

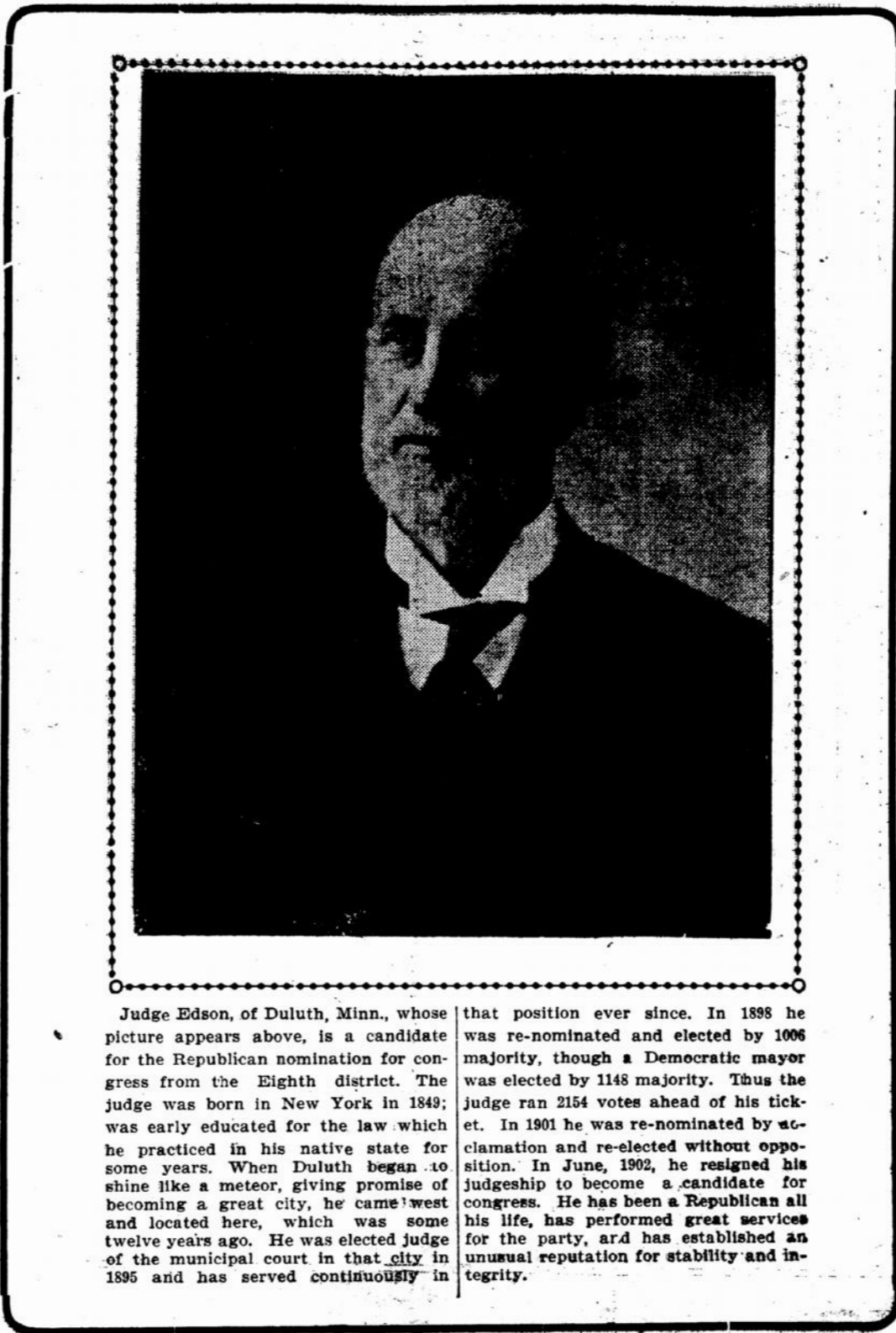
CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PRONOUNCED THEIR FRIENDSHIP FOR ORGANIZED LABOR.

WILLIAM D. EDSON,

Candidate for Republican Nomination for Congress, Eighth District.

CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR HIM ON SEPT. 16th.

HIS RECORD IS CLEAR AND CLEAN.



William D. Edson was born in the county of Ulster, New York, and at the age of three years his parents moved to the old Dutchess county, New York, in this and the adjoining county just across the river Judge Edson passed his boyhood. He was in truth raised on a farm, and a little later for several years conducted a farm of his own account. Like most of the worthy men this country has produced, Judge Edson came from the farm.

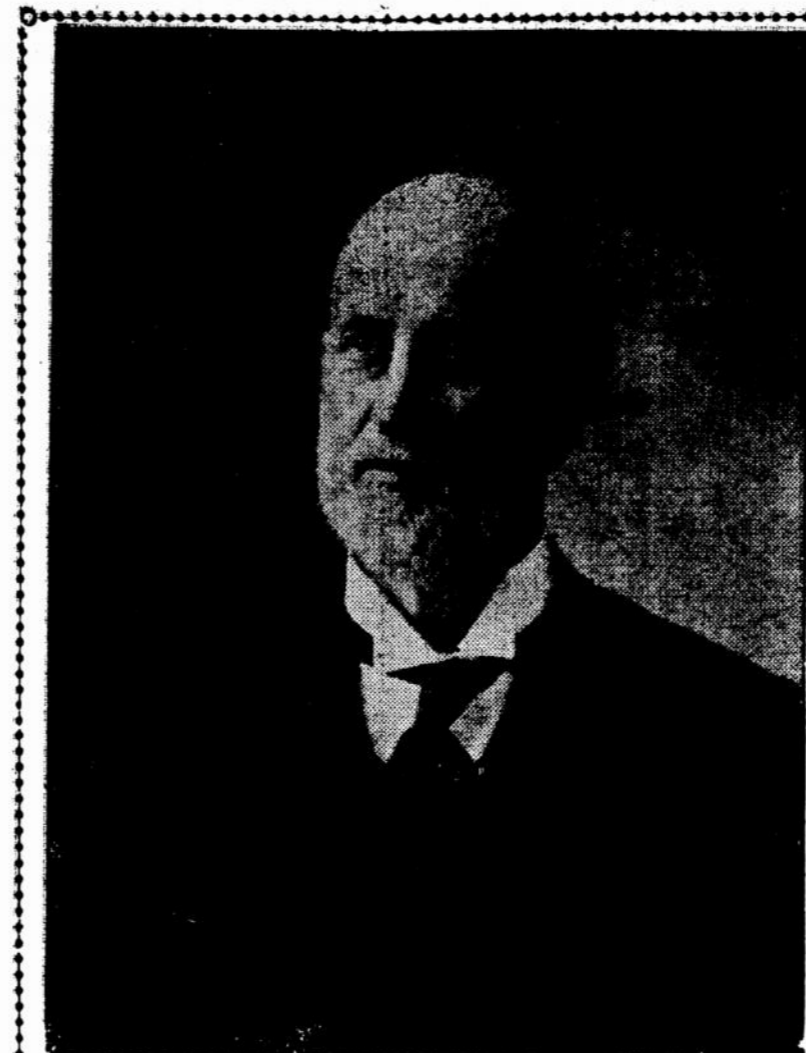
The above brief outline of Judge Edson's life indicates the manner of a man he is. It is the life of many an American statesman and public servant, speaking eloquently of this land as the land of opportunity. Raised on a farm, schooled in the country and then advanced to professional life and public usefulness, is a sentence that summarizes the judge's career—the American cradle of character and true worth.

Judge Edson secured his education in the Abe Lincoln style. In the evenings after his work was done, and during the winters when for a period the farm work was done, he studied and learned. He can tell us all about the little country school house in the valley, for it was there he began his education.

For a few years he was able to attend the Unadilla Academy at Unadilla, New York. Upon leaving the academy Judge Edson began his law studies, though he was able to follow them only during the winters. Law schools were not common, and the expectant lawyer had to acquire his legal knowledge in the office of some friend. So we find this ambitious boy spending his winters and leisure hours in the office of the Hon. F. B. Arnold, and later in the office of the Hon. D. P. Loomis, both distinguished lawyers and state senators. This long and continuous struggle for an education and professional attainments is characteristic of the man, and would do credit to any statesman or citizen in the land. He here displayed the mettle of which he is made.

Upon being admitted to the practice of law, Judge Edson established himself in the neighboring village of Unadilla, New York. Upon leaving the town until he came to Duluth about twelve years ago.

Since his residence here in Duluth the judge has become one of our best known and most highly-respected citizens. He is a clean man with a clean record. He is an able man who has had no hours of idleness. He has worked



Judge Edson, of Duluth, Minn., whose picture appears above, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress from the Eighth district. The judge was born in New York in 1849; was early educated for the law which he practiced in his native state for some years. When Duluth began to shine like a meteor, giving promise of becoming a great city, he came west and located here, which was some twelve years ago. He was elected judge of the municipal court in that city in 1895 and has served continuously in that position ever since. In 1898 he was re-nominated and elected by 1006 majority, though a Democratic mayor was elected by 1148 majority. Thus the judge ran 2154 votes ahead of his ticket. In 1901 he was re-nominated by acclamation and re-elected without opposition. In June, 1902, he resigned his judgeship to become a candidate for congress. He has been a Republican all his life, has performed great services for the party, and has established an unusual reputation for stability and integrity.

at his profession as he worked on the farm—long hours with short sleep. It was in this way that he was able to rise from farmer boy to judge in an important city, and it is these same qualities that will carry him to congress and characterize his labors there.

Some supporters of Judge Edson's principal opponent have sought to detract from the judge by characterizing the court over which he has presided as a "Police Court." This is pitiable. They would cast slurs on an important court in their own city merely to discredit an opposing candidate. As a matter of fact the Municipal Court of the city of Duluth is a very important court—far more important than similar courts in most cities. This court has jurisdiction not only over the city, but over the three counties of St. Louis, Lake and Cook. It thus becomes very nearly as important as the District Court.

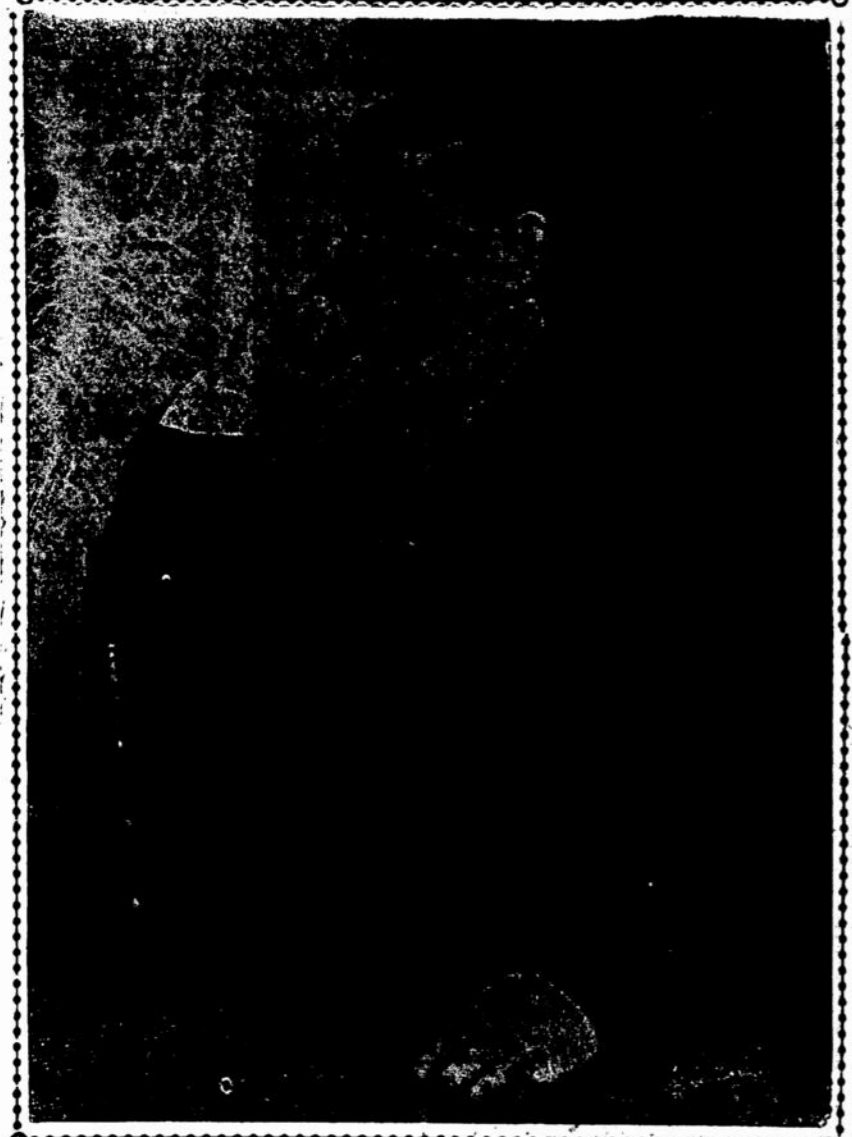
Judge Edson has presided over this court, having Judge Gearhart as assistant judge for some years, and he has exhibited such high qualities in this office as to win for him the esteem of every lawyer in the city. It is a matter of common notoriety that the lawyers of Duluth have congratulated

themselves upon having so able a lawyer and so just a man as Judge of the Municipal Court. It takes an exceptionally good judge to win and keep the respect of all the lawyers who practice before him. It was these high qualities, together with the high esteem in which he is held, that enabled him, a Republican, to be elected when the city went strongly Democratic.

By the wise and just methods always employed by Judge Edson he made friends of those who came into his court, and it has almost always seemed that the man who lost felt as friendly toward him as the man who won. No higher compliment could be paid to ability, integrity and honesty.

It is often that one's history reveals the man better than anything else can, and such is the case with Judge Edson. He understands laboring men because he has been a physical laborer, and his warm sympathies are with the toilers. During his fifty-three years he has touched life at many points, and he is a broad, experienced man. Certainly these qualifications fit him unusually well for the high office he is seeking. The laboring men of this congressional district could not find a better representative of their interests than Judge Edson.

O. HALDEN, Republican Candidate for County Auditor.



St. Louis county is especially fortunate in possessing in the office of auditor a man of such excellent abilities and tried capacity as O. Halden, who is now efficiently serving his fourth term in the office of county auditor. Mr. Halden is a native of Norway, where he was born in 1862, and in that country he received a sound education, coming to the United States in 1880 and locating at Wilmar, Minn., where he attended school in order to familiarize himself with the English language. In 1881 he came to Duluth and embarked in the grocery business, with which he remained connected until 1888, when he entered the county auditor's office as

assistant auditor, so remaining until 1894, when he was elected auditor for the term beginning Jan. 1, 1895, and he was re-elected in 1896, 1898 and 1900 for his present and fourth term, expiring Jan. 1, 1903. Mr. Halden is a painstaking and careful official, and is also a prominent citizen, a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and otherwise possessing pleasant personal relations. He is well and favorably known in the business circles of the city, and the thorough system which he has established in the auditing department of the county attests the wisdom of choosing a man of practical business experience to an office of this kind.

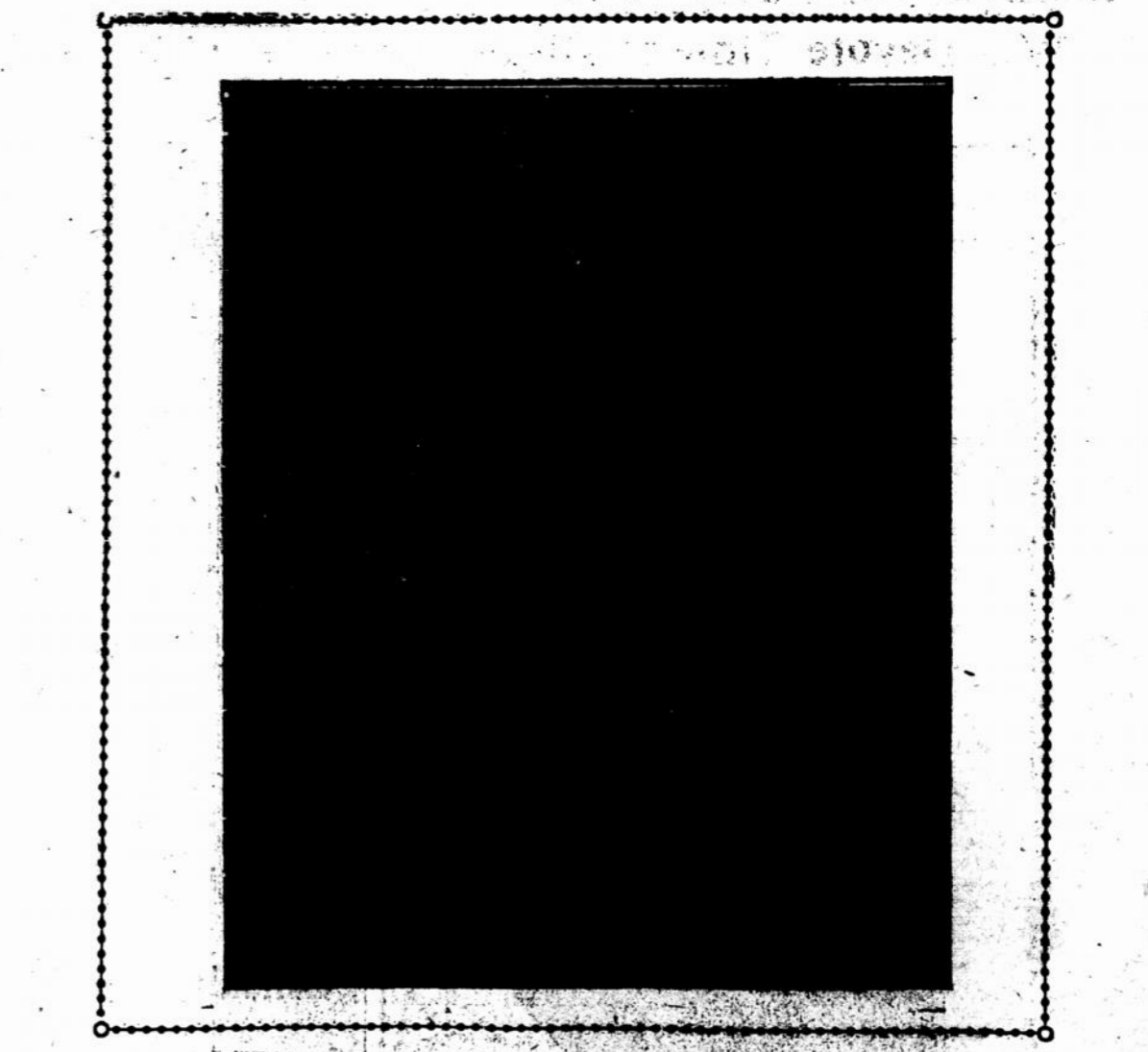
W. W. BUTCHART, Candidate for Republican Nomination for SHERIFF.



W. W. Butchart, candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of St. Louis county, is one of the best known men in the northwest. His career in public life is well known to all, and his many generous acts in this community are subject of common talk.

He served as sheriff from 1894 to 1896, and discharged the duties of his office with credit to himself and the county. He asks that he be remembered at the primaries on September 16.

JOHN R. MEINING, Candidate for Republican Nomination for SHERIFF.



Mr. Meining has filed his papers as a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff, and asks the support and votes of all Republicans in his efforts to secure the nomination. Mr. Meining has been a resident of Duluth for thirty-two years, and ever since he reached the age of twenty-one has been a consistent Republican, not only voting for the party candidates, but getting out and doing valiant service for

the ticket at each election. Mr. Meining is well-acquainted with the duties of the sheriff's office, having served as chief deputy during the first year of Sheriff Sargent's first term. Mr. Meining is thoroughly competent to hold the office for other reasons, as well, being a first class business man. He feels that he has earned the office, and for that reason asks his friends to line up for him.

Mr. Meining or "John" as he is familiarly known by the majority of laboring men has always been a staunch believer in labor organizations and the workingman.

REMEMBER HIM WHEN YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT AT THE PRIMARIES.