

D. C. JONES.

D. C. Jones, one of the best-known and most substantial figures in financial circles of this part of the state, president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Ada, president of the First State Bank of Gary and president of the First State Bank at Lockhart, is a native of the neighboring state of Wisconsin, born at Cambria, in Columbia county, that state, August 23, 1866, son of Morris and Margaret (Jones) Jones, natives of the principality of Wales, whose last days were spent in the neighboring state of South Dakota.

Morris Jones was reared in his native Wales, where he received his schooling, and about 1840 came to the United States with his father, John Jones, the family settling in Racine, Wisconsin. There he presently became engaged as a contractor and builder and later moved to Cambridge, that same state, where he remained until 1880, when he moved with his family to Brown county, South Dakota, about one hundred miles ahead of the railroad, and settled on a homestead farm there. He later entered a tree claim to an adjoining quarter section, proved up the same, and on that half-section farm spent the rest of his life, bringing his place up to an excellent state of development. Morris Jones and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being as follow: Mary, wife of Hugh Pugh; Sarah, wife of Owen Evans; John, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Susie, wife of T. A. Jones.

D. C. Jones was about fourteen years of age when his parents moved from Wisconsin to Brown county, South Dakota, and he grew to manhood on the homestead farm in that county, completing his schooling at Groton College at Groton, South Dakota, and at Carlton College at Northfield, this state. Upon leaving school he became engaged as a grain buyer for the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company and was thus engaged in his home state for eight years, or until 1894, when he was transferred to Minnesota and given charge of that company's business at Ada. In 1900 Mr. Jones was made cashier of the First State Bank at Gary, in Norman county, and for eleven years was in charge of that bank's affairs, in 1911 returning to Ada, where he engaged in the banking and real-estate business and where he since has made his home. Mr. Jones retained his interest in the First State Bank of Gary and is now president of the same, as well as president of the First State Bank at Lockhart, a flourishing village in the northern part of the county. In 1915 Mr. Jones and Lambert Roesch organized the Farmers

and Merchants Bank at Ada and Mr. Jones is president of the same. In addition to his extensive banking interests he also is the owner of some valuable land in Norman county and in South Dakota. Mr. Jones is a Republican and has ever given his earnest attention to local political affairs. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. When the village of Gary was organized he was elected treasurer of the same and served in that capacity until he left there. He also for some time served as president of the village council and was also for some time the president of the village school board.

In October, 1897, D. C. Jones was united in marriage to Clara Pfund, daughter of John Pfund and wife, and to this union three children have been born, Beatrice, Lawrence and Deveraux, the latter of whom died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have a very peasant home at Ada and take a proper interest in the general social activities of the city, helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the general welfare hereabout.

ARNT AND ANTON OPGRAND.

Arnt and Anton Opgrand, general merchants at Halstad, doing business there under the firm style of Opgrand Brothers, have been residents of Norman county since the days of their boyhood, having come here with their parents in pioneer days, and are active and energetic members of the business community in the flourishing village in which they are conducting their well-stocked mercantile establishment. They are the sons of M. A. Opgrand, one of the pioneers of Norman county, who settled in Halstad township back in the early eighties and is still living there, one of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of that part of the county.

M. A. Opgrand was born in Norway on April 8, 1847, and there spent his youth and young manhood, being about twenty years of age when he came to this country in 1867 and proceeded on out to Minnesota, locating in Houston county. There he married Joran Nelson, who was born in Norway on January 16, 1856, and who had come to Minnesota with her parents in the days of her girlhood. After his marriage Mr. Opgrand continued to make his home in Houston county until the early eighties, when he came up to this part of the state with his family and settled on an eighty-acre farm which he bought in Shelly township, Norman county, on the line adjoining Halstad township. In 1893 he bought a quarter of a section in