

Capt. Richard J. Dawson.

The sterling worth of a noble young man is attested in the life of Captain Richard J. Dawson by those who knew him best—a gentleman of honor, a man of integrity. He was born in 1870—well grounded in a common school education. For a number of years he managed the grocery department of the well known firm of I. H. Bradley & Co., Tomahawk, Wis. After preparing for it, he took a course in law at the University of Wisconsin. In 1896 he received his degree of Bachelor of Law. In the fall of this same year he was elected, on the democratic ticket, district attorney for the county of Lincoln. Since this he successfully prosecuted his study and practice of law, with promising reputation for prominence, when love for country laid all upon his country's altar. He then assisted in the organization of Co. F, Fourth Wisconsin, and was elected 1st Lieutenant. Upon the resignation of Captain Boyer he was the unanimous choice of the company for Captain. But shortly after receiving his commission the hand of God was laid upon him. His father and she whom he loved best, Miss Margarite Nash, of Merrill, Wis., were summoned to his bedside. But alas! the light of recognition was gone before they reached him. The loving heart of Miss Nash—his betrothed—was faithful to its impulse in her mission, and it was her greatest joy in the saddest hour of her life to minister to his comfort. Oh, the sincerity of a true woman's heart! Like the mellow light from heaven that paints the flower, it gives complexion to man's life in the soft tint of love.