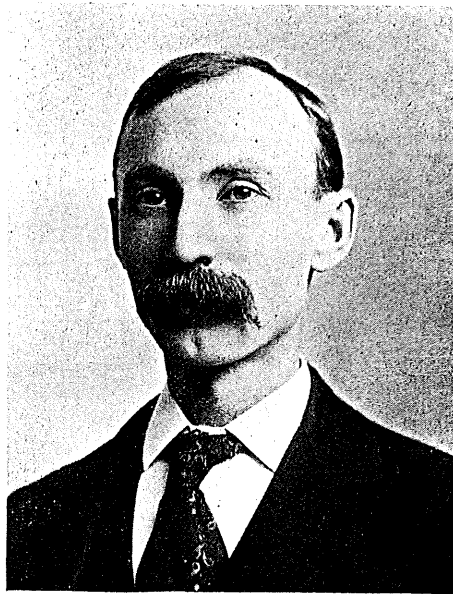


ber 27, 1895, to Miss Thea H. Helgeson at Blair, Wisconsin. He is a member of the Lutheran church. In political belief he is a Republican. He has never held an office except that of town clerk in Wisconsin from 1885 to 1887.

FERDINAND BARTA.

Ferdinand Barta is a St. Paul attorney and prominent Republican politician of Ramsey County. He was born September 8, 1857, in the town of Union, Vernon County, Wisconsin. His father was Joseph M. Barta, who came to the United States from Bohemia in 1849, and later settled on a farm in Wisconsin and from 1865 devoted his attention to the invention and perfection of a twine binder, in which he was successful. His mother's maiden name was Mary Holak. Mr. Barta received his education in the public schools in the vicinity of his home. Like most western boys of the time he was obliged to do much for himself at an early age. From his seventeenth year he studied and taught alternately and in this way managed to keep up with his class and secure a full course in the high school at La Crosse. From 1879 to 1882 he studied law in the office of Howe & Tourtellotte, and held a clerkship under Leonard Lottridge for a year prior to his admission to the bar in November, 1882. In May, 1883, he decided to seek a new location in the west. Stopping in St. Paul, he determined to locate there, opened an office and has maintained a successful practice ever since. Mr. Barta has been a Republican ever since he attained his majority. Soon after coming to St. Paul he began to take an active part in the political affairs of the city and county and was for six years a member of the city and county Republican committees. His first candidacy for office was for the legislature from the Fifth ward of the city of St. Paul in the fall of 1894, for which office he was elected, although the district had a normal Democratic majority of five hundred. While in the legislature he devoted his time to hard and effective work in the interests of his constituents, being a member of several of the more important committees. He was renominated for the office without opposition in 1896 and was re-elected.



Mr. Barta is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in January, 1888, to Miss Lena Brings, daughter of Joseph and Lucy Brings, who were early settlers of St. Paul. They have one son, whose name is Joseph.

THOMAS J. DOUGHERTY.

Several presidents have been born within the borders of the state of Ohio; and from Ohio have come many of the progressive citizens of the Northwestern states. Thomas J. Dougherty, postmaster at Northfield, Minnesota, was born at Marietta, Ohio, on September 15, 1856. When he was about three years old his parents removed from Ohio to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in St. Croix County. He received his early education in the public schools of the same county, and later spent two years in the St. Croix County Collegiate and Military Academy, a school which flourished for a short time at Hudson, Wisconsin. He then taught school in St. Croix and Polk counties for several terms. Mr. Dougherty came to Minnesota in 1876 and became a citizen of Northfield, Rice County, where he has lived ever since. He first entered the office of Perkins & Whipple as a law student and remained with them until 1879, when he was offered, by Warder,

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