

\$900, which has gradually increased to \$5,000 per annum. Mr. Eger was born in Saxony, Germany, May 2 1828. He came to America in 1854, settling in Milwaukee soon after. He was married in Chicago to Miss Amelia Wendler, of Prussia, in December, 1856. They have two children, a son (William), born in Milwaukee, September 15, 1857, and a daughter (Emma), born February 16, 1866.

J. KUHNMUENCH, manufacturer and dealer in furniture, No. 322 Chestnut street. Business commenced in 1865, with a small capital and stock of about \$2,000; now doing a business of about \$10,000 annually. His brother, Charles Kuhnmuench, became a member of the firm in 1874, and continued with him until August, 1880, when he died. The annual trade reaches nearly \$15,000. Mr. Kuhnmuench was born in Baden, Germany, November 21, 1833. He came to America in January, 1857, settling in Milwaukee. He married Miss Frances Meurer, in January, 1868. They have four sons and a daughter.

JOHN SCHWAB, turner and scroll sawing. Business established in April, 1875. He employs at present six men, and is doing a business of from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year. Mr. Schwab was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 18, 1831. He came to America in 1854, coming to Milwaukee in July, 1855. He was married to Miss Otilla Hegg, a native of Prussia. They have five children living, three daughters and two sons: Katie E., aged 22; Anna, 21; George, 19; Henry, 17; Louisa, 9. Otilla died October 8, 1879, aged 6; Katie married to Fred Schmidt in November, 1879.

*Weise & Co.*, furniture manufacturers, No. 307 Third avenue. This business was established in May, 1878. The members of the firm are Henry and Fred Weise. They occupy a large two-story frame building, 26x58 feet, and employ from six to nine men.

FRED WEISE, born in Germany, December 25, 1822. He came to America and settled in Milwaukee in October, 1846. He married Miss Christiana Meyer, of Hanover, Germany. They have two children living, and have buried one.

HENRY WEISE, married Miss Caroline Ritzow, November 29, 1874. They have one child, Bertha, two and a half years of age, and have buried one, Herman.

*L. & C. Ritter*, manufacturers and dealers in furniture, wholesale and retail, No. 270 Fifth street; business established in May, 1872. This firm occupies a two-story and basement frame building, twenty by ninety feet. They employ ten men and make a specialty of custom work. They do a business of about \$20,000 per year.

LOUIS RITTER, was born in Germany, in 1845. He came to America and to Milwaukee in 1868. He was married in 1875, to Miss Katie Ludwig, daughter of ex-Alderman Ludwig. They have two children.

J. C. HEROLD, furniture dealer, No. 110 Vliet street. This business was established in the Fall of 1860, on the Fond du Lac Road, with a capital of but \$200. He moved to his present location in May, 1865. J. C. Herold, was born in Maryland, a son of Conrad Herold, who was born in Germany, September 16, 1822, came to America in 1853, and to Milwaukee in 1858. He died November 22, 1872. J. C. Herold has a son and daughter.

CHRIST SEIZER, furniture dealer, No. 473 First avenue; business established in October, 1873. Mr. Seizer is doing a prosperous business, amounting to \$3,000 per year. He carries about \$1,000 worth of stock. He was born in Germany, January 23, 1849, and came to Milwaukee in April, 1869. He was married in May, 1875, and has two daughters.

CHAS. H. WAGNER, of the firm of Chas. H. Wagner & Bro., No. 86 Mason street, dealers in frames of all kinds. He is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He came to New York in 1851, and to Milwaukee in 1855. He worked at the cabinetmaker's trade several years, and then established his present business, which he has since successfully conducted.

JACOB SCHWAAB, furniture manufacturer and dealer in wire mattresses, No. 336 Reed street; business established in 1861, under the firm name of Fleck & Schwaab. Mr. Schwaab started from New York in 1861, with \$600. Upholstering lounges on his first trip, he went as far as Oshkosh, and took all the orders in four days. In 1862, he built a shop on Lake street. Employing in their factory from twenty-five to thirty men, they did a business amounting to \$200,000 per year, taking in as high as \$3,500 in a single day. In 1867, by the hand of an incendiary their factory was reduced to ashes, not insured. The loss on stock and factory was \$15,000. He was born in Bavaria, in 1830. He came to America in 1853, and settled in New York. He married Miss Gertie Prasser, a native of Bavaria, born in 1835. They have five children living and have buried one.