

present a resident of New Haven. His wife, who is still living, was Miss Elizabeth Martin prior to her marriage. There are no children living in the family.

HEUSTED W. R. HOYT, GREENWICH: Attorney-at-Law.

H. W. R. Hoyt, who won marked distinction in legislative circles and throughout the state by his admirable discharge of the important duties of speaker of the house of representatives during the session of that body in 1887, was born in Ridgefield, in this state, on the 1st of November, 1842. He studied in the common school and the academy, and entered Columbia College, New York city, but about the middle of his first term was seized with a severe and protracted illness, and could not continue. Upon his



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recovery he immediately began the study of the law in New York city, and for the period of about two years was secretary of the United States prize commissioners for the district of New York. He was admitted to practice in 1865. He is an attorney and counselor-at-law, and has served the town as its counsel, and the borough as attorney. Among other important litigation in which he has been engaged, he was sole counsel for the late William M. Tweed in a suit brought against him by James H. Ingersoll in the Connecticut superior court, in which over \$160,000 was claimed by plaintiff, and successfully defended his client. He is trustee and attorney for the Greenwich Savings Bank, and a director in The Byram Land Improvement Company. He is also attorney for the Belle Haven Land Company and other large corporations. His public life has been quite marked. In 1869 and 1873 he was in the state senate; in the former year chairman of the committees on military affairs and engrossed bills; in the latter chairman of the committee on incorporations. In 1886 he was a representative from Greenwich, and occupied the leading position upon the floor and in the committee-room, being house chairman of the committee on the judiciary. He was returned to the house in 1887, and, as before intimated, was called to preside over the deliberations of that body as its speaker, discharging the duties of the office with signal ability and to the entire satisfaction of all parties. Mr. Hoyt is a staunch republican, an able debater, quick and effective at repartee, and an affable man. In every measure presented or dis-

cussed he manifested a lively interest, and, whether in the chair or on the floor, always commanded respect and wielded an important influence in legislative affairs. His nomination for speaker by the republican party was by acclamation, and his election by the house was by more than the republican majority.

Mr. Hoyt's legal practice is extensive, his standing before the bar and the public being such as to secure for him a numerous and profitable clientage. He is judge of the borough court of Greenwich, and in addition to his professional duties is often called by his fellow-citizens of Greenwich to fill local positions of public trust.

JAMES HOYLE, WILLINGTON: Woolen Manufacturer.

James Hoyle was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, April 3, 1830. His early education was received from the common schools of his native town. In 1856, then a young man of twenty-six, he emigrated to America. On arriving in this country, he went to Paterson, N. J., where he spent a year engaged in his trade of wool-sorting. He afterwards went to Norwich, Conn., and worked a year at the same trade, and subsequently to Webster, Mass., where he engaged with Nelson Slater. He followed his chosen avocation in several places in the Bay State until 1863, when he settled in Worcester, where for ten years he was engaged as foreman of the wool-sorting department of the Adriatic Mills, then run by Jordan, Marsh & Co. of Boston. In 1873 he removed to Willington, Conn., and bought a half interest in the Daleville Woolen Mills, then owned and run by James J. Reagan. The business was carried on two years under the firm-name of Reagan & Hoyle, when the latter purchased the property and continued the business with two partners, under the name of Hoyle, Smith & Co. He shortly after bought out his partners' interests, since which time he has carried on the manufacturing business alone and quite successfully. During his fifteen years' proprietorship of the Daleville Mills, improvements in the little hamlet and in the mills have been steadily going on. He is a man of sterling integrity and good business qualities, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen for his enterprise and moral worth. He has never sought for office, but allowed the use of his name as a candidate of the republicans of his town for repre-



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