club. Politically he is a Republican but not an active
partisan, and has never held, sought or desired a pub-
lic office. He was married in 1901 to Miss Elsa M. 

Hansen, of Jamestown, New York. They have two
children, their daughter Madeline and their son Kon-
rad M.

A. STARK.

A. Stark, cashier of the First State bank at Gully
and an influential citizen of that place, is a native of
Sweden, born September 12, 1883, and was brought
to this country in his early childhood by his parents,
who located in Mille Lacs county, Minnesota, which
continues to be their home. Mr. Stark was reared
in that county and was educated in the public schools.
He then engaged in the teaching profession and after
three years came to Polk county, accepting a position
in a school near Mentor which he shortly after resigned
to enter upon his successful business career as assist­
ant cashier in the bank at Mentor, of which A. D.
Stephens of Crookston was president. Since that
time Mr. Stark has continued to be associated with
the banking institutions of the county, his able
achievements in this field earning him rapid promo­
tion and recognition. After two and a half years
in the bank at Mentor he was employed in banks at
Hallock, Minnesota, and in Bottineau county, North
Dakota, spending a year in each place and in Sep­
tember, 1910, came to Gully. The First State bank
was incorporated in that year, with L. C. Simons as
president and Mr. Stark was made cashier, and in
this capacity has been identified with its notable
progress and prosperous activities and has devoted
every effort and interest to the promotion of its
enterprise. He is now the only one of the original
stockholders actively associated with the bank. A. D.
Stephens is president of the institution. Aside from
his business operations Mr. Stark takes an active inter­
est in every matter of public import and is an enthu­
siastic promoter of the general welfare and growth of
the town in which he lives. As a member of the school
board he has given valuable service and was largely
influential in securing the new school building, in
which two teachers are employed with eighty pupils
in attendance. Mr. Stark was married at Middle
River, Minnesota, on September 21, 1910, to Elvina
Olson.

JAMES E. CAMPBELL.

James E. Campbell, a successful business man of
Fosston and senior member of the livery firm of
Campbell & Son, was born in Portage county, Wiscon­
sin, November 10, 1855. His father, James V. Camp­
bell, was for many years a well known citizen of Ada,
Minnesota, where he was a dealer in agricultural im­
plements. He was actively interested in political
affairs as a member of the Republican party and
served as postmaster during the presidential terms of
Harrison and Roosevelt. He retired from the office
in 1906 and removed to Crookston, and in March of
the following year his death occurred in Ada. James
E. Campbell came to Minnesota in 1878 and engaged
in the livery business in Ada for a number of years.
For thirty-seven years he has been extensively iden­
tified with the livery and horse trade of northern
Minnesota, shipping many carloads of horses annually
and doing his buying for the most part in South
Dakota. In 1889 he located in Fosston, where he has
operated a profitable livery business, to which he
added, in 1909, a garage and automobile service. In
1915 he erected the present garage, which is con­
structed to accommodate every modern improvement
and ample equipment. It is a large cement building
with a pressed brick and plate glass front and a truss
roof which leaves the interior free of impeding sup­