

He has been twice elected Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, and was appointed by the President, U. S. Attorney for the District of Wisconsin for the term ending on the fourth of March in 1861.

Mr. Upham is one of the old settlers of the state, and his biography will be read with considerable interest, especially by his fellow pioneers.

— 0 —

The late HON. CHARLES QUENTIN,

of Milwaukee, was born in Prussia in 1811. Studied law and occupied many prominent judicial positions, his government frequently requiring his advice in financial and commercial matters, and for such purposes he was sent to Prussia, England and France; was deputized as Commissioner for his government at the first World's Exhibition in London and Paris.

After the reaction having taken place in 1849, his sense of independence induced him to quit the Prussian service and come to America, where he arrived in 1851. Having travelled over the Northwestern states in quest of a home, he finally settled in Milwaukee. In 1860, he was elected State Senator, and in 1861 was appointed commissioner of the Public Debt

— 0 —

HON. JAMES S. BROWN

was born in Hampden, Maine, February 1824; removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1840, where he studied law; and in 1844 took up his residence in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1845, he was chosen Prosecutive Attorney for Milwaukee County—in 1848 was elected Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin—in 1861 was elected Mayor of Milwaukee—and in 1862 was elected a Representative from Wisconsin to the thirty-eighth Congress, serving on the committee of Elections. For so young a man, Mr. Brown has occupied many positions of honor, the duties of every one of which, he has discharged with considerable ability, and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

— 0 —

FERDINAND KUEHN

was born in the old City of Augsburg in Bavaria in 1821, where he received a good education—was apprenticed a clerk in a banking house in Switzerland. Attracted by the free institutions of the United States, he gave up a good situation and emigrated to Wisconsin in 1844; and settled in Washington County as a farmer, with scarcely any means of subsistence

and therefore underwent all the hardships of a pioneer life. Early in 1846, he settled in Milwaukee, where he learned cigar making to earn a living. In 1849, he was appointed clerk in the city treasurer's office under Charles Geisberg, where he remained discharging the duty of deputy till he was elected treasurer in 1855, and was re-elected in 1856. Declining a re-nomination, he associated himself in 1856 with Charles Quentin in conducting real estate business, and taking charge of the property of non-residents. In 1856 and 1857, he was elected alderman for the sixth Ward, and was acting as chairman of the finance committee during the eventful crises of 1857. In 1858, he was appointed school commissioner and in 1860, Comptroller of the City of Milwaukee. Having discharged the duty of every office committed to his care with ability, and to the general satisfaction of the tax-payer, he was re-elected to the said office for six consecutive years, without opposition, conclusively proving his talent for business, and his honesty as a public officer. In 1861 under the able management of the commissioners of the public debt, composed of Alexander Mitchell, Joshua Hathaway, Charles Quentin and Hon. James S. Brown, then Mayor of the city, the re-adjustment of the city debt was put in operation, the Comptroller acting as secretary of said board, and after four years of incessant labor a debt amounting to nearly three millions of dollars was satisfactorily arranged with the creditors of the city, and the re-adjustment generally pronounced a perfect success.

In 1866, the subject of this sketch retired from public life and commenced the real estate business and subsequently associated himself with Christian Ott, formerly editor of the *See Bote*.

In 1870, he gave up this business, and is now connected with the Home Savings Bank of Milwaukee of which Institution, he has been elected Vice President

— 0 —

JOHN H. TESCH

was born in Prussia in 1828 and emigrated to America in 1839. He lived in Buffalo, State of New York, till 1841, when he came to settle in Milwaukee, where he has been engaged ever since in mercantile pursuits, having been also the regular interpreter to the various courts in this district for the first ten or fifteen years.

In 1859, Mr. Tesch, assisted by John Lockwood, Esq., was mainly instrumental in bringing to light, the disgraceful frauds committed on the city by the city comptroller and the city clerk, whose names, for the sake of pity and mercy, the biographer forbears to mention.

In 1860, the subject of this historical sketch was twice elected City