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JOHN F. AHERN was born in this city March 1, 1850, the eldest son of Michael Ahern and Margaret Duffy. Mr. Ahern attended the public and the Christian Brothers' Schools and for four years was an assiduous student at Fordham College. His first work was as clerk of his father's hotel, the Union House. In 1873 he engaged in the retail liquor business on Third Street, the old "Crystal." Later he was for two years a clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, at Albany. He was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Ingram. In 1882, associated with William Holmes, he opened a retail liquor establishment, and the firm are still in business at No. 12 Third Street. Mr. Ahern is treasurer of the Pilsner Democratic Club, a member of the Y. M. C. L. A. and the Bachelors' Club. He is also president of the Municipal Civil Service Board. He has been an alternate to several Democratic State conventions, and a ward committeeman for many years. He acted as treasurer of the committee which entertained Tammany Hall in this city in 1888. Mr. Ahern is married, his wife being Miss Julia F. Hickey.