the employ of Caleb Dorr in the Mississippi and Rum River Boom company. In 1878 he came to Crookston, then a small pioneer village, and entered a claim on government land. For several years he engaged in the development of his land and farming interests, meanwhile working for a time with a milling company on the Red river. As a citizen, Mr. Gonyea has been notably associated with the growth of public interests and gave his first official service as a member of the police force of Crookston, which was organized in 1884. He remained on the force for fourteen years and was chief of police for eleven years. In 1901 he was appointed deputy sheriff under E. J. Sullivan and in 1905 was elected to the office of sheriff and continued to give efficient service during two terms. Subsequently he spent some time traveling through the western states and returned to Crookston to open a real estate office, conducting extensive land transactions which have made the Gonyea Land company one of the prosperous business organizations of the county. During the many years of his useful career, as soldier, pioneer citizen and successful business man, Mr. Gonyea has earned the esteem and confidence of all for his many able services. He was married in Minneapolis, in 1873 to Olivia Darwin, who was a native of Canada. Her death occurred in 1906. Eleven children were born to this union, five of whom are now living, Lillian, the wife of Mr. Sandberg of Crookston; Louis J., who resides in Washington; Mamie, who married Mr. C. Langley and lives in Idaho, Alexander C., and George W., who are residents of Crookston. Mr. Gonyea is a member of the Republican party and of the Elks lodge.

HON. A. D. STEPHENS.

Hon. A. D. Stephens, president of the Merchants’ National Bank of Crookston, former mayor of Crookston and state senator, is a typical representative of its best and most serviceable citizenship. He has lived in Crookston continuously for more than thirty years, and has passed the whole of his life in Minnesota to the present time.

Mr. Stephens was born in Carver county, this state, in 1855, a son of Lars and Hannah (Peterson) Stephens, natives of Sweden, where they were reared, educated and married. The father came to the United States in 1851 and the mother in 1853. They located in Carver county, Minnesota, in 1854, and were among the pioneers of that county, clearing a farm there from the wilderness, and helping to lay the foundations of the county’s industrial, civil, social and educational institutions. The father filled with credit to himself and benefit to the county several different local offices, and stood high in the regard of the people. He died in Kandiyohi county a number of years ago. The mother is still living and is now ninety-seven years of age.

A. D. Stephens was reared and educated in Carver county in part, completing his academic course at Gustavus Adolphus College. After leaving college he passed some years in clerking, as a salesman on the road and in other occupations, and in 1880 located at Fisher, Polk county, where he engaged in general merchandising. In 1884 he took up his residence in Crookston as the representative of the Corbin Banking company. In 1891 he purchased an interest in the Merchants National Bank of Crookston, of which he became president after serving the bank some time as cashier. The bank has grown in patronage and influence under his careful management, keeping progress with the current of events and up to date at all times in all departments and features of its business. It is held to be one of the safest, soundest and most satisfactory banks of its rank in the Northwest. Mr. Stephens is interested also in several other banks in Polk county and other places in Minnesota. He is one of the directors of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Minneapolis and president of a bank in Montana.