

of the ablest lawyers in the state of Wisconsin. His knowledge of the law was profound and thorough and his judgment was sound and conservative. His eccentricities did not get into his judgment when he considered a legal proposition." "He was a strong, rugged man, a good lawyer, a safe counselor, and an able advocate."

References: Wisconsin Blue Book, 1901, 143, 161, 201, 210; Milwaukee *Sentinel*, February 22, 1904, from which the above quotations are taken and where there is a good likeness.

EDWIN EUSTACE BRYANT.

Born: Milton, Vermont, January 10, 1835.

Died: On train sixty miles east of Toronto, Canada, August 11, 1903.

Young Bryant's education was secured at the district school, at an academy and at the New Hampshire Institute, Fairfax. He taught also for five years. In the spring of 1857 he took up his residence in Janesville, Wisconsin. There he read law in the office of Ira C. Jenks, obtaining his income by teaching school.

On July 18, 1857, he was admitted to practice in Rock county and forthwith settled in Monroe, Green county, where he formed a partnership with John M. Bingham. Having, however, literary inclinations, he supplemented his practice by editorial writing on the *Monroe Sentinel*.

In April, 1861, he enlisted in a Green county company which became a portion of the Third Wisconsin Infantry. Of this regiment he was appointed sergeant-major. By various promotions he became regimental adjutant and was sent north on recruiting duty. Before leaving the seat of war, however, he had seen much severe service in Virginia and fought at Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorville and Gettysburg. After assisting with his regiment in the suppression of the draft riots in New York city in 1863 he did duty in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.



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While on recruiting duty in 1864 he was appointed assistant provost-marshal and resigned in consequence from the Third regiment in June, 1864. In February, 1865, he became lieutenant-colonel of the Fiftieth Wisconsin regiment on duty in the far west. In the winter of the following year he returned to his home in Monroe, expecting to re-enter the law. However, in 1868, he accepted the position of private secretary to Governor Lucius Fairchild and of adjutant-general of Wisconsin.

In the beginning of 1872 he resumed practice as a member of the firm of Vilas and Bryant in Madison.

The legislature of 1872 by act approved March 23, 1872, being chapter 104, authorized the reprinting of the early volumes of the reports of the Supreme Court, to be done under the immediate superintendence of some member of the bar as well as under the general direction of the court. Messrs. Vilas and Bryant were selected by the court for the work. By these gentlemen the first twenty-two volumes were revised, except that Judge Dixon annotated volumes three and five. This work was completed in the winter of 1875.

In 1878 Mr. Bryant served in the assembly. In 1880 he was appointed clerk of the committee on public lands in the House of Representatives at Washington—a position which he filled until March 4, 1883. He then returned to Madison and having purchased an interest in the *Madison Democrat* he assumed its editorial management.

In March, 1885, he was appointed assistant attorney general for the postoffice department at Washington and occupied that position for four years and until he resigned.

Returning again to Madison he accepted the deanship of the college of law of the University of Wisconsin and held the position until the close of the collegiate year in June, 1903.

He was chairman of the Fish Commission of Wisconsin and a member, and for term president, of the

National Fisheries Society. He attended a meeting of that society in July, 1903, and upon the same occasion visited his native place in Vermont. It was while returning from that filial duty that he died.

References: 122 Wisconsin xxxi, where are discriminating estimates upon Mr. Bryant's life and services, too long for insertion here; Milwaukee *Sentinel* of August 12 and 13, 1903, in the earlier issue being a fine likeness.

ELISHA L. BUMP.

Born: Otsego county, New York, July 10, 1849.

Died: Wausau, Wisconsin, July 15, 1904.

He was educated in the common schools of his native state, in the Lake Mills, Wisconsin, high school, and in the Allegheny, New York, Institute. In 1868 he began the study of law in the office of V. A. Willard, Belmont, New York, completing his course with E. L. Browne at Waupaca, Wisconsin. In December, 1870, he was admitted to practice at Waupaca. First settling in Wausau in November, 1871, he formed a partnership with W. C. Silverthorn, the firm being Silverthorn and Bump.

In May, 1875, Mr. Bump removed to Waupaca and formed a partnership with E. L. Browne, which continued until March, 1879. During this brief residence he was chosen a supervisor and was chairman of the board in 1877 and 1878.

In 1879 he removed to Merrill, practiced as a member of the firm of Bump and Hetzel and served as mayor of the city.

Returning to Wausau he formed with A. U. Kreutzer and M. B. Rosenberry the firm of Bump, Kreutzer and Rosenberry. He held responsible positions in Wausau and was twice a candidate for the circuit judgeship.

References: Berryman's History of the Bench and Bar of Wisconsin, II, 579; Milwaukee *Sentine*, July 16, 1904, where is a portrait.