

## **Irwin N. Kimberly**

Irwin N. Kimberly is a native of the state of Maine, and when the boy was about 7 years old, his family left the Pine Tree State and came to Gaylord, arriving in the spring of 1878, when the town was an infant. His sturdy sire was a cooper by trade, and it was not long before he was turning out barrels and tubs. The cooper shop stood on ground now occupied by the imposing F. A. Kramer Block, and their shanty residence stood a couple of rods back to it next to the dense forest of maple that stretched away in unbroken lines many miles to the north. Later on his parents moved on to a farm in Dover that was subdued and cultivated for a few years. The family moved back to town and his honored father was elected to the office of county Register. The boy grew and thrived and acquired a fair education in the village schools. For 15 years he has been the faithful and competent janitor of the Gaylord High School, and for 8 years the trusty Bagley Town Clerk and Librarian. He has a nice family and pleasant home – wife and four children, boy and three girls – and is highly esteemed as a man and citizen.