

tions. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Johnson gives considerable attention to the raising of potatoes and is doing well. He has an excellent farm plant and carries on his operations in accordance with approved and up-to-date methods. Though not particularly active in politics, he has held local offices and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs.

In 1907, Sylvester J. Johnson was united in marriage to Margarette Malchose, daughter of Hubert Malchose and wife, of Clay county, and to this union two children have been born, sons both, Niles and Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a very pleasant home and take a proper interest in the social affairs of the community. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Modern Brotherhood, and in the affairs of that organization takes a warm interest.

MONS T. WEUM.

Mons T. Weum, president of the State Bank of Moorhead, president of the First State Bank of South Haven and a director in several other banking concerns in this part of the state, formerly engaged in the retail clothing business at Moorhead and still the possessor of mercantile interests, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was twelve years of age. He was born on March 20, 1857, a son of Tosten N. and Ingeborg Weum, also natives of Norway, who spent all their lives in their native land.

When he was twelve years of age, Mons T. Weum came to the United States with a brother and a sister, the three proceeding on out to Minnesota and locating in Goodhue county, where he began working on farms, later becoming a clerk in a store at Owatonna and was engaged in the latter occupation for several years, at the end of which time he started a store of his own at Norcross, in Grant county. Two years later, upon the establishment of the village of Georgetown, in Clay county, he moved to that new town and started there the first real store started in the place. His business there prospered and he still is a partner in that pioneer store, though a resident of Moorhead for the past fifteen years. It was about 1902 that Mr. Weum located at Moorhead, where he started a clothing store. He also for a time was connected with the jobbing trade at Minneapolis. In 1903, about a year after becoming a resident of Moorhead, Mr. Weum was made the president of the State Bank of Moorhead, a position he ever since has held and to the duties of which he gives his active attention. Mr. Weum has other

banking interests throughout this part of the state, including his position of president of the First State Bank of South Haven; a director of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Perley, and a director of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Steele, all three of which banks he helped to organize. Mr. Weum has long been recognized as one of the active and public-spirited business men of Moorhead and as an influential member of the Commercial Club of that city. He also gives his earnest attention to local civic affairs and is now serving as a member of the school board of his home city.

Mr. Weum is a member of the Trinity Lutheran church and takes a proper interest in church work. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest, and is a member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

HAMILTON MEECH MUMFORD.

Hamilton Meech Mumford, cashier of the Farmers' State Bank of Glyndon and a substantial landowner in the vicinity of that thriving village, is a native of Connecticut, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was five years of age and of Clay county since the summer of 1875, his parents having been among the early pioneers of the Glyndon neighborhood. He was born at Norwich, Connecticut, February 15, 1870, son of Robert B. and Helen M. (Phillips) Mumford, both of whom also were born in Connecticut and who later became honored and influential pioneers of this section of Minnesota, the former spending his last days at Glyndon and the latter later moving to Seattle, where her last days were spent.

Robert B. Mumford, who is well remembered hereabout as one of the most potent influences in the development of this region in pioneer days, was a veteran of the Civil War, having been one of the first to respond from his home town of Bozrah, Connecticut, upon the President's call for volunteers in April, 1861, and served with a Connecticut regiment until the close of the war. Some time after the completion of his military service he married and after his marriage continued to make his home in Connecticut, a resident of Norwich, until 1872, when he came with his family to Minnesota, coming by way of Duluth, and settled on a homestead farm in the vicinity of Rochester, in Olmstead county, where he remained until the summer of 1875, when he disposed of his interests there and moved with his family to Clay county, establishing his home on a homestead tract of a quarter of a section of land