## Men of the Hour: William E. Webster

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Transcription:

[image-a caricature of a slender man with side parted dark hair and large ears who stands left foot forward wearing formal clothing. On his left arm (bent at the elbow) is a basket labeled "GROCERIES." In his right hand is what appears to be a town hall (probably that of Lewiston). Behind his right elbow is a rolled up piece of paper labeled "GROCERY BILL" with a face, a hat, and little legs and arms (one arm is holding a cigarette or cigar). Below the waist, the man's legs become unnaturally skinny. The word "MAYOR" is written behind the man, and at his left side on the ground is a piece of paper that says "OF LEWISTON."]

WILLIAM E. WEBSTER-[em-dash]LEWISTON.

THERE'S Noah and there's Daniel in the Webster roll of fame:

The one could make a dictionary, the other could declaim,

But the busiest day of either was a pastime, to the way

Our William has to hustle in an ordinary day.

Twice guardian of the city's cash; and twice the people's mayor-

He's had his share of public trust and known its hours of care.

In church, in trade, and politics, deal with him as you may,

The square deal and the golden rule you'll find is Webster's way.

To-day, once more in private life, he shapes up to the plan

Of what we call in common prose- the successful business man.

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