

THE CONTEST OVER.

Gov. Hubbard Appoints Capt. L. W. Collins, of St. Cloud, Judge of the Seventh Judicial District.

Capt. L. W. Collins, of St. Cloud, was appointed by Gov. Hubbard yesterday, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. H. McKelvey in the Seventh judicial district judgeship. The appointment gives general satisfaction, of course reckoning out the disappointment of Messrs. Mason and Searles, his rivals, and their friends, which time, the great physician, will heal.

Judge Collins was born in Massachusetts, and is now about forty-four years of age. He came to Minnesota in 1854, and began the practice of his profession in Hastings, Dakota county, from which place he enlisted as a private in the Seventh Minnesota volunteer infantry in the late war, where by gallant and meritorious service he rose to the rank of captain. Shortly after being mustered out he located at St. Cloud, Stearns county, and renewed the practice of his profession, and notwithstanding the fact that he was and is a pronounced Republican, while the county is overwhelmingly Democratic, giving 1,800 and 2,000 Democratic majority on a square vote, he was elected county attorney in 1871, and held the office uninterruptedly until 1880, when he was elected to the lower house of the legislature, served through the regular and special sessions, and was re-elected to the same body for the session of 1883. During his first term he was honored by appointment upon several of the most important committees, and also made one of the managers on the part of the house in the impeachment of E. St. Julien Cox, in the conduct of which he took a leading position, and made, as was almost universally conceded, some of the best and strongest points brought out by the prosecution. At the last session of the legislature he had a place upon several of the most important committees, and so well did he acquit himself that he was conceded by a large representation of his party to be the proper successor of the Hon. Loren Fletcher for the next speakership of the house. Judge Collins has been a close student, and is recognized by those who knew him best as one of the brightest members of the legal profession in the state, and as being possessed of a judicial turn of mind particularly qualifying him for filling the position to which he has been appointed with credit to himself and the judiciary of the state.