

the Pittsburg law school. He is a member of the State bar association, is a republican, and at present is president of the school board of Etna. His maternal grandfather was John Scott, a distinguished jurist of Beaver county and a lawyer of exceptional ability. Mr. Calvert is well equipped for the arduous work of a legal career and is highly regarded as an advocate by the older attorneys of the Pittsburg bar.

JUSTUS SCHROEDEL, member of the common council of Allegheny city, Pa., from the thirteenth ward, was born in that city in 1871, and is therefore one of the youngest members of either branch of the council. His parents, John and Katherine Schroedel, are both deceased, the former dying in 1877 and the latter in 1889. Justus was educated in the public schools of the fourth ward, which he attended until he was ten years of age, and then arranged with the school board to take the instruction in German while he was engaged in selling papers. He was one of the boys that sold papers on the funeral train of President Garfield as it passed through Allegheny city. In 1890, in company with his two brothers, Philip and Jacob, he started the Schroedel & Seibel news agency in the East End, Pittsburg, devoting his entire attention to the building up of the concern. Mr. Schroedel takes an active interest in political matters, in which he is one of the republican leaders of the thirteenth ward. For several years he has represented his ward as a delegate in city and county republican conventions, and for the last six years he has been a member of the county committee. In February, 1903, he was chosen to represent the ward in the common council, where he has been honored by appointment on the committees on public safety, surveys and city digest. He is well known in the club life and fraternal organizations of the city, being a member of Lodge No. 319, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Allegheny council, No. 229, National Union; the German mutual aid association; the German beneficial association, of Allegheny; Troy Hill Mannerchor; the Mount Troy hunting and fishing club, and the American social club of Allegheny. He is also a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church of Allegheny city. In 1892 Mr. Schroedel was married to Miss Katherine Dahla, of Allegheny city, and two children—Roy H. and Esther S.—have been born to this marriage. Mr. Schroedel is regarded as one of the wide-awake young business men of Allegheny, as well as one of the public-spirited citizens. When the reform movement was started in Allegheny county, he

was made vice-chairman, a position he filled to the entire satisfaction of those engaged in the work, and he is now one of the committee of thirty-two to manage the county campaign in favor of good government. In this work he enjoys the full confidence of the people, and his name is frequently mentioned in connection with various offices as a possible and available candidate. These matters, however, do not disturb him in the least. The business of the news agency has grown to such proportions that it is on a well-paying basis, and requires the greater part of his time. Should the will of his fellow-citizens elevate him to a place of greater trust and responsibility than the one he now occupies, he will not be found wanting in either ability or sterling worth to meet the requirements of the situation.



WALTER ASTON, of Munhall, Pa., a skilled hammerman for the Homestead steel works, was born in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England, Dec. 16, 1860, son of Charles and Mary Aston. Mr. Aston was reared in Birmingham, England, educated in the public schools, and then served an apprenticeship of seven years at the silver-plating trade. In 1883 he came to the United States and located in Mifflin township, where he entered the employ of the Carnegie steel company as a blacksmith's helper, which

position he filled for a short time, and was then transferred to the forging department, and has occupied his present position of hammerman for sixteen years. He was married, on April 6, 1886, to Annie C., daughter of Richard and Mary E. (Carnahan) Straney, of Elizabeth, Pa., her father a native of Ireland and her mother born at Elizabeth, Allegheny Co., Pa. Mr. Aston and his wife are the parents of the following six children: Ada M., William, Flora B., Walter, Earl F., and Cecelia. Mr. Aston is one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Mifflin township, and by industry and frugality has accumulated a fine competency. He is a member of the Episcopal church, the Odd Fellows and the Sons of St. George, and is assistant chief of the local fire company. His political affiliations are with the republican party, and, like all citizens interested in the proper government of the community, he is an active figure in public matters.