

been alone in all these lines of commercial activity save the produce business.

On the 27th of June, 1888, Mr. Lay was married to Miss Ada A. Griffin, a daughter of Thomas E. and Jane (Martin) Griffin. They now have two sons—Buyver Griffin, born in July, 1891, and Patrick Henry, born in August, 1893, both students in the schools of Honeoye Falls. In his political views Mr. Lay is independent, supporting the men and measures that he believes will best advance good government. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to different offices and he is now the president of the village, super-

intending its affairs in a progressive, practical manner.

Our subject is a member of Honeoye Falls Tribe of Red Men and has passed all the chairs; and for twenty years he has been a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, having filled all the offices in the local lodge. In 1879 he was made a Mason in Union Star Lodge, No. 320, F. & A. M., of Honeoye Falls and therein has been elected to different positions, but has always refused to serve. His time is largely taken up with his business affairs and he regards the pursuits of private life as abundantly worthy of his best efforts.

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### ROBERT F. HENDEE.

**T**HE many avenues of activity in which Mr. Hendee has sought an outlet for his abilities and aspirations have invariably profited by his sterling worth and common sense methods. He is the merchant of oldest standing in Webster, and he has been known in this part of the state for more years than can be recalled by the oldest inhabitant. When he was born, October 18, 1823, this town was called Penfield, and as it was his birthplace, its subsequent growth and development have been of vital moment to him.

Jacob and Helen (Hoyer) Hendee, the parents of Robert F., lived on one farm in this locality for the greater part of their lives, and were identified with the farming

interests of their township. The father was born in Saratoga county, New York, where he grew to manhood, and in the fall of 1810 walked to Monroe county, to take an inventory of future prospects. After spending the winter he resolved that it was a fairly good county to live in, so returned on foot to Saratoga county, and in the spring of 1811, persuaded his parents and the rest of the family, eleven in number, to accompany him hither. His parents, Zebulon and Barbara Hendee, were born in Scotland, and upon emigrating to America settled first in Rhode Island and later in Saratoga county, New York. In Monroe county the family located on a farm one mile south and one and a half miles east of the village of Web-

ster, and there the grandparents of our subject died at an advanced age. The father spent his life on a farm a little west of where the grandparents lived.

Until his twenty-sixth year Robert F. Hendee lived on the home farm, and attended the district schools during the leisure of the winter months. He was married at Poultney, Vermont, to Mary Jane Whitney, and of this union there have been six children born, four of whom are still living: Newton is in business with his father; Lorin A. is clerking for his father; Alice M. is living at home; and William H. is private secretary to the president of the Plant System of Railways.

When he first started out in business Mr. Hendee invested in a computing scale and went to Michigan in its interest, but this proved a failure and he lost all that he had put into it. He then went to New York city to look for an opening of some kind, and finally decided to buy a boat and follow the canal. This he did for about six years, and during that time had the sympathy and companionship of his wife, who proved a great help to him. This proved so successful that upon quitting the canal he was able to purchase an interest in a tannery in Webster, but was in that business only a year. He next bought the old homestead and lived thereon for a few years, after which he was engaged in the undertaking business for a short time. The sewing machine business proved a profitable source of revenue for the following six years, after which Mr. Hendee returned to his former occupation of undertaking, and while thus employed was post-

master of Webster for a time. He eventually discarded the undertaking business for general merchandising, and bought the stone store where he is now doing business. Ever since he has carried a large line of groceries and general commodities, and has a large trade in the town and surrounding country. The upright business methods employed, and the air of tact and obligingness evinced towards all who patronize the store, have materially added to the popularity and enviable standing of Mr. Hendee.

Originally a Whig, Mr. Hendee voted for William H. Harrison in 1840, and since the establishment of the Republican party has been one of its staunch supporters and has held many important offices in the county. In 1855 he was census taker for the state in this town, and about the same time was elected justice of the peace and served for twelve years. During that time he tried many cases, some of which were appealed, but none reversed. He also served as notary public for twenty years and as postmaster for four years, was collector for a year and constable for one term.

Newton Hendee, the oldest son of our subject, and a partner in the business for many years, married Carrie S. Russell, a native of Webster. He inherits his father's business ability and good sense, and has proved a valuable help in the management of the store.

His sterling worth and unquestioned integrity have resulted in many special marks of favor on the part of his fellow townsmen, and of those individually in a position to recognize merit. He has been assignee

for two different firms that failed in Webster, and has also been administrator of several estates, and has settled up the affairs connected therewith with satisfaction to all concerned. He is fraternally associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Webster Lodge, No. 742, and faithfully observes the precepts of that order.

