

formed a partnership with Victor Welch and Marcus P. Hayne, under the name of Penney, Welch & Hayne. This partnership was dissolved in April, 1895, since which time Mr. Penney has practiced alone. He has enjoyed a large practice, and one that has proven quite remunerative. In national politics he is a sound money Democrat, but independent in local matters. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Royal Arch Masons, B. P. O. E., and the A. O. U. W., also of the Commercial Club of Minneapolis. He was married in 1875 to Mary E. Leete, daughter of Thaddeus Leete, of Madison, Connecticut, and has one child, Florence J. Mrs. Penney is a direct descendant of William Leete, one of the first governors of Connecticut.



CHRISTOPHER A. FOSNES.

C. A. Fosnes is an attorney of Monevideo, Minnesota. He is a native of Fosnes, Norway, where he was born on July 2, 1862. When only five years old he came to this country with his parents. Amund Fosnes, his father, was a farmer, and, like many of the emigrants from the Scandinavian peninsula, was very poor. His wife was Miss Britha Sherdahl. Upon arriving in this country Mr. Fosnes settled in Winona County, Minnesota. He afterwards removed to Faribault County, and it was in the district schools of these two Minnesota counties that young Christopher obtained his early education. As is common with farmers' boys, he went to school in the winter only and worked on the farm in the summer. Even when going to school he worked for his board. As he approached manhood he determined to become a lawyer, and he left the farm and went to Winona, where he attended the State Normal school and afterwards studied law. In the fall of 1884 he was admitted to the bar at Montevideo, Minnesota, and has since practiced law in that place. For the first year of his legal practice Mr. Fosnes was associated with Owen J. Wood, the firm being Wood & Fosnes. After the dissolution of this partnership the firm of Smith & Fosnes was formed, the senior member of the firm being Lyndon A.

Smith. Mr. Fosnes continued his partnership with Mr. Smith until May, 1890, and since that time he has practiced alone. He has a large and well established business which consists almost exclusively of court work. During his twelve years of legal life Mr. Fosnes has accumulated one of the best law libraries in the state, west of Minneapolis. He has had numerous important cases, one of which was the defense of George M. Clark, undertaken in 1896. Clark was charged, at Milbank, South Dakota, with securing from New York bankers the sum of forty thousand dollars on forged paper. He left the country last January, but has since been arrested in Mexico and brought back for trial. Mr. Fosnes is independent in politics. He was a candidate for congress in 1888 on the Prohibition ticket and a delegate to the National Prohibition Convention in the same year. In his home town he has been mayor, member of the school board and for several years city attorney, and in 1896 was elected to the state legislature on the fusion ticket. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Masonic bodies. On July 3, 1883, Mr. Fosnes and Miss Sarah Arneson were married. They have four children, Walter, Alfred, Ernest and Carl.

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