

had three children: Allen, George Bissell and John Park Hammond, deceased. On August 27, 1873, he married for his second wife, Augusta Sophia Bissell.

**JAMES, HERBERT LLEWELLYN**, Manufacturer, Rockville, was born in Willington, Connecticut,



H. L. JAMES.

January 13, 1842, son of Elisha Benjamin and Mary Ann (Thomas) James. His father was born in Union, Connecticut, in 1814 and his mother at Willington in the same year. His great-great-grandfather, Benjamin James, came from England in 1665 and settled on Prudence Island in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island. Benjamin James, his son, settled in Ashford, Connecticut; Benjamin James, third of the name and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, lived in Union, Connecticut, was born in 1771, and died in 1848. On the maternal side his great-great-grandfather was Benjamin Thomas who came from Wales in Great Britain, in 1680. His great-grandfather was also Benjamin and his grandfather Rowland G. Thomas. Herbert L. James received his education at the Bacon Academy at Colchester, Connecticut, and in the High Schools of Middletown and Rockville, Connecticut. His business career began with his employment in the Florence Mills at Rockville,

where he remained from 1857 to 1881, for ten or twelve years as clerk and afterwards as Treasurer or Agent of the Company. He accepted his present position as Treasurer of the Rock Manufacturing Company, April 1, 1881. He is a Director in the First National Bank and the Savings Bank of Rockville, a Director in the Rockville Water & Aqueduct Company, and President of the Rockville Railroad Company. In politics he has been a Republican since he first became a voter. He was married October 10, 1865, to Ann Francis Leavitt, who died February 10, 1890. They had three children: Howard Kellogg James, born July 20, 1867, and two daughters who died in infancy. He was again married, March 24, 1896, to Ella Reed Cruttenden (née Reed).

**PAIGE, ALLAN WALLACE**, Lawyer, and Ex-Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives, Bridgeport, was born in Sherman, Connecticut,



ALLAN W. PAIGE.

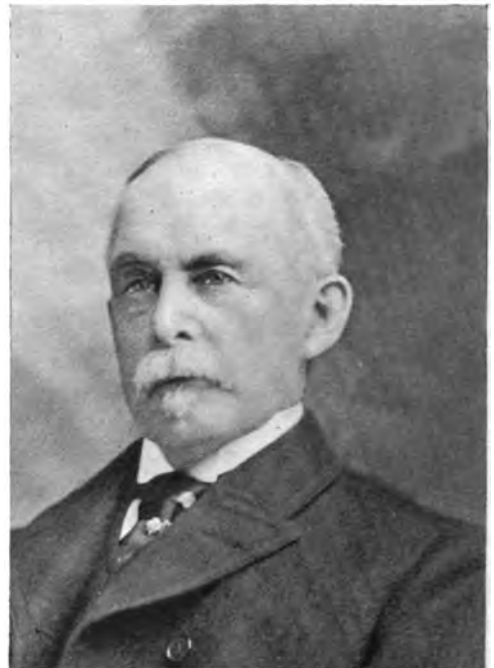
February 28, 1854. He comes of good old New England stock, and is the son of John O. and Cornelia (Joyce) Paige. He first attended the common schools of his native town, and was next a student at the Russell Collegiate and Commercial Institute at New Haven, after which he attended the Hopkins Grammar School in the same city. He graduated

from the Yale Law School in 1881. He settled at Bridgeport, and his subsequent career has been that of a successful lawyer, with well deserved political honors that have followed as the logical sequence of his abilities and the esteem of his fellow citizens. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and has been for many years a member of the Republican State Central Committee. Mr. Paige was chosen Assistant Clerk of the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1883, and was regularly advanced to the position of Clerk of the House in 1884, and Clerk of the Senate in 1885. He was elected Representative from his native town, Sherman, in 1882, and from the town of Huntington in 1890. During the latter session, the famous dead-lock session, he served with great distinction as Speaker of the House. He is a member of the Union League Club of New York, and of nearly all the local societies and clubs of Bridgeport. Mr. Paige was married November 15, 1886, to Elizabeth D. Downs, of Huntington. They have two children, Marian D. and Aline E. Paige.

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PICKETT, JAMES ANDREW, Ex-Mayor of New Britain, was born in New Milford, Connecticut, March 9, 1829, son of Albert and Mary R. (Roberts) Pickett. He received his early education in the public schools of his native town and in private schools in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The subject of this sketch came to New Britain in 1851, and accepted a position as bookkeeper in the office of A. North & Son, manufacturers of saddlery hardware. In 1855, Mr. Pickett, jointly with L. F. Judd, bought a half interest in the establishment now known as the North & Judd Manufacturing Company, and for twenty years held the position of Treasurer of the company. In 1876, he was elected President of the large and well-known cutlery and hardware manufacturing company, Landers, Frary & Clark, which responsible office he held until his resignation in 1889. For many years, Mr. Pickett was Vice-President and Director of the Shelby Iron Works in Alabama, Vice-President and Director of the New Britain National Bank, and also President of the Union Manufacturing Company, another important hardware firm. Today Mr. Pickett is a Director in the Mechanics' National Bank, the Russell and Erwin Manufacturing Company, the New Britain Savings Bank, the American Hosiery Company, and the Stanley Rule and Level Company.

The holding of these various important financial posts is an indication of Mr. Pickett's standing as an able and successful man of business and shaper of mercantile and manufacturing interests. But they by no means stand for the full statement of his activity. He has also been one of his city's most influential citizens in all matters of reform and improvement, and has occupied leading positions. When the sewerage system was adopted in New Britain, he was appointed one of the Sewer Commissioners, and held the office for eight years. He has been both Town Assessor and City Auditor, and in 1883-84-85 was successively elected Mayor.



JAMES A. PICKETT.

He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1884, and was Chairman of the Committee on Insurance on the part of the House. He is a prominent member of the Centre Church in New Britain, and has been conspicuous for his unostentatious charity there and through general social channels. In the civic and other offices held by Mr. Pickett, he has won high regard in his own community as a representative citizen. Personally he is modest and most lovable in character. Few New Britain men have a more honored place than he, whether in public estimation or private social life. Mr. Pickett has been twice married; in 1857,