

came an active participant in the work of that church. He is a liberal supporter of his own church and denomination, Pillsbury Academy, the temperance cause, all benevolent objects, and has done much to help the needy and unfortunate everywhere. Mr. Lawrence earned his first dollar threshing clover seed with an old-fashioned wooden flail, for a neighbor, when about fourteen years of age. It was in the month of January and very cold. The son of this farmer worked with him and they pounded clover seed from four o'clock in the morning until ten at night, for six days, for which he received the princely sum of two dollars. His family consists of five children, Irving Wesley, Mildred Elvira, Lewis Bradford, Earl Russell and Winthrop Hale. The sixth child born, a boy, died when thirteen months old.

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ALBERT L. WARD.

A. L. Ward is a banker and prominent citizen of Fairmont, Minnesota. Mr. Ward has lived in Fairmont since 1864. He was one of the first settlers in Martin County, and a pioneer of that section of the state in every sense of the word. When he located at Fairmont it was an army station, and the presence of troops was regarded as necessary for the protection of the settlers. During the thirty-two years of Mr. Ward's residence there he has seen all the southwestern part of the state brought under cultivation, the pioneer region carried hundreds of miles westward and the Indians, which were the terror of the early settlers, relegated to the mountains of Wyoming and Montana. Mr. Ward was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, on January 14, 1844. His father, Luke Ward, was a farmer and a distant descendant of John Ward of Revolutionary fame. His wife, Miss Charlotte Morgan, was a descendant of General Morgan. Young Ward grew up on the farm in Cattaraugus County, experiencing the life of a farmer's boy, with all its privations and at the same time its excellent training for life. He attended the common schools in the vicinity of his father's home during the winter months, his summers being thoroughly occupied in the farm work. This common school education was supplemented by a course at the Randolph Academy. While obtaining his education he taught school during the winters and eked out his income by such other employment during



vacations as he could find. As he approached manhood he determined to become a lawyer, and at different times studied law with the Hon. W. H. Henderson of Randolph, New York, and Hon. C. B. Green of Ellington, New York. When twenty years of age Mr. Ward determined to seek his fortunes in the west. He arrived in Minnesota in 1864, and went at once to the frontier, locating in Fairmont, which was then one of the outposts. As the country developed and the young town grew, Mr. Ward took a prominent part in its affairs. He engaged in politics and was made county attorney, a position which he held for eight years. He also served as county auditor, register of deeds, and was postmaster at Fairmont under Lincoln, Grant and Cleveland. He was honored with the appointment as one of the board of World's Fair managers from Minnesota in 1892. In 1874 Mr. Ward started the Martin County Bank, of which he is now president. He is also president and chief stockholder in the Ward Machine Company, with branches at Granada, Fairmont, Welcome and Sherburn, and the Martin County Democrat Company, publisher of Martin County Independent and Martin County Zeitung. Is also chief stockholder and president of Sherburn State Bank. In politics he now takes an independent position. Mr. Ward was married in 1869 and has four children, May, Fe Forest, Charlotte and Lydia.