

commission of colonel of the First Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteer Militia, which from the energy displayed by its commander, stands parallel with any similar body of militia in the country. Col. Arnold is also the editor and publisher of "The North-western Illustrated Mechanical Journal," a paper devoted to manufactures and inventions, having circulation through most of the Western States. He is exceedingly affable in disposition; has no fixed religious belief; neither a member of any secret society. His wife, who died July 27, 1875, was from Salem, Mass.; was a lady of fine attainments, a faithful wife and mother; left three children. The colonel has acquired a considerable amount of property; has also established an enviable reputation for integrity; is a man of broad and comprehensive ideas, and one who stands very prominent among his fellow-men as a leader.

HON. E. ELWILL.—He was born Aug. 7, 1816, in Athens, Bradford County, Penn. He received a common-school education, and finished up at the Athens Academy. While but a youth, he spent some years in a woollen-factory, thus working his own way from the time he was able to do anything until eleven years of age. Subsequently he taught during winters, and attended school during summers. In May, 1838, he commenced the study of law in the office of his brother William; and in 1840 was admitted to practice, which he did with no small degree of success in Bradford and Wyoming Counties, until the spring of 1847, when he came to Wisconsin, arriving at Milwaukee on the first day of June, and from thence to Sheboygan, where he remained in the practice of law until the spring of 1855, when he left for Beaver Dam, where he has since remained. He was district-attorney for Sheboygan County in 1853 and 1854. He was postmaster at Beaver Dam from 1857 until 1861; was district attorney for Dodge County from 1867 until 1870. He was elected judge of the county court of Dodge County in 1872 and still holds that office. Judge Elwill has the highest commendations of the people touching his ability as a lawyer and a judge. His life thus far has been characterized by early, honest, and untiring efforts to fit himself for, and to thoroughly accomplish, his mission, which fact is readily recognized by his fellow-men with applause.

HON. J. M. BENNETT.—He was

born in Cobleskill, Schoharie County, N.Y. He received a common-school education, after which he came to Wisconsin in 1845. Here he taught school the first winter after his arrival. In the spring of 1846, he settled in Oregon, Dane County, where he has resided up to the present time, engaged in the mercantile business most of the time since 1849. In 1871 he helped to organize the First National Bank of Evansville, and has been its cashier since. He has filled the office of superintendent of schools; was a member of the board of county supervisors three years; and was elected member of the legislature in 1869.

When he was twenty years of age, he was without means to help himself, save that he could work, which he did on a farm for ten dollars and fifty cents a month; but to-day he is worth a handsome property, which has been acquired through patient, honest industry, and rigid economy. Thus has he risen to an independent position by a lawful way, and is a living example to his fellows.

HON. HENRY D. BARBON.—He was born in the town of Wilton, Saratoga County, N.Y., April 10, 1833. His father was a mechanic in poor circumstances, and burdened with the support of a large family; consequently, his advantages for an education were limited, aside from the common schools of those days. In 1848 he entered the printing-office of Thurlow Weed Brown, in which he served an apprenticeship of three years; after which, with a few dollars saved from his earnings, and a little help from a relative, he entered Ballston Spa Law School, where he studied one year, when, with barely sufficient money to pay the expenses to Wisconsin, he settled in the village of Waukesha, a thriving county-seat. Not being of age, he could not be admitted to the practice of law; but, purchasing "The Waukesha Democrat" on advantageous terms, he became its editor and proprietor; and soon, with the name of "Chronotype," under his charge it assumed a place in the front rank of the weekly press of the State. At that time, the Democratic party was the only political power throughout the North-west, to which he attached himself. He was appointed postmaster of Waukesha by Pres. Pierce, and continued the publication of "The Chronotype" until 1857, when it passed into other hands. He had, in the