

year, from Lansing, Iowa, (having resided there six months), to Caledonia, where he has since devoted his time to his trade, and since April, 1881, has carried on a shop of his own.

WILLIAM M. COLLERAN was born in Oxford, Rock county, Wisconsin, on the 11th of September, 1857. In 1865, his parents removed to Brownsville, where William attended the public schools, and afterward, the Commercial College of La Crosse, Wisconsin. For some years Mr. Colleran taught school and worked on a farm, until January, 1881, when he received the appointment of Deputy Treasurer, the duties of which office he discharges with much ability.

OTIS E. COMSTOCK was born in Chautauqua county, New York, on the 18th of February, 1848. In 1856, he came to Minnesota with his parents, who located in Yucatan, our subject remaining there till 1867. He then went to Missouri, and after a residence of about six years, returned to this State and located in Caledonia, which has since been his home. In September, 1879, Mrs. Armina M. Hall, a native of England, became his wife, the ceremony taking place in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Mr. Comstock was Deputy County Auditor eight months, and in 1876 was appointed Postmaster, which office he has since retained. In February, 1879, he purchased the "Journal" office, and in 1880, associated himself with F. B. Gregg, as assistant editor. James Ostrander succeeded Mr. Gregg in the business, having entered in July, 1881. Mr. Comstock was also Clerk of the Probate court for three years...

→ WELLS E. DUNBAR is one of the old settlers of Houston county. He was born in Suffield, Connecticut, on the 7th of July, 1837. After attending the common school he entered the Suffield Literary Institute, remaining until sixteen years of age. On the 9th of April, 1854, in company with some friends he arrived in Brownsville, Minnesota, and a year and a half later his parents followed him. He soon took up the occupation of surveyor, and subsequently became County Surveyor of Houston county, and was also engaged in real estate and insurance business. Under President Johnson's regime and Grant's first term he was Postmaster at Caledonia. About 1865, he was married to Miss Alice C. Dunbar, a second cousin, who also resided in Caledonia. In 1879, Mr. Dunbar, represented his district in the State Legislature, being elected on the democratic ticket.

GEORGE C. DROWLEY is a native of Oneida county, New York, where his birth occurred on the 29th of September, 1837. The family removed to Calumet county, Wisconsin, when George was quite young, he remaining with his parents until the age of fourteen, when he was bound to one of his neighbors. Two years later this family came to Belle Creek, Goodhue county, which was the home of our subject until twenty-one years old, when he left the family and returned to Wisconsin, remaining two years. In the fall of 1859, he came to Caledonia, and two years after returned to Belle Creek and rented the farm on which he had previously lived, but remained only one season. He then came again to this place, and with the exception of seven months service in the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, was engaged in farming until 1875, since which time he has given his attention to the livery business. For a number of years Mr. Drowley run a stage to Brownsville, daily, and to Newburg, Fillmore county, tri-weekly, on both of which he carried the U. S. mail, but since the completion of the Narrow Gauge railroad he has discontinued his stage route and confined himself to the livery business. He has been twice married, first to Miss Jane Brown, who bore him three children, only one of whom is living, William G. His present wife was Mrs. Schofield, whose maiden name was Jessie Kerr. Of four children, the result of this union, but two are living, George and Vernie M.

EDWARD P. DORIVAL, a native of New York City, was born on the 14th of November, 1840. He attended the graded schools in his native city, and afterwards moved to Evansville, Indiana; spent three years in the college at that place, after which he went to New Orleans and entered the office of a Notary Public. In 1860, Mr. Dorival came to Caledonia, and for two years was clerk in the County Treasurer's office, then elected County Auditor, holding the office two years, since which time he has been in the mercantile business. For the past nine years he has been Chairman of the board of County Commissioners. The maiden name of his wife was Lucy A. Damson. They have six children.

JAMES W. EDIN, a native of Sweden, was born in Stockholm in 1857. In 1871, he came to America and located in Lansing, Iowa, at which place and Dubuque he was engaged at the tailor trade. In the fall of 1878, he came to Caledonia, and has

1864, Mr. Webster married Miss Sallie A. Wheaton. They resided on the old homestead till after his father's death, which occurred on the 26th of October, 1873. Our subject still owns the farm, but has made his home in the village since 1873. His mother's maiden name was Johanna Lock; she has had three children, Benjamin being the only one now living. He has seven children. Mr. Webster has conducted a billiard hall for the past few years.

HUDSON WHEATON is a native of Carroll, Chautauqua county, New York, born on the 16th of February, 1840. He came to Caledonia in 1859, and learned the carpenter trade, which has since been his occupation, and since 1866, he has been doing business on his own account. Miss Fanny E. Bean became his wife on the 14th of July, 1867. She has borne him two children, Herbert E. and Jesse T.

SPAFFORD WILLIAMS, one of the early settlers of Houston county and now the popular proprietor of the Barnes House, is a native of Madison county, New York, where his birth occurred the 18th of August, 1829. When seven years of age he moved with his parents to Jefferson county, remaining there till coming to Minnesota in 1854, and locating in Money Creek, where he took a claim of one hundred and sixty acres. He afterward added to his farm until the whole aggregated four-hundred and fifty acres. He was married to Miss Martha J. Downing, a native of Weare, New Hampshire, on the 30th of January, 1850. In July, 1874, he purchased his present hotel and has since made it a popular resort for the traveling public. Mr. Williams sold a part of his lands at Money Creek before coming here, and has since disposed of the remainder. Of three children born to this union but one is living, Fred R., now in Janesville, Minnesota. One died in infancy, and another at the age of five years.

GEORGE B. WINSHIP was born in Saco, Maine, in 1847. When he was three years old his parents came to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and in January, 1857, to La Crescent. George attended school until the age of thirteen years, since which time a printing office has been his only school. In 1860, the "La Crescent Plaindealer" newspaper was established, in which office he worked as an apprentice. In 1863, when but sixteen years of age, he enlisted in the Second Minnesota Cavalry and served two years and three months, until the close of the war. In 1868 and '69, he published, in

Winnipeg, Manitoba, a paper called the "Northwester." The following year he was engaged in a store at Fort Pembina. In the spring of 1871, he built the first house on the Turtle River, a tributary of the Red River, about fourteen miles from Grand Forks, where he resided two years. He afterward was engaged in the printing business in St. Paul for three years, and in 1877, came to Caledonia and started the "Courier," one of the best papers ever printed in the county, and published the same until May, 1879. He then returned to Grand Forks and established the "Herald," which is now one of the leading papers of the Northwest. His friends here will be pleased to learn of his extraordinary success. "The Herald" is published daily and weekly, and aside from this, Mr. Winship owns about six-hundred and forty acres of land lying along the railroad fifteen miles from the city.

THOMAS W. BURNS is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Reading in the year 1859. During his early childhood his parents moved to Lancaster, where he entered the navy when seventeen years old, serving three years. In 1851, he went to California, remained two years and came back as far as Benton, La Fayette county, Wisconsin, and soon after came to this place, buying land of Ralph Young, the first settler here. He left his property in charge of James Price and returned to Benton, where he married Miss Macha M. Damron, daughter of James T. Damron, the ceremony taking place the 27th of January, 1856. They moved here the following spring, Mr. Burns adding to his former residence a commodious building for hotel purposes, which, for many years, was crowded with guests, passing to and from Brownsville, where the land office was located. He subsequently bought more land, and in 1868, sold his first farm and soon after purchased property in the village, where he has since lived. He has been engaged in the real estate business since leaving the farm. His children are Juliana Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Vance, a merchant at Minnesota Lake; Evangeline Page, Frances Viola, Lucy E., attending school at Rockford, Illinois, and Macha A., who died in infancy. Mrs. Burns' parents were Virginians, who came to Wisconsin about the time it was organized as a Territory. Her father died the 25th of September, 1862, and her mother resides with one of her children.

WELLS E. DUNBAR came to Caledonia the 10th

of April, 1854, and bought land in sections three and ten. Two years later he deeded it to his father and was engaged in the real estate business, giving some attention to surveying. When only seventeen years old he was Deputy Surveyor, and was twice elected County Surveyor. On the 20th of April, 1864, he married Miss Alice C. Dunbar, of this place. They have been blessed with two children. Mr. Dunbar was Postmaster from 1864 to '70, Town Clerk two years, and Representative in the Legislature in 1878 and '79. He has been engaged in the insurance business for the past eight years.

OLIVER DUNBAR, another pioneer, is a native of Westerly, Rhode Island, where he was born the 27th of December, 1807. He was united in marriage on the 23d of October, 1831, with Miss Mary Ann Mather, the nuptials being celebrated at Suffield, Connecticut. Mr. Dunbar came here in the spring of 1854, and was joined by his wife in the fall. His first investment in real estate after coming was a farm about two miles northwest of the present village, which he owned several years. Soon after coming he purchased the then partially completed hotel since known as the Barnes House, which he finished, and also built a barn, the first frame barn in the county. In the spring of 1865, they moved to the village, and during the summer built and moved to their present house. Their children were Rollin, Wells E., Thomas J., Mary A., now Mrs. B. G. Hicks, Katie, now Mrs. N. Newbury, Horace, Francis H., Mary A., who died in Connecticut at the age of five years, and Bertha A., who also died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar celebrated their golden wedding in October, 1881.

MICHAEL MCGINNIS is a native of county Sligo, Ireland. He was married to Miss Bridget Brown about seven years before coming to America. They located in Wilmington in November, 1855, coming to his present home in Caledonia in 1869. Before coming to Minnesota, Mr. McGinnis had charge of large farms in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Of four children born to them, two are living, a son in the hotel business in Lanesboro', and a daughter, now Mrs. Thomas Redden.

WYMAN TRASK was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, the 31st of May, 1817. He received an academic education, and afterward read law in Herkimer county, New York, with Judge Gray,

five years after which he was admitted to the bar. At the age of twenty-five years he was married to Miss Frances Sheldon, who has borne him eight children, six of whom are living. In 1848, he moved to Noble county, Indiana, and in 1855, to this State, locating in Brownsville. Two years later he came to Caledonia and built his present home. Until 1866, he was actively engaged in his profession; but in the winter of the latter year, on returning from court, he was caught in a storm and obliged to remain out over night. He took a severe cold, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered, although his mind is as active as ever. He has for many years been Court Commissioner.

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP.

JAMES F. BINGHAM, one of the early settlers of this place, was born in Westport, Essex county, New York, on the 3d of February, 1839. His parents removed to Chautauqua county when the subject of this sketch was quite young. After attaining manhood, he engaged in farming and lumbering. He came to Caledonia in 1856, but did not purchase land until 1866, when he located his present farm in section twenty-six. On the 13th of June of the latter year, Miss Mary Wheaton became his wife. They have one child, Clarence, who was born on the 2d of October, 1869.

WILLIAM H. BUNCE, a native of England, was born on the 11th of January, 1820. When he was a child his parents came to America, and located in New York City, where William learned the trade of a cigar-maker. At the age of twenty years he removed to Suffield, Hartford county, Connecticut, where for fifteen years he was engaged at his trade. He was married in the latter place to Miss Adelia Mather, the ceremony taking place on the 28th of May, 1843. Mr. Bunce first came to Caledonia in April, 1855, and was employed as agent for eastern parties interested in real estate in this locality. He was County Treasurer at an early day, selling the first land in the county for unpaid taxes, in the year 1859. In 1865, he sold his interest here and returned to Connecticut, remaining in New Haven till 1872, when he returned to Caledonia and purchased land in section twenty-four, which has since been his home. He has a fine farm of one hundred and ten acres.

ELKANA HUYCK is a native of Westerlo, Albany county, New York, where his birth occurred on the