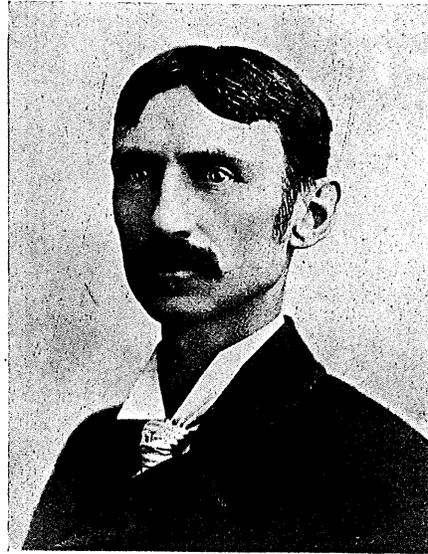


Cantiency murder case, and others scarcely less important. This work involved an enormous amount of study and research, which he most conscientiously performed. On his retirement from the bench he resumed the practice of his profession, and is now the senior member of the firm of Koon, Whelan & Bennett. The practice of the firm is mainly in the line of corporation law. They are attorneys for the Minneapolis Street Railway Company, the "Soo" Railway Company, the Pillsbury-Washburn Company, the G. W. Van Dusen Company, the Washburn-Crosby Company, the Northwestern National Bank, Gillette-Herzog Company, the Millers' and Manufacturers' Insurance Company, the London Guarantee and Accident Company, and others. Judge Koon is a member of the Minneapolis Club, the Commercial Club, the Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the Church of the Redeemer. He was married November, 1873, to Josephine Vandermark and has two daughters, Catherine Estelle and M. Louise.

FREEMAN P. LANE.

Freeman P. Lane is a lawyer of Minneapolis, the son of poor but eminently respectable people of that city, who were able to give him only those educational advantages afforded by the common schools of the city. His father, Charles W. Lane, is a mechanic, his trade being that of carriage maker and blacksmith. His mother and father are both living in this city. They are of Scotch and Irish descent, honest people who have lived quiet and uneventful but useful lives. Beyond this brief statement Mr. Lane claims to know little about his ancestors, although, as he uniquely puts it, he has been a candidate for office. Freeman P. Lane was born in Eastport, Maine, April 20, 1853. He came with his parents to Minneapolis in 1861. From 1862 to 1865 he was the official bill poster of the town, and served his apprenticeship in business as a bootblack and newsboy, where he learned self-reliance and was trained in the severe school in which lads in his circumstances often acquire those qualifications which make for success in after life. During the summers of 1868 to 1871, inclusive, he was employed in building telegraph lines through Minnesota, Iowa and Dakota Territory. His ambition, however,



was for professional life, and he began the study of law with Albee Smith in the old Academy of Music building, in 1872, and tried his first case before J. L. Himes, a justice of the peace. He attended the Albany Law School, at Albany, New York, in 1873 and 1874, and was admitted to practice in Albany in May of the latter year. He returned to Minneapolis and began the practice of his profession with George W. Hael, the style of the firm being Lane & Hael. Subsequently James H. Giddings became Mr. Lane's partner. He remained in partnership with Mr. Giddings for nine and a half years. He then formed a partnership with Fred B. Dodge, the style of the firm being Lane & Dodge. This partnership lasted for five years, after which the firm became Lane & Johnson, the new partner being Benjamin F. Johnson, with whom Mr. Lane was associated for two years. Since the dissolution of that firm Mr. Lane has been associated in business with Frank P. Nantz, under the name of Lane & Nantz. He has always taken an active interest in local and state politics, and was elected to the lower house of the legislature in 1888 as a Republican. Mr. Lane was married at Minneapolis, July 6, 1875, to Mollie Lauderdale, daughter of William H. Lauderdale. They have four children, Bessie, wife of Thomas F. Maguire, Ina, wife of John E. Christian, Mabel and Stuart.