

every enterprise that is productive of the financial, educational, and moral good of the people.

**HON. LEANDER F. FRISBY.** — He was born in Mesopotamia, Trumbull County, O., June 10, 1825. His father was a farmer, and emigrated to Ohio from Castleton, Vt., in 1817, and settled in Mesopotamia. In early life Mr. Frisby labored during the summer on his father's farm, and in winter attended the district school, thereby securing the rudiments of an education. Determined to acquire a thorough intellectual culture such as his father was unable to give, he left the farm when about seventeen years of age, and learned the wagon-maker's trade, during which time he pursued his studies as best he could at odd spells, and after the labors of the day had been performed. Subsequently he attended the Farmington Academy in his native county, paying for his board and tuition in the mean time by working at his trade in evenings and during vacation. Having completed his academical course, he determined to seek his fortune farther west, and in September, 1864, emigrated to this State, which has ever since been his home. He reached Sheboygan with scarcely a dollar in his pocket, made his way to Fond du Lac, where he immediately fell sick of chill-fever, which lasted several months. Destitute as he was, before he was scarcely able to stand he sought work at his trade, and, failing to find it, worked at the cooper's trade for a while, with no other compensation than his board. On learning that his trade was in some demand at Beaver Dam, he borrowed *fifty cents*, and started for that place in March, 1817. He was fortunate enough to get a free ride to within about ten miles of his destination, where he stopped over night, paying his little pittance for his supper and lodging. The next morning he started on foot without breakfast. He obtained employment for a portion of his time. From this he went to Janesville in the following July, and there worked at his trade until the month of October, when he went to Spring Prairie, and taught a school for one year. In the fall of 1848 he went to Burlington, and opened an academic school in the old Burlington Academy. About this time he commenced the study of law, which he pursued with diligence during his leisure, for about two years, during which time he taught school. He was

admitted to the bar in the fall of 1850. After this he settled in the village of West Bend, where he has ever since resided. He was married in 1854 to Francis E. Booker of Burlington, Wis. Though never a professional politician, Mr. Frisby has always taken a decided stand upon all the political questions of the day. From his boyhood, and during the long and trying contest with the slave-power, he has been one of its uncompromising opponents. In his early manhood he was a Free-soiler, but has been an earnest advocate of the Republican party since its organization, and was one of the secretaries of the first Republican State Convention held in Wisconsin. In 1853 he was elected district-attorney, which office he held for two years. In 1857 he was appointed county judge by Gov. Bashford, and served out an unexpired term. In 1860 he was elected to the legislature by a large majority, notwithstanding the fact that the regular Republican ticket did not receive one-third of the votes in the district from which he was elected. The same year he was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, and was one of its acting secretaries. In 1868 he was nominated for Congress by the Republican party of the Fourth Congressional District, but was defeated. The same year he was one of the presidential electors on the Republican ticket. In 1872 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention held at Philadelphia. In 1873 he received the nomination for attorney-general upon the Republican State ticket; and though defeated, with the balance of his ticket, his run in his own county was, perhaps, without parallel in the political history of the State, receiving a majority of six hundred and twenty-seven votes, while the balance of his ticket was defeated in the county by 1,871 majority, and he led his ticket throughout the State. This home-indorsement produced quite a sensation at the time, and tells more of Mr. Frisby's personal merit than volumes of biography.

As a lawyer, Mr. Frisby stands in the front rank of his profession in the State, and has long enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. He is at present the senior member of the law-firm of Frisby, Well, and Barney. He has acquired his prominence as a lawyer, rather than as a politician; for, since his admission to the bar, he has been constant in practice. Mr. Frisby's life