

Pringle, who began business in Hastings in 1857.

Johnson and Greiner, corner of Vermillion and Fourth streets, became associated in the hardware business in the fall of 1876, the year previous, A. L. Johnson having been engaged alone. This firm makes specialties of cutlery, mechanics' tools, and the manufacture of tinware. Their trade is both wholesale and retail.

W. H. Getts, corner of Second and Vermillion streets, bought out the hardware stock of J. P. McHugh, in February, 1881.

In April following, Messrs. Conklin and Whitman established themselves in the trade at No. 77 Second street.

In 1880, A. H. Gilkey, a practical plumber, established a store on Vermillion street, where pumps, wind-mills, hose, sewer-pipe, and all plumbers' articles, are made specialties.

Agricultural implements are offered by John Rhodes and Company at their establishment, on the corner of Second and Vermillion streets; by A. H. Truax, directly opposite, and by John Van Slyke.

The oldest established drug store in the city is that established by Dr. J. E. Finch, in 1860. Since 1874, the firm has been Finch and Son, and in 1880, Finch's block was erected on the corner of Second and Sibley streets. It is three-stories high, and is built of St. Louis pressed brick, and trimmed with Frontenac stone. The store which occupies the first floor, is the finest in the state, with full plate glass front, black-walnut and butter-nut finishings, and a laboratory and dispensary.

Thorne and Norrish, 270 Second street, established themselves as druggists in November, 1879. Dr. Thorne is a practicing physician, one of the oldest in Hastings.

Noesen and Funk, druggists, removed from Red Wing to Hastings in January, 1880. They have been associated in business since 1871.

There are a few other business interests in Hastings, mostly of a more private character, but which contribute to the activity of the city. The manufacturing and other interests of the town are treated with sufficient fullness in the preceding chapters. The list of business houses given above, serves to show that Hastings is a city of large recent growth. Many of the firms just mentioned have been established within two

or three years, and where the new firm has been successor to another, the business has been invariably enlarged and extended. The present growth of the city also, is a proper subject of comment. Several blocks are in process of erection, including the Masonic block on Sibley street, near Second. Several new and elegant residences have recently been built, and others are, at present, succeeding them. The formation of the Dakota County Building Association, with a capital stock of \$300,000, which is to be applied to building purposes, will undoubtedly aid much in the improvement of the city. This association was formed in January, 1881, and is already proven a successful enterprise. Among other indications of development, also, a railroad connection between Hastings and Stillwater, is contemplated, and a company consisting of several of the leading business men of Hastings, has been incorporated for the purpose of effecting such connection. Should the new road be built, what with the river and Hastings and Dakota divisions of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, which now have a junction there, Hastings would receive a new impetus in the direction of railroad importance. Much wealth has been accumulated in the town and there is no lack of capital to minister to its prosperity. While it may never become a colossal city, such as nature never designed it to be, from its situation, it will progress in growth, and increase in fortune, slowly perhaps, but with sure steps as in the past.

CHAPTER XLV.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

W. H. Adams, attorney at law and son of Gen. C. P. Adams, was born at Hastings, Minnesota, August 20th, 1856. He received his early education at the High school of Hastings and academy of Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana. Studied law in the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and graduated from that institution in March, 1879. During that

month he was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Michigan, and to the courts of Minnesota the next April. Since that time he has been in practice as one of the firm of Hodgson and Adams. Married August 14, 1879, to Mary A. Muehlig, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

William Ainsworth was born in Vermont in December, 1825. He was reared on a farm, and when sixteen years old learned the carpenter's trade. Worked at it two years, then in 1843 came to Illinois. The following year removed to Iowa, still working at his trade until 1856, then came to Hastings, there being at that time only two stores and one hotel. In 1859, bought a farm, now having one hundred and sixty acres. Married Miss Maria Ingram in 1855. Mary is their only child.

Sherman Nathaniel Aspinwall, proprietor of the Foster house, is of English-Scotch descent, born in Cayuga county, New York, April 3d, 1832. His father, Edson Aspinwall, was a merchant of Auburn. While living in Auburn young Aspinwall was sent to the Auburn academy, then in charge of Professor Hopkinson. During this time his father and grandfather owned three stores and a large steam grist mill. The family moved from Auburn to a large farm in Wells, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, since known as Aspinwall's corners. Here Sherman opened a small store while yet a boy. In 1844 he went to Troy to work in the store of Pomeroy Brothers, who were relatives. He next went to Towanda, the county seat, where he was for a time employed in one of the county offices. After a short time he went into a store, of which he soon had control. His father being appointed superintendent of the North Branch canal, rented his farm, removed his family to Towanda, where he soon after died, and Sherman, who was then but eighteen years of age, took care of the family. He removed to Elmira, where he began work for Henry S. Wells, railroad and canal contractor, as book-keeper and cashier. Wells, on account of some difficulty in which he became involved, sold the contract to build eighteen miles of the Great Western railway, between Chatham, Canada, and Detroit, to Hollenbeck and Aspinwall. The firm cleared \$35,000 each by this contract and their work gave such satisfaction that the engineers of the road urged them to remain with the company as contractors. However, they returned to Elmira, and

Wells having heavy contracts in New Jersey, wished to secure their services. They visited the work, but did not enter his employ. Aspinwall wishing to go to Chicago. But tempted by promises made by Wells, they took two sections of heavy work under him and by the operation lost money. Aspinwall then went to Detroit, in 1855, and for one year had charge of a store at Mount Clemens. On account of the malaria of the country he left and went to Chicago and there began his experience as a hotel keeper. Rented a large stone house opposite the old Dearborn hotel, which he run two years, when failing health again compelled him to change. After a year's rest at Corpus Christi he recovered his health. Next went to New York and was employed in the wholesale hardware house of Churchill, Rogers and Wetmore. When the war broke out he at once enlisted in the Fifty-ninth New York, in May, 1861, and in July following, was mustered into service as second lieutenant of Company A. Served two years, and was in the Peninsular campaign. He was sick with typhoid fever, but getting somewhat better again entered active service against Magruder. Being greatly weakened by sickness he was soon exhausted by his efforts, and carried to the hospital at Fortress Monroe, where for a number of weeks he was very low, suffering from a relapse. His wife was unable to find him until he was removed to Hampton seminary. When taken sick his weight was one hundred and sixty pounds, but when he recovered it was only ninety. His rank at this time was first lieutenant, but he was promoted to captain, and was offered a commission of major. After he left the service, he opened a hardware store in Troy, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1864, and did a business of \$12,000 the first year, and afterwards of \$60,000. In addition to his business in Troy, he built a block of stores in Towanda, and kept one of them himself, doing a total business of from \$80,000 to \$110,000. His winters were passed in the south, where he bought a plantation of four hundred acres, at Aiken, South Carolina, besides a steam-mill and one thousand acres of timber in the same state. He left his business in the north in charge of a son of a friend, who neglected it, and his partner speculated in the firm name and lost quite heavily. Aspinwall then went to St.

Louis and speculated in stock; then went to Jacksonville, Illinois, and run a hotel for a couple of years. In 1875, he came to Minnesota, bought property in Minneapolis, and dealt in fine stock. This he traded for the Foster house in 1877, taking possession in March, 1878. Married at Towanda, Pennsylvania, in 1854, Sarah H. Myer of that place. Their children are Mrs. Dr. Pratt, of Minneapolis, Sallie, Virginia, Mrs. R. J. Parker. Their only son Lloyd, born December 26th, 1872, was drowned in the Mississippi river, June 3d, 1881.

George Barbaras, a native of France, was born September 14th, 1832. His early education was received in France and Germany. Came to America in April, 1847, and located near Chicago, being engaged in farming until 1861, then came to Dakota county, Minnesota, and settled in the township of Vermillion. He continued farming until 1869, then removed to Hastings. Was assistant cashier in the Farmer's and Trader's bank four years; was justice of the peace four years, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1874, by Judge Crosby. He has been in active practice since. He is also agent for several leading insurance companies, and six steamboat companies, for whom he sells tickets, and deals in foreign exchange. Has been mayor of Hastings two years, and alderman two years. Married Harriet Vandaworker. Alma and Julia A. are their children.

A. B. Bell was born in Tompkins county, New York, March 21st, 1832. When sixteen years old removed to Tioga county, and learned the trade of cabinet maker, working at it there three years. In 1862 enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninth New York Volunteer Infantry; served until July 1st, 1865; was mustered out at Elmira. He was commissioned second lieutenant by Governor Fenton, in 1864, for meritorious conduct, after the siege of Petersburg, Virginia, in which battle he was wounded. After leaving the army he came to Hastings; in 1866, went east and graduated from Eastman's Business college. Returning to Hastings he worked at his trade until 1867, then spent three years in Winona, and in 1870 returning, to this city, became one of the firm of Bell, Rhodes and Company, now changed to Bell Brothers. Married Isabel Chapman of

Hastings, in 1866. Mary E., and Lou A. are their children.

James Bell was born in Newfield, Tompkins county, New York, in 1834. His father was a painter, and of him James learned the trade when eight years old. In 1861 he came to Hastings. He worked at his trade until 1870, then became a member of the firm Bell, Rhodes and Company, which has since changed to Bell Brothers. Mr. Bell has been twice married; his first wife was Miss Mary Cornish, of River Falls, Wisconsin. In 1878, he married Mrs. Ella Fry, of Cherry Valley, New York, by whom he has one child, Kate C.

C. F. Beltz was born in Saxony, October 4th, 1840. Came to America in 1853 with his parents and first located in Oneida county, New York. In 1856 removed to Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and learned the trade of mason. During the fall of 1859, went to Milwaukee and clerked in a wholesale liquor store until 1861, when he enlisted in Company F, Sixth Wisconsin Infantry, and served until honorably discharged as first sergeant July 28th, 1864. He passed about five years in prospecting, and in 1869, bought a farm in Iowa. Soon after came to Austin, Minnesota, and worked at his trade until coming to Hastings. Continued in the pursuit of his trade till 1878, then assumed charge of the present business in behalf of the Peller estate, and soon after for Shroth, the firm being formerly Peller and Shroth. In 1879 he purchased the business of Mr. Otte, and still continues dealing in leather, harnesses and hardware. Married in April, 1869, to Margaret Link, of Wisconsin. Amanda H., Frances L., Oswald C. and Carl N. are their children.

H. J. Beekmeier is a native of Germany, born March 14th, 1856. Came to America in 1874, proceeding directly to Hastings. Five years later, he with two associates purchased their business from M. Marx, and formed a copartnership under the name of Beekmeier, Stern and Rude, dealers in dry-goods and gents' furnishing goods. He is unmarried.

Henry Buttruff, the pioneer furniture dealer of Hastings, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 21st, 1828. He resided in his native state until 1850, then removed to Muscatine, Iowa, and clerked in a furniture store

five years. In 1855 he came to Hastings and at once started in the furniture trade, bringing with him the first furniture for sale in Dakota county. In 1864 he was engaged with others in the manufacture of furniture, sash, doors and blinds. Although sustaining losses by fire in 1856 and twice in 1865, he is still prominent in the business. He also owns several valuable farms, working some and renting others. Married in 1877 to Mary E. Clark, of Columbus, Ohio.

John Byers, mayor, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, October 6th, 1829. He removed with his parents to Cass county, Michigan, and until 1850 was engaged in farming. During October of that year he came to Hastings, but took a claim in Goodhue county. He has given his attention chiefly to farming since first coming to Hastings. He has been alderman and member of school board several years; was a member of the legislature in 1875, and is president of the Farmers' Board of Trade of Minnesota. In 1880 he was elected mayor of Hastings and still holds the position. Elmira L. Stowell, of Massachusetts, became his wife in 1853. Albert and Louisa are their living children.

B. D. Cadwell was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, April 23d, 1836. In 1857, he came to Hastings and engaged as miller in the old Vermillion mill. In 1866, he formed a partnership with Theodore Gardner at the Ramsey mill. The following year he went into the mill west of the Vermillion street bridge, and since then has been engaged in general mill-wrighting and repairing. He is a member of the city school board. His children are Almeda, Lincoln, Lucy, May, Benjamin P. and Harvey.

M. A. Canning was born in Nova Scotia in 1825. Moved to Maine with his parents in 1837. Learned the blacksmith's trade, and worked at it until 1847, then went to Michigan. Remained in that state nine years. While there learned the millers' trade, and in 1856 came to Minnesota. Locating at Hastings he worked at milling and afterward run a mill two years. Was with Curtis, Cowles and Company for five years, then worked five years as a joiner. In 1868, built the shop where he now is, corner Fifth and Vermillion streets; has two fires. Also owns a wagon shop. Married Ann M. Hayes in 1853. Fannie, Wil-

liam H., Clara S., and Katie M. are their children.

Lawrence J. Casserly was born in New Jersey in 1857. His father came to Minnesota in 1858, but left his family in New Jersey until he could prepare a home for them. In 1859, they came to Hastings, and here Lawrence attended the High school eight years. In 1874, he commenced his career as teacher in Lebanon township, and has since taught in the county. While teaching in Rosemount he organized a brass band, afterward becoming its leader.

A. J. Catton was born at Quebec February 15th, 1840. When three years of age, he accompanied his parents to Burford, Ontario. In 1859, Mr. Catton removed to Missouri, but was forced to return to Canada at the breaking out of the war. He removed to Michigan, thence went to Kansas, where he began the profession of a dentist. Returned to Canada to complete the profession, and practiced there ten years. During December, 1879, Dr. Catton came to Hastings and opened his present office. Married in 1873 Miss Zilpha J. Charles, by whom he has one child, Arthur C.

D. T. Chamberlain, attorney at law, was born in Wayne county, New York, June 18th, 1852. Here he resided until 1864, then came to Hastings with his parents. Attended school until 1871, then entered Rochester University of New York, and studied two years. He next entered the law school from which institution he graduated in November, 1874. Was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of New York, the same month, and in December following, to the courts of Minnesota. Has since been in active practice at Hastings, was elected a member of the school board in 1871, and elected to the state legislature in 1878. Married in 1874 to Emma M. Thorpe: Anna K. is the only child living.

A. B. Chapin was born in Milton, Pennsylvania, in 1845. He studied dentistry at Williamsport. In 1862, enlisted in the Thirty-first Pennsylvania Regiment and served nine months. In October, 1863, enlisted in the United States Navy, and was stationed at Sapelo Sound, Georgia, where he served as surgeon steward until May, 1865. In 1871, removed to St. Paul, and practiced his profession there. Served on the

United States boundary survey in northern Dakota and Montana. In 1876, he came to Hastings and opened his present dental rooms. Married Mary P., daughter of Rev. C. S. Le Duc, in 1878.

J. R. Clagett, attorney at law, was born at Alexandria, Virginia, October 26th, 1826. His early education was received at the high school of his native place, and from private tutors. He afterward entered Brown's University at Providence, Rhode Island, graduating with the class of 1848. Studied law with Henry W. Davis, of Alexandria, Virginia, and was admitted to the bar at Washington, D. C., in 1853. Four years subsequent, he removed to Hastings, where he has been in active practice since. Has long been identified with the interests of the Episcopal church of Hastings, and is its senior warden. Has been twice married. His first wife, Eliza Thorne, died in January, 1876; his present wife was Mrs. Frances Pringle, of Brooklyn, New York, by whom he has one child: Frances E.

John Seymour Clark, M. D., was born in Syracuse, New York, December 3d, 1844. Here he was educated by private tutors; afterward studied one year in Paris. On returning from Europe, he commenced the study of medicine at the medical department of Syracuse University, graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1877. He practiced in New York immediately after, and was physician to the New York dispensary three years, also physician to the Midnight association of that city. During the fall of 1880, came to Hastings, and has since been in practice here. Helen M. Chittenden, of Syracuse, New York, became his wife in 1865: Marion C., Harlow C. and Alice S. are their children.

D. C. Conklin, of the firm of Conklin and Whitman, hardware dealers, was born in Brooklyn, New York, November 25th, 1854. He, with his parents came to Minnesota in 1862. Entered the employ of C. W. Williams, a hardware merchant of Hastings in 1875, for whom he worked three years, was then six months in the employ of B. Pringle. Removing thence to Minneapolis, he was in the employ of Smith and Day of that place until the spring of 1881, then formed a partnership with R. Whitman, and purchased the hardware stock of C. W. Williams, of Hastings.

Rev. H. J. Crist, a native of Lawrenceburg,

Indiana, was born March 3d, 1843. His father, William H. Crist was of German descent, and removed from Ohio with his family to Hastings; thence to Lakeville in 1856. The family lived during the first summer in a log house, whose occupants numbered sixteen. In his eighteenth year Mr. Crist prepared for college at Red Wing. In 1862 he was one of the thirteen who started out from Lakeville to the relief of the frightened and fleeing settlers at the commencement of the Indian outbreak. His father exchanged a yoke of oxen for a horse, that his son might be fully equipped for travel or conflict. The little party reported at Fort Snelling, and were sent from there to St. Peter. In 1864 he enlisted in the Eleventh Minnesota Volunteers, Company D, and served until June 26th, 1865. During Hood's raid his regiment guarded the Louisville and Nashville railroad. He was raised to the rank of corporal. Returning to Red Wing he graduated from Hamline University, and in 1869 from Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston, Illinois. He was then appointed successively pastor of Methodist Episcopal churches: At Cannon Falls in 1869, Duluth in 1870, Brainerd in 1871, Austin in 1874, Grace church at St. Paul in 1876, and Hastings in 1878. Miranda F. Jones became his wife in 1870. One child has been born to them Royal H.

Charles W. Crosby, lawyer and justice of the peace, was born in Milford, Hillsborough county, New Hampshire, October 22d, 1832. He finished his education at the Nashua high school. At an early age he engaged in the grocery business in Boston, having also a store at Nashua. Closing out that business he spent two years in California. In 1854 started in the printer's business at Dubuque, Iowa, and sold the first printing press used in Hastings. Engaged as a clerk in 1856 on the "Minnesotian," at St. Paul, remaining until 1859; thence to Cannon Falls where he was in the milling business until 1862. Settled next at Hastings and clerked in the office of register of deeds and auditor, previous to 1865. Has been justice of the peace since 1864. Was assessor in 1865 and took a state census the same year; was court commissioner in 1866-67-68, and police justice in 1872. Admitted to the bar during that year and has been in active practice since. Married Myra G. Smith in 1849. He has

had six children, five of whom are living: Charles, Nettie, William, George and Mathias.

Hon. Francis Marion Crosby is descended from an old Massachusetts family. His parents, Eliel and Grateful, *nee* Allen, Crosby, belonged to the agricultural class. Francis was born at Wilmington, Windham county, Vermont, November 13th, 1830. He was educated at the Wilmington high school and the Mount Caesar Seminary, Swanzy, New Hampshire, and was early a teacher himself. He read law with Hon. Oscar L. Shafter of Wilmington, since chief justice of California, and at Manchester, Vermont, with Hon. Daniel Roberts. He was admitted to the bar in December, 1855, and began practice at Wilmington. He served in the session of the Vermont legislature for the same year, 1855, and also in the session of 1856. In May, of 1858, he settled at Hastings. During his residence in Dakota county, he has been city attorney of Hastings for two or three terms, and was judge of probate in 1860 and 1861. He was member of the school board from 1866 until he took his seat as judge of the first judicial district of Minnesota, January 1st, 1872. He was re-elected to this latter position without opposition for another term of seven years, at the election held in November, 1878. Judge Crosby has the reputation of being an able, conscientious and courteous jurist. Originally he was a free soiler in politics, but since the organization of the republican party he has been one of its staunch supporters. Judge Crosby was first married, in 1866, to Miss Helen Mar Sprague, of Cooperstown, New York. She died in 1869, leaving one child, Frank Noble. His present wife was Miss Helen M. Bates of Cherry Valley, New York; married in October, 1872. By her he has three children: Howard Walworth, Marion Emma and Helen Bates.

Eugene Dean, justice of the peace, was born in Ireland, in 1823. Came to America in 1850, and first worked on the Hudson River railroad, afterward worked in different parts of the country. In 1855, came to Hastings, purchased some lots, also pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres in Vermillion. Two years subsequently he was elected county treasurer, which office he held until 1860. The next four years he ran a farm, and later engaged in grocery business. Was a member of school board in 1873, elected

justice of the peace in 1876, and still continues in the office. His principal business at present is contracting. Has been twice married; his first wife, Ellen M. O'Connor, died in 1865; his present wife was Elizabeth Quirk of Illinois, married in 1866. James and Mary are children by his first; John, Francis Eugene and Johanna by present wife.

W. H. DeKay, attorney at law, was born in Sullivan county, New York, November 4th, 1845. When a mere child removed with his parents to McHenry County, Illinois. In 1859 removed to Hastings and attended school, also lived on a farm until 1864. He enlisted July 30th, 1864, in Second Minnesota Cavalry, serving until mustered out at Fort Snelling, May 11th, 1865. Returning to Hastings he read law with Eli Robinson a short time, then with Clagett and Crosby. Was admitted to the bar in 1870, and has been in active practice since. Was elected police justice in 1878 and re-elected in 1880. Married in 1874 to Miss Julia Van Inwegen, of New York. Richard H. and Frank C. are their children.

Rev. John B. Donaldson is of Scotch descent. His American ancestors were Pennsylvanians, and his great grandfather fell in the Revolutionary war. His father was a missionary at Bluffton, Indiana, where John was born, January 9th, 1852. He fitted for college at Elder's Ridge Academy in Pennsylvania, and entered Wabash college at Crawfordsville, Indiana, in 1870. Graduating from college four years later he entered Alleghany Theological Seminary, remaining one year, then completed his theological education at Union Seminary, New York city, graduating in 1877. He then was sent as a missionary to Ashland, Oregon. There he labored fifteen months with marked success. September 20th, 1880, Rev. Donaldson came to Hastings, having since remained as pastor of the Presbyterian church. He arrived in season to be instrumental in building the new edifice and to see every debt removed. In 1878 he was united in marriage with Mary, daughter of Rev. Dr. Sample of Minneapolis. They have one child, bearing the name, Robert Sample.

Jacob Donndelinger, a native of Germany, was born December 6th, 1842. Came to this continent in 1856, and located in Jackson county, Iowa. In 1861, came to Hastings, and in August of the

following year enlisted in Company F, Seventh Minnesota Infantry, serving until honorably discharged August, 1865. Returning to Dakota county, he farmed in Douglass township until 1872, then came to Hastings, and was in the liquor and ice trade six years. In 1878 a partnership was formed with Mr. Picker in brewing business, in which he still continues. Married Miss Emma Irrthum in 1865. Claudius, John, Peter, Mathias, Nicholas and Annie are their children. His wife died in 1879, and he married in 1880, Mrs. Irrthum, of Germany. One child, Emma, was born to them.

John Dudley, lumber merchant, was born in Milford, Penobscot county, Maine, June 29th, 1814. He began in the lumbering business at the age of fourteen years, and has continued in it fifty-three consecutive years. During the fall of 1853, he removed to Michigan, remaining two years, thence to St. Anthony, Minn., and built a house in 1856. The same year he rented a mill at Prescott, Pierce county, Wisconsin, and has since manufactured lumber at that place. In 1870, located at Hastings, starting a lumber yard, which still continues. Established a yard at Cannon Falls in 1875; three years later one at Montevideo, Chippewa county; and in 1879, one at Appleton, Swift county. Mr. Dudley is still quite an extensive lumber dealer, it having been his life work. Hannah Babbage of Deer Isle, Maine, became his wife October 26th, 1838.

John Duffy, a native of Ireland, was born in 1848. While young, acquired a common school education; afterward attended college. In 1867, came to America and clerked in a law office in New York three months; thence to Peoria, Illinois, and kept books for Dunn and Company six months. Coming thence to Hastings, he was deputy register of deeds for N. F. W. Kranz. In 1873, he commenced his career as a printer, and engaged as editor for the Hastings Union, where he is still officiating.

H. L. Durr was born in France, in 1848. Came to America in 1854 with his parents. Went to Stearns county, Minnesota, and received his education at St. John's college, where he remained five years. At the age of fifteen taught school and has since taught different schools in Stearns and Dakota counties. In 1873 came to Vermillion and has since continued his vocation as

teacher. Married M. A. Hammer in 1871. Henry M., Edward, Mary B. and Jacob are their children.

Joseph A. Ennis is a native of New York, born in 1824. He was reared as a farmer, remaining at home until attaining majority. He with his father then engaged in railroad building and assisted in building the New York Central, also was engaged on the Erie canal. In 1851, came west and worked on the Illinois Central about two years. Returning to his former home, in 1855 he came to Minnesota with two brothers. They purchased lands in Dakota and Fillmore counties. In 1859, located in Hastings and in the spring he, with his brother Charles built the first wheat warehouse, which is situated on the levee, now occupied by Smith and Thompson. They speculated in wheat until 1870, when Charles returned east. On dividing the property Mr. Ennis retained the flouring mill on the Vermillion river, which they had previously erected. The warehouse still belongs to the estate of Charles, who is dead. In 1872, Mr. Ennis was married to Mrs. Thurber, who has borne him two children, Mattie P. and Mary S. They died within a month of each other, in 1881.

John Estergreen was born in Stockholm, Sweden, March 13th, 1826. He learned the trade of carriage maker there and worked at it until 1852, then came to America. Located in Illinois and worked at his trade in Chicago, Aurora and Rockford. In 1857, came to Hastings and established a blacksmithing and carriage making business, in which he has been interested since. While living at Rockford, Illinois, he married Eva Swanson, in 1855. Their children are, Franz, who is associated with his father in business; Emma V., Amanda and Jennie E.

E. M. Everson was born in Chenango county, New York, May 11th, 1846. Moved in 1858 to Lake City, Wabasha county, and clerked in a dry goods and general merchandise store until 1869. He next embarked in the drug trade on his own account, which he continued until 1871, then started in his present line of business, his stock consisting of dry goods, millinery and fancy goods. In October, 1880, he opened an extensive business in the same line at Hastings and intends next spring to add his Lake City stock. Married

in 1866 to Julia Hurd. Two children have been born to them, Edwin L. and Julia L.

D. E. Eyre is a native of Northamptonshire, England. Came with his parents to America in early youth, and located at Galena, Illinois. Here he was reared and acquired his early education. In 1857, moved to Hastings and has since been in the dry goods trade. From 1872-76 he was a partner in the firm of Fletcher, Loring and Eyre, of Minneapolis. Has also another store in Ortonville, Big Stone county; firm known as Eyre and Yauz. In 1869-70, he was mayor of Hastings, and in 1871 was elected to the legislature, serving two terms.

James T. Fahy was born in Lower Canada May 22, 1847. When a babe his parents moved to Ohio, where they remained three years, thence to Freeport, Illinois. In 1854, they removed to Dakota county, locating on a farm in Marshan township. Here James was reared. September 17th, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, and was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, June 23d, 1865. Remained in Tennessee, and engaged in various pursuits till 1868, then returned to Hastings and entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, continuing until 1880. He then became a partner of Thomas McDonald in saloon business. Mary A. King, a native of Ireland, became his wife in 1875. Mary A., Gertrude A., Clara B., and Lucy G. are their children.

C. H. Ferry was born in Lake county, Illinois, in 1850. Moved with his parents to Massachusetts, and stayed four years, then returned to Illinois for two years. In 1856 came to Hastings. His father took a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Marshan township, on which Mr. Ferry assisted nine years. Moving to Hastings he dealt in grain and horses, with his father, ten years. In 1879, engaged in livery business, the firm name being Richards and Ferry. Married Miss Etta Simmons, a native of Minnesota, in 1880.

Wm. Felton was born in 1802, June 15th, in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and was educated as a farmer. In 1825, August 18th, he married Miss Mahala Dana, who was born October 15th, 1805, in Dutchess county, New York, and who had removed in 1812 to Susquehanna county, in

Pennsylvania. There have been born to this now aged couple two sons and four daughters. One of the sons is at present in the south, one of the daughters is a resident of Rice county, another daughter is a pioneer in Dakota territory, as her mother was in Dakota county, while the remaining son and two daughters are living within a mile of their parents home. Beside children and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Felton have six great-grandchildren.

In 1852 the Feltons took boat from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for Minnesota. The name of their craft was the Ben Campbell, and this was its first trip. Landing at Wabasha in June they remained there until September of 1852, when they came to Hastings. Mrs. Felton claims the honor of being the first white woman settler at this point. On arriving at Hastings Mr. Felton rented a log house, the first house built in the town, where he opened the first boarding-house in the county. Mrs. Felton did the cooking for the first three families in Hastings. This log house was only 12x16 feet in dimension, with a kitchen 10x12 feet. In these narrow and primitive quarters Mr. and Mrs. Felton showed a generous hospitality and kindness to new comers and to every one, that will long be remembered and recounted. As many as forty-three persons have remained of a night in that little cabin, which was long ago pulled down. This house was also granted to the Catholics, as early as 1853, as a house of the Lord, and its walls re-echoed the holy mass. In the autumn of the same year Rev. T. R. Cressy, a Baptist clergyman, began holding meetings also at Mr. Felton's house. As Dido knew no difference between Trojan or Tyrian, so the Feltons in the spirit of true liberality, made no discrimination in those early days between Catholic and Protestant. Mr. Felton was the first elected justice of the peace, and the little log house was in turn dedicated to the law as it had previously been to the church. Mr. Felton has also been coroner since 1856, and has held office longer than any other man in the county. In 1854 he built the first wharf and established the first ferry at Hastings across the Mississippi. He fixed the rate at ten cents and earned nothing at the commencement of his experiment, but the tide of immigration setting in strongly soon afterwards, he reports even so high as \$15 as the receipts for a

single day. In May of 1855, the Feltons made a claim in Nininger township, and have lived upon it since 1856, universally respected and esteemed.

Peter Ficker was born in Germany, February 17th, 1842. Came to the United States in 1860, first locating in Scott county, Minnesota, where he farmed four years. Thence he went to Douglass, Dakota county, remaining until 1874. Here he held for several years the offices of assessor, justice of the peace, also was a member of the school board. In 1873 he was elected from the twentieth district to the legislature and served two terms. Coming to Hastings in 1874, he at once established himself in the brewing business with Mr. Kelnhofer, as proprietors of the Hastings City Brewery. Since becoming a resident of this city he has been a member of the city council and of the school board. Married in April, 1866, to Magdaline Irrthum of Luxemburg. Mary, Anna, Anthony, Nicholas and Matthias are their living children.

Jeremiah E. Finch, president of the Minnesota State Medical Society, is a native of Woodstock, Province of Ontario, born November 22d, 1829. When quite young, the family moved to Long Point Bay, Norfolk county, on the shore of Lake Erie. There he was reared on a farm, receiving his education at Brockport Academy, New York, where he spent two years. He read medicine at Toronto with Dr. John Rolfe, once a member of the Canadian parliament; attended medical lectures in the same city, and graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1854. Dr. Finch practiced a few months in Du Page county, Illinois; one year at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and in November, 1856, settled at Hastings. Here he has been in constant practice, except during one year's service in the Union army. He was appointed surgeon of the Seventh Minnesota Infantry in 1862, but losing his first-born child a year later, he resigned and hastened home. In his studies, the doctor has confined himself to his profession and its collateral branches. He is a close student and well posted, being an expert in both medicine and surgery. At a meeting of the State Medical Society, held in June, 1878, he was unanimously chosen president of the society, an act clearly indicating his standing among the medical fraternity of the state. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and was a dele-

gate to its annual meeting, held in Philadelphia in 1872. He has been a frequent contributor to medical periodicals, and some of his papers have been reproduced in British journals. Dr. Finch was mayor of the city of Hastings one term; has been president of the local school board for the past eight or nine years, and always stands ready to lend a helping hand in advancing the educational interests of the city. He lectures to the students of the high school on anatomy, physiology, hygiene and physics. The unusually high grade of studies in this school is owing largely to his influence. He is a Knight Templar in the masonic order, and was grand lecturer one year,—all the time he would consent to serve in that capacity, although elected for a term of five years. He has been married since the 10th of May, 1858, his wife being Mrs. Mary E. Holmes of Hastings. They have had three children. Only one of them, Albert A., survives.

Denis Follett, assistant cashier of First National bank, was born in Knowstone parish, England, March 3d, 1840. Came to this continent in 1856, and forthwith came to Hastings, Minnesota, locating here. He engaged as book-keeper for the banking house of Follett and Rennick until 1864, when that firm merged into the First National bank of Hastings, Mr. Follett was made assistant cashier, which position he has since held. Married in 1871 to Abbie Williams, Boston, Massachusetts.

C. E. Freeman, deceased, was born in Delaware county, New York, November 18th, 1824. For nine years previous to locating in Danville, Illinois, 1856, he was engaged in the mercantile business. Was pay-master for the Chicago and Carbon Coal Company three years. In 1859, kept a hotel in La Fayette, Indiana, came thence to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was manager of the Nicollet house five and one-half years. Moved to Faribault, and for three years was in the dry-goods business, and there educated his children. In 1870, came to Hastings, and became manager of the Tremont house, where he died in 1881. Married in 1849, to Miss M. J. Bryant. Three children have been born to them: Frank is the only one living.

E. Herbert Freeman is a native of Hudson, Wisconsin, born February 26th, 1853. Accompanied his parents to Hastings, during the spring

of 1855. Was reared on a farm, but farming being distasteful to him, he turned his attention to other means of procuring a livelihood. In September, 1870, apprenticed to the printer's trade in the office of the Hastings Union. During the summer of 1872, established a journal at Prescott, Wisconsin, called the Patriot, which existed only one year. In 1875, purchased W. R. Todd's interest in the Hastings Union, continuing as one of its editors five years. Established the Hastings Daily News in December, 1880. Mr. Freeman has been twice married, his first wife, Jeanie L. Smith, died in 1876, his present wife was Kate C. Ferry, married in 1879.

Doctor R. Freeman was born in Orleans county, New York, in 1818. Here he was reared until twenty-two years as a farmer, also devoted some time to the study of medicine. Went to Ohio and remained ten years, thence to Iowa, continuing his former occupation. In 1855, came to Minnesota and located at Hastings in 1875. His medical education was received through the study of human nature and observation. He has an electro-thermal bath institution. Has been twice married and has seven living children by his first wife. In 1867, married Mrs. Topping. His eldest son is a surgeon in Kansas.

J. P. Frye, of the firm of Meyer, Whitman and Frye, was born in Franklin township, Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, April 16th, 1855. At the age of ten years removed to Pierce county, Wisconsin, remaining till 1872, and there received his education. Locating at that time in Hastings, he clerked in a grocery two months, then taught school in Vermillion six months. Returning to Hastings, he clerked for H. Gillitt four years, then became a partner of the firm of Meyer, Whitman and Frye.

Stephen Gardner is a native of Massachusetts, and was born at Bolton, on the 7th of December, 1806. Stephen was the eldest son of a family of eleven children and was carefully educated and fitted to enter Harvard college, at the age of twenty-one years, but chose a different career from the one marked out, and did not take a collegiate course. He determined to seek a home in the West, and leaving home in December, 1827, passed the winter in New England, and in April, 1828, went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

and found employment in the salt works. In 1829, he made a trip on a flat-boat down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. He there became subject to chills and fever which unfitted him for business, and obliged him to seek a more healthy climate. He accordingly came to St. Louis and was for a time in the hospital. In the spring of 1831, he volunteered in the United States service for forty-five days, and served as private under General Gaines in the Black Hawk war. In 1832 he supplied steamboats with wood, thus laying the foundation for the large property he now owns. He next engaged in mercantile business at Columbia, Illinois, and met with great success. He was appointed postmaster by president Jackson, and held the office ten years. He was also engaged in milling business, running both grist and saw-mills, first by ox-power and afterwards by steam. In 1864 he removed to Hastings and purchased the mill site at Vermillion Falls, including about one hundred acres of land, and the same year, erected a large stone mill. In 1873 he built a mill at Cannon Falls, Goodhue county. In addition to his milling interests, he is also largely interested in banking, and is president of the First National bank at Hastings, and the First National at Cannon Falls, in both of which he is a large stock-holder. He was first married in 1848, to Miss Alice Cleg-horn of New York, by whom he had one son, Lyman Shaw; both wife and child died of cholera in 1849. In 1850 he was married to Miss Louise S. Ingalls, of Griffin, Georgia, by whom he has six children living, having lost one in infancy. Achsah, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Charles Espenschied of St. Louis, Missouri, who is the manager of the Vermillion mill; Abby was married in 1876, to Samuel W. Mairs, of New Jersey; Stephen P., the eldest son, was married to Julia Brewster, of Chicago, Illinois, in 1877; Clara Louise, the fourth daughter, is an artist, having completed her studies at the celebrated school of Miss Putnam, in Boston, Massachusetts, and has since traveled in Europe and the Holy Land; George and Fred are the two youngest sons, and are now completing their education. Mr. Gardner is eminently a self-made man, having accumulated a large property, through his untiring personal efforts. Until quite recently he has been able to give his per-

sonal attention to active business, though having passed the allotted three score and ten years.

J. H. Gieske is a native of Germany, born June 6th, 1839. Came to America in 1844, to Elgin, Kane county, Illinois. When twenty-one years of age enlisted in the Fourth Missouri Cavalry as lieutenant under Captain Myers, who, in consequence of deafness, was discharged, Mr. Gieske being promoted to fill the position. Participated in many battles, and after the battle of Pittsburgh Landing, was promoted to the rank of colonel of the Fourth Missouri, and was honorably discharged at St. Louis, May 10th, 1865. Returning home, he was ice dealer fifteen years, and was an auctioneer in his native state twenty years. In 1879, came to Hastings, and has since been manager of the Western hotel. Married Sophia Weber in 1859. John L. F., August C., Herman H., Ameail I., Walter C., Will. N., and Matilda are their living children.

Harvey Gillitt was born in New York in 1830. Attended school until fourteen years of age, then accompanied his parents to Adrian, Michigan. Soon after the father died, and for one year Harvey worked the farm on shares. He afterward learned the blacksmith's trade, following it three years. In 1849, went to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; thence to La Crescent, Minnesota, in 1851, making him one of the earliest settlers. He made a claim and lived in a shanty two years, then built a log house. In 1855, laid out a town and soon succeeded in seeing there about three hundred settlers. During the summer of that year sold his interests to what was known as the Kentucky Company, then went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and, with his brother, purchased the steamer "Adelia," which they ran between St. Paul and St. Louis. In 1856, bought Henry G. Bailly's addition to Hastings for \$14,500, and soon after sold for \$32,480. Two years later traded the steamer for Hastings property. In 1870, bought out D. W. Truax, and opened a general merchandise store, in which business he is still engaged. A stock company, called the Hastings Publishing Company, was formed in 1875, being incorporated under the state laws for the general printing business, and a paper was started called the New Era, with Mr. Gillett as manager. The following year he purchased the entire stock, and in April, 1880, sold a one-half

interest to U. M. Thomas. Married in 1857 to Georgia R. Shubert, of Philadelphia. Ella E., Clara A., George H., William H., Ernest L. and Fred C. are their children.

William Gillitt was born in Onondaga county, New York, June 19th, 1832. In 1852, came to Wisconsin with his brother and helped to organize the town of La Crescent, near La Crosse. Removed to Hastings in 1858, and for several years was captain on the Mississippi. He afterward engaged in other enterprises in Dakota county, until purchasing his present valuable property. Captain Gillitt is better known among his fellow townsmen for his generous and modest demeanor than as the recipient of public honors or great wealth.

A. H. Gilkey, a native of Indiana, was born in Columbus, Bartholomew county. March 17th, 1855. When ten years of age came with his parents to Hastings and was reared as a farmer. He started in the pump and drive-well business on his own account in April, 1880, although still interested in agriculture. Ella C. Temple, of this city, became his wife in April, 1878.

S. U. Greiner was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, October 9th, 1839. He was reared in his native place and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1859, removed to Minnesota and worked at his trade in different parts of the state until 1862, then permanently settled in Hastings. Continued at his trade until 1864, then engaged in wheat buying, and three years later returned to his trade. In 1877, became a partner of Mr. Johnson, the firm being Johnson and Greiner, hardware dealers. Married, in 1868, to Sarah L. Johnson, who has borne him two children, Frank L. and Harry S.

Rev. James B. Halton, priest of the Church of the Guardian Angels, is a native of County Meath, Ireland, born August 4th, 1844. Acquired his preliminary education at a classical school in his native county. In 1861 he came to America and at once entered St. Charles college, in Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained until graduating in 1866. Entering St. Vincent's college at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, he studied for the priesthood until 1868, being then called to St. Paul, Minnesota, by the bishop to prepare for ordination. In June, 1868, he was ordained, and the

next month was sent to Hastings which has been the field of his labors since.

George Hampton was born in Cumberland county, New Jersey, April 6th, 1833. Here he resided until 1857, then came to Dakota county, Minnesota, locating at Randolph. Engaged in farming till 1861, then removed to Vermillion township and turned his attention to agriculture and stock raising. While there held the offices of town clerk and director of schools. Removing thence to Hastings he has since been farming. Was a member of the school board of Hastings three years. Married in 1863 to Ruth Butcher, of Cumberland county, New Jersey.

Jerome Hanna was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, in 1843. When ten years old came with his parents to Nininger township, Minnesota. His father pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres and built a house receiving his lumber from Stillwater, there being none nearer at that time. Jerome attended school at Nininger, and when nineteen years old enlisted in the Second Minnesota Cavalry, serving fourteen months, was honorably discharged at Fort Ridgely in 1864. About five years later, in company with his brother, bought eighty acres and have since added by purchase, having now six hundred and fifteen acres. He came to Hastings in October, 1879, and rented a home, where he still resides. Miss Julia Browning became his wife in 1869. She has borne him two children Nellie L. and Mary T.

G. H. Hawes, M. D., was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, November 19th, 1832. Here he was reared and in 1855, removed to St. Anthony, Minnesota, engaging in mercantile pursuits until 1860. For six years after, gave his attention to lumbering. He then commenced the study of medicine, with Dr. Higbee of Red Wing, Minnesota, afterwards graduating as M. D. from Hahnemann College of Chicago, Illinois. After three years practice in Iowa, Dr. Hawes located in Hastings in 1875, where he has since been in practice. Married in 1857, to Mary E. Pratt of River Falls, Wisconsin. Ellen M. and Arthur B. are their living children.

O. T. Hayes was born in New London, Merrimack county, New Hampshire, December 2d, 1827. Was reared in his native place and received his early instruction. Early in life he embarked in

mercantile pursuits, having three stores, one of which was in his native town. He first read law with Samuel Butterfield of Andover, New Hampshire, remaining with him four years. He was also postmaster and justice of the peace at George's Mills, Sullivan county, which offices he held until coming to Hastings during the fall of 1853. Was practicing law and dealing in real estate; also appointed county attorney of Goodhue county by Governor Gorman. In 1855, was made county attorney of Dakota county, also postmaster. The latter position he resigned soon after. Was one of the first aldermen in Hastings and Mayor in 1860. At the first call for volunteers in 1861, he assisted in raising Company H, First Minnesota Infantry, with which company he went out as first lieutenant. After the battle of Bull Run, was mustered out on account of physical disability. In March, 1863, was commissioned major of the First Minnesota Cavalry, by Governor Ramsey, serving until mustered out at Fort Snelling in December, 1863. Returning to Hastings he resumed his practice but soon retired in consequence of declining health. He was a member of the legislature in 1863; has been justice of the peace several years; was elected court commissioner in 1880. He was admitted to the bar of supreme courts in 1854, at Hastings, and is now the oldest lawyer in Dakota county. Mr. Hayes has been twice married. Lucina A. Emerson his first wife died in 1858, leaving two children, Henry H. and Lucina A.; his second wife was Mary C. Matthews, married in 1859. Kate and Archie M. are children by his second wife.

John H. Heath, clerk of district court, was born in Cortland county, New York, January 11th, 1832. At the age of six years, removed to Knox county, Ohio, and resided there with his parents until 1848. Removed thence to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and clerked in a general merchandise store, shortly after being made a partner with his father in the same business. Subsequently was for three years engaged in farming in Iowa, then in 1864, came to Hastings. In 1876, received the appointment as clerk of district court, which position he still occupies. He is agent for the American and United States Express companies and the Diamond Joe line of steamers. His marriage with Virginia Stultz of New York, occurred

in 1853. Henry M., Anna, George M., Hattie M., Leila and William M. are their children.

Michael Heinen, county auditor, was born in Prussia, October 28th, 1846. Immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1857, and first settled near St. Paul, Minnesota. He was here reared on his father's farm, and was educated in the schools of Ramsey county. In 1865, came to Vermillion, Dakota county, and engaged in farming. Held the office of town clerk of Vermillion four years and was chairman of the board of supervisors two years. During the fall of 1872 was elected county auditor and still holds that position. Married in 1871 to Elizabeth Schwartz, who has borne him five children: Magdalene, Barbara, Josephine, Mary and Catherine.

P. A. Heitz, M. D., is a native of Germany, born February 12th, 1820. Acquired his education in his native country, and graduated from the University of Heidelberg with the degree of M. D., in 1846. Practiced there until coming to this continent in 1847. Located at Malta, Ohio, practicing one year; thence to Hannibal, Missouri, and practiced until July, 1880. He then removed to Hastings and is here permanently located. He was elected vice-president of the State Medical Association of Missouri, being still a member; is also a member of the Marion County, Missouri, Medical Society. Mary J. Webster, of Georgetown, D. C., became his wife in June, 1844. Louis, Anna, John, Homer, Mary, Orma, Elizabeth and Phillip are their children.

Henry Hetherington is a native of Ireland, born January 1st, 1825. At an early age he immigrated to Upper Canada, remaining there until 1852. He then came to Point Douglas, Minnesota, thence the year following to Hastings, making a claim, on which he lived two years. Subsequently, he was made deputy sheriff of Dakota county, continuing as such five years. In 1862, enlisted in Company G, Second Minnesota Infantry, and was mustered out on account of disability at the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1863. Returning to Hastings, he remained until December of that year, then enlisted in Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry. Was discharged for disability after one year of service. Returned again to Hastings, and was elected justice of the peace, which office he has held many years. He married Adeline Legg, of Canada, in 1846.

George J., Emily S., Ruby M., Henry F., Theresa S., Gordon R., and Christopher C. are their living children.

William Hodgson, attorney at law, was born at Elizabeth, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, May 29th, 1847. His father visited Dakota county, Minnesota, in 1854, and being favorably impressed returned for his family. The following year they settled in Green Vale township, after preempting one hundred and sixty acres. Here William was reared by working on the farm during summer, and attending school winters. December 8th, 1863, he enlisted in Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry, and served until mustered out at Fort Snelling, December 5th, 1865. After returning home, he resumed his studies attending Hamline University three terms. Commenced the study of law at Red Wing, with Phelps and Tabor, being admitted to the bar in July, 1870. Began his practice in Farmington, continuing there until establishing himself at Hastings in 1874. In the spring of 1880, was elected city attorney. Married in September, 1870, to Drucilla S. Hutchinson, of Manchester, England; Lawrence C. and Edith C. are their living children. Mrs. Hodgson died in May, 1878.

Michael Hoffman was born in Luxemburg, November 16th, 1852. Was telegraph operator in his native country, and in 1871, came to America, proceeding to Dubuque, Iowa, remaining until 1874. At that time came to Hastings to locate, choosing the liquor trade as a means of livelihood. Married in Hastings, in 1877, to Miss Susie Kohler; Peter and Katie are their living children.

David Hone, one of the oldest living pioneers of Minnesota, was born in Otsego county, New York, April 5th, 1808, his father being one of the early pioneers of that county. In 1837, he removed to Madison county, Illinois, and the next year began farming, continuing only a short time. He then moved to Washington county, Minnesota, and made a claim by cutting his name on a tree where Marine Mills now stands. Returned for his family, and came back during the spring of 1839, making the trip from St. Louis to the head waters of the St. Croix by boat in twenty-five days. After a short time spent in lumbering interests, removed in 1840, to Gray

Cloud Island, and for three years engaged in farming. During the spring of 1843, located at Point Douglas, and in July of the same year, commenced building the old Union house, which was finished in 1844, it being the first all frame building in the state. This he managed five years, then rented it. In 1871, came to Hastings. In 1875, he retired from active pursuits in consequence of failing health. Mr. Hone was formerly magistrate at Gray Cloud Island, and took a territorial census in 1849. Married in 1838 to Mary A. Henry, who died in 1854, leaving three children: Edward A., John H. and Emmett M. He married Miss E. B. Barnes in 1865.

N. C. Johnson, son of Chauncey Johnson, one of the old pioneers of this county, was born in Lorain county, Ohio, June 28th, 1842. When a child he removed with his parents to Knox county, Ohio, residing there until 1854. The family then removed to Hastings, taking also a claim in Marshan township. August 12th, 1862, Mr. Johnson enlisted in Company F, Seventh Minnesota Infantry, and served until mustered out at Fort Snelling in September, 1865. Returning to Hastings, he gave his attention to the grocery trade, and afterward to various other pursuits. He was the first fireman on the Hastings and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. He is now with the firm of Johnson and Greiner, well-known hardware dealers. Married in November, 1867, to Julia A. Thomas of Indiana. Merlin is their only child.

P. T. Judge was born in Vermont, December 25th, 1849. When but six years old he accompanied his parents to this county, who made a claim in Marshan township. His father froze to death in Marshan, in 1858, and the next spring the family removed to Hastings. Here Mr. Judge attended school until fifteen years old, then, deciding to learn a trade, apprenticed to Mr. Warsop in his foundry. To perfect himself in his chosen trade, he afterward worked in St. Paul, St. Louis, Jersey City and Worcester. In 1875 he again returned to Hastings and purchased the old shop in which he first began his trade. This he has since owned and operated, having all the necessary machinery to do any work in his line of business. In 1874 he married Miss F. E. Canning at Hastings. Frank is their only child.

Edmond Kane, a native of County Limerick,

Ireland, was born in 1839. After acquiring a common school education, he learned the blacksmith's trade, working at it three years. In 1852, came to America and for three years made his home and worked at his trade in Alton, Illinois. He afterward visited other places in the pursuit of his trade. During the war was employed three years as blacksmith in Curtis' division. He then embarked in business for himself in Hastings and in 1880, took a partner, the firm being Kane and Cavanaugh. Mr. Kane owns two hundred and sixty acres in Vermillion township. Married to Kate Shay in 1860. John, Ellen, Patrick, William and Mary are their children.

John Kennedy, postmaster, was born September 22d, 1827, in Canada West. Here he was reared and received his education at the public and normal schools. He afterwards taught school several years. In 1853, came to Traverse de Sioux, Minnesota. The next spring he went to Mendota, Dakota county, and was book-keeper for General Sibley until January, 1856. He then resigned to take the office of register of deeds, having been elected during the fall of 1855. This position he held six years. In August, 1862, he organized Company F, Seventh Minnesota Infantry, paying all the expenses of organizing, as to uniforms, arms, transportation, etc., the company being mustered in at Fort Snelling, with Mr. Kennedy as captain. Served until mustered out at Fort Snelling August 16th, 1865, with the rank of major, which he received March 13th, 1865, for gallant conduct at the battle before Nashville, Tennessee. Returning to Hastings after the war, he was elected in 1866 auditor of Dakota county, which office he held until entering upon his duties as postmaster of Hastings in 1873.

Charles King was born on the Isle of Man in 1814. Went to school until fourteen years of age, then learned the painters' trade, serving an apprenticeship of seven years. Worked at his trade ten years, and in 1854, came to America, proceeding to Minnesota. In 1856, built a house on his claim, where his family resided, while he followed his trade in Hastings. Was appointed teacher of district No. 33, he being the first teacher in the township. In 1860, moved his family to Hastings and purchased his present place of residence. Entered the war as overseer

in the quarter-master's department and remained one year, then returned home. He has since followed his trade, and has the reputation of being a first-class painter. Married Mary Clague in 1840. Mary A., Lizzie E., Ellen J., and Wm. C. are their children.

Charles Knocke, merchant tailor, a native of Germany, was born in 1836. He was reared to manhood in his native country, and in November, 1861, embarked for America, landing at New York. Early in 1862, removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked at his trade until 1868. At that time came to Hastings, and was foreman of the tailoring department of the "New York Store" of Hastings. Subsequently, he established himself in the merchant tailoring business, in which he has since continued. His first wife was Leah Coleman, married in Germany in 1860. After his wife's death, he married again in 1871. Harry, Helen and Vernie are his children.

N. F. W. Kranz, the subject of this sketch, was born in Nusbaum (Province of Trees) Prussia, March 3d, 1841. He came to America with his parents in 1851, living at Hastings-upon-Hudson, until 1856. His father, Nicholas Kranz, having come to Hampton, in this county, as one of the first settlers, his son followed him in August, 1856. Mr. Kranz lived in Hampton for eleven years, holding the office of town clerk for the eight years after he was of age. He was early identified with the educational interests of the country, teaching the first school in the town of Hampton in the winter of 1856. He continued to teach for the next ten years in districts No. 60 and 62. In those primitive days the school-house was built of logs, and contained no chairs, bench or other educational appliance. The pupils sat upon the ground, and the master was also obliged to choose between that position and standing. Mr. Kranz led the life of a farmer at Hampton, living on a claim of one hundred and sixty acres, made early by his father, and added to afterwards, by purchase. In 1864, he was married to Miss Anna M. Bohr. Receiving the election as register of deeds for Dakota county, he removed to Hastings in December of 1867, where he has since resided, retaining the same office. He was instrumental in building the German Catholic church, and German parish school of Hastings, as well as, with his father, in building

the first Catholic church in the county, at New Trier. Mr. Kranz has brothers, John, Charles, Matthew and P. F. Kranz. It is from this family that Kranzburg, Dakota territory, derives its name.

J. B. Lambert was born in Bucksport, Hancock county, Maine, May 17th, 1845. While an infant, his parents removed to Waldo county of the same state. Here was his home until 1863, when he enlisted in Company I, Fourth Maine Infantry, and served until mustered out at Fort Schuyler, New York, in May, 1865. Returning to Waldo county, he taught music until 1866; thence to Hastings and continued teaching school and music until 1871, when he started a music store. He has added to his present extensive stock by degrees. Mr. Lambert was mayor of Hastings from 1878-'80, serving two terms. Married in 1871, to Mrs. Barbara Schaller.

C. H. L. Lange, grain dealer, and one of the prominent firm of Kellogg and Lange, was born in Germany, February 17th, 1832. Came to the United States in 1852 and located at Galena, Illinois, where he was employed as book-keeper in a wholesale grocery house until 1858. Removed to Bellevue, Iowa, and established a general merchandise trade, continuing until June, 1861; then organized company I, Fifth Iowa Infantry, and served as its captain ten months. Upon receiving news that his wife was dying and being refused a leave of absence he resigned his commission. He moved to Hastings with his family in 1862, and has since been a prominent wheat dealer. The new elevator erected by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company has been rented by himself and partner and is intended for a transfer elevator, to be used principally in connection with the Hastings and Dakota division. Kellogg and Lange have also other elevators on this division. Frederica Rehse of Germany, became the wife of Mr. Lange in 1853. William T., Charles T., Jacob H., Adele and Anna are their children.

William Lee was born in Manchester, Massachusetts, July 21st, 1812. At the age of fifteen he went to Ipswich and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until 1833. He then entered Phillips Academy remaining two years, afterward entered Dartmouth College, New Hampshire and remained three years, paying his

tuition and supporting himself by labor at his trade during vacations. He next taught school at New London; was selectman of the town and justice of the peace, and held the latter office until coming to Hastings in 1854. He was a contractor and builder until 1870, and built one of the first, if not the first frame dwelling in Hastings. Was a member of the first city council two years, and since 1874, has been county constable. Married in 1839 to Lydia Dow of New Hampshire. Sarah and Nancy A. are the living children. His wife died in 1876 and three years later he was married to Mrs. A. M. Lavery of New York city.

Charles B. Lowell, one of the Dakota county pioneers, was born in Chautauqua county, New York, October 2d, 1829. He was educated at Fredonia Academy, and in 1851, studied law with F. A. Madison of Fredonia, but decided to adopt civil engineering. He served in that capacity next year on the Buffalo and State Line railroad. In 1853, went south and taught in Kentucky and Tennessee. Coming thence to St. Paul, Minnesota, early in 1855, serving in the city survey for a short time, then came to Hastings. He was the first city surveyor of Hastings, elected in 1856. Was elected county surveyor, 1868, and re-elected five consecutive terms on the republican ticket, though the county was largely democratic. He is at present engaged in engineering and agricultural pursuits and is agent for the Northwestern Endowment and Legacy Association; is a fluent speaker and well versed in the politics of the day. Married in 1857 to Mary G. Crane of his native county. Their children are Arthur J. and Charles S.

Jacob Mares was born in Prussia, March 9th, 1839. He received his early instruction and grew to manhood in his native place, and in 1853, came to America, landing in New York city. He immediately proceeded to Wisconsin, residing in that state until 1860. Removed thence to Belle Plaine, Minnesota, making this place his home until 1869, then came to Hastings. Here he started in the grocery trade for himself, having since continued. Married to Miss Swigley, January 5th, 1862. Their children are Josephine, Andrew, Mary, Nicholas, Jacob and John.

Charles Mather, son of Alonzo Mather, one of

the oldest settlers of Hastings, was born at Beloit, Rock county, Wisconsin, June 17th, 1850. When seven years old he came to Hastings with his parents, since making this his home. At the age of fourteen he engaged as clerk in a leading dry-goods House of Hastings, remaining seven years; afterward clerked in other lines of trade until 1877, then started in the grocery and crockery business. His father was also interested. Mr. Mather is at present city clerk of Hastings. In 1874, married Lucy Bechner of Galveston, Texas. Helen, Agnes and Shirley are their children.

John McDonald was born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 25th, 1847. The same year his father, Thomas McDonald removed to Point Douglas and engaged in farming. The lives of himself and wife came to a sad end, both being drowned while crossing on the ferry from Hastings in February, 1858. John remained on the farm until December, 1863, then enlisted in Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry, serving until discharged for disability at Fort Ridgely in 1865. Returning to the old homestead, after one year, removed to Stillwater and gave his attention to lumbering for eight years; thence to the Pacific coast for two years. Locating at Hastings in 1876, he purchased one-half interest in the ferry, which he sold in 1880, and started a fine livery stable on Vermillion street.

Thomas McDonald was born in St. Louis, Missouri, December 9th, 1843. When a child of four years of age his parents removed to Point Douglas, Minnesota, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Thomas remained on the farm until July 15th, 1861, then enlisted in Company H, Second Minnesota Infantry, and served until December 27th, 1863. He then re-enlisted in the same company as a veteran and served until mustered out with the regiment at Fort Snelling, July 11th, 1865. Returning to civil life he came to Hastings, and for one year was a farmer, then was in mercantile pursuits till his stock was burned in 1871. After railroading one year, he in 1873, started a saloon in which he still continues. Alice N. Jennison, of Boston, Massachusetts, became his wife in September, 1865. Five children have been born to them: Cora R., Effie M., Abbie P., Grace and Amy.

Michael McHugh was born in Brooklyn, New

York, January 8th, 1826. Here he grew to manhood and learned the trade of tinsmith. Continued at his trade there, except two years at Philadelphia, until coming to Hastings in May, 1856. He followed his trade until 1861, then built a store at his present location, and started in the hardware business. Was for several years connected with the school board, and was instrumental in converting the system of common schools to the present graded schools. In 1846, married Mary Casey, of Brooklyn, New York. James P., Mary J. and Agnes C. are their children. Margaret A., who died in May, 1874, was a well-known and popular teacher in the schools of Hastings.

John McNiff, an old settler, was born in Ireland, March 18th, 1806. Immigrated to Quebec, Canada, and soon after to Upper Canada. During the fall of the same year, removed to Richmond, Virginia; here engaged in different pursuits until the spring of 1840, then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On May 23d, enlisted in the United States army and after serving one year in the Florida wars, was ordered to Fort Snelling in 1841, serving the balance of his term of enlistment. In 1845, came to Point Douglas, Minnesota, and until 1856, engaged in farming, then came to Hastings, and has since been a resident. Mr. McNiff also served in the late rebellion, enlisting in Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry in December, 1863, being discharged for disability at Fort Ridgely during the winter of 1864. He has been twice married. Margaret J. and Catharine are his daughters by his first wife. His present wife was Mary Perkins of Ireland, married in 1859. Julia A. is their only offspring.

John C. Meloy was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, March 14th, 1824. Removed to Baltimore, Maryland in 1838 and worked at house and sign painting till 1845. The following year went to Pottsville, making that place his home till 1850. Returning to his native county, embarked in the coal trade, and in May, 1856, came to Hastings. Subsequently was elected county auditor, serving two terms. Next engaged in the sale of agricultural implements and probably sold the first machinery in Hastings. In 1862, A. W. Gardner became his partner, the firm still continuing as Gardner and

Meloy. They are also agents for the Keokuk Northern Line Packet Company, and are largely interested in buying and storing wheat. Mr. Meloy is also vice-president of the First National bank of Hastings. Elizabeth O'Regan of Ireland became his wife in 1848. Eight children have been born to them; the living are, Charles J., Kate E., H. Vincent and Rose.

F. W. Meyer, merchant, is a native of Germany, born May 19th, 1851. In his native land his youth was passed, and in 1870 he came to this continent, landing in New York city. Came directly to Hastings, where he has since resided, having no relatives this side of the ocean. In 1877 the firm of Meyer, Whitman and Frye, dealers in dry-goods and clothing, was formed, they being the heaviest firm in Hastings. Mr. Meyer is a single man.

James S. Mills was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, November 20th, 1855. His parents having died during his childhood, he was placed under guardians; with them he came to Rochester, Minnesota, and was kept in school until reaching the age of seventeen years. He then ran away from his home to Mason City, Iowa, to learn the printer's trade. Returned to Rochester three years subsequently, immediately assuming the editorship of the "Reed's Landing Press." Retained this position one year; then relinquished it to accept that of editor and foreman of the "Wabasha Herald." Two years later he came to Hastings as editor of the "New Era," and after three years' experience he resigned, and now is one of the editors of the "Hastings Daily News." October 31st, 1880, he married Celina Chiquet of this city.

Barthel Miller was born in Prussia in 1848. After receiving a common school education, in 1867, came to America. For one year he clerked in a book-store in Chicago; thence to Minnesota and clerked in a shoe-store. In 1870 he located at Hastings, and after working in a shoe-store, began that business for himself. Has since been manager of several hotels; finally, in 1880, he purchased the City hotel where he now is. He married Miss Mary Schiltz in 1872.

William Moorhouse, born March 8th, 1830, is a native of Beckwith, Canada. He was reared as a farmer, and in 1835, removed to Leeds county, remaining until 1848; then entered the mercan-

tile business at Perth as clerk. In 1851 he took charge of a branch store at Lanark, which he soon purchased. In 1861 he came to Nininger, Minnesota, and ran a saw mill with D. W. Truax. Came to Hastings in 1863, and was one of the firm of Truax, Moorhouse and Knowlton, interested in what is now the Libbey lumber-mill. He next went into the grocery trade, continuing until 1868; then engaged in selling agricultural implements. Since 1870 he has been largely connected with millinery and fancy goods. He has been one of the elders of the Presbyterian church since 1873. Mr. Moorhouse has been twice married; his present wife was Miss Sarah Van Auker, a native of New York, who in 1864 established a millinery trade in Hastings. Isabella, Clare E. and Emma F. E. are his daughters by his first wife.

Stephen Newell, born in 1826, is a native of Ireland. Was educated in the Irish national schools, and for one year was employed as clerk by the government. In 1847 he came to America, proceeding to Rhode Island, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it until 1851, then for three years was in Chicago. In 1854, came to Burnsville, Dakota county, and took charge of his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His father died in 1855. Four years later he was elected to the legislature, and held his seat only thirty days, being displaced by the whole vote of Burnsville being thrown out. He held the office of school clerk until 1862; in the fall of the same year he was elected sheriff of Dakota county, and held the office until 1877; then resigned in consequence of ill-health. In 1863 he removed his family to Hastings, where he now resides. Married, in 1858, Ann Killelia. Frank, Mary, Annie, John, Joseph, Kate, Stephen and Vincent are their children.

John F. Newton was born in London, England, February 12th, 1840. When ten years old ran away from home and came to the United States; after a short stay in the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, succeeded in coming west. He first learned the printer's trade at Prescott, Wisconsin. He worked later on the Minnesotian at St. Paul. Came to Hastings in 1860 and worked on the Conserver until 1861, then enlisted in Company B, Sixth Wisconsin Infantry, and served until mustered out at

Central Park hospital, at New York, during the fall of 1863. Returning to Hastings, he worked at his trade on the Hastings Democrat; subsequently clerked in the auditor's office three years. Kept a restaurant two years, and in 1871, was chief of police. In 1875, was elected police justice, which office he held until elected sheriff of the county in 1878. Married in 1866, Ella Ware, a native of England: John E. and Margaret L. are their living children.

George W. Noesen is a native of Luxemburg, Germany, born February 2d, 1842. Came with his parents to this country in early youth, and first located at Port Washington, Wisconsin. Here he remained and received his early education, afterward attending Delavan College. In 1862, went to Lake Superior country as salesman for a grocery house, and remained until 1866. Returning to his home, he began the dry-goods business, continuing till 1869; thence, after receiving a commercial education at Chicago, Bryant and Stratton's College, to Reeds Landing, Minnesota, and clerked for a short time. For five years was in the drug business, then went to Red Wing in the same line of trade. Coming to Hastings in 1879, the well-known firm of Noesen and Funk was formed, dealers in drugs, paints, oils, etc. Married Mary Delfeld in 1873. Their living children are, Mary A. and Adolph G.

Samuel Norrish, of the firm of Thorne and Norrish, druggist, was born in Devonshire, England, November 2d, 1818. He engaged as a tiller of soil until 1873. Immigrated at that time to the United States, and has since been a resident of Hastings, being principally interested in wheat speculation. He has a grain elevator on the Hastings and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. In November, 1878, he became a partner in the present firm. In 1847, married Mary A. Fisher, of England. Their living children are, Alfred F., John F., Frank F., Ellen F. and Kate M.

Daniel O'Brien is a native of Kilkenny county, Ireland, born in 1839, was raised as a farmer. In 1858, came to America with his father and settled in Rice county, Minnesota. Enlisted in 1862, with his two brothers in Company H, Tenth Minnesota Volunteers, and served three years; was honorably discharged at Fort Snelling, in August, 1865. He returned home and soon after

bought one hundred acres in Empire township. He farmed until elected treasurer of Dakota county in 1876. Married Mary Casey in 1868. Their children are, Julia, Mary, Maggie, Agnes, Matilda, Stephen and Daniel.

C. Otte, a native of Germany, was born in 1852. Was with his father in business in the mercantile trade. Came across to America in 1856, and located in Hampton township with his father and remained until 1869, they having four hundred and sixty acres. On locating at Hastings, he learned the carriage-making trade and worked at it until 1876. Opened the hotel where he now is in 1877. Kate Swartz became his wife in 1876. Frank and Mary are their children.

E. G. Otte, son of the early settler of Hastings, August Otte, who died in 1869, was born in Germany August 13th, 1854. Came to the United States in 1857, locating first in Hampton, Minnesota, engaged in farming. In 1870, moved to Hastings, and for six years was clerk in register of deeds office. Filled the position of book-keeper of the First National bank one and one-half years. In 1879, became a partner in the firm of Beltz and Otte, dealers in hardware, leather, etc. He and Miss Charlotte Reinhardt, of Hastings, were united in marriage in 1876. Fred and Edwin are their children.

Benjamin Pringle, the pioneer hardware dealer of Hastings, is a native of this city, born September 25th, 1859. Here he has since resided, although his education was acquired principally at St. Paul and Minneapolis. His present extensive business was established by his father in 1856. Upon the death of his parent he assumed full charge of the business.

Henry H., eldest son of Judge Benjamin Pringle, was born in Batavia, New York, March 10th, 1832. Graduated at Hobart College, in New York, in 1853, and three years later engaged in hardware business at Hastings. He was one of the most influential and successful citizens of the town. Was a director in the First National bank, a prominent freemason and officer in St. Luke's parish. September 2d, 1858, married Louise A. Sprague, of Batavia, who with two sons, Benjamin and William, survive his death, which occurred September 21st, 1879.

John Rhodes, dealer in agricultural implements, is a native of New York, born in St.

Lawrence county, December 12th, 1837. In 1856, came with his parents to Point Douglas and soon after to Hastings. He was for some time engaged in the merchandise and agricultural machinery business. Subsequently speculated in wheat until 1864. He then entered the army as commissary clerk, and after serving eleven months, returned to Hastings and again began dealing in farm machinery, at which he has since continued.

F. A. Richards was born in Maine in 1844. He was reared on a farm, and in 1862 enlisted in the Nineteenth Maine Infantry, and served three years; was in the battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and several others. Was honorably discharged at Augusta, Maine, in 1865. Came thence to Hastings and worked in a saw-mill for three years, then engaged in trucking business nine years. In 1878, started in the livery, having since continued. He formed a partnership with Mr. Ferry, the firm known as Richards and Ferry. Married in 1869 to Anna A. Simmons. Ada, Mary, Etta and Ralph are their children.

Albert Schaller, county attorney, is a native of Chicago, Illinois, born May 20th, 1856. While yet a babe was brought by his parents to Hastings. Here he was educated and passed his youth; his education was completed at St. Vincent's college at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and two years in France acquiring a knowledge of the classics. Studied law at the St. Louis Law School, graduating from that institution in 1879. The same year was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Missouri and the courts of Minnesota. Was elected county attorney in November, 1879.

Peter Schmith, a native of Germany, was born September 29th, 1825. Came to the United States in 1848 and located at Louisville, Kentucky, and farmed one year; then was employed in a boot and shoe house in the same place six years. In 1855, came to Hastings and manufactured boots and shoes two years, afterward clerked in the grocery store of J. F. Rees. Began farming in 1863, continuing three years, then into the brewing business until 1873. The spring following embarked into the grocery trade, carrying a stock of groceries, crockery, flour, feed, etc. Christina Schmutz, of Louisville, Ken-

tucky, became his wife in 1863. Two children were born to them, Tilli and Helen.

Frederick Schurch was born in Switzerland, March 25th, 1844. After passing eleven years in his native land, he came to this continent, and first located in Northampton county, Pennsylvania. One year later he removed to Phillipsburgh, New Jersey, there learning the trade of harness-making. Coming to Hastings in 1865, and after working one year with his father, became his partner in his chosen trade. In this position he continued till 1869, then began again alone at his present location. He engaged in various lines of business in connection with his regular trade, but since January, 1878, has given his entire attention to harness-making, having present one of the finest harness and horse-furnishing establishments in the north-west. Married in 1867 to Lena Marty, of Washington county, Minnesota. Annie, John F., Elizabeth and Emma are their children.

Alex A. Scott was born in 1154, and is a native of Canada. Attended school until thirteen years of age then came to the states with his parents in 1867. Coming to Hastings he clerked for L. L. Twichell three years and soon after began in the photograph business under Mr. Proctor. Subsequently he became his partner and was with him seven years. In 1876, opened a photograph gallery for himself; he has all the facilities as well as the ability to do first class work, his being the leading place in the city.

Peter Smith, jeweler, is a native of Germany, and there lived from the time of his birth, 1819 until 1847, then came to America. The father being a jeweler, his son acquired the trade at the age of ten years. He settled in America, first at Mansfield, Ohio, removing two years later to Sandusky City, thence in 1851, to Cincinnati. In 1855, came to Hastings and opened the first jewelry store in Dakota county. The next year he built a store in the same locality. He is now doing business at 256 Second street, and has a general stock of jewelry, plate, watches and clocks. Mr. Smith and Miss Barbara Abel were united in marriage in 1855. They have nine children living: Kate, Ferdinand, Charles, Jacob, Adolph, Matilda, Peter, Mary and John.

Robert J. Smith, born in Saratoga county, New York, in 1819. When five years of age his father

died and Robert was soon after adopted by a farmer, with whom he made his home five years. His chosen trade was blacksmithing, which he learned in Washington county and at which he worked two years, then in 1833, went to Herkimer county. His home was in different parts of New York until 1852, when he went to California. Here he followed various pursuits and the next year returned to Herkimer county. Came to Vermillion, Minnesota, took a claim and built a little cabin, where he remained until 1872. There was on his arrival only one house in the township. Having since added to his original claim by purchase, he now has two hundred and forty acres. Located at Hastings in 1872, in a place he had previously bought. Married Nancy Helmer, in October, 1854. Robert S. is their only child.

William P. Stanley was born at Buffalo, New York, in August, 1829. He was left an orphan before attaining the age of three years, since having encountered the many disadvantages of those who climb the ladder alone. When eight years old went to Canada and remained until sixteen, in the meantime learning the harness trade. Thence he went to Watertown, New York, continued his trade until attaining majority. Coming west he located first at Neenah, Wisconsin; in 1852, to Dubuque, Iowa, and in 1858, to Galena, Illinois. Three years later he came to Hastings, Minnesota, and at one started his present line of business, dealer in books, stationery, wall paper, etc., being now the oldest dealer of his kind in Dakota county. Mr. Stanley was married in 1858 to Alvina Day, a native of Damariscotta, Maine. One son and one daughter have been born to them: Mary E. and John A.

Joseph Stegner was born at Baltimore, Maryland, July 18th, 1853. When a child of four years he accompanied his parents to Dubuque, Iowa. Here he passed his childhood days and acquired a practical education. In 1877, came to Hastings, having since made this thriving city his home. He is with Graus and Company, grocers.

Z. W. Taplin was born in Canada, April 13th, 1822. His parents removed to St. Lawrence county, New York, when he was but a mere boy. There he grew to manhood and received the educational advantages of a common school. In October, 1854, he came west, crossing the Mis-

issippi at Dubuque, thence to Hastings via Faribault and Northfield. There was at that time only one board shanty where Northfield now stands; that and the old "sod tavern" in Hampton, where he spent one night, were the only buildings between Faribault and Hastings. He made a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in what is now Ravenna; on this he built a log cabin, using elm bark for a roof, as it was quite impossible to get shingles. In consequence of high water in 1856, he purchased a farm in Douglass township, residing there till 1874 then moved to Hastings. He now owns and operates a depot, on Vermillion street, for feed and produce. In 1854, in Jefferson county, New York he married Miss M. Crandall. Ida May, Libbie J. and Bayard F. are their living children. Four have died.

A. J. W. Thompson, assistant postmaster and county auditor, was born at Howell, Livingston county, Michigan, February 24th, 1841. This town was organized by his ancestors. He was reared on his father's farm, receiving his early education at the common schools, and at the Agricultural school of Lansing, Michigan. Also learned the carpenter's trade, but worked at it very little. In 1860 he removed to New York and to Iowa the next year. Enlisted in 1862 in the Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, serving until mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, in 1865. During the same year came to Hastings and clerked in the register of deeds office until 1868, then worked at his trade one year, being appointed deputy auditor in 1869. In 1873, assumed the position of assistant postmaster, and in the fall of 1880, was elected county auditor. Mr. Thompson has been married three times. His present wife, Amelia V. Thompson, he married in 1876. William and Emma are the children.

William Thorne, M. D., was born in Devonshire, England, January 22d, 1820. Came with his parents to America in 1834, locating in Chautauqua county, New York. After receiving a common school education he first studied medicine at Sinclairville with Hedges and Kimball one year, then with Dr. Hill sixteen months. Afterward took the preliminary course of lectures at Buffalo college in 1847. Practiced in Chautauqua county one and one half years, then returned to Buffalo and graduated as M. D., in

1850. He practiced at Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, six years coming thence to Hastings, and has been in continuous practice here since; is one of the pioneer physicians of Hastings. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and Minnesota State Medical Society. Has been twice married. His first wife was Zilla Ennis, of Wayne county, New York, who died in 1863. In 1867, married Miss Caroline, daughter of Hon. Benjamin Pringle. One child born to them: William Benjamin.

John L. Thorne, an early settler of Hastings, was born in Winkleigh, Devonshire, England, May 18th, 1814. When a lad of twelve years he entered a dry goods store and continued in that line until coming to America in 1834. For twenty-three years he resided at Batavia, New York, and was a leading merchant there. Came to Hastings in 1856 and has since been a prominent citizen, merchant and banker. He was mayor of the city in 1860-'63-'64. Miss Josephine Chapman, of Mattawan, New Jersey, became his wife in 1863. They have three children, John M., Edward C. and Annie.

C. E. Thurston is a native of Rockingham county, New Hampshire, born January 20th, 1848. His childhood was passed in his native county, afterward removing to Boston, Massachusetts. Thence he came to Lake City, Minnesota, in May, 1878. He conducted a general boot and shoe store there until September, 1878, then embarked in the same business at Hastings. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Miss Maria E. Varney, of Massachusetts.

Irving Todd is a native of Lewisborough, Westchester county, New York, the eldest son of Joseph and Sarah Todd, born July 22d, 1841. The progenitor of his branch of the family was the Rev. Abraham Todd, a Presbyterian clergyman, who came from Scotland. Joseph Todd came to Wisconsin in 1857 and located at Prescott, nearly opposite Hastings, having purchased an interest in a saw-mill at that place. Irving, now in his sixteenth year, had completed his education at the common schools, and had a great desire to become a printer. During his second summer at Prescott considerable of his time was passed in the office of the Transcript. The next year he became an apprentice to the trade at that office, and after mastering the art of

type-setting, worked at different places, Hudson, Osceola and Hastings being about the extent. The latter part of the summer of 1861 he spent in Hastings, working on a paper of very modest dimensions, the Minnesota Conserver. During the winter of 1861-62 he had editorial charge of the Prescott Journal, and September 1st, 1862, the editors and proprietors of the Hudson Star being in the army, he assumed the management of that paper. In November of that year he purchased the Conserver, and in 1866 consolidated it with the Independent, published by C. Stebbins under the name of Hastings Gazette. The partnership existed nearly twelve years, when Mr. Stebbins sold to Mr. Todd, he being its sold proprietor. During a portion of 1867-'68, he acted as assistant door-keeper of the house of representatives; was collector of internal revenue for the Second district of Minnesota from January 1st, 1872, to 1875. He has always been a Republican; was a delegate to the Baltimore convention in 1864, when Lincoln was re-nominated, and has participated in most of the county, district and state conventions for fifteen years past. He is also a freemason, having been initiated in 1863, and has now attained the thirty-second degree, has taken active interest in masonry and masonic literature, and is the author of a digest, which is being published by the grand lodge of the state. July 13th, 1865, Miss Helen Lucas and Mr. Todd were united in marriage. They have two children, Irving and Louise.

I. B. Tozer was born in Waterville, Kennebec county, Maine, June 24th, 1819. At the age of ten years, went with his parents to Fairfield, Somerset county, where he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until 1847. He then returned to his native town and engaged in mercantile pursuits, was postmaster and railroad station agent. In 1855, resigned his positions on account of ill-health, and came to Cannon Falls, Goodhue county, Minnesota, becoming one of the owners of the townsite. He engaged in lumbering until 1857, then sold his interests in the town, and in spring of 1858, removed to Hastings. During the spring of 1859, in company with A. E. Rich, bought a shingle and saw-mill, which he run until it burned in 1865. He then dealt in lumber, and subsequently with Mr. Rich,

speculated largely in pine lands in Minnesota and Wisconsin until 1871. He was next in the grocery business in Hastings till 1876, retiring at that time from active business. Mr. Tozer, with E. H. Chapman, built the first bridge across the Cannon river, and was instrumental in organizing the first school there. In 1841, he married Mary B. Bates, who has borne him three children: Sarah L. and Lizzie M. are still living.

Joseph Freas is a native of Germany, born in 1830. Worked on a farm for ten years. Came to America in 1849. Went to Louisville, Kentucky, making his home there six years, meanwhile learned shoe-making. In 1855, came to Hastings, and is one of the oldest German residents. Worked at his trade two years; farmed and trucked seven years, then went to Wisconsin and kept a hotel and saloon three years. Returning to Hastings, he kept what is known as the American house; then built a saloon next to the Foster house and run it three years. Traded the saloon for a farm, and in turn traded the farm for his present property. In 1879, built the hotel where he now is. Married in 1854, Miss Ellen Smith: Setta, Fred, August, Mollie, Tilley, Julius, Helen, Nellie and Joseph, are their children.

Daniel W. Truax, one of the early pioneers of this country, was born in Montreal, Canada, December 23d, 1830. Removed to St. Lawrence county, New York, with his parents, and there received his early education. In 1849, came to Point Douglas and at once engaged in farming. Was elected to the territorial legislature in 1851. Followed agricultural pursuits until 1853, then built a saw-mill in company with John Blakely in Nininger township, and in the fall of 1855, sold his interests and purchased a steam saw-mill, in which he was interested until 1861. Removing at that time to Hastings, he purchased in company with Mr. Knowlton, what is now known as the Libby mill. In 1863, disposed of his share, and until 1871, engaged in the grocery trade, and has since farmed and dealt in farm machinery. Married in 1853, Mary A. Truax, of St. Lawrence county, New York: Amelia, Viola, Byron, and Oscar, are their living children.

D. B. Truax, a noteworthy pioneer of Dakota county, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, May 25th, 1818. His occupations were

farming and mechanical work until May, 1853, then removed to Dakota county and first located at Point Douglas and took a claim of one hundred and sixty acres. Bringing his family with him, he, in September of that year, built a cabin on his claim and after a residence there of four years sold out and purchased another. In 1867, again sold and came to reside at Hastings. He was connected with the post-office department four years and was for five or six on the school board. Was one of the organizers of the town of Nininger and held the offices connected with the town. He was also a member of the legislature from Hastings in 1866-67. Married in 1842, to Lany A. Countryman, of Jefferson county, New York. One child was born to them, who still lives in Hastings, dealing in farm machinery, Alfred H.

M. O. W. Truax, an early pioneer of Dakota county, was born September 11th, 1829, and is a native of St. Lawrence county, New York. He was reared and received his early instruction in his native place. During early youth his attention was divided between farming and traveling with his father, who was a captain on one of the boats plying between Quebec and the lakes. During the fall of 1853, he came to Hastings, and the next spring, rented a farm near what is known as Indian Spring. He was the first deputy sheriff in Dakota county and since 1868, has held the office of county constable. In 1857, married Laura Murray, of Lorain county, Ohio. Darwin H., Marion W., Frank M., Josephine, Lucy, Julia, Charles S., Jennie, Ernest and Mabel are their children.

Sidney J. Truax, son of D. V. Truax, an early settler of this region, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York. In 1854 the family came to Hastings, and two years later Sidney went to Nininger township, remaining two years, then began lumbering. He was afflicted with a stroke of palsy for two years, which caused him to relinquish work on the river. He next entered the employment of the government, freighting, his route being from St. Cloud, Stearns county, to Fort Abercrombie, from 1866 to 1870. Coming thence to Hastings, he was foreman for Mr. Sherwood, the railroad contractor, until 1871; then for the American Bridge Company, of Chicago, one year. In 1874, began speculating in wheat,

which he still carries on to some extent. In 1878, was engaged by the government as contractor for various river and harbor improvements, still continuing in its employ. Married July 11th, 1869, to Fannie Hale, of Kentucky. William, Sarah, Lillian and Fannie are their children.

J. H. Twichell was born in Oswego county, New York, December 28th, 1846. He resided with his parents until 1853, when they all moved to Dakota county. Early in life he began clerking in a grocery store, and in 1865, entered the post-office as clerk, remaining in that capacity until 1869. He then entered a grocery store in the same capacity. In 1879 he embarked in the same line of business, and is having a good trade. Married in 1871, to Miss Lola L. Henderson, of Illinois. They have two sons and one daughter: Nelia, George and Berton.

Isaac N. Van Doren was born near Eaton, Preble county, Ohio, September 18th, 1837. Removed with his parents to Indiana in 1846, where he was reared on a farm, and in 1856, came to Dakota county. Soon after he returned to Indiana and attended school until enlisting in the Thirteenth Indiana Infantry. After serving a term in Libby prison, he was paroled and sent to Washington, and was discharged in May, 1862. Returning to Hastings, he remained until December 31st, 1863, when he was commissioned second lieutenant of Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry, by Governor Swift, and again commissioned first lieutenant of the same company, May 11th, 1865, by Governor Miller, which rank he held when mustered out. Returned to Dakota county and engaged in farming, until 1875; then came to Hastings and began dealing in agricultural implements in company with A. H. Truax. In 1866 he married Ellen J. Crist of Ohio. May C. is their only child.

John Van Hoesen is a native of Cortland county, New York, born October 1st, 1809, at the old homestead where his parents resided for more than three-score years. He removed to Indiana in 1838, but returned the following year, and for three years was severely afflicted with malaria. In 1854 he came to Hastings, the population being at that time seventy-two whites and eight hundred Indians. His first home was on the levee, but in 1855 he removed to his claim in sections thirty-two and thirty-three. In March

of that year his dwelling was burned, which event compelled him to live in a log cabin. Was justice of the peace in 1855, and the same year attended the land sale at Red Wing as settlers' bidder. He has been a member of the Hastings school board, and was instrumental as a trustee in locating and building the Baptist university, which has since been converted into a graded school. Mr. Van Hoesen was married in 1835, to Miss Rhoda Bennett, and again in 1851, to Miss Maria Adams. Nettie V. and Francis B. are his children by his first wife; the latter is a member of the state legislature from Douglas county.

Lorenzo Van Slyck was born in Canajoharie, New York, April 27th, 1828. His early instruction was received in his native place, and afterward studied at and graduated from Union College, in 1849. He first read law with Judge J. Sacie of his native county, being admitted to the bar in 1850; two years later was received as counselor and solicitor in chancery. Subsequently he moved to New Lisbon, Juneau county, Wisconsin, of which county he was judge until 1861. He then enlisted in the Nineteenth Wisconsin Infantry, serving until mustered out at Fortress Monroe in 1864, on account of wounds received in service. During the fall of that year he came to Hastings, and has been actively engaged in his profession since. Married in 1852, to Martha L'Amour of London, Lower Canada. Ada, now Mrs. Jeffrys of Chicago; Adella, now Mrs. Anderson of St. Paul; and Mamie, also residing in St. Paul, are their children.

Frederick Voigt is of German birth, born near Leipsic in 1829. He came to America in 1854, then settled at Amherst, Massachusetts. In 1856, began work as wagon-maker at Hastings, then from 1865 to 1877, ran a saw-mill in Pierce county, Wisconsin. Returning at that time to this city he purchased the Ramsey flouring mill. Augusta Madlewig became his wife in 1861. Their children are Lebrecht A. and Charles L.

R. Whitman, of the firm of Conklin and Whitman, hardware dealers, is a native of Dakota county, Minnesota, born at Mendota, November 6th, 1855. After the completion of his education, he, in October, 1873, entered the office of clerk of court remaining until the firm was formed in the spring of 1881.

Timothy Wilcoxson was born February 20th, 1818, at Stratford, Connecticut. His ancestors settled in that state as early as 1639. At fifteen years of age he left his father's farm, going to New Haven, where he attended evening schools and recited privately to the tutors of Yale College. His parents were of the Methodist belief but the son was ordained deacon of the Episcopal church at Hartford. Soon after, he had charge of parishes in Wilton, Harwinton and Wolcott, and in 1850, came to St. Paul, Minnesota. Here he was associated with Rev. Drs. Breck and Merrick in a private missionary enterprise, which gave great impetus to the growth of the Episcopal church of Minnesota. This association purchased five acres of land for the church in St. Paul, for \$290. This land is now worth over \$100,000. Dr. Breck soon went to his labors among the Indians and as Dr. Merrick's health failed, Mr. Wilcoxson was left in charge of Christ's church at St. Paul. He was subsequently appointed itinerant missionary, and in May, 1855, came to Hastings, having since resided here. From 1856 to 1861 he was rector of St. Luke's church and held the first Episcopal services at Hastings, Red Wing, Faribault and Northfield. He has been a zealous laborer, going on foot from St. Paul to St. Peter for the purpose of holding services, and has walked one hundred and fifty miles to visit Dr. Breck's Indian mission.

Frank Yanz, a native of Germany, was born June 17th, 1837. On coming to this continent his home was first in southern Indiana, where his parents engaged in farming until 1866. After farming one year in Douglass township, Dakota county, Minnesota, he came to Hastings and for three years was a partner with his brother in the grocery business. In June, 1870, he started in business for himself, dealing in groceries, crockery, etc., and in 1876 built his present handsome store. In 1876 he married Miss Mary Memmer, of Pennsylvania. Three children have been born to them, all now living: William, Jacob and Frank.

Rev. Cornelius Willman was born in Bavaria, October 11th, 1828. Was educated at the University of Bavaria, and came to the United States in 1852. In 1856, was ordained by Bishop Cretin at St. Paul. Assumed charge of the German Catholic church at Hastings, in 1880.