in 1866 and re-elected in 1868; also President of the village of Manitowoc in 1867 and 1868.

He was a delegate to the Republican Nat. Convention at Chicago 1868 and there supported the Nomination of Grant and Colfax for President and Vice President.

In the summer of 1862 he entered the military service as Captain in the 26th Wisconsin Regiment, and was promoted Major of said Regiment in March 1863. He was with his command in the battles of Chancellorville and Gettysburgh, in the latter of which he received a gunshot wound in the right leg below the knee which disabled him from further service, and he accordingly resigned.

Was elected State Treasurer in 1869. The biography of Major Baetz is brief, but full of events. His address, appearance, and gentlemanly manners, were of themselves sufficient, in the first instance, to procure him a position in a remote and secluded village, and his conduct in the discharge of his official duties soon proved that he required no adventitious aid to secure his re-election in even the largest and most enlightened town in which chance may place him.

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George Pfister and Fred Vogel,

formerly comprising the firm Pfister & Co., are both natives of Germany, and after arriving in this country, first commenced business at Buffalo, State of New York, from which they removed to Milwaukee in 1847, where they engaged in the leather business, and commenced, at the same time, to build a tannery on the Menomonee River. Their success in trade was so rapid as to oblige them to enlarge their building, from time to time, so as to afford sufficient accommodation for their increasing business.

In 1865, they built a large brick curry shop, 200 feet long, 40 feet wide, and three stories high. This building is finished in the most substantial manner; is heated by steam, and furnished with all the necessary machinery and modern appliances required for currying and finishing leather of every description, such as calfskin, kip, and upper leather, to which sorts the firm pay particular attention. The superior quality of these articles has been the means of extending and enlarging their trade, attracting new customers from every direction when the quality of their goods became known.

In the addition to the above tannery, Messrs. Pfister and Vogel built another tannery in 1862 at Two Creeks, Manitowoc county, chiefly for the manufacture of sole leather, and having a capacity for tanning from
50 to 55000 hides in a year. The above firm dissolved partnership at the end of the year 1866, Mr. Vogel retiring by reason of ill health, and Mr. Pfister continuing to carry on the business alone, till 1869, when Mr. Vogel again took charge of the Two Creeks tannery on his own account.

The skill and straightforward conduct of Mr. Pfister as a man of business, have gained for him a large independence—the reward of knowledge and integrity.

JOHN A. BAKER

was born in Stephenson County, Illinois, March 25th, 1869. He received an academic education and entered Lawrence University in 1860, but abandoned it to go into the military service in 1861. He enlisted as private soldier in Co. B. 1st Wis., Cavalry, in August 1861, and served as such with his regiment in Missouri until the spring of 1863, when he was appointed Corporal, and soon after Q. M. Sergeant, during which the regiment was engaged in fighting Guerillas and Bushwhackers. In June 1863 the regiment was sent to Tennessee and joined the army of the Cumberland in time to move out with Rosencranz from Mumfreesboro, and took an active part in that campaign, being engaged in the battles of Chickamanga, Chattanooga and many others. During the fall that year the regiment was sent into East Tennessee, and saw much severe service during the winter under Burnside, Foster and Granger. He was appointed Sergeant Major of his regiment in February 1864, and was with Sherman's army, (which the regiment joined about the 1st May 1864,) and participated in all the battles of the campaign which resulted in the capture of Atlanta, when the regiment was sent with Gen. Thomas back to Nashville to look after Hood; and although not engaged in the last battle of Nashville, the regiment was fighting a raiding party in Kentucky the same days. He was appointed first Lieutenant of Co. I., April 13th 1864, and Capt. of Co. D., January 25th 1865, and was with his regiment all the time after enlisting until mustered out of the service, which was in March 1865, having served 3 years and seven months.

After his return from the army he engaged in the lumber business on the Wisconsin River for two years, during which time he improved all the time he could spare in the study of law. At the end of this time he entered the office of J. D. Raymond at Plover, Portage Co., Wis., where he remained during the summer, when he went to Albany, New York, for the purpose of attending the law school; graduating in May 1868, and was admitted to practice it all the Courts of that State. He then came