

is a Mason and a member of the Minneapolis and Commercial Clubs. He was married in 1876 to Mrs. Alida Ferris, of Wyoming, New York.

DARIUS F. MORGAN.

In February, 1854, Darius F. Morgan was born in Jackson County, Iowa. His paternal ancestors were New England farmers, who, emigrating from Wales about the middle of the last century, played a conspicuous part in the revolutionary struggle for liberty. By his mother, Ruth Duprey, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, he is descended from a French Huguenot family, which in early Colonial times fled from religious persecution at home to the hospitable shores of the new world. His father, Harley Morgan, was a native of Vergennes, Vermont, but in 1842 brought his family West to the Mississippi valley, settling first in Jackson County, and fourteen years later in Winneshiek County, Iowa, in which latter county young Morgan spent his boyhood and youth, and laid the foundation of a substantial education in the common schools. In 1876, until which time he had lived with his father, working on the farm in summer and going to school in the winter, he began to study law, and in the fall of 1877 he was admitted to the bar at Austin, Minnesota, which city had now been his home for almost a year, and where he had supported himself as a student, as a reporter in Judge Page's court. A year after admission to the bar he went to Albert Lea, where he formed a professional partnership with John A. Lovely, which lasted for ten years. In November, 1888, Mr. Morgan was elected to represent Freeborn County in the lower house of the legislature, and in the session of 1889 he was chairman of the committee on appropriations. In 1890 he removed to Minneapolis, where he formed a partnership in the law with W. H. Eustis, which lasted until Mr. Eustis' election as mayor of Minneapolis in November, 1892. May 1, 1893, the firm of Hale, Morgan & Montgomery was organized, and it became in a short time one of the strongest at the Hennepin bar. In 1894 Mr. Morgan was sent to the state senate from the Thirty-second District, comprising the Minneap-



olis Fifth and Sixth wards, for a term of four years. In the sessions of 1895 and 1897 he served with distinction as a member of the judiciary committee of the senate. In 1895, he was, in addition, the chairman of the finance committee. In 1897 he was chairman of the committee on corporations and a member of the committee on taxes and tax laws. These are among the most important committees of the senate. Mr. Morgan early became attached to the Republican party. His eloquence made him a power on the stump, and his good judgment and conservatism made him useful in party counsel. For almost eighteen years he was a member of county and state central committees. For two sessions of the legislature he has been one of the leading members of the senate, and few men in the state are more widely or more favorably known. In 1876 Mr. Morgan was married to Ella M. Hayward, of Waukon, Iowa, and a son and two daughters were born of the union. In March, 1893, Mrs. Morgan died, and after almost three years had passed by, Mr. Morgan married again. The present Mrs. Morgan was Mrs. Lizette F. Davis, of Auburn, New York. Senator Morgan belongs to but one secret society, the Elks. He attends Gethsemane Episcopal church with his family.