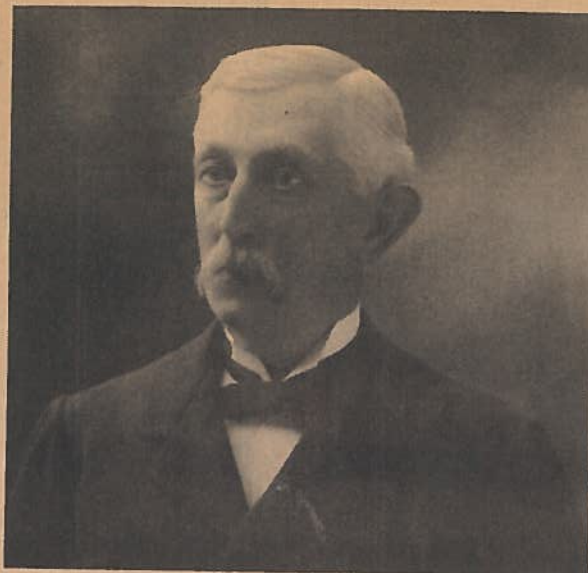


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"Now I was a child good by nature, and a good soul fell to my lot. Nay, rather, being good, I came into a body undefiled."
The Apocrypha - The Wisdom of Solomon 8:19-20

William B. Dye was born in the Town of Carlton, N.Y. on June 13, 1840. His education was acquired in the rural schools of Orleans County, the Albion Academy and the Rochester Business Institute. In 1867 he married Charlotte DeDiemar of Jackson, Michigan. Their two daughters were Mrs. P.W. Collins and Mrs. Judson Coann Curtis.

In the year 1870 the Dye's took up residence in the Village of Albion. In February 1872 Mr. Dye entered into a clothing retailing business partnership with Simon Adler which lasted until Mr. Adler's retirement. Later Henry W. Fox became a partner of the business which was known as Dye & Fox. William Dye was also engaged in the clothing manufacturing business in Rochester, N.Y. After the death of Mr. Fox, William Dye formed a partnership with his son-in-law, P.W. Collins. They ran a clothing store in downtown Albion. Prominent in public life, Mr. Dye served for several years as President of the Orleans County National Bank. He was well-known in Democratic State politics and an intimate political associate of Senator David B. Hill and Governor Flower. During the gubernatorial term of Governor Flower, Mr. Dye was appointed in 1892 as President of the Board of Managers of the Western House of Refuge for Women. He was reappointed to that board at various times and was serving as president upon his death.

William Dye was elected on numerous occasions to the position of Mayor of Albion as well as president of the Board of Education. He also at one time served as Supervisor for the Town of Albion. During the height of his political career he made an unsuccessful attempt to run for Congress.

Aside from his political endeavors, Mr. Dye was an active member of the Elks, Renovation Lodge F and A.M., Monroe Commandery, and the First Presbyterian Church. The Dye name continues to live on today in origin of the Dye Hose Company which was formed in 1883 and named in honor of William B. Dye who was then serving as Mayor of Albion.

"Every soul brings a kind of sense with it into the world, whereby it tastes and relisheth what is suitable to its peculiar temper..."

--Joseph Glanvill