

successful. Its duties have been of the most engrossing nature, and, with his customary self-forgetfulness, Mr. Calderwood has frequently devoted double the usual business hours to the interests of the corporation. At the same time he has taken an active interest in the affairs of the city. He was one of the organizers of the Minneapolis Commercial Club, and for three years past has been its president. To his energy, influence and wise direction must be attributed the larger part of its success. Mr. Calderwood, with his wife and daughter, reside at the West Hotel in Minneapolis.

SAMUEL SWENINGSSEN.

The people of Mower County have shown their esteem for Samuel Sweningsen by retaining him in office longer probably than has ever been done before in the case of any county officer in the state. Mr. Sweningsen is of Norwegian descent, his father, Mogens Sweningsen, and his mother, Mary Halversen (Sweningsen), both natives of Norway, came to this country in 1846. Mogens settled in the town of Howard, Illinois, now Durand, where he has continued to reside ever since. His occupation in Norway had been that of a carpenter and builder, but he engaged in farming when he came to this country, and that has been his occupation until compelled by old age to retire from active work. He then settled in the neighboring village of Durand, Illinois. His son, Samuel, was born June 29, 1849, at Laona, Winnebago County Illinois. He received an education in the common schools, Durand Seminary and Decorah, Iowa, Lutheran College. In 1871 he located in Minnesota. He was first employed on a farm near Zumbrota for two years, when he moved to Mower County. In 1875 he formed a partnership with Oscar N. Olberg, now of Albert Lea, and engaged in the general mercantile business. This firm operated at one time three stores, located at Rose Creek, Adams and Taopi, on the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in Mower County. In 1880 this partnership was dissolved, and the following year Mr. Sweningsen located at Austin. He formed a partnership here with C. I. Johnson, in 1882, and engaged in the boot and shoe business. This partnership was dissolved in 1887,



and disposing of his interest to Mr. Johnson, who still continued the business, Mr. Sweningsen engaged in the jewelry trade. Subsequently he took a partner by the name of Frederick E. Gleason. They are still conducting the business, under the firm name of Sweningsen & Gleason. Mr. Sweningsen is a Republican. He was appointed postmaster of Adams, Minnesota, by President Hayes in 1876. In 1881 he was elected clerk of the district court in Mower County, and re-elected in 1886 and 1890. He occupied the position continuously for thirteen years, and this is believed to be the only instance on record in Mower County where a county officer held a position continuously for that number of years. In 1890 he was nominated by the Republican party for representative, but he declined on account of being a candidate for clerk of court at the same time. In 1894, while still a clerk of the district court Mr. Sweningsen was nominated by the Republicans for state senator, was elected and served in the twenty-ninth session of the Minnesota legislature. His present term expires January 1, 1899. With the expiration of that term Mr. Sweningsen will have completed as county officer and representative seventeen years in the service of Mower County. He was married November 16, 1876, to Miss Margaret Carr. She was born in Dundee, Illinois, January 15, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Sweningsen have three children, Stella May, Oliver and William.