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THOMAS P. DOWLING was born in this city December 28, 1854, the son of Edward Dowling, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg July 4, 1863, and Anna Cassidy Langford. The parents of Mr. Dowling were natives of Ireland, but they were married in this city. In the public schools Mr. Dowling obtained his education. He began early to make his way in the world, and, like many other men who have attained prominence and high business standing in this community, delivered the daily and weekly papers over long and tiresome routes. He worked for Levi Willard and H. B. Nims, the stationers, and later, for seven years, was in the employ of the Granite Monument Works. In 1877 he entered the employ of E. F. Rogers, the Sixth Street laundryman, at a small salary. He quickly mastered the business and, upon the retirement of Mr. Rogers, became the proprietor of one of the best-known concerns of the kind in the country. The laundry turns out an immense amount of work, and is famed for its excellence all over the country. From 1885 to 1889 Mr. Dowling was a member of the Municipal Civil Service Board. In 1885 he was elected treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Troy fire department, serving in that capacity until the present year. He is a member of the Robert Emmet Association, the Bachelors' Club and the Trojan Hooks. Mr. Dowling's wife is Miss Mary F. Keenan, daughter of ex-Sheriff Keenan. They have one child, a bright three-year-old boy. For so young a man Mr. Dowling has achieved marvelous success. In his life, boys who are struggling along to-day should find the encouragement to lead them to persistent, honorable and earnest endeavor.