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and has been a prominent figure in all the important Republican gatherings in the state for a dozen years or more. In the campaign of 1896, however, Mr. Day, with Hon. John Lind, Hon. John Day Smith, Congressman C. A. Towne, State Senators D. F. Morgan and S. B. Howard, and other men formerly prominent in the Republican party of the state, organized the free silver Republican party of Minnesota, and supported Bryan and Sewall and the free silver fusion candidates in the state campaign. Several of the gentlemen above named were nominated for office, Mr. Lind being chosen by the new movement as its candidate for governor, and being subsequently indorsed by the Democratic and Populist parties. Mr. Smith was a candidate for presidential elector, Mr. Towne for congress from the Sixth District, and Mr. Day was nominated by acclamation for congress from the Second District, and without effort on his part was indorsed by the Democratic and Populist parties. Although swept down to defeat with the other free silver candidates in Minnesota, Mr. Day's popularity at home was attested by the fact that he overcame a large Republican majority in Martin County, carrying it by one hundred and fifty-four, and ran nine hundred and fifteen ahead of his ticket in the Second District. As a public man Mr. Day has exerted a marked influence, has helped to shape most of the important legislation of the state during the past ten years, and has made himself known from one end of the state to the other. He is married and has four children—two boys and two girls.

CHARLES SUMNER CAIRNS.

Charles Sumner Cairns is a lawyer practicing his profession at Minneapolis. His ancestors on both sides of the family came to America from Great Britain before the Revolutionary war. His father's name was Robert Cairns and his mother's maiden name was Mary A. Haynès, one of whose paternal ancestors was Samuel Haynes, one of the nine founders of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He came from England in 1635 in the ship "Angel Gabriel." Charles Sumner Cairns was



born July 4, 1856, on a farm near Duncan Falls, Muskingum County, Ohio. His early education was obtained in the common schools of that county, after which he entered Muskingum College, at New Concord, Ohio, where he graduated in a classical course in 1876. He took a law course in the University of Michigan, graduating in 1882, and for some time thereafter he continued to read law in the office of Roby, Outten & Vail, at Decatur, Illinois. In 1883 he came to Minneapolis and opened a law office with D. S. Frackelton. After the dissolution of that partnership he continued business by himself until 1895, when he entered the firm of Fletcher, Cairns & Rockwood. Mr. Cairns is a Republican and takes an active interest in local and state politics. He was elected to the lower house of the state legislature and served in the session of 1893. He also has served the Republicans as a member of campaign committees and has taken a leading part in the management of public affairs in his own city. When the state census of 1895 was taken Mr. Cairns was made chairman of the citizens' committee, appointed to look after the interests of the city in that connection, and performed the duties imposed upon him with such success as to meet with the hearty approval and commendation

of his fellow citizens. Mr. Cairns is a man of high character and his appointment at the head of that committee was a guarantee that the work would be done fairly and honestly. At the same time it was prosecuted with vigor and intelligence, and it is due to his efforts that the census of 1895 was regarded as the most reliable ever taken in the city. He is a member and first vice president of the Union League, a member of the Board of Trade and also of the Commercial Club. His church membership is with Westminster Presbyterian church, of which society he is one of the deacons. His wife is a daughter of Isaac Shellabarger, of Decatur, Illinois, to whom he was married October 30, 1884. Her maiden name was Frances V. Shellabarger.

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON.

Dr. Christian Johnson, of Willmar, is a native of Denmark, where he was born in Veile Amt, Jutland, July 17, 1853. He is the son of J. F. Ramsing, a farmer in comfortable circumstances, and Zidzel Christiansatter (Ramsing). The ancestors of Dr. Johnson were largely identified with the military affairs of their country. His maternal grandfather was a cavalry officer in Napoleon's army in Russia. Christian was taught the rudimentary branches by his mother, who was a lady of many accomplishments. Later he attended the common school, but received his academic instruction under private tutelage. When but sixteen years of age he emigrated to America. He had no money, friends or acquaintances, but he worked at such odd jobs as he could secure in New York and Boston, in the meantime continuing his studies in the public schools and under private teachers as much as his means would allow. Having a desire to follow the medical profession, he commenced studying for that purpose in Boston. In 1874, however, he was compelled to return to Denmark to settle up the family estate. For the next three years he pursued the study of medicine in Copenhagen. In 1878 he returned to this country with the intention of completing his studies, but circumstances making it necessary that he should visit Minnesota, he decided to locate here, and in 1879 settled in Royalton, in Morrison County. In 1883 he passed the state medical examination and com-



menced the practice of his profession. He moved from Royalton to New London in 1886, residing in this place until the spring of 1895, at which time he moved to Willmar. Dr. Johnson has enjoyed a large and remunerative medical practice throughout Kandiyohi County. He has also served as United States pension surgeon at Willmar for several years. In addition with his professional practice he has been identified with a number of business enterprises. In 1895 he began the publication of the Willmar Tribune, but a few months later entered into partnership with Victor E. Lawson, under the firm name of Johnson & Lawson. This firm continued the publication of the Tribune, which was a decided success from the start. Dr. Johnson is one of the members of the New London Real Estate Company, which built the Great Northern hotel, and made extensive improvements in that town. He is also owner of considerable real estate in and around it. While a resident of New London Dr. Johnson was closely identified with every public enterprise. He was one of the incorporators, and until lately one of the directors of the State Bank of New London, and served as president of the village and of the school board, and in a number of other village offices. Up to 1893 Dr. Johnson affiliated with the Republican party, and took an active part in the local politics, serving the state central committee as a stump speaker. He disagreed with the party, however, on the issue involved in