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## HON. WILLIAM FLINN.

### A RECOGNIZED REPUBLICAN LEADER AND A PROMINENT CONTRACTOR OF PITTSBURGH.

**W**ILLIAM FLINN was born in Manchester, England, May 26, 1851. His parents came to the United States in that year and settled at Pittsburgh, where Mr. Flinn's father was well known for many years.

The subject of this sketch organized the firm of Booth & Flinn, twenty-three years ago. The concern does a general contracting business, their operations covering the manufacture of materials as well as the execution of the work. In 1891 a limited partnership was formed under the style of Booth & Flinn, Limited, with the Hon. William Flinn as Chairman, and George H. Flinn as Secretary and Treasurer.

He has always taken an active interest in local, State and national politics. He is a Republican, and has frequently been honored by his party in recognition of his services.

In 1877 Mr. Flinn was elected to the Board of Fire Commissioners, a position which he filled with marked ability. He was a Member of the

House of Representatives during the years 1879-1881, and in the last sixteen years he has five times been elected a Delegate to the Republican National Conventions, serving, respectively, in 1884, 1888, 1892, 1896 and again having been delegated by his party to serve this year at Philadelphia.

Mr. Flinn has been Chairman of the Republican City Executive Committee for the past eighteen years, and his wide knowledge of municipal affairs, capable and faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to his care have combined to make him a particularly valuable man in this office. He was elected State Senator, 1890-1894, and re-elected in November, 1898.

Though actively engaged

in the conduct of his business and the discharge of his official duties, Senator Flinn, withal, is deeply interested in other than secular matters. He is a consistent Presbyterian, and a member of the Duquesne and American Clubs, of Pittsburgh.



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