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JOHN J. PURCELL was born in Ireland March 22, 1858, while his parents, John C. Purcell and Johanna Williams, were on a visit to the old country. He was two months old when he first breathed the air of free America. He obtained his education in the Christian Brothers' School, the public schools and at the High School, and learned the plumbing trade from the late John E. Smith, of Nos. 5 and 7 State Street. Mr. Purcell started in business for himself in 1882, at No. 412 Second Street, and is now associated with his brother, Thomas B. Purcell. He is in the plumbing, gas and steam fitting trade at Nos. 411 and 413 Second Street. In 1883 he was elected a member of the Common Council from the Twelfth Ward, and he is still a member of the Board. For three years he was a manager of the Y. M. C. L. A. and for three years he was treasurer of the organization. He is a member of the Y. M. C. L. A., Emeralds, Branch 6, and the A. O. H., No. 1. Mr. Purcell was married Nov. 2, 1888, to Miss Annie F. Donovan.