

FOREST CITY -- CONTINUED



F. M. Gardiner

THE above is a good picture of F. M. Gardiner of Forest City, one of the leaders of the junior bar of Susquehanna county. Mr. Gardiner formerly resided in Montrose and he is as well and favorably known there as in his home town. The subject of our sketch was born in Catskill, N. Y., in 1876. After graduating from the high school in Montrose he studied law under W. D. B. Ainey at the county seat and after being admitted to the bar he undertook the struggles and disappointments which are the lot of hundreds of "briefless young barristers." Nothing daunted, however, he persevered, studied hard and determined that he would follow the precept of the proverbial shoemaker and "stick to his last." Pluck and determination finally won, for Mr. Gardiner, still a young man, is to-day one of the prosperous young attorneys of the county. Besides enjoying a large and lucrative practice he is engaged in several enterprises and is a large stockholder and director in the Farmers and Miners National Bank of Forest City. Mr. Gardiner served one year as a Pennsylvania volunteer in the U. S. Army during the Spanish-American war. He settled in Forest City in 1899, and is at present one of its most active and enterprising citizens. Mr. Gardiner has great faith in the future of Forest City. As attorney-at-law and real estate owner and dealer he is in position

to answer any inquiries relative to opportunities afforded in Forest City for the location of new enterprises. Mr. Gardiner has been and is a very successful lawyer. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering efforts, characteristics which he possesses in an eminent degree, consequently he has numerous friends in the county who believe these and other qualifications fit him for judicial honors, and it is more than probable that he will be well to the fore in the political arena by the time the next election rolls around.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

High in the Roll of Honor In Financial Affairs

FOREST CITY can boast of one of the best conducted and most prosperous banking institutions in the county. The First National Bank, in the statement published lately by the Pennsylvania Banking department, stood third on the roll of honor of banks of like capital in the state. This popular financial institution is certainly an honor to Susquehanna county, and its character and standing in Forest City place it in the lead of the business enterprises of that thriving town. This bank was incorporated in August, 1900, with a capital stock of \$25,000. At a meeting of the stockholders the first week in November last it was decided to increase the capital stock to \$50,000, which, after the legal details were completed, went into effect.

This bank has accumulated a surplus fund of \$25,000 and undivided profits approximating \$10,000. Its savings department is a feature of the establishment that has rendered it very popular with miners and other wage-earners in the town and vicinity. Three per cent interest is paid on savings deposits, and that department has grown very rapidly from its inception. Mr. D. L. Peterson was the first president and T. A. Surdam the first cashier. About six years ago Mr. James J. Walker succeeded Mr. Peterson as president. Three years later Mr. Surdam resigned and Mr. Walker relinquished the presidency to take up the duties of cashier, for which position he was so well qualified that he was urgently requested by prominent stockholders to accept the place, and Mr. John Lynch became



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president. The directors are: B. L. Peterson, John Lynch, J. J. Walker, W. T. Morgan, T. P. McCormick, John McDonald, D. C. Allen, Benjamin Maxey, Joseph Kmetz. As will be noted from the engraving of the building published in this edition the First National Bank of Forest City occupies very commodious and neat quarters. Its officers and directors are all gentlemen of unblemished character and reputation, who are well and favorably known as safe and reliable business men, hence the bank itself is a gilt-edged financial institution, worthy of patronage from all classes of citizens.

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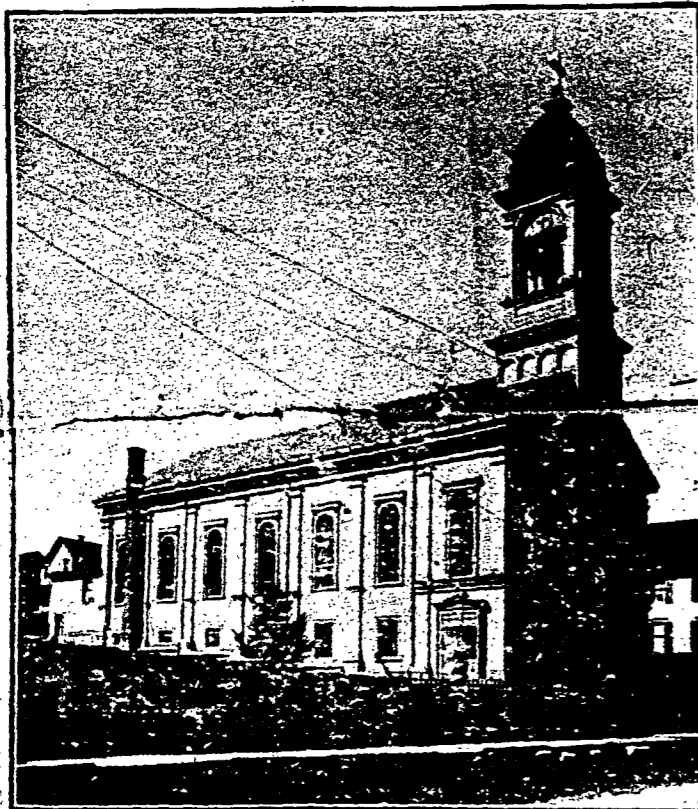
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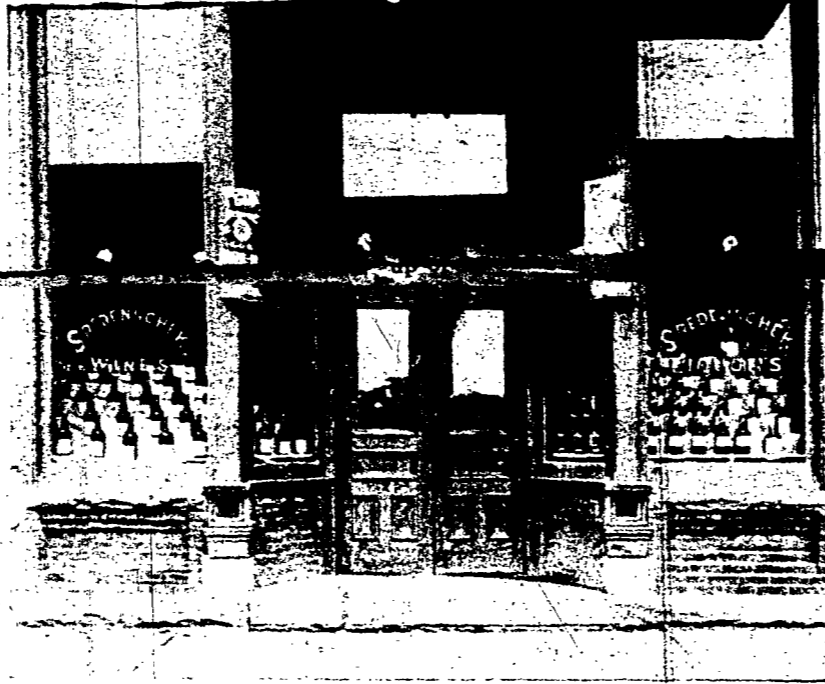
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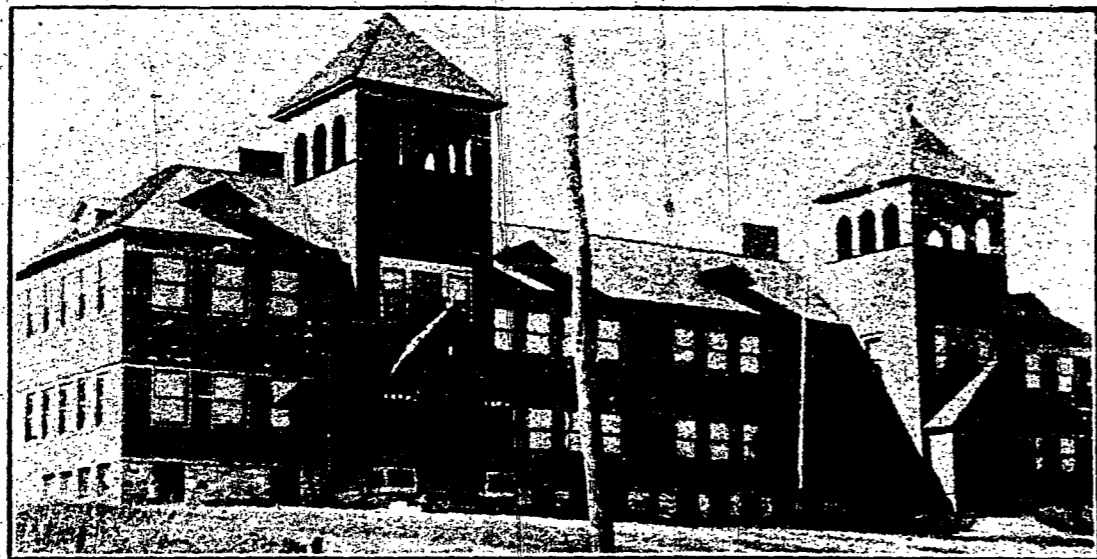
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City, is on what was formerly known as the Jefferson branch of the Erie railroad, and excellent water power is obtained from the outlet of Lewis lake, where its waters fall into the Lackawanna. Fine timber can be cut in the adjacent mountain region; laborers and skilled artisans could doubt be induced to come to such inviting surroundings, so all that is lacking is the initiative to make it a flourishing manufacturing center. Uniondale was created a borough in January, 1885. It was taken principally from Herrick township and the first officers were: C. H. Ellis, burgess; J. E. Thomas, Edwin Dorey, Philo Burrier, Trevepar Mills, O. T. Carpenter, Stephen Bronson, councilmen; Elijah Carpenter and Horace H. Lewis, justices; Elias Westgate and A. Tingley, poormasters; Robert Westgate, assessor; F. L. Lotz, attorney; D. H. Coleman, constable. Three of the original councilmen are living in Uniondale at present—Messrs. Mills, Corey and Thomas. The assessed value of real estate at that time was \$24,000; its valuation now is about \$40,000. George Esmy is the present burgess; D. S. Wedeman, H. W. Coleman, F. Z. Carpenter, A. T. Rimron, D. L. Avery, D. B. Gibson, councilmen; F. M. Gardiner, of Forest City, attorney. Uniondale was a postoffice over seventy years ago. Mr. J. E. Thomas is now postmaster of the village, having been appointed by President Harrison twenty years ago. Excepting four years, he has held the office continuously since he was appointed. Mr. Thomas is also one of the leading business men of the village and is the proprietor, assisted by his son, of a very popular general store, in which the postoffice is located. One of the leading industries of the village is the Uniondale Milling Company, a large plant, and equipped with the latest and best appliances for the manufacture of flour, meal and buckwheat flour. It is operated by Messrs. S. E. Lowry and W. P. Sherwood, two of the most enterprising and public spirited citizens of Susquehanna county. The mill is running to its full capacity and is barely able to supply the great demand for its products, especially their buckwheat flour manufactured by the new roller process. Uniondale is a great resort for hunting and fishing parties, as black bass, pickerel and trout are plentiful in the adjacent streams and excellent shooting is afforded in season. Pheasants, rabbits, deer, bear and other game can be found in abundance at no great distance from the village. In this respect, Mr. John Basham, who has recently leased the Uniondale Hotel, near the Erie depot, makes special rates to fishing and hunting parties. The best of accommodations are provided the traveling public at this hotel. Another line of business conducted there that is far above the ordinary in point of quality and quantities of goods handled is the establishment conducted by Mr. Frank Westgate. He is a large dealer in farm implements, saw mills, wagons, coal, ice, brick, lime, cement, etc., and his trade is very extensive, covering as it does a large area in Susquehanna and adjoining counties. The leading wood and wagon works of the village is an institution very popular with farmers in the region and others, who use wagons. It is owned by Mr. Ira L. Churchill, who, besides doing all kinds of manufacturing and repairing of vehicles, makes a specialty of tiring. Mr. Churchill is president of the Tri-Corner Fair Association and is otherwise closely identified with the best general interests of Uniondale and vicinity. He owns a beautiful farm near the village and is very popular with all classes of people in that section.

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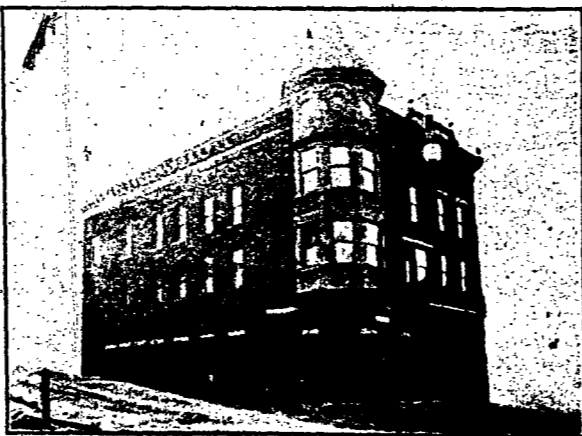
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