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THOMAS B. PURCELL was born in this city May 24, 1856, his parents being John C. Purcell and Johanna Williams. He was educated by the Christian Brothers, and then learned the trade of a tinsmith from Michael Doherty, of No. 521 Fourth Street. In 1876 Mr. Purcell went into business for himself and from the very beginning was successful. His present place of business is at Nos. 411 and 413 Second Street. In 1887 he was elected a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners and he is still a member of that Board. He is president of A. O. H., No. 1, president of the J. C. Osgood Steamer Company, and was president of the Y. M. F. M. T. A. B. Society, No. 1. In 1885 and '86 he was Rensselaer County delegate of the A. O. H. He was married May 21, 1882, to Miss Margaret E. Crossen, and has two children, daughters, aged six and two years.

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