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LINN TOWNSHIP.

**BATES, WM. I.**, of the firm of Wm. I. Bates & Co., dry goods and carpets; born in Hampshire Co., Mass., July 9, 1850; when 14 years of age, removed to Princeton, Ill., and was engaged with his brother in the mercantile business for five years; then sold his interest and was connected with a wholesale dry goods house in the city of New York for four years; came to Marshalltown in 1873, and since then has been engaged in the dry goods trade here. Married Miss Grace Hinsdale, from Princeton, Ill., Feb. 12, 1873.