



FRANK GRIGGS McMILLAN.

Frank Griggs McMillan is a resident of the City of Minneapolis, and one of those whose energy, enterprise, and public spirit have given to the "Flour City" her enviable reputation. He was born in Danville, Caledonia County, Vermont, October 4, 1856. His father, Colonel Andrew McMillan, was a graduate of West Point, but resigned his commission to engage in commercial business. The family is descended from Colonel Andrew McMillan, of Ulster, Ireland, who emigrated to America in the year 1755. One of his sons, General John McMillan, was the grandfather of F. G. McMillan. At an early age, Mr. McMillan started in life for himself as a printer, serving an apprenticeship in the old North Star office in Danville, Vermont, and later as a journeyman in Boston. In 1878, because of impaired health, he came West, settling in Minneapolis, where he worked successfully as a printer, carpenter and millwright. In a very short time Mr. McMillan had worked into the business of contracting, and to-day stands at the head of the long list of Minneapolis builders and contractors whose reputation is unblemished and whose capacity in their business is unquestioned. Many of the finest buildings and residences of the city bear evidence to his taste in designing and skill in executing. Mr. Mc-

Millan in 1890 was nominated as the Democratic candidate for State Senator from his own, a strongly Republican, district in Minneapolis, and was elected by a handsome majority. He soon proved himself to be one of the most efficient men of that body, being active, conscientious, and yet conservative, his worth being immediately recognized by his appointment to the chairmanship of the Committee on Elections, the Committee on University and University Lands, and also served as a member of the Committee on Geological and Natural History Survey, Grain and Public Warehouse, Manufactories, Military Affairs and State's Prison. He was author of a resolution calling for a committee to investigate and report to the Senate as to site, plans, cost, etc., of a new Capitol Building. Being made chairman of that committee, he drew the bill providing for the erection of the new Capitol Building, which bill became a law. Under its provisions a magnificent site has been secured, plans have already been adopted, and foundation walls laid ready for the superstructure. Mr. McMillan was identified with a great deal of important legislation during his four years' term. Among other important measures introduced or supported by him were the Australian ballot law, a bill known as the corrupt practices act to limit expenditures in elections, a primary election law, a bill to establish school savings banks, a bill providing for the separation of municipal from general elections, an amendment to the constitution prohibiting special legislation, a bill providing that no franchises to occupy public streets should be granted to private corporations by any city without adequate compensation. Mr. McMillan has always belonged to the Democratic party, and has taken great interest in the work of the Hennepin County Democratic League, of which he is Vice President, and of the State Democratic Association, in which he has been an efficient officer. Last winter Mr. McMillan was elected a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of Minneapolis, an important and responsible position in that city of parks and boulevards. He is a director and member of the executive committee of the Board of Trade, and President of the Vermont Association of Minnesota. Mr. McMillan married in 1881, Miss Lillian Connor, a native of Minneapolis, and now has a

family of four children. The family is attached to the First Congregational church of Minneapolis, of which he is a member and trustee. Mr. McMillan is a gentleman who is held in high regard by his fellow townsmen and has won for himself an honorable and enviable standing as citizen of his city and state.

JOHN CLAGGETT WISE.

John Claggett Wise, of Mankato, is one of the pioneer newspaper men of the Northwest. He was born September 4, 1834, at Hagerstown, Maryland, the son of Richard and Sarah Cline (Wise.) Richard Wise was a contractor and builder, in comfortable financial circumstances, and traces his ancestry to the first settlers, known as the Lord Baltimore colony. Mrs. Wise's parents were of German birth. John Claggett received his early education in private schools and academies, until about thirteen years of age. There were no free schools in Maryland at that period. About that time he was apprenticed in a printing office, and was so occupied for four years. He published his first paper in Maryland in 1852; was then employed in the Congressional Globe office at Washington for two years, and early in the spring of 1855 he came West and located at Superior, Wisconsin, where, with Washington Ashton, also a native of Maryland, Mr. Wise established the first newspaper printed at the head of Lake Superior. In 1858 he sold his interest to his partner, and the following spring moved to Mankato, Minnesota, where he established the Weekly Record, which he edited and published until the fall of 1868, when he sold it. During this period occurred the Indian war and the famous Sioux massacre, and Mankato became military headquarters. May 25, 1869, in partnership with E. C. Payne, Mr. Wise established the Weekly Review, buying out his partner a year later. Mr. Wise has been engaged in the business of publishing the Review to the present time, having had since September 12, 1892, a daily edition, which has been successfully maintained. In politics Mr. Wise is a Democrat, and has been honored by his party on various occasions. In 1872 he was a delegate from Minnesota to the convention which nominated Horace Greeley, and in 1884 to the Chicago convention which nominated Mr. Cleveland, serving as a member of the platform



committee in the latter convention. He was a member of the commission appointed by Governor Marshall, in 1867, to collect and distribute aid to the frontier settlers whose crops were destroyed by hail, and in 1875 was appointed by Governor Davis on the commission to investigate and report on means to prevent the devastation of crops by grasshoppers. He has been a member of the Mankato board of education for six years, and was for two years president of the board. He has been a member of the Mankato board of trade for twenty-two years, and served one year as president. He was a member of the first board of village trustees of Mankato, in 1865, and was appointed postmaster in 1885 by Mr. Cleveland. He served but one year, but was re-appointed in May, 1894, and now holds that office. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and for thirty years has been a Knight Templar. He was married September, 1857, to Amanda Flory, of Clear Spring, Maryland, and of seven children born to them five are living, Charles E., John C., Jr., Catharine, wife of Edgar Weaver, Helen E. and Flory E. Mr. Wise's sons are associated with him in the publishing business under the firm name of John C. Wise & Sons. Mr. Wise may be described as a self-made man, his success having been the result of his own efforts, and he has been honorably associated in the history of Minnesota for thirty-seven years.