

in the machinery business. He recently purchased the Cogswell Lumber and Implement Company, and he is interested in the local telephone company, so that it will be seen that in the field of business alone, he has very large interests which might occupy the time of one man quite exclusively. These are with him, however, but a smaller issue compared with his farming and stock business, in which he has gained an enviable reputation.

He is the owner of the oldest established herd and one of the very largest herds of Aberdeen Angus cattle in the state, and he makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs. He has made pure bred cattle a life-long study, and is therefore qualified to speak when he makes the claim that of all the breeds that are available for North Dakota prairies none stand so well the conditions, climatic and otherwise, as the Aberdeen Angus. It is no small matter for a man to so thoroughly grasp the demands of the situation as he has, doing from day to day a high order of missionary work in introducing to the notice of the public the vast difference between the net profits of raising scrub cattle and pure bred animals. He has demonstrated what his favorites can do as well as any man can, and it is readily seen that he can prove what he says. His main points are: Uniform color, early maturing, easy feeding, no horns, adaptability, weight in beeves, good milkers and their abilities as rustlers; and last though not least, the fact that cold weather affects them as little as any cattle on earth. He utilizes 350 acres of land for hay and pasture. It is conceded to be of untold value to farmers of this state to have all this experimenting done for them and to introduce them to such knowledge as will yield many fortunes in profits, in the time close approaching when diversified farming in North Dakota will reach the heights to which it has attained in Illinois, Iowa and other states.

Mr. Candor is active in municipal circles, having been school treasurer two years; and he is at present secretary of the Cogswell Commercial Club. He affiliates with the Modern Woodmen, and is an attendant at the Presbyterian church. He is an ardent Republican, and is imbued with the public spirit to a great degree, supporting with enthusiasm any move toward the civic betterment of Cogswell. He is ably seconded by his wife, who was Miss Viola Kendall, of Reynolds, Ill., and whom he married in 1892 at that place. There are three children, Harley D.,

Sylvan K., and Madeline V. Mr. and Mrs. Candor preside over an elegant and spacious home with every modern convenience, its handsome appointments invite sincere admiration. It is lighted with a private electric light plant, and with Mrs. Candor as its gracious mistress, is a most inviting abode, where hospitality bespeaks a welcome. Mr. Candor is affable and courteous, and his obliging, unassuming manner leaves little to be desired.

HON. JOSEPH ROACH.

While not a native of the Northwest, Joseph Roach of Minot, is essentially a northwestern man, for while he lived 41 of his 64 years in the Gopher state, he had been intimately acquainted with the people of North Dakota in a business way since 1884, having government contracts for cattle for the Indian reservations in North Dakota and Montana, before settling here. He has been a resident thirteen years and it can be safely stated that North Dakota has not a more patriotic citizen than he, and few have in that many years been more signally honored by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Roach was born in Washington county, N. Y., June 11, 1845. His father, Phineas Roach, was Irish born, and his mother, Johannah Woodward, was a native of this country. His father was a farmer of the Empire state, but when Joseph was ten years old he removed his family to Northfield, Minn., where the future banker and mayor of Minot lived for 41 years. Young Roach went to the local schools of Northfield, concluding his schooling at the Hamline University. During his early life he worked on the farm when not at school and from 1865 to 1875 was a farmer on his own account near Northfield, and then the next twelve years were largely devoted to the cattle business, which trade brought him many times to North Dakota in the interest of his livestock business.

In 1882 the popularity of Mr. Roach had become so general in Dakota county, Minn., that he was elected a county commissioner, but after serving two years resigned and moved to Northfield, Rice county, Minn., renting his farm, which he still owns, in order to devote all his spare time to his rapidly increasing business interests. However, he was again called into public service in 1890 when he was sent to the House of Representatives of the Minnesota legislature



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and again elected to the next session from Rice county. He made an excellent record as a legislator and was counted as one of the men who early grasped the details of legislative work and was untiring in pursuing the best interests of his constituents and the state at large.

In 1896 Mr. Roach went to Minot to live and was appointed receiver of the First National Bank of Minot by Comptroller Eckels. This was one of the Mears' group of banks. He held that position a year and resigned. To his indefatigable work, more than to any other one man, is the great success and high standing of that institution attributed. In the meantime he had become the vice president of the Citizens Bank of Northfield, which office and interest he still retains. In 1897 he organized the Great Northern State Bank, of Minot with \$15,000 capital and became its president. It was nationalized as the Second National Bank of Minot, in 1902, with \$25,000 capital, under his presidency, the capital was doubled in 1903 and increased to \$100,000 in January, 1910. Mr. Roach is owner of the controlling interest as well as president.

Mr. Roach brought to Minot all the energy and capacity for hard and untiring work which had characterized his previous life and it was therefore not long before his townspeople made demands upon his time by electing him mayor. This was in 1902, and at the end of his first term they re-elected him, and it was during these four years that the real foundation of Minot's greatness as a municipality was laid and the growth started which has very properly given her the title of the "Magic City."

He has taken an active part in the political affairs of his section and in the state and was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee in 1903-5, and a member of that committee since that time, and also a member of the Republican State Central Committee. As this is the banner Republican county of the state in the size of its vote, membership on the committee is of no little importance.

In 1863 Mr. Roach responded to the call of his country and enlisted in the Second Minnesota Cavalry, in which he served to the end of the war, so he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is also a member of the Masonic order and of the Episcopal church.

Besides his banking property Mr. Roach is interested in a great many other investments, not the least of which is 2,000 acres of land under cultivation. In business matters he is conservative and careful, but his ideas are broad and he

quickly discerns the merit—or lack of it—in propositions submitted to him. Hard brushing against the world has made him more or less brusque, but beneath his breast beats a heart strong and true and therefore he has no lack of friends, as the various positions of trust and honor he has held attests. He is far-seeing and thorough in all that he does, which, with a progressive temperament, has made him a safe and worthy leader.

May 3, 1867, at Northfield, Mr. Roach was married to Miss Eleanor S. Clague, and they have three children, Philip, age 38; Elizabeth, 35, and Frank W., age 33. He has five grand children.

No man in the northwestern part of the state, where he is known the best, can boast of a greater list of friends and admirers, and among the "men who do things" ex-Mayor Roach will long be remembered in that section.

CHARLES EMANUEL BACKLUND.

Charles Emanuel Backlund, of Lisbon, editor and owner of the Ransom County Gazette, is a North Dakotan whose influence has been as far-reaching in the matter of city and county supremacy, as his faith in their future is unlimited. By his sturdy persistence and wide-awake methods he has brought his newspaper to a position of prominence in the field of journalism, and the Gazette meets with hearty approval and support from the business men and farmers of the community. Mr. Backlund is of Swedish extraction, his parents living at the present time in Lisbon. He was born at Cokato, Minn., November 26, 1872, to Nels and Louisa Backlund, and when he was 9 years of age the family removed to Lisbon, where he received his education in the public and high schools. At all times he was more or less connected with printing offices and for three and a half years he applied himself to the trade of printer in the office of the Lisbon Star. After six months with the Independent Publishing Company he went to the Fargo Republican, remaining there six months; then to the Wells county News (Fessenden), with which paper he was connected for a period of four years. He then became manager of the Lisbon Free Press for Mr. Harris, while the latter was otherwise engaged at the state capitol. Upon Mr. Harris resuming charge of the Press he was employed for a short period on the Bemidji (Minn.) Pioneer, leaving this

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