school at Belvidere, Illinois, he began the study of law in the office of Judge R. W. Wright, a pioneer lawyer of Boone county. In June, 1889, he was admitted to the bar and located immediately in Crookston and began the practice of law. He has engaged in the general practice of his profession and from the inception of his career has met with noteworthy success, winning the regard and approbation of his legal associates. For two years he was a member of the firm of Wilkinson, Schmidt & O'Brien in partnership with A. C. Wilkinson and P. C. Schmidt. Since leaving this firm he has conducted an independent practice. Mr. O'Brien is a member of the Democratic party and is extensively identified with the political affairs of the state. He has been actively interested in many of the important conventions, serving as delegate at large in national convention of 1908 and district delegate to the national convention of 1912 and was made the Minnesota member of the committee on resolutions in both national conventions. He was elected chairman of the state democratic committee in 1912 and served in this office until his professional duties necessitated his resignation and forced him to decline re-election. Whereupon he was elected vice chairman and made a member of the executive committee. He is at present city attorney of Crookston, having served in that office five terms. His administration of public matters has been characterized by the same display of integrity and ability that has marked his private legal affairs. He has also served the county in the capacity of assistant to the county attorney in important matters of litigation, in which the county was interested. He has been E. R. of the Crookston Lodge P. B. O. E. and a member of the Grand Lodge of that order. He served for five years as member national board of Auditors, M. W. of A. He was married in Minneapolis, in 1904, to Elizabeth Mealia, who is a native of Minnesota. They have three children, Marion, John and James.

ARTHUR A. MILLER.

Arthur A. Miller, of Crookston, well-known lawyer and identified with the banking interests of the northwest, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, September 16, 1851. His parents, Samuel and Sophia (Reid) Miller, were natives of Nova Scotia and came to Wisconsin in 1851. Here Samuel Miller located on timber land and began the arduous task of clearing and cultivating this tract. He devoted the remainder of his life to his farm and developed a fine property. His death occurred in 1888 and that of his wife in 1914. Three children survive them, a daughter, who is the present owner of the old homestead; a son, residing at Harvard, Ill., and Arthur A. Arthur A. Miller was reared on his father's farm and attended the schools at Milton, Wis., where he graduated. He then entered the educational field and spent eight years teaching in the schools of his native state. But his ambitions were centered in the legal profession and in 1882, he began the study of law. The following year he was admitted to the bar and located in Fargo, N. D. After five years of successful practice in that city, he formed a partnership with Mr. Foote and the new firm of Miller & Foote was established at Crookston in 1888, where they have enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. As a lawyer, Mr. Miller has won the respect and confidence of his professional associates. Aside from his legal activities he has been prominently identified with the growth of the financial institutions of this region. In these interests, he is associated with his law partner, Mr. Foote. In 1906 they bought the controlling interest in the Scandia American State bank. Other banks in which they own shares are the First National of Cass Lake, the Citizen State of McIntosh, the First State bank at Thief River Falls, the First National of Warren and the First National bank of Crookston. Mr. Miller also has extensive land interests, owning several thousand acres of farm land. His political affiliations are with