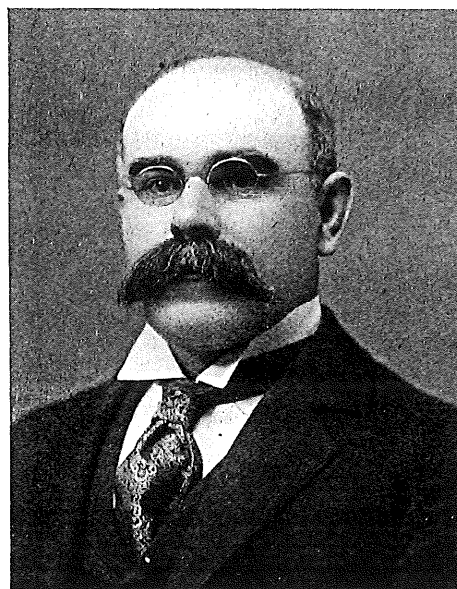


numerous associations to which she belongs. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn have five children, two boys and three girls, Claude, Genevieve, Abbott, Mildred and Hope. Mr. Washburn has two brothers, Rev. Francis M. Washburn, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Mankato, and Edward W. Washburn, merchant, at Lake Crystal. His only sister is Mrs. Jennie W. Webster, of Juniata, Nebraska.

#### CASSIUS M. BUCK.

Though comparatively but a young man as yet, Cassius M. Buck, cashier of the Security Bank at Faribault, is, through his strict fidelity to those principles which go to make up business success, one of the most successful bankers in the North Star state, having assisted in the organization of four different banks, and with all of which he is still connected. He was born June 19, 1859, at Greenwood, Wright County, Minnesota, the son of William P. Buck and Margaret Cramer (Buck). William P. Buck was born in Ohio, and was by occupation a teacher, ranking high in that profession. He came to Minnesota in 1854. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in Company D, First Battalion of Minnesota infantry, and served throughout the war. He was discharged at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and mustered out with his company at Fort Snelling, July 25, 1865; but, having contracted a fever in front of Richmond, Virginia, he succumbed to it at Fort Snelling before reaching home. His wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Western Pennsylvania, but moved with her parents, when quite young, to Ohio. Cassius received his early education in the common school at Watertown, Minnesota, and in the graded school at Howard Lake. When but twelve years of age he commenced clerking in the general store of his step-father, J. F. Pearson, continuing at this occupation for six years, with the exception of four months each year when he attended school. In the spring of 1880 he formed a partnership with Mr. Pearson and engaged in the business of shipping horses from Indiana and Iowa to Minnesota and selling



them. This line of trade he followed until the fall of 1882, when he purchased the hardware business of Smith Bros. & Co., at Howard Lake, and conducted the business for nine years, it having become the largest hardware house in Wright county. In the fall of 1885, in connection with Lemuel McGrew, Mr. Buck purchased the Bank of Howard Lake (a private bank), which they still own. Four years later Mr. Buck organized the Bank of Dassel, now a state bank, and has been its president since its organization. In the fall of 1893 he assisted in organizing the State Bank of Annandale, and has been president of it since its organization. In July, 1894, Mr. Buck went to Faribault and was the principal organizer of the Security Bank of that city. He was elected its cashier, which position he has held since the organization of the bank. Mr. Buck has been very successful in his bank investments, all the banks with which he is connected having been a success from the time of their organization. He is also the owner of a number of good farms in Wright County. He has always been a Republican in politics, and in 1888 and 1890 was congressional committeeman for Wright County. On May 9, 1894, he was married to Sarah E. Tolerton, daughter of James D. Tolerton, of Salem, Ohio.