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delegate at large to the Republican National Convention. Mr. Chandler was a fine type of pioneer, stanch of character, unswerving of principal, and at the same time a man of the people, well liked and highly respected. He was married, on February 14, 1849, to Fannie F. Caldwell, of Jamestown, New York. To this union were born three children. Two died in infancy, and Florence C. became the wife of Ira S. Kellogg. Mr. Chandler died February 24, 1893, and his death was mourned as a loss not only to his family and friends but also to the county he had served so well, and whose peace and law he had assisted in establishing.

Prof. H. B. Wilson was born in Hingham, Somerset county, Maine, March 30, 1821. He came from that splendid English stock which at the very outset of the colonization of America established those principles of liberty and freedom of action which are today the priceless heritage of America. He traced his lineage back to the Mayflower. His parents were natives of Maine. He received his education in the district school and afterward attended the Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, at that time one of the strongest academies of learning in New England. He continued his studies four years in this institution, paying his own way by teaching and during the vacations doing other work. Shortly after he was twenty years of age, in 1841, he graduated from this institution. Born with that Anglo-Saxon spirit of wanderlust, which has back of it the personal desire to make the most of one's self and therefore seeks the newer country where man can be a larger factor in the development that goes on about him, he went to the new West and at Cincinnati, began teaching. From here he went to Lawrenceburg, Ind., and took charge of Dearborn County Seminary, remaining two years, during which time he studied law and was admitted to the bar, although he never practiced his profession. In 1844 he removed to New Albany, Ind., and organized the first graded public school system in that city. He continued to teach and superintend schools until 1850, and in 1858 came to Red Wing and took up the duties of professor in mathematics and civil engineering at Hamline University, which was then at Red Wing. In July, 1858, the Asbury University of Indiana conferred upon him, unsolicited, the honorary degree of Master of Arts. In June, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and served until he was mustered out in the fall of 1865. He was captain of Company F, and took part with General Sibley in the campaign against the Sioux, following the terrible massacre at Wood Lake, Camp Release, witnessed the hanging of the thirty-nine Indians at Mankato and took part in the long march to the Missouri river in 1863. At the battle of Wood Lake he received a

severe wound in the shoulder, from which he never fully recovered. After the Indian campaign had closed, in the spring of 1864, he was sent with his regiment to Helena, Ark., and afterward transferred to the Sixth Minnesota, and attached to the Sixteenth Army Corps, and participated in the siege of Spanish and Blakely forts and the capture of Mobile. After the war he returned to Red Wing, where he made his home until his death. He was elected superintendent of schools for Goodhue county in 1866 and continued to serve until in 1870 when he became State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He was a member of the city council and served one term in the state legislature in 1877. He was an ardent Republican, allying himself with that party at its inception and voting for Fremont and every subsequent candidate of the party. He was a member of the Masonic order, and the G. A. R. Professor Wilson was married in 1844 to Mary Jane Chandler, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., who died February 2, 1888, in Red Wing. The children by this marriage are: Hon. Frank M. Wilson, and Alice, wife of Hiram Howe, of Red Wing; Oliver and Mattie, of Minneapolis. In 1892 he married Flora M. Sargent, of Denver, Colo., who is still living. Professor Wilson also had one brother, Ovid T., to whom he was much attached and who resides in Cincinnati. Professor Wilson died January 31, 1908.

Carl F. Hjermstad, Red Wing banker, was born in Norway, May 4, 1865, son of Lars H. and Beathe N. (Elstad) Hjermstad. He was educated in the private and high schools of his native place and at the age of fifteen years became clerk and afterward manager of a general store, remaining from 1880 to 1884, during which latter year he came to the United States and settled in Red Wing, being employed as bookkeeper for T. K. Simmons & Son from 1884 to 1888. In 1888 he entered the Bank of Pierce, Simmons & Co., and remained until 1897, when he became manager of what was then the Red Wing Gas and Electric Co. In 1899 he became cashier of the Goodhue County National Bank and on June 1, 1906, was promoted to his present position of vice president and manager. Among the offices which Mr. Hjermstad holds, aside from his position in the Goodhue County National Bank, are the following: Director, vice president and manager of the Goodhue County Savings Bank; director, president and treasurer of the Goodhue County Abstract Co.; director and treasurer of the Red Wing Linseed Co.; director and treasurer of the Red Wing Brick Co.; director, secretary and treasurer of the Red Wing Boat Manufacturing Co.; trustee, treasurer and chairman of the building committee of the Red Wing Lutheran Ladies' Seminary; trustee, secretary, treasurer and manager of the Red Wing Old People's Home; director, treasurer and member of the board of managers of the Minnesota Scandinavian Relief Asso-