

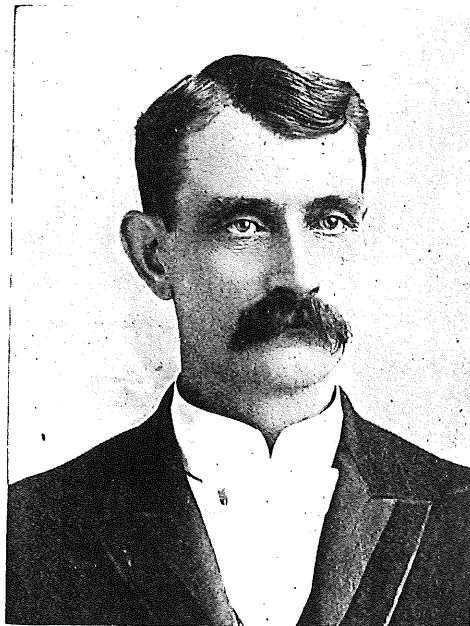


five to four. He has never been very active in politics, but is an independent Republican in his belief. He has not held any political office. He was married September 14, 1884, to Libbie L. Ryan, of Wapella, Illinois. They have four children.

JOHN E. HOLMBERG.

John E. Holmberg, a prominent representative of the Swedish nationality in Minnesota, was born in Smaland, Sweden, on December 17, 1850. He received a common school education in his native town, and in 1873 emigrated to America, locating in Minneapolis, which is still his home. He had learned the trade of mason in Sweden, and followed it in this country for ten years after his arrival here. He then became a contractor and builder, which is his business at this time. From poverty and obscurity he has been able to build his fortunes up until at the present time he is one of the best known people of his nationality in Minneapolis, and one of the wealthiest, also.

ber 10, 1882. He came west, however, the following April, settling in Devils Lake, Dakota Territory, going into partnership with D. E. Morgan, at present district judge at Devils Lake. Mr. McGee assisted Mr. Morgan, who was prosecuting attorney at that time, trying all the important criminal cases from the organization of the county until leaving for Minneapolis. The most important case Mr. McGee tried while at Devils Lake was the sensational Oswald murder case, in April and May of 1886. He removed to Minneapolis in April, 1887, and entered into partnership with A. H. Noyes, which partnership was continued until August 19, 1889. Since that time Mr. McGee has not entered into any other partnerships. His specialty is that of corporation law. He was the representative of the old Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railroad, and is also of its successor, the Chicago Great Western. He is also attorney for a number of elevator companies. One of the most important cases in which he has been interested, and one which became of national interest, was that of Norman Brass vs. North Dakota, a suit brought to overthrow the grain laws of that state. When this case was finally appealed to the supreme court of the United States, the law was upheld by a vote of



In politics, Mr. Holmberg has always been a consistent Republican, working earnestly for the success of that party in every campaign. In 1892, as a reward in part for his faithful services, he

was sent to the legislature from the old Thirty-second representative district of Minneapolis, comprising the Fifth and Sixth wards. He served during the session of 1893 with credit to himself, fully answering the expectations of his constituents, and was, in the fall of 1894, elected to the office of sheriff of Hennepin County, which he held for one term. Mr. Holmberg is a Lutheran in religion. He belonged to the Swedish Augustana church for about twenty years, but is at present a member of St. John's English Lutheran church in Minneapolis. He is president of the Flour City Realty Company. He earned his first dollar in America by carrying building stone up to the fourth floor of the old Washburn A flour mill, the one which was destroyed by an explosion a number of years ago, killing a number of employes. In the fatherland Mr. Holmberg had only the advantages which came to the children of the poorer people. His father, who died thirty-three years ago, was a farmer, and was not able to give his son any start in the world, except that of a good name. All that Mr. Holmberg is he owes to his own efforts, a fact in which he very properly takes considerable pride. His mother is living and makes her home in Minneapolis. Mr. Holmberg is married and is the father of six children.

JULIUS C. GILBERTSON.

Dr. J. C. Gilbertson is a successful physician of Luverne, Minnesota. He is a native of Norway, but has lived in this country ever since he was six years of age and by education and assimilation is thoroughly American. His ancestors were of the Norwegian peasantry. Engebret Gilbertson, his father, was a farmer and was very poor when he came to America in 1867 with his wife and his young family. He settled in Goodhue County, Minnesota, but after two years moved across the river to Pierce County, Wisconsin, where he still lives in comfortable circumstances, having become independent and at the same time raised a large family. Young Julius went to the district school in the neighborhood in the winters and worked hard on the farm during the rest of the year. In 1880, when nineteen years old, he had advanced so far as to be



able to secure a certificate to teach in the county schools. However he did not avail himself of this opportunity but entered Red Wing Seminary the next year and graduated in 1884. At this time his father offered to mortgage his farm in order to secure the means for Julius to further pursue his studies but the son would not hear of it, and went to teaching school, at the same time studying as much as might be in his spare time. In the spring of 1885 he opened a small general store at Esdaile, Wisconsin, but after two years he tired of mercantilism and sold his business to Mr. A. A. Ulvin. He attended special lectures at the University of Wisconsin the following winter and in 1888 entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota. Three more years of hard work ensued and in 1891 he graduated, receiving the class honors. After graduation from the University and having passed successfully the examination of the state medical board, Dr. Gilbertson settled in Luverne and at once engaged in the practice of his profession. He has been very successful and has built up a large and lucrative practice—probably as large as any in that part of the state. He has no specialty and his practice is general, but he has been especially successful in the treatment of nervous disorders. Dr. Gilbertson was married on Novem-