

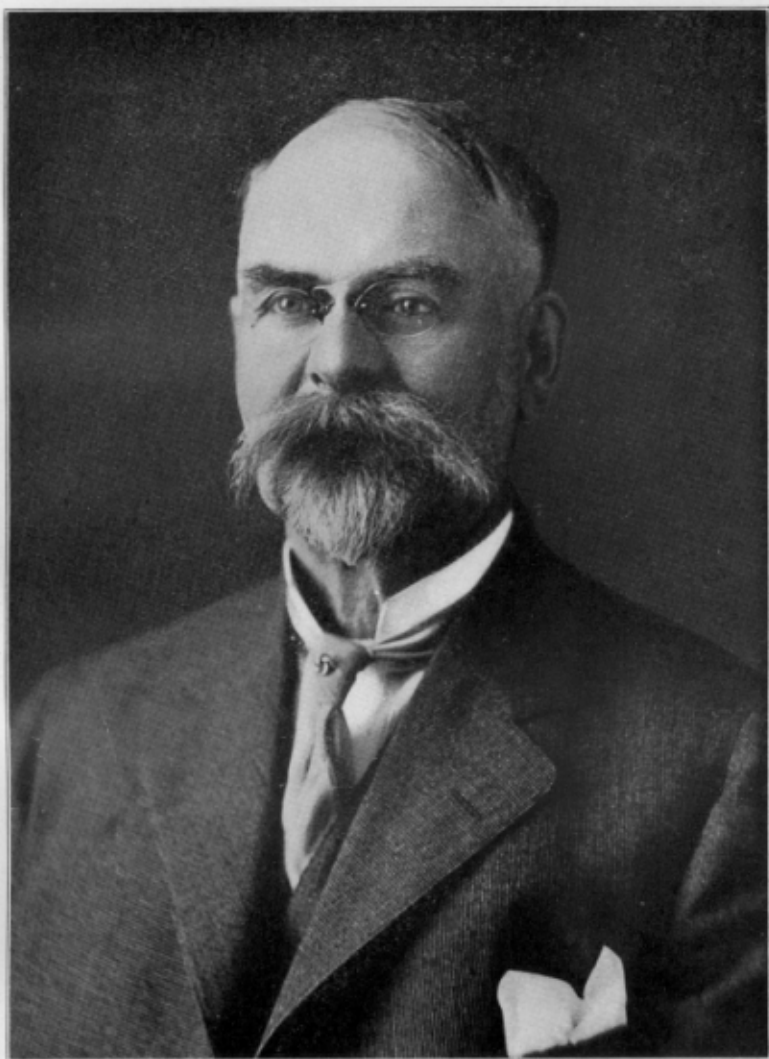
been born to this union, namely: Gusta, Emma, Oscar and Anna, who are all married; Ella, who lives in Fargo; Sarah, who is deceased, and Olga, Victor, Ida and George, who are at home.

Politically, Mr. Cederberg is independent. He served at one time as road supervisor of his district, and he has been a director on the local school board for the past nine years. He is a member of the Mission church. He is a public-spirited man, always interested in the affairs of his township and ready to do his part in furthering any worthy movement, and he is popular with the people of his locality, being helpful, neighborly and companionable.

WILLIAM RIPLEY TILLOTSON.

William Ripley Tillotson, one of the oldest and best-known lawyers in this part of Minnesota, former mayor of the city of Moorhead and for years a member of the school board in that city, secretary and treasurer and one of the organizers of the National Loan and Improvement Company at Moorhead and in other ways actively identified with the interests of the city of which he has been a resident since its village days, is a native of the old Granite state, but has been a resident of Minnesota for more than thirty-five years and is thus thoroughly identified with the citizenship of the great Northwest. He was born at Bath, in Grafton county, New Hampshire, April 22, 1856, son of Bradley P. Tillotson, a farmer, and in his youth was familiar with the labors of the farm.

Mr. Tillotson obtained an ample educational equipment for the exacting profession to which he early devoted himself. Upon completing the course in the common schools of his home town he entered Dartmouth College and was graduated from the academic department of that excellent old institution in 1877, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following his admission to practice law, Mr. Tillotson remained for a while in the East, but presently he became attracted to the great possibilities then opening to the earnest settler in the Northwest and in 1882 came out to this part of Minnesota and became a member of the firm of Burnham, Mills & Tillotson, entering upon the practice of his profession at Moorhead, then little more than a lively frontier station, but giving promise of becoming one of the chief cities in the then rapidly developing Northwest, and has ever since made his home in that city. On January 1, 1886, the firm became Burnham & Tillotson and so continued until 1898, when Mr. Burnham died. As one



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of the pioneer lawyers of this part of Minnesota, Mr. Tillotson has a wide acquaintance throughout this part of the country and has done much to aid in the development of the region to which he became attracted more than thirty-five years ago. Twice he was elected mayor of Moorhead and while serving in that important capacity did much to advance the interests of his home town. For many years he has been a member of the local school board and no one has done more to promote the development of the school system in Moorhead than he. He also for several terms served as a member of the library board of the city and in other ways has done his part as a good citizen in advancing the general cultural activities of the city. Mr. Tillotson was one of the organizers of the National Loan and Improvement Company of Moorhead, which was established in 1911, and has been secretary and treasurer of the same ever since its organization.

On April 19, 1888, William R. Tillotson was united in marriage to Harriet C. Tanner, of Moorhead, and to this union two children have been born, Bradley P. and Francis M. Mr. Tillotson is a member of the Catholic church and his family are affiliated with the Episcopal church. He is a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and in the affairs of that organization takes a warm interest.

OSCAR GUNDERSON.

The Gunderson family has long been well and favorably known in Clay county, being progressive and law-abiding citizens. Oscar Gunderson, a farmer of Highland Grove township, was born on the farm on which he still resides, July 8, 1877. He is a son of Olaf and Marie (Olson) Gunderson, the father a native of Sweden and the mother of Norway. The paternal grandparents were natives of Sweden, where they spent their lives on a farm. Andrew and Karen Olson, the maternal grandparents, were both natives of Norway, from which country they came to America about 1872, locating at Decorah, Iowa, where they spent about six years; then came to Highland Grove township, Clay county, Minnesota, Andrew Olson and Olaf Gunderson making the overland trip here at the same time, driving through in prairie schooners, but their families came by railway train. Mr. Gunderson took up a homestead in the northwest quarter of section 28, Highland Grove township—the place where his son, Oscar, now resides.