

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.

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#### 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

at the edge of what later came to be the village of Glyndon, and there he spent the remainder of his life, although his later business activities kept him traveling far and wide over the then rapidly developing country in this section of the Northwest. The year after his settlement at Glyndon, Robert B. Mumford imported a large herd of dairy cattle into Clay county, driving them through from Fergus Falls, and distributed the cattle among the pioneer settlers throughout the neighborhood in which he had settled and from the products of that herd there was established here in that same year the first cheese factory in the county. He also shipped in many horses from Rochester and became an extensive dealer in horses as well as in cattle. At the same time he became largely interested in real estate ventures, acting for a Minneapolis firm of realty dealers, and in that capacity did a great deal of development work, handling land throughout the Red River valley and as far west as Bismarck, with particular reference to the creation of townsites along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad, acting as land agent for the railroad company, being thus the means of inducing the immigration to this section of many settlers. On one occasion he and his wife drove all the way from Glyndon to Bismarck in a buggy, inspecting the progress of the settlements he had been instrumental in projecting. Mr. Mumford's special interest ever centered in and about Glyndon, and he did much to promote the development of that place during the early days of the settlement, continuing to make that his established home the rest of his life, his death occurring there in March, 1889. His widow survived him more than twenty-five years, her death occurring at Seattle, Washington, in May, 1916. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Arthur A., Hale H., Leonard J., Morris C. and Mary Anne, all of whom are living save the last-named, who died at the age of nine months.

As noted above, Hamilton M. Mumford was but five years of age when his parents settled at Glyndon in 1875 and he has ever since made that place his established home, though six years of his life were spent in developing a couple of sections of land in Canada. Reared at Glyndon, he received his early schooling in the schools of that village and supplemented the same by a course in the State Normal School at Moorhead, from which he was graduated in 1894. In the meantime he had taught several terms of school and after his graduation taught two more terms of school. He then became connected with an agricultural implement house and for ten years thereafter was "on the road" for that concern, meanwhile, however, continuing to make his home at Glyndon, he having married in 1902. Upon leaving the road Mr.

Mumford bought a couple of sections of land in Canada and for six years was engaged in developing the same, his family spending two summers with him there. He still holds and operates his Canada land, as well as the quarter section homestead farm entered by his father at Glyndon in 1875 and on which he has founded a herd of Shorthorn cattle; he and his family being very comfortably situated in a home in the village, where he is active in the bank work. In January, 1917, Mr. Mumford and others organized the Farmers State Bank of Glyndon and Mr. Mumford was made cashier of the same, a position he now occupies and to the duties of which he is giving his most earnest and intelligent attention.

On September 20, 1902, Hamilton M. Mumford was united in marriage to Anna Osborne, daughter of Luther Osborne and wife, further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union four sons have been born, Leonard Phillips, Kenneth Osborne, Ralph Vernon and Luther. Mr. and Mrs. Mumford are members of the church at Glyndon and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works and in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in promoting all agencies designed to advance the common welfare thereabout.

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### J. FRIDLUND.

J. Fridlund was born in Sweden in 1853, a son of C. M. Fridlund, and a brother of Adolph Fridlund, whose personal sketch appears in another place in this work.

J. Fridlund received his elementary education in the common schools of Sweden. He came to America in 1874 and located in Goodhue county, Minnesota. From 1875 to 1878 he attended Augustana Colege, at Rock Island, Illinois; also attended the high school at Red Wing, Minnesota. In 1881 he located at Fargo, North Dakota, where he was engaged in the flour and feed business for about four years, and has been buying grain since that time. For the last six years he has been manager of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Hawley, Minnesota.

Mr. Fridlund was married to Matilda Samuelson in 1880, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Minnie, who married C. A. Bye, a general merchant at Pine Wood, Minnesota; Ruth, who is attending the normal school at Mankato, Minnesota; and Carl, who is attending Gus-