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JOHN F. BRIDGEMAN was born in this city Nov. 11, 1849. He is the son of Peter and Mary Bridgeman. After a thorough course in the public and the Christian Brothers' schools he entered the store of Silliman, Matthews & Co., where he remained from 1866 to 1871. He was a salesman for Graves, Page & Co., from 1872 to 1878, and in the latter year he went into the wholesale grocery business under the firm name of Taylor & Bridgeman. From 1879 until 1885 the subject of this sketch was a traveling salesman for Barkhalter & Co. of New York. In 1885 he was appointed city chamberlain, and so ably did he perform the exacting duties of that important office that on the expiration of his term he was reappointed. He has taken a prominent part in the agitation for public improvement which has resulted in the enactment of the Public Improvement Bill. Mr. Bridgeman is a member of the Robert Emmet Association and the Commercial Travelers' Association of the State of New York. He is also a trustee of the Pioneer Building and Loan Association. Mr. Bridgeman's wife was Kate C. Gillen. They have one child, a bright boy of twelve.





