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influence of Senator Stewart, a warm personal friend of Mr. Phelps, and one who gave him much encouragement at the beginning of his career.

He came to Red Wing in the fall of 1854, and, in connection with Hon. C. C. Graham, began arrangements for opening an office here for the sale of the public lands in the Red Wing land district. The lands were then but partially surveyed, and the territory of Minneosta, with the exception of a few villages along the Mississippi, unsettled, and its natural resources undeveloped.

Arrangements were completed and the United States land office opened for business on the first of February, 1855. Mr. Phelps proved himself a faithful and efficient officer. His duties in the land office made him acquainted with the needs of early pioneers, and he was always ready to help those who came without much capital to make a home for themselves in this new country. Such was his popularity that he was elected representative to congress as soon as Minnesota was admitted to the Union, and while a member of that body did good service for his constituency. He was twice elected mayor of the city of Red Wing. And when in our country's greatest need a call was made upon her sons to maintain, at the peril of life, the supremacy of the Union, he was of the number of those who were ready to venture all in the cause of their country.

In all that pertained to the prosperity of Red Wing, from the day of his coming here until the day of his death, his efforts in the extension of business relations, in opening up channels of communication, public improvements and kindred matters, the attitude and action of Mr. Phelps, as a citizen, has been that of a liberal and far-seeing man. Nor was his influence restricted to his own town or county. He was well known throughout the state as a man who could be relied upon and assist in advancing the best interests of the commonwealth. He died August 3, 1873, and his earthly remains were deposited in Oakwood cemetery. A beautiful monument has been placed over his grave.

**Lucius F. Hubbard** was born in Troy, N. Y., January 26, 1836. He went to Chicago in 1853 and in 1857 came to Red Wing. His first venture in Red Wing was the establishment of the Red Wing Republican, which is still in existence. On the outbreak of the Civil War he sold his newspaper to enlist as a private in the Fifth Minnesota Infantry. He was commissioned captain February 5, 1862; lieutenant colonel March 20, 1862, and colonel in August of the same year. He was wounded at the battle of Corinth. After the fall of Vicksburg Colonel Hubbard commanded a brigade at the battle of Nashville, where he was again wounded. He was breveted brigadier general for conspicuous gallantry. In 1872 he was elected to the state senate and re-elected two

years later. He was elected governor in 1881 and re-elected in 1883. In recent years Governor Hubbard has made his home in St. Paul.

**C. J. Ford Smith**, deceased, formerly of Red Wing, was born in Hudson, N. H., March 28, 1826, son of Jefferson and Sarah Smith, natives of New Hampshire. He received his education in the common schools of Hudson, and later attended a seminary in New Hampshire for a short time. In 1852 he came west and located in St. Paul, where he was employed in a general merchandise store until 1854, when he came to Red Wing and engaged in the mercantile business, which he conducted until 1882, when he sold out and retired from active business life. Mr. Smith was captain of the militia at the time of the Indian massacre and was ordered on guard duty for a short time. He was assistant assessor and revenue collector for the government a number of years. In politics he was originally a Republican, but in later life voted the Prohibition ticket. He was married November 8, 1857, to Elizabeth J. Adams, daughter of Ezra and Electa P. (Ismond) Adams, natives of New York state, who in 1830 located in Illinois, where the father followed his trade of wagon and carriage making until his death in 1845. The mother passed away in 1883. Mrs. Smith received her education in the public schools and attended the Presbyterian seminary for girls at Jacksonville, Ill. In 1856 she came to Red Wing, began teaching and continued for two years, being one of the pioneer teachers. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was the first held in the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. W. Hancock officiating. They had five children: Harvey P., born August 8, 1858, now at Duluth; Albert L., of Helena, Mont., born October 5, 1860; Harriet F., born March 11, 1865, now of Pittsburg, Pa.; Lyman A., born January 28, 1868, and died January 18, 1877; Helen S., of Boston, born February 5, 1873. Mr. Smith was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church, and was one of the elders until his death. He was also a constant attendant and teacher in the Sunday school.

**John Lind** was born at Kenna, Sweden, March 25, 1854. The family came to America in 1867, settling in Goodhue county, Minn. Here John lost his left hand by accident while laboring to support the family. By his untiring energy and perseverance he was able to attend school, and in 1870 obtained a teacher's certificate. In 1873 he moved to Sibley county, and moved to New Ulm the year following. He had for some time cherished the idea of entering the legal profession and with this object in view he devoted himself to the study of the law in private, partly by himself and partly in an attorney's office in New Ulm. In 1875