

delegate to conventions, and has taken part in campaign work. For two years he served creditably as Township Clerk, subsequently held the positions of Supervisor and Treasurer, and was also Justice of the Peace.

The parents of the above are John and Anna (Meyer) Heisman, natives of Hanover and Brunswick, Germany, respectively. The father of the former, Henry Heisman, emigrated to the United States with his family, and, settling in Cincinnati, was foreman for the Eagle White Lead Works. His death occurred in that city. His eldest son, Richard, is still a resident of Cincinnati, and his daughter, Adeline, who became the wife of Fred Remke, is deceased. Anna Meyer came to the United States with a brother, and was married at West Alexandria, Ohio. John Heisman was a stationary engineer in his early life. In 1867 he embarked in farming in Preble County, Ohio, where he is still living. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is an upright, honorable man in every respect. A stanch Democrat, he has held a number of local offices. His three eldest children, Herman, Frederick and John, are deceased. William lives in Harrison; Ella has her home in Greenville, Ohio; and the younger ones, Charles, Edward and Frank, are at home.

The birth of Henry Heisman occurred in Preble County, Ohio, November 7, 1857. He was reared in the vicinity of West Alexandria, and obtained a common-school education at Lexington. At the age of eighteen years he hired out as a farm hand in his native county, and continued to be thus employed until coming to Michigan. He learned the stonemason's trade, and was employed at that business for a time after coming to Clare County, within whose limits he landed March 4, 1881. The following year he entered the employ of W. H. & F. A. Wilson as stationary engineer. In 1884 he worked at teaming for a short time, after which he returned to his former employers. The Lansing Lumber Company offered him a position as book-keeper, and he accepted the place, later taking charge of their store and hotel, and for three months managing their mill. For another year he carried on the Lewis House, and during one year was a member of the Harrison Furniture Com-

pany. In 1892 he became sole proprietor of the business which he still owns.

November 16, 1882, Mr. Heisman married Nina, daughter of William W. Green, who died in this city, where his widow is still living. Mrs. Heisman was born and reared in Hillsdale, Mich., and by her marriage has become the mother of a son, William Robert by name. The parents are members of the Congregational Church, and are active workers in its various departments of usefulness. Mr. Heisman is a member of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Knights of the Maccabees.



WILLIAM H. H. COOPER. The fact that the Otsego County Bank has the confidence of the people and an assured position among other financial concerns of Northern Michigan is largely due to the gentleman aboved named, who occupies the responsible position of Cashier and manager of the bank. He has been intimately associated with the business interests of Gaylord since the date of his arrival in this city, April 10, 1878, at which time he entered upon the practice of law, being then and for a few years afterward the only attorney in the place. After having conducted a general practice for about ten years, he left Gaylord in the spring of 1888 and for a year was engaged in the real-estate business in Washington, D. C., returning to Michigan in the fall of 1889. During the following year he resumed his professional duties, which he carried on uninterruptedly until the organization of the bank with which he has since been connected. Associated with A. A. Crane, under the firm name of Cooper & Crane, he had, in 1883, organized the Gaylord Exchange Bank, the first concern of the kind in the town. The partnership

was continued until 1887, when Mr. Cooper sold his interest to the junior member of the firm.

Mr. Cooper was born in Grass Lake, Jackson County, Mich., October 25, 1850, being the son of Samuel W. and Maria (Boyer) Cooper. His father, who was born in Rutland, Jefferson County, N. Y., in 1815, was taken by the family to Canada in 1818, remaining there until 1837. During that year he came to Michigan, and settled in Jackson County, making a home on a farm after his marriage to Miss Boyer. In 1881 he sold his estate in Jackson County and removed to Fowlerville, where his wife died, and where he still makes his home.

By his first marriage, Samuel W. Cooper had two sons, the elder of whom, Edmund L., resides at Grass Lake; the younger, James M., was a resident of Ingham County until his death. By his second union there were six children born, namely: Samuel W., a machinist residing at Battle Creek; Elisha, who died in Fowlerville; Sylva P., wife of George W. Smith, of Fowlerville; William H. H.; A. LeRoy, of Petoskey, Mich.; and Delancy, whose home is in Washtenaw County, this state.

Fortunate in the educational privileges afforded him, our subject conducted his studies in the high school at Grass Lake, and later attended Hillsdale College. In 1876 he was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan. He opened an office at Imlay City, Lapeer County, of which soon afterward he was elected Circuit Court Commissioner. From Imlay City he removed to Lapeer, where he remained six months, but on account of his wife's ill health he resigned his official position and removed to Saginaw, whence he came to Gaylord.

In December, 1876, Mr. Cooper married Miss H. Ella Reed, who was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., and they are the parents of a daughter, Bessie M. In politics a Republican, Mr. Cooper has upon that ticket been elected to a number of responsible positions, in all of which he has rendered satisfactory service. From 1880 until 1882 he served as Prosecuting Attorney, and at different times has held the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Deputy County Treasurer and Circuit Court Commissioner. The latter position he is filling at the present time, having been elected to the office in

the fall of 1894. In questions pertaining to local or national affairs he always takes a warm interest, and keeps himself thoroughly posted concerning the issues of the day.

Fraternally Mr. Cooper is a Knight Templar and is now High Priest of Gaylord Chapter No. 119, R. A. M. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. In the Knights of Pythias organization he is serving as Past Chancellor of Gaylord Lodge No. 175, at this place. He is also identified with the Knights of the Maccabees. Aside from other interests, he is a real-estate and insurance agent and attorney-at-law; he also superintends the management of his extensive farming lands. He is agent for the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw Railroad Company, the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and is local manager and representative of the Capital Investment Building and Loan Association of Lansing. The marked success with which his efforts have been rewarded is well worthy of note from the fact that in youth he had few advantages aside from his education. At the age of sixteen he began teaching school, being thus engaged during the winter and working on the home farm during the summer months. In that way he developed habits of economy, industry and energy, which afterward became powerful factors in promoting his prosperity.



STANISLAS ALCIDE ST. AMOUR, M. D., of Cheboygan, was born in St. James, Quebec, Canada, February 12, 1863, and is the son of Stanislas and Edwidge (Souigny) St. Amour, natives of Canada and descendants of French ancestors. The St. Amour family originated in Normandy, but emigrated thence to Montreal about a century ago. When the Doctor was a child of four years, his parents removed from St. James to Acton, P. O., where his father engaged in business, and where he spent his boyhood years. When twelve years of age he was sent to Sherbrooke College,