

J. F. CLARK was born in Wau-
sara county in 1860, his father
Alexander Clark, who died in
1898, was one of the pioneers of
of that section. After leaving
school our subject followed farm-
ing until the spring of '88, when
he came to Merrill and the follow-
ing spring engaged in the grocery
business which he follows in this
city and at Harshaw until '93,
during which year he served on
the police force. In '94 he was



electd register of deeds and re-
lected to that office in '96, being
the only republican who was
popu'n enough in a democratic
county to be elected. He is a
Mason and a member of the
Federal Alliance. Mr. Clark
was married in 1885 to Stella
Monroe of Pine River. They
have one daughter Blanch.

M. P. TUCKLEY,—County Treas-
urer M. P. Tuckley was born in
Norway in 1860. He attended
the public schools, learned shoe
making and came to America
when 20 years old. Settling at
Black River Falls, Wis. he work-
ed in the woods and mills. Go-
ing from there to Stevens Point,
he took up his old trade and by
industrious efforts secured a good



knowledge of English in night
schools. Mr. Tuckley came to
Merrill in 1884 and worked at his
old trade until his health com-
pelled a change. A democrat in
politics, he was honored by the
people by an election to his pres-
ent office. He has been faithful
and efficient and was re-elected
at the November election.

B. E. BURGER,—One of Merrill's
leading dentists is B. E. Burger.
Born in Michigan in 1857, educated
in the common schools, he took his
professional training at Ann Arbor,
Mich., and in the Cincinnati Dental
College. Commencing practice in
Millard, Mich., later he came to Wis-
consin. In 1887 he located in Merrill,
where to-day he owns a good farm
near the city, his own business block,
residence and has important mining



interests in the New Encampment
district in Wyoming. He also is
president of the Gold and Copper
Victor Mining Co. Mr. Burger
married Miss Luella Marlock in 1888
and they have three children. He
was ablerman from the Third ward
one term and belongs to the
Knights of Pythias and Fraternal
Alliance.



T. J. MATHEWS, county judge which office he held one year,
of Lincoln county, was born in Merrill in 1865; his father, Thom-
as P. Mathews, who died in 1887, Peck, to fill the vacancy caused
came here in 1854, and was one of the resignation of Judge Van-
of the pioneers of this county. Hecke, and has held that office
Judge Mathews attended the pub-
lic schools of Merrill and then
entered the State University and
the K. of P., Modern Woodmen
graduated from the law depart-
ment of that institution with the
class of '92. He returned to Peck
and Merrill and began the prac-
tice of law. Mrs. Mathews reside
in a handsome home at 905 East
Third street.



JULIUS THIELMAN,—No man in
Lincoln county stands higher in
the estimation of his fellow men
than Julius Thielman. A pro-
gressive business man in the truest
sense of the term, he has been
successful by reason of his busi-
ness aptitude and foresight. He
was born in Watertown, Wis., on
Sept. 20, 1860; received his edu-
cation in the public schools, and
then learned the trade of butcher
with his father. In '78 he started
in business for himself at Grand
Rapids, Wis., remaining there un-

til the spring of '81, when he
came to Merrill and engaged in
his present business. Mr. Thiel-
man is a Jeffersonian democrat in
politics and a power in his party.
He has been mayor of the city,
chairman of the county board,
alderman of his ward two terms,
and in '93 was appointed post-
master of Merrill by President
Cleveland. Mr. Thielman was
married on April 20, 1879, to Miss
Minnie Plahmer, of Grand Rap-
ids. They have three children—
Amanda, William and Lillian.



JOSEPH YORK is the proprietor
of Lincoln Hall and the "Palm Gar-
den," one of the most popular resorts
in the city, where the juice of the for-
bidden fruit is dispensed by ex-
perts in their line. A fine line of wines,
liquors and cigars is carried and
the "Palm Garden" is conducted on
the highest plane of respectability.
Lincoln Hall is the finest dining

hall in the city and most of the social
parties of the city are held there.
Mr. York is a native of Canada and
came to Merrill in 1886, and pur-
chased his present property—a three
story block, 50x120 feet. Mr. York
was married on March 18, 1881, to
Miss Mattie Perry of Saginaw, Mich.
Eight children have been born to
them.

The Central Wisconsin, printed
at Wausau, appeared on April 22,
1857. It was the first newspaper
in this section of the state, and
was established by John Foster
and J. W. Chubbuck.

Extra copies at this office, 10c.

WM. H. FLEET was born in
Kenosha, Wis., in 1856. Finish-
ing his literary education with a
special course of two years at the
University of Wisconsin, he
then took a course in law. Grad-
uating, he practiced eight months
in the Capital City and then, in
1885, came to Merrill, where he
has been engaged in a general
practice ever since. Politically
Mr. Fleet is a loyal republican.
He was Merrill's city attorney for



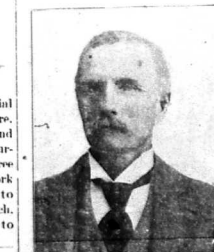
five years, and has represented
Lincoln and Taylor counties in
the State Assembly. In that
connection he was honored with the
chairmanship of the committee on
revision of the state statutes. He
is also president of the public
library board and member of the
State Bar Association. Mr. Fleet
belongs to the Masons, Modern
Woodmen and Fraternal Alliance.
He was married at Madison in
1887 to Miss Clara Baker.

JOHN McQUILLAN,—A man in Lin-
coln county has a yachting reputa-
tion or more correctly, th, u has John
McQuillan. He was born in the
Province of Quebec in 1844, and
received his education in the public
schools of that county. In '63 he
went to Pennsylvania and a year
later came to Wisconsin and located
at Grand Rapids. In '77 he went to
Grandfather and run the station
there and at other points on the
Wisconsin river until '94, when he re-
moved to Merrill to reside perma-
nently. Mr. McQuillan was married



on Aug. 18, 1875, to Miss Mary E.
Mullen, of Rudolph, Wis. They have
six children—Mary E., now Mrs. C.
L. Stange; John R., Fanny G., Annie
L., Katharine, and Letitia H.
Their home is at 1108 East Seventh
street.
Mr. McQuillan was a tried and true
Democrat and his election to the im-
portant office of register of deeds, is
an honor worthily bestowed, and
one that will be as worthily worn.

OLIVER MILSPAGH,—An institution
which has a large trade in this
section is the Merrill Bottling Works,
Oliver Milsphugh proprietor. He
manufactures pop, lemon sour,
ginger ale, wild cherry and raspberry
wine, juniper soda, lemon pepin and
seltzer, and his goods give the best
of satisfaction. Family orders



promptly filled; telephone 194. Mr.
Milsphugh was born at Mt. Clemens,
Mich., on Aug. 27, 1848; received his
education in the public schools and
came to Merrill in 1881. He followed
carpentering for a number of years
and in '95 purchased his present
business of his father.



Scene in Northern Wisconsin Pine-land

R. W. BARRETT,—The Clerk of
the Circuit Court in Lincoln county,
R. W. Barrett, was born in
Waterbury, Wis., in 1863. He
attended the public schools and
followed farming until 18 years of
age, when he went to Monroe
county, Wis., and spent six years
in the agricultural implement busi-
ness. Eleven years ago Mr. Bar-
rett came to Merrill. Since then
he has made many friends and



shoved himself a good citizen.
A sturdy Democrat, he was city
treasurer three years, then served
two years as deputy clerk of the
court. Two years ago the people
elected him clerk, and they re-
elected him this fall. In 1888,
Barrett was married to Miss Sarah
Liddle. They have two children,
Reginald and Dorothy.

ALD. FRED SMITH,—Fred
Smith, who represents the Second
ward in the common council, was
born in Merrill on July 29, 1857;
he received his education in the
public schools, and spent several
years working in the woods and
on the river. At present he is en-
gaged in logging and lumbering
during the winters, and in that
business has been quite success-
ful. He also has an 80-acre
farm two and one-half miles



northeast of Merrill. He is a
Mason and a Democrat in politics.
His father O. B. Smith, is
one of the earliest settlers of this
part of Wisconsin, he having
logged it on the old Wisconsin
early in '42. Mr. Smith was
married in 1891 to Miss Stella
Downey of Merrill. They have
two children—Mildred and Kath-
erine. Their home is on the cor-
ner of Sixth and Spruce streets.



JOHN VANHECKE, senior mem-
ber of the well known law firm of
VanHecke & Smart, was born in
Stevens Point in 1857, received
his education in the public
schools and at the State Normal
school at Manoket, Minn. He
then read law in the office of Bay-
mond & Haseltine in Stevens
Point, and was admitted to the
bar in 1883. He began the prac-
tice of his profession in Merrill in
1884, and in May, 1886, took in
Edward M. Smart as a partner.

A. R. WITTMAN, M. D. was
born in Manitowoc in 1859. He
was the son of Capt. Adolph Witt-
man, editor of the Manitowoc
Post and for many years president
of the Manitowoc Press Associa-
tion. After a year in the State
University at Madison, when only
sixteen years of age, Dr. Witt-
man commenced teaching. He
closed 10 years of that work with
four years service as principal of
the Chilton, Wis., high school
and the possession of an unlimited,
or life, certificate, a record



Mr. VanHecke has held the office
of district attorney two years,
county judge four years, was a
member of the common council
two years being president of that
body one year. He has been a
member of the school board and
is at present member of the board
of directors of the T. B. Scott
city library. He is a Democrat
in politics and his services have
been much in demand as a public
speaker during the campaign for
the past ten years.



achieved by private and individual
study. In 1888 Mr. Wittman
graduated from Rush Medical
College and commenced practice
at St. Wendel, Wis. Seven years
ago he located in West Merrill
and has built up an honorable and
successful practice. Dr. Wittman
has an herbarium of 450 wild
Wisconsin plants, a collection of
125 birds and a good cabinet of
geological and archeological spec-
imens. He was married in 1884 to
Miss Helen Heims at Kiel, Wis.