parents, and was born on the Atlantic ocean while they were on their way to America. Five children were born of the union, three of whom are living, Louisa, Paulina and George. Their mother died in 1889 and in November, 1890, the father contracted a second marriage in which he was united with Mrs. Johanna Netzer, a widow. They have two children, Madonna and Eugene. The parents are members of the Catholic church.

HARRY L. MARSH.

Harry L. Marsh, vice president and manager of the First National bank of Crookston, is a native of New York, born at Bridgewater in 1881. He was reared in that village and there received his early education. After completing his preparatory studies, he entered Oberlin college and graduated from that institution in 1903. During the following year he held a position with the Citizens' Trust company at Utica, New York, and then came to Crookston, accepting the position of book keeper in the First National bank. Here his able and efficient services have won him rapid promotion and as vice president and manager of the First National bank, he is prominently associated with the financial interests of the Northwest. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Crookston commandery. He was married to Annie Miller, the daughter of A. A. Miller, a well known attorney and financier of Crookston. Mr. Marsh and his wife are members of the First Congregational church.

CARL RIEDESEL.

This pioneer shoe merchant of Crookston has a fundamental knowledge of his business not possessed by every man who is engaged in it by reason of his having learned the trade of shoemaking in all its features and requirements under competent instructors in his native land of Germany, and he makes this knowledge tell to his own advantage and that of his customers, because he is able to distinguish between good and poor material and workmanship in the manufacture of the goods he handles. His judgment in this respect is considered first rate and his work in reference to the quality of foot gear always carries great weight with the purchasing public.

Mr. Riedesel was born in Westfallen, Erndtebrueck, Germany, in 1854, where his parents, Henry and Louisa (Wickel) Riedesel, passed the whole of their lives. The father was a shoemaker, a sturdy and sterling citizen, and devoted to the welfare of the working people. He rendered his country good service in the Revolution of 1848 in Germany, through which many men of prominence in the Fatherland were driven to seek safety in foreign lands, some of the most eminent of them becoming residents of this country. Six sons and five daughters were born to the parents, but only two of the number are residents of the United States, Carl and one of his sisters, Louisa.

Carl Riedesel remained in his native land until he reached the age of twenty-six and there learned his trade as a shoemaker. In 1880 he came to America, locating in Carver county, Minnesota, and finding employment on farms in the neighborhood of Waconia. On December 29, 1882, he became a resident of Crookston, and here he worked at his trade for four years in the employ of Mr. Schwark, who carried on a harness and shoe business. In 1889 Mr. Riedesel purchased the shoe department of the business and this he has since conducted continuously, which makes him one of the oldest merchants in the city in unbroken connection with the same line of trade.

Mr. Riedesel has given the city valuable and appreciated service as a member of the city council and