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FRANK A. DAY.



Frank A. Day, of Fairmont, Martin County, is one of the best known newspaper men and politicians in the state. His newspaper, the Martin County Sentinel, is a high class country weekly, and it is the boast of its editor that it has the largest circulation of any country weekly in Minnesota. Mr. Day was born in 1855 in Green County, Wisconsin. In 1874 he came to Fairmont and established the Sentinel which he has conducted ever since. In 1878 he was elected to the lower house of the legislature and had the distinction of being the youngest member of the body. In 1886 he was elected a member of the state senate and was re-elected in 1890 and 1894. It was during the first session of his last term, in 1895, that he was elected president of the senate, and filled the office of lieutenant governor for the two years' term made vacant by the promotion of Lieutenant Governor Clough to the office of governor. Until the campaign of 1896 Mr. Day's political affiliations had been with the Republican

Mitchell & Co., manufacturers of the Champion reapers and mowers, the responsible position of general collector for Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and North and South Dakota. He accepted the offer thus made him and held the position for eight years, resigning in 1877 to enter upon the practice of law. He went into partnership with O. F. Perkins. This firm continued until 1893, when Mr. Perkins died, and R. J. Drake succeeded to his part of the business. The new firm thus formed still exists as Drake & Dougherty. In politics Mr. Dougherty is a Democrat, and has been a prominent figure in the political affairs of Northfield and Rice County. At one time he was nominated by the Democratic party of his county as a candidate for judge of probate. He is a member of the Northfield city council, and the citizens of the Third ward have found his services so valuable that they have retained him constantly as their councilman since 1890. He has also served as a member of the school board during the last four years. In January, 1896, President Cleveland appointed him postmaster at Northfield. On October 5, 1882, at Hazelwood, Minnesota, he married Miss Katie Hennessy, of that place. Mrs. Dougherty died Nov. 26, 1896.



party. For two terms he was a member of the Republican state central committee. In 1892 he was one of Minnesota's delegates-at-large to the Republican national convention in Minneapolis,

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. Haynes, 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