



JOHN DAY SMITH.

John Day Smith is one of the leading members of the legal profession in Minneapolis and has been a resident of this city since 1885. This has been long enough, however, for him to obtain a position of prominence and influence and to impress himself upon the community in a way in which only the possession of high character and extraordinary ability could accomplish. Mr. Smith is the son of a Kennebec County farmer in Maine. He was born February 25, 1845. His ancestry was English, having come to America some fifty years before the Revolutionary War. His great-grandfather, James Lord, was a lieutenant in the command of a company at the battle of Bunker Hill. Mr. Smith was a graduate of Brown University in the class of 1872. He was given the degree of A. M. by Brown University in 1875, of LL. B., by Columbia University in 1878, and of LL. M., by the same institution in 1881. In recognition of his scholarship and other attainments, Mr. Smith was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society at Brown University in the year of his graduation. He taught school for three years after leaving Brown University,

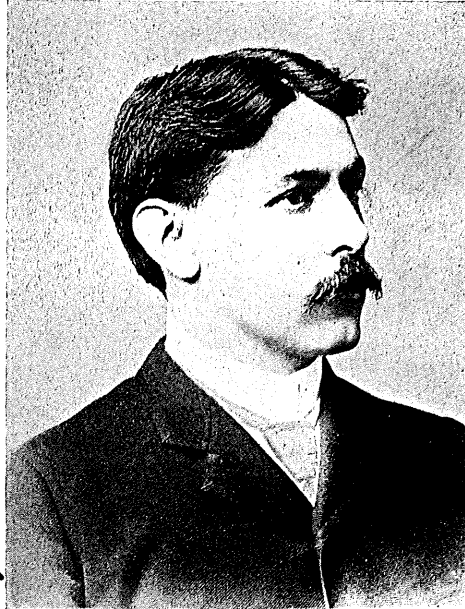
then studied law at the Columbia University and was admitted to the bar in the city of Washington in 1881. He has been engaged as a lecturer in the law department of Howard University and the University of Minnesota, and at present is lecturer on American constitutional law in the latter institution. Mr. Smith is senior member of the firm of Smith & Parsons. He has a splendid war record, having enlisted as a private in Company F, Nineteenth Maine Volunteers, June 26, 1862, when only a little over seventeen years of age. He was with his regiment in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Bristoe Station, Mine Run, The Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Bethesda Church, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg and Jerusalem Road. He was slightly wounded at Gettysburg at the time of Pickett's charge, and at Jerusalem Road was shot in the face, the ball passing through the mouth, knocking out several teeth on the right side, shattering the jaw and passing out at the ear. He lay upon the field of battle over night, and when carried to the hospital the next day, the surgeons had no hope of saving his life. Good habits and a good constitution, however, were in his favor, and he recovered. He was discharged as a corporal April 25, 1865, his retirement at that time being on account of wounds received in battle. Mr. Smith has always been a Republican, except that he supported William J. Bryan for President in 1896, and served in the lower house of the Minnesota legislature in 1889, and represented the Thirty-fourth district in the upper house in the sessions of 1891 and 1893. At the session of 1891, Mr. Smith was the only Republican member of the delegation from Hennepin County, and more than usual responsibility devolved upon him on account of the desperate efforts made to secure legislation seriously impairing the efficiency of the patrol limits and affecting other interests of vital importance to the city, but upon this occasion he manifested his ability to meet the emergency, for so ably and skillfully did he manage affairs in the senate that no changes were made with regard to the patrol limits, but, on the other hand, much needed legislation was promoted by him. During the last session of his membership he was chair-

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man of the judiciary committee of the senate. Mr. Smith has also been highly honored by the members of the G. A. R., being elected commander of the Department of Minnesota in 1893. He was the first master of Ark Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is a member of Ark Chapter, Darius Commandery, of the Knights Templar, and of Zarah Temple. He is one of the most useful and active members of the Calvary Baptist church. He was married in 1872 to Mary Hardy Chadbourne, of Lexington, Massachusetts, who died in 1874. In 1879 he married Laura Bean, of Delaware, Ohio. He has four children.

CHARLES WOOD EBERLEIN.

It takes pluck and perseverance, combined with strength of character and steady habits, to become a successful business man. Such qualities C. W. Eberlein must have possessed to have secured, without the aid of personal influence, the position of secretary of the St. Paul Trust Company when hardly twenty-five years of age, and which he has held since that time, a period of over seven years. Adam L. Eberlein, the father of Charles, was a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and descended from a line of substantial German and Scotch-Irish families, old settlers in that region. His wife, Eliza Turner Wood (Eberlein), was born at "Kennerslie," the old family seat in Northumberland County, Virginia, a descendant of the early settlers of the northern portion of that state, and, by her descent through the Ball, Kenner and Turner families, connected with many of the old families of Virginia. She was a great grand-daughter of Colonel Rodham Kenner, a very active patriot in events prior to and during the War of Revolution. Her father, Frederick Wood, was a native of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and a member of the New England family of that name descended from Puritan stock. Charles was born October 3, 1863, at McConnelsville, Morgan County, Ohio. His early education was received in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the high school in his sixteenth year. He then commenced his business life by assisting the postmaster at McConnelsville,



holding this position of assistant postmaster for a couple of years, though for a time working as a clerk in the postoffice at Columbus, Ohio. In 1881 and 1882 he served as deputy clerk for the court of common pleas of Morgan County. Desiring to obtain a better education he entered Denison University, Granville, Ohio, the fall of the latter year, spending two years in college. Mr. Eberlein then engaged in newspaper work and edited the McConnelsville Herald during 1885 and 1886. In June of the latter year he removed to St. Paul and took a clerical position in the business office of the St. Paul Dispatch. Early the following year he became business manager and secretary of that corporation. In the spring of 1888, however, he resigned this position and entered the office of the St. Paul Trust Company, his occupation being that of bookkeeper. He had been with this concern but a few months when he was elected to the office of secretary of the corporation, which office he still retains. At college he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. In politics he is an Independent Republican. Mr. Eberlein is a member of Woodland Park Baptist Church of St. Paul. He is not married.