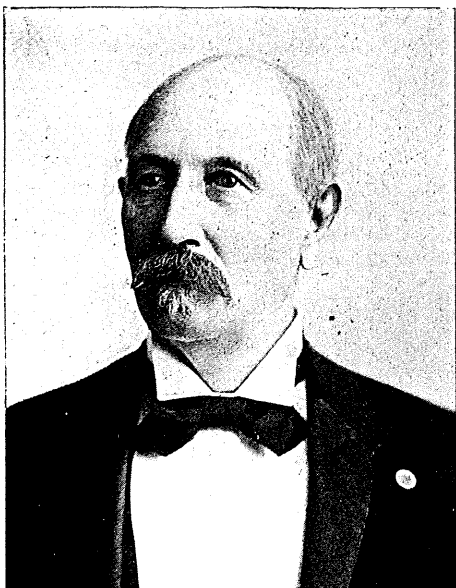


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SAMUEL EMERY ADAMS.

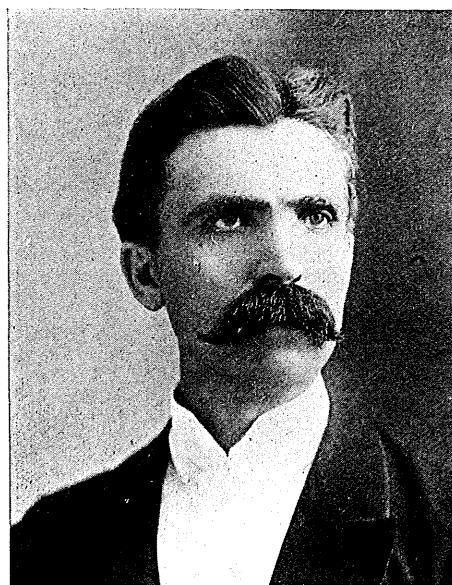
Samuel Emery Adams, a member of the city council of Minneapolis, was born in Reading, Windsor County, Vermont, December 1, 1828. He is a descendant of the old Lexington, Massachusetts, family of that name. His great-grandfather served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War as a member of the Connecticut troops under General Israel Putnam. Solomon Wright Adams, the father of Samuel, was a tiller of the soil in the state of Vermont, and though in rather limited circumstances was a prominent man in the locality in which he lived. He served the people of the community as a selectman, assessor, postmaster, and as their representative in the state legislature. His wife's maiden name was Mary Adaline Emery. When Samuel was but a year old the family moved to Bellows Falls, and thence to Rutland County, where he was raised on his father's farm. He attended the academies at Chester, Springfield and Thetford, and prepared for college in the West Randolph Academy. In 1851 he entered Dartmouth College, but on account of ill health was forced to leave the following year. In 1853 he received an appointment from President Pierce

as a route agent between Boston, Massachusetts, and Burlington, Vermont. He continued in that vocation till 1855, when he was compelled to resign on account of severe bronchial trouble, and came to Minnesota to find relief. He arrived at St. Anthony Falls in the fall of 1855, but returned to Vermont a few months later. He came back to Minnesota the following year, locating at Monticello, in Wright County, June 1, 1856, and engaged in the mercantile trade. In 1857 he was elected a member of the state senate, and re-elected in 1859. The latter year he was appointed special agent of the postoffice department for Iowa and Minnesota. In 1860 he was appointed receiver of the land office at St. Cloud, Minnesota, leaving it next year, when the Republicans came into power. He was in politics what was then known as a "war Democrat," willing to do all in his power to perpetuate the Union and preserve it intact. In 1862 he was appointed a paymaster in the army by President Lincoln, and was breveted lieutenant-colonel in 1865 "for meritorious services in the field." He did not leave the service, however, until January, 1866, when he was honorably discharged. Colonel Adams at once returned to Monticello and engaged in the mercantile trade and real estate operations. Although he had been admitted to the bar in 1862 he gave no attention to legal business, except in connection with real estate transactions. While at Monticello he was a member and president of the board of education of that town for many years, and always took an active interest in educational matters. He was master of the State Grange for eight years and of the National Grange for two years, contributing in every way possible to the elevation and prosperity of the agricultural and toiling masses. He was president of the State Agricultural Society in 1879, and is now and has been for many years a member of the State Historical Society. While at Monticello he also engaged in the newspaper publishing business, and was for a number of years editor and proprietor of the Wright County Times. In May, 1883, Colonel Adams removed to Minneapolis, where he has ever since resided, engaged in the real estate and insurance business. Having performed

valuable services in 1891 as a member of the commission appointed to award damages in the opening and extension of new streets in Minneapolis, the Republicans of the Fourth Ward forced the nomination upon him for alderman from that ward in 1892. He was elected for a term of four years, and was re-elected in 1896. Mr. Adams has been one of the most competent and faithful men that have ever served in that body. He served continuously on the ways and means committee, and was also on the committees on claims, waterworks, markets and underground wires. He has been strenuous in his opposition to the custom of awarding contracts to other than the lowest responsible bidders, and at the time the reservoir question came up in the council in 1895 was strongly opposed to this improvement, because it necessitated an increase in the bonded indebtedness of the city. When he was renominated to the council in 1896 he received the indorsement of the Good Citizenship League, and was re-elected by a large majority. In politics and religious matters Colonel Adams is inclined to be independent, preferring to estimate parties and creeds by acts rather than profession. He is a thirty-third degree Mason, and is a charter member of the Monticello Lodge. He is inspector general of the Scottish Rite, and past senior grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; also a member of George N. Morgan Post, G. A. R. July 21, 1859, he was joined in wedlock to Augusta J. Smith, of Pittsford, Vermont, and they have two sons—Henry Rice, engaged in the insurance business in Minneapolis, and John Cain, formerly Assistant Surgeon United States Army, and now located at West Superior, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM OTHNIEL FRYBERGER.

William Othniel Fryberger is a physician and surgeon, practicing his profession in Minneapolis. He was born June 21, 1860, at Red Wing. His father, William Fryberger, was among the pioneers of Minnesota having come to this state from Ohio in 1855. He settled in Goodhue County near Red Wing. He was of German ancestry the name being usually spelled Frei-



berger, and the family name coming from the town of Freiberg, in Baden, of which Andrew Freiburger, great grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was one of the freeholders and a representative of the few Protestant families of that old Catholic province. William Fryberger's wife was Margaret Burroughs, a lady of English ancestry, though of Colonial blood. In the early days her grandfather, Hezekiah Burroughs, lived in Virginia, and took up arms for the defense of his country in the Revolutionary War. His descendants became pioneers of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and associates of Daniel Boone in the early development of that country. Dr. W. O. Fryberger received his early education in the village schools, and his college training at Hamline University. He pursued his medical studies in the Hahnemann College, in Chicago, where he graduated in 1887. He was immediately put in charge of the Homeopathic Hospital in Minneapolis, where he served two years. Since that time he has been engaged in general practice in Minneapolis, and has been successful in building up a large and profitable business. He is a member of the Congregational church and of various secret orders. He was married in 1891 to Agnes Ruth Moore, of Minneapolis.