School System Pay Him High Tribute

William Marvin Bennett, for 21 years principal of West High School, until his retirement two years ago because of ill health, died yesterday afternoon in Rochester General Hospital, aged 67 years. His health continued to decline after he relinquished the principalship, but it was not until about a week ago that his condition became critical and he was moved to the hospital.

Mr. Bennett was born in Flint, Mich., in May, 1886, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Bennett. In his youth he moved to Bainbridge, N. Y., and received his early education there. Orphaned early in life, he achieved his higher education and subsequent success in life wholly through his own efforts. He worked his way through Colgate University, from which he was graduated in 1901, and was rewarded with his master's degree at the same college two years later. June 22, 1892, he married Edith A. West in Bainbridge and by coincidence his funeral tomorrow will be in his 41st anniversary.

He entered at once upon his career as a teacher, starting in Nashville, Tenn., and then came back to New York State to become principal of the Berlin High School, where he remained one year. From New Berlin he went to Canandaigua Academy, where he taught classes in science and then went to Erie, Pa., in a like capacity.

Came Here in 1900

About that time the Board of Education felt the need of a teacher to develop plans for the science laboratories and equipment in the newly projected East High School, and Mr. Bennett was called here, becoming a member of the faculty.


Leaves Wife and Son

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Walter W. Bennett, chairman of the science department of Charlotte High School.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home, 18 Warwick Avenue, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Due to the death of Mr. Bennett, the annual meeting of the West High School Alumni Association, which has been scheduled for Friday night, has been indefinitely postponed.

News of the death of Mr. Bennett was received with deep regret at the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Herbert S. Weet and Deputy Superintendent of Schools Joseph J. O'Hern had been closely associated with him throughout his 31 years in the educational system of the city, while James M. Spinning, recently selected as a successor for Mr. Weet as superintendent of schools, knew him both as a pupil and teacher.

Mr. Weet, when informed of Mr. Bennett's death, paid the following tribute:

Mr. Weet's Tribute

"Mr. Bennett went with a group of us to open the West High School back in 1900. Five years before this he had come to Rochester from Erie, Pa., to plan for the development of the work in science in the two high schools which the new Board of Education had planned to build. The laboratories of the East High and the West High, as they stand today, are the result of his careful and thoughtful planning.

"Mr. Bennett had a rare combination of business ability and educational leadership. Loose and whole school and community. His high standards of personal rectitude and self-effacing devotion to duty have made their impression on the educational leadership. Loose and whole school and community.

"The wages of his labors were things unknown, the values were things unknown, and the methods he used were things unknown. The work of his administration of the West High School was a manifestation of educational values and school.

With this business ability his broad experience enabled him to have worked on the staff of the school and schools.

Mr. Bennett, former principal of West High School, came as a shock to the teachers of the school system and the thousands of West High students and graduates who have known him so well since the school was first opened in 1900, and to many East High graduates who knew him at the old Free Academy and at the East High School before his transfer to West High.

"Mr. Bennett was a man of high ideals, a splendid scholar, a teacher of rare ability, and equally successful as an administrator. The influence of such a noble character will live on in the lives of the thousands who came to know him as teacher or principal. He was a good man and beloved by all who knew him."

Had High Standards

James M. Spinning, Mr. Bennett's successor at the West High School and recently appointed assistant to the superintendent, said: "Mr. Bennett lived one of the truest lives of which I have any knowledge. He was never interested in winning credit for himself, but always in giving the utmost. His high standards of personal rectitude and self-effacing devotion to duty have made their impression on the educational leadership. Loose and whole school and community.

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William H. Bennett Quits Post as Head of West High School

R.T.V. Sep. 1, 1931

Ill-Health Forces Action—Joined City System 31 Years Ago—Named to Present Post in 1910 as Successor to Weet—Alumnus of Colgate

William M. Bennett today had resigned as principal of West High School.

His resignation was accepted yesterday by the Board of Education, and James M. Spinning, vice principal, was named acting principal until Mr. Bennett’s successor is chosen.

Mr. Bennett ended 31 years of service in Rochester public schools because of ill health which caused his retirement from active duty last March for a month. He returned to work at the end of the school year, but suffered a relapse early in July. He passed his work in Rochester schools Nov. 5, 1900, when he was placed in charge of science work in the old Free Academy. Later he was transferred to East High and went to West High School in 1905. He succeeded Herbert S. Weet, now superintendent of schools, as principal there in 1910.

Mr. Bennett, who is a Colgate University alumnus, has had 41 years of teaching experience.

Mr. Bennett received his bachelor of arts degree from Colgate in 1891 and his master’s degree two years later from the same university. After two years of teaching in Nashville, Tenn., he returned to principalships at New Berlin and at Canandaigua. From Canandaigua, he went to Erie, Pa., from where he was called to the Rochester schools.

He was affiliated with the National Education Association, the New York State Teachers’ Association, the Rochester Teachers Association, the Rochester Schoolmasters’ Club, Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Upsilon Fraternity, Rochester Torch Club, the Cosmos Club, the Seneque Club and Warren C. Hubbard Lodge, F. and A. M.

Their comments were expressed as follows:

Herbert S. Weet, superintendent of schools: Mr. Bennett was a pioneer in the new order of things in the public schools of Rochester that began back in 1900 when the so-called Dow Law became effective. The late Andrew J. Townsend, who will be remembered by many as one of the ablest and most representative men of his day in the business and financial circles of Rochester, was president of the Board of Education when Mr. Bennett was brought here. Mr. Bennett came not simply to teach science but to lay out and follow through his detailed plans for the science laboratories and their equipment in the East High School.

Charles E. Harris, still at the end of the department of physics at the East High School, and Mr. Bennett collaborated in developing the physics laboratories, but Mr. Bennett alone was responsible for the laboratories in chemistry and biology. Already, both in Erie and in Canandaigua, Mr. Bennett had one such outstanding work in his department of science that his reputation had spread abroad.

Mr. Bennett here had complete charge of laying out the plans and specifications for all the science laboratories in the West High School. In addition he supervised the construction and equipment of these laboratories. Not only this but he helped develop the laboratories in the new Eastman Building of the Mechanics Institute and for two years gave evening lecture courses there on science.

Principal Wilcox of the East High School distinctly recalls hearing Mr. Townsend declare that “Bennett has the best mind for details and construction of any man whom I know.” The full significance of this comment of Mr. Townsend can be appreciated only by those who knew the keenness of his insight, his own remarkable grasp of details, and his indulgence in praise only when there was no shadow of doubt as to the merit of such praise.

As Mr. Bennett severs his connection with the West High School, Rochester loses one of its most scholarly-minded and busineslike principals. His devotion to the school and its welfare was of the kind that reflected the highest type of professional mind. He was too
Resignation of William M. Bennett

The resignation of William M. Bennett, principal of West High School, after 31 years as head of that school and 31 years of service in the public schools of Rochester, takes out of the educational world a leading scholar and able administrator. His resignation comes as the result of continued ill health.

West High School and William M. Bennett have been synonymous, just as East High and Albert H. Wilcox have been synonymous, for all the years the schools have been open. It is remarkable that these two schools—the pioneer schools in the modern secondary school movement in Rochester, should have such men at their heads as these two, dissimilar in many respects, yet alike in their devotion to the youth of the city and their welfare.

Mr. Bennett gave to his tasks a high sense of responsibility and guarded the interests of his schools and those of pupils and teachers. It was his aim to hold the school to high standards and to make the boys and girls feel their responsibility in a society which depends so largely upon the individual. He encouraged ambition and honesty as a gentleman of the old school.

John G. Paul, class of 1914, former president of the Alumni Association: Mr. Bennett was a man who held that the interests of the students came first. I have worked with him as a student and as an alumni officer and have found him always ready to do all he could and more to assist the students and alumni.

Mr. Bennett himself would make no comment on his resignation, but at his home today it was said his health was improving rapidly.

Surprise Party Marks 20 Years at West High for W. M. Bennett

Teachers Fare Principal on Birthday at Oak Hill Country Club

The affair was a surprise to Misses traveling in Europe. Among the Bennett, and unlike most of his former teachers present was Miss Kind, in reality just what it Elia I. Munson, who was for a long time superintendent of West High, and Mrs. Weet had invited Mr. and Alfred Spouse, director of vocal Mrs. Bennett to be their guests at a testimonial dinner and party for William M. Bennett, principal of West High School. It was Mr. Bennett's birthday, and this year he completes 20 years as principal of West High and 30 years in the Rochester public school system. Teachers at West High believe that these events were worthy of recognition and that it afforded the best opportunity for showing their appreciation and affection for the man who has guided them so many years.

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A. C. BEGUE, WIG MAKER IN FRENCH COURT
Dies at His Home After Long Career in Royal Circles and in Rochester Establishment.

A wig maker who learned his art in the court of Empress Eugenie of France, whose deft hands have made up the coiffures of countesses and marquises and fashioned wigs for Rochester's bald is dead today at his home, 518 South Goodman Street. He is August C. Begue, aged 89, until four years ago chief wigmaker in the Guggenheim Hair Store, 71 South Clinton Avenue.

He was born in Paris in the days of Napoleon II, and he began to learn the fine art of hair-dressing at the age of fifteen. Two of the ladies in waiting to the empress were his patrons and through them he obtained the patronage of many of the court celebrities. He made regular trips to the palace to place the row on row of puffs that formed the approved coiffure of the day in France.

In 1870, during the Franco-Prussian War, he came to Rochester with his wife and two children. At first he was in the wholesale hair trade, buying the shorn locks of German, Polish and Russian peasant girls who were willing to sell their hair for a bit of jewelry. Shortly afterward, he took a position in the Guggenheim store and made wigs until his retirement four years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Krieglof of Rochester, Mrs. Julius Badgerow of Pittsburgh; a son, Eugene Begue of Rochester; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 8:30 o'clock from the home and at 9 o'clock from Our Lady of Victory Church. Burial will be made in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

BEAVERS RITES SET TODAY
Funeral services for Charles C. Beahan, widely known lumber dealer, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from his residence, No. 217 Alexander Street. Burial will be in Mt Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Beahan, sixty-four, president of the Crouch & Beahan Lumber Company, and a former president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, died Sunday at his home.

A native of Rochester, he attended the University of Rochester and graduated in 1889. His interest in athletics in college extended beyond his youth and he was a member of the Rochester Athletic Club for many years. He was also a member of the Rochester Yacht Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto.

In 1914 he served as president of the New York State Lumber Dealers Association.

Besides a membership in yachting clubs, he belonged to the Genesee Valley Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester Club, University Club and the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club of New York. He was also a member of the Automobile Club of Rochester, the Rochester Real Estate Board and Morgan Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association. He was a Mason and a Shriner in Damascus Temple.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Nellie Crouch Beahan, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Stuart M. Prine of Tarrytown.
L. F. Beers Has Specialized In Water Service for 25 Years

Starting, in 1888, with the slogan "When you want water, all for Beers," L. F. Beers of 8 North Water Street has been specializing in water service equipment for 25 years. He has sold some 15,000 water systems now in operation throughout Western New York, and is the only concern in Western New York specializing in the solution of water problems. Mr. Beers' advice and service is much sought after on all types of water problems.

Mr. Beers is distributor for the Burks' Super Turbine Pump, which has only one moving part, no rubbing parts, and will pull 6 to 8 feet deeper than the ordinary plunger pump. Between 2,000 and 3,000 of these pumps have been placed in Western New York. The popularity of the Burks' pump is due to the negligible amount of service required to maintain them in good working order for many years. This Burks' pump uses the principle of the whirlpool to make the suction necessary to lift water incredible distances.

Another pump that is becoming well known among pump users, is the Red Jacket Pump, whose makers have been in the water pump business for 57 years. It is interesting to note that hydraulic rams, as supplied by L. F. Beers, can be made to pump water into a pressure tank, with a pressure as much as 90 pounds.

Mr. Beers takes particular pride in the fact that he handles many types of equipment, and there is no water problem too difficult for him to solve; and this advisory service is at the command of any homeowner who has a water problem. Mr. Beers works through dealers over Western New York, helping them solve any perplexing situation that may arise.

ROBERT BERGGREN, 37 years old yesterday, was born in Syracuse, where he attended public schools. He moved to Rochester in 1921, and the same year married Grace Lucille Light of Rochester. They have one child, Jane Lucille.

The Berggren home is at 178 Hillside Avenue. During the World War Mr. Berggren served in the United States Navy, and for more than a year at General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces at Chaumont, France, and for several months in 1919 was attached to the staff of Gen. John J. Pershing.

Upon leaving the army in 1919 Mr. Berggren joined the sales force of the Arco Company of Cleveland and has since been connected with that company.

For the last five years Mr. Berggren has been active in Boy Scout work and is a member of the Rochester Council, Boy Scouts of America; the camp committee for Camp Pioneer, Seneca Lake, and scoutmaster of Troop 91.

Mr. Berggren is also a member of the Rotary Club, Ithaca Walton League, Y. M. C. A., Automobile Club of Rochester, Genesee Lodge, Odd Fellows, and Memorial Post, American Legion.

THOMAS BEATTY EARLY GREECE SETTLER, DIES

Death Ends Series of Misfortunes Borne By Hotel Man

Three days after the death of his wife of 50 years, Thomas Beatty, 78, pioneer resident of Greece died yesterday at the family residence near Island Cottage.

Mr. Beatty's death on the day when funeral services were being conducted for Mrs. Beatty climaxes a series of misfortunes to the Beatty family. Two weeks ago Island Cottage Hotel which Mr. Beatty built in 1861 and which has for the past 19 years been operated by his son, Raymond, was swept by fire causing damage estimated at $20,000.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beatty belonged to pioneer Irish families in the township of Greece. The elder Beatty, James M., came to Western New York in 1830. Mrs. Beatty's family, the Hogans came in 1847 and settled on a farm on the shores of Braddock Bay.

Soon after the building of the Maple Grove railroad, Mr. Beatty recognized the possibilities of development of the beach west of Charlotte and in 1891 he built the Island Cottage Hotel. He and old Capt. Odenbach were among the first to develop this area for summer visitors.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. today at Mother of Sorrows Church, Mt. Read Boulevard, where Mr. and Mrs. Beatty were married on Feb. 15, 1885 and where on Feb. 15 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Beatty is survived by one son, Raymond, and two daughters, Mrs. Vera Patterson and Mrs. Val Porter.
Charles C. Beahan, former President of Chamber of Commerce, Passes at 64

Charles C. Beahan, 64, president of the Crouch & Beahan Lumber Company and president in 1914 of the New York State Lumber Dealers’ Association, died at his home, 217 Alexander Street, yesterday morning. He was a former president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and headed that group in 1919.

Born in Rochester, Mr. Beahan was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1899. He was interested in athletics while in college, and was a member of the Rochester Athletic Club for many years. He also was a member of the Rochester Yacht Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto, Ont.

His clubs included the Geneva Valley Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester Club, University Club, and the D. K. E. Club of New York City. He was a member of the Automobile Club of Rochester, the Rochester Real Estate Board, and Morgan Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he was a Shriner in Damascus Temple.

Mr. Beahan leaves his wife, Mrs. Nellie Crouch Beahan of Rochester, and a daughter, Mrs. Stuart M. Frame of Tarrytown, N. Y. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon.

FRED G. BEACH

HONORED FOR LONG SERVICE

50 Years with D & C Marked at Dinner

On Birthday

Fifty years ago a young man hopped off a horse car on the Main Street bridge and dashed into the office of The Democrat and Chronicle.

He was Fred G. Beach. He had learned the printing fundamentals in the family shop in Albion, Orleans County, and had come to Rochester to enter the advertising field.

Dame Fortune sent him to The Democrat and Chronicle.

Last night at the Rochester Club, 40 newspaper and business men attended a testimonial dinner in recognition of his 50 years of service to this paper and the entire community, the function also marking his eightieth birthday.

Just what Mr. Beach, who for years was advertising manager of The Democrat and Chronicle meant, not only to the paper he loved to serve but to Rochester business houses and housewives as well was revealed at this gathering.

Started Bargain Sales

At that breakfast table this morning Mrs. Housewife, you may drink to toast with your coffee to Mr. Beach, the gentleman who persuaded Rochester merchants to give you your bargain sales.

It happened shortly after Mr. Beach was promoted in the advertising department that he put his mind to work. Advertisers in those days stopped advertising after Jan. 1 for a period and again on June 1, for the rest of the summer.

Another of the slogans, "The Paper that Gets Results," Mr. Beach persuaded a Rochester merchant to break this old custom.

"Why don't you put on a special
Rail Leader Dead

J. N. BECKLEY
SUCCEDEMS TO BRIEF ILLNESS

John Newton Beckley, president of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company, chairman of the board of the General Railway Signal Company, lawyer and industrialist of international reputation, died last night at his home, 75 Berkeley Street.

Death came after a week's illness of pneumonia. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Beckley was a man of wide business interests, but was best known through his connection with the railway company and the General Railway Signal Company. He was a director of the Rochester Common Navigation Company, chairman of the executive committee of the General Railway Signal Company and president of Filtros Inc. His offices were in the Cutler Building.

He was a member of the Rochester Bar Association, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Bankers Club of New York and the Transportation Club of New York. He was one of the founders of the Genese Valley Club and a member of the University Club of Rochester, the Rochester Country Club and the Tamahack Club of Ancaster, Ont.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Belle Corwin Beckley; a son, Walter R. Beckley; a grandson, John N. Beckley II, a granddaughter, Miss Mary Beckley, and a brother, Edwin Babbage Beckley of Lockport.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at an hour to be announced later.

Mr. Beckley was born at Clarendon, Orleans County, Dec. 30, 1848, the son of William N. and Phoebe Main Beckley. He was educated at Brockport Collegiate Institute, Genese Valley Seminary and Genese College, now Syracuse University, which he attended for two years.

Upon leaving college he taught school for two years in Lanesboro and Rushford, Minn. The legal profession then attracted him and in 1872 he began his preparation for the bar at Batavia in the office of Wilmans and Watson. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and for two years thereafter practised in Batavia. He came to Rochester in 1877.

In 1883 he was appointed city attorney and filled the post for four years, resigning in 1886 to become a member of the law firm of Bacon, Briggs & Beckley. For a number of years he was connected with important litigation in Western New York, much of it having to do with the extension of urban transportation. The growth of his other interests caused him to give up active law practice a number of years ago.

Organized Lines

He became interested in the Cross Town and South Park railroad projects, two of the original units of the Rochester trolley line system, which later were sold to the Rochester City & Brighton Railway Company. Mr. Beckley conducted the negotiations which resulted in the organization of the Rochester Railway Company, which took over the railway interests of the city. He remained president of the company until about 1900.

He then became interested in the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway of which he had been president since 1893. He also served for a time as vice-president and secretary of the Rochester Hotel Corporation and as president of the General Filtration Company, a forerunner of Filtros Inc.

June 23, 1875, he was married to Miss Belle G. Corwin, daughter of the late Stephen M. Corwin of Brighton. Four hundred guests attended the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary in 1925.

In 1919, Mr. Beckley was appointed by Governor Alfred E. Smith as a member of the special reconstruction commission which made a study of the economic, industrial and social problems which followed the close of the World War.

LIST NOTABLES

AS BEARERS FOR

JOHN BECKLEY

Prominent Lawyer, Business Man to Be Buried Today

Men prominent in the industrial life of the United States and Canada will honor John N. Beckley, railroad executive, lawyer and business leader, at his funeral at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Christ Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Beckley succumbed Wednesday night at the age of 84 to a week's illness of pneumonia, dying at his home, 75 Berkeley Street. He was president of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company and was chairman of the board of the General Railway Sig-
Makes Colors in His Posters Tell Story

Reynold R. Becker, twenty-year-old poster artist, whose studio is in the Ward Building, has as part of his working equipment a spelling book of his own compilation that doesn't contain a single letter of the alphabet.

Colors spell out the words that were on his young man uses every day in preparing posters for the lobby and outdoor displays of the Lyceum and Temple Theaters.

Here is the way a few of them go:

- Green, plus blue, plus white, spells mystery, deep dyed and entangled.
- Orange, red, yellow and green are synonymous with South Sea Islands, swaying palms, pretty girls not overdressed, and warm, moonlight nights.
- White, lavender and blue and purple mean cold, bleak stretches in northern lands, with the stark drama that goes with them.

JUNIOR HIGH PRODUCT

Four years ago young Becker was taking commercial art at Washington Junior High School, a student in one of the special courses that are offered those who wish to prepare for work for which they are adapted.

Today, with that training supplemented only by a brief course at Mechanics Institute, he has a well established poster business and is thinking in terms of a four year course at the Art Students' League in New York, where he proposes to take up life drawing.

Color, he declares, is the all-important part of poster work.

MAKES COLORS TALK

"In selecting color carefully I can convey an impression of the atmosphere of a play or musical show, without lettering," he said.

"I plan my posters so that persons who are at a distance from them, even though they may not be able to read the lettering, know the kind of play being given."

Before branching out in business for himself, Becker was poster and scenic artist to the Sibley, Lindsay

L. F. Beers Has Ably Solved Water Problems for 25 Years

A quarter of a century ago most suburban homes did not have water systems, but were dependent on cisterns, hand pumps, windmills, etc., for their water supply. Perceiving this potential field for water service, L. F. Beers, 8 North Water Street, started in the water equipment business at that time with the slogan "When you want water, call for Beers." Since the beginning in 1908, L. F. Beers has sold and installed through dealers 15,000 water systems throughout Western New York. These individual water systems, if taken in the aggregate and segregated in one place, would accommodate a city the size of Elmira with a water supply.

Such jobs as watering the greens of the Country Club of Buffalo, supplying water for the new Cornell University Animal Husbandry barns, installing water systems in Trumansburg High School and WEFAX, a broadcasting station—have all been under the able direction of L. F. Beers.

L. F. Beers, a mechanical engineer, specializes in the solution of water problems. He has built up an enviable reputation for himself in Western New York and his advice and services are much sought after on all types of water problems.

Mr. Beers takes particular pride in the fact that he handles many types of equipment, and there is no water problem too difficult for him to solve. This advisory service is at the command of any home owner, who has a water problem. Mr. Beers works through dealers over Western New York, helping them solve any perplexing problems that arise.

L. F. Beers

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Dr. Williston W. Bissell

In the death of Dr. Williston W. Bissell at his home in this city, the profession of
optometry witnesses the passing of one
of its outstanding pioneers. Dr. Bissell was a
man of exceptional talent and force of
character. Well trained in the fundamentals
of optometry in his early youth, he early assumed leadership in his profession.

Dr. Bissell was a native of Skaneateles.
He received his education in the Genesee
Country, at Geneseo Normal School and
Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, be-
fore going to Syracuse University. Later,
he received his professional training at the
Philadelphia Optical College. His profes-
sional career was built into the variegated
mosaic which is the busy life of Rochester.

It was no small contribution to the pro-
gress of both science and industry in this
center of optical leadership. As an officer
in local and state organizations of optom-
etrists, a member of the New York State
Board of Examiners in Optometry and a
member of national organizations devoted
to the cause of optometry, he fostered high
standards and promoted a general recog-
nition of the service of his profession.

Dr. Bissell gave the best years of a
busy life to the service of his profession
and through that means, to the cause of
better vision and the happiness which it
brings to humanity. He deserves to live in
grateful remembrance; his example is
worthy of emulation by young men now
entering his profession.

Charles Blaesi, One of City's
Pioneer Caterers, Dies Aged 75

Charles Blaesi, one of the pioneers in the catering business
in Rochester, died yesterday at his home, 656 North Goodman
Street, after an illness of three
months. Known to most of his
associates as "Uncle Charlie," Mr.
Blaesi had a wide circle of friends
who had come to know him well
in the half century he followed
the catering business.

Mr. Blaesi was born in Gondelsheim, Baden, Germany, July 9,
1855, and came to this country
when he was 14 years old. He
found employment in New York
for a number of years, coming
to Rochester in 1888 as chef at the
Powers Hotel when it opened
under the original management of
Buck and Sanger.

During the Summer of 1900 he
was proprietor of the old Cottage
Hotel at Charlotte. For several
years he was chef at Harned's
and the old Whittcomb House. At
the time of his retirement in 1915
he was employed by Sibley, Lind-
say & Curr Company.

Mr. Blaesi was an active member
of the German-American Society
since its institution. He also was
a member of the Steuben Society
of America and a worker in all
the activities of Zion Lutheran
Church, of which he was one of
the oldest members.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary
Rychner Blaesi; a daughter, Miss
Elizabeth Blaesi; two sisters, Mrs.
Louise Jacob of Philadelphia, Pa.,
and Mrs. Lena Weber of Roches-
ter; a brother, Fred J. Blaesi, and
a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be con-
ducted in Mount Hope Chapel Sat-
day afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bur-
ial will be in the family plot in
Mount Hope Cemetery.