

rector in the New England Tobacco Growers' Association, the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Hartford County Agricultural, and the Hartford County Horticultural societies. He took an active interest in the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, and was a charter member and first secretary of South Windsor Grange, No. 28, and was for two years a member of the State Grange executive committee, having the trading arrangements of the order in hand; was also a charter member of Crescent Lodge, I. O. O. F., of East Hartford.

Mr. Andross has also been an extensive contributor to the agricultural and local press, his thorough familiarity with tobacco growing in the Connecticut valley giving his articles a more than ordinary value.

C. M. HOLBROOK, HARTFORD: Boot and Shoe Manufacturer.

Caleb Metcalf Holbrook was born in Milford, Mass., in 1822, and was educated at Shelburne Falls in that state. At the age of twenty-two he removed to Hartford and from here to Cincinnati, Ohio. The gold excitement of 1849 led him to the Pacific slope and he wears to this day a heavy gold ring which was made from the first gold found by him in the mines of California. The voyage to California was made by way of Cape Horn. In passing the latter a gale was encountered that lasted thirteen days,



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sweeping the vessel 400 miles out of its course. The trip from New York to San Francisco lasted 207 days. From the Golden Gate to Sacramento the trip was made in an open boat. Mr. Holbrook was fourteen months in the mines. The ship on which the voyage to California was made was the *Henry Lee*. Mr. Holbrook was absent about three years. Since 1852 he has been engaged in the leather business, mainly in the manufacture of boots and shoes. The original firm was Hunt & Holbrook. Subsequently it became Hunt, Holbrook & Barber, remaining under that name until the death of Mr. Barber in 1879. Since that time it has been known under the original name. Mr. Holbrook has been a director in the Travelers Insurance Company for twenty-five years and is one of the best-known business men in the city. He is a republican in politics and has served three years in the common council board. He is a member of the First Baptist church. His family consists of a

wife and two daughters. The former was Miss Anna E. Nelson prior to her marriage. Mr. Holbrook resides at No. 340 Farmington avenue, owning and occupying one of the pleasantest residences in that part of the city.

JOSEPH L. BARBOUR, HARTFORD: Attorney-at-Law.

Joseph L. Barbour was born in Barkhamsted, Litchfield county, December 18, 1846, and was educated in the Hartford High school and Williston Seminary at East Hampton, Mass. He is a son of the late Judge Barbour of Hartford, a gentleman of eminent philanthropy, and has spent the most of his life in the city of Hartford. In 1864 Mr. Barbour was obliged to give up his plans for a college course, and engaged in teaching. This avocation was pursued for two years. In 1867 Mr. Barbour commenced a



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successful career of journalism in this city, and was associated for seven years with the *Hartford Evening Post*. He retired from that paper in 1874, and has since devoted his attention to the law. Mr. Barbour is one of the ablest jury lawyers in the county, and has a large and steadily increasing practice. He is a republican in politics, and has held a number of important and responsible positions within the gift of his party. He was clerk of the common council board in this city for four years, and has held the house and senate clerkships, proving himself a man of unusual competence in these offices. Mr. Barbour's work in connection with the house and senate journals was of the highest order. For eight years he was elected prosecuting attorney by the court of common council here, and discharged the duties of that office with marked success. Mr. Barbour has been assigned to no place of public service in which he has not shown exceptional tact and ability. His best political service has been rendered on the stump through successive presidential campaigns. There is not a republican speaker in the state who can surpass Mr. Barbour as a campaigner. His reputation is not limited to Connecticut. In New York and New Jersey he has been one of the most popular favorites. In other fields his oratorical efforts have been equally brilliant. Mr. Barbour's Memorial Day orations have been models of eloquent and fascinating eulogy. He was a member of the Connecticut National Guard for six years, and is a

member of the Veteran Association of the Hartford City Guard. He is also a member of St. John's Lodge, F. and A. M., of this city, and of Charter Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F. His church relationships are with Rev. Dr. Parker's, where he is a regular attendant. Mr. Barbour's family consists of a wife and three children, the former being a daughter of Assistant Postmaster Oliver Woodhouse of the Hartford post-office. A daughter of Mr. Barbour is now a student at Vassar College.

LEMUEL T. FRISBIE, HARTFORD: Merchant and Manufacturer.

Mr. Frisbie is a native of "Wintonbury," a parish of Old Windsor, the name of which is now obsolete, the parish limits being included in the present town of Bloomfield. Wintonbury was so called because its territory comprised sections of the three towns of *Windsor*, *Farmington*, and *Simsbury*, the orthography of the word being intended to express the composition of the parish. Mr. Frisbie's first American ancestor, his grandfather on his mother's side, was Thomas Taylor, who came to America



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from England about 1770, settled in Connecticut, and became a very successful farmer. He was of royal lineage, in direct descent from a reigning English sovereign through a member of his family who forfeited titles and estate by contracting a marriage outside the royal line. The subject of this sketch was born February 7, 1824. He was the son of a farmer, and was trained in all the habits of economy, industry, and thrift which characterized the New England farmer of that period. He attended the district school, and graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield in 1842. He thus remained at the old homestead in Bloomfield until eighteen years of age, going thence to Windsor for two years, to Hartford for four years, to West Hartford for two years, then back to Windsor, where for the fourteen years from 1850 to 1864 he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and in the meat business. Since 1864 he has been engaged in merchandizing and manufacturing in Hartford, taking up his residence here in 1874.

Mr. Frisbie was married in 1848 to Miss Caroline E. Gillett, daughter of Oliver S. Gillett of Windsor. Her ancestors were among the first settlers of Hartford, coming from Roxbury, Mass., with one of the three colonies which settled respectively in

Windsor, Wethersfield, and Hartford. Mr. and Mrs. Frisbie have had four children—two daughters died in childhood. A son and daughter remain. The former, Charles G. Frisbie, who is associated with his father in business, married Miss Belle S. Welles of Hartford, and has three children; the daughter, Ella T., married George H. Woolley of Hartford, and has four children.

Mr. L. T. Frisbie was a member of the common council of Hartford for four years, from 1878 to 1882 inclusive. He is a member of the Asylum Avenue Congregational church, and chairman of the society's committee. In politics he is, and has been since the organization of the party, a stalwart republican. He is active and influential in church affairs, a prominent and useful citizen, and has a foremost place among the prosperous business men of Hartford.

HON. ORRIN CHAPMAN, NORTH STONINGTON: Farmer.

Orrin Chapman of North Stonington, son of Elias and Eunice (Miner) Chapman, was born in the town of his past and present residence, July 6, 1834. His education was obtained in the common school. The son of a farmer, Mr. Chapman was bred to the calling of agriculture, which he has successfully followed. In 1855 he married Miss Jane D. Smith. Their family numbers two sons and two daughters. The elder son, Elias O. Chapman, is now of the enterprising young business men of Meriden. In politics Mr. Chapman is a republican. His superior ability has been recognized by his fellow-townsmen in the bestowal of many of the offices within their gift. He has been a member of the board of selectmen five years, three years as first selectman, in which capacity he served his constituency faithfully and well, and by his kindly efforts in behalf of the wards of the town won not only the gratitude of these unfortunates, but the commendation of all humane persons familiar with his policy. He was a member of the house of representatives in 1878, and again in 1882. Mr. Chapman's church connection is with the Third Baptist church of North Stonington, which, since 1887, re-elected annually, he has served as clerk and treasurer. With fidelity, fearlessness, honor, and justice as his watchwords, he belongs to that class of citizens which, collectively, are the strength and the security of the commonwealth.



ORRIN CHAPMAN.