



FRANK THURSTON WHITE.

Sherburne County, Minnesota, has for its attorney a young man who has carried on a very vigorous contest for existence and success. The energy which he has displayed, even if it were not coupled with more than ordinary ability, must insure results out of the ordinary. Frank Thurston White was born April 9, 1866, at East Burlington, Kane County, Illinois, the son of Edgar and Emma C. Thurston White. His parents were farmers of moderate means. Mr. White is descended on his father's side from good old New England stock, his great-grandfather, James White, having been an orderly sergeant in the Continental army, and one of the "Green Mountain Boys." On his mother's side the family were residents of Ohio and Pennsylvania, since the early settlement of that country. Mr. White was brought to Minnesota by his parents when six years of age, coming overland in an emigrant wagon and arriving in May, 1872. The family settled upon a farm near the Big Bend, in the town of Clear Lake. In those days game was abundant, and the first money earned by Frank was for furs caught by trapping. It was necessary for him to assist his father on the farm as soon as he was old enough to do so, and his education was gained under difficulties, in the

public schools at Clear Lake and Clearwater, Minnesota; at Creston, Illinois, where he acted as a janitor of the high school in order to pay tuition; in the high school at Monticello, and in the spare hours which he was able to snatch from his other work at home. On leaving the high school at Monticello, Mr. White began the study of law with J. W. Perkins, in Minneapolis. After a few months he returned to assist his father on the farm. Returning to Minneapolis in a short time he was employed in the office of Hector Baxter, E. S. Gaylord, and other attorneys, assisting part of the time in the care of the law library. During this period he worked at the noon hour in a restaurant and carried the morning newspapers. He taught the village school at Clear Lake during the winter of 1888 and 1889, and immediately thereafter went to California, where he was employed in the sugar factory of Claus Spreckles. He returned to Minneapolis in 1891, resuming the study of law and took lectures in the night class at the University. In the winter of 1892 and 1893 he taught school in the Cater district in the town of Haven, and during the spring of 1893 he taught school in his home district and managed his father's farm. The fall of that year he resumed his course at the law school, taking day and evening lectures, and completed his legal studies June 7, 1894. The following day he was admitted to the bar on motion of Dean William Pattee, and was ready to open an office. His financial condition, however, was such that he was not able to do so, and he returned to the farm for a short time. It was during this visit to his home that he was nominated by the Republicans of Sherburne County for county attorney. He was opposed by the party bosses and by a combination between the Democrats and Populists, but he made a vigorous canvass and was elected by the narrow margin of seven votes. Mr. White has conducted the office with ability and to the satisfaction of the public. He is, as already stated, a Republican. He is a member of the Knights of Maccabees, the Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He joined the state militia in the summer of 1887 and was a member of Company B, First regiment, about two and a half years. He has never married.