

**THE COURTS AND BAR
OF
HENNEPIN COUNTY**

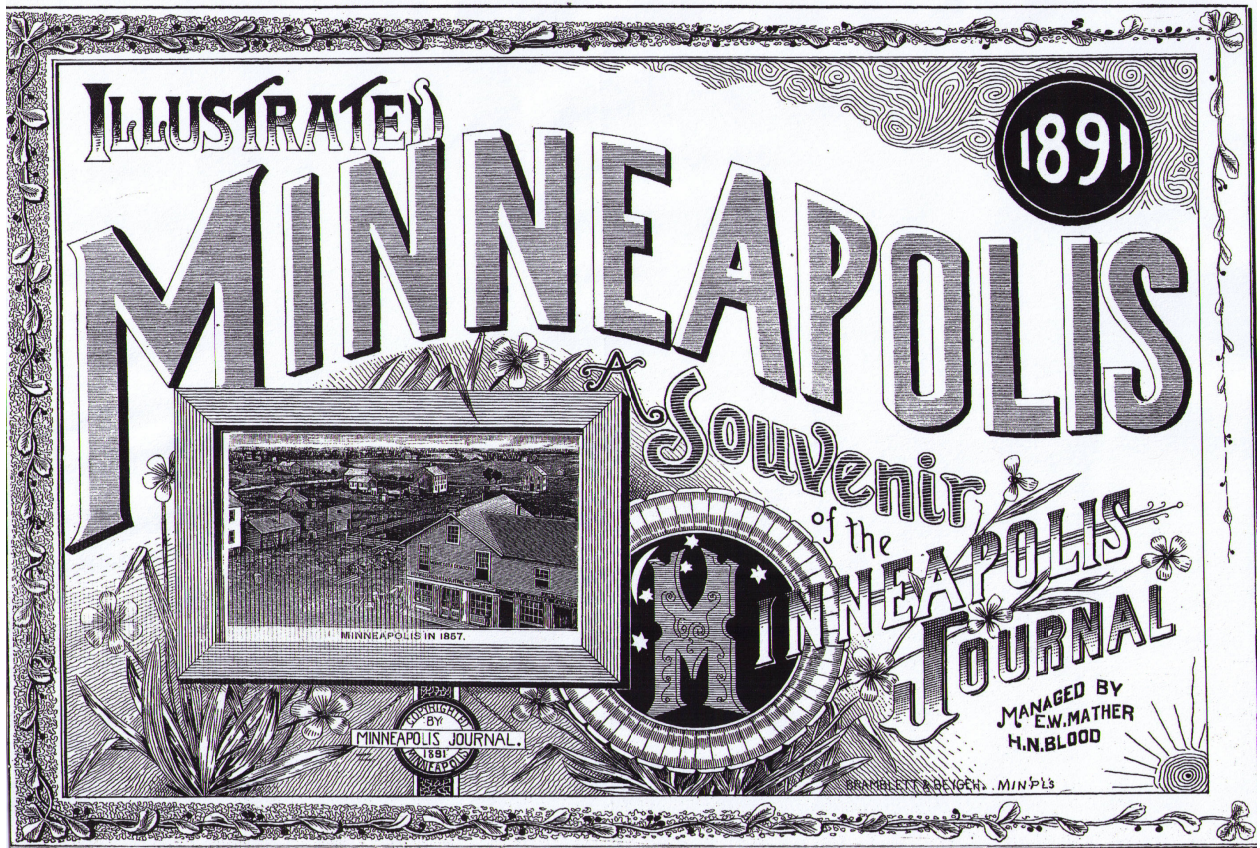


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Foreword

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In 1891 the *Minneapolis Journal* published “**Illustrated Minneapolis: A Souvenir of the Minneapolis Journal.**” It is an oversized book consisting of pages of advertising followed by sections on various industries and professions. It would be called “a coffee table book” a century later

“**The Courts and Bar of Hennepin County**” titles the chapter on the legal community. It begins with a statistic: there are about 400 members of the bar in the county. With a population of 185,294 in 1890, there was one lawyer for about every 464 residents of the county.¹

Profiles of 38 lawyers follow. For the future student of the development of the urban bar in this state these sketches constitute a vein of information, albeit a thin one. Up-and-coming barristers anticipate bright futures while their older brethren tout courtroom victories. Some disclose outside business activities, corporate directorships and (allegedly) lucrative real estate investments. A few were editorialists for local newspapers, and some served in city government. John Shaw and Martin B. Koon (called here “Mart”) were district court judges before returning to private practice. Robert Jamison, Chelsea Rockwood, Robert Russell, Willard Rush Cray and Edward Morrill Johnson served later on the Hennepin County District Court, while James Clarke Hayes was Mayor of Minneapolis over ten years.

Several firms profile each partner. Keith, Evans, Thompson & Fairchild has four partners — a large firm for that period. Specialties are listed, some of which did not exist even a decade earlier. Well documented

¹ *Annual Report of the Commissioner of Statistics of the State of Minnesota for the Year 1892 74* (1893). In 1892, the *St. Paul Dispatch* printed “*Illustrated St. Paul: A Souvenir of the St. Paul Dispatch.*” In an overview of the 1850s bench and bar, Charles Flandrau estimated that there were 250- 275 lawyers in St. Paul in 1892 — or one lawyer per 484 inhabitants. See “*The Bar and Bench of Ramsey County*” (MLHP, 2015) (published first, 1892).

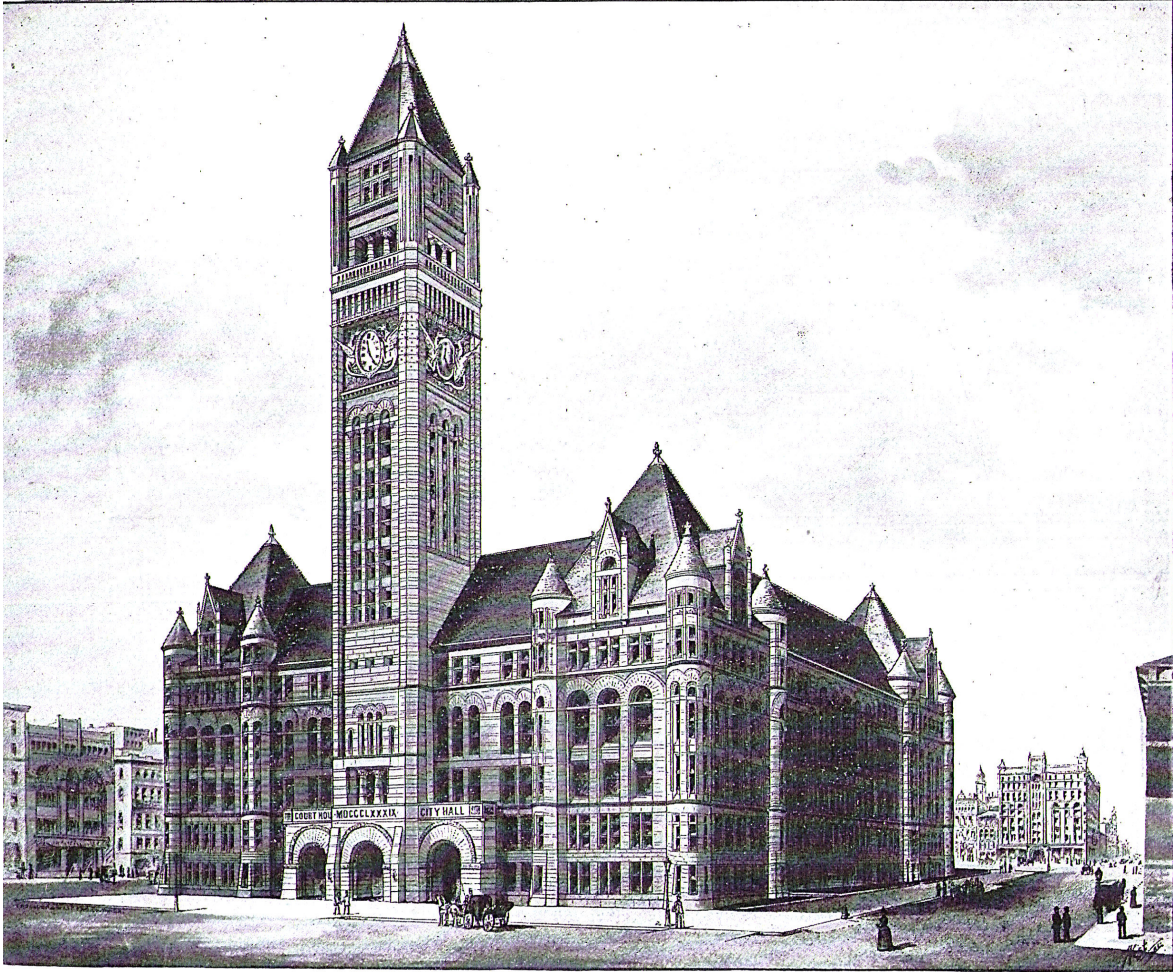
are the restlessness of lawyers and the ephemerality of law firms – then as now, lawyers form partnerships, practice together awhile, dissolve them, and begin anew.

This was an age of immigration, but not one is a recent immigrant. It was also a period of political turmoil, but not one is aligned with the Populist Revolt. Not one claims to be a prohibitionist, though a few likely were in private. Most were Republicans, the dominant political party of the period. Collectively a sliver of the corporate bar is profiled in the *Journal's* 1891 Souvenir Edition.

In the original, there are two pages of professional cards of lawyers, 16 on one page (one is not a lawyer) and 24 on another, all in a uniform design. In the reformatted version that follows, they are reduced and the pages halved. Only six list telephone numbers.

Photographs of the lawyers accompany their profiles. Regrettably, as readers can see, details are lost when these photos are photocopied, scanned and reinserted in the article. “The Courts and Bar of Hennepin County” follows. It has been reformatted; the names have been capitalized and a few long paragraphs divided.

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THE COURTS AND BAR OF HENNEPIN COUNTY.

The bar of Hennepin County, now numbering about 400 members, has reached its present dignity and importance in a comparatively short period. Forty years have served to develop the frontier past with its crude administration of justice and handful of lawyers, into a city of metropolitan proportions and a volume of legal transactions in excess of any city west of Chicago and St. Louis.

With the organization of the territory of Minnesota in 1849, justice courts were established and for some time these were the only legal tribunals maintained in the county. Dr. Ira Kingsley, I. I. Lewis, Wm. B. Welch and Gardner Bostwick were among the prominent justices of the early days. With the exception of Mr. Bostwick, most of the justices of the peace of the old times were men without any technical knowledge of law but all were men of known integrity and such sound common sense that the rather weighty matters which were often intrusted to their decisions were very well cared for. Not infrequently important cases involving the title to very valuable lands were tried before these justices.

With the growth of population about the Falls of St. Anthony the establishment of a higher court became a necessity. A term of district court had been held in what is now Hennepin County in July, 1849, by the Hon. B. B. Meeker, one of the associate justices of the supreme court. This court was held in the old government mill at the falls. A grand jury was called with Franklin Steele as foreman, but no indictments were found and no cases were tried by the court. The occasion seems to have been simply a celebration of the inauguration of judicial jurisdiction in the region. In 1852 Hennepin County was organized and in the following year the second term of district court was held in a frame building erected by Anson Northrup and standing near the falls. At this term of court the Hon. A. C. Chatfield of the territorial supreme court presided. It was the first regular term of court, there being the necessary county officers to transact business and some half dozen cases appearing on the calendar. Such were the small beginnings of legal and judicial affairs in Minneapolis.

Judge Chatfield continued to hold court at regular intervals in a frame building on Bridge Square, until the court house at Eighth Avenue south and Fourth Street was erected. His successors in office during the early years were Judges M. Sherburne, Charles E. Flandreau, James Hall, Edward O. Hamlin, Charles E. Vanderburgh and A. H. Young, all men of marked ability and prominent in the affairs of their country and state. Judge Young became distinguished for the long term of useful service on the bench. In 1872 when a court of common pleas was established in Hennepin County, he was appointed judge by the governor and the following November was elected for five years for the same position. When the court was abolished in 1877, Judge Young was elected to the district bench which was enlarged to provide for two judges. Since that time Judge Young has been continuously in service until January 1st, 1891. He has seen the court increase until now there are six judges whose time is fully occupied. The present judicial force upon the bench is as follows: Hon. Wm. Lochren, Hon. H. G. Hicks, Hon. Seagrave Smith, Hon. Frederick Hooker, Hon. C. M. Pond, and Hon. Thomas Canty. Judge Lochren, the senior judge, is one of the oldest members of the Hennepin County bar, and is regarded as one of the ablest jurists in the state.

The probate court was presided over in the earlier days by Judges J. B. Bassett, Hezekiah Fletcher, E. S. Jones, L. Bostwick, N. H. Hemiup, F. Beebe, E. A. Gore, P. M. Babcock, and John P. Rea, the latter afterwards serving as district judge. The present incumbent is the Hon. J. R. Corrigan. When St. Anthony and Minneapolis were consolidated and a municipal court was established, Grove B. Cooley was elected judge and served with distinction for a number of years. Judges Francis Bailey, Stephen Mahony, and Geo. W. Emery have occupied the bench. The latter retiring recently in favor of Chas. B. Elliott. A position of no little importance to the legal fraternity is that of clerk of the district court. Sweet W. Case was the first incumbent of this office. He was elected in 1852 when the county was organized and served until 1858. His successors have been H. A. Partridge, H. O. Hamlin, J. P. Plummer, Geo. W. Chowen, D. W. Allaugh, L. Jerome, J. A. Wolverton, E. J. Davenport and C. B. Tirrell, the present clerk.

At the present day the bar of Hennepin County counts among its members as large a proportion of talented, brilliant and scholarly men

as any city in the west. Many of them have made national reputations as skillful and successful lawyers and not infrequently have the leading law firms of Minneapolis measured strength with prominent attorneys of the east and won signal victories. The ranks of the legal fraternity have furnished the larger proportion of the public men and political representatives of the county and state.

A glance at the list of pioneer lawyers of Minneapolis shows how many of them were men who are now or have been foremost in the confidence of the city, state and nation. The first lawyer to settle in Hennepin County was John W. North, who came to St. Anthony in 1849. Judge Isaac Atwater arrived in 1850, and has since been a prominent figure in state and municipal affairs, as a lawyer, supreme court judge, and an editor. From 1851 to 1856 the following were among the lawyers who came to Minneapolis: H. B. Hancock, D. A. Secombe, C. E. Vanderburgh, Wm. Lochren, W. W. McNair, W. D. Washburn, W. A. Gorman, W. W. Winthrop, W. H. Robinson, W. L. Parsons, A. M. Blair, J. B. Gilfillan, James W. Lawrence, R. J. Baldwin, E. M. Wilson, L. M. Stewart and R. M. Mathews. Some of these are still practicing in the city, some are occupying high positions elsewhere and some have passed away after achieving distinction in public or private service.

Messrs. Washburn, Wilson and Gilfillan have represented the state in congress and Mr. Washburn is now the junior senator from Minnesota. Judge Vanderburgh was called from the district to the supreme court bench and Judge Lochren is frequently alluded to as one, who might with propriety, be chosen for the same high position. After the war the ranks of Minneapolis lawyers found many recruits and since the period of remarkable growth began in the late 70's a large number of attorneys of high standing have removed to the city from the east,

The law firm of WILSON & LAWRENCE has been very prominent in the profession in the Northwest. The Hon. Eugene M. Wilson whose sudden death in the spring of 1890 was a shock to a very large community where he was well known, was the head of the firm and largely instrumental in bringing it into the prominence which it attained. Mr. Wilson's career was identified with the development of Minnesota and Minneapolis; his public services were of no small benefit to the

commonwealth. **Mr. Wilson** was born in **Morgantown, Monongahela county, Virginia, December 25th, 1833**. He was educated at **Jefferson college** and took high rank in his class, not less as a student than as a speaker and writer. He graduated at the age of 18, and immediately began the practice of law in his father's office. He was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one. **Mr. Wilson** came to the Territory of **Minnesota** in the spring of 1856. He located at **Winona** and opened a law office there. His first partner in this state was **William Mitchell**, now a judge of the state supreme court. Among his early associates in **Winona** were **Secretary William Windom, United States Senator Daniel Norton, ex-Chief Justice Thomas Wilson, Attorney General Charles Berry**, and others who have since attained prominence in the state and nation.

In 1857 **Mr. Wilson** was appointed **United States district attorney** by **President Buchanan**. In the fall of the same year he removed to **Minneapolis**. In 1861 he formed a partnership with **W. W. McNair**, who afterwards married **Mr. Wilson's** sister. The firm of **Wilson & McNair** continued until **Mr. Wilson** was elected to congress in 1869. **Mr. Wilson** served with credit as captain of the **First Minnesota cavalry** in 1862 in the campaign against the Indians. Upon his return to private life **Mr. Wilson** formed a partnership with **James W. Lawrence**, with whom he remained associated to the time of his death. The firm has always been a leading one.

JAMES W. LAWRENCE was born near **Syracuse, New York, August 9, 1846**, and received his education in the public schools and at **Hamilton**



JAMES W. LAWRENCE.
Photograph by BRUSH.

College. He graduated at the early age of eighteen—an indication of the strength of his mental powers which have since been manifested in his successful legal career. In 1850 **Mr. Lawrence's** parents removed to **Minneapolis**, his father being partner with **Judge Lochren**, in the law firm of **Lawrence & Lochren**. Upon the breaking out of the war **Mr. Lawrence** entered the army and the son returned to the east with the rest of the family and entered college. He studied law in **New York city** with the firm of **Sheldon &**

Brown, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. Returning to Minneapolis in 1870 he at once formed the partnership with Mr. Wilson, and continued his partner and friend until his recent death. The firm built up a very large practice of the best character. In the King Remington suit and other cases of almost equal magnitude, Wilson & Lawrence have met the best lawyers in the country and handled successfully the largest and most important interests.

Mr. Lawrence was County attorney from 1872 to 1876, and in 1888 was chairman of the Democratic State committee when Mr. Wilson ran for governor. Mr. Lawrence still has charge of the business of the firm which is continued under the old name of Wilson & Lawrence.

HOWELL W. YOUNG, Attorney at Law, was born at Calais, Maine, Aug. 21st, 1857, and removed to Minneapolis with his parents June 1861. He received his early education at the State University in this city and graduated at Dartmouth College in the close of '80, when he went to Iowa Law School, graduating from that institution in the class of '81," when he returned to this city and was admitted to the bar the same year. He read law in the office of Lochren, McNair & Gilfillan until he became a member of the firm of Miller, Young & Miller, and later the firm of Miller, Young & Aker. Since the division of the firm, Mr. Young has practiced alone and is looked upon as one of the brightest young lawyers of the Hennepin County bar.

JUDGE JOHN M. SHAW is one of the most distinguished members of



the Hennepin County bar. He was born in Exeter, Maine in 1834 and when he was seventeen years of age the family came west to Galena, Illinois. For ten years the young man, as the oldest son, worked indefatigably to help support the family and gain an education. He obtained a legal course and in 1862 left Galena and went to Plattsville, Wisconsin, where he became a partner of John G. Scott. Both men entered the army as officers, Scott as captain and Shaw as second lieutenant. Shaw soon

JOHN M. SHAW

Photograph by Rueg.

obtained the rank of Captain of Company E. of the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteers and was in command of the company during the entire campaign, from Chattanooga to Atlanta and elsewhere in the South. He was also acting provost-marshal and judge-advocate of the First Division, Seventeenth Corps. In 1866 he came to Minneapolis and opened a law office. He soon built up a good practice. He was one of the first city attorneys of Minneapolis and framed a great many of the ordinances with other very valuable work at this formative period. In 1868 he became a partner of Judge Beebe who, retiring in 1875, was succeeded by A. Z. Levi. W. R. Cray came in the firm four years later. In 1881 Judge Shaw was offered a place on the bench of the Supreme Court, to succeed Judge Cornell but he declined. The next year he accepted a judgeship of the Fourth Judicial District. He resigned in a year and resumed practice with Mr. Cray. Of Judge Shaw, Judge Lochren says: "He has all the characteristics that bring men to eminence in professional life. . . . His remarkable power of analysis, illustrative and close legal reasoning make him a formidable antagonist." He was for many years attorney for the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway Company, the Minneapolis Mill Company and other large corporations. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army.

WILLARD R. CRAY, law partner of Judge Shaw, and, a gentleman of fine legal and general ability, was born at Highgate, Vermont, May 5th,



WILLARD R. CRAY.
Photograph by BRUSH.

1853. He attended the public schools at St. Albans, fitted for college and entered at Middlebury, in 1872, graduating in 1878. He took up the study of law, upon graduating, came to Minneapolis and entered the office of Shaw & Levi in March, 1887, and has been associated with Judge Shaw ever since. He has been the Judge's assistant in a great number of important cases. The firm has been engaged as counsel on one side or the other in a majority of the important cases tried in the District Court for the last ten years and has an immense practice also in the State, Supreme and Federal Courts.

Mr. Cray is a well-read, thorough lawyer. The firm is well fitted to handle its very large and responsible legal practice.

E[DWARD] M. JOHNSON has served long and usefully as a member of our council and recently as its presiding officer, and for a large part of the time as acting mayor of Minneapolis. His record in the council has been one of unusual prominence, influence and usefulness. He has served on the more important committees and in all his public service he has shown a ready ability and a thorough devotion to duty. Mr. Johnson was one of the first students of our State University, where he graduated with honor. Besides building up a large and lucrative law practice, Mr. Johnson has been active in building up the industrial interests of his district and of the city. He is president of the Northwestern Casket company and of the Minneapolis Office & School Furniture company, representing an expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly in his district, a stockholder in the new linen mills and other industries calculated to add to the wealth and prosperity of Minneapolis. Mr. Johnson is one of those strong, aggressive men whose ambition in business and public life stops not short of the highest attainment.

ROBERT D. RUSSELL was born in St. Louis, in 1851. His father was a successful working mechanic, and the son learned the tinner's trade,



ROBERT D. RUSSELL.
Photograph by BRUSH.

worked his way through school and college, and took the valedictory. He is now a trustee of his alma mater. He was admitted to the bar in Jacksonville, Ill., where he served three terms as city attorney. He came here in 1883, and after building up a fine practice, was elected city attorney in 1888.

He has handled important cases with decided ability, and saved the city large sums of money by his professional industry and knowledge combined with his eloquence and skill as an advocate. Mr. Russell has many friends, and he is ranked among our leading attorneys and

most popular citizens. Previous to the last election he was nominated by the Republicans as a worthy associate of Judges Young and Hooker on the judicial ticket, and with them was defeated. The nomination was

generally recognized by the entire bar as one of the very best that could have been made. Mr. Russell has proved himself worthy of either judicial or high political honor.

LOUIS A. REED was born June, 1855, in Mason county, Ill., educated in



LOUIS A. REED.
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the public schools and at the Illinois Normal and Illinois Industrial Universities, at Bloomington and Champayne, Ill. He came here in 1880, studied law with Rea, Woolley & Kitchell, was admitted to practice in 1883, joined the firm of Woolley, Biddle & Reed, and served as assistant County attorney under John G. Woolley. Mr. Biddle retiring, the firm of Woolley & Reed succeeded, and later that of Russell, Emery & Reed. Mr. Emery was elected judge of the municipal court in November, 1888, and the firm of Russell, Calhoun & Reed was formed soon after. Mr. Reed is chairman of the Republican

County Committee, and is regarded as an able attorney and rapidly advancing in his profession

F[ANCIS] B. HART, of the law firm of Hart & Brewer, was born in Charlestown, N. H., in 1839, and received his education at Hamilton College of Clinton, N. Y., and graduated in the class of "66," he read law with Clinton & Sapp, of Council Bluffs, Iowa and was admitted to practice in that city in 1868, where he followed his profession until his removal to this city in 1882. Mr. Hart served in the army for three years as a member of the 144th N. Y. Infantry and was with the Army of the Potomac in its memorable campaigns.

Mr. P. BREWER is a native of Oneida county, N. Y. He is a graduate of Hamilton College, and was a classmate of his partner, Mr. Hart, throughout the college course. He read law with the Hon Caleb Baldwin at Council Bluffs, Iowa and was admitted to the bar at that city. He removed to this city in 1883, and resumed the partnership which had been formed Iowa. The firm of Hart and Brewer at once took a prominent place in the legal profession in this city and have been

very successful in building up a lucrative corporation, commercial and office practice, and practice in the State, Supreme and Federal Courts.

MART B. KOON was born in Schuyler county, New York, in 1841. His parents removed to Michigan and their son grew up and was educated at Hillsdale, in that State. In 1864 he went to California and remained two years, then returned to Hillsdale and studied law. He commenced practice in 1867, immediately upon being admitted to the bar, and three years later was elected prosecuting attorney of the county holding the office for five years. During his residence in Michigan Judge Koon built up a large practice, but in 1878 he decided to come west, and in the same year established in Minneapolis, with E. A. Merrill, the law firm of Koon & Merrill, which later became Koon, Merrill & Keith. This firm at once took a foremost place in the legal profession. From 1883 to 1886 Judge Koon



MART B. KOON.

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earned his title by service on the bench of the district court, a position which he at last resigned to resume the lucrative practice which his talents commanded. Since his withdrawal from the bench his practice has steadily increased, and consists largely in the conduct of the legal affairs and interests of large corporations. Judge Koon is treasurer and attorney for the Minneapolis Street Railway Company, attorney for the "Soo" and Minneapolis and Pacific railway companies, and since September 1, 1890, for the great Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company. As a lawyer and jurist, Judge Koon has an excellent record and a very high standing in the legal profession. He made a very successful judge, and would doubtless have been retained upon the bench as long as he desired to remain in the position. Though largely engaged in the practice arising in connection with the large corporations with which he is associated, he is frequently retained for important cases of a general nature where his experience, legal acumen and fluency of speech render him an important acquisition to the side securing his services. He has been engaged upon some of the most important cases in Hennepin county.

GEORGE H. FLETCHER, of Fletcher, Rockwood & Dawson, lawyers, was born at Mankato, February 18th, 1860. He is a son of Hon. L. G. M. Fletcher, formerly State Senator from Blue Earth county. Mr. Fletcher



GEORGE H. FLETCHER.
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graduated from Michigan University in 1881. He studied law in Minneapolis in the office of W. H. Norris, Esq., and was admitted to practice in 1883. Soon after he formed a partnership with Judge Eli Torrance. In June, 1890, the firm of Torrance & Fletcher was dissolved and that of Fletcher & Dawson formed. The present firm was formed in February of this year. Mr. Fletcher has been for four years Secretary of the Minneapolis Bar Association. In addition to an active practice he has interested himself in many successful business enterprises. He is a director of and attorney for the State Bank and the Peoples Bank, two of our

best financial institutions, the Paris-Murten Company, manufacturers and jobbers of confectionery, and the Mutual Investment Company which has a capital of \$250,000 and does a large business in real estate loans.

CHELSEA J. ROCKWOOD was born at Burlington, Vermont, September 13th, 1855. In 1869 he moved with his parents to Garden City, Minnesota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1879, and was for two years Superintendent of schools at Le Sueur, Minnesota. In 1881 he came to Minneapolis and studied law with Shaw, Levi & Cray. He was admitted to practice in 1882. Since that time he has been in constant practice and has made a specialty of the law for real estate. He has made numerous and careful investments in real estate and other business and has received handsome returns. He has for several years been an active Republican in politics. Since 1889 he has been attorney for the Board of Park Commissioners.

ROBERT S. DAWSON was born in Henry, Illinois. He attended both the Literary Department and the Law School of the University of Michigan. He came to Minneapolis in 1886 and entered the office of

Torrance & Fletcher. He remained with them until he became a partner in the firm of Fletcher & Dawson. He has made a specialty of Commercial Law and has been constantly engaged in that branch of practice.

The law firm of KEITH, EVANS, THOMPSON & FAIRCHILD is composed of Arthur M. Keith, Robert G. Evans, Charles T. Thompson and Edwin K. Fairchild. These gentlemen are all of high professional and social standing and are recognized by the bench and bar as lawyers of ability. The firm does a large corporation, commercial and office business, being counsel for many of the leading business concerns of the city, and enjoys to a large degree the respect and confidence of the public.

Mr. Keith was born in Roxbury, Mass., in 1852. He is a graduate of the Roxbury Latin School, Harvard University and the Boston University Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1876 in Boston and practiced in that city for two years. He came to Minneapolis in 1878 and from 1879 to 1883 was a member of the firm of Koon, Merrill & Keith. In the fall of 1883 Mr. Thompson and he formed a co-partnership for the practice of their profession and this co-partnership has continued to the present time, the firm name being changed as partners have united with them.



ROBERT G. EVANS.
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Mr. Evans was born in 1854 at Troy, Ind. He was educated at the Indiana State university at Bloomington, and received his law training at Rockport, Ind., being admitted to the bar in 1875. He practiced in Vincennes for some time; came to Minneapolis in 1884, and soon after became a member of the firm of Fish, Evans & Holmes. He continued the practice with Judge Fish until the latter became counsel for the Minnesota Title Insurance & Trust Company, in November, 1887, when Mr. Evans united with the firm of Keith, Thompson & Fairchild.

Mr. Thompson was born in 1853, in Glendale, a suburb of Cincinnati, where he prepared for College. He was graduated at Denison



CHARLES T. THOMPSON.
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University, Granville, Ohio, in 1873, after which he took a post graduate course at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in logic, metaphysics and civil law. He studied law in the office of King, Thompson & Longworth in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated at the Law School of Cincinnati College in 1876. After practicing in Cincinnati until 1878 he came to Minneapolis, where he practiced his profession alone for two years, then formed a partnership with Mr. M. F. Bowen, under the name of Thompson & Bowen. In 1883 the partnership of Keith & Thompson was formed.

Mr. Fairchild was born in 1854 at Brecksville, Ohio; graduated at Oberlin College in 1876; studied law at Keokuk, Iowa; came to Minneapolis and was admitted to the bar here in 1880. He was appointed deputy auditor of Goodhue county in 1881, but he returned to Minneapolis in 1883, formed a partnership with Harlan P. Roberts under the name of Fairchild & Roberts, and in 1886 formed his present partnership connection.

CAPTAIN JUDSON N. CROSS, of the law firm of Cross, Carlton and Cross, was born in 1838, in Jefferson Co., New York. He went to Oberlin College, Ohio; when 17 and studied and taught till the war broke out, enlisted in a company of college students from Oberlin in April 20th, 1861, was elected the first lieutenant, was through the first West Virginia campaign under McClellan, Rosencrans and Cox, was severely wounded and captured at Cross Lanes, Aug. 26th, recaptured by Rosencrans, Sept. 11th, and promoted to captain in November, 1861. He served in various places, was A. Adj't. Gen. military district of Indiana, and on the staff of Military Governor of Washington during the last year of the war. He studied law at Columbia College and Albany Law Schools, went to Lyons, Iowa, in 1866, was mayor in 1871, and

came to Minneapolis in 1875, went into partnership with his old class mate, now Judge H. G. Hicks; the firm was Cross & Hicks till 1882 when



CAPTAIN J. N. CROSS.

Frank H. Carleton became a partner as Cross, Hicks & Carleton. In 1879 he wrote the Pioneer Press editorials for this city for Col. W. S. King for six months and then proposed a railroad from these cities to the east around the north shore of Lake Michigan to free us from the commercial supremacy of Chicago. He kept the idea red-hot for months and first likened the Chicago railroad system to a devil-fish sucking the commercial blood away from these cities. Ten years later Senator Washburn materialized the idea in the completion of the "Soo" line. He was city attorney from the spring of 1883 till the spring of '87, and when Mayor George A. Pillsbury recommended the seclusion of saloons from the residence part of the city, Capt. Cross drew, and maintained in the Supreme Court, the constitutionality of the famous patrol-limit ordinance, with the best legal talent of the state against him. He also commenced and fought to a successful decision in the Supreme Court the first of the now noted North side railroad crossing cases, the first of the kind ever decided in the interests of the people by any English speaking court.



FRANK H. CARLETON.

FRANK H. CARLETON was assistant city attorney during Captain Cross' three terms and had practically the entire management of the numerous suits in the city courts, (many appealed to the supreme court) which were brought to further maintain the supremacy of the patrol-limit ordinance; the principle was a new and startling one to the lawyers, and for years Mr. Carleton was confronted by many of the best lawyers in the city in fruitless contests against its armor till the principle has become a permanent one in Minneapolis. Mr.

Carleton was born at Newport, N. H., in 1849, was graduated from Dartmouth college in '72, taught an academy in Mississippi, and coming to St. Paul read law with Davis, O'Brien and Wilson; served as clerk of the Municipal court there from '75 to '78, served as private secretary of Gov. Pillsbury, and came here 1882 and entered into partnership with Capt. Cross and Judge Hicks as Cross, Hicks & Carleton. Mr. Carleton is a thorough student, a ready writer and speaker and a lawyer of more than average ability. He is now and for several years has been a contributor to several leading periodicals; and during the management of Louis P. Fisher was one of the editorial writers of the St. Paul Pioneer.

NORTON M. CROSS, son of Capt. Cross, graduated at the University of Minnesota in 1887, and at the Columbia College Law School in 1889, standing third in a class of 250 law students. In matters of titles and real estate law he is authority for even the older members of the firm, and promises to be a safe counselor and thoroughly good lawyer. This firm is one of high standing and enjoys a large practice.

FRANCIS B. BAILEY, ex-Probate Judge of Hennepin county, was born at Portland, Maine, in 1839, graduated at a high school, studied law



FRANCIS B. BAILEY.

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with Hon. C. K. Whidden, of Calais, Maine, and was his law partner for some years. Judge Bailey came here in 1877, and was with Lochren, McNair & Gilfillan as clerk, and as partner until his election in 1880 as associate judge of our Municipal court. In 1883 he was elected judge of the court holding office until 1889, with so excellent a record that his appointment by Gov. Merriam to succeed Judge Von Schiegell, deceased, as judge of probate, was almost unanimously declared by the bar and the public to be most fitting and appropriate. Judge Bailey comes from a family noted for ability and culture and

has proved himself a thorough lawyer, a just judge, and an excellent citizen. He is respected and esteemed in all the relations of his private and public life.

GEORGE H. WHITE, lawyer, enjoys a valuable patronage and clientage among the business men of Minneapolis. He is an earnest student and loves his profession not alone for its emoluments, but because of the



GEORGE H. WHITE.

vast field of study it affords. He was born in Union Village, N. Y., close by the Hudson river, is thirty-seven years old. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., class of 1875.

For two years Mr. White was successful in superintending large and important public schools in Illinois, and for a year edited and published *The Independent*, a Republican paper at Harvard, Ill., before he finally settled into his life work in the law.

In 1880 he was admitted to practice in the courts of Iowa. He has also been admitted in all the courts of Wisconsin, and has been constantly engaged in

law practice in Minneapolis since 1883. Mr. White is a Republican, but not a politician, preferring to attend strictly to business. He is a member of Calvary Commandery of Woodstock, Ill., and subordinate bodies and is a welcome visitor of the bodies of that Fraternity of this city.

The law firm of **FLANNERY & COOKE** is composed of Geo. P. Flannery and Elbridge C. Cooke. This firm does an extensive commercial and corporation practice and are the attorneys for many of our large commercial houses. Mr. Flannery is a native of Buffalo township, Marquette Co., Wis., and was born February 12th, 1852. He received his education at Faribault, Minn., and read law in the office of Batchelder & Buckham, of Fairbault, of which district Mr. Buckham is now judge. Mr. Flannery was admitted to practice at Faribault November, 1873, and in the spring of 1874 removed to Bismark, Dakota where he practiced until his removal to this city in 1887.

Mr. Cooke is a native of Tiskilwa, Bureau county, Illinois, and was born in 1852. He removed to Norwich, Conn., where he received his early education and graduated from Yale College in class of '77 when he returned to Norwich and studied law and was admitted to practice in that city in 1879, was city attorney of Norwich from 1880 to 1883 when he removed to Bismark, Dakota and the firm of Flannery & Cooke was formed. He practiced his profession at that place until his removal to this city in 1886, since which time the firm have been in active practice before the courts of Hennepin county and state.

A. T. ANKENY was born in Somerset, Pennsylvania, December 27th, 1837. He was educated principally at Jefferson college. He early began



A. T. ANKENY.
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the study of law and entered in 1857 the office of Judge Jeremiah S. Black, attorney-general throughout Buchanan's administration and one of the most distinguished lawyers of his time.

Here Mr. Ankeny familiarized himself with broad questions of national and international jurisprudence and met many of the leading men of the nation. He was special assistant to E. M. Stanton, and when the latter became secretary of war under Lincoln's administration. Mr. Ankeny became an assistant in that department. Returning to his native state he resumed private practice until 1872, when he came to

Minneapolis. He had faith in Minneapolis real estate and his acres, acquired at low prices, have become immensely valuable. His practice here has been considerable, dealing with large land and business interests and handling trust funds to a large extent and to the best possible advantage to his clients.

Mr. Ankeny is a man of cool, accurate judgment. He is patient, careful and deliberate, always taking pains to hear both sides with a disposition to judge fairly and impartially. As a member of our school board he has been for several terms selected by both parties, and has rendered the most important service, exhibiting conservative and critical tendencies,

yet being thoroughly in harmony with the many advanced and progressive steps taken by our public school system of late years. Mr. Ankeny was nominated by the Democrats this fall for judge in the fourth judicial district and he missed an election [on November 4, 1890] by only a few votes. His high ability, character and special fitness for the place were conceded by all and during the entire campaign not a word was said against A. T. Ankeny.

The law firm of **PENNEY, JAMISON & ROGERS** is located on the



R. L. PENNEY.

seventh floor of the Guaranty Loan building where they have a fine suite of offices. R[obert] L. Penney is a native of Connecticut, was born in 1850 at Water-town in that State. He was graduated in the law class of '76 at Yale College and practiced in Newark, New Jersey, until 1880, when he came to this city, where he has had charge of important cases in our courts with excellent success. He has just been elected to the legislature from the 30th legislative district. Mr. Penny's social qualities have made him hosts of friends, and his ability and zeal have given him a high place at the bar.

Robert Jamison is a native of Minnesota, was born near Red Wing. He was educated in our public schools and at the University, studied law here, served as assistant County attorney under Frank F. Davis, and made such a remarkably fine record that he was nominated and elected to succeed that gentleman. During his term the large amount of criminal business has been handled with rare ability and dispatch.

Albion Q. Rogers is a native of Maine. He was graduated at Bowdwin College class of '84, studied law and came here in 1887. He served for a year and a half as deputy clerk of the Municipal Court, since which time he has been associated with Mr. Penney, the name being Penny & Rogers until the recent admission of Mr. Jamison to the firm, which is a strong one, well fitted to handle the most important criminal cases and build up a large general practice in all the courts.

JAMES C. HAYNES was born in 1848, near the village of Baldwinsville, located twelve miles from Syracuse, New York. He comes of excellent New England stock. Mr. Haynes' early life was spent upon his father's farm, where he attended a common school and by teaching a portion



JAMES C. HAYNES.
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of the time he managed later on to acquire an education. He spent three years reading law at Syracuse, a year at Columbia College Law School, in New York City and being admitted to practice in 1875 he opened an office in Syracuse. He came to Minneapolis in the spring of 1879 and opened a law office, practicing alone until April, 1889, when he associated with himself Samuel H. Chase, formerly of Washington, D. C., under the firm name of Haynes & Chase and took offices at 555 Temple Court. The firm is doing a large and successful business. Mr. Haynes is the president and one of the founders of the

American District Telegraph Company, of this city, the success of which has been largely due to his liberal and progressive policy. He is also the attorney and one of the directors of the **Home Savings and Loan Association**, of Minneapolis. Although, always taking an interest in the political questions of the day, Mr. Haynes has never taken any active part in politics, until the recent election, when he was nominated and elected as **Alderman of the Second Ward**, upon the **Democratic** ticket. His nomination was wholly unsought and his election heartily approved, even by many of the opposing party.

S[tephen] B[ennett] HOWARD may be called a good "all 'round" man, having done good work as an editor, attorney and manufacturer in each line, building himself "from the ground up" and achieving success where hundreds would have failed.

Mr. Howard was born in **Floyd County, Iowa**, April 16, 1856. He attended the **Weslayan Seminary at Wasioja, Minn.**, and the **Iowa State University**, graduating in 1883; edited the **Iowa City Daily Republican** for a year, came here and read law with **W. H. Norris and Torrance**

and Fletcher, was admitted in 1885, and practiced alone and later in the present firm of Howard & Richardson, Temple Court. He devoted much attention also to business interests, making some money in real estate and with others established the



S. B. HOWARD.

(of which he is president and treasurer) for the manufacture of bicarbonate of soda and sal soda. The company is being re-organized with an increased capital of probably \$75,000 and will operate both here and in Chicago, employing fifty or more men and turning out a yearly product worth \$200,000 or upwards. Mr. Howard is entitled to much credit for his enterprise in building up this

new and promising line of manufacture in our midst.

EDWARD A. SUMNER was born at Rome, N. Y., in 1857, and is a graduate of Wesleyan University class of '78. He studied law with Judge Culver of the Supreme court of Conn., and was admitted to practice in 1882, and is a member of the bar at both Conn. and New York. Since his removal to Minneapolis in 1885 he has built up a lucrative practice and makes a specialty of commercial and corporation work. In February, 1890, in the U. S. Supreme court he won for the plaintiffs the suit of Fogg vs. DeWitt C. Blair, trustee for the St. Louis, Hannibal & Keokuk R. R., and in January 1891, in the U. S. Circuit of Minneapolis, he was the attorney for the plaintiff in the case of the National Oil Co. vs. The St. Paul Gas Light Co., in which a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff for \$55,000. Mr. Sumner is regarded as one of the wide awake and most promising young attorneys of the Hennepin County Bar.

H. G. O. MORRISON, was born in Livermore, Maine, Jan. 24th, 1817. In the spring of 1834, he went into a printing office at Gardner, and from there to Bangor the following December, where he engaged on the Bangor Whig and Courier. He graduated at the Bangor high school and read law with Appelton & Hill, the former who became Chief Justice. He was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1838, and began practice at

Sebec, Maine. He was elected to the Maine legislature in the fall of 1840 and served in the session of 1841. He continued the practice of his



H. G. O. MORRISON.
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profession in Maine until 1855, when he came to St. Anthony, and two years later went to Dakota county and started the town of Pine Bend, remaining there for twelve years. He served in the legislature of Minnesota during the sessions of 1860-61. In 1862 was appointed by President Lincoln, assessor of the internal revenue for the congressional district, which then comprised the northern part of the state, and held the position until 1866. In 1872 he returned to this city and from that time until his death was active in the practice of law and was regarded as one of the brightest members of the bar of

Hennepin county and state and was attorney for and won many prominent suits.

ALBERT H. HALL, attorney at law, was born in 1858, in Licking



ALBERT H. HALL.

County, Ohio. In 1872 his father, who was a minister, removed to Austin, Minnesota, and later he came to Minneapolis. Mr. Hall received a high school and university education and in 1882 commenced the study of law. Being offered a position in the Treasury department at Washington, he completed his studies at the Columbian Law College. Returning to Minneapolis in 1885 he commenced practice and soon formed a partnership with Mr. N. F. Hawley. The firm of Hawley & Hall was only recently dissolved when Mr. Hall accepted the position of assistant attorney of the National Building and Loan Association. For two years,

from January 1st, 1889, Mr. Hall served as assistant city attorney of Minneapolis and attended successfully to a large number of cases in the

municipal, district and supreme courts. He has taken an active part in politics, both as a stump speaker, member of committees and delegate to various Republican conventions.

AUGUSTUS B. CHOATE was born in Wayne County, Ohio, and is one of the Choate family which has produced a number of prominent



AUGUSTUS B. CHOATE.

members of the legal profession in Massachusetts and New York. Although a young man, Mr. Choate can be counted one of the old residents of Minnesota, having come to this state with his parents thirty-three years ago, where he has ever since resided, except while attending college. In 1878 he graduated at the First State Normal School at Winona, Minn., and has taught three years in the public schools of this state.

In 1883 he graduated from the Union College of Law at Chicago, Ill., and during the same year was admitted to practice in the courts of the State of

Minnesota by the Hennepin County District Court. Since his admission to the bar, Mr. Choate has devoted himself exclusively to the practice of law at Minneapolis, Minn., where he has an office at 430 Temple Court.

AMBROSE N. MERRICK, senior member of the law firm of Merrick & Merrick, is of Puritan ancestry, and was born in Brimfield, Hamden county, Mass., February 9, 1827. His early years were spent upon the farm. At sixteen he entered Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass., from which institution he entered Williams College, taking a full course and graduating in 1850. In 1854 he commenced the study of the law, and in 1855 entered the law office of Hon. George Ashmun, Springfield, Mass., where he completed his studies, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1857, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession in Springfield, where he remained for some ten years. Subsequently he went to the Pacific coast, and after spending some time at Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, came, in the autumn of

1871, to Minneapolis. In 1872, after the union of the two cities of Minneapolis and St. Anthony, he was elected city attorney of Minneapolis, and continued to hold the office for three consecutive terms, conducting successfully a large amount of important litigation. Mr. Merrick's practice in the courts has been varied, and has covered almost every branch of the law.



AMBROSE N. MERRICK.

LOUIS A. MERRICK, junior member of the firm, is the eldest son of A. N. Merrick, and was born in Springfield, Mass., September 17, 1859. He was educated partly at Carleton College, Minn., and Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. He studied law at the St. Louis Law School, and in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar in this State in 1881. The firm of Merrick & Merrick is engaged in general practice of the law, and practice in all the State and Federal Courts.



FREEMAN P. LANE.

FREEMAN P. LANE was born in 1853 at Eastport, Maine. He came here at the age of seven and at once struck out for himself as a newsboy. He was also first official bill poster. In 1872 he commenced the study of law with Albee Smith, entered the law school of Albany, New York, in 1873, and in 1874 graduated and was admitted to practice. Returning here he built up a large practice in the firms of Giddings & Lane, and Lane & Dodge, afterwards continuing in practice alone. He was married in 1875 and now has four children. He was a member of the legislature of 1888-9, and though this has been his only public office he has, taken an active part in politics for some years. Mr. Lane is an

energetic and successful lawyer, representing many of our corporations, including the American Building and Loan Association.

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