

member of the Loyal Legion, and also of the A. O. U. W. While at Dubuque, Iowa, he married Clara Freese, and has six children, Albert, Clara, Hermann, Dora, Elsie and Herma.

SAMUEL VANCE MORRIS, JR.

S. V. Morris, Jr., an insurance man of Minneapolis, was born on October 4, 1870, in Hamilton County, Ohio. He is descended on his mother's side from Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the progenitor of a distinguished line of public men of that name. His great grandfather was President William Henry Harrison, and his grandfather was John Scott Harrison, who served two terms in Congress from the Second congressional district of Ohio. Ex-President Benjamin Harrison is his mother's brother. Mr. Morris is also descended on his mother's side from John Cleve Sims, who at one time owned all that part of Ohio between the Ohio and the Miami rivers, including the site of Cincinnati. Mr. Morris' father, Samuel V. Morris, Senior, is chief clerk in the United States engineers' office at St. Paul, under Col. W. A. Jones. Previous to coming to Minnesota the family lived in Indianapolis. As a boy Mr. Morris attended the public schools of Indianapolis. His business instincts developed early, and while quite young he formed a partnership with a school mate, and contracted to keep seventy-two lawns cut, in the vicinity of his father's home. During this season the boys were kept busy, but by working early and late, before breakfast and after school, the boys fulfilled their contract, and Samuel found that he had earned about ten dollars per week as his share of the profits. During his first year in the Indianapolis high school he took a position with the firm of B. D. Walcott & Co., fire insurance agents at Indianapolis. He worked in the morning as clerk in the office and went to school in the afternoon. After some months he left school and devoted his whole time to business. It was not long after this that the business was sold and the firm subsequently became Walker & Prather, the head of the firm



being Col. I. N. Walker, past commander of the G. A. R. Mr. Morris remained as policy clerk and collector with the new firm until his father removed to Minneapolis. Upon coming to Minneapolis he secured a position similar to that which he had filled at his old home, with the fire insurance firm of Pliny Bartlett & Co. He remained with this firm about three years, and then seeing a good opening in the accident insurance business he accepted a position as local agent for the Provident Fund Accident Society, of New York. When that company reinstated its business, Mr. Morris accepted a position as special agent for the Preferred Accident Insurance Company, of New York, under C. W. Blier. During the year Mr. Blier removed to Kansas City and Mr. Morris received the appointment as general agent for Minneapolis, and ever since then his territory has been increasing until he now has the entire state of Minnesota with the exception of the two cities of St. Paul and Duluth. Mr. Morris is an ardent Republican, and secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club of Minneapolis. Though taking an active part in politics, he has not yet aspired to public office. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church, of Minneapolis.