

Captain Henry J. Daggett, son of Henry and Mary Daggett, was born at Boston, Massachusetts, August 16, 1826. In 1838 his parents moved to Oswego County, and settled at Oswego city, where they remained for about four years, and then removed to New Haven township, where they continued to reside till their death, which occurred as follows: Henry Daggett, in April, 1870; Mrs. Mary Daggett, in September, 1871.

Captain Henry J. Daggett received a good English education at the academy and high school of Oswego. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until he was nineteen years old, when he chose a life "on the ocean wave," first as a common sailor, in which capacity he served three years, and then as mate one year, and master for fifteen years. He commanded a number of different vessels, and was afterwards associated with Penfield, Lyon & Co. in the grain trade, sailing-vessels being used by them exclusively.

Retiring from the command of a vessel in 1863, he still retained an interest in the shipping trade. He has been extensively interested in farming, and also in the flouring, lumbering, and commission business, and has shipped a large quantity of cheese to Liverpool. He is one of the largest landholders in New Haven township, where he owns six hundred acres, besides as much more in other localities. By reference to the New York State records, we find him to have been a member of assembly from the third district of Oswego County in 1875, and his name appears prominently on the reports of committee on commerce and navigation, and on the sub-committee of the whole. He is spoken of in the State documents very favorably as a legislator, and the general popularity he enjoys among his constituents, and the people generally, goes far to confirm the good opinion of him therein expressed. In 1872 he was elected supervisor of New Haven township, and was reelected for five terms consecutively, the last year being chosen chairman of the board, the duties of which office he discharged in an able and impartial manner, and to the entire satisfaction of his brother-members of the board, as expressed in a resolution passed at the close of the session.

Mr. Daggett is a man of varied and extensive experience, an excellent judge of men and things, and a man not calculated to err in his estimate of human character. He has been a leading Republican for many years, but has always retained enough of the *fortiter in re* so as not to be influenced by party cliques or partisan motives. Of the *suaviter in modo* he possesses a large share, hence he enjoys the confidence and esteem of people of all political complexions. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order, being now a Royal Arch Mason; and is also a member of the I.O.O.F. Captain Daggett married Frances L., daughter of Philander and Eliza Holly, of New Haven, who survives.

A remarkable fact connected with the captain's sea-faring experience is, that he was never once shipwrecked or lost a cargo. He retains a picture of the good ship "Dreadnaught," which he commanded, and which he considers his pet vessel. He points to her with a commendable pride.