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A prominent figure in the banking and political circles of North Dakota is Hon. Louis B. Hanna, the honored chief executive of the state, to which position he was called in 1913. This followed years of efficient service in the legislative halls of the state and nation and his political activity was based not only upon comprehensive study of the vital questions and issues of the day but also upon broad experience in the business world. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born at New Brighton, August 9, 1861, a son of Captain Jason R. and Margaret A. (Lewis) Hanna, the former winning his title as commander of Company C of the Sixty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war.

In his youthful days Louis B. Hanna attended the schools of New York city and of Cleveland, Ohio, and in recognition of his pronounced ability the LL. D. degree was conferred upon him by Fargo College of Fargo, North Dakota, in June, 1915. Throughout the entire period of his business career his attention has been given to the lumber trade and to banking and his course, characterized by steady progress resulting from close application, broadening experience and steadily developing powers, has brought him to the front in the banking circles of his adopted state, so that he is now president of the First National Bank at Page, North Dakota, president of the State Bank at Erie, president of the State Bank at Pillsbury and a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of the ninth district.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1884, Louis B. Hanna was married to Miss Lottie L. Thatcher and to them have been born three daughters and a son: Margaret E., deceased; Jean E., the wife of Edwin J. Clapp; Dorothy L.; and Robert L. The family hold membership in the Baptist church and Governor Hanna is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knights Templar degree, while upon him has also been conferred the honorary thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite, a recognition of valuable service rendered to the order. He has also become a member of the Mystic Shrine and of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he has membership in the Masonic Club of Fargo and in the Country Club of Bismarck. He is perhaps best known as one of the political leaders of the northwest, for he has left the impress of his individuality and ability in large measure upon the history of his state. In 1895 he was selected to represent his district in the general assembly and at the close of his term was chosen a member of the state senate, serving from 1897 until 1901. After an interval of four years he was again elected to the upper house, of which he continued a member from 1905 until 1909. In the latter year he was sent to congress and reelection continued him in the national halls of legislation for four years, on the expiration of which period he was chosen North Dakota's chief executive and will so continue by virtue of his election until 1917. His administration is characterized by a progressiveness that takes into consideration the salient questions and conditions of the state with a view to enlarging the scope of its activities and interests and upholding the high

standards that have won for North Dakota its fair name. An incident in his life of which he has every reason to be proud is that he was given the Cross of St. Olaf by Haakon VI, king of Norway, in September, 1915.

JAMES B. SWANICK.

James B. Swanick, a well known merchant of McKenzie, was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1878, and is the seventh in order of birth in a family of ten children, seven of whom are still living. His parents were John and Mary (Merrick) Swanick, natives of Scotland and Ireland respectively. When a young man the father came to the United States and located at Saratoga Springs, New York, but afterward removed to Toronto, Canada, where he spent the remainder of his life, his time and attention being devoted to general farming. He died in 1882, and his wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1915.

During his boyhood James B. Swanick attended the public schools of Toronto and after completing his education came to the United States, first locating in Chicago, Illinois, where he was in the employ of James Wild & Son, merchants, for a period of four years. Following this he went to Buffalo, New York, where he engaged in clerking in a mercantile establishment for a similar period. It was in 1902 that he came to North Dakota, and for two years was employed in a lumberyard at Grafton, since which time he has been a resident of McKenzie. On his arrival here he accepted a position with Mr. Goddard, who was engaged in general merchandising under the firm style of the McKenzie Mercantile Company, and Mr. Swanick remained with him about four years. On leaving him he established a store of his own, which he still conducts. He not only carries a large line of general merchandise but also handles meats, hardware and farm implements. He has built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing owing to his fair dealing and courteous treatment of his customers. He gives employment to three clerks and is the owner of the store building which he occupies, it being one hundred and thirty-two by forty feet in dimensions.

On the 21st of September, 1910, Mr. Swanick was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Crum, who was born about five miles from McKenzie, North Dakota, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crum, being early settlers of this state. They are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Swanick have three children: James C., Delvin T. and Russell.

The family attend the Methodist church and Mr. Swanick is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Sterling and having filled all the chairs in that organization. He is a republican but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests.

GAIL P. SHEPARD, M. D.

Dr. Gail P. Shepard, of Jamestown, has realized that this is the age of specialization and has given particular attention to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in the treatment of which he has become very proficient. He was born in Princeton, Illinois, May 12, 1876, a son of Curtis and Ordella (Harrington) Shepard. The father removed to this state in 1882 and two years later his family joined him. He engaged in buying grain and also dealt quite extensively in Chester White hogs, both branches of his business proving profitable.

Gail P. Shepard attended the public schools as a boy and youth and later entered Fargo College, from which he was graduated in 1903 with the degree of B. S. He began his professional study in the Northwestern Medical College at Chicago, which he entered in the year 1903, and in which he remained for two years. He then matriculated in Rush Medical College, where he pursued his studies for three years, graduating in 1908. The following year he practiced his profession in Chicago and at the end of that time returned to this state and located in Gackle, where he remained until the spring of 1910. He then removed to Courtenay and continued there for about four years, after which he returned to Chicago

and took postgraduate work. On resuming practice he located in Jamestown, Stutsman county, where he has since remained. His practice is increasing month by month and he has already built up an enviable reputation as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He is constantly broadening his knowledge by study and thus keeps in touch with the new developments in medical science, and he is an active member of the county and state medical societies and of the American Medical Association.

On the 6th of March, 1907, Dr. Shepard was united in marriage to Miss Clara M. Eddy, of Rice Lake, a daughter of George J. Eddy, of Utica, New York. Dr. Shepard is a democrat in politics and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, although he has never been an office seeker. He belongs to the three branches of the Odd Fellows, has taken the third degree in the Masonic order and is also a member of the Sportsman's Club. He is likewise identified with the Commercial Club, which indicates his willingness to aid in movements seeking the development and advancement of his community. He finds great pleasure in hunting and fishing and, in fact, in all outdoor sports, which he values not only because of the pleasure which they afford but also because of the fact they promote physical vigor. In May, 1898, he enlisted as a member of Company B, First North Dakota Regiment, but was soon transferred from the ranks to the Hospital Corps. He was with the army in the Philippines and was present at the capture of Manila. The spirit of patriotism which he manifested by joining the army he has since displayed in times of peace, subordinating his personal interests to those of his city and state.

RICHARD MERRILL DE PUY.

In the position of cashier Richard Merrill De Puy is active in the management of the Eldridge State Bank, which is one of the branches of the syndicate banking interests conducted under the name of the James River National Bank, which corporation has its headquarters at Jamestown. Mr. De Puy is numbered among the native sons of the state, his birth having occurred in Bismarck in 1891. His father, William Otis De Puy, was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1862, and the mother, who bore the maiden name of Helen I. Joslin, was born in Ohio, in the same year. The father became a dentist and practiced at Jamestown and at Bismarck for a period of eight years, but at length was obliged to abandon his profession on account of trouble with his eyes. He afterward spent a year at Bismarck as deputy secretary of state and later he entered the drug business in that city as a partner of a Mr. Beardsley, which connection was continued until 1898, at which time he removed to Rolla, North Dakota, where he conducted a drug business under a partnership relation until 1913. At that date he removed to Jamestown, where he embarked in the automobile business, in which he is still engaged under the name of the Jamestown Motor Company. He has secured a large patronage in that connection, annually selling many cars, and his capable management of his interests is bringing to him gratifying success.

Richard M. De Puy, the only son of the family, pursued his education in the common and high schools of Rolla, North Dakota, and in the Principia College and Military Academy of St. Louis, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. He next entered the Citizens National Bank of Jamestown, North Dakota, in the capacity of bookkeeper and there continued until 1915, at which time he was offered and accepted a position in the James River Bank, which is the parent organization of the Eldridge State Bank, being the leading bank in the syndicate which owns a number of banks in this part of the state. The Eldridge State Bank was organized September 1, 1915, and from the beginning Mr. De Puy has continuously served as cashier, his efforts in that connection being most acceptable to the other officers and stockholders. He is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the banking business, and though young in years his experience has been thorough, his training broad, and his powers are accordingly well developed. In addition to his banking interests he holds stock in the Provident Insurance Company of Bismarck.

On the 16th of August, 1916, Mr. De Puy was married to Miss Ruth M. Tweed, who was born at Jamestown, this state, in 1891, a daughter of Mrs. J. M. Rowe. Her father

is deceased. Both of her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, but removed to the west in pioneer times. In religious faith Mr. De Puy is a Christian Scientist and fraternally he is connected with the Jamestown Lodge, No. 995, B. P. O. E. His political views accord with the principles of the republican party and he is now serving as justice of the peace at Eldridge, where he has made an excellent record by the fairness and impartiality of his decisions.

JAMES NELSON KELLY.

James Nelson Kelly is a Virginian by birth and his early education was obtained in public and private schools and at Emory and Henry College in the state of Virginia. He was born at Emory, Virginia, April 9, 1859, the son of James and Malala (Helton) Kelly. His boyhood was spent on the farm and after passing through the public schools he matriculated at the historic old Emory and Henry College, from which he graduated in 1879 and from which he later received the degree of Master of Arts. After spending some years in Illinois he entered and graduated from Lake Forest University, which school gave him his LL. B. degree. Before coming to North Dakota Mr. Kelly was superintendent of schools at Brighton, Woodstock and Hillsdale, in the state of Illinois. For the past twenty-three years he has been superintendent of the Grand Forks city schools.

Mr. Kelly was married July 2, 1896, to Eleanor G. Murphy, daughter of John J. and Elizabeth A. (Donnelly) Murphy, of Woodstock, Illinois. They have five children, Elizabeth Virginia, John J., Eleanor G., James N. and Evelyn C.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have a pleasant home in the city of Grand Forks where the latch string is always out to their friends. Mr. Kelly has always taken a keen interest in the welfare of his city. He has been interested not only in educational matters but has been anxious to lend a helping hand in every good work. He is largely interested in agricultural affairs and owns some of the finest farms in the state.

PAUL J. NORDBERG.

Paul J. Nordberg, cashier of the State Bank of Newburg at Newburg, Bottineau county, was born in Norway, October 22, 1878, a son of John and Hansina (Bruem) Nordberg, who came to the United States in 1884, settling in Pope county, Minnesota, adjoining the town of Starbuck, where they purchased a farm. The father at once bent his energies to the further development and improvement of that place, whereon he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1901. His widow is still living and resides in Starbuck.

Paul J. Nordberg was educated in the public and high schools of Starbuck to the age of fourteen years, when he started out in the business world and has since provided for his own support. He entered upon an apprenticeship to the harness making trade in a shop at Starbuck, and after completing his term of indenture worked at his trade for twelve years. In 1899 he came to North Dakota and through the succeeding four years was employed in that line in Bottineau. In 1903 he went to the old town of Richburg, Bottineau county, before the building of the railroad, and there established a harness store, but soon thereafter removed his building to Westhope. This was thirty days before the railroad was built into the town. In the fall of 1906 he disposed of his business there and in the spring of 1907 went to Newburg, where he opened a harness shop. In July of the same year he was offered the assistant cashiership of the State Bank of Newburg, and, disposing of his business, thus entered upon his career as a banker. He served as assistant cashier until January 1, 1910, when he was elected cashier of the institution and has since served in that connection, largely controlling the interests and establishing the policy of the bank. His work has been highly satisfactory to all stockholders, for he has placed the bank upon a safe, reliable basis and has conducted its business according to the latest methods of banking. He has also become the owner of two farms of one hundred and sixty acres each near the town and carefully directs and manages his property interests. For



JAMES NELSON KELLY

some years he has engaged in the real estate business and has handled considerable property, negotiating various transfers which have led to the settlement and upbuilding of this section.

In 1904 Mr. Nordberg was united in marriage to Miss Minnie C. Peterson, of Lowry, Minnesota, by whom he has five children, two daughters and three sons, namely: Wallace, Pauline, Chester, Vernon and Doris. Politically Mr. Nordberg is a republican with prohibition tendencies. He has served as village treasurer and as treasurer of the school board for several years, but has refused other offices, preferring to concentrate his attention and efforts upon individual interests. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and are highly esteemed by all who know them. In his business career Mr. Nordberg has steadily advanced step by step and each advance has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. His plans are well devised and carefully executed, and embrace not only an effort for the attainment of individual success but also the earnest purpose of promoting the public welfare.

HENRY BOEHNKE.

Henry Boehnke, who is now successfully engaged in the agricultural implement business in Kramer, was born on the 6th of September, 1866, in Bohn, Germany, but was only seven years of age when brought to this country in 1873 by his parents, Michael and Carolina Boehnke, also natives of the fatherland. The family located near Yankton, South Dakota, where the father secured a homestead and engaged in its operation for thirteen years. He then sold that place and settled fifty miles west of Aberdeen, where he made his home until his removal to Bottineau county, North Dakota, in 1896. He has since resided in Bottineau and has now reached the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, honored and respected by all who know him. His wife passed away on the 15th of August, 1910.

During his boyhood Henry Boehnke attended the public schools of South Dakota and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He then took a preemption and engaged in the improvement and cultivation of his land for three years, at the end of which time he removed to Eureka, South Dakota, and served as chief of police for five years. It was in 1895 that he came to Bottineau county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead in the Turtle mountains, where he spent three years. In 1898 he became a resident of Bottineau and was engaged in the implement business there until 1905, since which time he has made his home in Kramer. He served as manager of the Kramer Implement Company until the spring of 1913 and has since engaged in the same business on his own account, building up a good trade. In 1908 his wife was appointed postmistress of Kramer and has since filled that position in a most satisfactory manner.

Mr. Boehnke was married in 1890 to Miss Mary Klamisky, and to them were born four children: Albert A., Edwin G., Walter W. and Matilda M. The wife and mother died on the 22d of May, 1903, and in June, 1909, Mr. Boehnke married Miss Lizzie Jorgenson. By the second union one child was born, but it died in infancy December 25, 1911.

In religious faith Mr. Boehnke is a Methodist, and in politics he is a republican, taking an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He served as deputy sheriff of Bottineau county one term and has also served as one of the trustees of the village board of Kramer. He has always been found true to any trust reposed in him whether of a public or private nature, and is numbered among the valued citizens of his community.

J. IRA SPAULDING.

J. Ira Spaulding, president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Sherwood, was born at Minnewaukan, Benson county, February 20, 1884, a son of Martin J. and Lura (Howery) Spaulding, both of whom were natives of Wisconsin. The father was a farmer by occupation and continued the cultivation of his land in Wisconsin until 1882, when he

removed to Benson county, North Dakota, and filed on land, which he improved and developed until 1891. In that year he took up his abode at Leeds, North Dakota, where he carried on farming and also conducted a general store and lumber business for twelve years. In 1903 he removed to Sherwood, North Dakota, where he opened a general store in connection with his son, J. Ira Spaulding. This they conducted until May, 1915, when they sold out and the father returned to Leeds, where he and his wife are now residing.

J. Ira Spaulding was largely reared at Leeds, where he pursued his education, completing his course in Graceland College. He then went into the store at Sherwood with his father and success attended their efforts in that connection. When they sold out J. Ira Spaulding turned his attention to the banking business, purchasing an interest in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, of which he is now the president, with F. J. Harris as vice president, Perry Brown as cashier and H. O. Kiel as assistant cashier. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to one hundred and ninety thousand dollars. The bank was organized in October, 1904, and entered at once upon a prosperous existence that has made it one of the strong financial concerns of Renville county. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Spaulding owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Ward county.

In December, 1908, occurred the marriage of Mr. Spaulding and Miss Louise Sherritt, and to them have been born four children: John Clayton, born February 5, 1910; Payson, born August 25, 1912; Teddy, born September 17, 1914; and Maxine Ione, born December 17, 1915.

The parents attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Spaulding is a republican in his political views. He filled the office of city treasurer of Sherwood for one year, was a member of the town council for six years and is the present mayor of the town, in which connection he is giving Sherwood a businesslike and progressive administration characterized by many measures of practical improvement and progress. His life has been well spent and his activities in the business world have been resultant, bringing him a substantial measure of prosperity.

PATRICK MORRISSEY.

Patrick Morrissey, who is one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens of Berwick, was born on the 9th of March, 1864, near Oshkosh, in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Michael and Katherine (Burre) Morrissey, natives of Ireland, who came with their respective parents to America during childhood. They became residents of New York, in which state the father engaged in railroad work after reaching man's estate. He subsequently removed to Wisconsin and purchased land in Winnebago county, where he followed farming for several years. At length he became a resident of South Dakota, where he bought a relinquishment, and devoted the remainder of his life to the improvement and cultivation of that farm. He died in Huron in 1902, and there his widow still resides.

Patrick Morrissey attended the public schools of Wisconsin during his boyhood and also assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On leaving home he worked as a farm hand in his native state for two years, but in 1885 went to South Dakota, where he was similarly employed for one summer. The following winter was spent in a lumber camp in Wisconsin and in the spring of 1887 he went to Cass county, North Dakota, where he worked as a farm hand for eight years. At the end of that time he took up a homestead in Bottineau county, on which he lived until 1900. He still owns that place, but now rents it. On leaving the farm he entered the service of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company, as manager of their elevator at Omeme, North Dakota, for eight months, after which he had charge of the Stewart elevator at Berwick, McHenry county, for two years. He then erected an elevator of his own in Berwick, and has since operated the same with most excellent success, while his wife conducts a general store at the same place.

It was in September, 1901, that Mr. Morrissey was united in marriage to Miss Mary Baldwin. They have two children, namely: Charles F., born September 21, 1902; and Mary F., born July 19, 1906. They are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Morrissey is a

democrat in politics. He has served as justice of the peace in Berwick, but prefers to devote his attention to his business interests, which are extensive, as he is now the owner of three quarter sections of land besides his town property. His success in life is due to his own unaided efforts, as he started out for himself empty handed, and his prosperity is the result of his industry, enterprise and sound business judgment.

A. M. TREAT, M. D.

Dr. A. M. Treat, one of the progressive and capable physicians and surgeons of Stutsman county, is the only representative of his profession in Pingree and serves a territory with a radius of twenty miles. He leads a very busy life as there are many calls for his professional services. He was born in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, on the 23d of January, 1857, a son of C. W. and Ann (Miller) Treat, both of whom are still living. The father is an up-to-date and efficient farmer.

A. M. Treat attended the public and high schools of his native town and subsequently spent a year in the academic department of the University of Minnesota, after which he entered the medical department of that institution, in which he remained for three years. He then became a student in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1910. He removed to the Pacific coast and practised in the state of Washington for two years but at the end of that time, or in 1912, came to Pingree, North Dakota, where he has since remained. He is the only physician in the town and has a large practice not only in Pingree but throughout the surrounding country for a radius of twenty miles. He keeps in touch with the advancement that is constantly being made in medical science and has been very successful in the treatment of disease.

Dr. Treat was married on the 25th of August, 1912, to Miss Maude Hosfelt, a daughter of J. B. Hosfelt, a resident of Bickleton, Washington. The Doctor supports the republican party but confines his political activity to the exercise of his right of franchise as his professional work demands his undivided attention. He holds membership in the Congregational church and seeks to promote the spread of its influence and the principles which govern his life are still further indicated by the fact that he is a third degree Mason. He finds much pleasure in hunting and motoring and recognizes the importance of recreation. He is highly respected both as a man and as a physician and personally has many friends.

CHARLES ALLEN.

Charles Allen, deputy county treasurer of Grand Forks county, was born May 31, 1859, in County Longford, Ireland. His father, Joseph Allen, spent his entire life in that country, where he died December 25, 1883, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a stock raiser and farmer and was quite successful in the conduct of his business affairs. In politics he was active and cooperated in many practical and beneficial projects for civic improvement. He became the first president of the local Land League and he was an active and earnest supporter of the cause of education, building the first schoolhouse under the national board of education. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. He married Elizabeth Murphy, also a native of Ireland, and her death occurred in County Longford when she had attained the notable old age of ninety-two years.

Charles Allen was the tenth in order of birth in a family of twelve children and was educated in the national schools of Longford county and also studied under private tutors. His early life was spent upon his father's farm and at the age of nineteen years he started out to earn his own living, being first employed as timekeeper and bookkeeper by a hobbin manufacturing concern in his native county. He served in that capacity for six years and also represented the company as buyer. His employers were M. McNeill & Son, who had one of the largest concerns of the kind in that section of Ireland. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world, Mr. Allen came to America in 1884 and made his way direct to

Grand Forks, where he arrived an utter stranger save that he had a slight acquaintance with George C. Dixon, who had come from a neighboring town in Ireland. Mr. Allen took up government land in the Turtle mountains and followed farming there for several years. He then made a trip back to Ireland, where he spent the winter of 1888-9, when he again came to North Dakota. In the spring of the latter year he secured a position under W. C. Anderson, then county auditor. He was connected with the office for sixteen years as clerk and deputy and as assistant auditor under William Ackerman. He also spent some time in the employ of M. F. Murphy, a real estate dealer, and for three years was with the Northern State Bank of Grand Forks in the capacity of bookkeeper. He then entered the county treasurer's office under H. A. Shaw, with whom he continued to the end of his term, after which John Bridston, the present county treasurer, appointed Mr. Allen as deputy and he is now acting in that capacity. In politics he is a republican and from the time he secured his naturalization papers he has been an active worker in the ranks of the party.

Mr. Allen was united in marriage in August, 1897, to Miss Sarah Margareta Carothers, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a sister of the late R. M. Carothers, county judge and an old settler of Grand Forks. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen, four sons and a daughter, Mary, Frederick Wallace, Joseph Carothers, Robert and James Rentoul.

Mr. Allen was made a Mason in the spring of 1889 in his home town and since that time has always taken a very active part in the work of the order. His brother-in-law, George Henry Miller, was at the time master of the lodge in which he was initiated and prior to his death Mr. Miller had become high sheriff of County Longford and land commissioner of Wexford and Longford counties. For many years he was deputy grand master of the Masons in the province of Meath and in Masonic circles was well known and highly esteemed. At the time of his death he resided at Mill View, Edgeworth, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Miller, a sister of Mrs. Charles Allen. In Masonry Mr. Allen has steadily advanced, taking all of the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and thus becoming a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason. He is now secretary of the Royal Arch chapter at Grand Forks and also of the Scottish Rite bodies and he belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, esteem him highly as a man of genuine personal worth who holds to exalted ideals and at all times endeavors to make them effective in his life.

MATT JOHNSON.

Throughout his business career Matt Johnson has been identified with newspaper work and is now editor and proprietor of the Omemeé Herald, published at Omemeé, Bottineau county. He has also taken a very prominent part in local politics and has been called upon to fill public positions of honor and trust.

Mr. Johnson was born in Northwood, Worth county, Iowa, February 1, 1872, and is a son of Knute W. and Mathia (Amundson) Johnson, natives of Norway. The mother was only three years of age on her arrival in this country. The father came to the new world during the administration of President Pierce and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in Company B, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service until hostilities ceased.

Matt Johnson was about seven years of age when the family came to North Dakota, and he was educated in the public schools of Traill county. At the age of thirteen he began learning the printer's trade, at which he served a five years' apprenticeship, and has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention to newspaper work. At the age of eighteen he began the publication of a paper at Caledonia and was later similarly employed at Shelly and Halstad, Minnesota. In 1901 he came to Bottineau county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead, which he sold three years later. He has been connected with two different papers in Bottineau and in 1905 purchased the Omemeé Herald, which he has since conducted with most gratifying success.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and politically is identified with the republican party. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, elected him to the state legislature in 1909, and he has also served as village clerk of Omemee and clerk of the district court from 1911 to 1915. He is public-spirited and progressive and never withholds his support from any worthy enterprise.

J. E. HALSTEAD.

J. E. Halstead, who owns the Jamestown Steam Laundry, was born in Indiana on the 18th of November, 1863, and is a son of John and Sarah (Martin) Halstead. The father was a farmer by occupation and as the years passed accumulated a competence. Both he and his wife are now deceased. To them were born three sons: J. E., A. M., and A. P.

J. E. Halstead received his education in the public schools and after putting aside his textbooks became connected with the drug business, continuing in that line for two years. At the end of that time he made his way to North Dakota and for seven years he was in the employ of a Mr. Lutz, who was engaged in the lumber business. In 1897 he purchased the laundry at Jamestown, which he has since thoroughly modernized, installing the most improved machinery. He gives steady employment to nine people and collects and delivers work by wagon. His reasonable prices and the high quality of the work done have enabled him to build up a large and lucrative patronage. In addition to his laundry he has other interests, owning stock in the Zimmerman store, the Citizens National Bank, and the Cleveland First State Bank.

Mr. Halstead was married in 1883 to Miss Ella Butcher, a daughter of William Butcher, and they have become the parents of a son and daughter, Ethel and Albert. Mr. Halstead is a republican and has served the people as alderman, promoting in every way possible the interests of good government. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and fraternally he belongs to the Masons, to the Mystic Shrine and to the Elks. His association with the Commercial Club indicates his interest in his town and his public spirit also extends to the state of North Dakota, which he believes has a great future in store for it. He greatly enjoys hunting and motoring, which afford him needed recreation.

EMIL J. HEADLAND.

Emil J. Headland, who is successfully engaged in farming in Stanley township, Cass county, is a native of that county, born on the 22d of June, 1876. His parents, John E. and Solveig (Palmer) Headland, were born in Norway, where they remained until 1869, when they came to the United States. They first located in Rice county, Minnesota, but in 1871 removed to Cass county, North Dakota. They took up their residence upon a farm, where they lived until 1907, in which year they retired and went to Fargo, where they still reside. All their six children are living.

Emil J. Headland was reared in this county and in his childhood met with the usual experiences of the boy raised upon the frontier. The family residence was for several years a log cabin covered with sod and the nearest neighbors were a number of miles away. He assisted his father in the development of the farm as soon as he became old enough, and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. Subsequently he took a business course in Fargo. When but fifteen years of age he took charge of the operation of the home farm and a number of years later he purchased the place, which is located on section 1, Stanley township. He has added to his holdings, which now comprise three hundred and seventy acres in this state and eighty-four acres in Minnesota, all of which is well improved. He derives a good income from his land and he also has other interests, being a stockholder and the secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company, a stockholder and a director of the Scandinavian Bank at Fargo, and secretary and treasurer of the River Line Telephone Company.

Mr. Headland was married on New Year's Day, 1910, to Miss Oline Dahl, who was born in Minnesota, a daughter of Ole and Rebecca Dahl, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Headland have three children, Mildred Rebecca, Solveig Oline and Emil Johan.

Mr. Headland supports the republican party at the polls and has served as assessor of his township. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and he is also a member of the Sons of Norway. He possesses those sterling qualities characteristic of his race and has not only gained financial independence but has also won the sincere respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

FRED GORDON.

Fred Gordon, a farmer and stockman living at Tioga, was born at Danville, in the province of Quebec, Canada, June 25, 1834, and has therefore passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. His parents were John and Rhoda (Pope) Gordon. The father, a native of Scotland, acquired his education in the schools of that country and on coming to the new world with his brother settled at Kingston, Canada, where he worked at the baker's trade, having previously served a seven years' apprenticeship in Scotland. He afterward removed to Shipton, Canada, where he carried on farming, purchasing two hundred acres of land, which he successfully developed and improved. He was one of the pioneer settlers of that district and died in Shipton at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His wife, who was born in Wheelock, Vermont, spent her girlhood upon a farm in the Green Mountain state but was married in Canada, where she went with her father, who there followed the millwright's trade. Mrs. Gordon reached an advanced age and passed away at Shipton.

Fred Gordon met the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm bred boy while spending his youthful days on the old homestead at Shipton. The farm was situated three miles from Danville. He had but little opportunity to attend school and when comparatively young began work as a farm hand. Going to Vermont in early manhood, he was employed at farm labor there at a salary of twelve dollars per month, which was the highest wage paid for such work at that time. All farm work was done by hand as the modern farm machinery had not then been invented or introduced. In 1863 he removed to Wells River, New Hampshire, and purchased a farm near Woodville, having acquired the capital wherewith to make the purchase through his economy while working for others at twelve dollars per month. For some time he cultivated his original farm and then sold out, after which he bought land at Swift River, New Hampshire. There he engaged in farming and also carried on logging at Bungie, New Hampshire. The logging firm with which he was employed purchased seven thousand acres of land in Minnesota and sent Mr. Gordon to buy two hundred calves to stock this ranch. He then sold his New Hampshire farm and purchased the calves, which he took to the Minnesota ranch, one hundred horses having been sent out the year before. He took back two carloads of horses in the cars that the calves had been shipped in. Since that period he has been continuously identified with the development of the northwest. In 1882 he removed to Niagara, Grand Forks county, and purchased eighty acres of land adjoining the town of Niagara for twelve hundred dollars. He next bought four hundred acres from George R. Baker, the arrangement being that he was to pay fourteen thousand bushels of wheat, giving Mr. Baker such an amount each year as he could to apply upon the indebtedness. In three years he had discharged his financial obligation. He continued to engage in farming and stock raising near Niagara from 1882 until 1908, or for a period of twenty-six years, at the end of which time he sold out and removed to Tioga, where he purchased a relinquishment of one hundred and sixty acres. From time to time he has added to his holdings until he is now the owner of over one thousand acres of valuable land in Williams county, his home being situated on his farm a half mile west of the town of Tioga. In making his purchases he has displayed sound judgment and his property interests now return to him a very gratifying annual income. He also owns town property in Tioga in addition to a large number of farms. He owns the



FRED GORDON

Gordon Hotel in Tioga; a poolroom in Temple and another in Guthrie, North Dakota. He has always been a great trader and buys, sells and trades farms and city property. To Mr. Gordon was awarded the contract for paving the streets of Larimore, North Dakota, and he also had a subcontract to grade a part of the right of way for the Great Northern Railroad from Devils Lake to Fort Benton, North Dakota.

In February, 1872, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Helen A. Andrews, who was born at Shipton, in the province of Quebec, Canada, a daughter of Horatio and Rhoda (Aldney) Andrews, who were natives of Claremont, New Hampshire. Mrs. Gordon completed her education by graduation from the high school at Danville, Canada, and she passed away in March, 1916, while on a visit to the home of her son in Alberta. To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were born nine children, of whom six survive, Kenneth McC., George, Fred M., Valmer, William C. and Emma R.

In his political views Mr. Gordon is an earnest democrat and his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and both within and without that organization has many warm friends. With every phase of pioneer life in North Dakota he is familiar and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past of territorial days and the progressive present. He has done much for the upbuilding of the state through the conduct of his business affairs and his keen, quick judgment in trading on a big scale has brought him notable and well deserved prosperity. While about eighty-three years of age he is as active as a man of fifty and looks no older. His life record would put to shame many a man of less resolute spirit, who, grown weary of the burdens resting upon him, would relegate his duties to others. Still hale and hearty, his mind alert and his faculties unimpaired, he is today one of the most active, successful and honored business men of Williams county.

C. A. MENGE.

C. A. Menge, a hardware merchant and one of the prominent business men of Mylo, was born in Germany on the 9th of February, 1872, a son of August and Frederika (Malakowski) Menge, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to the United States in 1878, and first settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota, but in 1881 moved to Norman county and homesteaded.

In the public schools of that state C. A. Menge pursued his early education, supplemented by a course in a business college in St. Paul. As early as his twelfth year, however, he became a wage earner, working for neighboring farmers, and when a youth of eighteen he took charge of his father's farm, which he cultivated and further developed, continuing active in that way for three years. Later he rented other land and engaged in farming independently. His initial training in the hardware trade was received in 1901, when he entered a store in Lockhart, Minnesota, where he was employed for three years. In 1905 he came to North Dakota and after four months spent in Bisbee, where he had charge of a lumberyard until it was sold, he removed to Mylo on the 7th of July, 1905, four days before the sale of town lots was held. There he was placed in charge of the business of the Rogers Lumber Company and at the same time entered into partnership with Charles Stenson, establishing a hardware and implement business under the firm style of Menge & Stenson. They erected a store building and opened the first business house in the new town. During the first year of his connection with Mr. Stenson, Mr. Menge lived in the back part of the store and had charge of the hardware department, while Mr. Stenson took charge of the sale of farm implements. On the 1st of January, 1907, they dissolved partnership and Mr. Menge continued in the hardware trade independently. He now has an excellent store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of both shelf and heavy hardware, and his sales have reached a gratifying annual figure. In addition he owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Mylo, and his spirit of enterprise and progressiveness constitutes him one of the leading business men of his locality.

In 1897 Mr. Menge was united in marriage to Miss Ida R. Hagenston, of Ada, Minnesota, and to them have been born four children: Alma F., who is attending the Valley City

Normal School; Verna, a pupil in the Bisbee high school; Arnold, also in school; and Marjorie, who has not yet reached school age.

Mr. Menge belongs to the Methodist church, while his wife is of the Lutheran faith, but in the absence of churches to their respective denominations in Mylo they attend the Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Menge is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was nominated at the primaries in the summer of 1916 for the office of state legislator, his friends recognizing that he possesses the qualities which would make a safe counselor in matters of significance to the commonwealth. He is a public-spirited citizen, loyal to the best interests of his community, and his efforts in behalf of public progress have resulted most beneficially in his district.

RUSSELL D. CHASE.

Russell D. Chase, an able lawyer of Jamestown, is a member of the well known firm of Thorp & Chase and since 1913 has served as states attorney. He was born in Carrington, North Dakota, on the 14th of April, 1888, a son of Ed M. and Kate A. Chase. The father, who settled in this state in 1882, devoted his life to merchandising. He passed away in 1904 but is survived by his widow.

Russell D. Chase attended the public and high schools and then entered the University of North Dakota, graduating from the College of Law in 1909. He immediately located at Jamestown and engaged with George W. Thorp in the practice of law under the style of Thorp & Chase. They have a good clientage and are recognized as able members of the bar. In 1913 Mr. Chase was elected states attorney on the republican ticket and has since given much of his time to the discharge of his official duties. He has made an excellent record, having proved both efficient and conscientious.

Mr. Chase is a Protestant in religious faith and fraternally is a Knight Templar Mason and an Elk. He is one of the progressive and public-spirited young men of Jamestown and has gained the respect of the community.

JESSE J. TAYLOR.

Jesse J. Taylor, cashier of the State Bank of Oriska at Oriska, Barnes county, was born at Oak Center, Wisconsin, January 29, 1876, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of that state. In the period of Wisconsin's early development his grandfather removed thither with his family, settling at Oak Center, where he engaged in farming, and his activity and enterprise contributed to the upbuilding of the district. His son, Lewis Taylor, a native of Byron, New York, was reared in Wisconsin and in 1881 removed to Brownton, Minnesota, where he resided for three or four years. He then went to Long Lake, where he remained until the spring of 1889, when he came to North Dakota, settling first at Tower City, Cass county, where he resided for three years. He then established his home eleven miles north of Oriska, where he engaged in farming until 1914. In Wisconsin he wedded Henrietta Young, a native of Schenectady, New York, and upon her death in 1914 he retired from active business life and his son Herbert, who has an adjoining farm, now operates the old homestead, cultivating an entire section of land. The family numbered seven children, of whom three have passed away.

Jesse J. Taylor, the eldest of the four surviving members of the family, attended the public schools in the various localities in which the family lived and afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years. He afterward entered the employ of Nicholas Gauche, a pioneer merchant of Oriska, with whom he remained for two years and then in order to better qualify himself for business life he attended Dixon College at Dixon, Illinois, studying there for two years. On returning to Oriska he secured a position in the State Bank, which was organized in April, 1903, and opened

its doors for business on the 3rd of August of that year with Mr. Taylor as cashier—a position which he has since continuously occupied. The other officers of the bank are George O. Goulet, president; Wesley Van Steenburgh, vice president; and Ethel J. Gamble, assistant cashier. The bank was capitalized for ten thousand dollars and the success of the institution is indicated in the fact that the capital stock has been raised to twenty thousand dollars and there is a surplus fund of five thousand dollars, with undivided profits of thirteen hundred dollars. Its deposits amount to about two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars and its loans and discounts to two hundred and ten thousand dollars. The business is conducted along the most modern methods of general banking and the policy pursued is a safe, conservative one, meriting the confidence and support of the public. On the 1st of July, 1916, they opened a savings department, accepting accounts from one dollar upward, and this is also proving successful. In the first two months five hundred dollars was deposited in small sums, so that the bank will prove a help to the community as well as a source of individual profit, enabling the small wage earner to save money.

On the 11th of May, 1904, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Florence Rice, of Dunlap, Illinois, a daughter of Elisha Rice, a pioneer settler of Illinois and successful farmer there. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have one child, Geneva, now in school. The parents are members of the Congregational church and occupy an enviable position in the warm regard of their fellow townsmen. Mr. Taylor also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic order. He has been successful, is a popular and efficient bank officer and a genial, courteous gentleman whose circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

ROBERT B. GRIFFITH.

Robert B. Griffith, president of the Robert B. Griffith Company, has throughout his business career displayed a spirit of initiative that has resulted in steady progress, bringing him into close and prominent connection with some of the most important commercial, industrial and financial interests of Grand Forks and of the state. He was born in Welland county, Ontario, Canada, December 24, 1856, a son of James and Ellen (Randall) Griffith. The father, a native of Ontario, resided in Canada until 1885, when he removed with his family to North Dakota, establishing his home in Grand Forks, where he engaged in business with his son. He afterward removed to Pasadena, California, and there retired from active business life, making his home in that city of flowers and sunshine until death called him in 1911, when he was eighty-one years of age. His wife had passed away in 1909 at the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom five died in infancy.

Robert B. Griffith, the second in order of birth, spent his early life in Ontario, where he attended the public schools, and after leaving high school he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, with which he was connected in Ontario for a decade. On the expiration of that period he came to North Dakota and established his present business in Grand Forks on the 2d of November, 1881. His business has enjoyed a remarkable growth. He had but one clerk in the beginning and at present his employes number about one hundred. He has always conducted a department store, carrying a large general line of goods, and his establishment is thoroughly modern in its equipment and in the character of the stock handled. His progressiveness, his initiative and his enterprise have made his establishment a standard of commercial activity in North Dakota. His business interests, however, cover a still broader scope, for he has become an official factor in the development and control of many interests of importance. He is now president of the Grand Forks Street Railway Company and a director of the First National Bank. He is also interested in the agricultural development of the state and is the owner of much valuable farming property.

Even these are but phases of his activity, for along many lines which have contributed to the material expansion and moral development of the community he has been equally active. He is a director of the Commercial Club, of which he was formerly president, and

at one time he was alderman of Grand Forks but could never be induced to accept other public office. He has, however, studied the questions which are to the statesman and man of affairs of the greatest import and significance and has cooperated heartily in many well defined projects to improve economic and sociological conditions. For many years he has been the president of the North Dakota Enforcement League. He is a most active worker in the Baptist church and for the past thirty years has been superintendent of the Sunday school. He is likewise the president of the North Dakota Baptist state convention and still his interests broaden into other lines, for he is a member of the Fortnightly Club, a literary organization, and of the Franklin Club, a social organization.

In September, 1885, Mr. Griffith married Minnie C. Webster, of Grand Forks, and they had four children. Paul B., a graduate of the University of North Dakota and now in business with his father, married Maude Begg and they have a son, Robert B. Marion died at the age of nine months, Earl Webster at the age of three years and Margaret Pearl when six years of age. Later they adopted a daughter, Faith, who is now attending school.

From a comparatively humble position in the business world Robert B. Griffith has steadily worked his way upward through his own efforts and is today not only one of the best known and leading merchants of Grand Forks but one of the most prominent business men of the state. Wealth has come to him but its attainment has been by no means the end and aim of his life. While interested in most of the important business enterprises of Grand Forks, in which he has official control, he has regarded this as but one phase of existence, never excluding his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which are of significant value to society at the present time. The subjective and objective forces of life are in him well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capabilities and powers, while at the same time he thoroughly understands his duties and his obligations.

CHARLES A. KLAUS.

Charles A. Klaus, who is known to the traveling public of the whole northwest as the proprietor of the Gladstone Hotel at Jamestown, one of the best hostleries in the state, was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on the 28th of July, 1863. His parents, Charles and Annie (Lanz) Klaus, were both of German birth. Until thirteen years of age our subject attended the parochial schools of Green Bay and thus acquired his education. He then went to work in a grocery store, where he remained until 1882, when as a young man of nineteen years he came to Dakota territory. He joined an uncle, Anton Klaus, who was in the real estate business at Jamestown, and continued with him for three years, after which he was appointed assistant postmaster, in which capacity he served until 1890, when he was made postmaster. He filled that office acceptably until 1894, when he accepted the position of manager of the Gladstone Hotel, of which he became sole owner in 1897. The hotel has developed with the development of this section of the state and the small wooden building which it occupied at first has given place to a large modern structure, which is one of the finest hotel buildings in the state. The furnishings and appointments of the hotel are up-to-date and no expense has been spared in providing for the comfort of the guests. Moreover, the value of courtesy and willing service has been impressed upon all the employes. In addition to owning this hotel, which is one of the most profitable hostleries in the state, Mr. Klaus has large holdings in farm lands.

In April, 1887, Mr. Klaus was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bosehe, a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, by whom he has a daughter, Katherine. He is a staunch democrat and has been prominent in state political affairs, serving as a delegate to a number of state conventions. He has also been active in local affairs and from 1896 to 1902 was a member of the Jamestown city council. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church and fraternally he is connected with the Catholic order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His military record covers six years' service as a member of Company H, North Dakota National Guard, and when he retired he held the rank of first sergeant. From 1902 until 1904 he served as president of the Jamestown Commercial Club and in that capacity was instrumental in carrying to successful completion



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a number of projects for the advancement of the city. He can always be counted upon to give time and energy as well as money to the promotion of movements for the general welfare and is recognized as one of the foremost citizens of Jamestown. He is also popular personally and has many warm friends.

HENRY W. F. LAW, M. D.

Dr. Henry W. F. Law, physician and surgeon of Grand Forks, was born at Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada, January 13, 1871, his parents being Frank and Alice (Blanchard) Law, who were also natives of that province. Their ancestors came from England at an early period in the development of Canada. The grandfather, William Law, was born in Cumberland, England, but in early life emigrated to the new world and engaged in business as a wagon manufacturer. In 1866 he removed to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where his remaining days were passed. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Bradley, was born in Yorkshire, England, was married in Ontario and like her husband spent her last days in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The maternal grandparents of Dr. Law were James and Harriet Hannah (Burton) Blanchard. The grandfather became one of the pioneer settlers of Canada, where he remained until his demise. His wife, a native of Middlesex, England, also passed away in Ontario, Canada. The father of Dr. Law spent his early life as a farmer in Ontario and in 1901 removed to Hannah, North Dakota, where he passed away in 1915 at the age of seventy-one years. His widow still survives and is now living in Grand Forks at the age of seventy years. Their family numbered seven children, five sons and two daughters.

Dr. Law, the third in order of birth, attended the common schools of Ontario and afterward pursued a high school course at Langdon and at Hannah, North Dakota. In preparation for a professional career he entered the Detroit College of Medicine at Detroit, Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1904. He then returned to Hannah, North Dakota, where he opened an office and remained in active practice until 1913, when he sought a broader field in a larger city and removed to Grand Forks.

On the 1st of October, 1901, in Hannah, North Dakota, Dr. Law was married to Miss Alice M. Byers, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Byers, of a well known family of Pembina county, North Dakota. The two children of this marriage are: Frank, who was born in Hannah in October, 1906, and is now attending school in Grand Forks; and Goldie, who was born in Hannah in 1911.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and fraternally Dr. Law is a prominent Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. While residing in Cavalier county, North Dakota, he served as county physician and throughout the years of his practice he has done much general hospital work. He belongs to the Grand Forks County Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

HON. B. A. HALL.

Hon. B. A. Hall, of Lakota, probate judge of Nelson county serving for the second term, was born in Biddeford, Maine, December 5, 1853, a son of A. L. and Avis R. (White) Hall. The father was a native of Vermont and the mother of Bangor, Maine, and in 1855 they removed with their family to Wisconsin, where they spent several years. Afterward they became residents of Glencoe, McLeod county, Minnesota, where they cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers. The father possessed considerable skill as a machinist and for many years was connected with the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He was also a prominent Mason and enjoyed the confidence and goodwill of all with whom he came in contact. He died in 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1891, at the age of sixty years. In their family were four children, of

whom Judge Hall was the second. The other surviving member of the family is Charles T. Hall, now living at Brownton, Minnesota.

Judge Hall was less than two years of age when the removal was made to Wisconsin and in the common schools of Fond du Lac, that state, he pursued his education, after which he learned the printer's trade there. Subsequently he removed to Minnesota and was connected with the printing business in Glencoe for sixteen years. In 1904 he arrived in North Dakota, settling first at Fargo, where he worked on the Fargo Journal for a short time. He afterward removed to Hope and later to Petersburg, where he published the Petersburg Record for nine years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Lakota and in 1912 was elected probate judge, now serving for the second term.

On the 3d of October, 1893, Mr. Hall was married in Long Prairie, Minnesota, to Miss Marie Theresa Marz, a daughter of Phillip and Mary Marz, the former now deceased. Her parents were pioneer settlers of Minnesota. By her marriage Mrs. Hall has become the mother of two sons: Harold R., who was born at Long Prairie in March, 1895, and is now manager of the Tolna Tribune; and Harlan Leroy, who was born in Petersburg, North Dakota, July 30, 1908, and is attending school here. The elder son was married in September, 1914.

Judge Hall is a Master Mason and also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit underlying those orders. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his capability in office is indicated by the fact that in election in the fall of 1916 he, as a candidate for the position for the third term, received the highest vote of any of the republican nominees on the county ticket in his home city, Mr. Frazier candidate for governor being the only man having more votes than he. His ability and the wise use which he has made of his opportunities constitute the measure of his progress and success and he is accounted one of the valued citizens of Lakota and Nelson county.

HON. ROLLIN C. COOPER.

Hon. Rollin C. Cooper, who has represented his district in the house of representatives and in the state senate and who has for more than a third of a century been closely and prominently associated with the agricultural development of Griggs county, his home being now at Cooperstown, was born September 30, 1845, in Washtenaw county, Michigan, a son of Thomas and Caroline Cooper, who were natives of Vermont. Their marriage was celebrated in the Green Mountain state and in 1832 they removed westward to Michigan, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers, after which the father devoted his attention to farming for many years, contributing in substantial measure to the development of his district. There he reared his family of eleven children.

Rollin C. Cooper, the ninth in order of birth, was a lad of thirteen years when he went to Minnesota, in which state he resided for a few years, but removed to Colorado in 1861. There he engaged in mining and also was successful as an agriculturist. In 1880 he arrived in Griggs county, North Dakota, and the following year settled upon the present site of Cooperstown, which he platted and which was named in honor of himself and his brother, T. J. Cooper. On removing to Griggs county Rollin C. Cooper at once began farming and grain buying and as his intelligently directed labors brought to him success he added to his acreage until he became one of the most extensive landowners and grain buyers of the state, having in all fourteen thousand acres, of which nine thousand acres were under cultivation, mostly devoted to the production of wheat.

In Colorado, in 1870, Mr. Cooper was married to Miss Emma C. Hutchins, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Henry and Ella Hutchins. They had two children who died in infancy and they adopted a daughter, Florence, who passed away at the age of twenty-seven years.

Mr. Cooper is an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity and has taken the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite. During territorial days he was appointed by Governor Ordway a member of the board of county commissioners of Griggs county and so continued to serve by successive reelections until 1898, doing splendid work in that connection. It is well known that he stood by the state most loyally in the darkest

hours of its history, assisting the commonwealth in passing over a period which threatened bankruptcy. He never lost faith, however, and he passed by no opportunity that would enable him to further the best interests of North Dakota. He is an extremely modest man, entirely free from ostentation and display, but the specific office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave a perpetual record establishing his position by the consensus of public opinion on the part of his fellows. This opinion was expressed in 1894, when Mr. Cooper was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, and again four years later, when he was elected a member of the state senate. In the house he was a member of the committee on railroads and several other important committees. His colleagues at that period and his acquaintances through all the long years of his residence in the state have nothing but good to say of Rollin C. Cooper.

E. J. LANDER & COMPANY.

Among the business enterprises of Grand Forks that have contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding, development and progress of that section of the state is E. J. Lander & Company. The firm was organized in Grand Forks in August, 1883, as a partnership concern but the business progressed and developed to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to incorporate and accordingly, in 1897, this was done. Mr. Lander, who organized the business, became its first president and remains the president and active manager of the corporation today. The company engages in the business of loaning money on first mortgages and negotiating investment securities. Its charter also permits the company to act as administrator, executor or trustee of estates, as guardian of minors or as assignee or receiver of individuals, firms or corporations. The reliable business methods of the firm are indicated in the fact that many of its patrons have remained with it throughout the entire period of its existence or for over thirty years, and never has an investor lost a dollar of principal or interest through any investment made for him by this company, which bears a well established reputation for conservative and thoroughly reliable methods, conducting its interests along safe, legitimate lines. Farm mortgages properly and conservatively made are recognized as sound security and every banker of North Dakota deals in and with these securities with the same degree of confidence in their soundness and intrinsic value that eastern bankers deal in government bonds. Watchfulness and carefulness have been adopted as the slogans of the company and they enjoy an unassailable reputation for reliability and enterprise. They may well be proud of the fact that during the entire existence of the company no title upon which they have passed has ever been successfully attacked.

GUY W. RUNCORN.

Guy W. Runcorn, who is efficiently filling the position of cashier of the Bank of York at York, North Dakota, has passed his entire life in the west and possesses in large measure the enterprise characteristic of this section of the country. He was born in Plainfield, Wisconsin, January 5, 1882, and his parents are William B. and Etta E. (McFarland) Runcorn, also natives of that town. They resided there until 1886, when with their family they located on a homestead sixteen miles east of Cando, North Dakota. The father operated that place until 1894, when he returned to Plainfield, Wisconsin, residing there about two and one-half years. At the end of that time he again came with his family to North Dakota, locating upon a farm in Pierce county, ten miles north of York. About a decade later, in 1907, he removed to York where he is still living. His wife had died May 1, 1905.

Guy W. Runcorn acquired his education in the public schools and in the Northwestern Business College at Grand Forks, North Dakota. On the 5th of July, 1903, he entered the York State Bank as bookkeeper, and two years later he was promoted to assistant cashier and in 1908 was made cashier. In June, 1911, he severed his connection with that institution,

and purchased an interest in the Bank of York, of which he has since been cashier. Since September, 1915, his father has been president of the bank, in which the two men own the controlling interest. The management of the institution is left largely to our subject, and his intimate knowledge of banking practice, his understanding of the basic principles of finance and his familiarity with local business conditions have enabled him to so direct its affairs that it has paid a good dividend and at the same time been a factor in the business development of the community.

On the 16th of June, 1915, occurred the marriage of Mr. Runcorn and Miss Nancy J. Fossum. He supports the republican party at the polls and keeps well informed on the issues of the day. He belongs to Leeds Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M.; Grand Forks Consistory, No. 21, A. & A. S. R.; Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks; York Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F.; the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife belong to the Rebekahs and she is also affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. He is one of the prominent men of Benson county and his personal friends are many.

REV. OTTO WOLPERS.

Rev. Otto Wolpers, a Catholic priest officiating at St. John's church in Beach, is doing much to further the interests of the organization. He was born in Germany in 1870 and in 1884, when a youth of fourteen years, came to the United States, after which he was employed on a farm in Minnesota. He attended college at Richardton, North Dakota, and was ordained to the priesthood at Oakes on the 8th of June, 1909, by the Rt. Rev. John Shanley, bishop of Fargo, after which he was sent to Mandan to take temporary charge of the work at that place. There he remained from October, 1909, until July, 1910, when he was transferred to Beach, where he has since remained.

St. John's church at Beach was established in 1906 as a mission attended from Dickinson by the Rev. John Digman, who officiated until Father A. J. Van Den Heuvel took charge. He was the first resident priest and took up the work in Beach about 1908. There he continued until 1909, when Father Carl Hierlmeier was appointed priest. He continued until 1910, when Father Wolpers was assigned to St. John's where he has since labored. The first house of worship was built in 1906 by Father John Digman, the congregation consisting of but eleven families, but in 1910, following the arrival of Father Wolpers, he recognized the need of a new church for at that time there were one hundred families in the parish. E. J. Donahue, of St. Paul, drew the plans for the new church and the contract for the outside work was let to Peter J. Nasvik, of St. Paul, for twenty thousand six hundred dollars. The work was started in the middle of August, 1913, and the church was completed and opened for service on Easter Sunday of 1914. The cornerstone was laid September 21, 1913, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Vincent Wehrle, O. S. B., of Bismarck, and the church was dedicated by him June 21, 1914. The church and fixtures cost about twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Father Wolpers has done excellent work since taking charge of St. John's and in addition he has in charge the Church of St. Michael at Sentinel Butte, the Sacred Heart church at Medora and St. Elizabeth's church at Trotters. He has the love and confidence of his people and therefore has secured their hearty cooperation in the well defined plans which he has put forth for the upbuilding of the organization.

JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON.

John Arthur Johnson, sheriff of Rolette county, making his home in Rolla, the county seat, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, October 12, 1874, a son of Gilbert and Ellen (Gilbert) Johnson, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Wisconsin. The father came to America in 1866 and settled in Caledonia, Minnesota. He was a tailor

by trade and followed that pursuit in Minnesota for several years but in 1872 opened a hotel at New Albion, Iowa, where he carried on business for a decade. In 1882 he returned to Caledonia, Minnesota, where he resided until 1892, when he removed to Rolette county, North Dakota, and filed on land near the village of Rolette. He later bought other land, which he has since cultivated. He is now living at the age of seventy-one years, while his wife has reached the age of seventy years.

John Arthur Johnson was reared and educated in Caledonia, Minnesota, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. In 1896 he filed on land adjoining his father's and has since devoted much of his time and attention to the further development and improvement of the place. He now owns four hundred and eighty acres in the farm on which he resides and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of raising Belgian horses.

In January, 1903, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Lena Jackson and to them have been born five children: Cecil L., Ellen, Pearl, Louisa and William. The family attend the Episcopal church, in which the parents hold membership and Mr. Johnson is also a member of the Masonic lodge, the chapter at Rugby and the commandery at Bottineau. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and in 1907 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, in which position he served until 1914, when he was elected sheriff of Rolette county and has since served in that capacity. The family came to North Dakota without a dollar but they have steadily worked their way upward, proving what may be accomplished in this land of opportunity where energy and ambition point out the way.

JUDGE AUGUSTUS P. FOLSOM.

Judge Augustus P. Folsom, the present county and city justice of Dickinson and Stark county, was born in Marshfield, Washington county, Vermont, September 11, 1843, a son of John and Philena (Young) Folsom. The father was born at Stanstead, in the province of Quebec, Canada, February 9, 1819, and in 1838 removed to Vermont, locating at Marshfield. In 1845 he went to Wheelock, where he remained until 1859, when he removed to Greensboro, there following the occupation of farming until July, 1862. In response to the country's call for troops he enlisted as a member of Company A, Tenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, remaining in active service in Virginia under McClellan with the Army of the Potomac until death claimed him on the 31st of October, 1862, his life being one of the sacrifices demanded to preserve the Union. His wife was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, February 28, 1821, and she reached the age of seventy-six years, passing away in 1897. Her last days were spent at Stannard, Caledonia county, Vermont. In the family were five children: Celinda, who became the wife of J. O. Griffin, a farmer living at Greenfield, Massachusetts; Augustus P.; Jane, who became the wife of J. H. Clark, a farmer of Stannard, Vermont, and died in 1915; Joseph B., who passed away in 1873; and Etta, who died in 1915.

Judge Folsom pursued his early education in the district schools of Wheelock, Caledonia county, Vermont, and afterward attended high school at Glover, Orleans county, Vermont. The same spirit of patriotism which prompted his father's enlistment for service in the Civil war was manifest in his case, for in 1863 he joined the army as a member of Company D, Sixth Vermont Infantry, with which he served in the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war. He took part in the Battle of the Wilderness and other important engagements and in the Battle of the Wilderness was wounded in the throat. He was afterward attached to the hospital corps until the cessation of hostilities and was ward master of the United States General Hospital of Vermont, which was situated near his birthplace.

Leaving the service, Judge Folsom returned to Greensboro, Vermont, where he engaged in the lumber business and in milling for a few years. At the end of that time he purchased the Greensboro Bend Hotel at Greensboro Bend and was its proprietor for eight years. On the 18th of September, 1866, he married Philinda Daniels, a native of Barnston, Quebec,

Canada, born June 9, 1847. In her girlhood days she became a resident of Vermont and four children were born of this marriage: Lillian, deceased; Ethel, the wife of Charles Pendergast, who is farming at Hettinger, North Dakota; L. Everett, who is railroading and makes his home at Newport, Vermont; and Mabel, the wife of H. F. Beidler, who is engaged in the lumber business in Dickinson. The wife and mother passed away in 1905, at the age of fifty-eight years. In June, 1914, Judge Folsom was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Agnes Beidler, a native of St. Cloud, Minnesota, who died in June, 1915.

It was in 1884 that Mr. Folsom left the Atlantic coast for the middle west. Making his way to Minneapolis, Minnesota, he there remained for about a year and in April, 1885, became a resident of Loyalton, Edmunds county, South Dakota, then Dakota territory. He there took up a homestead and tree claim and also bought a lumber business, remaining there for three and one-half years. He next removed to New England, North Dakota, where he opened a general store which he conducted and at the same time served as postmaster for four years. In the spring of 1893 he established his home in Dickinson and soon afterward was appointed justice of the peace, in which position he has served almost continuously since, acting as justice for both city and county. He has also been engaged in the land business and that has constituted an important source of his revenue. His official record is indeed creditable. Before coming to the west he had served for nineteen years as a justice in Vermont and he has occupied the office for twenty-two years in Dakota. To some extent he has engaged in farming and has a tract of ninety acres within the city limits of Dickinson.

In politics Judge Folsom is a republican, active in support of his party, which has almost continuously kept him in public office since he attained his majority. Fraturnally he is a prominent Mason. He joined the order in Vermont in 1865 and now belongs to the lodge, chapter and commandery at Dickinson and the council at Fargo. He is a past master of the lodge and has been its secretary for seven years. He has been secretary of the chapter since its organization nineteen years ago—the only one that has ever filled this position. He is likewise connected with the Eastern Star and he became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Loyalton, South Dakota. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is serving on the board of stewards in the Dickinson church. The official record of no other resident of Stark county has extended over a longer period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

WILLARD BELA OVERSON.

Willard Bela Overson, state senator from Williams county since 1908 and throughout the entire period a member of the judiciary committee, has since October, 1899, actively engaged in the practice of law in Williston. Free from ostentation and display, he is fortunate in possessing character and ability that inspire confidence in others, and the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important relations. He was born in Cambridge, Wisconsin, November 28, 1872, a son of Thomas and Marion (Allen) Overson. The father, a native of Telemarken, Norway, came with his parents to the United States when ten years of age, the family home being established in Racine county, Wisconsin, where he acquired a liberal education. He afterward engaged in merchandising in Cambridge, that state, where his death occurred in 1901. His wife, who was born, reared and educated in Utica, New York, was an accomplished musician and before her marriage engaged in teaching. She passed away in Cambridge, Wisconsin, in 1891.

At the usual age Willard B. Overson became a pupil in the public schools of his native town, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school, while subsequently he won the Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduating from the University of Wisconsin. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he then matriculated as a law student in the State University and won his professional degree in 1896. After practicing for a few years at Racine, Wisconsin, he removed to Williston, North Dakota,



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in October, 1899, and throughout the intervening years has been engaged in the practice of law and in newspaper work. For a time he was half owner and associate editor of the Williston Graphic but sold his interest in that paper some time ago. He also organized the Williston Land Company, of which he was president for ten years and the first abstract company in the county. His attention is now chiefly concentrated upon the private practice of law and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. For the past fourteen years he has been attorney for the Great Northern Railroad Company. In the work of the courts he is most thorough and painstaking, preparing his cases with great care and precision, while his presentation of a cause always indicates careful analysis and his reasoning is thoroughly logical.

On the 20th of June, 1906, at Sterling, Illinois, Mr. Overson was married to Miss Alice Dillon, who was there born and reared. After attending the high school she was graduated from Waterbury Hall, a private school for girls at Sycamore, Illinois. She is a daughter of Colonel Moses and Emma (Golder) Dillon. Her father was a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and at the time of the Civil war enlisted from Illinois. In business connections he was well known as a successful lumberman and continued his residence in Sterling until his death.

Fraternally Mr. Overson is connected with Williston Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, while at Fargo he has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and also holds membership in El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise a charter member of Williston Lodge, No. 1214, B. P. O. E., and a member of the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows lodges of that place. He holds membership with the Sons of the American Revolution and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Episcopal church. In politics he is a republican and in 1900 was elected states attorney of Williams county, which position he filled for two terms or until 1905. In 1908 he was elected state senator and endorsement of his first term's service came to him in reelection in 1912. During the past two sessions he has been chairman of the judiciary committee and has done much toward shaping important legislation in the state. A man of quiet reserve and dignity but of splendid intellectual attainments, he is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Williston, enjoying the confidence, respect and honor of his fellow citizens to an unusual degree.

JOHN W. DUNGAN.

John W. Dungan, county treasurer of Towner county, his home being at Cando, was chosen to this position in 1912 and has been a most faithful custodian of the public funds throughout the period of his connection with the office. He was born in Marion county, Iowa, July 17, 1871, a son of Samuel H. and Sarah J. (Payton) Dungan, natives of Indiana. The father was a farmer by occupation and in early life removed to Marion county, Iowa, where he purchased land and began the development and improvement of a farm. Some time afterward he removed to Kansas, where he carried on farming for three years and later he established his home in Nebraska, where he conducted a farm for twelve years. In 1893 he went to Towner county, North Dakota, where he filed on land and improved a farm, making it his place of abode throughout his remaining days. He died on the 23d of January, 1907, while his widow yet survives.

John W. Dungan spent the period of his minority in the states of Nebraska and Kansas, remaining under the parental roof until he reached adult age. He then took up land in Towner county, North Dakota, and this he improved, continuing its further cultivation and development to the present time save for the period of his incumbency in office. He rented the farm in 1912, when he was elected county treasurer of Towner county, but he intends to return to the farm in the spring of 1917 following his retirement from office. He owns six quarter sections, or nine hundred and sixty acres of land, and his careful management of his property interests has brought to him a substantial measure of prosperity.

On the 18th of November, 1896, Mr. Dungan was united in marriage to Miss Ethel M. Chapman and they have become the parents of four children: Clyde C., Merle W., Fern L. and Eva E. Mr. Dungan has always given his political allegiance to the republican party

since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Degree of Honor. His has been an active and well spent life, and his fellow townsmen recognize in him a representative business man, substantial citizen and capable official.

TRACY R. BANGS.

Tracy R. Bangs, member of the law firm of Bangs, Hamilton & Bangs, is the Nestor of the Grand Forks bar and is today the oldest practicing attorney of the city. He there began practice in 1886 but even prior to that time the name of Bangs was associated with the legal history of Grand Forks, for his father was an active member of the profession at that point.

Tracy R. Bangs was born in Le Sueur, Minnesota, on the 29th of April, 1862, a son of Alfred W. Bangs, a native of Pennsylvania and a descendant of an old Massachusetts family, the ancestors having come to America from England in 1623. The founder of the American branch of the family was Edward Bangs and he became the founder of the town of Eastham, Massachusetts, where he resided from 1623 until 1667. In August, 1916, a tablet was there erected to his memory and the president of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts delivered an address on that occasion. Early ancestors of the family participated in the Revolutionary war. Alfred W. Bangs practiced law at Scranton, Pennsylvania, for a short time, but, moving west in 1860, became a pioneer of Minnesota and afterward an early settler of Grand Forks, where he established his home in 1881. Subsequently he removed to Rapid City, South Dakota, where he passed away in 1905 at the age of seventy-five years. During his residence in both North and South Dakota he served as county attorney and he was chairman of the last democratic territorial committee. He was at one time state senator from Pennington county, South Dakota, and he was a delegate to the national convention of his party at St. Louis which nominated Grover Cleveland for the presidency. He took a most prominent part in promoting the interests of his party and was a very active worker in its ranks. He was also a leading member of the Masonic fraternity and he left the impress of his individuality in many ways upon the public life of his state. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Alena Baker, was a native of Pennsylvania and a representative of an old Presbyterian family of Scotch-Irish descent. She died in Minnesota in 1865, leaving a son and daughter, but the latter is now deceased. In the fall of 1866 A. W. Bangs was married to Sara D. Plowman, she being the mother of George A. Bangs, who is referred to elsewhere in this history.

The son, Tracy R. Bangs, was educated in the public schools of his native town and at the age of fifteen began to earn his own livelihood. He was first employed as clerk in an abstract office and subsequently occupied a position in the auditor's office in LeSueur county, Minnesota. Before leaving the public schools he began the study of law under the direction of his father and after removing to Grand Forks in the winter of 1881-2 he secured employment in the United States land office, with which he was connected for two years. He afterward became bookkeeper in the Grand Forks National Bank. Continuing the study of law as opportunity offered, he was admitted to practice in 1886 and became the associate of his father under the firm name of Bangs & Bangs. A. W. Bangs, moving to Rapid City, South Dakota, in the spring of 1889, Tracy R. formed a partnership with Charles J. Fisk, now chief justice, which continued until after Mr. Bangs' appointment as United States District Attorney. He has been city attorney and in 1892 he was elected states attorney, while in 1894 he received the appointment of United States attorney, occupying that position for four years, after which he retired and resumed the private practice of law. For several years he was alone, after which he entered into partnership with Charles M. Cooley, now serving on the district bench. Later they were joined in a partnership relation by Helen M. Hamilton under the firm style of Bangs, Cooley & Hamilton, and afterward Arthur L. Netcher succeeded Judge Cooley in the firm. In 1915 Mr. Netcher withdrew and on the 1st of September of that year Philip R. Bangs, son of Tracy R. Bangs and a graduate of the law school of the University of North Dakota, became a member of the firm, which is now known as Bangs, Hamilton & Bangs. No other lawyer has practiced

as long in Grand Forks as has the senior partner. The firm continues in the general practice of law and has perhaps the most extensive and important clientage of any firm in the city. Mr. Bangs is recognized as a lawyer of pronounced ability. His mind is analytical, logical and inductive and his reasoning is clear and his deductions sound. He has ever made it his purpose to carefully prepare his cases and is therefore never surprised by an unexpected attack of an adversary. His standing among his professional brethren is indicated in the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the County Bar Association, which position he has occupied for several years. He was the third president of the association, which his father assisted in organizing and of which he became the first president. Aside from his connection with the bar Mr. Bangs is a director of the Northwest Trust Company, of the Scandinavian-American Bank and of the Northern Telephone Company of Grand Forks.

On the 15th of June, 1887, Mr. Bangs was married at Grand Forks to Miss Jessie L. Caughell, a native of Canada and a daughter of Charles Caughell, of Vienna, Ontario. They have become the parents of two sons: Felix F., now a practicing attorney of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Philip R., who is associated with his father.

The family are identified with the Episcopal church and something of the nature of Mr. Bangs' recreation is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Golf Club and to the Grand Forks Curling Club. He is also a member of the Minneapolis Club and he has membership in the Commercial Club of Grand Forks. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and is potentate of Ken Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In fact he has been very active and prominent in Masonic circles and since 1885 he has been a member of the Knights of Pythias and also has membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Since 1890 he has been a member of the supreme legislative body in the Knights of Pythias and from 1902 until 1904 was supreme chancellor of the order. He became a charter member of the Elks lodge of Grand Forks and was its third exalted ruler. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he has done effective work in its behalf. Like his honored father before him he has ever recognized the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and has ever been ready to respond when a call has been made for aid in behalf of any project or movement tending to further the public good. For several years he has been a member and is now the president of the board of trustees of the University of North Dakota and he has also served for a number of years on the school board of Grand Forks. He is numbered among those who have molded public thought and action in his city and his entire career has reflected credit and honor upon the city which honors him.

HENRY EDWIN NELSON.

Henry Edwin Nelson of Valley City, who is filling the office of deputy treasurer of Barnes county and will take office as treasurer May 1, 1917, came to this state from Minnesota, his birth having occurred at Amherst, Fillmore county, on the 5th of July, 1877, a son of Andrew and Christi (Ellingson) Nelson, both of whom were natives of Norway. The paternal grandfather came to America about 1848 and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where his remaining days were passed. Brought to America when a young lad, Andrew Nelson was reared in Minnesota and in early manhood enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of a Minnesota regiment when eighteen years of age, continuing with that command until honorably discharged at the close of the war. He returned home with a most creditable military record after participating in a number of hotly contested engagements. He afterward turned his attention to farming, which he followed in Minnesota until June, 1879, when he removed to Barnes county and took up a homestead, preemption and-tree claim about thirteen miles south of Valley City. There he made his home throughout the residue of his days and was successfully engaged in developing and cultivating his four hundred and eighty acre farm, which is now owned and operated by his youngest son, Andrew Nelson. Of his family of eight children two sons and four daughters are now living.

Henry E. Nelson, who was the fifth in order of birth, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools attended the Valley City Normal School and also pursued a commercial course in the Sioux Falls Business College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Taking up the profession of teaching, he followed it for five years, after which he engaged in farming, having purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land north of the original family homestead. This he cultivated for two years, at the end of which time he returned to Valley City and was employed as clerk in the county auditor's office for four years. He next became deputy county treasurer and made an excellent record in that office by his efficiency and fidelity, his work being carefully systematized and promptly executed at all times. At the primary election held in June, 1916, he received the nomination for county treasurer and was duly elected in November of the same year, his term of office beginning May 1, 1917. Mr. Nelson still owns his farm but has leased his land, the rental therefrom adding materially to his income.

On the 28th of November, 1906, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Nelson and Miss Dorothy Marsh, of Valley City, North Dakota, a daughter of R. W. Marsh, deceased, of Winona, Minnesota. She has lived here since early childhood, coming to North Dakota in 1890. Mr. Nelson belongs to the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church. Practically his entire life has been spent in Barnes county and that the record which he has made is an enviable one is indicated in the fact that his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

HON. HENRY A. ARMSTRONG.

Hon. Henry A. Armstrong, an attorney of law of Hazelton, prepared for his profession as a student in the State University of Michigan and since his graduation has continuously resided in Emmons county, North Dakota, being among those early settlers who reclaimed the wild land and converted it into productive farms. He was also called to public office and likewise engaged in the general practice of law, in which connection he is now enjoying a good clientage. He was born in Elkton, Ohio, April 20, 1856, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Bowman) Armstrong, both of whom were born in Columbiana county, Ohio. In that county they spent their entire lives, the father following the occupation of farming as a life work. His political support was given to the republican party and he was prominent as one of its local leaders, serving for six years as county commissioner, and in other offices.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the common schools of his native county Henry A. Armstrong continued his education in the Paola (Kas.) Normal School, having become a resident of that state in 1879. When nineteen years of age he entered upon the profession of teaching in Ohio and he afterward taught for one term at Enterprise, Kansas, following the completion of his normal school course. In 1881 he returned to his native state, spending that summer on the home farm, and in the following fall he entered upon the study of law in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1883. He was then admitted to practice at the Michigan bar and in the following June came to Dakota territory, settling in Emmons county. He took up a homestead near the old town of Williamsport, then the county seat, and proved up on his claim, at the same time practicing law. He served as states attorney for several terms and was called to other public office by the vote of his fellow townsmen, who elected him county auditor and afterward register of deeds. He also served as deputy treasurer for several years under different administrations and in 1894 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, his fellow townsmen being willing to entrust their interests to his hands, for he had given full evidence of his public spirit and devotion to the general welfare.

In 1906 Mr. Armstrong removed from his homestead to his present farm of four hundred and eighty acres, which adjoins Hazelton, and thereon he has since resided. He continues actively in the practice of law as senior member of the firm of Armstrong & Cameron, maintaining law offices in both Linton and Hazelton. Without invidious distinction this



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may well be termed the leading law firm of Emmons county, for their practice is very extensive and of a most important character, connecting them with the leading litigation of the district. Mr. Armstrong is felicitous and clear in argument, strong in debate and logical in his deductions and is seldom if ever at fault in the application of legal principles. At the same time he prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and he enjoys, moreover, the respect of his professional colleagues. He has been an extensive buyer and seller of farm lands and now owns eleven hundred and forty-two acres. He is a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank of Hazelton and is its attorney.

On the 15th of March, 1880, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Libbie A. Kurtz, of Emmons county, and to them has been born a daughter, Edna L., the wife of O. M. Garber, of Ashland, Ohio.

Mr. Armstrong is well known in lodge circles, holding membership in Hazelton Lodge, No. 64, K. P., Hazelton Lodge, No. 135, I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen of America. For a third of a century he has been a resident of Emmons county and from the beginning has been accorded a position of leadership, his activities contributing in large measure to its material development and to the upholding of its legal and political status.

FRANK G. JENNINGS.

Frank G. Jennings, publisher of the Pettibone Spectator at Pettibone, Kidder county, was born in Casey, Illinois, March 22, 1895, a son of Louis F. and Anna Jennings. The father, who was a merchant, continued to reside in Illinois until called to his final rest. The son supplemented his district school education by study in the high school at St. Louis, Missouri, and when his textbooks were put aside he went to Ranger, Texas, where he learned the printer's trade, spending about a year as an employe on the Ranger Record. He afterward removed to Greenu, Illinois, and worked on the Greenu Press as general man, spending about a year in that connection. He was afterward employed in a clothing store for about a year, on the expiration of which period he came to North Dakota, settling at Pettibone in 1914. He worked on the Spectator for nine months or until July, 1915, when he purchased the paper, which he still owns and publishes. It is the leading paper of Kidder county, has a good circulation and is also an excellent advertising medium.

In April, 1914, Mr. Jennings was married to Miss Bonnie T. Templeton, of Greenu, Illinois, and they have a son, Louis Frank. In politics Mr. Jennings is a democrat but conducts his paper as an independent journal. He has served as clerk of Pettibone township but is not an office seeker although interested in the success of his party. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp of Pettibone and is a leading and influential citizen of his community, casting his influence on the side of progress and improvement at all times.

HENRY W. WILLIS.

Henry W. Willis, postmaster at Lansford and one of the representative citizens of Bottineau county, has through the period of his residence in that part of the state taken an active and helpful interest in promoting the work of progress and improvement. He was born in East Tennessee, within four miles of the home of Andrew Johnson, December 3, 1855, a son of David and Elizabeth (Lintz) Willis, who were also natives of that state. The father followed farming in Tennessee until 1880, when he went to Arkansas, where he lived for a few years and then removed to Cherokee county, Kansas, where his remaining days were spent, his death occurring in 1903, when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. His widow still survives and is now eighty-six years of age.

Henry W. Willis pursued his early education in subscription schools of his native state and remained with his parents upon the home farm until he attained his majority, after which he began working on a tobacco plantation, remaining in the employ of one man for eighteen months, but was beaten out of his money. He afterward served as farm foreman

for a year, in which connection he superintended the labors of fourteen men employed under him. He then went to Illinois, where he worked by the month as a farm hand, but desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he then rented land which he continued to cultivate for some time. Later he, too, went to Cherokee county, Kansas, where he purchased land and carried on farming on his own account. Afterward he became a resident of the Indian Territory and leased five hundred acres of land which he fenced and improved, continuing its cultivation for three years. He then traded his lease and returned to Kansas, where he sold his farm. He next went to northern Missouri, where he carried on the work of tilling the soil for seven years, and in 1901 he arrived in Bottineau county, North Dakota, taking up a homestead near Lansford, after which he improved and developed that place for five years. He bought more land from time to time until he owned an entire section, which he sold in 1905. He then went to Washington looking for a location but did not like the country and in consequence returned to North Dakota, after which he purchased another section of land in Bottineau county, three miles from Lansford. To that place he has added modern equipments and improvements and he now has the farm rented to good advantage. In the fall of 1905 he removed to Lansford and erected a fine home. He also installed a telephone exchange in Glenburn and bought an elevator here which he operated for two years. Extending his business in connection with the establishment of telephone systems, he put in exchanges in several places and continued active along that line until 1909, when he again went back to the farm for a time. On account of illness, however, he returned to Lansford and in April, 1914, was appointed postmaster of the town, in which capacity he has since continued. He is also engaged in the automobile business, handling the Ford, Maxwell and Chalmers cars, for which he has found a ready sale, his business reaching extensive proportions.

In November, 1878, Mr. Willis was married to Miss Lydia C. Couch at Whitesburg, Tennessee, and to them were born four children, but two died in infancy and Lillian passed away in January, 1911, leaving Mabel C. as the only survivor. For his second wife Mr. Willis chose Emma J. Campbell of Guilford, Missouri, whom he married in Carthage, Missouri, in 1890.

Their religious faith is that of the Methodist church and fraternally Mr. Willis is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given the democratic party and he has served for two terms as a member of the city council of Lansford and as justice of the peace, discharging the duties of these positions in a most creditable, prompt and faithful manner. He has also been president of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. In fact he is a man of most progressive spirit and his energy and enterprise have carried him into important business and public relations, in all of which he has enjoyed and deserved the confidence, goodwill and high regard of his fellow townsmen.

OLGER B. BURTNES.

Olger B. Burtness, states attorney of Grand Forks, well versed in his profession and recognized throughout the community as an able lawyer, was born at Mekinock, in Grand Forks county, March 14, 1884, a son of O. O. and Mary (Anderson) Burtness. The father, a native of Norway, came to America in 1865 and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Wisconsin, in which state his wife was born. In 1879 Mr. Burtness came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead near Grand Forks, whereon he engaged in farming for many years. With the agricultural development of the district he has been closely associated and has lived to witness a marked transformation in the appearance of his section of the state. He has now reached the age of sixty-four years, while his wife is sixty-five years of age. In their family were five children: Emory O., who is engaged in business at Mekinock; Harvey S., a farmer of Grand Forks county; Mrs. L. P. Norby, living at Morris, Minnesota; Olger B.; and Gaylor H., who follows farming at Mekinock, North Dakota.

In his youthful days Olger B. Burtness attended the public schools of Grand Forks county and pursued his more specifically literary course as a student in the arts department of the

University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated with the A. B. degree in 1906. He also studied law there and won his professional degree in 1907. He then opened an office in Grand Forks, where he has since engaged in practice, and he now enjoys a large and important clientage, his name figuring in much of the notable litigation heard in the courts of his district. In 1910 he was elected to the office of states attorney and by reelection has been continued in that position to the present time, making a most creditable record in office. His mind is analytical, logical and inductive in its trend and his thoroughness in preparing his cases is one of the strong elements in his success before the bar, where his keen reasoning and carefully presented evidence never fail to impress court or jury.

On the 8th of September, 1909, Mr. Burtness was married to Miss Zoe Ensign, of Detroit, Minnesota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ensign. Mr. Burtness is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and is a Mason of high standing, connected with the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Yeomen and the Sons of Norway. He belongs to the County, State and American Bar Associations and he stands very high in professional circles. He gives to his clients a service of great talent, unwearied industry and broad learning and at the same time never forgets that there are certain things due to the court, to his own respect and above all to justice and the righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of the advocate nor the pleasure of success permit him to disregard. In a word he is an able, faithful and conscientious minister in the temple of justice.

AMUN M. TOFTHAGEN.

Amm M. Tofthagen, president of the Lakota Mercantile Company, has throughout his life since attaining his majority, been connected with commercial pursuits. He was born at Hundorp, Norway, November 12, 1858. His father, Andrew Tofthagen, also a native of that country, came to America in the fall of 1869 and cast in his lot with the early settlers of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, and vicinity, becoming one of the successful farmers of that district. In the fall of 1872 he filed on a homestead in Jackson county, Wisconsin, where he resided until his death which occurred April 1, 1903, when he was seventy-two years of age for he was born in the fall of 1830. His wife, Mary Simonson Tofthagen, also a native of Norway, came to America with the family in the spring of 1871 and her death occurred September 10, 1913, when she was eighty-three years of age. In the family were seven children of whom four are living: Amun; Simon, a resident of Alberta, Canada; Gilbert, living at Black River Falls, Wisconsin; and Mary, the widow of Hans C. Troen of Wisconsin.

Amun M. Tofthagen was raised upon the home farm to the age of fifteen and one-half years when he started out to earn his own living. He had attended the public schools of Black River Falls, becoming a high school pupil and spending the summer months on the home farm, while the winter seasons were devoted to the acquirement of an education. When he left home he was employed at farm labor and on attaining his majority became connected with mercantile interests as a clerk for the firm of S. P. and R. C. Jones, proprietors of the largest dry goods store at Black River Falls. He continued in that connection for three years when he made arrangements with a former townsman of Black River Falls who had become a pioneer merchant of Grand Forks, to take charge of the dry goods department of his general store in the latter place. Accordingly he arrived in Grand Forks, March 4, 1882, and for a year remained with A. Abrahamsen, but before the end of that time filed on a homestead. After proving up on the land he returned to the employ of Mr. Abrahamsen and in the spring of 1885 was appointed the first auditor of Nelson county. In 1886 he was elected to the office without opposition and so continued until 1888 when he was elected register of deeds. In 1890 he was reelected on the republican ticket and filled that position until the close of the term when he retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned. In the summer of 1893 he took an extended trip through Europe and Asia including Palestine, and also went to Egypt, remaining abroad for nine months. On his return he removed to Hillsboro, where he remained for a year representing the firm of Graves & Vinton, bankers and financiers, in placing their farm

loans. In the summer of 1895 he organized the Lakota Mercantile Company of which he became the president and has since remained in that connection. Theirs is today the largest enterprise of the kind in the county, their business amounting to more than one hundred and thirty thousand dollars annually. They began in a small way but along the legitimate lines of trade have continually increased their business until they now employ ten people on an average. Mr. Toftthagen is also a stockholder in the National Bank of Lakota, of which his partner, Jacob Thal, is president.

Mr. Toftthagen is a stalwart republican and a very active party worker. In 1900 he was one of the three presidential electors from North Dakota. He was on the board of directors of the Agricultural College under Governor Andrew Burke. He is a very prominent Mason belonging to both the York and Scottish Rites, also to the Mystic Shrine and the Order of the Eastern Star, and the honorary thirty-third degree has been conferred upon him. Since being initiated into the order in Lakota in 1886 he has filled all of the chairs and has several times been master of his lodge. He belongs to the Masonic Club at Fargo and to the Lakota Commercial Club. He has travelled extensively in all parts of the world including Alaska, and three times visited South America and has made one trip around the world. He has been in every metropolis on the face of the globe and he has the finest private collection of art treasures and curios in the entire northwest. He also has an extensive library containing fifteen hundred volumes, many of them being of rare and costly editions. His early years were fraught with struggles to obtain a footing in business and he has come in his later life to enjoy that rest which enables one to cultivate a love of art and those things which bring a broad view and contribute to intellectual enjoyment. Every day with him marks a full faith attempt to know more and to grow more and his success is the culmination of a life of well directed energy, whether expressed in an effort to attain wealth or to attain wisdom.

ROBERT M. CALDERWOOD.

Robert M. Calderwood, president of the Williston Land Company, was born near Fox Lake, Dodge county, Wisconsin, March 15, 1859, a son of John and Emily B. (Greenlief) Calderwood. The father, a native of Scotland, came to America with his parents when four years of age, the family home being established near West Galway, New York, where the grandfather engaged in the milling business and also operated a tannery for a number of years. John Calderwood was there reared and after attending the public schools was graduated from an agricultural college and also completed a theological course, subsequent to which time he followed farming in New York. Later he removed to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and took up a homestead claim near Fox Lake, where he engaged in farming. He was also active as a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church, as an abolitionist and as an advocate of the temperance cause. In a word, he stood for reform and progress, working ever toward higher ideals for the individual and for the community. In 1867 he went to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, purchased land and engaged in farming near Rock Falls. After retiring from farm work he served as minister in various churches in Iowa, for a time being located at Blairsburg. He always retained his landed interests and from his property derived a good income. He died at the home of his daughter near Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1900, when eighty-four years of age. His wife, who spent her girlhood days in New York, went to Dodge county, Wisconsin, where she met and married Mr. Calderwood. In early womanhood she engaged in teaching. Her demise occurred in Ramsey county, North Dakota, prior to the death of her husband. She was descended from an old Vermont family and her brother was one of the "Green Mountain boys" in the Civil war.

Robert M. Calderwood was but eight years of age when the family home was established in Cerro Gordo county and in the district schools near his father's farm he pursued his education, after which he assisted in the cultivation of the fields. He later taught school in Hamilton county, Iowa, and afterward engaged in farming on his own account on his father's place in that state. In 1882 he removed to North Dakota and did carpenter work for the Great Northern Railroad Company in Grand Forks county near where he

preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land not far from Larimore. In 1883 he removed to Devils Lake and took up a tree claim, continuing to engage in farming in that locality on an extensive scale until 1901, when he sold his interests there. At that date he was appointed United States commissioner for the district of North Dakota, with headquarters at Williston, and occupied that position for a term of six years or until 1907. Upon removing to Williston he embarked in the land business, in which he is still engaged and now handles real estate and makes loans, being today president of the Williston Land Company. He also organized the Missouri River Bridge Company of Williston for the purpose of building a pontoon bridge across the Missouri river to join Williams and McKenzie counties, and of this company he is president and general manager. This bridge was constructed at a cost of ten thousand dollars and has facilitated traffic from McKenzie county, bringing trade to Williston. He is the president and principal stockholder of the Williston Land Company and his business in that connection has now reached extensive and profitable proportions.

On the 3d of December, 1901, at Devils Lake, Mr. Calderwood was united in marriage to Miss Mary Boothroyd, who was born near Alexandria, Minnesota, a daughter of Richard and Eliza Boothroyd. She taught school in that state and in 1898 came to North Dakota as a school teacher. She died at Williston in the fall of 1905 and on the 8th of September, 1908. Mr. Calderwood was again married, his second union being with Miss Ruth M. Wolcott, of Spokane. She was born in Wrightstown, Minnesota, and at the age of fifteen years accompanied her parents on their removal to a farm in Ramsey county, North Dakota.

In politics Mr. Calderwood is a strong prohibitionist and in addition to filling the office of United States commissioner he was elected and served for two terms as justice of the peace in Ramsey county and was also road supervisor. He was likewise appointed police magistrate in Williston, holding the office for a part of a term. He is a director of the Williams County Fair Association and a member of the Williston Commercial Club. He belongs to the Congregational church, of which he is one of the leading and active workers, serving at the present time as president of the board of trustees. His wife is in full accord and sympathy with him in his efforts in the church and is now superintendent of the junior department of the Sunday school. Mr. Calderwood throws the weight of his influence to every movement that tends to promote the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his community. His life is actuated by high ideals and is the expression of manly purpose, his entire career being an exemplification of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

JOHN J. BAUMGARTNER.

Each community has its enterprising citizens, men who are leaders in the upbuilding of the towns and surrounding country districts and whose activities constitute a substantial feature in permanent development. Such a one is John J. Baumgartner, president of the Security State Bank and manager of the Strasburg Bazaar, the leading mercantile institution of the town. These interests and other activities place him among the foremost business men of Emmons county. He was born in Strasburg, Russia, of German parentage, on the 1st of January, 1877, a son of Jobannas and Margaret (Brannagel) Baumgartner, both of whom were natives of Russia, to which country their parents had removed from Germany. In May, 1889, they came to the United States and established their home in Emmons county, North Dakota, taking up a claim near the present site of Strasburg. Upon the farm which the father there developed they resided for twenty years and upon his retirement from active business life they took up their abode in Strasburg, where they now make their home.

John J. Baumgartner spent the first twelve years of his life in the land of the czar and then came with his parents to the new world, supplementing his early education, acquired in the schools of Russia, by study in the district schools of North Dakota. In pioneer times, however, the school system had been but inadequately developed and his opportunities in that direction were therefore somewhat limited, but in the school of experience he

has learned many valuable lessons. He was but nineteen years of age when, on the 26th of October, 1896, he married Miss Elizabeth Schneider, also a native of Russia, who came to the United States on the same ship with her future husband. In the year of his marriage Mr. Baumgartner filed on a homestead near Strasburg and there the young couple began their domestic life, continuing to live there until 1902, when they became the first residents of the town of Strasburg, and there Mr. Baumgartner established the first store with his brother Mike, E. Keller and Jacob Feist as partners, conducting the business under the firm style of the Strasburg Bazaar. There have been some changes in the ownership in the intervening years, the present members of the firm being John J. Baumgartner, who is general manager, M. J. Fischer and D. Lauinger. In the fall of 1912 Mr. Baumgartner also became identified with the banking business by the purchase of the Security State Bank and has since been president of the institution. He has further extended his efforts along business lines, having in February, 1913, in association with others, purchased the North Star Lumber Company, after which he reorganized the business under the style of the Strasburg Lumber Company. In this connection he has developed one of the leading lumberyards of the county, his business having reached most extensive and gratifying proportions. He remains one of the board of directors of the company and thus has active voice in its management. He is also extensively engaged in the buying and selling of farm lands and at the present time is the owner of six hundred and forty acres in Emmons county.

Mr. and Mrs. Baumgartner have become the parents of six children, of whom three, Helen, John and Otilia, are yet living. The parents are members of the Catholic church and in politics Mr. Baumgartner is a democrat who for several years has served as treasurer of the school board but otherwise has not been active as an office holder. His business interests, varied, extensive and important, class him with the representative men of Emmons county.

HON. WESLEY C. McDOWELL.

Hon. Wesley C. McDowell, president of the First National Bank of Marion, was born in Rockford, Illinois, August 26, 1870, a son of Samuel McDowell, who is a native of Scarborough, Ontario, and in 1869 removed to Illinois, where he remained for two years. He then returned to Canada and was a resident of Blenheim, Ontario, until 1886, when he removed to North Dakota, establishing his home on a farm in Eddy county, where he is still living.

Wesley C. McDowell attended the collegiate institute at Blenheim, Ontario, and in 1896 was graduated from the Minnesota State Normal School at Moorhead, after which he devoted two years to teaching in the country schools but regarded that merely as an initial step to other interests. For one year he attended law school and through the succeeding four years he was upon the road as traveling representative for a machine company. In 1902 he arrived in Marion, where he organized the First State Bank, of which he was made cashier. Success attended the undertakings from the beginning and in 1909 the bank was converted into the First National Bank, of which Mr. McDowell remained as cashier until 1914, when he was elected to the presidency and is now at the head of the institution, bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control. A handsome brick building has been erected as a home for the bank and is thoroughly equipped in such a manner as to facilitate the conduct of the business and the careful safeguarding of the interests of depositors. He is an enthusiastic agriculturist and very practical in his methods of farming, owning fifteen hundred acres of valuable farm land in the immediate vicinity of Marion, from which he derives a most gratifying and substantial annual income.

On Christmas Day of 1899 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McDowell and Miss Myrtle Pnshor, of Morris, Minnesota, and they have become parents of four daughters: Florence, Maud, Helen and Jean, all yet at home. In politics Mr. McDowell is a democrat and in 1910 was elected to represent his district in the state senate, in which he served for four years, giving careful and thoughtful consideration to the various important questions which



HON. WESLEY C. McDOWELL

came up for discussion and settlement, actuated at all times by a desire to advance the interests of the commonwealth. His standing in business circles is indicated by the fact that he was honored with the presidency of the State Bankers Association, being called to that office in 1910. Fraternally he is connected with Harmony Lodge, No. 53, F. & A. M., of Lidgerwood, with Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. For fourteen years he has lived at Marion, closely connected with its business development and progress, and his interests, financial and agricultural, have added much to the upbuilding of the district. In many other ways the town has reason to be proud of him as a citizen, for he is a broad-minded man who considers deeply and intelligently the questions of interest to city and state and is a most earnest and convincing speaker, with a pleasing delivery and a distinctive charm that arises from his personality and his belief in the subject which he is presenting.

NELS L. JOHNSON.

Nels L. Johnson is cashier of the York State Bank at York, Benson county, and is one of the progressive young business men of his part of the state. In fact he displays the spirit of enterprise which has characterized the upbuilding of North Dakota, within the borders of which he was born on the 12th of March, 1891, the place of his nativity being Grand Forks. His parents were Lewis and Mary (Johnson) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Norway, whence in early life they came to the new world, settling in Minnesota, where they resided for a year. They afterward removed to Grand Forks county, where the father filed on land which he transformed from a tract of wild western prairie into richly cultivated fields, continuing the operation and further improvement of that property to the present time, he and his wife still making their home thereon.

Nels L. Johnson was reared and educated in Grand Forks and when his textbooks were put aside he secured employment in the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Granville, North Dakota, as assistant cashier. He continued to occupy that position for four years and later spent three months in a bank at Wolf Point. On the 6th of May, 1916, he arrived in York to become cashier of the State Bank, of which D. A. McLarty is the president and G. C. Van Slyke the vice president. The deposits of this bank amount to over one hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars. It was organized in 1901 and has a capital stock of ten thousand dollars with a surplus of five thousand dollars. A fine bank building was erected in 1914 and the bank is in a very substantial and healthy condition.

On the 21st of June, 1915, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Bessie Foss and they now have a little daughter, Loraine Lois, born June 2, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are consistent members of the Lutheran church and he is equally loyal as a member of Ashley Lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, for he is a firm believer in the efficacy of its principles as factors in good government.

ADOLPH E. KASTIEN.

Adolph E. Kastien, mayor of Beach, in which capacity he is proving an excellent executive officer, exercising wise control over municipal affairs, was born at Bunker Hill, Illinois, in 1868, a son of William Kastien, who was of German birth. He came to the United States in the '50s, settling in St. Louis, Missouri, and during the Civil war he served for about four years with a Missouri regiment in the Union army. In 1865 he became a resident of Bunker Hill, Illinois, and took up the occupation of farming there. He has since continued his residence in that locality, where he settled in pioneer times, and he has now reached the age of eighty-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Ellabrake, was also a native of Germany and in childhood accompanied her parents to the new world. She died in 1877 at the age of forty-three years.

Adolph E. Kastien was one of a family of seven children, all of whom are yet living. The

public schools of Illinois afforded him his educational opportunities, yet his advantages in that direction were limited as his services were needed upon the farm and many of his most valuable lessons of life have been gained in the school of experience. He remained upon the home farm until nineteen years of age, at which time he went to Chicago, working in different shops, learning the machinist's and boiler maker's trades. Later he returned to Bunker Hill, where he established a machine shop and conducted the business for a period of eleven years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and accepted the position of superintendent of the plant of the Colean Manufacturing Company of Peoria, Illinois. He built the company's first tractor and two threshers. He also drew up part of the plans for this machinery. He proved a most capable superintendent of the factory through the system in which he handled the men, directing their efforts and securing their cooperation. For a period of three years he held that position, but the reports which he had heard from the machine experts concerning North Dakota caused him to make his way to this state and in 1908 he arrived in Beach. Here he and his son established the A. E. Kastien Machine Shop, which was completed in 1908. It was a little structure twenty by thirty-two feet and was occupied by them until the fall of 1910, at which time a new shop sixty by one hundred and thirty feet was erected at a cost of six thousand dollars. From the beginning his work in Beach has been notably successful and profitable, his trade covering a radius of one hundred miles. He is recognized as the most expert machinist in this part of the country, and his yearly average of business amounted to forty-five thousand dollars from the time he took up his abode in his new headquarters. He remained in that business until December 1, 1915, at which time he sold out. It is his purpose to turn his attention in other directions. He owns a section of North Dakota land located near Beach and is entering upon the work of cattle raising, handling registered stock. He has always been enthusiastic in the line of his trade, in which he gained expert efficiency, and it was only ill health that caused him to retire from that field.

In November, 1890, Mr. Kastien was married to Miss Lizzie Campbell, a native of Ireland, who in her childhood came to the United States. Her parents had previously passed away on the Emerald isle. Mr. and Mrs. Kastien have become the parents of two sons, Robert and Harry, aged respectively twenty-three and twenty-one years. They have an adopted daughter, Florence, who is ten years of age.

In politics Mr. Kastien is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He was tax collector in Bunker Hill township when residing in Macoupin county, Illinois, and he served for two years as a member of the city council in East Peoria, Illinois. Since establishing his home in Beach he has been a member of the city council for four years and was largely instrumental in installing the city waterworks and establishing the sewer system. In March, 1916, he was elected mayor of the city by a handsome majority. He is a clean politician and his previous record as councilman led to the large vote which was given him when he was the mayoralty candidate. He is proving an excellent official giving to the city a progressive administration characterized by needed reforms and improvements which work for the further upbuilding of Beach. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Beach, of which he served as master in 1913, and he is president of the building association that is erecting the new Masonic Temple in Beach. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit and the high standards of the craft and throughout the city in which he makes his home he is regarded as a man whom to know is to respect and honor.

GUSTAVE GOLSETH, M. D.

Dr. Gustave Golseth, of Jamestown, one of the leading eye, ear, nose and throat specialists of the state, has prepared himself thoroughly for his chosen work and has gained an enviable and well deserved patronage. He was born in Ashby, Minnesota, on the 22d of July, 1876, a son of Haldor and Sigri Golseth. The father, who is deceased, was a veteran of the Civil war.

Dr. Golseth received a liberal general education, graduating from the academic depart-

ment of the University of Minnesota in 1901, and the training and knowledge which he so gained proved an excellent foundation for his professional study in the Chicago Medical College. He was graduated therefrom in 1904 and continued his preparation for independent practice by serving as an interne in the Sorenson Hospital at Calumet, Michigan, for a year. He then located in Minnesota and for three years engaged in general practice. During that time he did postgraduate work in Chicago and New York on eye, ear, nose and throat and in the fall of 1907 went to Europe and studied at London, Berlin and Vienna for a year. Since returning to this country he has devoted his attention entirely to the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and has built up a large and representative practice. He holds membership in the county and state medical societies and in the American Medical Association and is secretary of the county society and a state councilor.

Dr. Golseth was married on the 14th of June, 1910, to Miss Florence Pugh, a daughter of Robert Pugh, and their children are Ralph and James.

Dr. Golseth gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Masons, the Mystic Shrine, the Elks and the Yeomen. He is not only a leader in his chosen profession but he is also a public-spirited citizen and a man of sterling worth and all who have been brought in contact with him hold him in high regard.

JAMES A. DINNIE.

James A. Dinnie, mayor of Grand Forks and also one of the most prominent, enterprising and active business men of the city, being president and general manager of the contracting firm of Dinnie & Company, was born in Dundas county, Ontario, Canada, near Morrisburg, on the 7th of February, 1863. His father, John Dinnie, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, settled in Dundas county, Ontario, in 1851, and became a successful farmer there. He was very active in the government party and he remained a resident of Canada until his death, which occurred in 1904, when he was seventy-five years of age. In early manhood he wedded Mary Gow, a native of Scotland, who was born, reared and married in Edinburgh and accompanied her husband to Canada, where she passed away in 1868 at the age of forty-eight years. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, of whom James A. Dinnie was the eighth in order of birth.

In the country schools of his native county James A. Dinnie pursued his education to the age of ten and a half years. After that his time and attention were concentrated upon farm work until he reached the age of sixteen, when he was apprenticed to learn the bricklayer's trade. After being employed at his trade in Canada for a year he removed to Minnesota and for the succeeding two years worked on a farm in Polk county, that state. He next became a resident of Grand Forks, where he completed his trade. After spending a year as a journeyman he entered upon the contracting and building business, forming a partnership with the late John Dinnie, an older brother, under the firm name of Dinnie Brothers. They began business on a small scale but their interests developed until theirs became the largest contracting business in the city and state. Their interests were carried on under partnership relations until 1909, when John Dinnie withdrew on account of illness and the business was then incorporated under the same name, John Dinnie being succeeded in the company by his son, A. S. Dinnie. Andrew and Henry Johnson have since become members of the firm. James A. Dinnie has always been the president and general manager, while Henry Johnson is now vice president and Andrew Johnson secretary and treasurer. The firm has erected many of the best buildings in Grand Forks, including the Masonic Temple, which is one of the finest Masonic temples in the northwest. They were also the contractors and builders of Hotel Dakota, the First National Bank Building, the Young Men's Christian Association building, the Clifford block, the First Presbyterian church, the Columbia Hotel and in fact over sixty per cent of the brick buildings in this city. Since 1903 the firm has done a general contracting business, extending its operations all over the state, and has erected the largest and most prominent buildings in Fargo, Devils Lake, Hillsboro, Valley City and in fact every city in the northern part of North Dakota. Mr. Dinnie

also has large interests in many other enterprises in Grand Forks. He is a director and the treasurer of the Red River Valley Brick Company and prior to his connection therewith operated and conducted the brick manufacturing establishment of Dinnie Brothers, which was later consolidated with the Red River Valley Company, of which he is one of the principal stockholders. He is likewise a director in the Scandinavian-American Bank of Grand Forks, a stockholder in the First National Bank, the Times-Herald Publishing Company and in the Northwest Trust Company of Grand Forks and he is the president of the Hoople (N. D.) State Bank. He is likewise a stockholder in the Heborn Brick Company and his sound judgment and enterprise constitute an important factor in the successful direction of the interests of these institutions.

Aside from business Mr. Dinnie takes an active part in many movements relating to the welfare and progress of his city. In politics he is a republican but not until a few years ago did he take an active part in political work. In 1913 he was chosen alderman of Grand Forks and the following year was elected mayor of the city, being the present chief executive, in which connection he is wisely controlling municipal affairs. He has long been an active member of the Commercial Club, and for the past eight years has been a director. He was likewise a member of the school board for one term and there is no interest of vital importance to the community that does not claim his attention and receive his support.

On the 1st of May, 1889, in Grand Forks, Mr. Dinnie was married to Miss Nettie Cooper, a native of Canada. They have become the parents of a daughter, Vivian Nettie, now the wife of R. S. Danforth, of Chicago.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Dinnie belongs to the Minneapolis Athletic Club, while with many fraternal and social organizations of Grand Forks he is connected. He belongs to all the Masonic bodies, having taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites, and he became a member of the Elks lodge of Grand Forks soon after its organization. He is prominent in the Knights of Pythias and at one time was grand chancellor of the state, while formerly he was district deputy of the Elks of North Dakota. He passed all the chairs in the local lodge of Elks and was the first president of the state organization. Formerly he was identified with the Loyal Americans and with the United Workmen and he is still a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He finds rest and recreation through his connection with the Grand Forks Curling Club and the Grand Forks Golf Club. Mr. Dinnie certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out to earn his living at a salary of four dollars per month and board on a farm and he also received a similar salary when he learned his trade as a bricklayer. From that point, however, he has steadily worked his way upward and each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. He is connected in every way with the upbuilding of city and state and has a large number of friends throughout North Dakota, being recognized as one of its most substantial and patriotic citizens.

H. J. BLANCHARD, JR.

H. J. Blanchard, Jr., who is now so acceptably serving as city attorney of Dickinson, North Dakota, was born on the 15th of April, 1882, in Colby, Wisconsin, and is a son of H. J. and Emma (Brinker) Blanchard, both of whom are still living. During the dark days of the Civil war the father fought for the preservation of the Union and he has always taken quite an active and prominent part in politics.

During his boyhood and youth H. J. Blanchard, Jr., pursued his studies in the public and high schools of his native state and also attended the University of Wisconsin and the University of North Dakota, graduating from the latter institution in 1910. He made thorough preparation to enter the legal profession and after his admission to the bar opened an office in Dickinson in 1910. In the six years that have since passed he has succeeded in building up a good private practice and has served as city attorney a part of that time.

On the 21st of December, 1904, Mr. Blanchard was united in marriage to Miss Angelia La Budde, also a native of Wisconsin, and they have one child, Marion. In religious faith

they are Protestants and in politics Mr. Blanchard is an ardent republican, taking a commendable interest in public affairs. On his party ticket he was elected to represent Stark county in the state legislature in 1914 for a term of two years and ably filled that position. He is exalted ruler of the Elks lodge of Dickinson and is also a Royal Arch Mason. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he never withholds his support from any enterprise calculated to advance the interests of his county, state or nation.

O. YOUNG.

Among the leading business men of Grand Forks who have done much toward promoting the early growth and development and later progress of that beautiful city and who have by honest methods and fair dealing combined with enterprise built up a notable business are Orison and Owen Young, under the firm name of O. Young.

On the 1st day of April, 1885, they embarked in the furniture and piano business and through all the intervening years their trade has constantly grown until it has now assumed large proportions. During this period a large and attractive line of goods has been carried, and their reasonable prices and honorable dealing have given their House the credit of being "The oldest and most reliable piano and music house in North Dakota."

In 1913 they decided to discontinue the furniture department in order to devote more space to their rapidly growing piano and music business, which is one of the most important of the commercial activities of the city. Their other interests cover a wide field.

They are highly esteemed wherever known and most of all where they are best known, and their contribution to the material and political development of the city has been large and valuable. In all that they undertake they are actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progressiveness that o'erleaps obstacles and difficulties and reaches the desired goal.

ERNEST L. PETERSON.

Ernest L. Peterson, publisher of the Press at Dickinson, was born in Sweden in 1886, a son of August and Sophia Peterson, of Donaldson, Minnesota, where the father for many years has followed the occupation of farming and where he and his wife still reside.

Ernest L. Peterson, an only child, was educated in the Stephen and Hallock, Minnesota, schools and in the Minnesota University. Throughout his entire business career he has engaged in newspaper publication. Leaving school, he established the Easton Leader at Easton, Minnesota, when seventeen years of age. He published that paper for about a year. He was afterward connected with the Ainsworth Star-Journal at Ainsworth, Nebraska, and the Northwest Farm and Home Magazine of North Yakima, Washington, until 1907, when he went to Carrington, North Dakota, after which he was connected with the Independent and also with the Devils Lake Journal, spending two years on these papers. He afterward removed to Lisbon and was manager of the Lisbon Free Press for two years. In 1911 he purchased the Milton Globe, a Cavalier county paper, which he published until December 25, 1915, and which he still owns. Removing to Dickinson in 1915, he purchased the Dickinson Press, which he is now publishing and which is recognized as one of the best journals in the state. It has a circulation of thirty-five hundred, covering the whole of the Missouri slope. His plant is splendidly equipped according to modern ideas of newspaper publication and is housed in one of the best buildings of the city. In fact his is one of the fine newspaper offices of the state and the paper is one of the largest weeklies circulated in North Dakota. It was established in 1883 and has since been in continuous existence. Mr. Peterson has infused into his work all the ideas of modern journalism and his success is the merited reward of persistent, earnest and intelligently directed effort. In addition to his newspaper business he is interested in farm lands in both North Dakota and Minnesota.

In 1909, at Carrington, North Dakota, Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Janet Farrell,

a native of this state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Farrell, who were pioneers of Carrington and of Barlow. The father died in 1907.

In his political views Mr. Peterson is an earnest republican. He was formerly district game warden covering the northern part of the state, holding the office for two years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge of Dickinson, in which order he has filled all of the chairs save that of master, and he is identified with the Scottish Rite bodies at Langdon. He also has membership with the Elks of Dickinson and the Odd Fellows of Milton, North Dakota, and in the latter organization he has filled all of the offices of the lodge. He is a very prominent, active and honored member of the North Dakota Press Association, of which he has served as executive committeeman, and he is also a member of the executive council of the National Editorial Association, with which organization he makes an annual tour, covering the country from Alaska to Mexico and from coast to coast. His travels have also embraced South America and Panama. He has comprehensive knowledge of the United States and in fact of all the western hemisphere, for he has been in practically every state in the Union as well as in other countries of the globe. He possesses an observing eye and retentive memory and is constantly storing up knowledge from which he draws in writing his editorials or in discussing public questions. Forceful and resourceful, he is one of the honored and representative citizens of the state, wielding a wide influence through the columns of the Press.

HON. IRA A. BARNES.

Hon. Ira A. Barnes, of Ellendale, state senator and leading business man, prominently connected with agricultural interests in Dickey county, was born in Markville, New York, April 6, 1855, a son of Hiram and Laura (Bishop) Barnes, who were also natives of the Empire state, where they were reared and married. In early life the father engaged in the lumber business but in later years gave his attention to farming. From his fourth year he was a resident of Cayuga county, New York, and there his death occurred about 1902, while his wife survived until 1909.

Ira A. Barnes is indebted to the public school system of New York for his educational opportunities. He was the eldest of three sons and remained at home until his twenty-fifth year, assisting his father in the further development and cultivation of the home farm. He then entered the employ of the government in connection with lighthouse work on Lake Ontario, spending three years in that connection, and in March, 1883, he came to North Dakota, settling in Dickey county, where for a third of a century he has now been connected with agricultural interests. He preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land and also entered a tree claim, while subsequently he homesteaded another quarter section, proving up on the three claims. He lived on his homestead until 1908, when he removed to Ellendale in order to give his children the advantages of education there to be secured. He still retains the ownership of nine hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm land in Dickey county and is one of its most substantial and progressive agriculturists, having developed his lands according to the most modern and progressive methods of scientific agriculture. He was also one of the organizers of the Dickey County Mutual Insurance Company, of which he is a director and a member of the executive board.

In 1886 Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Agnes McFadden, of Sterling, New York, and to them have been born eight children: Laura, who is the wife of George Johnson, a ranchman of eastern Montana Basil B., a mining man of Montana; Maud, who is the wife of Fred Bloomer, Jr., of Ellendale; Howard, a Montana agriculturist; Barbara, who is employed as stenographer by the Fisk Rubber Company of Fargo; Bertba and Belva, who attend the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale; and Ralph Sterling, who died when five months old. All of the older children are graduates of the State Normal School of Ellendale and the family is one of which the parents have every reason to be proud. Mr. Barnes has ever been a stalwart champion of the cause of education and believes that public instruction is one of the bulwarks of the nation. Mrs. Barnes is a member of the Presbyterian church and the family is prominent socially.



HON. IRA A. BARNES

In politics Mr. Barnes is a democrat where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He is interested in community affairs from the standpoint of a public-spirited citizen and for six years he served as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many matters of municipal legislation that have had direct bearing upon the welfare and upbuilding of the city. While living on the farm he served for years on the township board and on the school board. He was a delegate to the first democratic state convention and was chosen its permanent secretary. In 1912 he was elected to the state senate on the democratic ticket in a district where the republican vote is normally about three to one, and his election is certainly an indication of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He is making an excellent record in office, subordinating partisanship to the public welfare and personal aggrandizement to the general good. He studies closely the questions and issues of the day, his opinions are clear and definite and his position never an equivocal one.

NORMAN BALFOUR, M. D.

Dr. Norman Balfour, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Rock Lake, was born in Canada in January, 1882, a son of James and Elizabeth (Basingthwaite) Balfour, who are also natives of Canada. The father there followed the occupation of farming for many years but at an early period in the development and settlement of North Dakota came to this state, where he filed on land which he has since owned and cultivated. He is also engaged in the grain business and is one of the representative and progressive residents of Hannah, North Dakota.

Dr. Balfour was reared and educated at Langdon, North Dakota, having been but a young lad at the time of the removal of his parents to this state. In preparation for a professional career he entered the Detroit College of Medicine at Detroit, Michigan, and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1905. He then returned to North Dakota and located for practice at Sarles, where he remained for a year. In 1906 he opened an office at Rock Lake, where he has since remained and a liberal practice has been accorded him. He has also been owner of a drug store there for some time and his commercial pursuits are likewise bringing to him a substantial return.

In November, 1911, Dr. Balfour was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve Mooney. Mrs. Balfour is a member of the Catholic church. The Doctor holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in politics maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment in support of the men whom he regards as best qualified for office. He is conscientious in the performance of all his professional duties and keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and scientific investigation through broad reading and study.

ROBERT W. KERR.

Robert W. Kerr, engaged in general merchandising at Fryburg, Billings county, was born February 26, 1872, in Michigan, a son of Robert and Sarah (Wilson) Kerr. The mother died in that state and in 1874 the father removed to Wingham, Ontario, Canada, where he remained until 1884, when he became a resident of Wheatland, North Dakota, continuing to make his home at that place until his death, which occurred in 1895.

Robert W. Kerr, was a lad of twelve years when he became a resident of Wheatland, where he pursued his education, after which he began work as a farm hand. Later he took up blacksmithing, serving a three years' apprenticeship at Erie, North Dakota. Afterward he went to Hannaford, where he opened a shop which he conducted for three years. At the end of that time he homesteaded near Portal, North Dakota, and proved up on the property, after which he purchased an adjoining quarter section and thereon engaged in farming until 1913. He also devoted considerable time to the raising of graded stock,

both cattle and horses. After selling his farm in 1913 he took a trip through the country which finally took him to Fryburg in the spring of 1914. There he started a general store, of which he is still proprietor, and in the year 1915 his business was doubled. He enjoys a very extensive and gratifying patronage and his methods are at all times progressive and enterprising. After a time he purchased the building in which he is carrying on business and he also owns other property in the village.

On the 23d of November, 1898, Mr. Kerr was married to Miss Emma Hay, who was born in Seaforth, Ontario, Canada, November 9, 1875, a daughter of John and Jennie (Boyd) Hay, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada. The father was a mason by trade and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. In 1879 he arrived in North Dakota and for a few years engaged in farming near Buffalo. Both he and his wife are now living in Absaraka, North Dakota. Their family numbered five children, of whom two are now deceased. Those still living are: Emma; John H., a resident of Absaraka; and Clarence B., of Fargo.

Mr. Kerr is an independent democrat in politics and is now serving as postmaster of Fryburg, to which position he was appointed on the 1st of November, 1915. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Portal and is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of his community and in business circles he displays a spirit of marked enterprise that has wrought for success and made him one of the prosperous merchants of Billings county.

MINOR SKIFF WILLIAMS.

Minor Skiff Williams, one of the representative citizens and prominent business men of Williston, where he is now actively engaged in the milling business, was born on the 12th of August, 1853, in Saxeville township, Waushara county, Wisconsin, a son of John A. and Laura (Skiff) Williams. The birth of the father occurred near Meadville in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated, and throughout his business life he followed farming and merchandising and also owned and operated flour mills. In 1850 he removed to Waushara county, Wisconsin, traveling by boat to Milwaukee. On reaching his destination, he took up a homestead and in connection with farming also engaged in milling for many years, owning the Pine River Flour Mill and also the Saxeville Flour Mill. Later he established the Waushara Argus, the first newspaper in Waushara county, and it is still in existence. Mr. Williams took a prominent part in public affairs and was called upon to serve as county treasurer. He died at Pine River in 1886 and was laid to rest there. In early manhood he married Miss Laura Skiff, who was born in Genesee county, New York, but spent the greater part of her girlhood in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where their marriage was celebrated. After the death of her husband she came to North Dakota with our subject in 1887. She passed away in 1889 in Towner county, and was interred in the Pine River, Wisconsin, Cemetery.

In the county of his nativity Minor S. Williams grew to manhood, attending the country schools of Saxeville township, the city schools of Pine River and the Waushara County Normal. While assisting his father in the mill, he early became familiar with the business which he now follows. In 1887 he removed to Pierce county, North Dakota, locating just over the Towner county line, twelve miles north of Leeds. He preempted a claim near Hurricane lake and engaged in farming there for five years, making a specialty of raising cattle and sheep. On selling that place he removed to Ward county and settled on the White Earth river, nearly six miles from White Earth, where he homesteaded a tract and also bought a large amount of land, operating a cow ranch there on an extensive scale until 1900, when he was elected county treasurer of Ward county and removed to Minot to assume the duties of that office. So satisfactory were his services that he was reelected in 1902 and filled the position for four years. During that time he continued to run the ranch with the assistance of a foreman, and in the meantime established an abstract business in Minot, which he conducted until 1907, when he sold it.

In 1909 Mr. Williams was appointed by President Taft as receiver at the United States

land office in Williston and removed to that place, where he had charge of affairs for four years and seven months or until the 1st of October, 1913. The following year he established the Whole Wheat Milling Company and erected a modern flour mill at Williston with a capacity of thirty-five barrels per day. The company is incorporated and all of the stock is owned by the Williams family, our subject serving as president and manager since its organization. He also operates the Independent elevator near his mill and in 1915 organized the Havre Mill Company at Havre, Montana, of which he is vice president, and built the mill in April, 1916. It is now in successful operation. In 1916 he organized a company which purchased the Wild Rose Flour Mill in Williams county on the Stanley branch. Mr. Williams still owns his cattle ranch on White Earth River, known as Hillside Home, and his son is now running it.

On the 8th of August, 1875, Mr. Williams was married in Saxeville township, Waushara county, Wisconsin, to Miss Ella O'Caïn, who was reared there although she was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, a daughter of Isaac and Cynthia (Smith) O'Caïn. They were born near Ithaca, New York, and were early settlers of Wisconsin. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Williams engaged in teaching for some time in and around Pine River. She has become the mother of three children, all born in Saxeville, Wisconsin, namely: Myrtle K., who married John A. Corbett, a newspaper man of Williston, North Dakota, and died in October, 1911; Frances Ada, the wife of E. R. Brownson, of Williston; and Charles Minor, who is conducting his father's ranch on White Earth river.

Mr. Williams is an ardent republican and besides serving as county treasurer was county commissioner in Ward county from 1894 to 1900. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Minot. In business affairs he has met with enviable success due to his wise judgment, good management and untiring industry, and he ranks today among the leading citizens of his community, having the respect and confidence of all who know him.

BENJAMIN TUFTE.

Benjamin Tufte, states attorney at Cooperstown, was born at Sögn, Norway, August 23, 1861, and is a representative of a family long connected with farming interests in that locality. His father, Ole Tufte, born in Sögn in 1809, reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, passing away in 1897. He was one of the students to receive the benefit of normal school instruction in that country and became a teacher in Norway, where he spent his life, retiring after forty years devoted to teaching.

Benjamin Tufte was the third in a family of five children and when he had completed his public school course was admitted to the University of Christiania in 1884. In 1887 he came to the United States, making his way to Minnesota, where he was employed for five years, and then resumed his interrupted education by matriculating in the University of Minnesota in 1892. He was graduated therefrom on the completion of the law course in 1895 and the same year was admitted to the bar. For two years he practiced his profession in Minneapolis and in 1897 went to Cooperstown, North Dakota, where he entered upon the work of his profession. In 1898 he was elected states attorney and was reelected in 1900 and in 1902. On the close of his third term he left the office and in 1904 made a trip to Europe. In 1906 he was reelected states attorney and has been continued in the position to the present time, so that he has served for eight terms and the probability is that he will be continued in that position, for the public has come to feel that there is no one so well qualified for the office or who will prove more loyal and capable in the discharge of the duties of that position. He owns farm land, which he rents, giving his undivided attention to his professional and official interests. His position as a lawyer is established by the attitude of his fellow townsmen, who have attested their approval of his ability by again and again electing him states attorney.

On the 5th of January, 1907, Mr. Tufte was married to Miss Clara Feiring, a native of Wisconsin, who was graduated from the North Dakota State University at Grand Forks and for six years was superintendent of education in Griggs county. They have one child, Oswald.

Mr. Tufté belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Sons of Norway and the Modern Woodmen of America and he has social qualities which render him popular in those organizations and throughout the community in which he resides.

LEO E. BEHAN.

Leo E. Behan, postmaster at Mohall, was born in Sheldon, Iowa, May 2, 1886, a son of Daniel and Ellen (Carberry) Behan, both natives of Canada. At an early day his parents went to Iowa, securing a homestead claim in O'Brien county upon which they established their home, the father devoting many years to the cultivation and improvement of that property. In 1906, however, he sold his farm there and settled in Renville county, near Mohall, where he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land a mile and a half from the town. He is now engaged in market gardening and his business is returning to him a good income.

Leo E. Behan was reared in the usual manner of farm bred boys, in O'Brien county, Iowa, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He continued to assist his father on the farm until he attained his majority, when he began working for his brother in an implement business at Mohall. He afterward operated a dray line in that town for three years and in 1910 he went to Montana, where he proved up a homestead, which he still owns and which is now rented. In May, 1915, he was temporarily appointed to the position of postmaster at Mohall and on the 17th of December following received the appointment to that office for four years. He is now capably filling that position, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

In October, 1908, Mr. Behan was married to Miss Sabina Mullen, a daughter of John and Catherine (Donovan) Mullen, of Buffalo, Minnesota, the former of whom died in November, 1914, and the latter in December, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Behan have become the parents of three children but lost two, Cecil passing away in July, 1911, and Catherine in May, 1914. The little son, Vincent, was born September 29, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Behan are members of the Catholic church and in politics he is a democrat, giving stalwart support to the party. He is widely and favorably known in the community in which he resides and has a large circle of warm friends.

EMIL I. PYES.

Emil I. Pyes, manager of the Grand Forks Fish Company, has been a resident of Grand Forks since the fall of 1891. He was a youth of about fourteen years at the time of his arrival, his birth having occurred in South Russia, October 15, 1877, his parents being Harry and Etta (Rathman) Pyes. The father came to America with his family in September, 1891, and established his home in Grand Forks, where he engaged in merchandising and in the fish business, establishing the Grand Forks Fish Company. He continued active in that line for twenty years or until September 21, 1911, when death called him when he had reached the age of fifty-five years. His widow is still living in Grand Forks.

Emil I. Pyes was the oldest in a family of six children. He began his education in the schools of his native country and after coming to the new world he assisted his father in business and upon the latter's death took over the business of the Grand Forks Fish Company. In this connection he is still active and his enterprise and energy have brought to him substantial and growing success. He is a man of firm purpose, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On the 27th of May, 1906, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Pyes was united in marriage to Miss Celia Brahl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Brahl, of Minneapolis. They now have two sons: Richard Saul, who was born in Grand Forks in 1907; and Hugo Hirsch, whose birth occurred at Grand Forks, April 6, 1916. The elder is now attending school.

In politics Mr. Pyes is a republican and for the past three years has served as a member



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of the board of aldermen from the second ward, in which connection he labors earnestly to secure the best interests of the city along lines of civic development and improvement. He belongs to the Independent Order of Birth of Abraham, in which he has been district deputy and also president of the state body. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Pythias. He holds to the faith of his fathers, belonging to the congregation of the Children of Israel, and is president of the church. He is a member of the Jewish school board, the people of his faith maintaining a private school in Grand Forks, and he is also president of the Jewish Cemetery Association. His life has been one of diligence and enterprise and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, his life proving what can be done through earnest, persistent effort intelligently directed.

A. D. COCHRANE.

A. D. Cochrane, postmaster at York, Benson county, was born in Benton county, Iowa, November 3, 1872, a son of William W. and Marian (Cleland) Cochrane, the former a native of Scotland, while the latter was born in New York of Scotch parentage. In young manhood the father came to the United States, in 1866, and was married in New York in 1870. Prior to that time, however, he made a trip to Iowa and filed on a homestead to which he afterward brought his bride. They continued their residence there until the mother's death in May, 1897, and in 1901 Mr. Cochrane removed to North Dakota to live with his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Obert, and with his son, A. D. Cochrane, both of York. There he passed away in 1907, at the age of sixty-eight years.

A. D. Cochrane acquired his education in the public schools of Dysart, Iowa, and Ewing, Nebraska, and in the Fremont (Neb.) Normal School. When twenty-one years of age he took up the profession of teaching and for twelve years was engaged in educational work. In 1901 he arrived in North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Mellenry county, fifteen miles northwest of Towner, the county seat. In the spring of 1902 he took up his permanent abode in this state, settling on his homestead, and there he remained for sixteen months. In the meantime he taught a term of school in Knox and in the spring of 1903 he put in a crop on his farm. On the 1st of October of that year he took charge of the postoffice at York under George A. Binckley, who at that time held the appointment of postmaster. On the 19th of February, 1904, Mr. Cochrane was appointed to the office, which position he has filled continuously since, serving under Presidents Taft, Roosevelt and Wilson, a fact which indicates his popularity and efficiency. He is also the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining York and to the cultivation of this property gives his personal supervision.

In 1898 Mr. Cochrane was united in marriage to Miss Emma P. Delanoy, of Clearwater, Nebraska, by whom he has five children, namely: Cleland D., Fern H., Margaret M., Evelyn J. and James W. Fraternally Mr. Cochrane is connected with Leeds Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A & A. S. R.; Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks; York Lodge, No 68, I. O. O. F.; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Rebekahs, the ladies' auxiliaries of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities respectively. They are both widely and favorably known in the locality where they reside and where they have many friends who entertain for them kindly regard.

WILLIAM MARKS WEMETT.

William Marks Wemett, professor of history in the State Normal School at Valley City and recognized as an able educator, was born at Hemlock Lake, New York, on the 10th of February, 1884, the youngest in a family of four sons and two daughters whose parents were Henry and Mary (Knapp) Wemett, who were also natives of the Empire state. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Wemett, was born near Montreal and accompanied his parents when

with their family they crossed the border into the United States, settling in Livingston county, New York. He devoted his life to the occupation of farming and lived to be more than eighty years of age. Henry Wemett was born in Livingston county and was educated in New York, completing a course in the old Lima College at Lima, New York, by graduation. When a young man he removed to Kirksville, Missouri, where he purchased a farm that is now the property of the Kirksville Normal School. After devoting a few years to the cultivation of that land he removed to Litchfield, Michigan, where he occupied the position of superintendent of schools. Subsequently he returned to New York and has since made his home in Livingston county, where for a number of years he served as county superintendent of schools. Later he organized the Dewey Transfer Company and in this connection conducted a line of steamboats on the lakes in western New York. Of his children, Frank L. is now pastor of the First Methodist church at Idaho Falls, Idaho, Harry is manager of the Dickbelt Belting Company of Chicago and Robert is on the old homestead in New York.

William M. Wemett in the acquirement of his education passed through consecutive grades to the high school of Rochester, New York, and later entered the Syracuse University, in which he won the Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation with the class of 1907. The following year the degrees of M. A. and P. E. D. were conferred upon him. For two years he was the leader of the debating society at the university and he won valedictorian honors in his class. He afterward taught in the high school at Albion, New York, for a year and then spent three months in Jacksonville, Illinois. Later he accepted the position of professor of history in the Valley City State Normal School, which position he is capably filling, having won recognition as an able educator who imparts clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired and in his methods of instruction holds to high standards.

In September, 1911, Professor Wemett was married to Miss Fern Stevenson, a native of Livingston county, New York, and a representative of an old family of that state. They have become the parents of two children, Lynn Llewellyn and William Marks.

Professor Wemett has been a close and discriminating student of many vital and significant problems of the age and his position upon a question that has been engaging public thought and attention is indicated by the fact that he is the president of the North Dakota School Peace League, of which he was the organizer in 1914. He has taken an active part in the peace movement and has lectured in various parts of North Dakota and Montana upon the subject. He is a fluent, forcible speaker, earnest in manner and of pleasing delivery. He does everything in his power to promote education, not only the instruction in the school room, but that broader education which has to do directly with the general interests of society. One is therefore not surprised to find that he is secretary and manager of the Valley City Lecture Association which has a course of eight numbers each winter and which has made an enviable reputation during the twenty-three years of its existence. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist church and Professor Wemett is serving on its official board.

GEORGE A. SOULE.

George A. Soule, cashier of the Towner Merchants Bank at Towner, North Dakota, is a native son of the city in which he resides, his birth having there occurred December 25, 1892. His parents, George H. and Annetta (Mitchell) Soule, were natives of Alburg Center, Vermont, and Blake, Ontario, Canada, respectively. In the early '80s the father arrived in North Dakota and became cashier of the McHenry County Bank at Towner, which position he filled until 1895, when the bank was discontinued. He had also purchased land in the county eight miles north of Towner and this he developed and improved, continuing its cultivation throughout his remaining days. Adding to his holdings from time to time as his financial resources increased, he became the owner of over one thousand acres which is still in the possession of the family. He was recognized as one of the prominent and influential residents of the northern part of the state and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, called him to the office of county treasurer, while subsequent to his retirement from the banking business he served as United States commissioner for ten

years. He was also mayor of the city of Towner for two terms of two years each. At length he put aside all business and official cares and made his home in Towner throughout his remaining days, enjoying a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in response to the country's call for aid as a member of the First Vermont Artillery, in which he became first lieutenant. He participated in a number of hotly contested battles and on one occasion was captured, after which he was incarcerated in Libby prison for six or seven months. He continued to serve until the close of the war and returned home with a most creditable military record. After a year's illness he passed away in Towner, March 5, 1911, and is still survived by his widow, who became a resident of Grandin, North Dakota, in 1884, removed to Grand Forks in 1886 and to Towner in 1889. She is a daughter of Allan and Mary Ann Mitchell, the former of whom is now conducting a ladies' furnishing store at Towner.

George A. Soule has spent his entire life in Towner and he supplemented his public school training by a year's study in the State University, where he was a member of the law class. Upon his return home he accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Towner Merchants Bank, a state bank, and on the 1st of January, 1913, he was advanced to the position of cashier, in which capacity he has since continued. The other officers are: Andrew Gilbertson, president, and J. J. Egge, vice president. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. This bank was organized May 1, 1893, and has enjoyed a profitable existence from the beginning.

In his political views Mr. Soule is an earnest republican and has occupied the position of city treasurer since July 1, 1912. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons as a member of the blue lodge and chapter at Towner and Lebanon Council, R. & S. M., at Rugby. He attends the Episcopal church and his entire life has been actuated by laudable ambition and by high and honorable principles manifest in every relation.

WILLIAM V. O'CONNOR.

William V. O'Connor, treasurer of the Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank at Grand Forks, was born at Lanark, Ontario, Canada, June 24, 1879, and was the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children whose parents were Edward and Nora (Lane) O'Connor, both of whom were natives of Ireland. In the early '60s the father crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Lanark, Ontario. For a considerable period he successfully engaged in the implement business and in the conduct of a hotel in Canada. During the late '80s he removed to North Dakota, settling in Grand Forks, where he engaged in farming. He was active in politics as a staunch supporter of the democratic party and he exerted considerable influence in local political circles. His death occurred in Grand Forks in 1903, when he was fifty years of age, and his widow, who became a resident of Canada in her girlhood days, passed away in Grand Forks in 1906, at the age of sixty years.

William V. O'Connor pursued his early education in St. Bernard's Academy and afterward attended the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated in 1911 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. His youthful days were largely spent upon the home farm and after he completed his university course he accepted the position of assistant superintendent of schools in Grand Forks county. After retiring from that position he spent two years as city auditor of Grand Forks and then entered the implement business on his own account, and also engaged in farming. Later he began dealing in farm lands and making loans and in that undertaking prospered owing to his judicious investments, unfaltering enterprise and keen business discernment. In 1911 he was again called to office, being elected to represent his district in the state legislature, and he also became a member of the board of managers at the Cowen disbarment proceedings. During his second term as a member of the general assembly he was the recognized leader of the house and he left the impress of his individuality and ability upon important legislation enacted during that period.

Mr. O'Connor next became interested in the banking business and was one of the organizers of the Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank of Grand Forks, which was established

in December, 1912. He became the bank's first secretary and filled that office for a year, at the end of which time he was made treasurer, in which capacity he has since continued, largely controlling the interests of the bank in this connection. He is also extensively interested in farming and in the laud business, conducting his real estate operations as a member of the firm of O'Connor Brothers. He displays unflinching enterprise, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and his wisely directed interests have made him one of the prosperous citizens of Grand Forks.

It was in that city, on the 10th of October, 1908, that Mr. O'Connor was united in marriage to Miss Etta O'Hara, a native of Grand Forks and a daughter of Arthur O'Hara, who was one of the early settlers there. The father is now deceased, while the mother resides in Superior, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor have become parents of two children: Edward, who was born in Grand Forks, August 15, 1909; and William V., born June 15, 1911. The parents are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. O'Connor is identified with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he has always been an active partisan democrat, putting forth earnest effort to secure the success of his party. He belongs to the Grand Forks Commercial Club and the Grand Forks Golf Club and he is popular in those organizations. He possesses a social, genial nature that has gained for him many friends, and he is widely and favorably known in the city of his adoption.

VICTOR HUGO STICKNEY, M. D.

Dr. Victor Hugo Stickney, a retired physician residing in Dickinson, was born in Plymouth, Vermont, April 13, 1855, a son of John W. and Anna (Pinney) Stickney, both of whom were of English descent and always lived in New England.

Dr. Stickney continued a resident of Plymouth, Vermont, until 1883, and was graduated from the New Hampshire College in 1881, and from the Dartmouth Medical College at Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1883. He received the Bachelor of Science degree from New Hampshire College and his professional degree from the other institution. Having completed his preparation for the practice of medicine, and believing that the west would furnish better opportunities for a young physician, he made his way direct to Dickinson, North Dakota, where he opened an office and immediately began practice. It was in the same year that the railroad was completed to the town, which at that time was a pioneer settlement. Throughout all the intervening years Dr. Stickney has remained in Dickinson and for many years was most actively engaged in professional work. In 1889 he went to Philadelphia, where he pursued a course in medicine in the private school of Dr. McClellan, making a specialty of the study of anatomy and surgery. He then returned to Dickinson, but each two years after that went to some eastern city for post graduate work, thus keeping in close touch with the most advanced scientific methods of medical and surgical practice. His pronounced ability won for him a very liberal patronage and he continued in active practice until 1914, when he retired. At one time Dr. Stickney was extensively engaged in stock raising and shipped stock in considerable numbers, but he has also cut down his activities in that direction to a considerable extent. He has been interested in the First National Bank since its organization and is its vice president. He also has real estate holdings in Dickinson and his investments have ever been judiciously made. While active in his profession he was railroad surgeon for twenty-six years for the Northern Pacific, and when he retired from the position was the oldest surgeon in the service.

It was in Dickinson, in 1885, that Dr. Stickney was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hayes, a native of Plymouth, Vermont, where she resided until her marriage. They have become the parents of two children: Marjory A., who is the wife of A. P. Nechtwey, a physician of Dickinson; and Dorothy H., at home.

In his political views Dr. Stickney has ever been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as county superintendent of schools and he is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery at Dickinson and the Scottish Rite bodies at Fargo. He was the first master of the blue lodge in Dickinson and is a past eminent commander of the commandery. He is likewise connected

with the Elks lodge at Dickinson. He has long held membership in the County and State Medical Societies and in the latter was honored with the presidency. He also is a member of the American Medical Association. When he first came to North Dakota he had to cover in his practice a territory as large as the New England states and had to make all trips on horseback, traveling up to one hundred and fifty miles in relays. The life was indeed hard, involving many sacrifices and personal discomforts as he rode through winter's storms or summer's heat, but he never failed to respond to the call of need if it was possible in any way to do so. With him duty was ever first, and he became the loved family physician in many a household. Gradually as the country became more thickly settled his practice was narrowed in its scope of territory, but not in volume, for his business grew steadily year by year, his marked ability gaining him precedence as one of the most eminent and capable physicians of his section of the state.

C. F. NELSON.

Towner county probably has no more enterprising citizen than C. F. Nelson, president of the Citizens State Bank of Bisbee and one of the leading business men of that town. He was born in Goldfield, Iowa, March 4, 1876, his parents being Lewis H. and Hannah (Madson) Nelson, who were natives of Denmark and were brought to the United States by their respective parents, the former at the age of nineteen years and the latter at the age of thirteen. They located in Goldfield, Iowa, where they were subsequently married, and for forty-eight years they lived on a farm near that city. The father died on the 21st of December, 1914, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother passed away December 28, 1915, at the age of sixty. In the early days Mr. Nelson paid five dollars per acre for his first tract of land. He steadily prospered in his farming operations and added to his property from time to time until he owned about one thousand acres of very valuable and productive land, worth two hundred dollars per acre.

C. F. Nelson was given good educational advantages during his youth, attending the Evergreen high school, the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and the Agricultural College at Ames, that state. He also took a business and typewriting course at the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1901, and was thus well equipped for a business career on starting out in life for himself. Following his graduation he went to Parker, South Dakota, where he began dealing in real estate, but in 1902 he removed to Cooperstown, Griggs county, North Dakota, where in connection with W. T. Munn, now of Westhope, he established the Iowa & North Dakota Land Company. Within three months they sold over twelve thousand acres of land around Cooperstown and later Mr. Nelson was referred to as the man who made Griggs county. In 1906 he went to Davidson, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he again turned his attention to the real estate business in partnership with Elmer G. Opper, but after spending a year and a half in that locality Mr. Nelson decided that North Dakota was the only place to live and became a resident of Bisbee, where he organized the Citizens State Bank, becoming cashier of the institution when it was opened for business September 1, 1907. In 1913 a new bank building was erected, it being one of the finest in a town of the size of Bisbee in North Dakota. Mr. Nelson was elected president of the bank on the 1st of January, 1916, and is now serving in that capacity. On coming to this state his capital consisted of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars and Mr. Munn had but thirty-five dollars when they began business in Cooperstown, but today Mr. Nelson ranks among the substantial men of North Dakota. He is not only president of the Citizens State Bank of Bisbee but is also president of the Hanson Ellington Hardware Company and of the Nelson Investment Company, two important concerns.

On the 28th of December, 1904, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Harriet E. McCurry, of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and to them have been born three children, Cosette Ione, Fae Elizabeth and Rhea Ethlyn. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Presbyterian church, and he also belongs to Cando Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Cando Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Danish Brotherhood of America. The

republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles and in 1912 he was a candidate for state representative, but in the republican defeat of that year he lost, though by only twenty-five votes. He is now serving as president of the village council, also of the Bisbee fire department and of the Parents & Teachers Association of Bisbee. He is public-spirited and progressive, taking a commendable interest in all measures calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of his community, and he never withholds his support from any worthy enterprise. In business circles he occupies an enviable position, and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own industry, good management and fair dealing.

FREDERICK W. PEGLOW.

Frederick W. Peglow, a pioneer business man and prominent citizen of Glenburn, North Dakota, was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on the 15th of July, 1872, his parents being Frederick and Margaret (Steiner) Peglow, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Wisconsin, though of German parentage. When a young man the father came to the United States and located in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. He had previously learned the miller's trade and after his emigration to America became associated with the pioneer millers of Prairie du Chien, their mill being one of the first mills in the city. Mr. Peglow died in 1882 at the age of forty-two years after many years identification with the milling industry. His wife died in 1905 at the age of sixty-five years.

Frederick W. Peglow, of this review, attended the public and high schools of Prairie du Chien but at the early age of fourteen began earning his own livelihood by working as a farm hand. He was thus employed for two years and then went to St. Paul, where he had his first lessons in the mercantile business. During the following fourteen years he was connected with various leading mercantile houses in that city. In 1903 he removed to Glenburn, North Dakota, in advance of the railroad and became one of the pioneer builders of the town. He erected a building which he stocked with general merchandise and has since engaged in business there, now enjoying an extensive trade. His was the first business house in the town and during the thirteen years of its existence he has won a reputation for fair and honorable dealing.

In 1907 Mr. Peglow married Miss Bertha Buchelt, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and to them have been born three children: Clarence F., Irving L. and Roselyn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peglow hold membership in the Lutheran church, and he is also identified with Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. As a republican he has taken an active and prominent part in local politics. He has served several terms as a member of the village board and is now chairman of the same. He has also been treasurer of the school board since the district was organized and has filled the office of village treasurer. He is always foremost in any movement for the advancement of the town's interests and is a very public-spirited and progressive citizen. Besides his town property he owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres near Glenburn and what he possesses has come to him as the result of his own industry and good management.

OLAF J. BOSTROM.

Olaf J. Bostrom, proprietor of the Grand Forks Bottling Works, is one of the enterprising young men that Sweden has furnished to this state. He was born in that country, June 21, 1862, a son of John and Annie (Johnson) Bostrom, who were natives of Sweden and in 1887 came to America, settling in Minnesota. The father engaged in farming in Douglas county, that state, for a time, and in 1891 removed to Roberts county, South Dakota, while later he removed to Grand Forks, where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1913 when he was seventy-two years of age. His widow is still living in Grand Forks at the age of eighty-four years. In their family were six children:



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Olaf J.; John E., a resident of Grand Forks; Andrew, living in Minneapolis; Oscar, Magnus and Peter, all residents of Max, North Dakota.

In his early boyhood days Olaf J. Bostrom attended school in Sweden and when his textbooks were put aside engaged in farm work, but, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he bade adieu to friends and native land on attaining his majority and came to America. He made his way to Minnesota, where he was employed at farm work for two years, and in 1885 he arrived in Grand Forks. There he began work at the bricklayer's trade and was engaged in that line six years, his ability being manifest in the construction of many of the leading business blocks of Grand Forks. He afterward became connected with the Grand Forks Soda Bottling Works, and in 1903 he bought out the business which he has since conducted. Under his direction the trade has steadily grown and he now has one of the best equipped plants of that kind in his part of the state. In the manufacture of his products he maintains a high standard, and the excellence of his goods, combined with his reasonable prices and fair dealing is bringing to him substantial success.

In 1892 Mr. Bostrom was married to Miss Nellie Botton, who died in Grand Forks in 1898, leaving a son, Edwin, who was born in Grand Forks in 1894 and is now employed by the F. S. Seargent Company of Grand Forks. In November 1902, Mr. Bostrom was again married, his second union being with Miss Augusta Swenson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swen Johnson, residents of Sweden. There are three children by the second marriage: George Elmer, who was born in Grand Forks in 1903; Irene, born in 1905; and Albert, born in 1914. The first two are attending school.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and are loyal to its teachings. Mr. Bostrom is a self-made man and as the architect of his own fortunes he builded wisely and well. Through industry and perseverance he has worked his way upward and is today one of the leading manufacturers of Grand Forks.

EJNAR LOHRBAUER, M. D.

Dr. Ejnar Lohrbauer, mayor of Lakota, where he is also actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, being recognized as an able representative of the profession, was born in Christiania, Norway, January 4, 1866. His parents, John and Patrina (Boedtker) Lohrbauer, were also natives of that country. The father became a cotton manufacturer and the owner of cotton mills, in which connection he conducted an extensive and profitable business. He held many positions of importance and responsibility in his native country and there passed away in 1906, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow survived until 1908 and was sixty-eight years at the time of her demise. In the family were seven children.

Dr. Lohrbauer, the third in order of birth, attended school in his native city and won the Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation from the University of Christiania with the class of 1883. Thinking to find better opportunities in America, he crossed the Atlantic in 1884 and made his way to Grand Forks, where he became engaged in the drug business in connection with Dr. Rutledge. After four years he retired from that partnership, selling his interest in the business, for it was then his purpose to prepare for the practice of medicine, toward which his experience in the drug business seemed an initial step. He entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1902, after which he opened an office in Lakota, where he has since been actively and successfully engaged in practice. The people recognize his ability and his practice is therefore extensive. For the past eight years he has been a member of the county board of health and he belongs to the Nelson County Medical Society, the North Dakota Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

On the 8th of August, 1890, Dr. Lohrbauer was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Hendricks, of Northwood, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Henry Hendricks and a representative of a well known family of that section of the state. They have two children: Louise, who was born in Hillsboro in 1893 and is a high school graduate; and Leif who was born in Minneapolis in 1900 and is attending high school.

Fraternally Dr. Lohrbauer is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, of which he is a stalwart champion, having firm faith in its principles. In 1915 he was elected mayor of Lakota and as chief executive is giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration in which he seeks to uphold and promote high civic standards.

GUSTAVE BAQUOL METZGER.

Gustave Baquol Metzger is now living retired but for many years was actively connected with the business and public interests of Williston, where for almost a quarter of a century he filled the office of postmaster, twenty years of this time being a continuous service. His business activities were also an element in the substantial growth of the community and his rest is well deserved. He was born upon a farm near Wittersheim, Alsace-Lorraine, France, February 10, 1855, a son of Ira and Brunnette (Baquol) Metzger. The father's birth occurred in the same house as his son Gustave's. His ancestors in direct line for two hundred years had been born in that house and the dwelling and the land upon which it is located are still in possession of the family, being owned by a brother of Gustave B. Metzger. The father acquired his education in his native province and became a large landowner and dealer in mortgages and loans. His entire life was spent near Wittersheim, where he passed away in 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. His wife was born in the academy at Metz, the capital city of Lorraine, and was a daughter of Eموire Baquol, who was president of the academy, a famous institution of learning. Moreover, he was the author of the world famous Baquol Dictionary. His daughter, Mrs. Metzger, was reared and educated at Metz and following her marriage lived at Wittersheim until her death, which occurred in 1867, when she was forty-eight years of age.

G. B. Metzger spent his youthful days in his native city and was educated under the private tutorage of Professor Duffner of Hostad, in Alsace-Lorraine, and also attended the Lycee Imperial, which is the University of Alsace-Lorraine at Strassbourg. There he was graduated in 1873. He afterward taught school at St. Dizier on the Marne, in France, and then went to Paris, where he engaged in the commission business for two years. In 1876 he crossed the Atlantic to New York city, where he was employed as bookkeeper in a wholesale slaughter house, and in 1883 he entered into a contract which took him to Montana, there to take charge of a sheep ranch owned by eastern people. On reaching his destination, Glendive, Montana, however, he found that the other party did not intend to live up to his contract, so that he sought other employment, becoming hotel clerk and manager of the Yellowstone Hotel at Glendive. After a year he decided to engage in business for himself and in 1886 purchased a stock of groceries and provisions from a house in St. Paul, Minnesota. He then started overland for the hamlet known as Little Muddy, now Williston. His goods were shipped by rail to Bismarek and by boat to Little Muddy, where they were thrown off on the bank of the Missouri river. Mr. Metzger set up two tents, one of which he used as a store and the other as his home, and this was the beginning of the now thriving city of Williston. For six months he occupied the tent and then built a store building. He prospered as time went on and later the town was laid out, after which his general merchandise business grew accordingly. He had developed an extensive trade ere he closed out his stock in 1896 and retired from commercial pursuits. In the meantime he established a sawmill and brickyard, both of which he conducted successfully, and during many years he also engaged in raising cattle and ranching. His business developed in most gratifying measure and success attended the intelligent direction of his efforts.

In 1886 Mr. Metzger was appointed postmaster of Williston and occupied that position until 1892. He was then out of office for four years or until August 21, 1896, when he was again appointed and so served until April 16, 1915, holding that office for a period of twenty-four years in all. During that time, owing to the development of the town, the business of the office grew so much that it was necessary for him to devote his entire attention to the duties of his position and accordingly he retired from commercial pursuits. He may well be proud of the fact that he served as postmaster for twenty-four years, for

this indicates unmistakably his thorough reliability and faithfulness. He with two other men established the first school in Williston and furnished the funds for the first term of six months and he has been a director of the Williston school board since 1907 and was president in 1915. He still owns a large amount of farm lands and now devotes his time to the supervision of his agricultural interests, although he makes his home in Williston, where he owns a fine residence.

On the 13th of March, 1882, Mr. Metzger was married to Miss Margaret Le Dosquet, in Brooklyn, New York. She was educated in New York city and in Glendive, Montana. Her parents were John and Magdalena (Walters) Le Dosquet, who were born at Coblenz on the Rhine. They were educated in Germany and on coming to America settled in New York, where they were married. Both were descended from French Huguenot ancestors who were driven out of France through religious persecution and took refuge in Germany, preferring banishment from their native country to the abandonment of their religious convictions. To Mr. and Mrs. Metzger have been born seven children, of whom three are living: Mabel Brunnette, who is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and has served as assistant postmaster at Williston since 1908; Ivan Victor, who is also a graduate of the State University and now an attorney at law of Williston; and Herbert A., likewise a member of the Williston bar. All three are graduates of the State University and the family is one of which the parents have every reason to be proud.

Mr. Metzger belongs to the Congregational church, while his wife is a Christian Scientist. Fraternally he is connected with Mount Moriah Lodge, F. & A. M., of Williston, of which he became one of the organizers and charter members and in which he has passed all the chairs. He likewise organized Williston Chapter, R. A. M., of which he is high priest, and he has been a member of the grand lodge of the state. He is the oldest member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Williston, in which he has filled all of the offices, and he has likewise been a member of the grand lodge. He has traveled considerably, gaining that broad and liberal culture which is obtained in no other way. In politics he is a stalwart republican and is thoroughly patriotic and American in spirit and interests. His two sons are now on the border with the North Dakota National Guard, one of them holding the rank of lieutenant and the other that of first sergeant. Mr. Metzger has ever shown a most thorough appreciation of all that is truly democratic in this country and he has ever held to high ideals of citizenship, doing everything in his power to promote the nation's good as well as the local interests of the community in which he resides.

JOHN H. GAMBS.

John H. Gambs, general merchant and postmaster of Pettibone, was born in Smithland, Iowa, in 1882. His father, Peter Gambs, a native of Germany was born in 1843 and wedded Agnes Loucks whose birth occurred in Michigan in 1850. When a young man Peter Gambs had come to the United States with his parents, who settled in Ohio. He took up the occupation of farming but at the time of the Civil war put aside all personal and business considerations and responded to the country's call for troops. After the close of hostilities he removed to Iowa and continued to engage in farming in that state until he retired from active business. He and his wife now make their home in Smithland.

John H. Gambs was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children, all of whom are yet living. He pursued his education in the schools of Smithland, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school in the spring of 1899. He afterward devoted his time to farming upon the old homestead and in the spring of 1903 he came to North Dakota, settling first in Burleigh county, where he took up a homestead, securing title to the property in 1907. During the intervening period of four years he carefully and systematically carried on general farming and at the end of that period he removed to Kidder county.

Mr. Gambs married Miss Emma E. Dethloff, who was born in Wisconsin in 1881 and who came to North Dakota with her parents about 1883, the family home being established in Wells county. Some years afterward she took up a claim in Kidder county and thereon

Mr. and Mrs. Gambs began their domestic life following their marriage. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Dethloff, were early settlers of Kidder county, where the father continued to make his home until called to his final rest in the spring of 1916. The mother survives and is now living in Pettibone.

Mr. Gambs remained on the Kidder county homestead until the fall of 1910, at which time he removed to Pettibone and opened a general store. In 1909 he had been made postmaster of Gerber and the following year the office was removed to Pettibone, since which time he has continued to serve as postmaster. In his business he has been successful from the start and now has an excellent general merchandise establishment, employing a number of clerks. A liberal patronage is accorded him and investigation into his methods shows that he is thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising. Since coming to Pettibone the homestead farm has been rented. He is also the possessor of twenty acres of land on the edge of the town and he is now developing that place as a chicken farm, raising thereon high grade poultry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gambs have become the parents of two children: Elizabeth, born in 1908; and Walter Richard, born in 1910. Throughout the community in which they reside the parents occupy an enviable position in public regard by reason of the fact that they hold to high standards of living and their influence is always cast on the side of right, progress and improvement.

JOHN L. ANDRUS.

John L. Andrus is numbered among the pioneer residents of Grand Forks county and is classed with its most substantial and respected citizens. He was born in Brown county, New York, October 11, 1855, a son of Reuben Andrus, who was also born in the Empire state and was descended from an old New York family of Scotch origin. He successfully engaged in farming in the east until 1862 when he removed to Lee county, Illinois, where he resided until 1866 and then went with his family to Jackson county, Wisconsin, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring when he was seventy years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Louisa Hines, a native of New York and a representative of an old New York family of Scotch lineage. She died in 1876. There were three children in the family, the two daughters being: Edith, who died in girlhood; and Flora, the wife of Warren Goucher, deceased.

John L. Andrus was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin and spent his early life upon the home farm. At the age of eighteen he started out to earn his living by work as a farm hand in Wisconsin and later he began farming on his own account in North Dakota. It was on the 19th of May, 1881, that he arrived in Grand Forks county, where he secured a government claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Michigan township. For eight years thereafter he successfully cultivated that tract but has since sold this farm. In 1889 he located at Thompson, Grand Forks county, and secured employment with John Bjorgo, a pioneer merchant, with whom he remained for seven years or until 1896. Mr. Bjorgo passed away and Mr. Andrus continued the business as administrator of the estate for two years, after which he purchased the store in partnership with T. F. McMillan and this they have successfully conducted through the intervening period under the name of Andrus & McMillan. Theirs is today the oldest business of the kind in the city and its methods have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

Mr. Andrus was married in Langdon, in 1897, to Miss Signora Carpenter, a native of Michigan and a daughter of the late Hope Carpenter and Melvina Carpenter, the latter now a resident of Langdon. Mr. and Mrs. Andrus became parents of three children: George, who was born at Thompson and is now a resident of Spokane, Washington; Ferron; and Malon.

Politically Mr. Andrus is a republican and for eighteen years has served continuously as treasurer of his township. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Foresters and is now treasurer of the local lodge. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His life has been well spent and at all points has been honorable and

upright, winning for him the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. He is now one of the representative merchants of Thompson and his business interests have been an element of public progress as well as of individual success.

JOHN REUTER, JR.

John Reuter has for over nine years made his home in Dickinson and is now efficiently serving as county treasurer of Stark county. He is a native of Illinois, his birth occurring at Blue Island, a suburb of Chicago, September 6, 1888, and is a son of John and Augusta Reuter, who are now residents of the Prairie state although for five years they made their home in Dickinson, North Dakota, whither our subject has preceded them. He attended the public and high schools of Blue Island and also pursued a course in the Chicago Business College, from which he was graduated.

For about four years after leaving school Mr. Reuter was connected with golf in a professional way. In 1907 he became a resident of Dickinson, North Dakota, and has since taken quite an active and prominent part in public affairs. He served as deputy county treasurer for five years, after which he engaged in farming for four years, and in 1914 was elected treasurer of Stark county, in which capacity he is now serving with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He was the only democrat elected at that time and in 1916 was reelected, again being the only democrat elected on the local ticket. He is still interested in farming.

On the 15th of September, 1909, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Reuter and Miss Elizabeth Blank, and to them have been born two children, Orville E. and Lawrence. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Reuter is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a prominent member and stockholder in the Town and Country Club of Dickinson and has twice won the state championship in golf—in 1915 and 1916. He is very fond of outdoor sports, especially golf, and his reputation along that line is most enviable. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of his adopted state and does all in his power to promote her prosperity.

RODOLPH RAY RICHARD.

Rodolph Ray Richard, publisher of the Golden Valley Progress of Beach, was born at Little Falls, Minnesota, April 12, 1888 a son of Theodore Richard whose birth occurred in St. Johns, province of Quebec, whence he came to the United States the family home being established near Little Falls Minnesota, where they cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers. Theodore Richard became chief clerk of the Richard Brothers Mercantile Company of Little Falls, one of the first stores of the town. He married Vetaline Lord, of Canadian birth, and both are still living. Theirs is a notable record, for among their eight children no death has occurred.

Rodolph R. Richard pursued his education in the public schools of Little Falls and in the Little Falls Business College, after which he entered the office of the Little Falls Herald, where he learned the printer's trade, spending a period of six years in connection with that paper. He then went to Glendive, Montana, where he became manager of the Dawson County Review for James A. Metcalf, remaining as manager there for a little more than a year, when the paper was sold. Mr. Richard then became connected with the Glendive Independent but after a short time removed to Miles City, Montana, where he became circulation manager and business solicitor for the Miles City Star and the Miles City Independent. His connection with these two papers covered about six months, at the end of which time he was transferred to the Yellowstone Journal, a stock growers journal, for which he was reporter and solicitor for a period of six months. He next became connected with the Picket at Red Lodge, Montana, in the same capacity, spending three months in connection with that journal. On the 15th of May, 1904, he arrived in Beach and purchased

the Golden Valley Progress, which he has since edited and published. It is owned by Mr. Richard and his brother, Harvey, and the paper has a circulation of twelve hundred, covering a territory of which Beach is the center of a fifty mile radius. The circulation of the paper is larger than that of any other journal in the county and the office is equipped in a most modern manner, having a linotype machine, a modern two revolution rotary press and all other equipment found in a first class printing office. His brother Harvey is the linotype operator and in addition they employ two others in the office. Mr. Richard has devoted practically his entire life to the printing business although for a brief period in early manhood he was employed in the mercantile establishment of an uncle at Little Falls and also as a drug clerk. He found the printing business congenial and in that line has steadily worked his way upward, being now at the head of a growing and profitable business.

In politics Mr. Richard is an independent republican and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Catholic church of Beach. His attention, however, is chiefly concentrated upon his paper and he has made it an excellent journal—a credit to the community in which it is gladly received.

R. E. WENZEL.

R. E. Wenzel, one of the able attorneys of Pierce county, residing at Rugby, was born in Berlin, Germany, May 27, 1883, a son of Gottlieb and Ernestine (Silz) Wenzel, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father died in Berlin when his son, R. E. Wenzel, was but a year old. He was a shoemaker by trade and he became a member of the army, being commissioned lieutenant of his company after four years' service. Following the demise of her husband Mrs. Wenzel came to the United States in 1892 and established her home at Edgeley, Lamoure county, North Dakota. In 1896 she became the wife of Phillip Zoerb and removed to Callaway, Nebraska, where she now resides.

R. E. Wenzel was a lad of nine summers when he accompanied his mother to the new world and following her second marriage he remained in Edgeley, where he served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, since which time he has made his own way in the world and has also provided for his own education. He attended the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale and subsequently entered the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. While a pupil there he played professional ball for two summers, also worked in the harvest fields and for one year worked as night man on the Grand Forks Herald, thus providing the funds necessary to meet his tuition and other expenses of his college course. In his senior year he edited *The Student*, the university paper, and in 1909 he was graduated from the university, having completed the literary and law courses, so that the B. A. and B. L. degrees were both conferred upon him. In 1909 he won the interstate oratorical contest, which was the first time it had been won by a North Dakota student for twelve years. He was also elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa and the Delta Sigma Rho fraternities. He was also a member of the university baseball team, six members of which with other recruits made a tour through to the Pacific coast, playing twenty-three games, of which they won seventeen. Mr. Wenzel had planned to enter Yale but on his return from the coast stopped at Rugby and, finding a good opening for a location, he entered upon the practice of law there and has since actively and successfully followed his profession.

In 1910 Mr. Wenzel was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Coger, her father being George Coger, a retired agriculturist of Grand Forks. Mrs. Wenzel was graduated from the University of North Dakota with the class of 1908 and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Ralph and Wilma.

Mr. Wenzel is a stalwart champion of the republican party and is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Rugby Lodge, No. 65, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; Damascus Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., of which he is high priest; and Lebanon Council, No. 2, R. & S. M., being at the present time grand treasurer of the grand council of the state. Mr. Wenzel possesses considerable musical talent, and utilizing his gifts in this direction, he organized a band at the State Normal and Industrial School in Ellendale, also



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a band at the State University and the Rugby Band, all of which he served for a time as leader. He is interested in all those forces which work for cultural development and progress and the varied nature of his activities has brought him prominence in many fields.

FRANK RAFF.

Frank Raff, proprietor and editor of the Nelson County Observer, published at Lakota, was born in Polk county, Minnesota, July 12, 1885, a son of Erik and Anna (Olson) Raff, both of whom were natives of Sweden. Coming to America in 1880, they settled in Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming to the time of his death, which occurred in 1906, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. His widow survives at the age of sixty years.

Frank Raff, who was the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, acquired his early education in the public schools of Polk county and afterward attended Crookston College of Crookston, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1908. He then turned to newspaper work in 1909, becoming connected with the Fertile Journal, with which paper he was associated for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Lakota and purchased the Nelson County Observer, which he has since owned and published. It has a wide circulation, twelve hundred copies being issued for Nelson county readers alone, and it is regarded as the official organ of the county. In his newspaper work Mr. Raff has always noted and followed the trend of modern journalism and the Observer is an attractive sheet, presenting to its readers everything of local interest, while its discussion of modern questions and issues shows deep thought and earnest consideration.

On the 30th of December, 1909, Mr. Raff was married to Miss Josephine Rude, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rude and a representative of a well known and prominent family of Gary, Minnesota. To them have been born three children, as follows: Edgar Leroy, whose natal year was 1911; Alton Elbert, whose birth occurred in October, 1912; and Evelyn Annabel, who was born in 1915. All are natives of Fertile, Minnesota. Mr. Raff exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and champions the principles of the party through the columns of the press. He is a man of considerable influence in Lakota and Nelson county, being widely known and popular, and warm regard is entertained for him by all with whom he has been associated.

HECTOR H. PERRY.

One of the foremost representatives of democratic politics in North Dakota is Hector H. Perry, an attorney at law of Ellendale, now a member of the democratic national committee. Born in New London, Wisconsin, on the 20th of August, 1876, he is a son of Ebenezer and Caroline (Krause) Perry, the former a native of New York and the latter of Germany. They were married, however, in Wisconsin and in 1882 came to North Dakota, settling in Ellendale among the pioneer families of that place. The father was a lawyer and practiced his profession in Ellendale to the time of his death, becoming also one of the leading and influential citizens of that place, taking active, helpful and beneficial part in all public affairs. For fourteen years he also conducted the North Dakota Record, one of the leading newspapers of Dickey county, and he was an active and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. He passed away in 1904, while his widow survived until 1915.

Spending his youthful days in his native city, Hector H. Perry mastered the branches of learning taught in the public and high schools there and from his earliest youth spent much time in his father's law office, so that he became imbued with the desire to enter upon active connection with the profession to which his father had devoted his life. Under paternal guidance he took up the study of law and in 1902 was admitted to the bar, at which time he entered into partnership with his father, the business relation continuing between them until the father's death. Hector H. Perry then formed a partnership with D. T. Youker, under the firm style of Youker & Perry, and in the practice of his pro-

fession he has demonstrated his ability to cope with many intricate and involved legal problems and find ready and correct solutions therefor. In addition to his law practice he has become a heavy holder of Dickey county farm lands, his investments being judiciously made and bringing to him substantial financial return.

Mr. Perry early manifested a deep interest in politics and since attaining his majority has been active in support of the principles which he endorses. In 1898 he was elected clerk of the courts of Dickey county and in 1900 he was reelected to the position, serving in all for four years. In 1914 he was chosen chairman of the state democratic committee and in 1916 was elected a member of the democratic national committee, so that he is in close touch with the political situation of the hour and is active in guiding the interests of his party in both state and nation.

In 1897 Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Miss Jennie H. Monty, of Ellendale, and theirs is one of the attractive homes of the city, its hospitality being accounted one of its most pleasing features. Fraternally Mr. Perry is connected with Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M.; Ellendale Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Ellendale Lodge, K. P.; and Aberdeen Lodge, No. 1046, B. P. O. E., of Aberdeen, South Dakota. In community affairs he is deeply interested, and manifests a public-spirited devotion to all those plans and movements which work for the best interests of the community and which look beyond the exigencies of the present to the future. A strong advocate at the bar and a wise counselor, an astute political leader and a gentleman of high personal worth, he is popular in the various circles in which he moves and in which his influence has been strongly felt.

HENRY O'KEEFE, M. D.

Dr. Henry O'Keefe, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Grand Forks, was born at Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, March 16, 1858, a son of William and Bridget (Fee) O'Keefe, both of whom were natives of Ontario, where they resided until 1881 and then removed to North Dakota, becoming early settlers of Walsh county, where the father acquired large land holdings and became a prosperous farmer. His last days were spent in this county, where he passed away in 1912, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife was reared, educated and married in Ontario and died in 1900, at the age of seventy. In their family were ten children, of whom Dr. O'Keefe was the third in order of birth.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth Dr. O'Keefe largely devoted his time and attention to the acquirement of an education, supplementing his early training by a high school course at Lindsay, while for one year he was a student in the University of Laval at Quebec. He next entered McGill University at Montreal, Canada, where he pursued his medical course and was graduated in 1882. On the 9th of April of that year he arrived in Minto, Walsh county, North Dakota, where he engaged in practice for twenty-four years, at the end of which time he sought the broader field of labor offered in Grand Forks. There he took up his abode in September, 1906, and during the intervening period has engaged successfully in the practice of medicine and surgery, building up an extensive and gratifying practice.

On the 5th of June, 1883, Dr. O'Keefe was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Connolly, of Lindsay, Ontario, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. John Connolly, both of whom are deceased. The Doctor and his wife have nine children, all born in Minto, as follows: Henry, who was born in 1889 and was graduated from Yale University in 1911; Mary, who is a graduate of the State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and St. Joseph Academy at St. Paul and is now engaged in teaching school at Malta, Montana; Cyril F., who is now a general merchant of Keota, Oklahoma; Charles J., who is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Saco, Montana; Genevieve, a graduate of the high school and of the University of North Dakota, and now employed in a local banking institution; Muriel, who is now attending the University of North Dakota; Gladys, who is a senior student in the high school; William, who is in his first year at the high school; and Emmet, who is an eighth grade student.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and Dr. O'Keefe also

belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is well known in fraternal circles as a member of the Foresters, the Yeomen, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. His professional connections are with the Grand Forks District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He has worked his way upward through his own efforts, wisely using his time and talents in preparation for his profession and in discharging the duties connected with his growing practice. He is now one of the leading physicians of the state, his ability being widely acknowledged by his colleagues and contemporaries as well as by the general public.

REINHART GILBERTSEN.

Reinhart Gilbertsen, postmaster of Glenburn and owner and editor of the Glenburn Advance, was born in Avoca, Wisconsin, March 11, 1879, a son of Erick and Mary (Everson) Gilbertsen who were natives of Norway. They came to America in early life with their respective parents and the father learned and followed the blacksmith's trade devoting many years to that pursuit in Wisconsin. He died in March, 1888, and his widow is now a resident of San Francisco, California.

The family removed to Estherville, Iowa, during the boyhood of Reinhart Gilbertsen and he was there reared and educated, learning the printer's trade after his textbooks were put aside. He worked at the case in Estherville and Des Moines for eight years and in 1901 made his way northward to Bottineau county, North Dakota, where he filed on a homestead, to which he later secured title, having met all the requirements that brought to him the ownership of the land. He worked in a printing office for a time in that county and in 1904 he removed to Glenburn, Renville county, where he purchased the Glenburn Advance, of which he has since been owner and editor. He has a thoroughly equipped plant and is publishing an attractive weekly paper devoted to the dissemination of local and general news.

In April, 1903, Mr. Gilbertsen was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Holmquist and they have become the parents of two children: Cecil, born March 10, 1905; and Alice, born November 22, 1909. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mr. Gilbertsen is also identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given the republican party and since 1904 he has continuously served as postmaster of the town, while for ten years he has been a member of the school board. He is interested in all that pertains to the public life of the community and his aid and influence are always given on the side of progress and improvement, his efforts being an element in promoting the general welfare.

DONALD McDONALD.

Donald McDonald, grand secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North Dakota and treasurer of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, was born in Dundas county, Ontario, Canada, June 29, 1850, and is of Scotch lineage. His parents, Duncan and Janet (McIntosh) McDonald, were both natives of Scotland, the former arriving in Canada in 1833 and the latter in the '40s. The father was a pioneer settler of Dundas county, where for many years he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1851 he became a resident of Dubuque, Iowa, and there passed away in 1858 at the age of fifty years. His widow long survived and died in Iowa in 1897 at the age of seventy-eight years. In their family were four children: Elizabeth, the wife of J. H. Hickle, of Clarks-ville, Iowa; Donald; Margaret, who is living in Providence, Rhode Island; and Gordon, who died in Louisiana in 1907.

Donald McDonald was but an infant when his parents went to Iowa and in that state he was reared, acquiring his education in the public schools. His early life to the age of fourteen years was spent upon the home farm, after which he took his initial step in

commercial lines by securing employment as clerk in a general store at Shell Rock, Iowa. Later he followed farming and other work and also taught school in Iowa, where he continued to make his home until 1873, when he arrived in Dakota Territory, being then a young man of twenty-three years. He settled first near Vermillion, Clay county, and in 1878 removed to Grand Forks, then a western frontier village, and began the publication of a newspaper called the Plain Dealer which was one of the first papers published in the state. This he conducted for two years. He served as postmaster of Grand Forks for nine years, or from 1879 until 1888, when he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, conducting a store for nineteen years. At the end of that period he was elected county treasurer of Grand Forks county, which office he filled for four years, and thus in many ways he was closely, actively and helpfully connected with the interests and with the upbuilding of Grand Forks. In 1895 he was chosen grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and has since occupied that position, which claims much of his time and attention. He was also one of the organizers of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, of which he was president from 1910 until January 1, 1916, when he became treasurer. For nineteen years he served as a member of the board of education of Grand Forks and for a number of years he has been the president of the Grand Forks library board. In the fall of 1916, he was elected to the office of register of deeds on the republican ticket. He has always taken a deep interest in political affairs and has been a stalwart supporter of those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. His activities have covered a wide scope, connecting him with commercial, financial and official interests in Grand Forks, and the worth of his work is widely acknowledged. He is accounted one of the foremost residents of his city, honored and respected by young and old, rich and poor.

On the 10th of December, 1876, in Clarksville, Iowa, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Addie Leete, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of the late A. N. Leete and his wife, Abbie (Button) Leete, both of whom were natives of New York and of English descent. The Leete family was established in America in early colonial days. One of Mrs. McDonald's great-uncles in the maternal line was a colonial governor of Connecticut. Mrs. McDonald passed away in Grand Forks, September 30, 1904, at the age of forty-eight years, leaving two sons: Archibald L., born in Grand Forks, April 25, 1879, and now a practicing physician of Duluth, Minnesota; and D. Bruce, who was born in Grand Forks, June 2, 1891, and is now cashier of the State Bank at Hansboro, North Dakota. In 1909 Mr. McDonald was married to Mrs. J. Addie Nash.

In his fraternal connections Mr. McDonald is not only widely known as a prominent Odd Fellow but is also a Mason, belonging to Aeacia Lodge, No. 4, F. & A. M., of Grand Forks. He is likewise a member of the Curling Club, which indicates the nature of his recreation; he is a member of the Commercial Club and supports progressive measures for the advancement and upbuilding of the city; and he is identified with the First Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder and an active worker, doing all in his power to further the moral progress of the community. His life has ever been upright and honorable, winning for him the respect, goodwill and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

GUNERIUS GUNDERSON.

Gunerius Gunderson, a dealer in grain and coal at Mohall, has been a resident of the town since 1903 and throughout the entire period has been connected with the grain trade, in which he has built up a business of substantial proportions. He was born in Norway, October 8, 1873, a son of Gunder and Pernille (Olson) Gunderson, who were also natives of that country, where the father followed farming throughout his entire life. He passed away in 1879, while his wife died in 1881.

Mr. Gunderson whose name introduces this review was reared and educated in Norway to the age of fifteen years, when in 1888 he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, making his way to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he learned the cigar maker's trade. He was thus employed for two years and then in 1891 removed to Traill county, North Dakota, where he worked for two years. He next took up his abode



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in Bottineau county, where he filed on land in 1894 and with characteristic energy began to develop and improve that property, continuing its cultivation for six years. At the end of that period he secured a situation in a grain elevator at Bottineau, working in that way for a year and a half, and in 1903 he arrived in Moball, where he was employed in an elevator for about five years. On the expiration of that period he engaged in the grain business on his own account and in 1907 built an elevator, while in 1916 he erected a second and much larger one. He is today the leading grain merchant in Mohall, conducting the largest business done at any of the five elevators of the city. He buys and sells extensively and his success has come to him as the result of close application, unabating energy and sound business judgment. He also handles coal, in which he enjoys a good trade, and he is still the owner of the homestead property in Bottineau county.

On the 1st of January, 1905, Mr. Gunderson was married to Miss Marie C. Mattson and they have become the parents of four daughters, Hazel M., Ellen D., Thelma L. C., and Alida M.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church, while in his political belief Mr. Gunderson is a republican. He has served as a member of the town council of Moball for four years, also as justice of the peace for four years, and as a member of the board of education for three years, and in each connection has discharged his duties promptly and capably. He is identified with the Masonic Scottish Rite Lodge, No. 2, at Grand Forks and has become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Although he came to the United States a young lad, empty handed, he has never had occasion to regret his determination to try his fortune in the new world, for here he has steadily worked his way upward and is now numbered among the substantial citizens and progressive business men of Mohall, enjoying the respect and goodwill of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

PETER J. IVERSON.

Peter J. Iverson, county superintendent of schools of Nelson county and a resident of Lakota, was born in Christiania, Norway, June 17, 1880. His father Amund Iverson, also born in Norway, came to America in 1882 and settled in Decorah, Iowa, where he engaged in farming, there remaining until 1894 at which time he passed away in Decorah at the age of forty-three years. In politics he was a republican and an active worker in local ranks. He served for one term as township assessor. A consistent Christian man he held membership in the Lutheran church and guided his life according to its teachings. He married Maren Sorlie, also a native of Norway, and she is now living at Red Lake county, Minnesota. She became the mother of eight children, seven of whom survive.

Peter J. Iverson attended the public schools of Iowa and Minnesota, the high school at Park Regent and the college at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. He was graduated from the State Normal School at Mayville, North Dakota, in 1906, and in 1910 won the Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation from Luther College at Decorah, Iowa. He also spent one year in post graduate work in the University of Wisconsin and another year in the North Dakota University, winning the Master of Arts degree. His early life was devoted to farm work which he followed for two years after the death of his father. When his education was completed he took up the profession of teaching, becoming thus connected with the country schools of Polk county, North Dakota. He was afterward principal of the schools of Maddock, this state, for a year and principal at Towner, after which he served for two years as instructor in Luther College at Decorah in the high school department. It was in this way that he met the expenses of his own college course. He afterward located at Michigan, Nelson county, North Dakota, where he was superintendent of schools for three years and on the expiration of that period he was elected county superintendent of schools in the fall of 1912. He is now entering on the third term in that position, having twice been elected without opposition, a fact which indicates that he is eminently qualified for the position and that his work is highly satisfactory to the public at large. Under his guidance substantial advancement has been made in the schools and the standards of instruction and of scholarship have been greatly raised.

On June 12, 1912, Professor Iverson was married at Lakota to Miss Mary Wolford, a native of Akron, Indiana, and a daughter of John and Lydia (Waechter) Wolford, representatives of pioneer families of Indiana of German descent. Professor and Mrs. Iverson have two children: Dale, born June 10, 1913; and Lucile, born January 6, 1915.

Politically Mr. Iverson is a republican, and fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of Norway. He also belongs to the Commercial Club and is interested in its projects for the upbuilding of the city and the Lutheran church finds in him an active member. In a word he seeks in every way the further financial and moral progress of the individual and the community and his efforts have been of far reaching and beneficial effect.

JAMES TAYLOR.

James Taylor, sheriff of Towner county and a resident of Cando, was born February 28, 1874, in Kansas, his parents being Job and Sarah (Grimes) Taylor who were natives of Missouri. The father was a farmer and in an early day in the development of Kansas removed to that state, where he followed farming for twelve years, after which he returned to Missouri, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1888. That year witnessed his arrival in Towner county, North Dakota, where he filed on land which he cultivated and improved until 1905, when he retired and went to California, where he made his home until his death. He passed away in 1906, having long survived his wife, who died in August, 1877.

James Taylor was reared and educated in Missouri and North Dakota, being fourteen years of age when his parents came to this state. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority and then filed on land which he developed and cultivated until December, 1902, when he rented his farm. He still owns the original homestead, however, and has also added to his landed possessions until they now embrace eleven hundred and twenty acres in Towner county. From this property he derives a very substantial annual income.

On the 25th of December, 1906, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Quick and to them were born two children, James Roscoe and Mabel Genevieve. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church and fraternally Mr. Taylor is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a United Workmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1903 he was appointed postmaster of Perth, which position he filled until January, 1906. In January, 1907, he became sheriff of Towner county, serving for four years, and then for a period of about four years was engaged in buying grain at Perth and Cando. In 1914 and again in 1916 he was reelected to the position of sheriff and is now the incumbent in that office, the duties of which he discharges in a prompt, fearless and faithful manner, his reelection being evidence of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. From territorial days he has lived in North Dakota and throughout the intervening period has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred, while at all times he has taken a helpful part in promoting the work of general progress and improvement.

HENRY H. HAND.

A well known figure in insurance circles in North Dakota is Henry H. Hand, the secretary of the Northern Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Grand Forks. He was born in Lenawee county, Michigan, March 8, 1869, a son of Henry H. and Betsy Ann (Smith) Hand, the former a native of New York and the latter of Germany. In young womanhood Mrs. Hand came to the new world and was married in Michigan. They removed from New York to Michigan and Henry H. Hand, Sr., there engaged in millwrighting during his early life and continued his residence in Michigan until 1868, when he passed away at the

age of sixty-four years. His widow died in Portland, Oregon, in 1885 at the age of fifty-nine years. In the family were three children: Mrs. Nona M. Chapman, living at Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada; Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, a resident of Camas, Washington; and Henry H.

The last named having become a resident of Portland, Oregon, in early childhood, was there reared from the age of nine years and after attending the public schools of that city became a student in the Columbia Commercial College there. He started out in the business world in the insurance field at Sherwood, Oregon, where he remained until 1894, when he removed to Bisbee, North Dakota, where he spent the succeeding decade. In 1904 he became a resident of Devils Lake, North Dakota, where he conducted an insurance office until 1909, when he arrived in Grand Forks and organized the Northern Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which is one of the largest and most substantial insurance companies of the state. Its present officers are: Charles K. Bradley, president; Alexander Mitchell, vice president; Carl Fischer, treasurer; and Henry H. Hand, secretary. The last named is also a director of the Northwestern Underwriters' Association. The business has been developed according to the last word in insurance organization and management and the success of the corporation is evidenced in the continued growth of its patronage.

On the 4th of August 1903, Mr. Hand was married to Miss Edna L. Gray, who was born in North East, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gray. The father is now living but the mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hand have become the parents of three children: Howard H. who was born at Devils Lake in 1904; Jeannette, born in Grand Forks in 1910; and Donald, born in Grand Forks in 1913.

Mr. Hand is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he and his family are identified with the Congregational church. He is a western man by birth, training and spirit and western progress and enterprise finds exemplification in his career. The call of opportunity has ever been to him a call to action and his efforts, intelligently directed, have brought substantial results.

JUDGE WILL H. CARLETON.

A most creditable record in connection with the judicial history of North Dakota is that of Judge Will H. Carleton, of Cooperstown, who has been eight times elected county judge of Griggs county, a record which proves his capability and his fidelity to the high purposes and standards of the office which he occupies. He was born in St. Clair county, Michigan, December 16, 1853, a son of Moses F. and Mary (Latham) Carleton, the former born in New Hampshire in 1831, while the latter was a native of New York. The grandfather William H. Carleton, was a representative of an old colonial family and on leaving the east he removed to Michigan, settling on the present site of St. Clair, in which vicinity a number of his relatives took up their abode about 1831, thus aiding in reclaiming that region for the purposes of civilization. One of the thoroughfares of St. Clair still retains the name of Yankee street, which was given to it by these early settlers. They took up land and engaged in farming and Moses F. Carleton long occupied the original homestead of the family there. Prominent in the public life of the community, he was elected county clerk and occupied that position for six years, while for four years he was deputy county treasurer and made his home in Port Huron, Michigan. In 1864, at the time of the Civil war, he enlisted as a member of Company I, Fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, serving in eastern Tennessee and northern Alabama, while later he was sent with his regiment to Texas, where they were held on guard duty until 1866. He had first joined the Thirtieth Michigan Regiment, which had been recruited but was then divided, part of the troops being assigned to the Fourth Regiment and part to the Third Regiment of Michigan Volunteers which were being organized. He entered the service as first sergeant and was mustered out as second lieutenant, receiving his honorable discharge at Detroit. He passed away in 1905 at the age of seventy-four years.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Moses F. Carleton numbered two daughters and Judge Carleton is the only son. He began his education in the district schools and afterward

attended the high school at St. Clair. He acted as deputy while his father filled the office of county clerk, and later he took up the study of law but owing to impaired health was obliged to return to the farm, whereon he remained for two years, although he had been admitted to the bar. In 1882 he made his way to the present site of Cooperstown, North Dakota, and took up a preemption and later a homestead claim in Cooperstown township. He then turned his attention to farming, concentrating his efforts upon the development and improvement of his land until 1888, when he established his home in Cooperstown. He was employed by the Gull River Lumber Company, being connected for a number of years with a lumberyard owned by them. He also practiced law and in 1889 his fellow townsmen elected him states attorney of Griggs county, which position he filled for two years. He then entered upon the active work of his profession in private practice and so continued until 1899, when he was appointed county judge to fill out an unexpired term and at each successive election since that time, eight in all, he has been chosen by popular suffrage for the office and since the first two terms has had no opposition.

In 1879 Judge Carleton was married to Miss Eliza Davis, who was born in St. Clair county, Michigan, a daughter of William H. and Mary Ann Davis. She passed away in 1904 and in 1910 Judge Carleton wedded Daisy A. Smithers, a native of England, who was engaged in teaching.

The Judge is a Mason and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, but he concentrates his energies almost entirely upon his official duties and his marked ability, fairness and impartiality are indicated by his long retention in an office to which life and liberty, truth and justice must look for protection. He has ever been interested in the matter of family history and compiled a genealogy of the Carletons, tracing the line back to Baldwin de Carleton, A. D. 1066, who was the founder of the Carletons of Cumberland county, England. The prefix de was continued for thirteen generations. Edward Carleton settled in Massachusetts in 1638, becoming the founder of the family in the new world. Among the names of prominence figuring on the pages of the family history several have been knighted. Sir William Carleton was of the seventeenth generation of the Carletons of Carleton Hall, Cumberland, England, and Sir Walter de Carleton was of the branch that settled in Oxfordshire, while Sir Dudley Carleton, Viscount Dorchester, was also of the Oxfordshire branch. Will M. Carleton, the famous American poet, was of the same parent stock as Moses F. Carleton, whose records of the family are complete from the year 1066 to the present generation.

B. C. PHIPPS.

North Dakota being an agricultural state, the grain trade has become one of the most prominent industries and among those who have become important factors in its development are the men composing the firm of Phipps & Keen of Dunning. The former is B. C. Phipps, who was born in Paynesville, Minnesota, October 18, 1872, and is a son of John and Martha (Darnell) Phipps, both natives of Indiana. Throughout his active business life the father followed farming and mercantile pursuits. In 1859 he removed to Wright county, Minnesota, where he resided until locating in Paynesville, that state, in 1861. There he took up land and began its development but was driven out by the Indians during one of their uprisings and returned to Indiana, where he spent one year. At the end of that time he returned to Minnesota and was making his home in St. Cloud when he joined Company I, First Minnesota Infantry, with which he served for one year and three months during the Civil war. After his discharge from the army he again became a resident of Paynesville, Minnesota, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for several years, but spent his last days upon his farm in that locality, where he passed away in 1906. He had survived his wife for several years, as she died in May, 1895.

B. C. Phipps attended the public schools of Paynesville in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until reaching manhood. After leaving home he worked for the Northwestern Elevator Company at several places as relief agent, continuing with them from 1893 until 1901, when he formed a partnership with Lyman M.

Keen, under the name of Phipps & Keen, and engaged in business at Hanley Falls, Minnesota, as grain dealers. In 1905 they removed to Westhope, Bottineau county, North Dakota, where they bought grain for two years, and then went to Dunning, where they erected an elevator and have since engaged in business with good success.

On the 28th of December, 1896, Mr. Phipps was united in marriage to Miss Ellie Keen, a daughter of Lyman M. and Almira (Storer) Keen, a sketch of whom appears below. To Mr. and Mrs. Phipps was born one child, Claude, who died March 17, 1898. In politics Mr. Phipps is a republican and in religious faith he is a Methodist. He is a prominent Mason and Shriner and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. For two years he served as game warden at Dunning and has also been clerk of the school board for five years, while during his residence in Westhope he was a member of the town council. In business circles he occupies an enviable position and is held in high regard wherever known.

LYMAN M. KEEN.

Lyman M. Keen, of the firm of Phipps & Keen, was born in Livermore, Maine, on the 16th of May, 1843, and was reared and educated in the old Pine Tree state where he was living at the outbreak of the Civil war. For ten months he was numbered among the boys in blue, having enlisted in September, 1864, as a member of the Fifth Maine Battery. In 1866 he went to Minnesota and purchased land in Yellow Medicine county, which he developed and improved, following farming there for eighteen years. At length he removed to Hanley Falls, Minnesota, and embarked in the grain business with his son-in-law, B. C. Phipps, under the firm style of Phipps & Keen. From 1905 to 1907 they carried on business in Westhope, Bottineau county, North Dakota, and from there removed to Dunning, where they now own and operate an elevator. Mr. Keen filed on land in Williams county, this state, and proved up on the same, but has since rented his farm.

On the 14th of February, 1867, he married Miss Almira Storer, who is also a native of Maine, born in Weld, February 28, 1847, and they became the parents of two children: Sarah, who married J. H. Emerson and died in June, 1907; and Effie, the wife of B. C. Phipps. Besides their grain interests both Mr. Keen and Mr. Phipps own residence property in Westhope and Dunning. The former served as county supervisor in Williams county, North Dakota, and is an ardent supporter of the republican party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church, and he also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. They are widely and favorably known and their circle of friends is almost co-extensive with their circle of acquaintances.

HENRY W. DEZOTELL.

Henry W. Dezotell, a partner in the firm of H. Dezotell & Son, general merchants of Grand Forks, and also extensively engaged in farming, was born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, November 5, 1857, a son of Stephen and Caroline (Getman) Dezotell, both of whom were natives of Jefferson county, New York, where they were reared, educated and married. In the early '50s they removed to Wisconsin, where the father became a well known and prominent pioneer farmer. He died in the state of his adoption in 1872, at the age of forty-five years, while his widow, surviving for many years, passed away in Chicago in 1915, at the age of seventy-seven.

Henry W. Dezotell, the second of four children, attended the public schools of Wisconsin, pursuing a high school course in Monroe county. Later he removed to Brown Valley, Minnesota, where he became connected with the lumber industry and there remained in business until 1900, when he sold out and removed to Minneapolis. In that city he established a wholesale grain business which he carried on for nine years, and in 1909 he removed to North Dakota to engage in the real estate business. In that connection he traveled back and forth between North Dakota and the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, inter-

esting prospective farmers and settlers in this state with its wonderful productiveness and limitless possibilities. While engaged in the real estate business he brought many people to North Dakota who might otherwise never have come and yet who, like Mr. Dezotell, have won prosperity during the period of their residence in this state. He personally became interested in agriculture and at the present time owns farm lands aggregating thirty-six hundred acres under cultivation, utilized for the production of grain. On each of his farms he has erected substantial buildings for housing his vast crops and he also utilizes the most modern and improved machinery for planting, cultivating and harvesting. In the harvest season he employs hundreds of extra hands to gather and thresh the new crop and his farms are indeed places where the hum of industry is continually heard. In 1913 Mr. Dezotell established a department store at Grand Forks which is one of the leading mercantile establishments of the city, being now carried on by his son under the firm style of H. Dezotell & Son, while the father largely gives his attention to the supervision of his agricultural interests.

In June, 1879, Mr. Dezotell was united in marriage to Miss Ada L. Bigelow, of Tomah, Wisconsin, by whom he has a son, Claude E., who was born at Brown Valley, Minnesota, in 1881, is now married and acts as manager of the firm of H. Dezotell & Son at Grand Forks.

Fraternally Mr. Dezotell is a Royal Arch Mason. He belongs to the Commercial Club and he gives his political support to the republican party. Since his fifteenth year he has worked his way upward unaided and is now one of the popular and prosperous citizens of Grand Forks, having important business connections which contribute to the general welfare and upbuilding of the district as well as to individual success. He early had the prescience to discern something of what the future had in store for this great and growing western country and, acting according to the dictates of his faith and judgment, he has lived to garner in the fullness of time the results of his labors and his sagacity.

JOHN C. ARDUSER. 7

For almost a quarter of a century John C. Arduser has been closely associated with the agricultural development of Lamoure county, having arrived there in 1892. His holdings of farm property are now extensive and he is accounted one of the most progressive agriculturists of his district, his home being on section 2, Saratoga township. He was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, in June, 1871, a son of Leonard and Celia (Christ) Arduser, who were natives of Switzerland and in 1866 made the voyage to the new world, establishing their home in Wisconsin, where for many years the father engaged in farming. In 1894 he removed to Stutsman county, North Dakota, where he purchased land and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1901, when he retired, now making his home with a daughter in Wisconsin. His wife passed away in November, 1912, at the age of seventy-five years.

Reared on a Wisconsin farm, John C. Arduser attended district school near his father's place and through the summer months worked in the fields. He thus early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and he continued with his father until he reached his majority, coming to North Dakota in 1892. Making his way to Lamoure county, he purchased his present farm and is today one of the extensive landowners of his part of the state, owning one and a half sections in Lamoure county, a half section in Stutsman county and three-quarters of a section in Barnes county, all in one tract, his home being upon section 2, Saratoga township. He has made many improvements, having three sets of farm buildings, while the land has been brought to a high state of cultivation and annually returns excellent harvests for the care and labor bestowed upon it. The buildings are substantial and commodious and the equipments of the farm in the way of machinery and agricultural implements are thoroughly modern and up-to-date, so that the work is accomplished with facility and with a comparative measure of ease. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Dickey and also in the Farmers Elevator Company of Marion. He makes a specialty of raising Red Polled cattle and Poland China hogs and his live-



JOHN C. ARDUSER

stock interests are an important and profitable branch of his business. He is also well known in banking circles as president of the State Bank of Adrian, in which his son is cashier.

In February, 1893, Mr. Arduser was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Crist and they have become the parents of nine children, Conrad, Anna, Celia, Margaret, Stella, Albie, Luella, Leonard and Verna.

The family attend the Evangelical church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Arduser belong, and he also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served as school clerk and school treasurer and also as a member of the town board. He does not seek nor desire office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, which, capably directed, have won him place with the leading agriculturists and financiers of his part of Lamoure county. His success is attributable entirely to his own efforts. Brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable purpose, he has steadily advanced and the rewards of untiring labor are now his.

JOHN ORCHARD.

John Orchard, engaged in the real estate business in Dickinson, spent his early life near London, England. He was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children whose parents were Thomas and Mary Orchard. The father was a lumber merchant of Exeter, England, and he and his wife spent their entire lives in that country. In fact John Orchard is the only representative of the family who came to America. He acquired a common school education at Exeter, England, and afterward completed the course, at the same college, from which he was graduated in 1873 on the completion of a literary course. He crossed the Atlantic when twenty-two years of age and became a commissariat officer of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He was also a member of the surveying staff of the railroad, which blazed the trail of that road from coast to coast. The section surveyed by his party was to Fort Gary, Winnipeg, and west to what is now known as Moose Jaw. That work consumed a period of two years and after completing the survey Mr. Orchard walked with other members of the staff from Fort Gary, Winnipeg, to St. Paul, a distance of five hundred miles, which they covered in thirty days.

When that work was completed Mr. Orchard went to Toronto, Canada, where he wedded Miss Isabella Clark, a resident of that city and a daughter of Mrs. Ann Clark, the widow of a pioneer of that locality. Seven children have been born of this marriage: Ernest R., state bank examiner for North Dakota; Norris Grey, a practicing physician of Rochester, New York, who is specializing in the treatment of diseases of children; Mrs. Welton McDonald, a resident of Dickinson; Welland John, who is proprietor of a drug store in Dickinson; and Winifred, Norris and Chudleigh, all of whom died in infancy. The surviving members of the family have all been given good educational privileges and are graduates of the college of Fargo. Mrs. Orchard was born in Stirling Castle of Scotland while her father was acting as bandmaster of the Stirling Guards. Later he went to Canada as bandmaster of the Ottawa Guards, which position he filled to the time of his death in 1854. He was one of the pioneers of Canada. In the spring of 1915 Mr. Orchard was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in April of that year.

Mr. Orchard was at one time interested in business at St. Catherines, Canada, but his health failed and he returned to England on a visit. He there entered the Young Men's Christian Association work in London in the capacity of secretary and remained in that country for a period of ten years. He has in his possession the only Y. M. C. A. membership card in the United States which was signed by Sir George Williams, the founder of the association. On returning to this country Mr. Orchard settled in Dickinson, North Dakota, in July, 1892, and was the pioneer pastor of the Congregational church. In 1895 he removed to Fargo, where he was pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church and was also secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Fargo at the same time. After retiring from the pastorate he spent fourteen years as international state Sunday school

secretary of Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana and when he resigned that position he was presented with a beautiful watch as a token of the appreciation of his fellowmen for the splendid service which he had performed in that connection. In 1910 he returned to Dickinson and opened a real estate and loan office, since which time he has carried on business along that line.

Mr. Orchard has ever given his aid and influence on the side of progress, upbuilding and improvement and for five years he was secretary of the Commercial Club of Dickinson. He was also associated with Fred Turner in the promotion of the National Highway Association, now known as the Red Trail. This association was organized by the Commercial Club of Dickinson, of which Mayor White was then president and Mr. Orchard secretary. Twenty thousand dollars was raised by voluntary subscription for the building of the famous Medora bridge, now a prominent link in the Red Trail. Mr. Orchard is also well known in Masonic circles. He is a representative of a family whose ancestry can be traced through many centuries and one of his ancestors was Helliwell Orchard, a prominent early figure in Masonry, the writer of the Helliwell poem, which is a recognized authority on Masonry. This dates back to the thirteenth century. It was in 1893 that Mr. Orchard of this review became a member of Dickinson Lodge, No. 32, F. & A. M. He has since taken advanced degrees in the order and is now prelate of Temple Commandery, No. 12, K. T., of Dickinson. Mr. Orchard has traveled extensively, gaining that broad and liberal culture which only travel can bring. He has visited France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Italy and Portugal as well as many sections of the United States and has done most important work in the field of educational and Christian organization. The greater part of his life has been devoted to activities of that character and his chief ambition and purpose has been to aid as far as in his power in the mental and spiritual development of the race. His ideals of life are high and his efforts have been practical and resultant. For about four years he was a contributor to the Cook Publishing Company periodicals. It would be tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements showing him to be a man of broad scholarly attainments, for this has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review, but it is just to say in a work that will descend to future generations that he is also a man of wide sympathy whose study of human nature has led to most earnest and effective results for the benefit of his fellowmen.

HANS OPPEGARD.

The prevalence of Norwegian names on the roster of North Dakota's citizens indicates how largely the state is indebted to the land of the midnight sun for its settlement, development and improvement. Actively identified with farming in Barnes county, near Dazey, and with other business interests is Hans Oppegard, who was born at Loiten, Norway, December 16, 1852. His ancestors were farming people and in a family of seven sons and three daughters he was the second in order of birth. The period of his minority was spent in his native land, but attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he came to America in 1878. After a year spent in Minneapolis he arrived in Barnes county, North Dakota, in 1879, when the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun within its borders, much of the land being still in possession of the government. He secured a homestead claim adjoining the present town site of Dazey and also took a tree claim. At that time his nearest neighbor was fifteen miles distant. He began the arduous task of developing a farm and, believing in the future of the state, in 1880 he induced a few others to locate in the district, while in 1882 and 1883 a large number came. Through his letters and reports to Norway he was instrumental in having many of his fellow countrymen come, including five of his brothers and two of his sisters, while one brother and one sister died in Norway. His brother Nels became register of deeds in Winona county, Minnesota, and occupied that position for a number of years, while at the present time he is serving as postmaster at Galesville, Wisconsin. He is a man of scholarly attainments, who before leaving Norway acquired a knowledge of French, German and English as well as his native tongue.

As opportunity has offered Hans Oppegard has added to his original land holdings until he today has sixteen hundred acres near Dazey and in partnership with his son an additional four hundred and sixty acre tract. Of late years he has been leasing his land to renters and now makes his home in Dazey, but for a long period he was actively engaged in tilling the soil and his efforts constituted a most important element in the reclamation of a wild district for the purposes of civilization.

Mr. Oppegard was appointed county commissioner in territorial days in the year 1885 and afterward was elected for two terms of three years each, while in 1902 he was chosen by popular suffrage for the office of sheriff of Barnes county, to which position he was reelected in 1904, serving in all for four years, his record being characterized by prompt and fearless performance of his duties, notwithstanding the fact that he had some rough jobs to perform. Blind pigs were plentiful and on one occasion he had twenty-four culprits in jail, of whom fifteen were bootleggers and owners of blind pigs. Many tough characters were in the county at that day or passed through it en route to other districts, and it required a man of stout heart and unflinching courage to fill the office, in which Mr. Oppegard made a most creditable record.

On the 17th of March, 1871, Mr. Oppegard wedded Lorenzo Nikelby, a native of Loiten, Norway, whose father was a farmer and landowner there. Seven children have been born of this marriage: Carrie, the wife of Benjamin Elstead, of Minnesota; Elmer, a merchant of Dazey; Julia, the wife of Ole Michaelson, of Valley City; Ole, who is in partnership with his father in the implement business in Dazey, where he began business in 1902; Palmer, deceased; John, who is cultivating his father's home farm; and Marie, at home. Two of the sons, Ole and Palmer, were graduated from the State Agricultural College, while Marie pursued a course in the Valley City State Normal. The son Palmer, who was killed by a train at Fargo in 1902, had made an excellent record and was a young man of great promise and exemplary habits. It was his intention to become a railway engineer but death intervened, his loss being deeply regretted by a very extensive circle of friends as well as by his immediate family.

Mr. Oppegard has made several visits back to his old home in Norway and maintains a love for his native land while displaying the utmost devotion to the country of his adoption. He holds membership in the organization known as the Sons of Norway and he belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America. There is no phase of pioneer life in Barnes county with which he is not familiar, for, arriving here at an early day, he passed through all of the experiences and hardships incident to settlement on the frontier. He remembers well when deer and antelope were numerous and when an occasional buffalo would be seen. One could ride for miles over the prairie without coming to a house or fence to impede his progress, and the most farsighted could scarcely have imagined that man would bring about such wonderful changes within a few decades. Mr. Oppegard himself has induced many to settle in the county and has contributed his full share to the work of public progress and improvement.

AXEL EGELAND.

Axel Egeland is president of the First National Bank of Bisbee and has been prominently connected with affairs of importance in the community and in the state, his efforts along various lines constituting a force in the development and upbuilding of North Dakota. A native of Norway, he was born June 9, 1875, of the marriage of Christian and Valborg (Nannestad) Egeland, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun. The father was a Lutheran minister and engaged in preaching the gospel in Norway throughout his entire life. There he passed away in October, 1900, having for a considerable period survived his wife, who died in January, 1886.

Axel Egeland was reared in Norway to the age of seventeen years, when in 1892 he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America. He made his way to Adrian, Minnesota, where he remained for three years and then removed to Wilder, Minnesota, where he attended a business college. He afterward taught in the business college for four

years and later became a resident of Windom, Minnesota, where he was employed by a real estate firm until 1901. He then embarked in the real estate business on his own account but after two years disposed of his interests in Minnesota and came to North Dakota in 1903, settling at Bisbee, Towner county. There he organized the First National Bank, of which he acted as cashier until 1907, when he became vice president and in 1909 he was elected to the presidency. The other officers are: C. H. Olson and John Kelly, who are vice presidents, and C. J. Ness, cashier. The capital stock of the bank is twenty-five thousand dollars, while its surplus has reached five thousand dollars and its deposits three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This is a strong, safe and reliable bank, the business policy being such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. In 1903 they erected a modern bank building on Main street, so that the institution is now well housed. Mr. Egeland is also the president of the First National Bank at Rolette and of the First State Bank at Mylo, North Dakota. He is likewise joint owner of the Bisbee Gazette and in connection with others he owns and operates four thousand acres of land and is the secretary and treasurer of the Towner County Land & Investment Company.

In March, 1904, Mr. Egeland was married to Miss Ida St. Clair Colles and to them were born two daughters: Bessie V., born August 8, 1908; and Edith V., March 24, 1910.

In politics Mr. Egeland is a republican and was elected to the office of county surveyor but did not qualify. The town of Egeland in Towner county was named in his honor. He has served as president of the village council of Bisbee for several terms and he cooperates heartily in all plans and measures to promote the upbuilding and progress of his community. He belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has attained high rank, as is indicated in the fact that he is connected with the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Yeomen and the Royal Neighbors. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. Throughout the period of his residence in North Dakota he has ever been deeply interested in the work of progress and improvement and his cooperation has been an important factor in promoting the welfare of his community in many ways. He was also a member of the Panama-Pacific commission from North Dakota which went to San Francisco and selected a site for the erection of the North Dakota building, which they dedicated. In a word Mr. Egeland is a forceful and resourceful man and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. He has used his time and opportunities well and his life should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished and indicating also that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

ENOCH A. HOFF.

Enoch A. Hoff, cashier of the Farmers Bank at Ypsilanti, is a representative of that substantial class of citizens who have left Minnesota to aid in the settlement, development and progress of North Dakota. He was born in Ottertail county, Minnesota, November 12, 1881, a son of Andrew T. and Anna (Hille) Hoff, natives of Norway. Crossing the Atlantic, they settled in Ottertail county about 1872 and there the father engaged in general farming. The mother died in the spring of 1888 and the father afterward married again, his second union being with Isabelle Johnson. He is now living in Grant county, Minnesota, where he is still actively engaged in farming. By his first marriage he had four children, of whom Enoch A. is the second, and by his second marriage there were born eight children.

Enoch A. Hoff, reared in the usual manner of the farmbred boy, began his education in the common schools of Minnesota and afterward pursued his studies at the Park Region College of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Still later he entered the State University of Minnesota, where he pursued a course in law and won the Bachelor of Laws degree upon graduation in the spring of 1905. After leaving school he went to Evansville, Minnesota, where he engaged in law practice for a year and a half, and later followed his profession at Ray, North Dakota, for one year. He then removed to Ypsilanti in 1909 and in connection with M. O. Rund, of Jamestown, Amos Jacobson, of Ypsilanti, and several Minnesota people he

organized the Farmers Bank, of which he became cashier, and in that capacity has since managed and controlled the interests of the institution, which has had a successful existence, its business steadily growing as the years have gone by. Aside from his banking interests he owns considerable property, including farm lands in Ypsilanti township, Stutsman county, also land in Lamoure and Burleigh counties, North Dakota, and in Ottertail county, Minnesota.

On the 17th of December, 1912, Mr. Hoff was married to Miss Elsie Vogel, who was born at Arcadia, Wisconsin, October 2, 1888, a daughter of William and Maria (Clark) Vogel who are now residents of Arcadia, where they have spent the greater part of their lives. The father was for many years actively engaged in farming but is now living retired. Their daughter, Mrs. Hoff, was the ninth in order of birth in their family of ten children and by her marriage she has become the mother of a little daughter, Marie, born February 23, 1915.

In his political views Mr. Hoff is a republican and has held the office of treasurer in Ypsilanti township and also has been school treasurer. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Ypsilanti and his life is guided by high and honorable principles which find their expression in straightforward business methods and in recognition of his duties and obligations to his fellowmen at all times.

MICHAEL BREEN.

Michael Breen, editor of the Wolford Mirror, published at Wolford, Pierce county, was born at Mount Forest, Ontario, Canada, in February, 1871. His parents, Michael and Nora (Mahany) Breen, were natives of Ireland. It was in the year 1837 that the father bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for Canada, where he engaged in the manufacture of potash, residing at Mount Forest, Ontario, throughout his remaining days. He was accidentally killed while engaged in a piece of contract work in the year 1873 and his widow, surviving for a third of a century, passed away in 1906.

Michael Breen was reared and educated in Mount Forest and after his textbooks were put aside began learning the printer's trade, which pursuit he has followed continuously since. In 1905 he arrived in Wolford, North Dakota, and removed his newspaper plant to that place, issuing the first number of the Wolford Mirror on the 28th of September of that year. He has since conducted the paper and has made it an influential factor in the upbuilding of the town, which was started in 1905, Mr. Breen being one of the first settlers there. He is also secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company and his business interests are ever wisely and carefully conducted. He has one of the excellent printing plants of the state equipped with a linotype machine and all modern facilities for newspaper publication and job work. His patronage has steadily grown and by reason of its large circulation the paper has become an excellent advertising medium.

In February, 1900, Mr. Breen was united in marriage to Miss Thomaseene C. Hendrie. They are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Breen belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he is a republican and while serving as justice of the peace performed the first marriage ceremony in Wolford. In a word he has been actively connected with the development of his town, doing much for its upbuilding and progress along many lines of public benefit.

GEORGE W. GETTS.

George W. Getts, a dealer in pianos and other musical instruments in Grand Forks, is actuated by a spirit of business enterprise and progress that has made his establishment one of the leading musical houses in the state. He was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, September 30, 1871, a son of Albert and Sarah (Gurr) Getts. The father, also a native of Wisconsin, was a representative of one of the pioneer families of that state, of German

deseent. The founder of the American branch of the family settled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In early life Albert Getts successfully engaged in hotel-keeping at La Crosse, Wisconsin, and in his later years turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Coming to North Dakota, he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Ramsey county in 1892 and there engaged in farming for a considerable period but is now living retired in Alberta, Canada. He is a Civil war veteran, having served as a member of an infantry regiment of Wisconsin volunteers, for about three years, during which period he rendered valiant aid to the country in her effort to preserve the Union. His wife was born in Illinois and belonged to one of the old families of that state, her father, William Gurr, having taken up his abode in Cook county at a very early day, owning land that is now included within the corporation limits of Chicago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Getts are members of the Presbyterian church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he still maintains membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. To him and his wife have been born four children, George W., Edith, Gardo and Irwin.

George W. Getts began his education in the public schools of Minneapolis, to which city his parents removed during his early boyhood, and later he studied at Devils Lake, North Dakota, being there graduated from the high school with the class of 1891. His early life was spent upon the home farm and at the age of twenty years he started out to earn his livelihood, becoming connected with the music trade when he bought out the D. G. Wright Music Company at Devils Lake. He began business there in a comparatively small way, his cash capital consisting of but three hundred dollars. For twelve years he remained at Devils Lake and during that period developed his trade to extensive proportions, becoming the head of one of the leading music houses of the city. In 1903 he removed his business to Grand Forks, where he has remained continuously since engaged in the sale of pianos, organs and general musical instruments and supplies at No. 23 South Third street. The business has been incorporated under the name of the Getts Company and is capitalized for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Getts is the president with Mrs. Pearl A. Getts as the vice president and H. B. King as secretary and treasurer.

On the 1st of June, 1901, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Getts was married to Miss Pearl A. Roe, a native of Iowa, and they now have four children, George W., Madeline, Dorothy and Charles Roe, all natives of Grand Forks, living with their parents at No. 885 Belmont street, which is one of the most attractive residence districts of the city.

Mr. Getts exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party and he is a member of the Commercial Club, being in hearty sympathy with its purposes and plans for the upbuilding of the city and the extension of its trade relations. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and has taken the degrees of the York Rite and the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the First Presbyterian church and stands for those things which are most worth while to the individual and to the community.

FRED ROBLE.

Fred Roble, editor of the Deering Enterprise and postmaster of Deering, McHenry county, was born at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, on the 4th of October, 1883, a son of Ignatius and Louise S. (Warnemunde) Roble, the latter a native of Germany. The father, a native of Vienna, Austria, came to the United States when a youth of seventeen years, while the mother was brought to the United States during her childhood by her parents, who settled in Illinois but afterward removed to the vicinity of St. Peter, Minnesota, where her father homesteaded and engaged in farming for a number of years, at the end of which time he took up his abode in St. Peter. Ignatius Roble was a millwright by trade and on coming to the new world established his home in Minnesota, where he was employed at his trade for several years. Later on account of his health he turned his attention to carpentering and contracting. He died at Austin, Minnesota, December 3, 1893, while his widow, surviving for twenty-one years, passed away in the same town in January, 1915.

Fred Roble attended the public schools of Austin and, as early as his eleventh year began learning the printer's trade in the office of his brother, Frank J. Roble, who was



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publishing the Austin Weekly and Daily Herald. He served as a newsboy for his brother and afterward entered the office as printer's devil. He completed his apprenticeship at the trade and acquainted himself with every phase of the business. In 1898 his brother Frank sold his interest in the Herald and removed to Devils Lake, North Dakota, where he took charge of the Devils Lake News in the absence of the editor, Phil Short, who had gone with his regiment to the Philippines. In 1899 Fred Roble went to Devils Lake and for the following two years was employed in the office of the News, but in February, 1901, returned to Austin, Minnesota. In August of the same year, however, he once more came to North Dakota and worked for his brother Frank on a farm which the latter had taken up as a homestead claim in McHenry county. Fred Roble was thus engaged in farming until 1906, when he once more entered the newspaper field as an employe of the two Granville papers, the Record and the Herald. He was thus engaged until the fall of 1907, when he was called to Mohall to take charge of the Mohall News, which he managed for about a year. In 1908 he secured a homestead in McHenry county six miles north of Deering and in April, 1909, he bought the plant of the Enterprise, which he has since published, making it an attractive and readable journal which has a wide circulation and therefore proves a good advertising medium, in which connection the paper has secured a gratifying patronage. In February, 1915, Mr. Roble was appointed postmaster of Deering and is now filling that position.

On the 21st of March, 1908, occurred the marriage of Mr. Roble and Miss Amanda Wallin, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He belongs to Deering Lodge, No. 140, I. O. O. F., and Pratt Camp, M. W. A., and his political endorsement is given to the republican party. He has led an active life, endeavoring at all times to win advancement in the business world, and through untiring effort and industry he has reached a creditable place among the representative business men of his town and county.

ARTHUR C. WEHE.

Arthur C. Wehe, engaged in the real estate and investment business at Lakota, has with enthusiasm undertaken this work and has become the possessor of expert knowledge concerning realty values. He is a product of the University of North Dakota and with thorough collegiate training he resolutely took up the duties of practical business life. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 3, 1867, a son of Charles L. Wehe, who was a native of Portage, New York. The grandfather, John Peter Wehe of German birth, came to America in 1839, settling at Portage, whence in 1840 he removed to Milwaukee, there conducting a farm, his land covering the district that is now in the heart of the city. His son, Charles L. Wehe, was educated in Milwaukee, attending German and public schools, and as a young man he engaged in the boot and shoe business in that city. In 1868 he became a shoe merchant of Chicago, where he built up an extensive trade and at the time of the great fire of October, 1871, was proprietor of two large stores in that city. In 1882 he removed with his family to North Dakota, settling at Grand Forks in June of that year. In the following autumn he preempted a homestead, securing four hundred and eighty acres of land in Illinois township, to which he devoted his attention for a number of years but at length he retired from agricultural pursuits and has since been upon the road as a traveling salesman, representing eastern shoe manufacturers. He makes his home in Grand Forks. He is a Civil war veteran, having served with the Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry from 1862 until he was captured. For more than a year he was held as a prisoner of war and endured all manner of hardships and privations. He is now a member of Gordon Post, G. A. R., of Grand Forks, and in politics he has always been a republican, supporting the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and which has always been the party of reform and progress. He has never sought nor desired political preferment and has never consented to serve save in some township offices. In early manhood he wedded Paulina Dolch, a native of Saxony, Germany, who was brought to America by her parents when nine years of age, the family settling just outside of

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where her father took up land. Mrs. Wehe passed away in Grand Forks, October 13, 1914, at the age of seventy-one years.

Arthur C. Wehe was the eldest in a family of ten children and supplemented his early education, acquired in the schools of Chicago, by four years' study in the University of North Dakota. He remained upon the home farm to the age of twenty-four years and he became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. At the age of eighteen years he took charge of the home farm, his father being upon the road as a shoe salesman, and managed the property thereafter for six years. In 1888 Arthur C. Wehe took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres, which he continued to farm until 1890. He then pursued a course in the School of Law at Detroit, Michigan, after which he turned his attention to the real estate, loan and insurance business at Lakota, in which line he has since been active, success attending his well directed efforts. He has the largest farm insurance business in the county and the number of his clients is steadily growing, business enterprise and perseverance winning for him notable and well merited success.

On the 14th of November, 1894, Mr. Wehe was married at Niagara, North Dakota, to Miss Della E. Folger, who was born near Topeka, Kansas, a daughter of Daniel and Cynthia Folger and a representative of an old family of Lockport, New York, of English descent. Her mother is now deceased. By her marriage Mrs. Wehe has become the mother of two children: Roy A., who was born September 28, 1895, and is now a junior in the State University; and Blanche L., who was born in October, 1898, and is now a senior in the high school at Lakota.

Mr. Wehe is a stalwart republican and has filled various township offices, while for three terms he has been a member of the Lakota city council. He has always taken a most active part in politics and served on the executive committee under the old convention system and was also chairman of the republican central committee of Nelson county. He has connection with various fraternal organizations, including the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Owls. He belongs to the Commercial Club and to the Methodist church and he is interested in all those factors which feature in the material, intellectual, social, political and moral development and progress of the community.

PETER W. CLAUSEN.

Peter W. Clausen, vice president of the Bank of York, was born in Brown county, Minnesota, May 27, 1884, and belongs to that class of representative young business men who recognize that the west holds limitless opportunities and who are playing an important part in the upbuilding of this state. Mr. Clausen's parents were Hans A. and Mary (Christenson) Clausen, who were natives of Denmark and in early life they came to America, settling in Michigan. After two years they removed to Brown county, Minnesota, where Mr. Clausen purchased land and began the development of a farm, which he continuously and successfully owned, cultivated and improved until 1913. He then retired from active business life and now he and his wife reside at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, in a comfortable home made possible through the years of their former labor and activity.

Peter W. Clausen was reared and educated in his native county, supplementing his public school course by study in a commercial college at Mankato, Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. He afterward spent about two years in the employ of his father, at the end of which time he removed to Minnewaukan, Benson county, North Dakota, and secured a position as bookkeeper in a bank, acting in that capacity for two years. He next went to York to accept the position of cashier of the Bank of York and after acting in that capacity for four years was chosen vice president. This bank was organized in 1906 and its present officers are: W. B. Runcorn, president; Peter W. Clausen, vice president; and G. W. Runcorn, cashier. The bank has a capital stock of ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to one hundred and sixteen thousand dollars. Its business has steadily grown and the development of its interests is attributable in no small measure to the efforts of Mr. Clausen.

In August, 1911, Mr. Clausen was married to Miss Ellie Onion, and to them have been born two children: Ruth E., born October 1, 1912; and Douglas William, born October 24, 1914.

Mr. Clausen is a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church. In the community where they reside they enjoy the goodwill and friendly regard of all who know them and their home is justly celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality. He is interested in the cause of education and is serving as school treasurer. Politically he is a republican and keeps in touch with the trend of modern political thought but neither seeks nor desires office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs.

HON. WILLIAM G. OWENS.

Hon. William G. Owens, of Williston, who is filling the office of states attorney of Williams county and who represented the forty-first district in the general assembly of North Dakota in 1913, was born in Brown county, Minnesota, near Sleepy Eye, on Lake Hanska, July 7, 1877. His father, Owen I. Owens, was a native of Wales and was there reared to the age of seventeen years when he came to the new world, settling near Wild Rose, Wisconsin, where he followed mechanical pursuits. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company K of the Third Wisconsin Infantry, with which he served for eighteen months. After the war he engaged in farming near Wild Rose and later removed to Brown county, Minnesota, where he homesteaded and also taught school. Upon the farm which he there developed and improved he reared his family of nine children and in order to provide them with better educational facilities he took up his abode in the town of Sleepy Eye, where he is now living retired. For several years he filled the office of municipal judge there and for many years he served in township offices and as a member of the school board, being ever a public-spirited citizen devoted to the general good. He holds membership in the Congregational church and his life has ever been upright and honorable. He married Mary Angeline Williams, a native of Wales, who came with her parents to America when seven years of age, the family home being established in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The education which she acquired in the public schools there was supplemented by study in Ripon College at Ripon, Wisconsin, from which she was graduated. She passed away October 10, 1915, and was laid to rest at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. In the family were nine children, five of whom are living.

William G. Owens, the fifth in order of birth, attended the city schools of Sleepy Eye until graduated from the high school with the class of 1895. He afterward pursued a special course in the academic department of the State University and also a law course, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1900. For six months he was editor of the Sleepy Eye Herald and later engaged in the practice of law at Walnut Grove, Minnesota, where he remained for six years. He was then elected county attorney of Redwood county, Minnesota, and removed to Redwood Falls, the county seat, occupying that position through reelection for two terms. He resigned six months before the close of the second term in order to remove to Williston, where he continued in the private practice of law from March, 1910, until 1914, when he was elected states attorney of Williams county and is now occupying that position. In 1912 he had been elected to represent the forty-first district in the state legislature, in which he served for one term, and he has the credit of being the father of the state inheritance tax law, from which the state derives a large share of its income. He is likewise much interested in farming and stock raising and is a firm believer in the agricultural possibilities of the state.

On the 29th of June, 1904, Mr. Owens was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Cheshire at Walnut Grove, Minnesota. The lady was born upon a farm near that place and was graduated from the teachers' training department of the State Normal School at Mankato, Minnesota. Her parents are John G. and Myra B. (Page) Cheshire, the former a native of Toronto, Canada, and the latter of Minnesota. Her father was one of the first settlers of Walnut Grove and there he and his wife still make their home. To Mr. and Mrs. Owens have been born two children: Wilfred C., born in Walnut Grove in December, 1906; and

Jeanette, born at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, August 27, 1909. Mrs. Owens is a most devoted wife and mother, concentrating her attention and interests upon her home and the rearing of her children. She has many admirable qualities which have won for her the friendship of all with whom she has come in contact.

In politics Mr. Owens is a republican and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. In fraternal circles he is widely and prominently known, belonging to the Elks lodge at Williston, of which he is past exalted ruler, the Odd Fellows lodge, of which he is a past grand, while he has also served as a delegate to the grand lodge of both North Dakota and Minnesota, having become a member of the order in Walnut Grove, Minnesota, where he passed through all the chairs. He likewise has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Owens is a member of the Eastern Star and like her husband is active in church work, being particularly helpful as a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. Both Mr. and Mrs. Owens are widely and favorably known, their circle of friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances. Mr. Owens is a member of the executive committee of the North Dakota State Bar Association and was president of the Williston Commercial Club in 1912. He has risen rapidly to prominence in North Dakota, having been a resident of this state for only three years when he became a member of the general assembly, after which he was chosen to the office of states attorney, in which he is now so acceptably serving that his party has renominated him for a second term.

CARL B. SWANSON.

Carl B. Swanson, president of the Minot Implement Company, was born in Kristianstad, Sweden, May 3, 1871, and there attended school for six years, which together with fifteen weeks spent at a business college in Minneapolis, Minnesota, formed the nucleus of his education. At the age of thirteen, he enlisted in the Swedish navy at the Karlskrona Naval Station and left his home to start to manage his own affairs, and has since been dependent entirely on his own resources. He remained in the navy until twenty-two years of age, but after having passed all the required examinations, at the age of twenty he decided to take a leave of absence to travel on merchant ships. At the expiration of his leave, he happened to be in Chicago, and deciding to remain in America, he applied for and received his honorable discharge from the Swedish navy.

In this country, Mr. Swanson was first employed by Charles T. Yerkes of the North Chicago Street Railway Company, and was afterward with the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company of Chicago in the Wickes refrigerator department, assisting in some work on their cold storage plant at the Chicago World's Fair during 1893. Removing to Minnesota in 1894, Mr. Swanson was employed by the Ward Machine Company at Fairmont, Minnesota, for four years, and the following seven years he was with the Deere & Webber Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as their traveling representative through the western half of North Dakota. In 1905 he resigned and became interested in the Westgaard Machinery Company of Valley City, North Dakota, but when a year had passed, he sold his interest in that business and organized the Gilbertson & Swanson Company corporation, and started an implement business at Velve, North Dakota, where he remained until the fall of 1912. Still retaining his interest in that business, he removed to Minot, North Dakota, in December, 1912, and organized the Minot Implement Company, Inc., of which he has been the president from the beginning. This firm does a general retail business in all kinds of tools, and equipments for farmers and regular transfer business for those wholesale houses whose lines they represent. The Minot Implement Company erected its present building in 1912 and now has a total floor space of seventeen thousand, three hundred feet. Their business has grown steadily and is today one of the important commercial undertakings of Minot. Being a staunch believer in the future of North Dakota, he has from time to time invested considerable in North Dakota farming lands, having one six hundred and forty acre grain and stock farm in the Red river valley, one of three



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hundred and sixty acres southeast of Velva, and another of a quarter section southwest of Velva, together with other tracts.

In 1904 Mr. Swanson was united in marriage to Miss Esther A. Larson, a native of Dunell, Minnesota, and to them was born a son, Carl Everett, who is now attending school. The wife and mother passed away February 14, 1906, and on the 16th of July, 1908, Mr. Swanson married Miss Signe M. Larson, a sister of his first wife and a daughter of L. M. Larson. There is one child of this second marriage, Willis Roy, at home.

Mr. Swanson was confirmed in 1884 in the Lutheran church in the city where he was born, and he and his family now belong to the First Swedish Lutheran church at Minot. In politics Mr. Swanson has always maintained an independent course, never aspiring to public office. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in 1902 he became a Noble of the El Zagal Mystic Shrine at Fargo, North Dakota, and also belongs to the Elks Lodge, No. 1089, at Minot.

On the 17th of March, 1901, he was in the city of Gibraltar, Spain, when the English Anchor Line steamer, Utopia, was wrecked, and on that occasion he received from the Italian government a medal for saving lives from drowning and a Diploma from the English Royal Humane Society. He has had many varied and interesting experiences, especially during his service in the navy and in the merchant marine, having visited the most important sea ports in every section on the globe, and he has learned many lessons which have been enlightening, while his constantly expanding efforts have enabled him to reach out along broad lines with indirect effect and benefit upon the welfare of the community in which he now lives.

JOHN SYVERSON.

John Syverson, merchant, banker and prominent business man, whose intense and intelligently directed activity has contributed much to the upbuilding of Cooperstown and the development of Griggs county, was born in Vaage, Norway, March 17, 1849, a son of Syver Bergum, who was a shoemaker by trade and also had a small farm in Norway. He died in Polk county, Minnesota, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Of his family of six children, three sons and three daughters, John was the fifth. He was a young man of twenty years when in 1869 he left the land of the midnight sun and sought the opportunities offered in the new world to the foreign born man of enterprise and ambition. Making his way to Mankato, Minnesota, he was employed on a railroad for two years and then went to St. James, Minnesota, where he devoted five years to clerking. He afterward spent five years as an employe in a general merchandise store at Nevada, Iowa, and returning to St. James, spent three years on a farm.

In the spring of 1883 Mr. Syverson arrived in Cooperstown, North Dakota, which at that time was a tiny hamlet containing a few frame buildings. He entered the employ of Thompson & Odegard and the following year bought out the interests of the senior partner, while later he purchased the interest of Mr. Odegard and became sole proprietor of the business, which he has since conducted. In 1903 he incorporated his mercantile interests under the style of John Syverson & Sons, giving his two sons an interest in the business. Their store building, seventy-five by one hundred and forty feet, is a brick and stone structure thoroughly modern and up-to-date in its equipment and appointment. It was built in 1894. The store fixtures are such as well display the goods and the arrangement of the stock is attractive, while the business methods of the house commend the firm to the patronage and support of the public. They have ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and in all their dealings have conformed their business to the highest commercial standards of integrity and enterprise.

Mr. Syverson, however, has not confined his attention solely to merchandising but has extended his efforts over a broad field, his labors being at all times of a character that contributes to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success. He was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Cooperstown, which has enjoyed a steady and healthful growth from the beginning and from the first he has been its president. He is also the

owner of the two story bank building, which is so arranged as to facilitate the conduct of the business. Mr. Syverson was also one of the organizers and first stockholders of the State Bank at Finley, North Dakota, of which he is now vice president. He is also a stockholder and the president of the State Bank of Binfoid, North Dakota, is a stockholder and the vice president of the Griggs County Telephone Company and a stockholder and director of the Crane-Johnson Lumber Company, having yards in ten different towns and cities in North Dakota. He also owns a number of farms which are cultivated by renters. He is likewise the president of the board of trustees of the Northern Light Masonic Temple Association, Inc., which is now building a thirty-five thousand dollar brick structure which is to be used exclusively for Masonic purposes and includes well appointed club rooms.

In 1877 Mr. Syverson was married to Annie T. Odegard, a native of Norway, whose family came to North Dakota among the early settlers of the state. They have two sons and a daughter. Theodore Sigwald is a worthy successor of his father in the business circles of Griggs county. He was born in Cooperstown, February 14, 1886, and after attending the public schools there was graduated from the Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault, Minnesota, in 1904. He completed a course in mining engineering in Columbia University of New York in 1909 and upon his return home became a partner of his father in the firm of John Syverson & Sons. On the 9th of October, 1909, he married Marie Joan Hermes, a native of Berlin, Germany, and they have one son, John. T. S. Syverson is prominent in Masonic circles, being a past master of the blue lodge and venerable master of the Lodge of Perfection, and he also belongs to the Theta Xi, a fraternity of Columbia University. The second son, John A. Syverson, after leaving the high school at Cooperstown attended the Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault, Minnesota, and afterward became a law student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Gertrude, a graduate of St. Mary's Academy at Faribault, Minnesota, continued her education in Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts.

It has been said that each individual has some hobby and if this is true one may say that Mr. Syverson's is the beautifying of his town, where he has had planted many of the trees which help to make Cooperstown one of the most beautiful places in the entire state. This is, however, but one feature of his public spirit, for when the days were darkest and the times hardest in North Dakota he did much toward carrying others through and lifting the financial burden resting upon the state. Of a studious nature, he possesses a fine private library, representing the best authors of the world, with which he and his wife are largely familiar. He also has a small experimental orchard, to which he devotes much time, and thus his hours which are free from business cares are filled with interests of an important and beneficial character and Mr. Syverson, although extremely modest and retiring, is ranked with the most prominent, representative and valued citizens of Griggs county.

FRANK B. LODGE, M. D.

Dr. Frank B. Lodge, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Steele, where he is also filling the position of county coroner, was born at Newton, Iowa, May 31, 1868, a son of Joseph Lodge, who was a miller by trade and became the proprietor of the Stuart Roller Mills at Stuart, Iowa.

Dr. Lodge pursued his public school education in his native city and prepared for a professional career in the American Medical College of St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1897. He afterward did post graduate work in Chicago in 1898. Before entering upon the study of medicine, however, he spent five years as a telegrapher in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company in Iowa. Following his post graduate course in Chicago he located for practice at Meservey, Iowa, where he remained until 1909, when he removed to Steele, North Dakota, and opened an office. He is now the only physician practicing in this locality but for three years was in partnership with Dr. Dewitt Baer, this association being discontinued in 1912. In addition to his professional duties Dr. Lodge is interested in farming, owning land near Steele.

In 1897, at Meservey, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Dr. Lodge and Miss Lyda Barney, a native of that state. He has taken high rank in Masonic circles, belonging to the lodge at Steele, of which he is a past master, the Royal Arch chapter at Mason City, Iowa, the consistory at Des Moines and the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. He also has membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge at Steele and with the American Yeomen. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party and he has been superintendent of the board of health, while for six years he has filled the position of county coroner, in which he still continues. Broad reading keeps him in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress along the lines of his profession and his labors are attended with excellent results.

PAUL GIRARD.

The jewelry house of Paul Girard & Son is one of the leading establishments of that character in Grand Forks and in the conduct of the business the partners display a spirit of unflinching enterprise as well as comprehensive knowledge of the trade. The father was born in Paris, France, in October, 1862, and therefore comes of a country where expert knowledge of the jewelry business seems almost intuitive. His parents spent their entire lives in France, where the father passed away in 1886, at the age of sixty-four years, while the mother reached the age of but thirty years, dying in 1871. They were the parents of five children, of whom Paul Girard is the eldest.

In early life Paul Girard attended the schools of Paris and afterward became connected with the jewelry trade, which he thoroughly mastered in principle and detail. He was a man of thirty years when in 1892 he crossed the Atlantic, making his way to Chicago, and in 1900 he arrived in Grand Forks, where he was employed in the jewelry line by others for three years. He established a store in East Grand Forks and later removed his business to Grand Forks, where he has remained to the present time, owning today one of the leading establishments of that character in the city. He carries a very large and carefully selected line of jewelry of American and foreign manufacture and his annual sales have now reached a most satisfactory figure, his business methods commending him to the support of the public, so that his trade is now extensive.

In May, 1888, in Paris, France, Mr. Girard was united in marriage to Miss Emilie Pecher. Mr. and Mrs. Girard have one son, Maurice, who was born in Paris, France, in November, 1889, and wedded Miss Eva Anderson, in Bismarck, North Dakota. He was on the Mexican border with the United States troops in 1916. Mr. Girard adheres to no set political faith but maintains an independent course in his voting. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. A resident of the city for sixteen years, he is now well known and prominent and has become one of the leading merchants of his part of the state.

HON. EDWARD HOVERSON.

Hon. Edward Hoverson, member of the state senate and proprietor of a hardware and furniture store at Beach, was born in Norway, September 10, 1867, and in 1869 was brought to America by his father, Hovel Syverson, who was also of Norwegian birth and on crossing the Atlantic made his way to Wisconsin. After remaining in that state for about a year he removed to Minnesota, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest, devoting his time and attention to farming and stock raising. He married Thora Anderson, who has also passed away.

Edward Hoverson was the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children, five of whom are yet living. He acquired his education in the public schools of Minnesota and afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in that state for five years. He entered commercial circles as an employe of the Robertson Lumber Company

of Grafton, with whom he remained in the position of bookkeeper for eight years. He then returned to Hancock, Minnesota, where he entered the hardware store of John Erickson, by whom he was employed for six years, after which he was admitted to a partnership in the business, this connection being continued for a year. At the end of that time he sold out and again became a resident of Grafton, North Dakota, where he once more entered the lumberyard, spending a year in that connection. He first came to this state in 1891. In January, 1906, he removed to Beach and established a hardware, furniture and undertaking business, which he has since owned and conducted, building up a good trade in this connection. He carries a large and carefully selected line of goods and his enterprising methods, thorough reliability and earnest effort to please his customers have brought to him a liberal patronage. He erected a business block twenty-four by sixty feet which was afterward enlarged to fifty by one hundred and thirty-two feet and his store also includes another building twenty-four by one hundred feet which is used as the undertaking parlor. He further extended the scope of his activities along commercial lines by establishing in 1910 a hardware, furniture and undertaking business at Sentinel Butte, where he is still actively engaged. In the Beach store he employs five people and at Sentinel Butte has two clerks. He also took up a homestead six miles northeast of Beach and proved up on the property in fourteen months.

In 1891 Mr. Hoverson was united in marriage to Miss Ragnhild Anderson, who was born in Minnesota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson, who were natives of Norway and came to the United States about 1870, settling first in Wisconsin, while later they became residents of Minnesota, where both passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Hoverson have become the parents of eleven children, Alvin, Clarence, Evelyn, Thora, Carl, Edwin, Julius, Mary, John, Helen and Andrew. There has been no break in the family circle and all are yet enjoying good health.

In politics Mr. Hoverson is a republican. He has served as a member of the city council and on the school board of Beach and in 1912 was elected a member of the state senate. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Yeomen and the Woodmen of the World. He is also actively interested in church work, being identified with the Norwegian organization, while at the present time he is serving as one of the church trustees. As a member of the school board he was instrumental in making the Beach high school one of the five agricultural high schools of the state. He is interested in farm lands and keenly alive to the agricultural possibilities of North Dakota yet his attention is most largely concentrated upon his agricultural interests. However, he cooperates in every movement to promote the development and progress of the state in the utilization of its natural resources and his worth as a citizen is widely acknowledged. His fellow townsmen have demonstrated their faith in his ability by choosing him their representative in the legislative halls of North Dakota and as a member of the senate he is doing excellent work along the lines of progressive legislation.

JOHN BISCHOF.

One of the representative bankers of McIntosh county, is John Bischof, now serving as cashier of the Zealand State Bank. Like many of the leading citizens of that part of the state he is of German lineage but was born in Russia. However, during his residence in the United States he has become thoroughly identified with American institutions and interests. He was born in the southern part of Russia, December 3, 1883, and is a son of John and Anna (Kraus) Bischof, who were lifelong residents of that country. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in October, 1909, and the mother passed away in July, 1902.

In his native land John Bischof, Jr., grew to manhood, attending school and assisting in the farm work during early life. In 1905 he crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Ashley, North Dakota, but after spending two months there he entered the Dakota Business College at Fargo, from which he was graduated in 1906. Returning to Ashley he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First State Bank of Ashley, later becoming assistant cashier

of that institution, with which he continued for one year and ten months. He then removed to Zeeland and took charge of the Zeeland State Bank. After serving as assistant cashier for ten months he became cashier and a director of the bank, which under his able management has steadily prospered. In 1913 the company erected one of the most modern bank buildings in the state and it is up-to-date in all its equipments. The bank is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, has a surplus of five thousand dollars and its deposits now amount to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Its officers are J. M. Hammond, president; John J. Giedt, vice president; and John Bischof, cashier. It is the largest bank in that part of the state and at its head are men of recognized ability, upright and honorable in all transactions.

In September, 1911, Mr. Bischof married Miss Christina Mindt, and to them were born two children but Gertrude, whose birth occurred January 18, 1914, died April 10, 1914. The one now living is Albert T., born July 3, 1915. Politically Mr. Bischof is identified with the republican party and at present is chairman of the republican county central committee of McIntosh county. His religious belief is indicated by his membership in the German Reformed church. For several years he served as deputy state oil inspector and has also been a member of the town board of Zeeland and president of the same. In addition to his banking interests in that place he is also serving as vice president of the First State Bank of Lehr and of the First State Bank of Ashley. In business affairs he has always been found prompt, progressive and thoroughly reliable and he well merits the success that has come to him since becoming a resident of North Dakota.

THOMAS OLIVER CHANTLAND.

Thomas Oliver Chantland is a successful self-made man who as cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank is closely associated with the business development of Grafton and throughout his life has displayed the spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this state. He is a native son of North Dakota, his birth having occurred at Mayville, Traill county, October 30, 1883, a son of Iver W. and Lena (Berg) Chantland. The father, a native of Norway, was brought to America by his parents in 1852, when but four years of age. His father, Thomas T. Chantland, became a pioneer of Iowa after living for some time in Wisconsin, and throughout his life he engaged in farming. Iver W. Chantland was reared and educated in Iowa and in 1879 came to the territory of Dakota, settling at Mayville, where he engaged in general merchandising, becoming one of the pioneers of that section of the state. In 1901 he removed to Northwood, where he embarked in the lumber business, continuing his residence there until 1910, when he went to Meagher county, Montana. There he took up a homestead upon which he continued to live until his life's labors were ended in death on the 5th of May, 1913. He passed away at the age of sixty-six years. His wife, who was born near Albert Lea, Minnesota, was a daughter of Ole O. Berg, a native of Norway, who died when Mrs. Chantland was quite young. She was then adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Arneson, who removed with their family to Traill county, settling on Goose river, near Mayville, where they have continuously resided since 1874. There Mrs. Chantland was reared and educated and she is now a resident of Larimore. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: Ellen J., the wife of Charles C. Eastgate, living in Larimore; Thomas Oliver, of this review; Gunhild J., the wife of H. A. Cherry, of Montana; and Peter W., a resident of Cando, North Dakota.

At the usual age Thomas O. Chantland became a pupil in the public schools of Mayville, passing through consecutive grades until he reached the high school, but ere his course was completed he put aside his textbooks at the age of fifteen in order to earn his own livelihood. He was first employed as a clerk in a general merchandise store at Mayville and followed that business for four years. He next secured a position in the Finley State Bank, serving first as bookkeeper but working his way upward to the position of assistant cashier. In 1907 he was chosen cashier of the Citizens State Bank at Sharon and there remained until 1913. He afterward became cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank at Grafton and still acts in that capacity, which he has filled most creditably since 1914. His activity in banking

circles has brought him a wide acquaintance and today as cashier he is active in the management and control of the Scandinavian-American Bank, which has a paid-up capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, check deposits of over sixty thousand dollars, time certificates of deposit amounting to more than one hundred thousand dollars and savings deposits of more than ninety thousand dollars. Its loans and discounts amount to two hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars. The bank's statement shows the institution to be in an excellent financial condition.

Mr. Chantland was married at Finley, July 6, 1910, to Miss Florence M. Taisey, a native of Mayville and a daughter of Elmer E. and Bessie (Wilson) Taisey. Her father was a pioneer of Finley and an early settler of Mayville and belonged to one of the prominent and influential families of the state, occupying a leading position in banking circles. Mr. and Mrs. Chantland have become parents of two children: Donald T., born in Sharon, October 25, 1912, and Philip R., born in Fargo, July 16, 1914.

Mr. Chantland is a Master Mason, belonging to the lodge at Grafton. He is also identified with the Lutheran church and he has membership in the Commercial Club. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has made a creditable record as a citizen by reason of his stalwart support of the best interests of the community in which he resides.

CLARENCE A. HALE.

Clarence A. Hale, who has been a resident of Grand Forks since 1882 and for thirty years has been manager for North Dakota of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, has left the impress of his individuality upon the development of this state in many ways and at all times has been active in pushing forward the wheels of progress. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at Bradtville, Grant county, August 10, 1859, a son of John C. Hale, a native of New York and a descendant of an old family of that state, of English origin. Later representatives of the name became pioneer settlers of Wisconsin. John C. Hale was born in Allegany county New York, August 16, 1830, and was a son of Aaron and Angeline Hale. He became a skilled mechanic and wagon manufacturer and also devoted part of his time to farming. In 1879 he removed from Wisconsin to Yankton, South Dakota, where he cast in his lot with the early settlers who were aiding in the subjugation of the western wilderness for the purposes of civilization, and in 1881 he became a resident of Mason City, Iowa, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred March 13, 1901, when he had reached the age of seventy-one years. In early manhood he wedded Cynthia M. Rowley, who was born at Unadilla, New York, December 27, 1834, and was a daughter of Seth George Salisbury and Abigail (Le Sueur) Rowley. It was on the 15th of March, 1854, that John C. Hale and Cynthia M. Rowley were married at Bolivar, New York. They became the parents of seven children: Alice Gertrude, who was born April 16, 1855, and is the deceased wife of L. L. Tyler, of Yankton, South Dakota; Jennie Geraldine, the widow of S. N. Folger, of Iola, Kansas; Fred Alfred, a farmer living at Kuna, Idaho; Clara Adele the wife of Charles Cosgrove, of Minneapolis; Clarence A., the twin brother of Clara; William Egbert, who is engaged in the newspaper advertising business in Chicago; and Nellie Belle, the wife of Edward J. Fleming, of Chicago.

Clarence A. Hale was educated in the public schools of Bradtville, Wisconsin, and in an academy at Patch Grove, Wisconsin, before entering the Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, from which he was graduated in 1882. For a short time he devoted his attention to book-keeping and then entered the insurance field, in which he has since been active. Gradually he has worked his way upward and for the past thirty years has been connected with the Equitable Life Insurance Company, of which he is now agency manager for the state of North Dakota. He came to Grand Forks in April, 1882, and through the intervening period has been connected with the insurance business, his success being attributable to his close application and untiring effort. He is familiar with every phase of pioneer development and later progress in North Dakota. In the spring of 1879 he rode from Yankton to his native city in Wisconsin on an Indian pony and took with him seven other ponies which he



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sold on his arrival. The trip consumed several weeks and for many miles he rode over the bleak prairies of Dakota and western Iowa, enduring many discomforts but meeting with no unusual experiences. Reared upon his father's farm, he had there remained to the age of seventeen years, when he started out to earn his own livelihood, and from that time forward has depended entirely upon his own efforts.

On the 13th of January, 1886, at Maine Prairie, Minnesota, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Ada Jane Spaulding, a native of that state and a representative of one of its pioneer families. She was born at Maine Prairie, April 16, 1866, a daughter of Willard and Ellen (McCollum) Spaulding, the latter of Scotch descent and the former of English lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have become the parents of five children: Chester Erwin, John, Lucille Gertrude, Alice and Clara Luvenia.

The family reside at No. 413 South Sixth street. Mr. Hale erected this residence prior to his marriage and to it brought Mrs. Hale as a bride. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church of Grand Forks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has always been active in its support. He became city auditor of Grand Forks in 1894, serving for two terms under Mayor L. B. Richardson, and in 1897 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, where he became the father of the present game law. He has always been interested in the welfare of city and state and his cooperation has been a resultant element in promoting public progress. He was one of the organizers of the Territorial Fair Association, formed in 1888, and was its secretary. He became one of the founders of the Pioneer Club of Grand Forks, which was organized in 1883 but has long since been discontinued. In 1882 he was one of the organizers and members of the Grand Forks Volunteer Fire Department and in 1887 was president of the North Dakota State Society of Volunteer Firemen. His recreation has come to him largely through his membership in the Grand Forks Gun Club and he was one of the organizers of the North Dakota Sportsmen's Association. He likewise belongs to the Commercial Club of Grand Forks.

Fraternally Mr. Hale is identified with the Elks but outside of business is perhaps more active in Masonic circles than in any other connection. He has taken all of the degrees in Masonry, including the honorary thirty-third degree, and has been made a member of various shrines outside of the state. When endorsing him for office in the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine his fellow members of Kem Temple of Grand Forks spoke of him as one whose "ability and sterling qualities, coupled with his long and valuable service in all branches of Masonry entitle him to wider fields of activity," and one who "by nature, education and experience is eminently qualified to occupy any position on the Imperial Divan." He is a past master, past high priest and past eminent commander of the local bodies at Grand Forks, is a past grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons, a past grand commander of the Knights Templar and master of Kadosh in Jared Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R. It was largely due to his efforts that Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was organized June 9, 1909—an organization now having a membership of more than a thousand. He was its first potentate and since that time has been continuously its representative in the Imperial Council. He is also the secretary of the Masonic Building Corporation, which erected the Masonic Temple in Grand Forks, one of the finest in the northwest. His devotion to Masonry is one of the unquestioned facts in his career and the ability which he displays in other connections also indicates his power to capably serve his fellow members of the craft. His life has been one of far-reaching effect and influence in many connections and his efforts have ever been put forth on the side of progress and improvement, resulting in notable benefit for city and state.

E. C. RUDE.

E. C. Rude, a general merchant of York and one of the foremost business men of Benson county, was born in Norway on the 27th of October, 1873, a son of Christopher and Christie Rude, both of whom spent their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun.

E. C. Rude was reared and educated in his native country, completing his studies with

a high school course. The favorable reports which reached him concerning the opportunities of the new world led him to cross the Atlantic in 1893, when he was twenty years of age. He made his way at once to Church's Ferry, North Dakota, and in that vicinity was employed at farm labor for several years. In 1899 he removed to York and there received his initial training along mercantile lines as a clerk in the general store of Solberg & Studness, who carried on business in the same store building in which Mr. Rude is now located. On the 1st of January, 1915, in connection with Mr. Studness, he purchased the interest of Mr. Solberg and the business was reorganized under the name of the E. C. Rude Company, with Mr. Rude, C. T. Studness and J. O. Gullickson as the members of the firm. Mr. Rude was made general manager of the business and along well defined lines of activity and enterprise is meeting with substantial success in the control of one of the leading mercantile interests of York.

In 1905 Mr. Rude was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Gullickson, by whom he has four children, namely: Iona C., Clarence K., Alice J. and Lillian M. Politically Mr. Rude is a republican, giving stalwart support to the principles of the party. Fraternally he is connected with York Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and high esteem is entertained for them by all who know them by reason of their well spent lives and many excellent traits of heart and mind.

O. A. RUUD.

Among the leading citizens of Stutsman county is O. A. Ruud, the proprietor of the Pingree Patriot, a well edited and well managed weekly publication. A native of Minnesota, his birth occurred on the 28th of March, 1883, and his parents are O. M. and Olive (Peterson) Ruud, both of whom are still living in the Gopher state. The father is a hotel proprietor and is meeting with gratifying success in business.

O. A. Ruud attended the public schools of his native state and the Valder Normal and Business College at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1899. In 1907 he came to North Dakota and for two years thereafter was manager of a lumberyard at Ypsilanti. Later he bought grain for the Andrews Grain Company at Eckelson for one season and then removed to Pingree, where he had charge of a lumberyard for two years. Having decided to go into business on his own account, he purchased the Pingree Patriot in 1912 and has since published the paper, which has about five hundred subscribers. Both its circulation and its advertising patronage have shown a steady growth and it has gained an enviable reputation for progressiveness, for reliability and for enterprise.

Mr. Ruud is an advocate of republican principles and loyally supports the candidates of that party at the polls. He is a Lutheran in religious faith, and fraternally is connected with the Elks at Jamestown. He has served as clerk of the township board and as treasurer of the school district and can be depended upon at all times to further the public welfare both as a private citizen and as an editor. He finds great pleasure in hunting and other outdoor sports and through such recreation keeps in fine physical trim. He has great faith in the future of North Dakota and has identified his interests with those of the state, supporting all movements calculated to advance the welfare of the commonwealth.

FRANK E. FEE.

The commercial interests of Towner county have a worthy representative in Frank E. Fee, who is not only engaged in general merchandising at Olmstead but is also proprietor of the F. E. Fee elevator at that place. He is a native of Wisconsin, born in Adams county, March 22, 1865, and is a son of William F. and Johanna (Le Marchant) Fee. The father was born in Syracuse, New York, but the birth of the mother occurred in Maryland. By trade William F. Fee was a carpenter and millwright but during the Civil war he laid aside

all personal interests and went to the front as a member of a Wisconsin regiment. He was wounded in the battle of Baton Rouge and when hostilities ceased and his services were no longer needed he returned to his home in Wisconsin, where he again worked at his trade for two or three years. At the end of that time he removed to Iowa, where he followed farming for some years, but is now living retired at Nora Springs, that state.

Frank E. Fee was a very small child when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa and in that state he received a good common school education. At the age of nineteen years he left home and began his business career husking corn at one dollar per day. During the following season he was with a threshing outfit and earned three dollars per day. In 1887 he apprenticed himself to the jeweler's trade in Hartley, Iowa, becoming associated with W. H. Barker, and he subsequently attended the jewelers school of Thomas Jusek at Elgin, Illinois, for one year. Shortly afterward he purchased Mr. Barker's interest in the business at Hartley and continued to conduct a jewelry store at that place for nineteen years.

It was in 1906 that Mr. Fee removed to Towner county, North Dakota, and erected the first building in Ohmstead, this being an elevator, and in the fall of the same year he also built a store. Since that time he has been engaged in general merchandising and in the grain trade, his patronage being quite extensive. In 1907 he was appointed postmaster of Ohmstead and has served continuously in that capacity. Besides his property in the village he owns four hundred acres of land in Towner county and a quarter section in Manitoba, Canada.

In 1891 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fee and Miss Katie S. Guenther, of O'Brien county, Iowa, and they have a son, Ennis F., born February 18, 1896. He was educated in the Egeland high school and at the Nora Springs (Iowa) Seminary.

In politics Mr. Fee is a republican, and in his social relations is identified with Beacon Lodge, No. 495, A. F. & A. M., of Hartley, Iowa; and Samara Chapter, No. 105, R. A. M., of Pringhar, Iowa. He is one of the foremost business men of Towner county being wide-awake, enterprising and progressive, and he usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

RICHARD H. JOHNSON.

Richard H. Johnson, vice president of the First National Bank and accounted one of the valued, representative and honored citizens of Dickinson, was born at Eastford, Connecticut, in 1855. His father, Samuel A. Johnson, a native of Massachusetts, became a resident of Minnesota in 1856 and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of the St. Charles district, where he began farming. Subsequently he turned his attention to the hardware business, in which he was actively engaged to the time of his death, which occurred in 1910. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Cemantha Carpenter and is a native of Connecticut, is now living in St. Charles, Minnesota, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Richard H. Johnson was the second in order of birth in their family of six children, five of whom are yet living, one having died in childhood. He pursued his education in the public schools of Minnesota, and subsequently was graduated from the State University of Minnesota in the class of 1882, with the degree of B. S. Still later he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he completed a course in 1884, winning the LL. B. degree. In the spring of that year he removed to Bismarck. He had first come to North Dakota in 1878, at which time he settled on land near Jamestown, and through the capable management of his business affairs he earned the money that enabled him to make his way through college. He worked on the farm through the summer months and continued his education through the winter seasons. When he had prepared for the bar he opened an office at Bismarck, where he remained in active practice until 1889. In that year he arrived in Dickinson, where he now makes his home, and accepted the cashiership of the Stark County Bank, which had been established in 1886. In 1890 he became associated with A. Hilliard in organizing the First National Bank of Dickinson, which was capitalized at fifty thousand

dollars. This was the second bank in the state west of the Missouri river. In 1905 the capital stock was increased to one hundred thousand dollars with a surplus of fifty thousand dollars. From the organization until 1914 Mr. Johnson continued to occupy the position of cashier and was then elected vice president. The success of this institution is attributable in substantial measure to his enterprising efforts. Thoroughly conversant with every department of banking, he has always recognized the fact that the bank is most worthy of support that most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors. In the conduct of the bank conservatism and progressiveness are evenly balanced factors and that the institution receives as well as merits public confidence and support is indicated in the continuous growth of its business, necessitating an increase in its capital stock. Mr. Johnson is also interested in farm lands and at an early period was extensively engaged in raising sheep and cattle when the free range was a feature of North Dakota.

In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Richard H. Johnson and Miss Mary M. Poole, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Poole, who removed from Minnesota to Wisconsin and later to North Dakota, where their remaining days were spent, both passing away in Dickinson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become the parents of five children: Hartwell P., who is employed in the First National Bank of Dickinson; Mary M., at home; Richard Watt, a mining engineer, who is a graduate of the State University at Grand Forks, while from the Idaho University he received his Master's degree; Beth C., who is attending the university at Grand Forks; and Ward K., a student at the Dickinson high school.

In politics Mr. Johnson is an earnest republican and for two terms he was mayor of Dickinson, giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration characterized by reform and progress. He has also been a member of the school board and of the library board and he was a delegate to the republican national convention which nominated Taft. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge of Dickinson and he is a Mason of high standing, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery in Dickinson and to El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He has passed through all the chairs in the York Rite bodies in Dickinson and has also been an officer in the Elks lodge. Such in brief is the life history of Mr. Johnson, who may well be called a self-educated and self-made man, his record being such as an American citizen holds in the highest honor. His ability and the strength of his character have placed him in the creditable place which he now occupies in business circles and in public regard.

JOHN E. BRYANS.

John E. Bryans, of Mohall, a well known representative of the Renville county bar, was born in London, England, in August, 1882, a son of Edward and Esther (Earl) Bryans, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. In 1880 the father came to the new world, but returned to England in 1881. In the spring of 1882 he again crossed the Atlantic and for five years remained in Canada, where he worked on a railroad. In 1885 he arrived in Ward county, North Dakota, and squatted on some land in that section of the county that is now Renville county. In order to provide for his immediate necessities he accepted a position on a ranch and took cattle for his wages. Ten years later the land was surveyed and he filed on his claim and in time secured title to the property, comprising one hundred and sixty acres. That constituted but the nucleus of his present extensive possessions, for he has added to his holdings by further purchase from time to time until he is now the owner of six thousand acres. In the fall of 1915 he incorporated his extensive business interests under the style of the Edward Bryans, Sr., & Sons Mouse River Horse & Cattle Company and gave to each of his twelve children a share. The place is now stocked with six hundred head of cattle and he raises one hundred and fifty calves annually. He has also been largely engaged in sheep raising and in 1907 sold ten thousand head. His ranch is today the largest in the state and the life record of Mr. Bryans stands as a splendid example of what can be accomplished through enterprise, diligence and judicious investment and, moreover, indicates that success and an honored name may be won simi-

taneously. He has now reached the age of fifty-nine years and such is his prosperity that he is able to spend the winter seasons in California, while in the summer months he returns to supervise his extensive interests in Renville county.

John E. Bryans, whose name introduces this review, was reared and educated in North Dakota and Minnesota. Liberal school privileges were accorded him, his studies being completed with a law course in the State University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. He then began practice in Grano and Lansford, North Dakota, remaining in active professional connection with those towns for two years. In 1911 he removed to Mohall, the county seat of Renville county, where he has since followed his profession, and his developing powers in law practice have gained for him an extensive and distinctively representative clientage. In 1916 he was nominated for the position of states attorney on the republican ticket. In 1911 he entered into partnership with R. H. Grace and the firm has since occupied a commanding position at the bar but has recently been dissolved owing to the fact that the senior partner has been nominated for the supreme bench. Mr. Bryans possesses one of the largest law libraries in the northwestern part of the state and is a constant student of the principles of jurisprudence, his comprehensive knowledge of the law enabling him to ably meet the attack of the opposing council. For eight months he filled the office of assistant states attorney. Aside from his active connection with the bar he is a stockholder in the Mohall State Bank.

In March, 1909, Mr. Bryans was united in marriage to Miss Mercy Hayes and they have become the parents of four children, Merrett, George, John E. and Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Bryans are consistent members of the Methodist church and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He served several years as a member of the school board and is now mayor, his term expiring March 31, 1917. Under his able administration the city is installing a sewer system and waterworks and making many other improvements, such as grading streets, extending sidewalks and doing drainage work. He is a representative of one of the most prominent and honored families of the northwest and individual merit and ability have gained him a high position in the public regard.

JOSEPH MAHOWALD.

Joseph Mahowald, harness manufacturer of Grand Forks and owner of one of the important productive industries of the city, was born in New Market, Minnesota, November 26, 1874, a son of John and Catherine (Sauber) Mahowald, who were natives of Luxemburg, Germany. The father arrived in Minnesota in 1852 and he settled on a farm in Scott county, but at the time the tract came into his possession it was covered with forest trees. He and his children cleared the land and later cultivated it, transforming it into a splendidly improved farm. Thereon the father spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1901, when he was seventy-four years of age. It was about 1862 that Mrs. Mahowald crossed the Atlantic to the new world and she, too, became a resident of Minnesota, where she met Mr. Mahowald, becoming his wife at New Trier, that state. Their wedding journey was made with an ox team. Mrs. Mahowald survived her husband for about four years, passing away in 1905 at the age of sixty-four. In their family were ten children, six sons and four daughters.

Joseph Mahowald, the seventh in order of birth, attended the schools of Scott county, Minnesota, through eight winter seasons and remained with his father upon the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-three years, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He next went to work for his brother in the harness making business at Bird Island, Minnesota, and there learned the trade. In 1901 he established a harness manufactory at Hector, Minnesota, where he remained in business until the 1st of September, 1906, when he sought a broader field of labor in the larger city of Grand Forks. There he bought out T. J. McMullen and has now been engaged in the harness manufacturing business at Grand Forks through all the intervening period. His predecessor had conducted the shop for twenty-six years and since assuming control

Mr. Mahowald has developed the business along substantial lines resulting in the large increase of the trade. He remained in the McMullen building until 1914, when he erected his present business block, a fireproof structure seventy-six by ninety-two and one-half feet. It has a full basement and one story above the street and contains three stores, one of which is utilized by Mr. Mahowald, while one is in use as a clothing store and the third as a restaurant. During the first year of his connection with the harness trade in Grand Forks his business amounted to twelve thousand dollars and in 1915 his sales reached thirty-three thousand dollars. He believes in extensive and judicious advertising and issues catalogues and seasonable price lists which are mailed to farmers. In fact his business is conducted along the most progressive lines and he is now carrying on a wholesale and retail harness manufacturing business, having the largest and most complete saddlery house in the state of North Dakota. He carries everything in the line of horse furnishing goods and employs only skilled mechanics in the manufacturing department. In addition to selling harness and saddlery he carries a complete stock of trunks and traveling bags and has built up a legitimate business along the lines of honest and honorable dealing.

On the 18th of June, 1901, at Bird Island, Minnesota, Mr. Mahowald was married to Miss Katherine Leach, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Leach, who were pioneers of that place, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Mahowald have become parents of seven children: Agnes M., who was born at Hector, Minnesota, January 29, 1903; Florence M., born in Hector, August 20, 1905; Alfred M., born at Bird Island, October 10, 1906; Ralph E. M., born at Grand Forks, March 1, 1911; Katherine M., born in Grand Forks in 1913; Magdalene M., born in 1915; and Bernardine M. born in 1916.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Mahowald belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is also connected with the Yeomen, while in politics he maintains an independent course. He has never sought office, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon his business, and the thoroughness with which he mastered his trade and has conducted his interests has made him one of the substantial, progressive and successful merchants of Grand Forks.

J. BYRON VAIL.

J. Byron Vail, the well known and popular county treasurer of McHenry county, residing in Towner, was born in Ontario, Canada, June 17, 1855, and is a son of George W. and Hannah (Gunn) Vail, also natives of Canada. Coming to the United States the father located in Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in September, 1904. He was engaged in business as a general merchant throughout the greater part of his career. His wife survived him about a year and died in August, 1905.

It was during the boyhood of J. Byron Vail that the family removed to Michigan, in which state he was practically reared. There he attended school but completed his education in Ontario, Canada, and Poughkeepsie, New York, taking a business course at the latter place. For sixteen years he conducted a general store in Port Huron, Michigan, prior to coming to North Dakota in 1899. He located in Balfour, McHenry county, where he engaged in the implement business until 1908 and for the following four years dealt in real estate. In 1912 he removed to Towner, the county seat, and assumed charge of the county treasurer's office. A year later he was elected county treasurer and has since filled that position in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. He owns four hundred and eighty acres of land in the state, which he rents.

Mr. Vail was married in August, 1884, to Miss Mahetta Holden, a daughter of Moses and Betsey (Eastman) Holden, who were natives of Canada and pioneers of Michigan. They returned to Canada, however, and both died there, the mother in 1887 and the father in 1901.

Mr. Vail is a Methodist but as there is no church of that denomination in Towner he attends the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder, and he is likewise director of music in the Sunday school and the teacher of the Bible class. He takes a great deal of interest in everything relating to the community welfare and is president of the Towner



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Chamber of Commerce and secretary and treasurer of the Library Association. In politics he is an ardent supporter of the republican party. He has been called upon to serve in several local offices, including that of school director, justice of the peace and treasurer of the village of Balfour. Being a public-spirited citizen he has discharged his official duties in a capable manner, never shirking any obligation that has devolved upon him.

WILLIAM A. APPLEDOORN.

William A. Appledoorn, who is engaged in conducting a blacksmith shop and is also proprietor of a hardware and implement business at Zenith, Stark county, was born in Bemmel, Holland, May 20, 1888. His father was a farmer in Holland but is now deceased. The mother is still living and is conducting a general store at Bemmel. In their family were five children, William A., Benjamin, Annie, Carrie and Dreke.

It was in Holland that William A. Appledoorn was reared and educated, supplementing his early education by college training. He learned the blacksmith's trade in his native country, spending two years in learning how to make horseshoes and shoe horses, such being the thoroughness of his preparation. He had to pay his own expenses while thus engaged. He followed his trade in Holland until he came to the United States, sailing from Rotterdam on the 4th of March, 1910, and landing at New York. Making his way westward to North Dakota, he settled first at Belfield but a week later removed to Zenith, where he conducted a blacksmith shop for the Holland-Dakota Land Company for ten months. At the end of that time he purchased the business and conducted the shop for four years. In 1915 he erected a store building and added to his smithy a stock of farm machinery and hardware. He is an enterprising merchant, alert and watchful of every opportunity pointing to success. He has a good line of hardware and handles much machinery, including engines, threshing machines, etc. A motor furnishes the power for his blacksmith shop and he has all the work that he can do. In order to further qualify for the conduct of his business he attended a commercial college in Fargo in the winter of 1915-16. He is very thorough in everything that he undertakes and his energy and ability are pronounced.

JOHN H. SHAW.

John H. Shaw, vice president of the First National Bank of Williston, is a native of Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania. He was born September 1, 1874, of the marriage of W. H. and Sarah (McKenzie) Shaw. The father was a farmer of Franklin, Pennsylvania, through much of his life. However, he spent the year 1861 in Illinois and Iowa but following the discovery of oil he made the rush to the oil fields and soon afterward returned to Franklin, where both he and his wife passed away.

John H. Shaw acquired his education in the Cooperstown high school and Grove City College at Grove City, Pennsylvania, and afterward engaged in farming for his father until he reached the age of nineteen years. Seeking the opportunities offered in the west, he made his way to Cave Hills, South Dakota, in 1893 and engaged in ranching with his brother, W. A. Shaw, remaining there for seven years. He later started a ranch on the Little Missouri river in McKenzie county North Dakota. His landed possessions were extensive and he carried on his business affairs on a large scale. He now has a big ranch on the Fort Berthold Indian reservation and is one of the leading cattle men of North Dakota, having important business interests in that connection. When the First National Bank of Williston was consolidated with the Citizens National Bank on the 9th of May, 1913, under the former name, he became one of the directors of the new organization and in 1915 was chosen vice president of the First National, which position he is now filling. He also still manages his ranch, which he has placed in charge of a foreman. He is now deeply interested in both banking and stock raising and his well directed labors are bringing to him success. In addition to his connection with the First National Bank he is president of the Alexandria

State Bank of Alexandria, president of the Citizens State Bank of Stanley, North Dakota, and a stockholder in still other banks.

On the 10th of October, 1906, at Cochranton, Pennsylvania, Mr. Shaw wedded Miss Artie Cargo, who was born in Pennsylvania and there lived to the time of her marriage. She is a daughter of Hugh and Mary Cargo, natives of the Keystone state, the former now deceased, while the latter is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have two children, Martha W. and Eleanor, both born in Williston, the former October 1, 1907, and the latter September 28, 1913.

In politics Mr. Shaw is a republican and when McKenzie county was organized he was appointed by Governor Sables to the position of county commissioner, which office he filled for two terms. He belongs to the Congregational church, is a member of the Masonic lodge of Williston, in which he has been junior deacon, the Scottish rite bodies of Grand Forks and Ken Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. Mr. Shaw is one of the old-time ranchmen of the state, having become identified with cattle interests at a day when there was a wide, open range and the cowboy was a picturesque figure as he rode over the plains. Mr. Shaw has long controlled extensive interests in cattle and is still the owner of a valuable ranch property situated on the Little Missouri river. Extending his efforts, he has become one of the leading bankers in his part of the state, a strong force in financial circles, while the record that he has made is an indication of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

GEORGE L. RYERSON.

George L. Ryerson, an attorney of Mohall, was born in Waushara county, Wisconsin, January 8, 1869, his parents being Gustav and Gumborg (Anderson) Ryerson. The mother was born in Norway and with her parents removed to Wisconsin when three years of age. The father was also born in Norway and with his parents came to America about the year 1850 at the age of fourteen, and for a few years was a resident of Chicago but afterward removed to Wisconsin, where he was employed in lumber camps and in rafting lumber down the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. He also engaged in manufacturing shingles at a time when they were made by hand. He also turned his attention to farming and homesteaded land in Waushara county, Wisconsin, the patent thereto being issued to him February 19, 1857. With characteristic energy he began to develop and improve this raw tract, which he transformed into productive fields and which he continued to cultivate for many years, but he is now living retired in Wautoma, Wisconsin, at the advanced age of seventy-nine. His wife passed away in 1879. She was of the third generation of the family residing in Wisconsin.

George L. Ryerson was reared and educated in Wisconsin, remaining under the parental roof until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he started out in the world to win a fortune. He went first to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where he learned the printer's trade, being employed on the Stevens Point Journal for three and a half years. In 1890 he removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and for a year was employed on the Herald and Plaindealer, but, ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he then established the Reynolds Enterprise at Reynolds, North Dakota, publishing the first issue of that paper on October 2, 1891. For twelve years he remained editor and proprietor of that journal and during that period he was elected clerk of the district court of Grand Forks county in 1898. He became a prominent figure in political circles early in life and was secretary of the republican central committee of Grand Forks county during the McKinley-Bryan campaign of 1896. He continued to serve for four years in the position of clerk of the district court and was renominated for a third term in 1902 but withdrew before the election. During the period in which he held the office of clerk he had devoted his leisure time during the day and his evenings at home to the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1901. After retiring from office he entered into the active practice of law at Reynolds. In 1904 he removed to Mohall, where in partnership with W. A. Guilfoyle he opened a law office and continued in the practice of law as a member of that firm until 1906, when he formed a

partnership with Robert H. Bosard, maintaining offices at both Mohall and Minot. This relation between them continued until the fall of 1908, when Mr. Ryerson sold out and established his home in Minot, where he entered into partnership with Dudley L. Nash, who was that year elected states attorney of Ward county (then comprising what is now the counties of Ward, Mountrail, Burke and Renville), the firm name being Ryerson & Nash. Mr. Ryerson acted as assistant states attorney and the partnership was maintained until 1911. In the meantime Mr. Ryerson had established a bank at Medicine Lake, Montana, and in 1910 went there to take charge of the bank, acting as cashier of that institution, which was known as Security State Bank of Medicine Lake, until 1915. He is still one of its stockholders and directors. Extending the scope of his activities in banking circles, in 1911 he and others organized the First State Bank of Froid, Montana, of which he has since been the vice president, and in the fall of 1913, Mr. Ryerson and associates established the Security State Bank of Flaxville, Montana, which in February, 1915, was consolidated with the State Bank of Flaxville, and in that institution he is still a stockholder. In 1915 he returned to Mohall, where he opened a law office and resumed active practice, in which he has since continued. The same year he was appointed assistant states attorney and still occupies that position. Upon coming to Mohall he also bought stock in the First National Bank of Mohall and is now chairman of its board of directors. His business interests and activities are thus extensive and important and in addition he has farming interests in the vicinity of Mohall.

On the 8th of August, 1892, Mr. Ryerson was married to Miss Tina Brathovde and to them were born two children: Glenn Jay, who died in January, 1905; and Reuben Alvin. The wife and mother passed away in September, 1896, and on the 20th of December, 1897, Mr. Ryerson wedded Julia Sergeant, a native of Zumbrota, Minnesota, by whom he has three children, Thomas Lincoln, Edith Glenna and George Sergeant.

Mr. Ryerson was brought up a Lutheran and his wife in the Congregational church. In politics Mr. Ryerson has always been a republican. In 1901 he was honored with election to the position of secretary-treasurer of the North Dakota Press Association, and again elected to the same office in 1902, the latter election taking place on board Captain Heerman's steamer "Minnie II." during an excursion of the association across Devils Lake to Fort Totten. He belongs to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Foresters. His good qualities are many and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard; his business ability is pronounced and has carried him into important relations; his professional powers, too, have gained him place with the leading lawyers of the western part of the state, and in matters of citizenship no one questions his capability, fidelity, or loyalty.

N. H. STORY.

N. H. Story, cashier of the First National Bank of Leeds, is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Worth county in October, 1881. His father, Severn Story, was born in Norway and in the year 1868 crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Minnesota, where he afterward met and married Gunhild Narveson, who was born in that state. In 1871 they removed to Worth county, Iowa, where Mr. Story purchased land and engaged in farming throughout his remaining days, becoming one of the substantial citizens of his community. He died in June, 1890, while his widow still survives.

N. H. Story spent his early youth in Worth county, Iowa. He attended school in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and Worth county, Iowa, and completed his education in the Luther College at Decorah Iowa. His identification with the banking interests of North Dakota dates from 1904, at which time he accepted the position of assistant cashier in the bank at Maddock, where he remained for four years. He was also engaged in banking in South Dakota for four years, after which he returned to Maddock and was again assistant cashier there for three years. In 1915 he removed to Leeds to accept the position of cashier of the First National Bank, in which O. I. Hegge is president and G. W. C. Ross vice president. This bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and its deposits amount to two

hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1914 they erected a modern bank building, so that the institution is now well housed. The bank was converted from a state bank into the First National Bank in 1902 and Mr. Story is now one of the stockholders and directors. He also owns an eighty-acre tract of improved land near Leeds.

In June, 1909, Mr. Story wedded Miss Hulda Lungren and they have become parents of four children, namely: Norma, Niel, Maurice and Ruth. Fraternally Mr. Story is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire public office, preferring to give undivided attention to his business affairs. He has capably directed his interests and has won that success which follows earnest, persistent labor and close application.

HON. JOHN H. WISHEK.

Among the prominent and influential citizens of McIntosh county none stand higher in public esteem than John H. Wishek, who has taken a very important part in the development of that section of the state. He now makes his home in Ashley and is not only interested in business enterprises in that city but in many others throughout North Dakota. It was largely through his influence that the Soo Railroad was extended west from Kulm, he securing the right of way and making possible the building of the road. He is still the owner of five town sites and is the father of the town of Wishek.

Mr. Wishek was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of April, 1855, and is a son of Charles and Barbara (Soethe) Wishek, the former born near Lake Constance, Baden, Germany, and the latter near Strasburg, in the province of Lorraine, Germany. On the paternal side he is descended from the Russian nobility but during an uprising in Russia his greatgrandfather was exiled and settled on Lake Constance in Baden, Germany, where the grandfather of our subject was born. He became one of the judges of Baden and was a man of prominence in his community. Two of his daughters married into the Von Langsdorf family, the husband of one being a general and the other a colonel in the German army. Both were exiled during the German insurrection of 1848 and came to the United States. They were accompanied by Charles Wishek, the father of our subject, who first located in Warren, Pennsylvania, but afterward removed to Sharon Center, Medina county, Ohio.

John H. Wishek was a child of five years when the family removed to Ohio and in the public schools of that state he began his education. After attending high school he was for two years a student in the academy at Lodi, Ohio, following which he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated from the law department in the class of 1878. He first opened an office in a small town in Marion county, Ohio, where he engaged in the practice of law for five years and also took an active part in local affairs, serving as mayor of the town.

It was in 1884 that Mr. Wishek came to North Dakota and located in what is now McIntosh county, at once becoming actively identified with its development and upbuilding. He and George W. Lilly, Charles C. Morrell and C. C. Basey were the first county commissioners and he was appointed by the board as county clerk and register of deeds. In addition to serving in those capacities he performed the duties of states attorney free of charge as it was impossible to hold the three offices. Subsequently he was regularly elected register of deeds and county clerk, serving as such for eight years. In 1893 he was sent to the state legislature and after filling that position for one term was elected to the state senate for one term.

Since that time Mr. Wishek has devoted his attention to his extensive business interests and the practice of law, in which he has won prominence. His real estate interests are very large and he buys and sells much property. Farming and banking have also claimed a large share of his attention. He is a heavy holder of North Dakota farm lands, owning a few thousand acres, and is engaged in the lumber and grain business, owning five or six elevators and lumberyards in different places. In 1898 he established the First



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State Bank of Wishek, of which he has since served as president; in 1901 he founded the Ashley State Bank of Ashley, of which he is also president, these being the first two banks organized in McIntosh county. Mr. Wishek also founded the Pollock State Bank in 1901 and the First State Bank of Reader, North Dakota, in 1907, and has been president of both institutions since their organization. He is also interested in several other small banks of the state and is regarded as one of the ablest financiers of North Dakota. He is a conservative, yet progressive business man, and has wisely safeguarded the institutions with which he is connected, his policy winning for them the confidence and support of the public.

In 1891 Mr. Wishek married Miss Nina Farley, of Ashley, who is a representative of an old New England family, the Farleys having settled in Connecticut prior to the Revolutionary war, in which some of them took part as Minutemen. To Mr. and Mrs. Wishek have been born eight children: Esther, Anna and Carl, who are now attending college; John and Max, who are in the high school; and Jean, Homer and Joseph, who are in the graded schools of Ashley.

Mr. Wishek is a staunch advocate of the principles of the republican party and in 1914 was a candidate for nomination as governor on a personal liberty platform but although he received fourteen thousand votes he failed of nomination. Fraternally he is a member of Eureka Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at Eureka; Marion Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; Marion Commandery K. T., of Marion, Ohio; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E., and to the Knights of Pythias, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Wishek is justly counted as one of the builders of the state and it is to such wide-awake, enterprising business men that the commonwealth owes its prosperity. He never withholds his support from any object calculated to benefit the community and he has exerted a beneficial influence on many public enterprises, never allowing his personal interests to interfere with his duties of citizenship.

GEORGE I. ELLIOTT.

The grain interests of Golden Valley county have a worthy representative in George I. Elliott, who as a member of the firm of Elliott & Back is operating an elevator at Beach. He is a native of Kansas, born in Round Springs, Mitchell county, in March, 1876, but when only four years of age accompanied his parents, Thomas D. and Martha M. (Corsier) Elliott, on their removal to Minnesota. They first located in Breckenridge but afterward removed to Henning, traveling across the country by wagon. At the latter place the father purchased a quarter section of railroad land and to its cultivation and improvement devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. The mother also died on the old homestead at Henning, Minnesota.

Upon the home farm George I. Elliott grew to manhood, remaining under the parental roof until his marriage. It was in 1900 that he wedded Miss Charlotte M. Nelson, a native of Sweden, who came to this country alone at the age of fifteen years and located at Henning. To this union has been born eight children, namely: Beatrice, Lynnfred, Stanley, Kenneth, Lucile, Russell, Franklin and Marion.

After his marriage Mr. Elliott removed to Jessie, North Dakota, and entered the employ of the Great Western Elevator Company, taking charge of their elevator at that place, where he remained about seven years. In May, 1907, he went to Bowman county and took a homestead near Rhame, proving up on the same. On the 8th of July, 1908, he again entered the service of the Great Western Elevator Company, this time at Tower City, but only remained there about three months. Since November, 1908, he has made his home in Beach, where in connection with E. E. Lloyd he conducted the elevator which belonged to the Golden Valley Grain Company and which was built by the Chase Lumber Company in 1906. When it came into possession of the former company in the fall of 1908 Mr. Elliott was made manager and continued in that position after it was purchased by O. D. Brault in 1912 until July, 1915. On the 20th of that month he formed a copartnership with O. E. Back and under the name of Elliott & Back they have

since operated the elevator, our subject serving as manager. The elevator has a capacity of forty thousand bushels and in the past year they have handled about two hundred thousand bushels, having secured a liberal share of the public patronage. In their business dealings they are upright and honorable, and the success that has come to them is certainly well deserved.

Mr. Elliott and his family are connected with the Congregational church of Beach, and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at that place and the Modern Woodmen of America at Ferns Falls, Minnesota. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party, and he has been called upon to serve as a member of the city council of Beach. He is a man in whom the public has the utmost confidence and he stands high both in business and social circles.

WARREN A. ODELL.

Warren A. Odell, secretary, treasurer and manager of the Odell Dry Goods Company of Grand Forks, was born in Owatonna, Minnesota, April 20, 1873, a son of Othniel H. Odell, who is a native of Wisconsin and a descendant of an old pioneer family of that state of English lineage. He followed farming during the greater part of his life and also engaged in merchandising to a considerable extent. When quite young he went to Minnesota with his parents and not only was a prominent figure in business circles there but also was active in local political circles, doing much to further civic progress. He served as a member of the city council and as a member of school boards and his worth was widely acknowledged by his fellow townsmen. Death called him in February, 1913, and in his passing the community lost a representative citizen. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Warren Merrick, is a native of New York and a representative of an old family of that state. She is now living in Minnesota, where she and her husband long since took up their abode. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Warren A.; Chester L., a traveling man residing in Owatonna, Minnesota; and Arthur O., a merchant of Williston, North Dakota. All three brothers have become connected with commercial interests.

Warren A. Odell was educated in the public schools of Owatonna and in the Pillsbury Academy at that place. He spent his life to the age of twenty-one years upon the home farm and, taking up the profession of teaching, became connected with the public schools at Beaver Lake. He devoted two years to educational work and then entered mercantile circles, becoming a partner in the firm of Odell & Mann, dealers in groceries and crockery at Owatonna. There he continued in business for three years, after which he sold his interest and became a stockholder in the Hawley Mercantile Company at Hawley, Minnesota, where he operated quite successfully for six years. He then retired from that company and purchased the clothing store of the Shea Company at Owatonna, where he remained in business for a year and a half, after which he removed to Grand Forks, where he accepted the position of assistant manager of the dry goods department in the Ontario department store, remaining in that connection for two years. He next took charge of the dry goods store of F. C. Zuelsdorf Company, in which Robert B. Griffith, president of the Ontario store, had an interest. Mr. Odell acted as manager of that business for five years, at the end of which time he was one of the organizers of the Odell Company, Incorporated. On the 5th of March, 1914, he purchased the Zuelsdorf interests, since which time he has largely increased and developed his business and is today at the head of the third largest commercial establishment in the city. The officers of the Odell Company are: T. C. Griffith, president; Warren A. Odell, secretary, treasurer and manager; and George Fitzgerald, vice president. The store contains an area of seventy-five thousand square feet and in the establishment is carried a full line of goods as is usually found in the first-class department store. He employs on an average of sixteen salespeople throughout the year and his business is steadily growing, having already reached extensive and gratifying proportions. His career is an embodiment of modern ideals in commercial life and the enterprise and determination which he has displayed have carried him into important business relations.

At Owatonna, on the 4th of September, 1899, Mr. Odell was united in marriage to Miss

Myrtle Evelyn Barnhart, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of the late Peter and Almeda (Sheldon) Barnhart, who were early settlers of Minnesota. Her father is now deceased, while her mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Odell became parents of three children: Estelle Evelyn, who was born at Hawley, Minnesota, June 25, 1901, and passed away in Grand Forks in December 1915; Mildred Harriet, born in Hawley in November, 1902; and Gertrude Laurine, born in Owatonna, Minnesota, in April, 1905.

In addition to his commercial and property interests in Grand Forks, Mr. Odell is the owner of farm lands in Minnesota and North Dakota and is a firm believer in the future of the northwest. He has won his success since starting out in life on his own account and his advancement is attributable entirely to his own efforts and perseverance. Those who know him esteem him as a man of marked personal worth and regard him as a most progressive merchant, alert and enterprising. His business methods will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and Grand Forks is proud to number him among the representatives of her commercial interests. In politics he is independent, with republican proclivities, casting his vote with regard to the capability of a candidate rather than party affiliation. He belongs to the First Baptist church, is librarian of the Sunday school and takes an active part in church work, while his interest in the commercial development of his city is indicated in his membership in the Merchants Association and the Commercial Club.

CURTIS J. LORD.

Curtis J. Lord, whose indefatigable effort has won for him a substantial and honored position in business circles in Towner county, is now president of the First National Bank of Cando. Through the steps of an orderly progression he has advanced to his present place of prominence and responsibility and his labors have at all times been of a character that has contributed to public progress as well as to individual success. He was born in Shakopee, Minnesota, January 23, 1862, a son of Charles and Julia O. (Buffum) Lord, who were natives of New Hampshire. In the paternal line the ancestry can be traced back to the very beginning of England's history, while in the maternal line Mr. Lord is a direct descendant of the Whites, who were among the Puritans that settled in the Massachusetts Bay colony in 1638, while some of the family came with the original Mayflower colonists in 1620 and landed at Plymouth. His ancestors were prominent during the colonial period in New England and many of them served in the early Indian and colonial wars as well as in the war of the Revolution. The father was a physician and on removing to the west in 1854 settled at Shakopee, Minnesota, where he practiced medicine and also engaged in farming for six years. During his remaining days he concentrated his efforts upon his professional interests. Prior to his removal to the west he had engaged in medical practice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He always kept in touch with general progress along professional lines and was conscientious in the performance of all of his professional duties. He died in April, 1881, while his widow survived until April, 1898.

Curtis J. Lord was reared and educated in Shakopee and made his initial step in the business world as an employe of his brother in a drug store. He also worked in the post-office, which was located in the store. In 1882 he was registered as a pharmacist and in 1885 removed to Devils Lake, North Dakota, where he occupied the position of assistant postmaster and subsequently became assistant cashier of a bank, in which capacity he continued until 1887. He then removed to Churchs Ferry and took charge of what is now the First National Bank, as cashier. In 1888 he became one of the organizers of the Towner County Bank at Cando, of which H. L. Whithead was elected president and Mr. Lord cashier. Later they were joined by his brother, Harry Lord, who purchased an interest in the bank and, associated with Curtis J. Lord, converted this into the First National Bank with Curtis J. Lord as the president, F. L. Thompson, vice president, and Harry Lord as cashier. The bank was capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has a surplus of thirty-five thousand dollars with undivided profits of more than three thousand dollars. Their deposits amount to more than five hundred and twelve thousand dollars and the institution is regarded as one of the strongest banks in North Dakota. Its business policy has always

maintained an even balance between progressiveness and conservatism, carefully protecting the interests of depositors and yet carrying on the business in accordance with the demands of a commercial age. They erected a fine modern bank building on the principal corner of the town in 1906 and it is splendidly equipped for the conduct of the business. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Lord is president of the Cando Mill and Elevator Company and vice president of the Thompson Realty Company and he likewise has large farming interests in Towner and Rolette counties.

In August, 1890, Mr. Lord was united in marriage to Miss Jennie B. McIntosh, a daughter of David and Jane McIntosh, pioneer settlers of North Dakota. The father was at one time a steamboat captain on the great lakes and sailed for many years, being widely known by the older residents of Chicago as Captain McIntosh. On removing to North Dakota he homesteaded in Towner county, where he spent his remaining days. To Mr. and Mrs. Lord has been born a son, Vine D., whose natal day was August 27, 1893, and who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in June, 1916.

The parents are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Lord is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while in Masonry he has taken all the degrees up to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and from 1900 until 1904 he served as railroad commissioner of the state. He has also been president of the town council of Cando and is a leading figure in many movements for the benefit of the city and the upbuilding of his section of the state.

JOHN YEGEN.

Among the pioneers of the state who have lived to reap the reward of their early labor and their perseverance in the face of hardships, is John Yegen, of Bismarck, who is now enjoying a period of well deserved leisure. He was born in Switzerland on the 18th of January, 1844, a son of Conradin and Emmrita Yegen, the former a school teacher by profession. Both are now deceased.

John Yegen received his education in the common schools of his native country and then went to Germany, where he became apprenticed to the confectionery and pastry trade. After serving his three years' term of apprenticeship he went to Liege, Belgium, where he remained for a year, after which he returned to Switzerland and remained with his parents for a year. In 1866, however, he emigrated to the United States and first settled on Division street, New York, where he was located for a year. He then removed westward to La Crosse, Wisconsin, which was then the terminus of the railroad. Later he divided his time between Sioux City, Iowa, and various points in Minnesota, engaging in business in those places in a tent. In 1873 he took a boat bound from Sioux City to Bismarck, but when they had gone but a short distance a terrible storm overtook them and it was impossible for the boat to go on for a time. Mr. Yegen went ashore to look for game and get some exercise and while he was gone the boat started on and he was compelled to walk to Vermillion and then from Vermillion to Yankton, a distance of twenty-eight miles. During all the time that he was making his way along the road and on foot the storm continued and the snow was very deep, so that it was very hard traveling. He eventually arrived at Yankton after enduring a great deal of fatigue and suffering, and his face was badly swollen from the cold. Although he had had a long and weary trip he reached Yankton eight hours ahead of the boat. He continued his journey by boat to Bismarck, arriving there on the 1st of May, 1873. He had his tent with him and as soon as possible pitched it, setting it up on the present site of the McKenzie Hotel. He gained a good patronage and continued to engage in the confectionery and bakery business in Bismarck until two years ago, being one of the reliable and successful business men of the city. In 1913 he sold the lot where his store stood for so many years and removed to the present location of the business. He is now living retired, but the business which he founded is conducted by a son and his partner under the name of Yegen & Snyder. Mr. Yegen of this review has large and valuable land holdings in the state and has an irrigation system upon his place,

eight hundred acres being under ditch. He has utilized well the opportunities which he found and has gained financial independence and also the esteem and respect of all who have been associated with him.

Mr. Vegen married Miss Annie Peterson and he has nine children, four sons and five daughters. His religious faith is that of the Christian Science church, and in politics he is a non-partisan. From 1888 to 1892 he served ably as a member of the state legislature and he has also held the office of city assessor. He has witnessed the growth and development of the state from early pioneer times and is confident that there is still greater advancement in store for it in the future.

CYRILLUS N. SWANSON.

Cyrillus N. Swanson, conducting a large general merchandise establishment at Larimore, was born in Skåna, Sweden, July 9, 1870, a son of Swan Nelson, a native of that country, where he still resides. He has been quite successful in the conduct of a merchant tailoring business in the province of Skåna. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Carrie Olson, was also born in Sweden and is yet living.

Cyrillus N. Swanson was the eldest of their family of eleven children and in the common schools of his native country acquired his education but started out to earn his own living when only ten years of age. He was first employed as a sheep herder, which occupation he followed for two years and was then apprenticed to learn the trade of market gardening. He served the full apprenticeship and followed that pursuit to the age of seventeen years, when he crossed the Atlantic to America. Soon after his arrival on the shores of the new world he made his way to Minnesota and next went to Bowsmont, North Dakota, where he arrived an entire stranger unacquainted with the English language. He reached this state on the 12th of August, 1888, and during the first year after his arrival was employed as a farm hand in Pembina county, during which time he improved his opportunities by attending night school, thus acquainting himself with the language of the people and with American history and conditions. He afterward secured a clerkship in the store of V. S. Waldo, of Bowsmont, in whose employ he remained for four years, gaining a thorough understanding of modern commercial methods and of the general merchandise business in all its departments. With the money which he saved from his earnings he embarked in business on his own account, beginning with a cash capital of three hundred and fifty dollars, a part of which was applied on the purchase price of the building in which he launched his undertaking. He opened his store on the 17th of September, 1893, dealing in groceries and general merchandise, and from a humble beginning he has built up his present extensive business. He continued at Bowsmont until May, 1912, and then removed his stock to Larimore, adding it to the stock of S. Strandness, a pioneer merchant, which he purchased. He has today a thoroughly modern and up-to-date store, having developed an excellent business as the years have gone on. In the winter of 1914-15 he purchased a lot fifty by one hundred and forty feet on Towner avenue, the principal business thoroughfare of Larimore, and thereon he erected a substantial and beautiful business block with a floor space of fifty by one hundred feet. He carries a very extensive and carefully selected line of goods, having a first class department store, in which he employs from five to nine clerks according to the season.

In 1901, at Bowsmont, Mr. Swanson was married to Miss Myrtle Lyons, who was born at Ardoek, North Dakota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons, who were pioneer settlers of this state and are still living. Three children have been born to this union: Mirabel, born April 22, 1902; Velva, June 4, 1904; and Cyrillus, June 7, 1915.

Politically Mr. Swanson is an active republican, giving stalwart aid to the party, and is now serving as city alderman, in which connection he exercises his official prerogatives in support of every measure and movement which he believes will be of public benefit. He was made a Mason in Larimore and he is also an exemplary member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is likewise a member and one of the trustees of the first Methodist

church. He belongs to the Commercial Club, of which he is serving as a director, and he cooperates in every movement put forth by that organization for the benefit of the city. When he came to America he incurred an indebtedness which it took him two years to discharge, but he practiced the closest economy as well as industry and as the result of his frugal living and his untiring labor he soon gained a substantial basis on which to build his later success. Gradually he has worked his way upward, his trade growing year by year until he is now at the head of a large and profitable business, and he has never seen occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world.

D. RAY GREGG.

North Dakota's banking interests in the northern tier of counties find a prominent representative in D. Ray Gregg, the vice president of the First International Bank of Sherwood, the president of the Security State Bank of Medicine Lake, Montana, and the president of the First State Bank of Froid, Montana. Recognizing the opportunity for the extension of his activities in that field, he has become an important factor in business progress and development, which are always consequent in large measure upon the establishment and successful management of banking institutions. Mr. Gregg is a native of Traer, Iowa. He was born June 22, 1881, of the marriage of William H. and Ailee (Neal) Gregg, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio. They were married in Tama county, Iowa, the former having located there in early manhood immediately after the Civil war, while Mrs. Gregg had gone to that district as a school teacher in early womanhood. Mr. Gregg purchased land across the line in Black Hawk county, Iowa, and for some years was engaged in farming. Subsequently he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the live stock business, in which he operated very prominently and profitably for a number of years but is now living retired in Traer.

D. Ray Gregg supplemented his public school training by a course in Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, where he won the Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1903. Subsequently he spent five months in the employ of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in New York, working in New York city and Cleveland, Ohio. Later he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Wade-Park Banking Company of Cleveland, which constituted his initial training in the banking business. A year later that bank was merged into the Cleveland Trust and Mr. Gregg went with the latter institution, with which he was associated until the summer of 1905. In November of that year he arrived in Sherwood, North Dakota, to accept the position of assistant cashier of the First International Bank. Two years later, in June, 1907, he was made cashier of the bank and in June, 1914, he was elected vice president of the institution. When he accepted the cashiership the deposits of the bank amounted to about thirty thousand dollars and today the institution has deposits of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, doing the largest business of any bank in Renville county. This is attributable in large measure to the enterprising efforts and progressive spirit of Mr. Gregg, whose long experience in the field of banking has constituted the foundation upon which to build the success of the institution. Moreover, he closely studies every phase of the banking business and the progressive methods which have been introduced in the past few years, and the policy which he has pursued is such as commands the unflinching confidence and support of the public. His plans are well devised and carefully executed and his business has ever been conducted with a recognition of the fact that the bank which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors is the one most worthy of support. He is also interested in three other banks, being president of the Security State Bank of Medicine Lake, Montana, having been the dominant factor in its organization in 1910; president of the First State Bank of Froid, Montana; and a stockholder in the Security State Bank of Flaxville, Montana. In addition to his banking interests he is the owner of nine hundred and sixty acres of land across the boundary line in Saskatchewan, Canada, and three hundred and ninety acres in Renville county.

On the 31st of December, 1910, Mr. Gregg was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor



D. RAY GREGG

Stanton Hamilton, of Berlin, Wisconsin, by whom he has two sons, David Hamilton and Donald Neal. Politically Mr. Gregg is an earnest republican and has served as a member of the city council of Sherwood and also as clerk of the school board. Fraternaly he is connected with Tyrian Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Sherwood; Sherwood Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F.; and Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., while both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. While his business interests are extensive and important, he has ever found time to cooperate in matters of general good and has been a generous contributor to efforts for the moral progress as well as the material upbuilding of his community. He is a representative of that class of men of liberal education and broad business training to whom the opportunities of the west are a call to action, and he is playing an important part in the development of a great state, utilizing its natural resources and the business conditions which are evolved through its settlement.

MANSER D. WAGNESS.

Manser D. Wagness, who is at the head of the Wagness Automobile Company of Lakota, in which business he has been engaged since 1909, has been a lifelong resident of this state, his birth having occurred in Ottofy, March 31, 1889. He is the only child of Sever and Mary (Osby) Wagness, both of whom were natives of Minnesota, whence they removed to this state at an early period in its development, settling at Ottofy, where for a long period Mr. Wagness filled the position of postmaster. He also engaged for a time in merchandising and was an active and representative citizen of his community. He died in North Dakota in 1891, when in the thirties. His widow survived until 1895 and was but thirty-five years of age at the time of her demise.

Manser D. Wagness was but six years old when left an orphan and was taken into the home of his aunt, Mrs. Gronna, of Lakota, where he attended school, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school. He made his initial step in the business world by securing a clerkship in a hardware store but was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to establish the Wagness Automobile Company in 1909. He then opened a garage and through his able management has developed a business that is today one of the leading enterprises of this character in Lakota and Nelson county. He does all kinds of repair work as well as handling all kinds of automobile supplies, and his trade has steadily grown.

On the 12th of August, 1912, Mr. Wagness wedded Miss Myrtle Jellum, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freguard Jellum, who are still residents of Lakota. One child has been born of this marriage, Marian, born in 1914.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church, while in politics Mr. Wagness maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than party. He is yet a young man but has already made for himself a creditable position in business circles and it is not difficult to predict that his future will be a progressive one, knowing the qualities which have thus far dominated his career.

FRED W. HILDRETH.

Fred W. Hildreth, a well known ranchman now residing in Williston, was born on the 20th of October, 1857, in St. Anthony, now Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Margaret E. (Farnham) Hildreth, both natives of Maine. The father was born and reared in Milford and in early life became a lumberman, working in the woods of the old Pine Tree state. In 1849 he went to Minnesota and settled at St. Anthony, where he engaged in logging on his own account for many years. He subsequently removed to Elk River, Minnesota, where he died in 1896, and where his wife passed away in 1900. She

was born in Calais, Maine, and accompanied her parents on their removal to St. Anthony, Minnesota, where she married Mr. Hildreth.

Fred W. Hildreth was eight years of age when the family became residents of Elk River, Minnesota, where he grew to manhood, and he remained with his father until he attained his majority. On starting out in life for himself he turned his attention to the cattle and horse business. In 1878 he first came to North Dakota on a prospecting tour and in 1884 he stocked a cattle ranch near Mingerville, now Wibaux, Montana, for the firm of Roe, Washburn & Parker. The following year he stocked a cow ranch for Chase-Gilmore & Company south of Schafer in McKenzie county, and in 1886 put in stock for himself in that county on Cherry creek. He continued to make his headquarters at Elk River, Minnesota, until 1904, when he removed to Williston, North Dakota, where he now resides. He buys and sells cattle and horses and is the owner of a fine ranch twelve miles southeast of Williston, which is operated by his partner, Frank Poe, who is one of the best known cow men in North Dakota.

At Elk River, Minnesota, November 14, 1882, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hildreth and Miss Rose Harper, a native of that place and a daughter of John and Sarah (Spokesfield) Harper, who were early settlers of Minnesota. Her father was born in Oxford, England, and on coming to America when a young man first located in Massachusetts. Her mother was born in Lowell, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth have one child, Lucile, who was born in Elk River, Minnesota, and is now the wife of Joseph Cutting, a druggist of Williston, North Dakota.

Mr. Hildreth supports the republican party at the polls but has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business interests. He is a member of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers Association, being eligible from the fact that he was born in that state during territorial days. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias lodge of Williston, and with the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, all of Elk River, Minnesota. He took a prominent part in the work of some of these organizations and served as treasurer of the Odd Fellows lodge for ten years. He has traveled extensively over the west and southwest and now spends his winters in California.

NATHAN P. LOUCKS.

Nathan P. Loucks, manager and one of the stockholders of the Kermit Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company at Kermit, Divide county, was born in Smith Falls, Ontario, Canada, August 12, 1885, a son of J. H. and Mary E. (Van Dusen) Loucks. The father, a native of Smith Falls, was a son of John Loucks, one of the pioneer settlers of that place, who was born at Cornwall, Ontario, while his father was one of the earliest of the pioneers of Ontario and an Indian fighter in the days when the white race had to establish their supremacy by the test of arms. J. H. Loucks was reared and educated at Smith Falls and took up the occupation of farming. In early life he also conducted a hotel and afterward successfully cultivated his father's farm. In 1898 he removed to Fisher, Minnesota, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until 1900, when he went to Grand Forks, where he followed farming until 1913. In that year he became a resident of Kermit and now lives retired from active business cares, he and his wife being among the respected and worthy citizens of the town.

After attending the city schools of Smith Falls, Ontario, Nathan P. Loucks continued his education in Grand Forks, North Dakota. In 1906 he arrived in Williams county, this state, and homesteaded near Fortuna, which was in that section of Williams county that afterward became Divide county. His place was sixty-five miles from a railroad and Williston was the nearest town. For two years he lived upon this land, securing title thereto, after which he established his home in Kermit, where he became buyer for the Atlantic Elevator Company, which he thus represented until 1910. He then established the Kermit Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company, of which he has since been one of the stockholders and the manager. In this connection he is conducting a growing and suc-

cessful business and is a popular, progressive, alert and wide-awake business man. He still owns his homestead property, which he rents, and he is one of the officers and a large stockholder in the Dooley Implement Company at Dooley, Montana.

On the 29th of December, 1909, Mr. Loucks was married to Miss Ethel May McGillivray, of Grand Forks, who was born in that city, was educated there and afterward engaged in teaching in Grand Forks and in Ward, Williams and McLean counties. She is a graduate of the schools of Gilby, North Dakota.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Loucks hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and guide their lives by its teachings, while his career further exemplifies the beneficent spirit of Masonry. He belongs to Crosby Lodge, No. 108, A. F. & A. M., has taken the Scottish Rite degrees in Grand Forks and also belongs to Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and for several years he was a director on the town board of Kermit. He is interested in all that pertains to public progress and improvement and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further movements for the general good.

CHARLES H. McMANUS.

Charles H. McManus, manager at Grand Forks for the International Harvester Company, was born at Perth, Ontario, June 13, 1865, a son of John and Mary (Ralston) McManus, both of whom were natives of Scotland. In early life they crossed the Atlantic to Ontario, Canada, where the father engaged in the lumber business, there passing away in 1874. To him and his wife were born four children. The youngest, Allan McManus, is now residing on a farm of thirty-six hundred acres in Grand Forks county, in which his brothers, Charles and William McManus, are interested and on which many thousands of bushels of grain are raised every year. Their farm is one of the finest and best equipped in the state. The oldest son, William McManus, is now living retired in Seattle save for the interest he has in the farm property in North Dakota. Margaret makes her home with her mother in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. McManus is now eighty years of age. Her sons have provided her with a splendid home on Queen Anne Hill, the most beautiful residential district of Seattle, and there she has every wish fulfilled. Her husband died when their children were quite young and the mother reared and cared for her sons and daughter until they were able to start out in business life for themselves. They now requite her maternal care and love with the utmost filial respect and devotion, surrounding her with every comfort that can be given her in the evening of life.

Charles H. McManus, who was the second child of the family, was a youth of fifteen years when on the 17th of April, 1880, Mrs. McManus and her children came to North Dakota, settling at Grand Forks. She took up a homestead in Grand Forks county and Charles H. McManus had the opportunity of attending the public schools and also of pursuing a commercial course in a business college at Grand Forks. After completing his course in the latter he entered the employ of the McCormick Machine Company at Grand Forks, North Dakota, in the capacity of cashier and when that company was merged into the International Harvester Company he was commissioned to select and buy a site for the building at Grand Forks. He made a choice of the present site on which the company's magnificent building in this city now stands. He also bought the site and superintended the erection of the company's building at Minot, which is also a model structure of its kind. Before the building of the plant at Grand Forks was begun he was called to Kansas City and was made manager of the Kansas City branch of the business, which position he continued to fill for ten years. He was then returned to Grand Forks and has since been the manager of this large branch. He is thoroughly capable of managing the extensive interests under his control and understands every department of the farm machinery business both in principle and in detail. His wise management has resulted in accumulating thousands of dollars for the company which he represents. At the same time by his honorable methods and helpful spirit he has made many loyal friends among the farmers of this

state and of Montana. His labors have brought a substantial reward and at all times he has displayed a spirit of initiative and enterprise that produces good results.

On the 16th of May, 1893, Mr. McManus was united in marriage to Miss Anna T. Parker, of Grand Forks, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, who were natives of New Bedford, Massachusetts. In politics Mr. McManus is a stalwart democrat but has never been an active party worker. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in Masonic circles has attained high rank, being now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He was for six years secretary of Acacia lodge. His business ability, his patriotic citizenship, his loyalty in friendship and his unfeigned cordiality have gained him personal popularity and he is today accounted one of the valued citizens of Grand Forks.

WALLACE HENRY.

Wallace Henry, of the Henry Motor Company of Grand Forks, was born in Walsh county, North Dakota, March 1, 1890, a son of W. J. and Anna (Hughes) Henry, who were natives of eastern Canada. At an early period in the development of this state the father came to North Dakota, settling in Walsh county, where he engaged in farming. He is a resident of Park River and has reached the age of fifty-six years, while his wife is now fifty-two years of age.

Wallace Henry was the second of their four children. In early boyhood he attended the schools of his native county and later made his initial step in the business world by working as a farm hand on his father's farm. He was thus employed until he removed to Grand Forks, where he sought employment, being connected with various lines of work until 1913, when he was appointed agent for the Oakland automobile. Since that time he has sold many cars to people in Grand Forks county and throughout the state and his business has reached extensive and profitable proportions. He is also a large land holder and owns and operates extensive farming properties in Pembina, Grand Forks and Walsh counties and he likewise has a large farm in Alberta, Canada, and another in Minnesota. Having been reared to farm life, he thoroughly understands crop production and he keeps in touch with the latest methods of farming, bringing his fields to a very high state of cultivation. His farms are splendidly equipped and his position as an agriculturist is among the foremost in the state. In fact agricultural interests rather than his automobile business constitute the main interest in his business life.

At Crookston, Minnesota, on the 22d of January, 1912, Mr. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Porter, of Crystal, Pembina county. To them has been born a daughter, Elaine, whose birth occurred in Grand Forks in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Henry hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge of Grand Forks. In politics he is independent. He enjoys hunting and kindred sports and finds his pastime in all phases of outdoor life. He maintains an even balance between such interests and his business activities, giving to each its due measure of time and attention, and that sound judgment has characterized his efforts in every relation is indicated in his continuous success.

WILLIAM HENRY WELCH, M. D.

William Henry Welch, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Larimore, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, June 30, 1855, a son of Hosea Welch, whose birth occurred in Caledonia county, Vermont, August 14, 1824, and who is a representative of one of the oldest families of the Green Mountain state. His father, who was a planter, lived to the very advanced age of ninety-six years. He was of Welsh descent and the family was founded in America at an early period. Hosea Welch became a successful farmer and followed that occupation until he retired from active life. He is still living

and a hale and hearty man at the age of ninety-two years, and he has long been a devout member of the Baptist church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriett Darling, was a daughter of Moses Darling, of an old Vermont family of Scotch descent. Mrs. Welch passed away in 1904 at the age of eighty-two years.

Dr. Welch was the third in order of birth in a family of seven children. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm in Vermont to the age of seventeen years, when he started out in life on his own account. It was his desire to provide means to pay his tuition in the Caledonia County Academy, and when he had earned a sufficient sum he entered that institution, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. He afterward taught school in his native county and while thus engaged devoted his spare time to the study of medicine. Later he entered the University of Vermont as a medical student and was graduated therefrom in 1880 with the M. D. degree. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Union, Vermont, remaining at that village until the fall of 1883. In the spring of 1884 he removed westward to Polk county, Minnesota, where he continued until 1887. He then removed to Renville county, where he continued in active practice until the fall of 1889, when he removed to Larimore, there taking up his abode on the 4th of December. He has since been engaged in active practice there and is the oldest physician in years of continuous connection with the town. He engages in the general practice of both medicine and surgery, and his ability is widely recognized. His entire attention is devoted to his professional work, and the public acknowledges his ability by accordng him a liberal patronage.

On January 13, 1882, Mr. Welch was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Morrison, a native of Vermont and a daughter of William and Hannah (Osmore) Morrison, both now deceased. Doctor Welch is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He joined the order in Larimore and has since been a faithful representative of the craft. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Yeomen, and his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Larimore, of which he is a trustee. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Grand Forks Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and through their proceedings, as well as by private study and reading, keeps in touch with the latest scientific discoveries of the medical profession.

A. C. STRINGER.

A. C. Stringer, cashier of the First State Bank of Kief, was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, May 3, 1889, a son of Carl B. and Cora (Griffith) Stringer, natives of Illinois and Iowa respectively, the mother's parents having been pioneer settlers of the Hawkeye state, to which they removed from Germany. The progenitors of the Stringer family were English and at an early day the grandparents of our subject settled in Illinois. When a young man Carl B. Stringer removed from that state to Iowa, establishing his home in Decorah, and later he became a resident of Mitchell county, where he was married and for fifteen years engaged in farming. Eventually he removed to Osage, Iowa, where he became identified with the banking business, remaining for many years president of the Home Trust & Savings Bank, which he developed into one of the strong financial institutions of that part of the country. In recent years he has been living retired from active business management but for twenty years or more he was heavily interested in North Dakota farm lands and in Canada lands but at a recent date disposed of his land holdings. In May, 1914, he purchased the First State Bank of Kief, North Dakota, and placed his son, A. C. Stringer, in charge of that institution.

In the schools of Osage A. C. Stringer passed through consecutive grades to the high school and was graduated with the class of 1909. He afterward attended the Iowa State Agricultural College and also the Globe Business College of St. Paul, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1911. In the summer of that year he was connected with the First State Bank of Kief and in the autumn went to Lakeville, Minnesota, where he accepted the

position of assistant cashier in the Decorah State Bank, there remaining for a year and a half. In 1913 he removed to Minneapolis and assisted Mr. Samuels, his former employer, to organize the Citizens State Bank, in which he remained for almost a year after it opened its doors for business. The following spring he came to North Dakota in search of a favorable location for the establishment of a bank and the present banking institution was purchased. The old cashier was retained, while Mr. Stringer became vice president of the institution and his father the president. In May, 1915, Edward Simbaleuko, a prominent business man of Kief, was made vice-president of the bank, while A. C. Stringer succeeded to the cashiership and is now the active manager of the bank, which in the intervening period has enjoyed steady growth in the conduct of a general banking business.

On the 16th of January, 1914, Mr. Stringer was united in marriage to Miss Mazie Hansen, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Fraternaly he is connected with Osage Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M. Politically he is a republican and is now serving as township treasurer and as school treasurer. He is at all times willing to aid in well advised and carefully executed plans for the benefit and improvement of his community. Kief recognizes him as a foremost citizen. In his business affairs he has prospered and is today the owner of two residence properties in Kief together with two hundred and forty acres of farm land in Sheridan county.

GUY S. BURTCH.

Guy S. Burtch, manager of the Acme elevator at Deering, is one of those who have been identified with substantial development in the northwestern part of the state, for he was a homesteader of Ward county, thus aiding in reclaiming wild land for the purposes of civilization. He was born in Winnebago, Minnesota, June 2, 1879, a son of Levi and Jane (Henton) Burtch, natives of Woodstock, Canada, and of Erie, Pennsylvania, respectively. They were married at Waushara county, Wisconsin, and settled in La Crosse, that state, where they lived for five years, when they became residents of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa. Four years later they established their home in Minnesota and some time afterward the father filed on a homestead near Winnebago, on which he resided until 1902, carefully, persistently and successfully cultivating his farm during that period. For six years thereafter he was a resident of Westbourne, Manitoba, and in 1908 he came to North Dakota, settling at Deering, where he now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Burtch have traveled life's journey together as man and wife for sixty years and have now reached the ages of eighty-two and seventy-nine years respectively.

Guy S. Burtch was educated in the public schools and at Parker College in Winnebago. He spent eight years of study in that institution of learning and won a teacher's diploma in 1900. After completing his school work he was married on the 20th of June, 1900, to Miss Ethel Wells, of Huntley, Minnesota, and immediately afterward came to North Dakota with his bride. He filed on a homestead comprising the southeast quarter of section 9, Margaret township, Ward county, five miles northwest of Deering, and resided upon that place for two years, when he preempted his claim. In 1902 he took up his abode in the town of Deering and assumed the management of the Acme elevator, of which he has now had control for fourteen years, becoming one of the best known grain buyers in his section of the state. He is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the grain trade and has done excellent work in this connection, making the undertaking one of profit to the owners. He has also wisely invested in real estate and is now the owner of an entire section of land which he farms. At other times his holdings have been more extensive but he has bought and sold from time to time as he has seen opportunity for judicious investment and profitable sales, winning a substantial measure of success through his land operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtch have become the parents of four children, but the first born, Mabel is deceased. The others are Merrill W., Muriel M. and Howard G. Politically Mr. Burtch is a republican and while not an office seeker keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument.



GUY S. BURTCH

He served on the board of the Thursby Butte school district for seven years and five years was its president. Fraternally he is connected with Deering Camp, No. 141, I. O. O. F., and Deering Lodge, No. 2944, M. W. A., serving for the past seven years as clerk in the latter. He and his wife attend the Congregational church and they are highly respected residents of the community in which they make their home, their sterling worth ensuring them a warm-hearted welcome in the best homes of the city and county.

WILLIAM E. PAULSON.

William E. Paulson, county auditor of Benson county and a resident of Minnewaukan, was born in Swift county, Minnesota, on the 11th of November, 1876, a son of Isaac and Mette (Berge) Paulson, who are natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. In 1870 they came to the United States, settling in Benson, Minn., in which locality the father took up a homestead. He was thereafter actively engaged in farming in Swift county for forty-four years, and he is now living retired in Benson, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

William E. Paulson obtained his early education in district schools and afterward attended the graded schools of Benson and Willmar Seminary. When he had attained adult age he began farming on his own account in Swift county, owning a tract of land adjoining his father's place, and thereon he resided until 1904, when he came to North Dakota. Settling in Minnewaukan, he spent the following winter as a clerk in the office of the county register of deeds and in the summer of 1905 was appointed deputy county auditor, in which capacity he continued until the fall election of 1910. He was then chosen county auditor, was again elected in 1912 and 1914 and for the fourth time is a candidate for the office without opposition. No higher testimonial of his capability and fidelity could be given than the fact that he has thus received the endorsement of the entire county.

In 1908 Mr. Paulson was united in marriage to Miss Alice Wilcox, of Benson, Minnesota, by whom he has a son, Lyle W. Mr. Paulson belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is master workman of his lodge. He is also connected with the Homesteaders and is serving as secretary of the local organization. He and his wife are devoted members of the Presbyterian church and he is serving on its board of trustees, while to the support of the church he is a liberal donor and in the various departments of its work takes an active interest. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and throughout the entire period of his residence in Benson county he has been connected with public office, making an excellent record by reason of his unfaltering fidelity and capability.

DUNCAN WILLIAM MCKENZIE.

Duncan William McKenzie, a dealer in farm machinery at Dickinson, has throughout his entire business career made steady advance by reason of his persistency of purpose, his energy and laudable ambition. He was born in Pictou county, Nova Scotia, October 7, 1859, and in that country his parents spent their entire lives. The son there remained until the fall of 1880 and was engaged in farming in his native country. On attaining his majority he came to the United States, settling in Wausau, Wisconsin, but in 1881 came to North Dakota, making his way first to Gladstone and afterward to Dickinson, while later he went to Glendive, Montana. He was employed as a fireman on the Northern Pacific until injured in a wreck on the 22d of July, 1883. For nine months he was incapacitated for duty. He went back to Nova Scotia but after recovering returned to Dickinson, while later he spent another winter in Canada. He next went to Anthracite, Alberta, where he operated a stationary engine for some months. In July, 1886 he again became a resident of Dickinson, where he has now made his home for thirty years. For six years he had charge of a bridge crew for the Northern Pacific, after which he purchased a machinery and flour and feed store in partnership with Edward L. Jones of Wisconsin. This partner-

ship was maintained until the death of Mr. Jones in February, 1909, after which Mr. McKenzie bought out the interest of his partner and became sole proprietor. In 1913 he began the erection of a new business block and now has a fine brick building in which he carries an extensive stock of farm machinery, including the manufactured product of the Moline and International Harvester Companies. His annual sales have reached a gratifying figure and his business has become one of the important commercial interests of Dickinson. He is also a stockholder in a bank and in an elevator and in business affairs he displays sound judgment and keen discrimination.

In 1892 Mr. McKenzie was married to Miss Louise Dittberner, who was born in Berlin, Germany, but came to the United States in her early girlhood, her home being two miles south of Richardton, Stark county, North Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie have been born eight children but three died in infancy. The others are: Herbert, who was born in 1896 and is now attending the State University at Grand Forks; Florence, who was born in 1898 and is a student in the Dakota Business College of Fargo; Eleanor, born in 1900; Duncan, in 1901, and George, in 1907.

Mr. McKenzie holds membership with the Elks lodge at Dickinson, with the Knights of Pythias lodge, in which he is a past chancellor, with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of which he is a past grand, and with the Independent Order of Foresters of Toronto, Canada. His political allegiance is given the republican party and for four years he has served as county commissioner and for seven years as a member of the city council. He is a very prominent and active worker in the Commercial Club, doing everything in his power to promote the interests of Dickinson through the organized effort of that institution.

OLAF A. ENGEMOEN.

Olaf A. Engemoen, actively identified with the banking business as assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Steele, was born in Norway in 1877, a son of A. O. and Martha (Mortenson) Engemoen, who are also natives of the land of the midnight sun. It was in the spring of 1881 that the father brought his family to the United States and settled about ten miles north of Fargo, North Dakota, where he remained for several years. In 1884 he removed to Minnesota and took up a homestead claim upon which he still resides. He has converted the land into rich and productive fields and is now carrying on general farming and dairying, being numbered among the wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of that district. Upon his farm he and his wife have reared a family of five children, and while the parents are both living, two of the children have passed away.

Olaf A. Engemoen, who was the second in order of birth, began his education in the district school near his father's farm, upon which he was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He afterward continued his studies in Concordia College of Moorhead, Minnesota, and was graduated from that institution in the spring of 1905. He continued to assist his father until he reached the age of eighteen years and then came to North Dakota in 1896. Here he was employed as a farm hand and he also spent a year in survey work with the Soo Railroad Company. Following the completion of his course of study at Moorhead he entered the First National Bank of Mayville and eventually removed to Sawyer, North Dakota, where he filled the position of assistant cashier in the Sawyer State Bank. He remained there for a period of about two years and in the spring of 1907 removed to Steele, where he has since made his home. At the time of the organization of the Farmers and Merchants Bank he was made assistant cashier and in this undertaking was associated with M. T. Weum and O. J. Mortenson of Moorhead. The bank was founded in 1907 and capitalized for ten thousand dollars. The scope of the bank has been extended to include a farm lands department and the company also owns a warehouse in Steele and deals in real estate and handles insurance. The various branches of the business are carefully and wisely managed and are bringing substantial success.

In the fall of 1908 Mr. Engemoen was united in marriage to Miss Esther De Shon, a

native of Chicago, who was reared, however, in North Dakota. There was but one child of this marriage, Marguerite, who was born in 1909. The wife and mother passed away in the fall of 1910 and in the summer of 1913 Mr. Engemoen was again married, his second union being with Carrie Schoeny, who was born at Freeport, Illinois, a daughter of Charles and Caroline Schoeny, who were early residents of Freeport. Of the second marriage there has been born a son, Robert, whose birth occurred in 1914.

Mr. Engemoen exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures that he deems of greatest worth, usually voting with the republican party. He previously served as township treasurer, as city treasurer and as clerk of the school district and at the present time he is public administrator, clerk of the school district and township treasurer. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree, a fact which is indicative of his faithfulness to duty under all circumstances. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Steele Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M., and he is also identified with the Yeomen Camp, No. 1374, and is correspondent of the Yeomen. He has many pleasing and attractive traits of character and those who know him speak of him in terms of warm regard, recognizing his sterling worth and the fidelity which he has displayed in all of life's relations.

C. L. LINDSTROM.

C. L. Lindstrom, general manager of the Mutual Land Company of Grand Forks, first visited North Dakota in 1879 and is consequently acquainted with its pioneer development, his activities having been of a character that have contributed to public progress and improvement as well as individual success. He was born at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, September 12, 1861, a son of Andrew and Ingeborg (Christopherson) Lindstrom, the former a native of Sweden and the latter of Norway. Making his way to Minnesota in 1848 the father settled at Cannon Falls and engaged in farming, filing on a claim during the administration of President Buchanan. He married in Minnesota and spent his remaining days there, passing away in 1908 at the age of eighty years. His wife survived until 1910 and was seventy-nine years of age at the time of her demise. In the family were the following children: Andrew, living at Lakota; A. E.; Anthony, a resident of California; L. W., a resident of Ortonville, Minnesota; and Josephine, the wife of Dr. Robert Stickeberger, of Oberon, North Dakota.

After attending public school and spending a short period at Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota, C. L. Lindstrom followed various occupations in that state until 1879 when he removed to North Dakota. Later he went to Montana and assisted in building Fort Assiniboine. Returning to this state he located at Larimore, Grand Forks county, and in 1883 removed to Benson county where he resided until 1910. He was engaged in farming until he removed to Grand Forks and became receiver in the land office. He afterward entered upon the practice of law in Minnewaukan, having been admitted to the bar in 1900, and there continued until 1910 when he accepted the position of general manager of the Mutual Land Company of North Dakota of which John I. Larum, of Buxton is president, C. H. Opsal, vice president, C. L. Lindstrom, secretary and A. L. Lindstrom, assistant secretary. In this connection he is contributing in substantial measure to the upbuilding and development of the business which has attained extensive and gratifying proportions.

On the 25th of February, 1887, Mr. Lindstrom was married to Miss Mary Mathison of Wahpeton, North Dakota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mathison. They are parents of three children: Mrs. Effie Burke, who was born at Oberon, February 17, 1889, and is a graduate of the art department of the University of North Dakota, while she is now the wife of T. H. Burke, of Minnewaukan, North Dakota, where he is states attorney; Albert L., who was born at Oberon, November 16, 1892, and is a graduate of the State University; and Harold, who was born July 25, 1902, and is now attending high school.

Mr. Lindstrom gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was the first county commissioner of Benson county, serving from 1888 until 1891. He was connected with the Indian service at Fort Totten under President Harrison, and for two terms, from

1894 until 1898 was a member of the state legislature. In 1898 he was appointed receiver of the United States land office for a four year term and in 1893 he was elected states attorney of Benson county, which office he held for two terms. He has been a member and chairman of the county seat committee for a number of years and he is a most active party worker, doing all in his power to promote the growth of his party and win for it success, his opinions carrying weight in its councils. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine and also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has attained high rank as a citizen and public official and the positions of trust to which he has been called have come to him in recognition of his ability and trustworthiness. His official duties as well as his private business affairs have brought him a wide acquaintance and those who know him entertain for him a warm regard.

VALENTINE KOCH.

Among the prominent and representative citizens of Dickinson is numbered Valentine Koch who is now filling the office of clerk of the court to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Russia, July 24, 1889, his parents being Joseph and Frances Koch. In 1896 they brought their family to America and located in Dickinson, North Dakota, where they still reside. By occupation the father is a mason.

Valentine Koch was a little lad of seven years on the emigration of the family to the United States and in Dickinson he grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the common and high schools of that city. After laying aside his textbooks he engaged in newspaper work in the employ of others until 1908, when he established the North Dakota Herald, a German paper, which he published until the spring of 1911, when he sold out. He continued in press work, however, until elected clerk of the court in 1912. So efficiently did he fill that position that he was reelected in 1914 and was elected without opposition in 1916.

On the 3d of May, 1910, Mr. Koch married Miss Barbara Fischer, by whom he has three children, namely: Jerome John, Theodore and Leo Frank. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and he is also connected with the local council of the Knights of Columbus and the Yeomen, being foreman of the latter lodge at the present time. The republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has become a recognized leader in political affairs. He is preeminently public-spirited and progressive and has always been found true to any trust reposed in him.

E. EUGENE COWELL.

E. Eugene Cowell, who is now the owner and publisher of the Dogden News of Dogden, McLean county, has the distinction of having established a larger number of newspapers in North Dakota and Minnesota than any other man and furthermore has made every paper with which he has been connected a force in behalf of good government. A great deal of his energy has been expended in effective work for clean politics and he is widely known in that connection throughout the two states. He was born in Hazelton township, Buchanan county, Iowa, August 12, 1862, a son of J. R. and Marcia (Morse) Cowell, both of whom were born in the east but removed to Buchanan county in 1861. The father was a farmer and carpenter by occupation. His death occurred in 1895 and his wife passed away February 28, 1868. To them were born three children, two of whom are living and of whom E. Eugene is the eldest.

The Iowa schools afforded E. Eugene Cowell his educational opportunities and after attending the high school at Independence he came to North Dakota in 1883 and secured a position with the Larimore Pioneer, edited by Scott & Church. He received a salary of twelve dollars a week and made it a point to save ten dollars of that amount, keeping his expenses down by living in a shack and doing his own cooking. Later with his savings



E. EUGENE COWELL

he purchased the Niagara Times, which he edited for a short period. Subsequently he returned to Minnesota and at one time owned ten papers in Washington county, that state. While living there the question came up and a law was passed defining a legal newspaper and it was he who worded the section which contains the legal standard for a newspaper. During the sixteen years that he was in Minnesota he established and for a time edited fourteen different papers and was very active in politics, doing all in his power to secure clean government. He was the leader in a movement in Stillwater which succeeded in effecting radical and beneficial changes in the city government. In 1900 he came again to North Dakota and first established the Balfour Statesman, later founding eleven other papers in the state. It is generally stated that Mr. De Lacy of Minnesota established more papers than any other man, but Mr. Cowell's record exceeds his as the number of papers established by Mr. De Lacy was only twenty-one, while Mr. Cowell has founded twenty-six, as follows: St. Paul Times, 1885; St. Paul Park Times, 1887; Newport News, 1890; South St. Paul Telegram, 1890; North St. Paul Enterprise, 1890; Stillwater American, 1892; Stillwater Daily Times, 1898; South Stillwater Lumberman, 1892; Lakeland Review, 1892; Afton Ideal, 1892; Cottage Grove Herald, 1892; Forest Lake Gem, 1892; Wildwood Outing, 1892; Northern Light (Marine), 1892, all in Minnesota; Bartlett Courier, 1884; Balfour Statesman, 1900; Granville Times, 1900; Voltaire Critic, 1901; Drake Observer, 1902; Carpeo Herald, 1901; Dogden Observer, 1907; Max Phonogram; Drake Telegram; Bergen Sentinel; Progressive West (Plaza) 1908; and Ruso Record, 1916, all published in North Dakota. In 1912 he took up his residence in Dogden and purchased the Dogden News, which he has since edited and published. It has a circulation of three hundred and is in every respect a high class country paper. The plant is equipped with eleven presses of modern design and stands for twenty-five printers. Mr. Cowell owns property in both Iowa and North Dakota and has accumulated a competence, although his chief aim has not been to make money but to serve the various communities with which he has been connected.

On the 15th of September, 1886, Mr. Cowell was married to Miss Mary C. Schabacker at Newport, Minnesota, and to them have been born three children; Grace E., now employed on the Glasgow Democrat, at Glasgow Montana; Clarence C., who is editing a newspaper at Max, North Dakota; and Pearl C.

Mr. Cowell is a strong republican but has never held office although he has been a leader in political circles wherever he has lived. The guiding principle of his life is found in his religious belief and he is an active and influential member of the Baptist church. He is a close friend of Colonel Lounsbury, the editor of this history, and is personally known to many other prominent citizens of this state. One of his hobbies is the study of genealogy, to which he has devoted much of his spare time. To his friends he is familiarly known as "the Bishop" and the warm regard in which he is held by those who know him best is proof of his agreeable personal qualities. His record as a newspaper man and political leader is one of which he has every reason to be proud, and he is justly ranked as a leading citizen of Dogden.

HAVELOCK BENNETT.

Havelock Bennett, an implement dealer of Larimore, has been identified with the development of the town since 1882. He has always lived in the middle west, his birth having occurred in Marquette county, Wisconsin, November 6, 1859. His father, Benjamin Bennett, a native of the north of England, came to America in 1849, settling in Wisconsin among its pioneer residents, and there he successfully followed farming at an early day. About the time of the close of the Civil war he removed to Bremer county, Iowa, where he resided for more than thirty years, and his last days were spent in Spokane, Washington, where he died in 1912 at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Slater, was a native of England and came to America in 1847 with her parents, who were pioneers of Wisconsin. She was reared and married in that state and became the mother

of fourteen children. She, too, passed away in Spokane in 1914, when seventy-seven years of age.

The third member of the family was Havelock Bennett, who is indebted to the county school system of Iowa for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and spent his youth upon the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he started out on his own account. He was first engaged by J. C. Garner, an implement dealer of Waverly, Iowa, and in 1882 came to North Dakota with the firm of Hunt, Holt & Garner, implement dealers who established business at Larimore. He was associated with that firm as a salesman and afterward was a salesman with O. H. Phillips of Larimore, a pioneer implement dealer, for ten years, and on the expiration of that period entered business on his own account. He has since been conducting his store and is today one of the leading and prosperous implement dealers of Larimore and Grand Forks county, his trade having assumed extensive proportions. He also conducts large farming interests, having twelve hundred and forty acres of land, all in Grand Forks county.

In 1904 in Grand Forks, Mr. Bennett was married to Mrs. Sabena (Schaefer) Valerius, a native of Germany and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaefer, who became early residents of Wabasha county, Minnesota, but are now deceased. Mr. Bennett is a Consistory Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a republican and has served for two terms as a member of the city council of Larimore, in which connection he has done excellent work to uphold and advance civic standards. For more than a third of a century he has lived in Larimore and is today one of its best known and most highly esteemed citizens, his personal record as well as his business career making for him a creditable position in public regard.

MANVILLE A. JOHNSON.

Manville A. Johnson, secretary and manager of the Michigan Mercantile Company at Michigan, Nelson county, was born April 13, 1889, in New London, Minnesota. His father, John A. Johnson, a native of Sweden, came to America in 1865 and settled in New London, where he engaged in general merchandising and in farming, being quite successful in the management of his business affairs. During the Indian wars in Minnesota he served as a member of the Home Guards of the state. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and locally he was quite active, filling various public positions of honor and trust. He passed away in New London in 1890, at the age of forty-five years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Christina Teigland, was born in Norway and in early girlhood came with her parents to the United States, the family home being established in Minnesota, where she met and married Mr. Johnson. She is now a resident of Mayville, North Dakota. The four children of her marriage are: Anna, the wife of O. N. Larson, of Mayville; Sadie, the wife of C. E. Funk, of Carver, Minnesota; Martha, who died in Mayville in 1912; and Manville A.

The last named was educated in the country schools of Minnesota and in the Mayville Normal School and in his youthful days he early became familiar with farm work in all of its departments. When a youth of fifteen he started out to earn his own living and secured employment as a farm hand in North Dakota, devoting two years to that occupation, during which time he also attended school through the winter seasons. In 1907 he secured a position as delivery boy and clerk with the Michigan Mercantile Company and from that humble position has worked his way steadily upward step by step until he has become one of the large stockholders in the undertaking and is the secretary and general manager of the company, having occupied this dual position since 1912. This is an incorporated company and today controls the largest commercial enterprise of Nelson county, employing on an average of eight people. The store has a floor space of forty by one hundred feet and the stock carried is valued at about thirty thousand dollars. The present officers are: Marcus Johnson, president; N. J. Walen, vice president; and Manville A. Johnson, secretary; with Lawrence Krostue on the board of directors in addition to the officers. Manville A. Johnson

is also engaged in farming, owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of land in Michigan township.

Politically Mr. Johnson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Michigan, of which he is a past grand, and he belongs to the Commercial Club and to the Lutheran church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. He stands for progress in all things leading to the material, intellectual, social, political and moral development of his community and the progressive spirit which he has manifested throughout his entire life constitutes the measure of his substantial success.

AXEL W. SWENSON, M. D.

Dr. Axel W. Swenson, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Bisbee, is one of the substantial citizens that Norway has furnished to Towner county. His birth occurred in Vadso, Norway, June 17, 1876, his parents being Sven and Mary Swenson, who were also natives of the same country. The father was a fisherman and followed that pursuit until 1882, when he came to America, making his way to Wisconsin, where he purchased land and engaged in general farming until 1901. He then came to North Dakota and resided with his children until called to his final rest, his death occurring in April, 1913. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1880.

Doctor Swenson was a little lad of but six years when the family home was established in the new world. His education was largely acquired in Minneapolis, his preliminary studies being supplemented by a course in Hamline University, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1901. He then located for practice at Maddock, where he followed his profession for two years and then removed to Bisbee, where he has remained continuously since 1903 or for thirteen years. His pronounced ability has won recognition in a large and growing practice. He is local surgeon for the Soo Railroad Company. He belongs to the Devils Lake District Medical Society, which honored him with election to the presidency, and he also has membership in the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He filed on land in Bottineau county, North Dakota, in 1899 and his real estate possessions now include two farms of three hundred and twenty acres each, one in Towner county and the other in Rolette county. He also owns and conducts a drug store at Bisbee which he purchased in 1911. His business affairs are thus wide and important and successful management is bringing to him gratifying prosperity.

In 1901 Doctor Swenson was married to Miss Adeline Evenson and they have become parents of four children: Helen, Adeline, Fritjof and Dorothea. Politically Doctor Swenson is a republican, but while at all times a loyal and public-spirited citizen, never seeks or desires office. He is an exemplary representative of the Masonic order, being connected with lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. His religious belief is evidenced by his membership in the Lutheran church and at all times finds expression in his relations of a public and private nature.

THEODORE G. THOMPSON.

Theodore G. Thompson, of Cooperstown, operating extensively in the field of real estate and senior partner in the Thompson-McDermot Company, which is engaged in merchandising, was born at Herring Lake, Jackson county, Minnesota, in October, 1877, a son of Knute Thompson. He was the eldest of four children and was but five years of age when brought to Cooperstown, where he pursued his education in the public schools, afterward continuing his studies in the University of North Dakota. In 1897 he opened a general store in Finley, where he remained until 1903, when he disposed of his interest in that place and entered

business circles in Cooperstown in partnership with his brother, T. A. Thompson, who later took up the profession of law and is now district judge at Kalispell, Montana. The brothers conducted their mercantile interests under the firm style of Thompson Brothers and the partnership was maintained until 1906, when T. A. Thompson was succeeded by J. H. McDermot and George K. Houghton under the firm style of the Thompson-McDermot Company. Their store, which would be a credit to a city of much larger size than Cooperstown, is at the corner of Burrell and Ninth streets, in the center of the business district. Their building is fifty by one hundred feet. They carry a complete and well selected line of general merchandise, for which they find a ready sale. They are most careful in the personnel of the house, in the line of goods carried and in the treatment accorded patrons and their stock displays many of the most attractive features offered by domestic and foreign markets. In January, 1915, Mr. Thompson joined H. S. Halverson, H. P. Hammer and G. H. Condy in organizing the Thompson-Halverson Land Company and to the conduct of their real estate business Mr. Thompson is now largely devoting his time and energies, handling an extensive amount of land belonging to the company and to its individual members. This company has been instrumental in bringing in many new settlers and locating them under favorable conditions. Personally Mr. Thompson has valuable farm holdings which are operated by renters. He is also the vice president of the Sutton Mercantile Company at Sutton, North Dakota.

On the 6th of June, 1906, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Helga M. Hammer, a daughter of H. P. Hammer, a leading business man of Cooperstown, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Their children are Kenneth Howard, Mary Helen and Eleanor.

Mr. Thompson is a prominent Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine, and he is a trustee of the Northern Light Masonic Temple Association which is erecting in Cooperstown a thirty-five thousand dollar building for Masonic uses exclusively. He is also a member of the Sons of Norway and he possesses many of the sterling traits for which the citizens who have come from the land of the midnight sun are justly famous. Diligence and determination are accounted among his salient characteristics and have enabled him to accomplish his purposes, which have ever had their root in laudable ambition that has been a spur to honorable endeavor.

G. MARSHALL FOSTER, D. D. S.

One of the most prominent dentists of the western part of North Dakota is Dr. G. Marshall Foster, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Beach. He was born on the 14th of September, 1878, in Albion, Michigan, of which state his parents, Charles M. and Minnie G. (Orr) Foster, were residents for many years though natives of New England. In 1881 the family came to North Dakota and located near Jamestown, where the father took up a homestead.

There Doctor Foster was reared, his early education being obtained in the public schools of Eldridge, and he later attended the high school of Jamestown. In 1901 he was made commissary agent for the State Hospital for the Insane at the latter place and was connected with the financial department of that institution, looking after and distributing supplies. For six years he efficiently filled that position but preferring a professional career he then entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1910. He at once opened an office in Beach and here he has since practiced with marked success, his patronage coming from the best people of the town and surrounding country.

On the 25th of December, 1910, Doctor Foster was united in marriage to Miss Daisy R. Hom, a native of Wisconsin, who became a trained nurse and practiced in North Dakota prior to her marriage. The Doctor and his wife now have three sons: Ray M., Rex M. and Reese.

By his ballot Doctor Foster supports the men and measures of the republican party but has little time for politics, preferring to devote his attention to his business interests. He is a member of Sunset Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., of Beach, and in professional circles he stands high, being a prominent member of the North Dakota State Dental Association

and the National Dental Association. He also belongs to the Delta Sigma Delta, a dental fraternity, and the North Dakota Automobile Association. He is an active supporter in all measures calculated to promote the interests of dentistry, has attended and given clinics throughout the state, and by giving free lectures is trying to educate school children in the care of their teeth. The Doctor is a member of the executive committee building the new Masonic Temple at Beach and never withholds his support from any enterprise calculated to promote the moral and material welfare of his community.

JOHN CHARLES FIELD.

John Charles Field has for the past sixteen years served as county surveyor of Williams county and as one of its pioneer settlers has been prominently identified with the development of the county. Since 1887 he has made his home in Williston and has always been regarded as one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Field was born in Pittsfield, Illinois, November 28, 1862, and is a son of Julius B. and Mary A. (St. Ives) Field, natives of Connecticut, where they continued to reside until after their marriage. In 1855 they became residents of Pittsfield, Illinois, where the father taught school for a time and later engaged in contracting. Both he and his wife died there. She was born in Saugatuck, Connecticut, and also engaged in teaching school in early life, being well educated.

John Charles Field attended the public and high schools of Pittsfield and later entered Illinois College at Jacksonville, Illinois, where he was a classmate of William Jennings Bryan. For a few years after his graduation he traveled as a musician with a minstrel show throughout the west, but subsequently took a course in civil engineering at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, and a post graduate course at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, where the degree of C. E. was conferred upon him.

For two years Mr. Field taught school in Minnesota, and then entered the service of the Great Northern Railroad as a civil engineer, working with a construction crew from Devils Lake, North Dakota, to the state of Washington. This was from 1886 to 1888 inclusive. He was next a contractor for the United States government at Fort Buford, North Dakota, erecting new buildings at the army post, where he remained until 1893, during which time he became well acquainted with the officers there. From 1893 to 1895 he was in charge of construction of irrigation work for the United State government on the Fort Peck Indian reservation in Montana.

In 1887 Mr. Field moved his family to Little Muddy, now Williston, where he has since made his headquarters. He assisted in organizing Williams county in 1892 and has held some county office ever since. He has filled the position of county surveyor since 1900, being reelected every two years; was the first justice of the peace of Williston; and has served as clerk of the district court.

On the 8th of March, 1884, at St. Peter, Minnesota, Mr. Field was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Olive Dunn, who was born at Lake Emily, Lesueur county Minnesota, which place was named for her aunt, Emily Pettis. There Mrs. Field was reared and after attending the local schools entered the Minnesota State Normal at Mankato, from which she was graduated. By her marriage to our subject she has become the mother of seven children, of whom four are living, namely: Ethel Agnes, who was born in Kasota, Minnesota, and is now the wife of Norman Dickey, a contractor of Williston, North Dakota; Elsie Leah, who was born at Fort Buford, North Dakota, and is the wife of Noah Pranger, teller in a bank of Williston; Herbert Francis, who was born in Kasota, Minnesota, and is conducting a garage in Williston; and Esther Lena, who was born at Fort Peck, Montana, and is the wife of Leo Kuboske, also interested in a garage in Williston.

The republican party finds in Mr. Field a staunch supporter of its principles, and both he and his wife are members of the Christian church. He is quite prominent in fraternal organizations, being a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Williston, which was moved there from Fort Buford, where it was originally organized. He is past noble grand of that lodge and past commander of the canton of North Dakota and past state commander

of North Dakota. He has filled all the offices in both the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment and is a member of all the ladies' auxiliaries of the order. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge of Williston, and is a charter member of both the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America at that place. He has always been found true to any trust reposed in him whether public or private and no man in the community stands higher in the esteem of his fellow citizens than John C. Field.

JEREMIAH D. BACON.

Jeremiah D. Bacon, a capitalist of Grand Forks, whose business career has been characterized by unflinching enterprise and keen sagacity, was born in Waverly, Iowa, June 24, 1865, a son of Elijah F. and Sylvia Adelaide (Barker) Bacon, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Indiana. With their respective parents they removed to Wisconsin. The paternal grandfather, Noah Brockway Bacon, lived to the notable old age of one hundred and three years and passed away in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1902, while his wife, Mrs. York Bacon, died in Wisconsin, in 1888, at the age of seventy years. The maternal grandfather William Barker, removed from Indiana to Wisconsin, where his wife passed away about 1875, and later he became a resident of Waverly, Iowa, afterward moving to Rudd, Iowa, where he died in 1884, when more than eighty years of age. Elijah F. Bacon became a prominent business man of Waverly, where he carried on general merchandising and the grain business, afterward becoming interested in banking and farming. Later in life he removed to Grand Forks, where he died in April, 1915, at the age of eighty-four years. His widow is still living in Grand Forks and is enjoying excellent health at the age of eighty. In their family were eight children, of whom seven are yet living: William F., engaged in the machinery business at Cando, North Dakota; F. C., a traveling salesman residing at Grand Forks; J. F., manager of the Grand Forks Herald; Mrs. J. E. Drake, of Des Moines, who is now deceased; Mrs. M. H. Allen, of Grand Forks; Mrs. C. L. Van Alstein, of Grand Forks; Mrs. S. X. Way, of Watertown, South Dakota; and J. D., who was the fifth in order of birth.

The last named attended school in Waverly, Iowa, and on leaving the high school took up the occupation of farming, engaging quite extensively in dealing in horses and cattle, which he shipped from Iowa to North Dakota. In 1882 he removed to Grand Forks, where he began buying and selling horses and later he entered the livery business, at the same time continuing as a dealer in horses. He has been continuously engaged in that line since 1887, and at Grand Forks erected the largest livery barn in the state. He also built the largest hotel, The Dacotah, in the state in 1897 and still conducts it, making it, by reason of his careful management and high standards of hotel service, one of the leading hostleries of the northwest. He also has extensive farming interests and personally superintends the cultivation of a large tract of land. He is a director in the Street Railway Company of Grand Forks and of the Northern Packing Company, is president of the Times-Herald Publishing Company and a director of the Nelson Grain Sower Company. His activities have been a most important element in the substantial development and upbuilding of Grand Forks along business lines. He is today a director of many of the most important industries and leading corporations not only of Grand Forks but of the entire state. In the conduct of his business he has always followed constructive methods, never building up his own interests at the sacrifice of the business of others. His connections now cover a broad scope and in the conduct of his affairs he has displayed notable foresight and keen sagacity combined with marked persistency of purpose. He owns much valuable property in Grand Forks and is the proprietor of the Lilac Hedge Farm of Grand Forks county, which is one of the finest farms in the state, supplied with every modern improvement in the way of buildings and machinery. The fame of this farm has been perpetuated by a local quartette of singers, one of whom, Hiram Gibbs, a resident of Grand Forks since boyhood, was the composer of a song which is a description of the Lilac Hedge Farm and which is sung to the tune "Where the River Shannon Flows." It is as follows:



JEREMIAH D. BACON

"There's a spot in North Dakota
 Where the English Coulee flows,
 Where they breed the pure Red Duroc
 And the sweet alfalfa grows
 Where the Holsteins roam and flourish,
 And the horses keep on edge
 Where the Brundage family did their part
 To make the farm called Lilac Hedge.

There's a spot in North Dakota
 Where the poultry are well fed,
 Where they raise the fat bronze turkey
 And the big Rhode Island Red,
 Where the Pekin honk and wander
 Down by the water's edge,
 And they all know Roy the foreman,
 On the farm called Lilac Hedge.

There's a spot in North Dakota,
 Where they raise the best of corn,
 And they feed it from the silo
 At supper, noon and morn,
 Where the golden wheat and barley
 Fill the granaries to the ledge,
 'Tis the pride of Jerry Bacon
 That farm called Lilac Hedge.

So we'll get up and holler
 For this ideal farm,
 Where they have a lot of fruit trees
 And the lilacs add their charm,
 There is not a place can beat it,
 And that's the toast we pledge,
 If you want to see a real farm
 Take a trip to Lilac Hedge."

On December 1, 1886, Mr. Bacon was married to Miss Calista Louise Brundage of Rudd, Iowa, a daughter of G. W. and Maria Brundage. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have become parents of three children: Myron, who spent two years at the Northwestern Military Academy and later graduated from the high school at Grand Forks, after which he attended the University of North Dakota for two years; Keith, who is attending Northwestern Military Academy; and Newell, who died while visiting in Iowa when three years of age.

Mr. Bacon is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Elks lodge of Grand Forks, in which he has filled all of the chairs, to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his ability naturally renders him a leader in political circles as well as in other connections. For eight years he was a member of the city council of Grand Forks, and for four years represented his district in the house of representatives, while for a similar period he was a member of the state senate and left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation enacted during those periods. For twenty consecutive years he has been a member of the school board and the cause of education indeed finds in him a staunch champion. There are indeed few phases of public life in which he is not deeply and helpfully interested. He was chairman of the committee for raising fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of building an addition to the Young Men's Christian Association building and he was largely instrumental in securing that amount within a few days. From a comparatively humble position Jeremiah D. Bacon has worked his way steadily upward to a place of marked prominence, being today regarded

as one of the leading and honored residents of Grand Forks, standing high in connection with the public life of the state, and one who has been a leading factor in its growth and development. On removing to Grand Forks he displayed remarkable presence in perceiving the growth and progress of the state. He built what is known as the Dacotah Hotel, at that time the largest in the state and still considered one of the best, remaining the leading hotel of Grand Forks, among its guests having been some of the most notable men of the country. He has also erected a number of the most prominent buildings of the city, and among the structures he has erected in the last few years are the Bacon flats. He stands as one of the prominent representatives of agricultural life in North Dakota. His is one of the model farms of the country and all who visit that section of the state and are interested in farming go to see it. He is not only the owner of a model property but he thoroughly understands the work of scientific farming in principal and detail and is equally well acquainted with every practical phase of the work. He has delivered many public addresses upon questions of farming and with others traveled in 1915 in many states, speaking upon the question of diversified farming, one of which lectures was given at the capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin. In his addresses he never fails to speak a good word for North Dakota and its possibilities. In fact he has done much to advertise the state and its natural resources and climate, and his words have been productive of good results in its upbuilding. Mr. Bacon believes that the bracing air of North Dakota makes bigger and broader men, more hospitable and better citizens. In December, 1916, it is his intention to be one of a party of about four hundred North Dakotans to take a special train to Chicago to attend the Fat Stock Show and boost the state. He is a director and treasurer of the Elks Building Society of Grand Forks; also a director of the State and County Fair Board, of the Grand Forks Street Railway Company, the Grand Forks Oratoric Society, the Nelson Grain Sower Company, the Patent Cement Concrete Company; and a stockholder of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company and the Scandinavian American Bank. He enjoys hunting and kindred sports and wisely gives to recreation a sufficient amount of time that enables him to maintain his best balance in all of his life work. What he has accomplished represents the wise use of his native talents and his time, showing him to be a strong and resourceful man, ready to meet any emergency with the confidence that comes from personal strength and a correct conception and acknowledgment of the rights of others. North Dakota has reason to feel thankful to him for what he has accomplished in making its resources and advantages known, for he has done splendid work in exploiting the state and its possibilities and his labors have been attended by most excellent results.

A. L. OBERT.

Business enterprise finds a substantial representative in A. L. Obert, a most successful lumber dealer of York, whose well defined plans are based upon sound judgment and whose prosperity is the result of persistent and earnest effort. He was born in Pennsylvania, February 11, 1857, a son of Orange N. and Lois (Robinson) Obert, who were natives of New York. The father was a carpenter by trade and spent his early life in the Empire state, after which he removed to Ohio and later to Pennsylvania. Eventually he established his home west of the Mississippi river, becoming a resident of Howard county, Iowa, in 1860. There he resided throughout his remaining days, passing away February 14, 1891. He had survived his wife for exactly four years, her death having occurred February 14, 1887.

The boyhood and youth of A. L. Obert were passed at Chester, Iowa, and its schools afforded him his educational opportunities. He started out to earn his living as a farm hand and was thus employed for six years, after which he took charge of his father's farm, which he cultivated for nine years. Upon the death of his parents he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the property and rented it for several years but ultimately sold.

It was in 1891 that Mr. Obert arrived in North Dakota, making his way to Traill county, where he operated an elevator for the St. Anthony & Dakota Grain Company for two years. He next removed to York to become manager for the same company of the elevator at that point, having charge from 1893 until 1899. As a side line he put in a

lumberyard in 1893 and has since been active in connection with the lumber trade, constantly broadening his efforts in that direction. He purchased a second lumberyard and is today the only lumber dealer of the town, having a business of extensive and gratifying proportions. He has also made judicious investment in real estate and is the owner of fourteen quarter sections of land, while his wife owns three quarter sections, making their total holdings thirteen hundred and sixty acres.

In January, 1913, Mr. Obert was united in marriage to Miss Agnes W. Cochrane, a daughter of William Cochrane, whose birth occurred in Leith, Scotland. His early life was devoted to farming. In 1860 he came to the United States and in 1869 removed to Iowa, settling at Dysart, Tama county, where he became a warm personal friend of Jim Wilson. He purchased land a mile from Dysart at five dollars per acre and there engaged in farming for a considerable period. In 1881 he removed to Clarion, Wright county, and purchased land at ten dollars per acre. In April, 1885, he became a resident of Antelope county, Nebraska, where he took up a homestead, which he cultivated and improved for a considerable period. He next turned his attention to merchandising opening a general store at Orchard, Nebraska, where he remained for twenty years. On the 27th of May, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Marion M. Cleland, a native of Edwards, New York, and she passed away in Orchard, Nebraska, May 18, 1894, at the age of fifty-four years. In 1901 Mr. Cochrane removed to York, North Dakota, after which he made his home with his children throughout his remaining days, his death occurring February 27, 1906, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Obert are Presbyterians in religious faith and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political opinions accord with the principles of the republican party and he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. His interest, however, chiefly centers in his growing business affairs and the extent and importance of his business connections make him one of the representative and substantial citizens of Benson county.

J. W. WIDDIFIELD.

Diligence and determination, salient points in the business career of J. W. Widdifield, brought him in time to rank among those extensively and successfully engaged in farming in Barnes county. To the original claims which he entered from the government he added until his landed possessions comprised nearly one thousand acres and he still gives his thought, time and energies to agricultural pursuits. He was born in York, Ontario, Canada, January 16, 1851, a son of Obed and Emeline (Hambleton) Widdifield, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Uxbridge, Ontario. The paternal grandfather, William Widdifield, was born in Pennsylvania and the maternal grandfather, John Hambleton, was a native of New York, his family being the importers and breeders of the famous Hambletonian trotting stock. Both grandfathers of J. W. Widdifield removed to Ontario, Canada, a large number emigrating from the States about that time. Both engaged in farming and both reached an advanced age, Mr. Widdifield being eighty-eight years of age at the time of his demise. The family was noted for longevity, one of his brothers reaching the extreme old age of ninety-nine years and nine months, while another lived to be ninety-seven and a sister ninety-six. A member of this family was the distinguished Dr. Widdifield, who represented North York in the Ontario provincial legislature and was sheriff of York county until his death. Obed Widdifield devoted his active life to farming and is now living retired at the age of eighty-eight, enjoying good health.

His son, J. W. Widdifield, the eldest in a family of four sons and two daughters, spent his boyhood days upon the old home farm, dividing his time between the work of the fields and attendance at the public school near his father's home in York county, Ontario. When twenty-two years of age he began farming on his own account and so continued until 1891. His father was a carpenter and J. W. Widdifield learned the trade with him, both combining carpentering and farming as their life work. In the year mentioned J. W. Widdifield left Canada and made his way to Leal, North Dakota. He homesteaded a quarter section and

also purchased a tree claim right and from time to time as his financial resources increased he added to his possessions until he was the owner of nearly one thousand acres of land. He engaged in general agricultural pursuits and also to some extent in cattle raising. While he is not actively engaged in farming he still gives personal supervision to his interests, deriving a substantial income from his land.

In 1879 Mr. Widdifield was united in marriage to Miss E. C. Hilborn, who was born at Uxbridge, Ontario, February 28, 1855, and departed this life December 6, 1914. Scarcely has a death in this part of the state occasioned deeper or more widespread regret. Mrs. Widdifield had always taken a most active and helpful interest in church work and other agencies for the moral uplift and benefit of humanity. She was evangelistic superintendent of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the state for a number of years and was holding that office at the time of her death. While she belonged to the Friends' church she did not hold herself aloof from other denominations but worked in perfect accord and sympathy with all who were seeking to benefit mankind. Hers was a most noble Christian character, her influence being ever a potent force for good, while she shed around her much of the sunshine of life. Many who knew her spoke of her as one of the most beautiful characters they had ever known. Kindly in spirit, generous in her acts, ever ready to extend a helping hand or speak a word of encouragement, she was indeed dear to the hearts of young and old, rich and poor, in the community in which she lived. "Not from great deeds do the blessings of life chiefly come, but from the little ministries which fill the long years," and day after day she spoke an encouraging or inspiring word or did good deeds that called forth the best in others. She cultivated good because she believed that the divine spark was in every individual, and the memory of her beautiful life and gracious presence yet remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew her. In relation to her one might well quote the lines of James Whitecomb Riley with slight change:

"I cannot say and I will not say
That she is dead—she has passed away!
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into another land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since she lingers there."

In all of her good work for the church and for the temperance cause Mrs. Widdifield found an able assistant in her husband, whose deep interest in matters of public concern is actuated by high ideals of citizenship. For the past eleven years he has been superintendent of the temperance department of the State Sunday School Association and has always taken an active part in church and Sunday School work, while his sterling traits of character find recognition in the high regard which is entertained for him by all who know him.

JAMES ALFRED HOWELL WINSLOE, D. V. S.

Dr. James Alfred Howell Winsloe, engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Cooperstown, was born in Liverpool, England, June 22, 1874, a son of James Arnold and Rebecca (Howell), Winsloe. Among the ancestors of the family in England were several who became prominent representatives of the British navy including Sir Alfred Winsloe, now rear admiral in the British navy, his father having been the eldest brother of James Arnold Winsloe. The last named came to the United States in 1879 and purchased land in Maryland but afterward removed to Illinois and in 1881 became a resident of North Dakota. For a time he was employed in a bank at Buffalo, this state, and subsequently founded the American Exchange State Bank of Buffalo, which he conducted for a few years. He afterward went to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, where he superintended a large poultry ranch, but ultimately he returned to Maryland, his home being now at Pasadena, fourteen miles from Baltimore.

Dr. Winsloe, the eldest of a family of four children, began his education in his native

city and continued his studies in London, England, New York city, New Haven, Illinois, and Buffalo, North Dakota, as the family removed from point to point. Eventually he entered the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, Canada, and was there graduated on the 26th of March, 1897. After investigating various places in search of a favorable location he decided upon Cooperstown, where he has since successfully practiced. He has fine barns, furnishing ample accommodation for professional care and treatment, and he keeps in close touch with the latest discoveries of the profession and the latest appliances having to do with horse surgery, while his hospital is supplied with operating tables and every equipment to facilitate his work. In 1911 he extended the scope of his business to include the raising of Shetland ponies, of which he now has a large number of imported stock with Billy Puck, weight three hundred pounds, as leader. The ponies number altogether thirty-seven at the present time. These are to be found on his farm of twenty-five acres adjoining Cooperstown on the southwest.

Dr. Winsloe was married on the 23d of May, 1900, to Miss Anna Donesla, who was born in Austria, and they have two children, Edith and Olive both in school. Fraternally the Doctor is connected with the Masonic lodge, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He has ever taken an interest in the Griggs County Fair, of which he has been secretary for several years, and he has done much to further its interests. He holds membership in the North Dakota and American Veterinary Associations and ranks among the most progressive and successful members of his profession in the state.

WILSON L. RICHARDS.

Wilson L. Richards, of Dickinson, actively connected with banking and ranching interests in Stark county, is a native of Alabama. He was born in 1862, a son of Thomas S. and Mary J. (Lawson) Richards. The father, a native of Georgia, followed various business pursuits, becoming at different times a merchant, stockman and hotel proprietor. His wife was a native of Mississippi. In 1867 they removed to Texas, where the father spent his remaining days, his death occurring March 14, 1915. His widow survives and is yet a resident of Texas.

Wilson L. Richards remained at home until he attained his majority and for a short time was employed as a cow puncher in Texas. In 1885 he came with a herd of steers from Texas to North Dakota a distance of fourteen hundred miles, the journey consuming a long period. He settled near the Little Missouri river about seventy-five miles from Dickinson and remained on this McKenzie county ranch for four years. In 1889 he assumed the management of a ranch belonging to W. L. Crosby, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and acted in that capacity until 1897. During that period he also engaged in raising cattle independently and in the year mentioned he purchased the old Crosby ranch, which is still in his possession. The same year he took up his abode in Dickinson and has since made that city his home. In 1898, however, he went to Alaska in the hope of making profitable investments but his efforts there terminated in failure. The same year he returned to Dickinson and again became actively engaged in the live stock business, in which field his efforts were crowned with well merited success. In 1900 he organized the Dakota State Bank, which was later converted into the Dakota National Bank. In 1908 he sold his interest in that institution and became a stockholder in the Merchants National Bank of Dickinson, of which he was elected president in 1910, since which time he has been the chief executive officer and directing head. He is still largely interested in stock raising, having about five thousand head of cattle among which are two herds of two hundred and fifty heads each, all registered full blooded stock. His landed possessions embrace sixty-five hundred acres in Texas and twelve thousand six hundred acres in North Dakota, so that he is one of the largest landowners of this state. He has also broadened the scope of his activities in the field of banking, being interested in six banks and president of three.

In 1893 Mr. Richards was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Smith, a native of New

York who came to North Dakota in 1884 with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have three children, Wilson C., Thomas F. and Dorothy.

Mr. Richards is familiar with every phase of pioneer life in North Dakota. He has spent twenty-five years in the saddle in Texas and North Dakota, taking part in all of the roundups covering the entire country west of the Missouri. He has seen the changes which have resulted in the development of a great commonwealth here since the days when he rode the open range and herded his cattle upon the wild prairies. The Diamond C ranch, which is the old Crosby ranch now belonging to Mr. Richards, was the battle ground of General Sully, whose two thousand troops met six hundred Sioux Indians shortly after the New Ulm massacre. This is the last of the old-time ranches that is kept up. Probably no man in North Dakota has put more money into circulation than has Mr. Richards through his extensive and varied investments. At one time he was an equal partner in the purchase of thirty-seven thousand acres of railroad land in North Dakota. His efforts have always been an element of public prosperity as well as of individual success and his effective labors have made him one of the most valued and representative citizens of the state. Mr. Richards is a well known Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery and Eastern Star in Dickinson and to El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Fargo. He is a representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas to the Grand Commandery of North Dakota and he has passed through all of the chairs of the lodge, chapter and commandery. Hale and hearty at the age of fifty-four years, he seems hardly yet beyond the zenith of his powers. Ability, energy and ambition have carried him forward and the utilization of opportunities has followed his ready recognition of the chances presented.

WILLIAM F. JOHNSON.

William F. Johnson, a druggist of Bremen, was born in Waseca, Minnesota, in 1873 and is the eldest of the three children of James and Eliza (James) Johnson. The father was a pioneer resident of Waseca and in that locality engaged in general farming and stock raising. His wife also belonged to one of the pioneer families of Minnesota and both are now deceased but their children are all living.

William F. Johnson largely acquired his education in the schools of Mapleton, Minnesota. His father died when the son was in his fifth year, and the mother when he was a lad of fourteen, so that he was early left an orphan. He afterward became a member of a theatrical company and subsequently engaged in the amusement business independently, devoting a period of thirteen years to the conduct of a dramatic company. He then turned his attention to the drug business at Eden Valley, North Dakota, where he thoroughly acquainted himself with the trade, spending four years at that place. Later he removed to New Rockford, North Dakota, where he was employed as a drug clerk for a period of four years, and in 1910 he became a resident of Bremen, where he now makes his home. He erected his present store, which was the first store in Bremen, and stocked it with general merchandise and drugs. The venture has proven successful and he is now enjoying an excellent trade, carrying a very complete line of general merchandise, drugs and confectionery. He was also appointed postmaster on the 27th of May, 1910, and has since occupied that position and he is the owner of Wisconsin farm lands. He is likewise a stockholder in the Mother Lode Copper Mine of Alaska and in the National Briquetting Company of Kenmare, North Dakota. In his investments he shows keen sagacity and sound business judgment and his energy and enterprise have carried him into important business connections which are now bringing to him a substantial reward for his intelligently directed labor.

In 1908 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Weeks, who was born in Floyd county, Virginia, in 1890, a daughter of Mont and Sarah Weeks, who were old-time residents of Floyd. The father is now deceased, while the mother makes her home at New Rockford, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become the parents of two children: Ralph, who was born June 26, 1909, and died January 31, 1910; and Marlyss, born August 5, 1912.



WILLIAM F. JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is a firm believer in the efficacy of its principles as factors in good government. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and he is interested in all those forces which are working for the betterment of the individual and of the community, giving active aid and cooperation to all well devised plans for the improvement and upbuilding of the district in which he resides.

GEORGE D. RICHARDS.

George D. Richards, cashier of the First State Bank of Crystal Springs, was born at Langford, South Dakota, November 17, 1893. His parents, Clarence and Jennie (Davison) Richards, are natives of Pepin, Wisconsin, and of Reeds Landing, Minnesota, respectively. On removing to South Dakota at an early period in its development they settled near Langford where they still make their home, and the father is there engaged in business as a lumber dealer.

George D. Richards was educated in the schools of Langford, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school, after which he engaged in teaching for six months. Later he went to Pierpont, where he was employed by the Dakota Lumber Company for five months, when he entered the Minnesota School of Business at Minneapolis, in which he pursued a commercial course. On the completion of his studies he secured the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Steele and there remained until October 14, 1914, when he was transferred to Crystal Springs as cashier of the First State Bank, of which he is a stockholder and director. He has also made investment in farm lands in Kidder county and is a stockholder and the secretary of the Crystal Springs Farmers Elevator Company.

On the 20th of July, 1916, Mr. Richards was married to Miss Hazel Pool, a native of Minnesota, who for eight years prior to her marriage was a resident of Steele, North Dakota. Politically Mr. Richards is a republican and fraternally is connected with the Masonic lodge at Steele. Interested in the welfare of his community, he does everything in his power to advance its upbuilding and has served as school treasurer and town treasurer. The greater part of his attention, however, is given to his banking interests and in this connection he is associated with Dr. T. S. Pryse, who is president of the bank, and F. I. Kaufmann, who is vice president.

HERBERT B. GRAY.

Among the men prominently identified with financial interests in Towner County is numbered Herbert B. Gray, who is now serving as cashier of the new organized Rock Lake State Bank at Rock Lake, North Dakota. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1879, a son of Edward B. and Rachel A. (John) Gray, who were also natives of the Keystone state and representatives of honored old Pennsylvania families. For many years the father was engaged in the coal and feed business at Whitford, Chester County, and at the same time served as postmaster and ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad at that place. He passed away in the spring of 1913, and the mother died the following fall.

Herbert B. Gray obtained his early education in the district schools near his boyhood home and this was supplemented by a course at Westchester high school, from which he was graduated in the class of 1899. In September of the same year he came west and located at Linton, Emmons county, North Dakota, where he taught school that fall. In the following spring he accepted a position in the office of the register of deeds, but in April, 1900, went to Bismarck, where he obtained his first experience in the banking business as an employe in the First National Bank under the preceptorship of Pye & Little, two of the ablest bankers of the west. This firm also operated branch banks and lumberyards at different points throughout the state and after about a year spent in the First National

Bank at Bismarek they appointed Mr. Gray as local agent for their lumberyard at that place. Occasionally he also served as relief man for their branch banks and lumberyards and he remained with them until 1904. The following year he was in the employ of the Mandan Mercantile Company as bookkeeper at Mannheim, Mercer county, North Dakota, but on the founding of the town of Rock Lake in 1905 he removed to that place and became local manager of the lumberyard of the John D. Gruber Company, serving in that capacity up to the fall of 1908, when he was offered and accepted the cashiership of the Farmers State Bank of Rock Lake. In 1911 that bank absorbed the First National Bank and on their consolidation under that name of the First National Bank Mr. Gray continued as cashier up to the 1st of May, 1916, when he resigned that position to accept the cashiership of the newly organized Rock Lake State Bank, the officers of which are all local business men of known reliability. Iowa capital has been invested in the enterprise and the capital stock is twenty thousand dollars. Since the opening of the bank for business on the 1st of July, 1916, the deposits have reached forty thousand dollars in three months, and loans and discounts amount to thirty-five thousand dollars.

In February, 1910, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss Stella M. Balfour, of Hannah, North Dakota, and to them have been born two children, Catherine Elizabeth and James Edward. Fraternaly Mr. Gray is a member of the Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, B. P. O. E.; and Rock Lake Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F.; and politically he is identified with the republican party. For several years he has served as treasurer of the special school district of Rock Lake and he is also filling the position of treasurer of the village. He is one of the well known bankers of the northern part of the state and occupies an enviable position in business circles as a man of unquestioned integrity, sound judgment and good executive ability.

WILLIAM A. VENNUM.

William A. Vennum, a farmer living on section 1, Grand Valley township, Dickey county, has been identified with that county from early pioneer times and has contributed much to its development, especially along agricultural lines. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, October 25, 1844, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vennum, who died during the smallpox scourge that swept over the country in 1847. Their son, William A., was then reared in the home of Moses A. Green. At an early age he began working as a farm hand for others, but before a year had passed the Civil war was inaugurated and, prompted by a spirit of loyalty and patriotism, Mr. Vennum responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in August, 1861, as a member of Company C, Sixty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which regiment he continued until the close of hostilities. He was mustered out of service in July, 1865, with a most creditable military record, having participated in a number of hotly contested engagements.

After being honorably discharged Mr. Vennum returned to Illinois and for four or five years continued to work as a farm hand, after which he began farming for himself on rented land. On January 28, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Green, of Carroll county, Illinois, and later they removed westward to North Dakota, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Dickey county, where they arrived on the 7th of April, 1882. Immediately afterward Mr. Vennum took up a preemption of one hundred and sixty acres and in the summer of 1883 secured a homestead claim, while a few years later he bought a relinquishment on a tree claim. He has made some changes in his land holdings during the intervening years but still owns three quarter sections and is one of the substantial farmers and sterling citizens of Dickey county. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he has won through earnest, honest labor a substantial measure of success.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vennum have been born a son and six daughters: Martin, at home; Della, the wife of Carl Woodard, of Forbes, North Dakota; Celia, the wife of Bert Hilton, a fruit grower of California; Maud, the deceased wife of Ethan O. Gordon; Ada S., the wife of Fred J. Tomlin, a resident of Illinois; and Ida and Laura, both at home. The two youngest

daughters are graduates of the North Dakota State Normal and Industrial School of Ellendale and are now capable and successful teachers.

In politics Mr. Vennum is a democrat and has served as township assessor but has never been a seeker for political office. For many years he has been a member of the school board and the cause of public education receives his strong endorsement and earnest support. In fact he stands for all those measures which tend to promote the substantial development of his community, and in days of peace he is as loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes on the battlefields of the south.

HERMAN J. BERGETH.

Herman J. Bergeth, assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank of Newburg, North Dakota, is a native of this state, his birth occurring in Penn, Ramsey county, on the 15th of June, 1896, and is a son of John and Nellie (Stoe) Bergeth, both natives of Norway. On coming to America about 1878 the father located in Minnesota, where he took up a preemption and engaged in farming until 1883, when he removed to Ramsey county, North Dakota. There he secured a homestead, which he has improved with good and substantial buildings and which he has since operated. His wife is also living.

On the home farm in Ramsey county, Herman J. Bergeth grew to manhood, attending first the district schools and later the high school at Penn and a business college at Grand Forks. He was thus well fitted for life's practical duties and accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank of Newburg, Bottineau county, in which capacity he is now serving. The bank has a capital of ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to forty-five thousand dollars. Its officers are J. L. Page, of Westhope, president; Martin Teigen, vice president; and John T. Page, cashier. Mr. Bergeth is a Lutheran in religious faith, and in politics he is a prohibitionist, believing the liquor traffic to be one of the most important issues before the people. He is one of the sterling young men of the community and has a host of warm friends.

OSCAR T. PETERSON, M. D.

Dr. Oscar T. Peterson, physician and surgeon of Northwood, was born at Süssja, Sweden, March 20, 1866. His parents, August and Clara Peterson, also natives of that country, brought their family to America in 1868, settling in Sibley county, Minnesota, when it was a pioneer district. The tract of land upon which they first located is now in the town site of Gibbon. There for many years the father successfully engaged in farming and in 1910 was called to his final rest at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow still survives and yet occupies the old homestead property at Gibbon.

In a family of eight children Dr. Peterson was the third. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools of Gibbon he continued his education in the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota. His early life to the age of twenty-six years was spent upon the home farm, after which he entered what is now the medical department of the State University of Illinois and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1895. He afterward spent six months as interne in the Bethesda Hospital at St. Paul, Minnesota, and on the expiration of that period entered upon the private practice of his profession in Northwood on the 2d of November, 1895. There he remained for three and one-half years, after which he went abroad for post graduate study and work in Berlin, where he continued for three and one-half years, receiving instruction from some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of the old world. On the 1st of October, 1902, he again opened an office in Northwood, where he has since continuously and successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery. His ability in that connection is pronounced, being based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the most scientific principles, and his judgment is seldom, if ever, at fault in the diagnosis of a case. His use of remedial agencies brings desired results

and his practice is now extensive and important. For a number of years he has served as health officer at Northwood.

On the 27th of June, 1907, Dr. Peterson was married to Miss Odina Haraldson, a native of Iowa whose parents located there in pioneer times. The father is now deceased, but the mother is yet living. Dr. and Mrs. Peterson have become parents of two daughters: Ethel, who was born in Northwood, March 24, 1911; and Solveg, born December 21, 1915.

Dr. Peterson follows an independent political course, voting according to the exigencies of the case and the capability of the candidates. He belongs to the Lutheran church and also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His interest in community affairs is evidenced by his membership in the Commercial Club and along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Grand Forks Medical Society the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. The elemental strength of his character was shown in his determination to secure professional training and he largely provided for the expenses of his college course, after which he entered upon active work in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability. He has ever fully recognized the responsibility that rests upon him and all of his professional services are performed with a sense of conscientious obligation.

ANDREW PEDERSON.

Andrew Pederson, president of the Dakota Plumbing & Heating Company of Grand Forks, was born in Molde, Norway, September 18, 1867. His grandfather, Peter Pederson, was a man of marked intellectual attainments and became an educator of world-wide fame. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, serving as an officer in the army. Andrew Pederson, father of Andrew Pederson of this review, was a shoemaker by trade and spent his entire life in Norway, meeting with considerable success in his business career. He worked his way upward and for years conducted a shoe manufacturing establishment near Molde. He married Gertie Anna Pederson, a native of Norway, and both passed away in 1893, the former at the age of sixty years and the latter at the age of fifty. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are living, the daughter being Selma, the wife of Marcus Sutheloff, now a resident of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The son, Andrew Pederson, was educated in the schools of his native country and when thirteen years of age started out to earn his own livelihood. He began to learn the tailor's trade and also the butchering business but found neither of these pursuits congenial and went to sea, spending five years as a sailor. In 1892 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way direct to Grand Forks, where he arrived an utter stranger, having neither friends nor relatives here. His financial condition rendered it imperative that he immediately obtain employment, and starting out on a search for work, he entered the employ of the Grand Forks Electric Light & Gas Company, with which he was connected until 1909, and working his way steadily upward, he served for a number of years as its general foreman. In February, 1909, he organized and established the Dakota Plumbing and Heating Company, a corporation of which he is the president. This company is engaged in the general plumbing and heating business and is rated as the largest and most substantial in that part of the state. The other officers are: Peter Braseth, vice president; and Hans C. Nelson, secretary and treasurer. The firm employs on an average of sixteen people and at times as high as twenty-five men. Its business extends throughout the entire state and into northern Minnesota, much of their work being done under contract.

On the 15th of May, 1895, Mr. Pederson was united in marriage in Grand Forks to Miss Carrie Pederson, a native of Norway and a daughter of Peter Pederson. Seven children have been born of this union: Anna, Gunder, Alpha, Ruby, Alice, Ancor and Ellen. The parents are loyal members of the Zion Lutheran church, of which Mr. Pederson is secretary. In politics he is a republican, active in support of the party, and he is now serving as alderman from the seventh ward. He holds membership with the Brotherhood of



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American Yeomen, with the Sons of Norway and with the Commercial Club of Grand Forks. He came to America a poor boy but actuated by laudable ambition to attain success. He carried with him no false hope of rapidly attaining wealth but realized that advancement in this country, as elsewhere, must be obtained by persistent, earnest effort and capability. Gradually, therefore, he has worked his way upward and what he has accomplished is the result of individual worth and merit. He may well be proud of what he has accomplished, being today at the head of a firm which occupies a commanding position in his chosen field of labor.

JOHN A. CORBETT.

John A. Corbett, editor of the Williston Graphic, was born in Ontario, Canada, March 19, 1877, a son of John C. and Margery (Good) Corbett. The father was born, reared and educated in Ontario and became a railroad man in Canada. He moved to the United States in 1887 and followed railroading on the Great Northern at Fort Assiniboine, Montana, and Williston and Minot, North Dakota. He and his wife are now residents of Stanley, North Dakota.

John A. Corbett was educated in the schools of North Dakota and Illinois. He spent some time as a pupil in the Minot high school, from which he was graduated and afterward became a student in the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo. Returning to Minot, he engaged in newspaper work and in 1906 removed to Williston, where he purchased the Graphic, of which he is now the owner and editor. This paper has a good circulation and is one of the bright and attractive journals published in that section of the state.

Mr. Corbett has been married twice and he has three children. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and at one time he served as a member of the Williston school board but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking although he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is connected with Williston Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past noble grand, with the Elks lodge and with the Modern Woodmen camp of Williston.

CHARLES J. HOOF.

Charles J. Hoof, who is engaged in general farming on section 20, Bryant township, Logan county, was born in Nova Scotia on the 12th of January, 1861, and is a son of Julius H. and Lucy J. (Veit) Hoof, natives of Prussia and of Quebec, Canada, respectively. They were married in Nova Scotia, to which country they had removed in their youth. The father was a painter and cabinetmaker and engraver and devoted several years of his life to the art of engraving. In 1878 he and his son Charles came to North Dakota, settling in Traill county where he homesteaded eighty acres, residing thereon for six years. In 1885 he went to Logan county and a short time afterward homesteaded eighty acres, upon which he lived until compliance with the law concerning length of residence and improvements gave him title to the property. Subsequent to that he and his wife made their home with their son Charles. In community affairs Julius H. Hoof took an active part, serving for two terms as county clerk and for two terms as judge of the county court. For many years he also occupied the position of justice of the peace and upon both the justice and the county benches he rendered decisions which were strictly fair and impartial, his opinions being based upon the law and the equity in the case.

Charles J. Hoof pursued a district school education and on the 4th of June, 1884, homesteaded a quarter section of land on section 20, Bryant township, upon which he still resides. This, however, constituted but the nucleus of his present holdings, for he has added to his farm from time to time until he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of as valuable land as can be found in Logan county. The old homestead property is one of the well improved farms of that part of the state, for his labors have converted it from

a tract of wild land into rich and productive fields, and while he has thus furthered his business interests he has also been foremost in any movement for the upbuilding of his home county.

In 1889 Mr. Hoof was married to Miss Theresa B. Steidl, of Logan county, North Dakota, who was born in Austria. They have become the parents of seven children: Anna, the wife of Earl Janes, of Kidder county, North Dakota; Charles V., at home; Alice A., the wife of M. B. Fallgatter, a business man of Kintyre, North Dakota; Jessie, the wife of Peter Nord, of Logan county; and Mabel, Joseph and Maud, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Hoof is an ardent republican but has never been an office seeker. He belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and in his religious faith is a Presbyterian, while his wife is a member of the Catholic church. Diligence and determination have been the crowning points in his career and have enabled him to advance from a humble financial position to one of affluence.

HENRY G. LYKKEN.

Henry G. Lykken, a civil engineer of Grand Forks, was born December 9, 1880, in Dakota county, Minnesota, a son of Gilman H. and Ella (Thoreson) Lykken. The father, a native of Norway, came alone to America when a youth of fifteen years and settled in Minnesota but in 1879 removed to the territory of Dakota, establishing his home in Walsh county, where he engaged in farming and where he is still living at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, a native of Minnesota, was born in 1860.

Henry G. Lykken was the eldest of their family of nine children. In his youthful days he attended the public schools of Auburn and afterward became a student in the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He later pursued a course in mining engineering and won the M. E. degree in 1906. He entered upon the practice of Municipal Engineering at Grand Forks in the same year and has since done much engineering work in that city and in other parts of the state. In 1910 he became city engineer and so continued until 1914. In the line of his profession he has connection with the American Society of Municipal Improvement. While city engineer he instituted much of the splendid system of paving, of which Grand Forks is justly proud and he was connected with other important improvements.

In December, 1911, Mr. Lykken was married to Miss Frances Hamilton, of Deer Lodge, Montana, a daughter of William H. and Frances Hamilton, of Frankfort, Kentucky. They have become the parents of three children: Margaret who was born in Grand Forks in 1912; Henry G., born in 1913; and William, in 1915. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Lykken is a well known and popular citizen and his professional ability has enabled him to make a steady advance in his chosen field of labor.

THOMAS E. HAYWARD.

Thomas E. Hayward, cashier of the Golden Valley State Bank at Beach, was born in Cambridge, Maryland, in 1879, a son of Charles E. and Emily (Eccleston) Hayward, who were also natives of Maryland. The father, an attorney by profession, spent his entire life in his native state, practicing at Cambridge. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the call of the Confederacy and served for four years in the Twenty-first Virginia and the Second Florida regiments with the rank of lieutenant. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They had a family of four children, all of whom are living.

Thomas E. Hayward, who was the youngest, pursued his education in the graded schools of Cambridge and in Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio. He afterward engaged in teaching school at Decatur, Illinois, for three years and subsequently was employed as a teacher of history in the high school of Aurora, Illinois, there spending two years. He next went to Minneapolis, where he remained for five years, engaged in teaching throughout that

period. He became assistant principal of the West high school, in which connection he remained for a period of three years. Later he entered the South Side State Bank of Minneapolis but after a brief period left that institution to accept a position with H. R. Lyon, who was the principal stockholder in a company owning a line of banks through North Dakota. Mr. Hayward became auditor of the company and entered the state in that capacity in 1910. In December, 1915, he went to Beach and purchased an interest in the Golden Valley State Bank, of which he became cashier and so serves. This bank is capitalized at twenty-five thousand dollars and has a surplus of equal amount. The institution was organized in 1905 by F. E. Near and from the beginning has enjoyed a continuous growth. Mr. Hayward is proving a most competent official whose courteous and obliging manner has won him popularity with the patrons of the bank, while his loyalty to the interests of the institution has gained for him the confidence and high regard of his fellow officials and associates in the bank.

In 1909 Mr. Hayward was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Farnum, a native of Colorado who became a resident of Montana. Her father, Vinson Farnum, was a prominent real estate man. He has passed away, but her mother, who is now Mrs. Joseph A. Baker, is living in Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward have become parents of a little daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

In religious faith Mr. Hayward is a Christian Scientist, belonging to the mother church at Boston, Massachusetts. While in Aurora, Illinois, he became a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and now has membership in the Elks lodge at Mandan. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but while he exercises his right of franchise in support of its men and measures, he does not seek nor desire office. While engaged in teaching he displayed notable ability as an educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired, and since entering the field of banking he has made equal progress, being actuated at all times by a spirit of unflinching determination and enterprise.

BERT G. McELROY.

Bert G. McElroy, publisher of the Dawson Press, issued at Dawson, Kidder county, and accorded a liberal patronage, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1875, a son of Thomas H. and Ellen F. (Hawkins) McElroy, the former a native of New Brunswick and the latter of Providence, Rhode Island. The father was a newspaper man and inaugurated the first two-cent newspaper of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He established the sheet known as the Milwaukee Evening Chronicle in 1879 and continued its publication for a period of three years. He was afterward associated with Mr. Peck, at one time governor of the state, as typesetter in his office. In early life he removed to Iowa, where he became the owner and editor of the Waukon Democrat. He was thus connected with newspaper publication in Iowa until 1861, at which time he returned to Wisconsin and enlisted for service with the Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Regiment of Volunteers. He served until the close of the war, making a creditable military record through the loyalty and bravery which he had displayed on the field of battle. Eventually he returned to Milwaukee, where he accepted the position of foreman in the office of the Milwaukee Sentinel and in that connection he continued until 1886, when he went to Shullsburg, Wisconsin, establishing the South-western Local, a paper which he published until 1895. In that year he removed to Iron Mountain, Michigan, where he began the publication of the first daily to be established in that town and for five years he continued in that business and made the paper an attractive and growing one. He afterward removed to Wausaukee, Wisconsin, afterward to New Holstein and later to Cudahy, Wisconsin. He was engaged in the newspaper business at all three of these points and it was while at Cudahy that he retired from active life, passing away in May, 1915. His widow still survives. The father died at the age of seventy-seven years, while the mother has reached the age of seventy-eight years.

Bert G. McElroy was the youngest of their five children, four of whom are now living.

William H., a brother, is connected with the editorial department of the New York Sun and Sheridan V. is local editor of the Grand Rapids Leader of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin.

Bert G. McElroy was educated in the schools of Milwaukee and of Shullsburg, Wisconsin, being graduated from the high school in the latter place. He afterward learned the printing trade there in the office of his father and afterward was associated with his father in different printing offices. For a time they were connected in the publication of the Iron Mountain Daily and following the retirement of the father Bert G. McElroy worked for three years at Milwaukee. In 1902 he came to North Dakota and secured employment in the office of the Bismarck Tribune, with which he was associated for a period of a year. After leaving the office of the Tribune he managed a paper, the Linton Advocate, owned by C. A. Patterson, who was a prominent man of that time. He continued to manage the business for a year, after which he removed to Braddock and purchased the Braddock News, which he published for three years. After disposing of that sheet he took charge of the Napoleon Homestead of Napoleon, North Dakota, which was one of the oldest newspapers of the state. He continued to acceptably fill that position until December, 1915, at which time he removed to Dawson and purchased the Dawson Press, which has a circulation of more than six hundred.

In 1896 Mr. McElroy was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Jetty, who was born in Montreal, Canada, a daughter of Leon and Matilda (Laramee) Jetty, both residents of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. McElroy have become parents of three children: Donald H., who was born in December, 1898, and is now employed on the Bismarck Tribune; Mildred, born in 1900; and Luttie, born in 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. McElroy attend the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a republican and publishes his paper in the interest of that party. His attention largely centers upon his newspaper work and he keeps in touch with the trend of modern journalism.

C. E. FULLER, D. V. S.

Dr. C. E. Fuller, engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Beach, was born in North Dakota in 1886. His father, C. S. G. Fuller, a native of Bath, England, came to the United States when fifteen years of age, settling at Syracuse, New York, where he remained until he attained his majority. He then went to Chicago and was employed by the jewelry firm of Otto Young & Company, in which business he eventually purchased an interest. He was also employed at different periods by Marshall Field & Company and at the Fair. The period spent in these connections covered twelve years, at the end of which time he established his home in Brookings, South Dakota, and there entered the hardware business in partnership with a Mr. Dox. Later he established a store at De Smet, South Dakota, and assumed the management of the business after retiring from the Brookings partnership, selling his interest to his partner. Later he admitted his brother, G. C. R. Fuller, to an interest in the De Smet store and that relation was maintained until 1891. To his stock of hardware he added general merchandise and the establishment became famous for miles around because of the quality and variety of the goods carried. He also took up stock raising as a side line, dealing in horses and cattle, and was thus a most active and enterprising business man up to the time of his death, which occurred March 20, 1905. His wife, who bore the maiden name of C. T. Dow and was a native of Portage, Wisconsin, died in September, 1916.

Dr. Fuller, who was the second in order of birth in a family of four children, three of whom are living, pursued his education in the public schools of De Smet, in the South Dakota Agricultural College at Brookings and in the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. He then went to Bellevue, Iowa, where he began practice, there remaining until January 7, 1911, after which he returned to De Smet and later practiced for a time at Isabel, South Dakota, where he also took up a homestead, to which he secured his title by complying with the laws regarding occupancy and improvement. On the 21st of February, 1913, Dr. Fuller arrived in Beach and in the intervening period has built up a very extensive practice, being regarded as one of the most capable veterinarians of his section of the state. He always keeps in touch with the latest experiments and

discoveries of a professional character and his labors have been attended with notable results.

On the 23d of December, 1914, Dr. Fuller was married to Miss Evangelyn Butterfield, of Sparta, Wisconsin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Butterfield, early residents of Wisconsin. To Dr. and Mrs. Fuller has been born a daughter, Meredith, whose natal day was January 10, 1916.

Dr. Fuller is a Mason belonging to the lodge at Bellevue, Iowa. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1914 he was appointed to the position of assistant state veterinarian, in which capacity he is now serving, performing the duties of that office in addition to an extensive private practice.

JAMES P. CAIN.

James P. Cain, a member of the North Dakota bar practicing at Dickinson, is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred at Clare in 1882. His parents, Patriek and Mary Cain, are natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively and are now living in the latter state, where the father follows the occupation of farming.

James P. Cain, the eldest in a family of eleven children, pursued his education in Creighton University of Omaha and in Georgetown University of Washington, D. C., where he matriculated as a law student and won his LL. B. degree upon graduation with the class of 1900. He then removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he opened an office and practiced law for a year and a half, but in May, 1911, came to North Dakota and established an office in Dickinson. Here he has since followed his profession and is now accorded a good clientage. He is also connected with a land business, being treasurer of the Western Land Company of Dickinson, which was organized by John Moes, H. L. Reichert and James P. Cain in 1915.

In 1915 Mr. Cain was married to Miss Mary McGinley, a representative of one of the pioneer families of North Dakota. They hold membership in the Catholic church of Dickinson and Mr. Cain is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, in which he has filled all of the offices and has become district deputy of the state. He also belongs to the Elks lodge of Dickinson. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he was made its candidate for the office of state's attorney in 1916. His course in his chosen profession has been marked by steady progression since his arrival in Dickinson and his ability has won for him a liberal clientage.

HUGH CASEMENT.

Hugh Casement, dealer in farm machinery at Inkster, was born June 16, 1856, at Lakefield, Ontario. His father, Thomas Casement, however, was a native of Ireland and about 1832 crossed the Atlantic to Canada, becoming a pioneer settler of Lakefield, where he engaged in business as a baker, having served a seven years' apprenticeship at the trade in Belfast, Ireland. His work in that connection was of a high standard and he conducted a profitable bakery business for some time. Later he successfully followed agricultural pursuits and was thus engaged to the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1897, when he was seventy-six years of age. In early manhood he wedded Sarah Nelson, a native of Canada and a representative of one of the pioneer families of that country. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, of whom Hugh was the second. She survived her husband for more than a decade, passing away in July, 1908, at the age of eighty-two years. In tracing the ancestral line of Hugh Casement it is learned that his great-grandfather was the richest landowner of Ireland but through the rebellion lost his entire estate. His grandfather, Philip Casement, served as a colonel in the English army for twenty-one years and took part in all the wars in West India. His uncle, Robert Casement, became the first postmaster of Lakefield, Canada, and was also a prominent merchant

of that town. Some member of the family since that day, covering a period of almost one hundred years, has occupied the position of postmaster, W. H. Casement, an elder brother of Hugh Casement, having served in that position for the past forty-three years.

Hugh Casement pursued his education in the public schools of Lakefield, Ontario, and in early life was busily employed at farm work assisting in clearing one hundred acres of land. His youth was fraught with many trying experiences and was a period of earnest, unremitting toil. On the 1st of July, 1884, he arrived at Inkster and purchased a farm covering four hundred and sixty acres of land in Wheatfield township, Grand Forks county. This he still owns and for many years personally carried on the work of cultivating and developing that property but in recent years has rented it to others. In 1904 he left the farm and took up his abode in Inkster, where he began dealing in farm machinery and in this business is still engaged, having one of the largest establishments of that kind in Grand Forks and Walsh counties. He deals in all kinds of farm machinery, including the John Deere plows and manure spreaders, the McCormick binders and mowers and the R & V gasoline engines. His trade has now assumed extensive proportions and he also conducts a branch store at Fordville, Walsh county.

In November, 1887, at Inkster, Mr. Casement was married to Miss Emma Brodie, a native of Canada and of Scotch descent. Her father, Dr. Brodie, became a prominent physician of Millbrook. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Casement, of whom two are deceased: one who died in infancy; and Watson, who died when six years old. The surviving son is Thomas Henry Hulbert, whose birth occurred in Wheatfield township, Grand Forks county, and who married Hazeltine Currier, a native of Inkster and a daughter of Mrs. Hattie Currier, one of the first settlers of Inkster. There is one child of this marriage, Jean Casement, born in 1914, at Fordville, where the father is manager of his father's business.

Politically Mr. Casement is a stalwart republican, taking an active interest in the party. His worth and ability have been widely recognized and he was made the first treasurer of Wheatfield township, which position he filled until 1904. He is now serving for the second term as mayor of Inkster, his incumbency in the office covering four years. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. He also belongs to the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. He likewise has membership in the Commercial Club, which further indicates his interest in community affairs and his devotion to the general good. His has been an active and well spent life, his labors bringing their just reward in a most substantial success.

W. A. HUGHES.

W. A. Hughes, a well known merchant of Deering, McHenry county, was born on the Mason and Dixon line at Cardiff, Maryland, April 23, 1876, a son of Hugh E. and Isabelle (De Moss) Hughes, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The father was an expert slate miner and followed that occupation throughout his entire life save for the period of his service in the Civil war. He enlisted with a New York regiment and after his first term had expired he rejoined the army as a member of a Pennsylvania regiment. For nine months of the time he was held as a prisoner of war in Libby prison, meeting all the hardships of such an experience. He died in October, 1912, while his wife survived only until 1913.

W. A. Hughes spent his youthful days in Pennsylvania and early began working in the slate mines, being thus employed until eighteen years of age. Thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he then accepted a clerkship and was thus engaged until 1903, when he left the east and came to North Dakota, settling at Deering, McHenry county. There he again engaged in clerking until 1912, when he purchased an interest in the store in which he was employed and has since been one of the proprietors. The business is now carried on under the firm style of W. A. Hughes & Company and they have an extensive stock of general merchandise, carefully selected to meet the varied demands of the public. Their business methods are such as will bear the closest investiga-



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tion and scrutiny and their enterprisè is the basic element in their growing success. Mr. Hughes is also secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Elevator Company.

In January, 1906, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hughes and Miss Ethel Staples, a daughter of Almon and Fidelia (Dunnell) Staples. Her father was a native of Maine but at an early day removed to Owatonna, Minnesota, and there engaged in merchandising until his death in 1880, while his wife passed away in 1878. Mrs. Hughes is one of the pioneer women of North Dakota and at an early day taught school for several years in McHenry county and also in Willow City. She entered a homestead claim in McHenry county in 1900, improved the property and is still the owner thereof, deriving from the place a good rental, while Mr. Hughes is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres near the town of Deering. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and she is an Episcopalian. Mr. Hughes belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. He was elected a member of the first town board and was elected mayor of Deering the second year after the incorporation of the town, while for some time he has served on the school board. He is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the district in which he resides and his aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further any measure or plan for the public good.

EDWIN F. HUGHES.

Edwin F. Hughes, of Lakota, was born in Gloucestershire, England, July 15, 1871, a son of Alfred and Harriet (Paley) Hughes, both of whom were natives of England, where the father has spent his entire life. He is now engaged in the grain and milling business at the age of seventy-three years, but in 1887 was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away at the age of forty-six. Their family numbered eight children, of whom Edwin F. Hughes was the fifth in order of birth.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the schools of Gloucester, England, Edwin F. Hughes continued his education in Wickliffe College. Attracted by the opportunities which he believed he might secure in the new world, he then crossed the Atlantic and in 1895 removed to Lakota, North Dakota. His business affairs have been systematically and wisely conducted and the spirit of enterprise which has actuated him at every point in his career has brought him substantial and growing success. He has handled considerable valuable property, negotiating important realty transfers, and he is also interested in farming.

In July, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Edwin F. Hughes and Miss Clara Bakley, a daughter of the Rev. Bakley, of Neenah, Wisconsin, and they have become parents of three children: Edwin Paley, who was born in Lakota in 1903; Edith, in 1906; and Winifred, in 1913.

The parents are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Hughes is an exemplary representative of the Masonic lodge, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has filled the office of city auditor and has also been president of the school board. He is interested in all measures pertaining to general progress and improvement in his community and the weight of his influence is always given on the side of development and advancement.

JAMES M. CUBBISON.

James M. Cubbison was one of the earliest residents of Minnewaukan, where he still makes his home, having arrived there prior to the building of the railroad and before a house had been erected in the town. In point of length of residence he is the oldest citizen there. He was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1846, his parents being Uriah and Susan (Ritchie) Cubbison, both natives of the Keystone state, the former born in Lawrence county and the latter in Butler county. Following their marriage they resided in Lawrence

county, where the father worked at the millwright's trade, which he followed throughout his active business career.

James M. Cubbison obtained his education in the public schools of New Castle and in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1867. He began his preparation for the drug business as an employe in a drug store in Pittsburg and then decided that college training should further qualify him for work of that character. In 1864 he left the drug store where he was employed to enlist as a member of Company H, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to duty as a hospital steward, in which connection he continued until the close of the war. He then returned home and it was subsequent to that time that he attended the college of pharmacy. In 1866 he secured a clerkship in a drug store in Oil City, Pennsylvania, and for two years thereafter was a pharmacist of Akron, Ohio. He then returned to his old home in the Keystone state and from 1868 until 1883 was engaged in the drug business on his own account in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

The year 1883 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Cubbison in North Dakota, at which time he took up his abode in Minnewaukan. On the 4th of June, 1884, the county was organized and he was appointed the first county register of deeds, to which office he was afterward regularly elected until he had occupied that position for ten consecutive years. In 1894 he engaged in the drug business, which he conducted for fifteen years, selling out his store in 1909. In the meantime, or in 1897, he had been appointed postmaster of Minnewaukan and occupied that position continuously until 1914, when he was removed to make way for the only democrat in the town.

In 1887 Mr. Cubbison was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Holland, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, by whom he has one daughter, Susan, the wife of H. H. Hurning, of Jamestown, North Dakota, and the mother of a son, Harry. Mrs. Cubbison is a member of the Catholic church.

Fraternally Mr. Cubbison is a Mason, belonging to Minnewaukan Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Leeds Chapter, No. 20 R. A. M.; Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, K. T. He is also a member of Jamestown Lodge, No. 995, B. P. O. E.; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and J. J. Crittenden Post, No. 31, G. A. R. Through his connection with the last named organization he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades and delights in meeting with the "boys in blue." He has always been interested in the cause of education and for several years served as a member of the school board of Minnewaukan. His long residence in Benson county and his active connection with public affairs have brought him a wide acquaintance and the sterling traits which he has displayed in every relation of life have firmly established him in the goodwill and confidence of his fellowmen.

J. DWIGHT HARGREAVES.

J. Dwight Hargreaves, owner and editor of the *Dunseith Magnet*, published at Dunseith, Rolette county, has in this connection a finely equipped printing office and is issuing a paper that would be a credit to a place of much larger size. Mr. Hargreaves was born in Houston county, Minnesota, February 5, 1870, and is a son of Mark and Elizabeth (Ostrander) Hargreaves, who were natives of England and New York respectively. In 1846 the father removed to Houston county, Minnesota, in company with his parents, when a little lad of but seven years. He afterward worked as a farm hand and also took up a homestead, which he cultivated and improved until after the outbreak of the Civil war. He then put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted in response to the call of the Union as a member of the First Wisconsin Battery of Light Artillery. With that command he served for four years and then returned to his home in Houston county, Minnesota, after which he engaged in farming until 1872. In that year he was elected county sheriff and occupied the position for six years, being reelected as the result of the capable and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties. He then returned to Hokah, Minnesota, where he was justice of the peace, and in 1886 he established the *Hokah Sun*, a weekly paper which he continued to publish until 1903. He then retired from active business life and

spent his remaining days in well earned rest, passing away in July, 1914, while his wife died in 1900. Mr. Hargreaves' grandfather on his mother's side, Hiram Ostrander, was also in the newspaper business and at one time was associated with his brother-in-law, Thurlow Weed, in the publication of the Albany (N. Y.) Journal, but in 1856 moved to the then frontier town of La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he was interested in a paper. In 1858 he moved to Hokah, Minnesota, and established the Hokah Chief, which he continued to publish till after the close of the war.

J. Dwight Hargreaves was reared at Hokah, Minnesota, and in the public schools there obtained his education, after which he learned the printing trade in his father's office. He was, as it were, "to the manner born," being connected with the business through environment and training from early boyhood. He was employed at different times as a printer in Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and Des Moines, spending ten years in the last mentioned city. He then purchased a newspaper plant at Colo, Iowa, which he conducted for three years, and in 1912 he removed to Spooner, Wisconsin, where he established the Washburn County Republican, which he conducted for a year. He next removed to St. John, North Dakota, and for a year and a half was engaged in the publication of the St. John Leader, which he established in 1913. In September, 1915, he went to Dunseith and purchased the Dunseith Magnet, which he has since owned and edited. He now has a splendidly equipped newspaper plant supplied with a linotype machine which is the only one in Rolette county, and he does excellent job work as well as newspaper printing.

On the 25th of June, 1904, Mr. Hargreaves was married to Miss Mary Forney and they have become parents of three children, namely: Donald, who was born December 25, 1905; Elizabeth, whose natal day was January 11, 1911; and Helen whose birth occurred May 24, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves attend the Methodist church and take an active interest in its work. Politically he is a republican and at the present time is filling the office of justice of the peace, in which connection he renders decisions that are strictly fair and impartial, basing his judgment upon the law and the equity in the case.

OLE HOFF.

Ole Hoff, proprietor of a photographic gallery in Grand Forks, in connection with which he displays much artistic ability, received his initial training along that line in his native country of Norway. He was born at Solor, Norway, January 3, 1886, a son of Christian and Maren (Sletten) Hoff, who were also natives of that country, where they still reside at the ages of sixty-six and sixty-five years respectively. The father has always followed farming as a life work. In their family were four children: Thorwald, a resident of British Columbia; Olea, who is with her parents; Ole; and Karen, a resident of Christiania, Norway.

In his youthful days Ole Hoff attended the public schools of his native country and afterward entered upon an apprenticeship to a photographer of Christiania. After completing his term of indenture he worked at his trade in Norway until 1906, when he came to the new world and made his way to Minneapolis, where he was employed in the line of his chosen art for two years. In 1908 he came to Grand Forks, where he was employed in a photographic gallery for two years. In 1911 he opened his present studio and from the beginning the business has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth, so that he has today one of the leading photographic establishments in his section of the state. He does excellent work, recognizing the value of light and shade and of posing. He has the reputation of taking pictures which are most natural and lifelike and his excellent work has brought him a liberal patronage.

On the 25th of June, 1908, Mr. Hoff was united in marriage to Miss Thora Olsen, of Minneapolis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Olsen, who became residents of Wilton, North Dakota, but the father is now in Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Hoff have two children: Elsa, who was born in Minneapolis, July 29, 1909; and Thora, who was born in Grand Forks, May 25, 1911. Both are attending school.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Hoff also has membership with the Sons of Norway and with the Knights of Pythias. In politics he maintains an independent

course and he concentrates his energies upon business affairs, the honors and emoluments of public office having no attraction for him. He is in sympathy, however, with all progressive movements for the public good. His energy and diligence have brought him advancement in business and he keeps in close touch with the latest and most improved photographic processes.

BERT A. BRESEE.

B. A. Bresee, engaged in the undertaking business in Grand Forks, was born in Sac county, Iowa, October 31, 1887, a son of Albert and Henrietta (Pierce) Bresee, both of whom were natives of the state of New York but in early life became residents of Iowa. The father removed to that state after living for a time in Illinois, where for many years he has engaged in the contracting business. He is now sixty-eight years old while his wife has reached the age of fifty-six years. In their family were five children, of whom B. A. is the youngest. Two of the number have passed away and the others are: W. Bresee, of Illinois; and D. Bresee, living in Missouri.

In his youthful days Mr. Bresee attended school in Iowa and in Illinois and continued his education in the Sac County Institute. He next started out in the business world in connection with the furniture and undertaking business at Sac City, Iowa, where he remained for a short period. He then went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he pursued post graduate work in undertaking and embalming, and later removed to Lincoln, Kansas, where he conducted an undertaking establishment until 1908. The succeeding two years were spent at Britton, South Dakota, and in 1910 he arrived in Grand Forks, where he opened an undertaking establishment that is today one of the leading business interests of the kind in his section of the state. He is now vice president of the North Dakota State Funeral Directors Association and is chairman of its legislative committee.

On the 20th of October, 1910, Mr. Bresee was married at Britton, South Dakota, to Miss Sadie S. Jones, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jones, of Britton. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is very popular, having a host of warm friends throughout both North and South Dakota, and in Grand Forks, where he is particularly well known, he is spoken of in terms of high regard.

HERMAN RABE.

Herman Rabe, proprietor of the Dickinson Bottling Works at Dickinson, Stark county, was born in Germany in 1869, the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children, although only two are now living. His parents were Fred and Charlotte Rabe, both natives of Germany, whence they came to the United States in 1874, settling at Howard Lake, Minnesota, where they cast in their lot with the pioneer residents. The father, who had been a merchant of Germany, took up the occupation of farming in Minnesota and in that state his death occurred. His widow afterward removed to Dickinson, North Dakota, where her last days were spent.

Herman Rabe was a little lad of but five years when he left the fatherland. In the schools of Minnesota he acquired his education and upon his father's farm in that state he remained until he attained his majority. In April, 1904, he arrived in Dickinson, where he purchased the bottling works which he has since owned and managed, building up a business of substantial and gratifying proportions. This is the only enterprise of the kind west of the Missouri river in North Dakota and his trade now covers a wide territory. He has been engaged in this business for the past twelve years and his extensive patronage makes the undertaking a profitable concern. He is also interested to some extent in real estate.

In 1897 Mr. Rabe was united in marriage to Miss Adina Uecker, who was born in Minnesota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Uecker, who were natives of Germany but became early residents of Minnesota, where they still make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Rabe have become the parents of six children, Willie, Lydia, Albert, Hugo, Walter and Arthur.

In politics Mr. Rabe maintains an independent attitude, voting according to the dictates of his judgment. He has served as alderman of the fourth ward of Dickinson and he is always interested in affairs relating to the welfare and progress of the community. He belongs to both the Masonic and Elks lodges of Dickinson and is a member of the Lutheran church. Practically all of his life has been spent in the west and the spirit of western enterprise and progress has actuated him at every point in his career and enabled him to gain the present creditable position which he now occupies as a leading business man of Stark county.

THOMAS SEABORN, Jr.

Thomas Seaborn, Jr., is proprietor of one of the mercantile establishments of Woodworth, conducting a general store in which he carries a good line and puts forth every effort to please his patrons. A native of Illinois, he was born at Virden in 1873, a son of Thomas and Emma (Worthington) Seaborn, both of whom are natives of Hereford, England. They were there reared and following their marriage they came to the new world, crossing the Atlantic in 1870, which year witnessed their arrival at Virden. In that locality the father engaged in raising and feeding cattle, becoming recognized as an authority upon various subjects connected with the business. His interests were most carefully and wisely managed and thereby he won a large fortune. He and his wife are now living at Farmersville, Illinois, and he has retired from active business, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

Thomas Seaborn, the second of a family of seven children, six of whom survive, entered the public schools of Virden, Illinois, at the usual age and was qualified for life's practical and responsible duties by his thorough training there. He early became familiar with the various branches of farm work and continued to give his attention to general agricultural pursuits until he was twenty-eight years of age, but in the meantime he had learned the blacksmith's trade and when in 1900 he came to North Dakota he established a blacksmith shop at Seaborn, which he conducted in connection with ranching and cattle raising. Later he established a general store and began dealing in real estate, at the same time continuing in the cattle industry, while a portion of his attention was still directed to general merchandising and blacksmithing. He freighted all of his supplies and stock from Edmunds and Carrington. His nearest neighbor at that time was four miles distant and those who lived closest to him were ranchers and cattle men. He became an extensive cattle dealer of Stutsman county, building up the business to enormous proportions. Various interests and occupations continued to claim the attention of Mr. Seaborn until 1914 and in the conduct of his real estate affairs he acquired property until he was the owner of three sections of land, but gradually he disposed of that and invested his money in his mercantile stock and in other ways.

In 1911, after disposing of his interests at Seaborn, Mr. Seaborn removed to Woodworth, where he established a store, carrying a complete line of general merchandise, including furniture. In connection therewith he handles implements, having the agency for the International Harvester Company, and keeping on hand at all times a complete line of farm machinery. He likewise deals in hardware and he handles automobiles, having the agency for the Ford and Studebaker cars and wagons. In a word, he is ready to supply the needs and demands of the community along many lines and his business interests are most wisely and honorably conducted. He has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and he has endeavored to please, his reasonable prices, courteous treatment and enterprising methods securing for him a business which is now large and gratifying. In fact he has one of the most extensive general stores of the county, his sales amounting to about fifty thousand dollars per year—a fact which needs no comment, as it speaks for itself.

In 1895 Mr. Seaborn was married to Miss Clara Case, who was born at Thomasville, Illinois, in 1874, a daughter of Loren and Mary Case, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Seaborn have become parents of four children: Howard, who was born in 1897; Irene, born in 1899; Clarence, in 1901; and Thomas, in 1905.

Mr. Seaborn gives his political support to the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, while his wife holds membership in the Baptist church. He is identified with the Masons and also with the Woodmen and his interest in the cause of public education was manifest in his service as school director. He stands for those things which are most worth while in the life of the community and in matters of civic welfare is never content to choose the second best. He does not seek office, for he feels that his time is fully taken up by his business affairs and in a short space of time he has developed a notably successful commercial enterprise. He has a fine store and it is to such men as Mr. Seaborn that the state owes its rapid development, his course being at all times such as commends him to the confidence and goodwill of the general public.

W. L. WILDER.

W. L. Wilder was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in June, 1858, a son of S. and Emma (Howe) Wilder, natives of Massachusetts and of Maine respectively. In 1850 the father removed to the west, settling at St. Paul, where he became an accountant. He afterward abandoned that profession, however, and engaged in farming near St. Paul. Subsequently he removed to California and passed away in San Francisco in 1910, the death of his wife occurring in the same year.

HARRY McPHERSON.

Important business interests are conducted by Harry McPherson, whose success is the legitimate and logical outcome of earnest purpose intelligently directed. He makes his home at St. John, Rolette county, and has been a very active factor in the business development of that section of the state. He was born at Norham, in eastern Canada, February 2, 1865, a son of Joseph and Ann Jane (Galbraith) McPherson, who were natives of Canada and of Ireland respectively. The father's parents were old empire loyalists. Joseph McPherson learned the carriage maker's trade, which he followed in Canada for many years. Ultimately he retired from business and in 1911 removed to Langdon, North Dakota, where he spent his remaining days, there passing away in September, 1913. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1876.

Harry McPherson was reared and educated in Canada and on starting out in life secured a clerkship in a general store. For five years he was employed in one establishment, a fact indicative of his faithfulness and capability. On the expiration of that period he removed to Michigan, where he worked for a short time and then removed to Canada. A year later, however, he became a resident of Langdon, North Dakota, where he resided for three years and then went to St. Paul, where he conducted a confectionery business for six months. Later he again went to Langdon and filed on land two and a half miles southwest of the town. With characteristic energy he began the development and cultivation of the place and continued to operate the farm for seven years, at the end of which time he sold out. He then again took up his abode in Langdon, where he built a home and for a time engaged in handling horses. In 1905 he removed to St. John, Rolette county, where he established a general merchandise store, since which time he has conducted the business, enjoying a liberal patronage and making his store one of the leading commercial enterprises of the county. He also handles horses, which constitutes an important branch of his business, and he likewise deals in real estate. He owns seven hundred and sixteen acres of land in Rolette county, which he operated as a stock ranch until the fall of 1916, when he rented the place. He is a stockholder in the Home Oil



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Company of Devils Lake and St. John. He also owns considerable town property and scarcely a day goes by that he does not make some kind of a land deal. The extent and importance of his business interests make him one of the foremost citizens of the county.

On the 14th of August, 1895, Mr. McPherson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Gibson, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane (Brown) Gibson, who were natives of Canada. The father followed farming in that country until 1884, when he removed to Pembina county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead which he improved and developed, residing thereon until the death of his wife in 1887. He then retired from farming and returned to Canada, where he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. McPherson have been born three children: Ethel Edna, who was born in 1896 and is now attending school at Valley City, North Dakota; Stella May, born in July, 1898; and Jennie Louise, born in June, 1904.

In politics Mr. McPherson maintains an independent course, voting according to the capability of the candidates. He has served as chairman of the town board of St. John and also as chairman of the school board. His wife's religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles, his many substantial qualities being of a pronounced character.

JOHN F. McPIKE.

John F. McPike, postmaster of Cando, to which position he was appointed in the spring of 1916, was born in Mapes, Nelson county, North Dakota, in October, 1885, a son of J. H. and Ada L. (Briggs) McPike, both of whom were natives of Missouri. Coming to North Dakota, they settled in Nelson county in 1883 and for two years the father engaged in farming there. He next became a resident of Towner county, where he filed on land and developed and improved a farm. To his original holdings he added from time to time, making judicious investments in property until he is now the owner of nine quarter sections. He hires men to farm the land while he lives in Cando, merely giving his supervision to his property, while he enjoys a rest that he has truly earned and richly deserves.

John F. McPike was reared and educated in Towner county and remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years. After pursuing a commercial course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, he engaged in keeping books for a time and then began farming on his own account on rented land, which he operated for eight years. In the spring of 1916 he was appointed postmaster of Cando, in which capacity he is now serving. In 1914 he was the candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of county register of deeds but was defeated.

In January, 1909, Mr. McPike was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Mulheim, of Bowling Green, Missouri, and to them has been born a son, Jack V., whose birth occurred in June, 1912. Mr. McPike is a worthy representative of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Practically his entire life has been passed in Towner county and that his career has ever been an honorable and upright one is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

ROBERT WAAG.

Robert Waag, president of the Farmers State Bank of Petersburg, belongs to that class of industrious, enterprising citizens that Norway has furnished to North Dakota. He was born October 12, 1865, in Aalesund, Norway, and his father, Nels Waag, is still living in that locality, where for many years he carried on farming, his labors resulting in the attainment of profits that now enable him to live retired. He married Berte Ous, who was born in that country and died in 1910, at the age of eighty-six years.

Through the period of his minority Robert Waag remained a resident of his native

country but in 1887, when in his twenty-second year, came to the United States with the territory of Dakota as his destination. He made his way direct to Petersburg, becoming one of the first settlers of that place, and for about five years thereafter engaged in farming in the employ of others. During that time he also improved his opportunities to further his education and from 1893 until 1897 attended the Aaberg Academy at Devils Lake and the Minnesota Normal and Business College at Minneapolis. When his textbooks were put aside he entered upon the field of education as a teacher. Returning to Nelson county, he taught school for five years and displayed marked talent in imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He then took up farming on his own account and devoted his undivided attention to general agricultural pursuits for five years. In the fall of 1907 he became interested in the Farmers State Bank, was chosen to the presidency of that institution and has since been active in directing its upbuilding and development. It is conducted according to thoroughly modern banking methods and everything possible is done to accommodate patrons in extending liberal credit, yet never to the point of jeopardizing the interests of depositors.

On the 26th of January, 1910, at Petersburg, North Dakota, Mr. Waag was married to Miss Christina Reiten, a native of Norway and a daughter of Knute and Ane Reiten, the father now deceased, while the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Waag have two children: Agnes, born in Petersburg, March 25, 1911; and Norman B., born January 30, 1913.

In politics Mr. Waag is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment with little regard for party ties. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sons of Norway and to the Commercial Club, and the rules which govern his conduct are further indicated in his membership in the Lutheran church. North Dakota has always received his stalwart allegiance since he became a resident of the state, and with the passing years he has contributed in substantial measure to the development and upbuilding of the district in which he makes his home.

JOHN F. ROBINSON.

John F. Robinson, president of the First National Bank at Steele, which institution has made an excellent showing by reason of the safe conservative business policy inaugurated and maintained, was born in Lansing, Minnesota, January 16, 1875, his parents being J. E. and Elizabeth Robinson. With the removal of the family to Austin, Minnesota, he pursued his education in the public schools there, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school. He started out in the business world in connection with banking, securing the position of messenger in the Austin National Bank, with which he was connected for eight years, having been advanced to the position of teller ere he left that institution. He then removed to Steele in 1898 and organized the Kidder County State Bank with a capital stock of five thousand dollars. He became cashier of the new institution, with Dr. A. M. Lewis, of Austin, Minnesota, as president, and his father, J. E. Robinson, as vice president. In 1902 John F. Robinson purchased the interest of Dr. Lewis and became president, while F. D. Jones was made cashier. In the meantime the capital stock of the bank had been increased to ten thousand dollars and in 1907 the institution was converted into the First National Bank of Steele, while the capital stock was increased to twenty-five thousand dollars. Upon the reorganization John F. Robinson became president, John C. Taylor vice president and F. D. Jones cashier, all of whom continue in their respective offices and, together with L. Dornacker and A. R. Robinson, constitute the board of directors. The bank's statement shows the business to be in excellent condition. It has a surplus of fifteen thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to more than two hundred thousand dollars and its loans and discounts to about one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. A general banking business is conducted and the methods of the house ensure its continued safe existence, for its progressiveness is wisely tempered by conservatism. Mr. Robinson is also interested in farming in Kidder county, but the greater part of his attention is given to the bank, the subsidiary interests of which are the First State Bank of Tuttle, established in 1912, and the Farmers State Bank of Dawson, established in 1916.

In 1899 Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Althea R. Richards, who was born near Pepin, Wisconsin, and they have two children, Isabelle and Lyman, both at home. Mr. Robinson is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, his membership being in the lodge at Steele, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Steele, of which he is a past chancellor, and to the Elks lodge at Jamestown. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has had neither the time nor the inclination to seek public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his developing business interests, which have brought him to a creditable position in the financial circles of his county.

BRIDGEMAN-RUSSELL COMPANY.

The Bridgeman-Russell Company, butter and ice cream manufacturers of Duluth, Minnesota, established a branch at Grand Forks April 1, 1916, with Roy F. Bridgeman in charge of the business, which has steadily grown and prospered. He was born at Duluth in April, 1890, a son of Henry and Charlotte (Medin) Bridgeman, both of whom were natives of Canada but in early life became residents of Minnesota. Recognizing the need for the manufacture of butter for the trade, Henry Bridgeman became one of the pioneers in the creamery business and entered into a partnership under the firm style of the Bridgeman-Russell Company at Duluth, which is the home of the Primus butter and Velvet ice cream. Since establishing the business they have opened branch houses at Crookston, Minnesota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Hancock, Michigan, and Grand Forks, North Dakota. The business has steadily developed under the able guidance of the partners. Henry Bridgeman is living in Duluth and remains active in the business, which has developed into one of the leading industries of this great agricultural and cattle raising section, furnishing a splendid market for the dairymen.

The company at Duluth, with notable prescience and foresight, recognized the advisability of locating one of their plants in North Dakota. The partners in the company carefully studied the question of location and decided to open a large output plant at Grand Forks. They bought a site admirably adapted to their needs and began the erection of a modern creamery, which is a model of its kind, every precaution being taken to make the establishment measure up to the highest standards. The site chosen was at Ninth and University streets on the direct line of the Great Northern Railroad, which company ran a track to the plant so as to afford every facility for the easy handling of the product in shipment. The Bridgeman-Russell Company erected a two story building of buff brick fifty by one hundred feet. The work was begun in 1915 and was completed early in 1916. Thoroughly modern machinery was installed, consisting of two large rotary churns and separators and also the latest improved machinery for the manufacture of ice cream. In connection a cold storage plant is maintained and on the second floor there are attractive offices. The question of sanitation was made a matter of the utmost importance in building and equipping the plant and upon its completion everything was inspected by the state sanitary department, which pronounced it one of the most modern and perfect plants of the kind in the state. Operations were begun on the 1st of April, 1916, and the plant has been worked to its capacity ever since, manufacturing twenty thousand pounds of the finest butter daily beside two thousand gallons of ice cream. Eggs and poultry are also shipped daily to eastern markets and there is a growing demand for home consumption. This company turns out what is known to the trade as Primus butter and Velvet ice cream and both names have become a synonym for excellence in their particular line wherever the product has been once used. In the Grand Forks plant are found thirty-five employes, with an office force of ten expert stenographers and clerks. Men of broad experience are employed for the manufacture of butter and ice cream and two automobile trucks are used for delivery in Grand Forks and vicinity. The remainder of the product is immediately transferred to waiting cars and shipped to eastern consumers. When it is remembered that this plant has been in existence for only a few months its progress has been most notable. Its splendid location, easy of access, its sanitary conditions and the careful handling of the product have

contributed to its substantial growth and the business is today a prosperous productive industry of Grand Forks. The growth of the trade at this point is largely due to the efforts and careful management of Roy F. Bridgeman, who is justly accounted one of the most popular of the young business men of the city.

JOHN J. NIERLING.

John J. Nierling, the organizer of the Citizens National Bank of Jamestown and its president from the beginning, and also president of the First State Bank of Cleveland, North Dakota, is a resourceful business man ready to meet any emergency and at all times following constructive methods in the conduct of his interests. For thirty-eight years he has resided in Jamestown and the upbuilding of his section of the state is attributable in large measure to his well defined purpose and unremitting energy. He was born in Lansing, Iowa, July 23, 1856, and is a son of Anton and Mary (Buck) Nierling. He obtained a public school education in Iowa and was graduated on the completion of a commercial course from the Bayless College at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1876. His early experiences were those of the farm, for he was reared as a farm lad. However, he early became connected with banking, spending three years in a clerical position in a bank. He was a young man of twenty-two years when on the 13th of December, 1878, he removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, where he has since resided. With the passing years he has become actively and prominently connected with business affairs as a dealer in lands and through connection with banking and gas companies. In 1905 he organized the Citizens National Bank and has continuously served as its president, shaping its policy and promoting its business. He is also president of the First State Bank at Cleveland, president of the Jamestown Gas Company and a director of the Midland Continental Railroad Company.

On the 1st of January, 1880, at Waukon, Iowa, Mr. Nierling was united in marriage to Miss Lilian Spence, a daughter of George W. Spence. She passed away in January, 1896, leaving the following children: Harry J.; George A.; B. V., who wedded Anna De Puy; J. J., Jr., who married Miss Lucile Corwin; and Bessie G.

In his political views Mr. Nierling is an earnest republican and his fellow townsmen have called him to office. He served at various times between 1881 and 1900 as register of deeds, as county auditor and as county treasurer of Stutsman county and in 1895 he became a member of the house of representatives for a two year term. He carefully considers all vital questions and his influence is on the side of progress, reform and improvement. Fraternally he is also in a position of recognized leadership. He was grand master of the state in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1898 and through the succeeding two years was grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge. In Masonry he has attained high rank and is a Shriner, while with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks he likewise holds membership. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His enviable standing in business circles is indicated by the fact that he was chosen for the presidency of the North Dakota Bankers' Association in 1914-15. Thus step by step along many lines he has progressed and as he has passed has left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the financial and political history of his state.

ABRAHAM KASSIS.

Abraham Kassis, who is now successfully engaged in the confectionery business in Williston and also deals in real estate to some extent, was born December 23, 1873, in Zahleh, district of Mount Lebanon, Syria, of which country his parents, George and Regina (Jaha) Kassis, were also natives. The father was engaged in business as a merchant in Zahleh, where his death occurred. In 1891 the mother brought her children to America and first located in Fargo, North Dakota, but later removed to Williston, where she passed away in October, 1913.



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Abraham Kassis spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native land and gained his early business experience as a clerk in his father's store in Zahleh. During his residence in Fargo he was similarly employed for a time and also worked as a farm hand. In 1893 he returned to Syria, where he remained until after his marriage, but again became a resident of Fargo, North Dakota, in 1896. He did farm work until the spring of 1897, when he secured a homestead near Rugby in Pierce county, and engaged in its operation until 1902, when he established a general store on his farm and turned his attention to merchandise. Later in the same year he sold his place and removed to Williston, where he purchased a general store, which he conducted until 1904. On disposing of that he and his family went to the Holy Land and remained abroad for one year. In 1906 we again find him in Williston, North Dakota, where he engaged in general merchandising until 1908, when he established the Paris Confectionery Store, which is an up-to-date candy store, modern in all its appointments. He is the owner of a large amount of city property in Williston, upon which he erects houses and then sells, and he has a fine farm in Williams county, which he rents.

After his return to Syria, Mr. Kassis was married in Zahleh, July 20, 1895, to Miss Freda Shikany, a native of Bukfeiya, Syria, which was also the birth place of her parents, Tamer and Teehela Shikany. There her father engaged in business as a tobacco merchant and manufacturer of cigarettes for some years, but he and his wife are now living in Alexandria, Egypt. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kassis, eight are living, namely: Julia, Mary, Edna and Victoria, all born in Rugby, North Dakota; Blanche, born in Alexandria, Egypt; and Thomas, George and Monaca, born in Williston, North Dakota.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Kassis is a member of Lodge No. 1214, B. P. O. E., of Williston, and a charter member of Williston Council, No. 1798, Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Williston Commercial Club. Although he came to this country empty handed he has steadily worked his way upward to success and is now in comfortable circumstances, due entirely to his own industry, good management and enterprise. He merits the high esteem in which he is held and he is regarded as one of the leading business men of Williston.

JAMES L. JOHNSON.

James L. Johnson a merchant of York, was born in West Virginia, September 10, 1860, a son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth (Stump) Johnson, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Germany. The father took up the occupation of farming as a life work and was engaged in general agricultural pursuits in West Virginia during the greater part of his life. He passed away in 1874, while his wife survived until 1887.

James L. Johnson, whose name introduces this review, spent his boyhood and youth in his native state, pursuing a public school education and remaining with his parents until he attained his majority. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in West Virginia until 1884, but believing that the district beyond the Mississippi would furnish better opportunities to an ambitious young man, he made his way to Kansas when twenty-four years of age. There he worked at his trade from 1884 until 1887 and in the latter year arrived in Benson county, North Dakota, where he filed on land a mile from York, spending three years in the development, cultivation and improvement of that property. The town of York was established just before his arrival. Not only did he concentrate his energies upon farming but also upon blacksmithing, conducting a shop at York until 1892, when he withdrew from industrial lines to concentrate his efforts upon commercial pursuits. He opened a general store in York which he has since conducted and he today has the largest stock of goods in the town, while his trade has reached gratifying proportions. In October, 1913, he suffered losses through fire but in the spring of 1914 he erected a modern store building fifty by sixty feet, in which he now carries a very attractive line of goods. He has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and his efforts to please his customers have resulted in the growth of his trade. He also owns a nicely improved farm of four hundred acres four miles southwest of York.

In July, 1886, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Florence Bunker and to them have been born eight children: Thomas E., who is now manager of his father's store; Myrtle, who is a twin to Thomas and is the wife of E. P. Bretsch, a resident of York; William J., who is employed by his father in the store; Lilly and Fanny, both at home; Gretta, the wife of Clarence Fullman, a farmer of Pierce county; George, who is in the store; and Jay, at home.

Mr. Johnson was reared in the Baptist faith, but there is no church of that denomination in York, so that he attends and supports other denominations in the town. He is well known through his fraternal relations, being a Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine, an Odd Fellow and member of the Rebekahs and also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a democrat and for four years he filled the office of county assessor. He has also filled other local positions, such as town treasurer and member of the schoolboard and he is helpfully interested in all that pertains to the work of progress and improvement, doing everything in his power to advance the general good in his community.

HUGH EGAN.

Occupying a prominent position among the foremost business men of Beach is Hugh Egan, president of the Beach State Bank and also identified with other financial institutions in this state. He was born in Springfield, Minnesota, on the 22d of April, 1883, and is a son of John and Johanna (Callahan) Egan, both natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, though they came separately to America and were married in New York. For some time they made their home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and while there the father enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, becoming a member of the Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was with General Sherman on his drive to the sea, starting at Cairo, Illinois, and participating in the siege of Jacksonville, Mississippi. When hostilities ceased and his services were no longer needed he returned to his home in Wisconsin but in 1865 moved farther west, taking up government land near Springfield, Minnesota, where he lived for many years. There his wife died in 1888 and he continued there until two years prior to his death, when he came to Beach, North Dakota, and passed away at the home of our subject in 1912. In his family were nine children: Mary, now the wife of Thomas Kane, of Pocatello, Idaho; Agnes, the widow of Edward Gee and a resident of Beach, North Dakota; Emeline, the wife of John Sifert living on a farm near Beach; Edward, on a farm near Golva, Golden Valley county; Martin, Howard, M. C. and Hugh, all residents of Beach, North Dakota; and Pierce E., of Flaxville, Montana.

Hugh Egan began his education in the district schools near Springfield, Minnesota, and later attended high school in Sisseton, South Dakota, where after leaving school he worked until 1904. He then took up a homestead near Tagus in Ward county, North Dakota, where he lived until 1910. In the meantime he and his brother M. C. Egan started the Citizens State Bank of Tagus, of which the latter became president, while our subject served as vice president. In connection with banking they also engaged in the real estate business and in farming there until 1910, when they sold out and removed to Beach. That year they organized the Beach State Bank with a capital of fifteen thousand dollars and from its establishment the officers have been Hugh Egan, president; Louis Harth, vice president; Martin Egan, cashier; and John McCarthy, assistant cashier. There is now a surplus and undivided profits amounting to ten thousand dollars, and the deposits are about one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. At the beginning a small bank building was erected of brick and in 1912 an addition was made, the whole structure having cost sixteen thousand dollars. It is modern in equipment and is well fitted for the purpose for which it is intended. In connection with a general banking business the firm handles real estate and loans, making a specialty of farm loans, in which they have built up an extensive business. In 1914 Mr. Egan of this review went to Golva and established the Security State Bank, with a capital of ten thousand dollars, since serving as its president. He is

also interested in farm lands in Golden Valley county and is numbered among the most substantial business men of his section of the state.

In religious faith Mr. Egan is a Catholic, belonging to St. John's church of Beach and the Knights of Columbus at Dickinson. He is a prominent member and a director of the Commercial Club of Beach, cooperating with others in promoting the welfare of the town along various lines. He is public-spirited and progressive to a marked degree and never withholds his support from any worthy enterprise for the advancement of his town and county. The position he now occupies in business circles is an enviable one, and his success is attributable to his own industry and good management.

LAURENCE ALFRED WARNER.

Laurence Alfred Warner, publisher of the Billings County Herald at Medora, was born at Hope, Steele county, North Dakota, January 7, 1890, a son of James Alfred and Eva (Ellsbury) Warner. The father was born in Piper City, Illinois, and the mother in St. Charles, Minnesota. In early life they became residents of Hope and were married there. For a considerable period Mr. Warner devoted his attention to newspaper publication but is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Jamestown. In the meantime, however, he was the owner of a line of elevators and while connected with the grain trade made his headquarters at Vienna, South Dakota. To him and his wife there have been born two children, the elder being Gordon Earl, who resides at Sentinel Butte, Billings county, North Dakota, where he is serving as assistant postmaster.

Laurence A. Warner is indebted to the public school system of North Dakota for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. He attended high school at Dickey and at Marion, Lamoure county, and afterward matriculated in the State Agricultural College at Fargo. When eighteen years of age he began the publication of a paper at Hazel, South Dakota, and following the completion of his education he entered the employ of Walker Brothers of Fargo, spending three years in the composing room. He next went to Dickey, where he purchased the Dickey Reporter, which he published for about seven months. He then sold that paper and removed to Tuttle, where he established the Tuttle Reporter. Later he spent a brief period at Bozeman, Montana, but soon returned to North Dakota and on the 6th of March, 1916, purchased the Billings County Herald, which he is now publishing. This paper was established in 1906 by George L. Nelson, who continued its publication until 1909, when he sold out to George W. Clemens, from whom Mr. Warner purchased the plant. He has a well equipped office and is doing a good business. The patronage of the paper has increased since he took charge both in its circulation and advertising departments.

On the 1st of June, 1912, Mr. Warner was married to Miss Ruby C. Walker, a native of Coshocton, Ohio, who became a resident of St. Paul and there resided until the time of her marriage. They now have one son, James DeWitt. In his political views Mr. Warner is a republican who staunchly upholds the principles of the party but does not seek nor desire public office, preferring to concentrate his undivided attention upon his newspaper work.

D. F. McLAUGHLIN.

D. F. McLaughlin, one of the foremost bankers of North Dakota, occupying the position of cashier in the Cando National Bank of Cando, Towner county, was born in the province of Ontario, near Toronto, December 27, 1861, his parents being Philip B. and Ellen (Herring) McLaughlin. The father's birth occurred at Mona Mills, Ontario, while the mother was born in Toronto. He turned his attention to merchandising at Mona Mills and there continued actively in business until 1870, when he removed to the United States, settling first at Lyle, Minnesota, where he engaged in the grain business, being identified with that trade until his death. He passed away in Austin, Minnesota, in 1898, while his wife's death occurred there

in 1906. Politically he was a democrat and was much interested in civic affairs. For several years he served as mayor of Lyle and also held other local offices, discharging his duties with a sense of conscientious obligation and a recognition of public needs that made him a capable incumbent in office.

Spending his youthful days in his parents' home, D. F. McLaughlin attended the public schools of Lyle and afterward continued his studies in the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, Iowa. In September, 1883, he arrived in North Dakota, then a part of Dakota territory, first establishing his home at Auburn, Walsh county, where he represented the J. H. Townsend Mill Company of Stillwater, Minnesota, as a grain buyer. Subsequently that business was absorbed by the Red River Valley Elevator Company, with which Mr. McLaughlin continued until 1892 and within that period was advanced to the position of general superintendent of that company, which owned a line of elevators. In 1894 he embarked in the grain business on his own account, first establishing an elevator at Ada, Minnesota. That undertaking proved profitable and he extended his efforts by the establishment of another elevator at Argyle, Minnesota, after which he continued to build other elevators at different points until his line of elevators numbered fourteen and his business took on extensive proportions. In 1899 he became identified with banking through the organization of the State Bank of Cando, of which he became the cashier. In 1904 that institution was nationalized, becoming the Cando National Bank, and Mr. McLaughlin remained as cashier. In 1909 he purchased the controlling interest in the First National Bank of Egeland, of which he is now president, and he has further extended his operations in the field of banking by becoming the vice president of the Bank of Hansboro and vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Sarsles. He is also a director in the State Bank of Russell. He still operates two elevators, one at Cando and one at Starkweather, and he has extensive holdings in farm lands, owning some fifteen thousand acres in North Dakota, all of which, with the exception of one of the farms, is operated by tenants. He was also the founder and became the president of the McLaughlin Loan Company, an incorporated company with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. His business connections, important and extensive, rank him with the leading business men and financiers of the state.

Fraternally Mr. McLaughlin is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church and he is a generous contributor to various movements which are projected for the public good. He concentrates the major portion of his attention, however, upon his business affairs and is notably prompt, energetic and reliable. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which have barred his path to success and has reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine worth, broad mind and public spirit have made him a director of public thought and action.

GUNDER O. CHRISTIANSON.

Gunder O. Christianson, proprietor of a garage and superintendent and manager of the lighting system at Reynolds, was born in Norway, August 18, 1878, a son of Julius and Segried (Hansen) Christianson, who were also natives of Norway, where they spent their entire lives. The father engaged in business as a mechanical engineer and became overseer of the government railway service, in which responsible position he continued for many years. He died in 1909, while his widow yet survives and is a resident of Kongsvinger, Norway.

Gunder O. Christianson was the ninth in a family of thirteen children and after acquiring his education in the schools of his native country he entered upon an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade when but twelve years of age. He completed the term of his indenture and then continued to work at his trade in Norway until 1894, when at the age of sixteen years he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Reynolds, North Dakota. There he followed his trade and also spent one summer at work in the country districts, running a thresher engine. He afterward returned to Grand Forks county and established the Reynolds Garage, while later he inaugurated the electric lighting system and became

superintendent and general manager of the plant, in which connection he still continues. He also carries on his garage and both branches of his business are proving profitable owing to his capable management and unfaltering enterprise.

On the 8th of October, 1898, at Grand Forks, Mr. Christianson was married to Miss Ragnhild Servesen and to them have been born eight children: James, born in 1899; Sydney, in 1901; Milton, in 1903; Vietor, in 1905; Arnold, in 1907; Roy, in 1909; Alpha, in 1911; and Joyce, in 1913. Most of the children are now in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Christianson hold membership in the Lutheran church and Mr. Christianson is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he maintains an independent course but is never remiss in the duties of citizenship, holding to those interests which he believes will be of most permanent benefit to the district in which he lives. He has always possessed musical taste and talent and is now leader of the Reynolds Concert Band, a cornet band of twenty-six pieces, their work being of high standard. Laudable ambition brought Mr. Christianson to the new world and he has since made wise use of his time and opportunities, standing today among the successful business men of the district in which he located more than two decades ago.

BJARNE O. THORKELSON.

Bjarne O. Thorkelson, cashier of the First State Bank at South Heart, Stark county, was born in Valley City, North Dakota, March 25, 1888, a son of Thorkel A. and Bertha C. Thorkelson. The father, a native of Norway, settled in Faribault, Minnesota, on coming to the United States but afterward removed to Valley City, North Dakota, where he was married. He engaged in merchandising there for a time but afterward became a resident of Fingal, twenty-five miles south of Valley City, where he owned and conducted a general store. Later, however, he returned to Valley City, where he opened a land and insurance office, continuing actively in that business until his death, which occurred October 6, 1912. His widow survives and is now living at Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Bjarne O. Thorkelson was the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, six of whom are yet living. His education was largely acquired in Fingal, where he became a high school pupil. Later he was graduated on the completion of a commercial course in a business college of Fargo and when his textbooks were put aside he returned to Fingal, where he worked in the First National Bank for two years, occupying the position of bookkeeper. He next removed to Mott, North Dakota, where for a short time he was in the employ of the Brown Company, land agents. He afterward went to Regent, where he accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Citizens State Bank, there continuing for a year. Returning to Mott, he was employed in the First State Bank of that place until March, 1913, when he went to South Heart and organized the First State Bank, of which he has since been the cashier and a most active factor in controlling the interests and shaping the policy of the institution. The other officers are: Frank Krueger, president; and Lewis Kudrva, vice president. At the time of the organization, however, A. G. Anderson, of Fergus Falls, became president and E. A. Huff, of Ypsilanti, North Dakota, became vice president. The bank is capitalized at ten thousand dollars and has a surplus and undivided profits of fifteen hundred dollars. The bank owns its own building and has a most attractive home. Mr. Thorkelson is also interested in farm lands, having about seven sections located near South Heart, and he carries on a real estate business in connection with banking. He is one of the most progressive, alert and wide-awake business men of Stark county.

On the 14th of June, 1910, at Enderlin, North Dakota, occurred the marriage of Mr. Thorkelson and Miss Florence Crowell, a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a graduate of the State Normal School at Valley City. On the completion of her course there she engaged in teaching at Fingal and at Anamoose, North Dakota. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, Dorothea Earle and Daphne Dale.

Mr. Thorkelson is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community. He is now serving as president of the school board of South Heart and he was largely instrumental in bringing about the erection of a new twenty thousand dollar

school building, a beautiful structure, which affords accommodation for the grades and for the high school. He does much to promote the interests of his own town and his efforts are practical and resultant.

A. H. LEAN.

A. H. Lean, manager for the Cando Mill & Elevator Company at Cando, Towner county, is a man of enterprising and progressive spirit, recognized as a valuable addition to the business circles of his community. He was born in Wisconsin, July 19, 1857, and is a son of Edwin and Emma (Barber) Lean, who were natives of England. In early manhood the father came to the new world and settled in Wisconsin, where he purchased land which he improved and developed, giving his attention to its further cultivation to the time of his death, which occurred in 1901. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1873.

A. H. Lean was reared and educated in Wisconsin, spending his youthful days in his parents' home, and on attaining his majority became a resident of Minnesota. There he worked as a farm hand for a few years and about 1884 removed to Lakota, Nelson county, North Dakota. He filed on land, taking up a tree claim, and while complying with the laws that brought him title to his property he also worked in that locality as a grain buyer for four years. He next turned his attention to the hardware business, in which he engaged for two years, when he sold his store and removed to Cando, where he took charge of the plant of the North Dakota Milling Company. He represented that firm for five years, at the end of which time a company was organized under the name of the Cando Mill & Elevator Company, of which Mr. Lean has since been manager. The other officers are: C. J. Lord, president; F. L. Thompson, vice president; and R. F. Powell, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lean is not only manager but also one of the stockholders and a director of the company and under his guidance the business has become one of the profitable commercial concerns of the town. He also owns a hardware store at Rocklake, North Dakota, and formerly owned a homestead property but after proving up on it sold.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Lean and Miss Lizzie Deal, by whom he had one child, A. Roy, who is engaged in the implement business at Rocklake and is manager of his father's hardware store there. The wife and mother passed away in 1893 and in the fall of 1900 Mr. Lean was again married, his second union being with Anna Krause, by whom he has one child, Helen, born in 1902.

Mr. Lean exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His religious belief is that of the Congregational church and both he and his wife are highly esteemed in the community where they make their home and where he has won an enviable position as a substantial and representative business man.

CHARLES S. MARSDEN, M. D.

Dr. Charles S. Marsden, oculist and aurist, whose thorough preliminary preparation and subsequent study have made him one of the able representatives of his profession, was born in Middlesex county, Ontario, Canada, March 30, 1873, a son of J. W. and Anne (Summers) Marsden. The father, a native of England, went to Canada when quite young with his father who was the founder of the Canadian branch of the family, becoming a pioneer settler of Middlesex county. In early manhood J. W. Marsden engaged in business as a railroad contractor but devoted his later years to agricultural pursuits. In 1888 he came to North Dakota, settling in Pembina county. His wife, a native of Canada and of English descent, died in Emerson, Canada, in July, 1882, at the age of thirty years.

Dr. Marsden the eldest of their four children, began his education in the schools of his native country and of North Dakota and afterward attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in which he pursued a medical course, winning his professional degree



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upon graduation with the class of 1903. For five years following his graduation he practiced at Carrington, North Dakota, and then took up the study of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, pursuing post graduate work along those lines in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under private instruction. In 1908 he established an office in Grand Forks, where he has since remained, concentrating his energies upon his specialty. Here he was first associated with Dr. Andrew Ekern but for some time has been alone and in point of practice is the leading oculist and aurist of Grand Forks. He keeps in touch with the latest scientific researches and discoveries and thus is able to give his patients the benefit of broad knowledge and experience. He belongs to the Grand Forks County Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and for the past five years has been treasurer of the Grand Forks District Medical Society.

On the 27th of June, 1906, Dr. Marsden was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Mitchell, of Crystal, North Dakota, a daughter of William R. Mitchell, a North Dakota pioneer. Dr. and Mrs. Marsden have become the parents of two sons: Charles S., who was born in Grand Forks, February 7, 1910; and Wendell, born March 4, 1912. Dr. and Mrs. Marsden attend the Methodist church, in the work of which Mrs. Marsden is helpfully interested.

The Doctor belongs to the Golf Club, which affords him recreation from arduous professional cares. He is likewise identified with the Commercial Club. He is a Royal Arch chapter and thirty-second degree Mason and has been master of Acacia Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M., of Grand Forks. He has likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He worked his own way through the university and from the outset of his business career has been dependent upon his own resources. Prompted at all times by laudable ambition, he has advanced step by step, making his work of worth to the community, and his increasing ability now gives him position among the ablest oculists and aurists of the northwest.

THEODORE N. HARTUNG.

Theodore N. Hartung, a prominent citizen and one of the leading business men of Dickinson, was born in Melbourne, Australia, January 23, 1870, and is of German parentage, being a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Kenesse) Hartung, who went to Australia in 1850 during the gold excitement in that country and there spent the remainder of their lives. Our subject was educated in a Church of England grammar school in his native land and on the completion of his education served a three years' apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. He then accompanied his brother, Henry Hartung, into the interior of Australia, where he spent two years in surveying.

It was in 1892 that Mr. Hartung came to the United States and located in Richardson, Stark county, North Dakota, where he made his home for about thirteen years. He was elected sheriff of the county in 1904 and removed to Dickinson in order to assume the duties of that office, which he filled for two consecutive terms at that time. In 1916 he was again reelected to the office of sheriff.

In the meantime he has been engaged in business as a dealer in real estate and has also handled loans and insurance. He is a director of the Dickinson Abstract Company and is vice president of the North Dakota Pressed Brick Company. His varied business interests have been most capably managed and success has attended his well directed efforts.

Mr. Hartung was married in January, 1896, to Miss Myrtle V. Greenbaum and they have two children, Herman and Vera. In religious faith the family are Episcopalians, and in his fraternal relations Mr. Hartung is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and takes an active interest in political affairs. For three years he served as alderman of Dickinson from the third ward and has also been game warden of his district. He is a member of the Dickinson Auto and Commercial Club and does all in his power to promote the interests

of his town and county, being especially active in promoting the good roads movement. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed and he is today recognized as one of the leading and representative citizens of Stark county.

CHARLES F. VARTY.

Charles F. Varty, owner and editor of *The Bantry Advocate*, published at Bantry, McHenry county, was born in Durham, England, in March, 1879, a son of John and Harriett (Sutherst) Varty, who were natives of England. The father was foreman of a coke burning plant of that country and in 1883 crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling in Monroe, Iowa, where he was interested in coal mines for several years. He then removed to Numa, Iowa, where he resided until 1900, when he became a resident of Ward county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead claim, which he developed and improved, continuing its cultivation for some time. Eventually he sold that property and bought another farm, which he has since cultivated, being still busily engaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife passed away in February, 1908.

Charles F. Varty spent the first four years of his life in his native land and was then brought by his parents to the new world. He was reared and educated in Iowa to the age of fourteen years, when he returned to England, where he learned the printer's trade, following that pursuit in his native country for fourteen years. On the expiration of that period he again came to the United States and worked for nine months on his father's farm. He then removed to Palermo, thence to Stanley, North Dakota, where he was employed at the printing trade for about a year, and in 1910 he removed to Bantry, McHenry county, where after working as a printer for eighteen months he purchased *The Bantry Advocate*, which he has since owned and published. He has a well equipped newspaper plant and, in addition to publishing *The Advocate*, does all kinds of job work in a highly satisfactory manner. The paper has a subscription list of over six hundred and is recognized as the official organ of the county.

In July, 1912, Mr. Varty was married to Miss Martha M. Templin, a native of Berlin, Germany. She is a member of the Lutheran church, and both are highly esteemed in the community where they reside. Mr. Varty belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a republican and is now filling the office of justice of the peace, in which connection he renders decisions that are strictly fair and impartial.

SAMUEL J. RADCLIFFE.

Samuel J. Radcliffe, engaged in the practice of law at Larimore, was born in Syracuse, New York, September 16, 1873, a son of Robert and Linda (Sears) Radcliffe. The father, who was born on the Isle of Man, crossed the Atlantic to the Empire state when a young man and after remaining there for a number of years removed to North Dakota in 1880, at which time he settled in Grand Forks. Later he became a resident of Larimore, where he has since remained. In the early period of his residence here he engaged in carpentering but is now carrying on farming and is an active, enterprising man of sixty-nine years. His wife, who was born in New York, passed away in Larimore in 1888, at the age of forty-two years. Their family numbered two sons, Samuel J. and Thomas J.

The former was a little lad of less than seven years when the family home was established in North Dakota and his youthful days were devoted to the acquirement of an education. After attending the high school of Larimore, from which he was graduated with the class of 1891, he entered the University of North Dakota and gained his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation in 1895. He then took up the profession of teaching at Neche, North Dakota, and afterward became a law student in the University of Minnesota, where he won the LL. B. degree. He was admitted to the bar in 1899 and it was after that

time that he secured his professional degree in the Minnesota university, winning it in 1908. He entered upon practice at Larimore, where he has since remained, and he has always held to the highest professional standards, while his ability is manifest in the favorable verdicts which he has won for his clients in much notable litigation.

On the 29th of September, 1899, Mr. Radcliffe was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Askew, of Grand Forks, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Askew, who became residents of Neehe, North Dakota, and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe have a daughter, Margaret, who was born in Larimore in 1904 and is now in school.

Mr. Radcliffe is a member of the various Masonic bodies, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is also connected with the Yeomen. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. His interest in the intellectual progress of his community is shown in the fact that he is now ably serving as president of the board of education of Larimore. He belongs to the Delta Sigma Rho, a fraternity of the University of North Dakota, and along strictly professional lines has connection with the State and National Bar Associations. He has ever been of a studious nature and this is manifest in the thoroughness with which he prepares his cases before entering the courts. He has made for himself a creditable place among the able lawyers of his district and is now accorded an extensive clientage.

C. H. SHELDON.

C. H. Sheldon, a grain buyer operating an elevator at Minnewaukan, where he makes his home, and also an elevator at Maddock, is a native of the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth having occurred at Excelsior, December 18, 1858. His parents, Charles B. and Mary K. (Prentice) Sheldon, were natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut respectively and both were representatives of old New England families. The father prepared for the ministry at Williams College in Massachusetts and afterward attended the theological seminary at Oberlin, Ohio. For many years he filled pulpits in different parts of the country. He was stationed at Excelsior, Minnesota, for several years and thence removed to southern California, where his last days were passed, his death occurring when he had reached the age of seventy-four.

C. H. Sheldon pursued his education in the public schools of Excelsior and in the University of Minnesota and in 1879 he began his education as a grain buyer by assuming the management of an elevator at Dalton, Minnesota. In 1880 he came to this state as grain buyer for the Northern Pacific Elevator Company at Buffalo and in 1883 he became associated with his brother-in-law, Frank Thoms, in establishing a grain business at Hamilton, North Dakota. A year later, however, they sold out and Mr. Sheldon returned to his old position with the Northern Pacific Elevator Company at Buffalo, in which connection he remained until 1891. He then resigned and spent a year in southern California. In the fall of 1892 he returned to North Dakota and was made manager of the elevator at Minnewaukan owned by the Northern Pacific Elevator Company. He remained in that position until the failure of the company two or three years later. He was continued as manager by the Powers Elevator Company, who leased the Minnewaukan elevator, but about 1895 Mr. Sheldon embarked in the grain business on his own account. For a year he bought on the track, following which he leased the William Plummer elevators at Minnewaukan and Maddock and has since operated at both places, being today one of the well known grain buyers of the northern part of the state. Long experience in this connection has made him well qualified for the successful management of the interests which are now under his control and his business has assumed extensive and gratifying proportions. He is also the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land in Colorado and has valuable orange orchard holdings in southern California.

In 1880 Mr. Sheldon was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Snowden, of Salem, New York, by whom he has four children, as follows: Isabella M., the wife of Torger Sinness, of Minnewaukan, North Dakota, who is the leading attorney at Benson county; Mary E., at home; Anna, the wife of Fred Pierson, who is manager of a line of banks in Montana,

with headquarters at Great Falls; and Ethel P., a high school student. The three elder daughters are all graduates of Carlton College.

Mr. Sheldon is a republican in politics and for several years served as a member of the board of aldermen of Minnewaukan, while for a long period he has been a member of the school board. He takes an active and helpful interest in civic affairs and does all in his power to uphold municipal standards. Fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Minnewaukan Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the American Yeomen. Mr. Sheldon and his family are members of the Episcopal church, in which he is now serving as warden. Genial and social by nature, he wins friends wherever he goes. In his business career he has made steady advancement by reason of close application and indefatigable energy and is today regarded as one of the substantial business men of his section of the state.

DANA D. FOFT.

Dana D. Foft, manager of the George Heaton Lumber Company of Belfield, was born at State Center, Iowa, December 18, 1885, a son of Samuel and Laura Foft, who are now residents of Waukeo, Iowa, where the father is cashier of the Bank of Waukeo. His wife has passed away. They were the parents of six children: Florence; Dana D.; Wilford, who is living in Douglas, Wyoming; Earl, a resident of Rockwell City, Iowa; and Lela and Pauline, both at home.

In the pursuit of his education Dana D. Foft became a high school pupil at Perry, Iowa, and afterward made his initial step in the business world in connection with the lumber trade by entering the employ of the Brenton Brothers Lumber Company, by whom he was employed in the local yards at Waukeo for five years. He afterward spent two years elsewhere in the employ of that company and then settled at Creston, Iowa, where he became bookkeeper for the Green Bay Lumber Company, with which he continued for a year. In March, 1910, he arrived in North Dakota and took charge of the Belfield branch of the George Heaton Lumber Company, of which he is still manager, and at this point he has built up a good business for the corporation which he represents, his fidelity and capability being widely recognized by the company. He is also interested in farming, having land near the village.

In June, 1912, Mr. Foft was married to Miss Lula May Trent, a native of Brainerd, Minnesota, and they have many warm friends in the locality in which they reside. Mr. Foft is a most public-spirited citizen, doing everything in his power to promote the welfare and upbuilding of the town. He has been a member of the Commercial Club since taking up his residence in Belfield and in 1916 was elected its president. He was very active in securing a lyceum course for the city, a course which has brought to Belfield many notable attractions. For a year he was president of the Belfield city board, having previously served for a year as alderman. When president of the village he was instrumental in having many sidewalks laid and an electric light plant established. In 1910 he was appointed chief of the fire department and still occupies that position. In politics he is an independent republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows, being a past noble grand of Belfield lodge and the present district deputy grand master in the organization. He has many substantial and admirable qualities, not the least of which is his devotion to the general good, manifest in many tangible ways for the town's improvement.

ROBERT A. YEATER.

Robert A. Yeater, postmaster of Wing, North Dakota, claims Ohio as his native state, his birth occurring in Ashland in 1873. His father, Samuel Yeater, was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry and spent most of his life in the Keystone state, though he died in Ohio about 1876. As an occupation he followed general farming. He married Maria H. Bushey, also a native of Pennsylvania, who is still living at the extreme old age of ninety-

four years and now makes her home in Missouri. Robert A. is the youngest of their eleven children, five of whom are still living.

Reared to manhood in Ohio, Robert A. Yeater attended the public schools and college of Ashland and obtained a good education, which well fitted him for teaching. About 1890 he removed to Emmons county, North Dakota, and there taught school for a period of three years, after which he located in Burleigh county, where he followed the same profession for two years while making his home in Bismarek. He was next in the employ of the Wood Machine Company, a New York firm, for about a year, and subsequently entered the service of W. D. Washburn as a wheat buyer. He also served as postmaster at Arnold for a period of eight years and for five years was engaged in the grain business. During that time he also followed farming, to which occupation he has devoted considerable attention since. For a year or two he was an employe in the North Dakota penitentiary and subsequently filed on a claim a short distance from Arena in Burleigh county, locating thereon in 1910 and proving up on the same. There he engaged in general farming with good success. In December, 1913, he was appointed postmaster of Wing and is now filling that position. He is also interested in the real estate business, handling both farm and town property.

In 1898 Mr. Yeater married Miss Emma W. Peterson, a resident of Burleigh county and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swan Peterson, who located there at an early day. Her mother is deceased, but her father is still living at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Yeater have become the parents of six children, namely: Jessie M., Paul, Nettie, Douglas, Marion and Audrey.

Mr. Yeater is a member of Wing Camp, No. 63, Woodmen of the World, and is a charter member of the Congregational church of Wing, of which he is now a trustee. His life has been guided by his religious belief and his fellow citizens have the utmost confidence in him. In politics he is a democrat. In 1910 he was appointed notary public by Governor Burke and reappointed by Governor Hanna, still holding his commission. At one time he was engaged in general mercantile business at Arnold and also dealt in real estate at the same time. His life has been a very active and busy one and at all times has been above reproach, winning him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

F. J. ROBERTS, M. D.

Dr. F. J. Roberts, the foremost physician of Towner county, located at Cando, was born in Rockford, Minnesota, on the 14th of July, 1876, a son of Albert and Melissa (McKinley) Roberts. The father is a native of Maine and the mother of Pennsylvania and they were married in Minnesota, to which state Albert Roberts removed following the close of the Civil war, in which he had served as a member of the Twentieth Regiment of Maine Volunteer Infantry, thus rendering valuable aid in defense of the Union. His wife went to Minnesota in her girlhood days with her parents. It was in that state that Mr. Roberts was engaged in farming for many years and he became one of the foremost figures in his locality. He served as a member of the state legislature from Wright county and his fitness for leadership made him a leading figure in the public life of the community. In the fall of 1882 he came to North Dakota and homesteaded a quarter section of land a half mile north of the present city limits of Devils Lake, which property he still owns. In 1884 the family took up their abode upon the homestead and there remained until 1890. Albert Roberts was also one of the earliest business men of Fargo. He there established himself in the implement business, but the failure in crops during the following two years, which precluded the possibility of the sale of agricultural implements, led to his failure in that undertaking. In 1882 he went to Ramsey county and homesteaded at Creel City. For the past eight years he has resided at Devils Lake and during that period has lived retired, merely giving his attention to the supervision of his property interests and investments.

Dr. Roberts was educated in the Devils Lake high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. The following fall he took up the study of medicine, which he read under the preceptorship of Dr. W. E. Swanston of Devils Lake. In the same fall he

entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Minneapolis, Minnesota, which was the oldest medical school in the state, and from that institution was graduated in the class of 1899. Following his graduation he served an internship in the city and county hospital of St. Paul covering one year and in that manner gained broad and valuable practical experience in connection with hospital work. In the autumn of 1900 he returned to North Dakota and accepted a government appointment as physician to the Indian agency at Turtle Mountains, where the people were suffering from a virulent epidemic of smallpox. Out of one hundred and twenty cases Dr. Roberts lost but one and that death was occasioned through complications with pneumonia.

In November, 1900, Dr. Roberts removed to Cando, where he opened an office and has since been engaged in active practice. In the intervening sixteen years he has won liberal public support in the line of his profession, his practice being now extensive and of a most important character. His efficient work is promoted through wide study, which keeps him in close touch with modern scientific thought and investigation along the lines of medical and surgical practice. In addition to his interests of that character he is extensively interested in farm lands, owning eleven hundred and twenty acres in Towner county.

In 1903 Dr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Rutledge, of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Her father, Dr. S. P. Rutledge, a well known practitioner of Grand Forks, is now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Roberts have a daughter, Margaret Melissa. Dr. Roberts is a prominent Mason, belonging to Cando Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Cando Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; C. J. Atkins Commandery, No. 14, K. T.; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He is also identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Yeomen. His professional connections are with the Devils Lake District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association and he utilizes every possible means of keeping in close touch with the advancement being continuously made by the leading physicians and surgeons of the country.

ANDERS ALFRED ROLF.

Anders Alfred Rolf, engaged in merchant tailoring in Grand Forks, was born at Snårestad, Sweden, July 3, 1873, a son of John and Elsa (Johnson) Rolf, who were also natives of that country. Coming to America in the early '90s, they settled in Forest City, Iowa, and afterward removed to North Mankato, Minnesota, where the father passed away in 1911 at the age of sixty years, while the mother now resides at the old homestead in North Mankato. Mr. Rolf was a merchant tailor and conducted a successful business along that line. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran church and his political belief that of the republican party. For many years he served as a member of the school board at North Mankato and was a prominent and influential citizen as well as a leading business man of that locality.

Anders A. Rolf, the eldest of a family of eight children, pursued his education in the schools of his native country and afterward attended the Mankato Business College, in which he completed a course when fifteen years of age. He afterward entered the employ of his father and learned the merchant tailor's trade, after which he was his father's associate and assistant in business for nine years. On leaving home he went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he remained for a brief period, and later was successively at Oshkosh and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and St. Paul, Minnesota, being employed in leading tailoring establishments of those cities. In 1906 he arrived in Grand Forks and became a traveling salesman for Hagstraum Brothers, wholesale merchant tailors of St. Paul, making Grand Forks his headquarters. In 1909 he entered the merchant tailoring business on his own account under the firm name of Rolf Brothers, his business associate being Gotfried Rolf, who remained associated with him in the business until 1913, since which time Mr. Rolf of this review has been alone. He has today the leading tailoring establishment in the city, having among his patrons the most prominent residents of Grand Forks and vicinity. He keeps thoroughly abreast with the latest materials and styles and the products of his



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establishment would be a credit to any merchant tailoring establishment in any American metropolis.

On the 15th of May, 1913, Mr. Rolf was married to Miss Hilda Sophia Shawstad, a native of Norway and a daughter of John and Gunild Shawstad, the latter now a resident of Minnesota, while the former is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rolf have become the parents of two children, Irene Eunice and Kenneth Wilford, both born in Grand Forks. The family resides at No. 718 South Third street.

Politically Mr. Rolf is a republican where national issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot, on which occasions he supports the man rather than the party. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and he belongs to the Commercial Club, being in hearty sympathy with every practical plan and measure for the upbuilding of Grand Forks, believing that the city has before it a great future. He is thoroughly satisfied with the city as a place of residence and is putting forth every possible effort to aid in the work of progress and development there.

CHARLES E. BLACKWELL.

Charles E. Blackwell, a lumber dealer of Cooperstown, was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, in November, 1849. His father, Charles Blackwell, a native of New York, removed to Wisconsin in the early '40s and there married Miss Jane Moon. He followed the wheelwright's trade until the 1st of May, 1864, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming first lieutenant of Company B, Thirty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. With his command he went south and died while engaged in active duty in the following August.

Charles E. Blackwell, the eldest in a family of four children, acquired his early education in the public schools of Waukon, Wisconsin, and on the 1st of May, 1864, when a youth of less than fifteen years, he, too, offered his services to his country, joining the same regiment to which his father belonged, as a drummer. He was mustered in at Milwaukee and was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, where the regiment under command of Colonel Butterick remained until the fall, when the troops were returned to Wisconsin and Mr. Blackwell was honorably discharged at Milwaukee on the 1st of September. His father had been one of the organizers of the regiment and Mr. Blackwell was anxious to become a soldier, having played the drum at war meetings where recruiting was going on. He established a boys' band of four drums and one of his companions enlisted at the same time as Mr. Blackwell, who at that date was a youth of but fourteen years and five months.

In November, 1873, Mr. Blackwell was married to Miss Carolyn Ross, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of H. J. Ross. Their children are: Charles H., now a resident of Seattle, Washington; Ada, the wife of Alexander S. Anderson, of Chicago; and Hiram M., a lumber merchant of Broadville, Montana.

Mr. Blackwell is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic and there are few men of his years who have the right to wear the little bronze button that proclaims service in defense of the Union. He is both a York and Scottish Rite Mason, having been identified with the order for forty-three years, while for forty-two years he has been a Knight Templar. He has always been much interested in the cause of Masonry, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit and purpose of the craft.

JOHN SHIKANY.

Occupying a foremost place among the leading business men and prominent citizens of Williston is John Shikany, a native of Syria, born in Zahleh, district of Lebanon, December 28, 1867. His parents, Will and Mary (Sawaya) Shikany, spent their entire lives in that country, the father being a merchant of Zahleh. There John Shikany grew to manhood and after completing his education learned the stone mason's trade, which he followed in Syria until 1891.

That year witnessed his arrival in the United States and after spending six months in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he worked as a stone cutter, he came to North Dakota and settled in Fargo, where he was also employed as a stone cutter and laborer. In 1893 Mr. Shikany returned to Syria, where he followed his trade for three years, and then again came to America, this time taking up a homestead near Rugby in Pierce county, North Dakota. He was engaged in farming there until 1901, when he sold his place and the following year established a general store in Williston, where he is still carrying on business. He opened his first stock of goods in a log house but now has an up-to-date store with a patronage which is large and substantial. He has made a specialty of buying and selling bankrupt stocks and has steadily prospered in his undertakings until he is now one of the well-to-do citizens of the town. He has erected a beautiful residence, which is considered the best in Williston, and this his family now occupy. He has also put up other buildings which he has sold and is still the owner of some valuable real estate in the city besides three fine farms in Williams county under cultivation, which he rents.

At Fargo, North Dakota, Mr. Shikany was married December 24, 1893, to Miss Fanny Kassis, also a native of Zahleh, Syria, and a daughter of George and Regina Kassis, who are mentioned in the sketch of Abraham Kassis on another page of this history. By this union the following children have been born: Blanche, who was born at sea while her parents were returning to Syria; Jacob, born in Zahleh, Syria, who is on the border with Company E, First Infantry, North Dakota; Walter Joseph, who is associated in business with his father; and Michael and Joseph, at school, all three born near Rugby, North Dakota; and George and Bertha, at school, both born in Williston.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Shikany is also connected with the Knights of Columbus, being a charter member of the lodge at Williston. He votes with the republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He was the first of the Syrian colony to locate in North Dakota and is recognized as its leader, being man of power and influence among the people from his native land. He has never regretted his emigration to America for here he has prospered as the years have gone by until he is now quite wealthy and the success that has come to him is due entirely to his own unaided efforts and sound judgment.

GEORGE S. CRANNA.

George S. Cranna is the vice president of the firm of Goldammer, Cranna & Weaver, outfitters, merchant tailors and general dry goods merchants of Lakota, at which point they are conducting a business of growing importance and volume. Mr. Cranna is of Scotch birth. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, January 7, 1855, a son of John and Mary (Scott) Cranna, who have spent their entire lives in the land of hills and heather, where the father is now engaged in the contracting business, to which he has devoted many years. He has reached the age of seventy-two, while his wife is now sixty-eight years of age. They reared a family of ten sons and a daughter, of whom George S. Cranna is the seventh in order of birth.

Through the period of his early youth George S. Cranna attended the parish school and afterward continued his education in the Latin high school. Later he served an apprenticeship at the tailoring trade, covering a period of four years; and afterward worked for two years as a journeyman tailor in London. Hoping to find better business opportunities on this side the Atlantic, he then came to America in the fall of 1908 and made his way at once across the country to Lakota, where he established a tailoring business, in which he has since been engaged. The general mercantile firm of Goldammer, Cranna & Weaver was formed on the 8th of June, 1916, and they have one of the leading establishments in their line in the county. They carry a large stock of dry goods and are outfitters handling men's, women's and children's ready-to-wear clothing, having a business that is constantly growing. The men at the head of the firm are all clear-sighted, broad-minded, intelligent and enterprising business men and there is every reason to predict for them a successful future. Mr. Goldammer is a pioneer implement merchant of Lakota, with long experience in commercial

lines. Mr. Cranna, the vice president, while still a young man, has displayed his sterling worth in many ways both as a business man and citizen of Nelson county and North Dakota. Mr. Weaver is also a young man, ambitious and energetic. Already they have instituted resultant plans for winning trade and they fully realize that satisfied customers are the best advertisement. Therefore they are putting forth every effort to please their patrons and their honorable dealing and reasonable prices commend them to public patronage.

In politics Mr. Cranna maintains an independent course. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, being senior warden in his lodge, while in the Knights of Pythias he has been a member of the grand lodge. He belongs to the Commercial Club, which indicates his deep interest in community affairs, and his sense of moral obligation is seen in his identification with the Congregational church. In a word, his has been a well spent life in which he has recognized his obligations and responsibilities as well as his privileges and opportunities.

HON. GEORGE H. LAW.

George H. Law, successfully engaged in farming about four miles from Leal, in Barnes county, was born at Stanford, Niagara Falls, Ontario, November 27, 1862, a son of James and Alvina (Beamsley) Law, the former a native of Dundee, Scotland, and the latter of Canada. In the maternal line the ancestry is English, the grandfather being Eden Beamsley, of Oxfordshire, England. The paternal grandfather, John Law, a native of Scotland, emigrated to Canada with his family of three sons and two daughters: George, James, John, Mary and Maggie. Mr. Law of this review now has in his possession the dress in which all of these children were christened. It displays elegant handwork and was made by the mother of the family. Taking up land in Canada, John Law continued farming and there died at the age of eighty-two years. His wife passed away before the birth of her grandson, George H. James Law was reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed until he met death by drowning at the age of forty-two years.

George H. Law, an only child, continued at Niagara Falls until 1882, when he went to Winnipeg, there remaining for two years as an employe of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He worked along the line of that road to Calgary and was engaged in locating lumber yards at the various division points. In 1886 he arrived in Barnes county, North Dakota, and for the first year was employed on the Boardman farm. He was then advanced to the position of foreman and so continued for eleven years, at the end of which time he purchased his present farm property four miles south of Leal and has since devoted his time and energies to the cultivation and development of his own land. He is a very active, enterprising and successful agriculturist and his fields, including forty acres planted to corn, wheat and oats and one hundred acres to timothy, present a most attractive appearance. In addition to cultivating his fields he is engaged in operating a steam threshing outfit.

Mr. Law was united in marriage to Miss Annie E. Seelig, who was born in Winona county, Minnesota, February 3, 1873, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seelig, who were natives of Germany. Following their marriage they crossed the Atlantic to the new world about 1870 and resided in Winona county, Minnesota, until they removed to Cass county, North Dakota, where they arrived on the 16th of April, 1879. There the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-seven years of age, while his wife reached the age of sixty-eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Law have been born four children, namely: Ollie and Elsie, who are high school students; Harold; and George.

Mr. Law is well known in fraternal circles, being a Royal Arch Mason, an Elk, a Modern Woodmen of America and an Odd Fellow. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has been somewhat prominent and active in political circles. He has been chairman of the town board of Anderson township since its organization, has been a director and clerk of the school district and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, called him to serve them in the state legislature in 1907. So excellent was his record during his first term that he was reelected in 1909 and again in 1911 and for three terms remained a member of the house, leaving the impress of his individuality

upon the legislation enacted during that period, for it is characteristic of Mr. Law that he stands loyally in support of every measure which he believes to be for the benefit of the state and is equally stalwart in his opposition to proposed legislation that he believes will be inimical to the best interests of the commonwealth. His political integrity is just as pronounced as his reliability in business affairs and it is well known that he is a man in whom to have confidence.

OLAF G. STORAKER.

Olaf G. Storaker, a clothing merchant of Larimore, was born at Montevideo, Minnesota, September 20, 1885, a son of N. P. and Margaret Storaker, who are natives of Norway, from which country they came to America soon after their marriage. In later life the father took up the business of contracting and he and his wife are still living in Montevideo, the former at the age of sixty years and the latter sixty-two years of age. Their family numbered six children, of whom Olaf G. is the second in order of birth.

At the usual age O. G. Storaker became a pupil in the public schools of Montevideo and the thorough educational training which he there received fitted him for life's practical and responsible duties. He afterward became connected with the clothing trade in his native city and there resided until 1907, when he removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he again became connected with the clothing business, entering the employ of M. G. Olsen, with whom he remained until 1910. In that year he removed to Northwood, where he embarked in the clothing business on his own account, and after a year he became a resident of Larimore, where on the 20th of May, 1911, he established his present business, starting with a full line of all kinds of men's clothing. He today has the leading establishment of this character in the city, carrying a large and well selected stock which meets the demands of the purchasing public. His business methods, too, are an expression of enterprise and commercial integrity and have won for him the entire respect and confidence of the public.

On the 23d of June, 1909, in Aneta, North Dakota, Mr. Storaker was married to Miss Maude G. Magoris, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Magoris, of Larimore, who were pioneers of that section of the state and are still residents of Larimore. Mr. and Mrs. Storaker have one child, James M., who was born in Northwood, April 12, 1910, and is now attending school. Mr. Storaker possesses much musical talent and became the organizer of the Larimore Hussar Band of twenty pieces, which is now the leading musical organization of that section. In politics he maintains an independent course. Fraternally he is connected with the Master Masons and he also has membership in the Commercial Club, an organization that has done much to further the best interests of the city, displaying a spirit of initiative that has placed Larimore in a position of leadership in connection with many public movements.

SANFORD HARRIS ASHLEY.

Sanford Harris Ashley, an undertaker and embalmer of Grand Forks, was born in Milton, Vermont, December 13, 1880. His father, Charles S. Ashley, also a native of the Green Mountain state, was a representative of one of the old Vermont families of English descent which was founded in America by one of the passengers from the Mayflower. Charles S. Ashley took up the business of undertaking and spent his entire life in Vermont, where he passed away in 1913, at the age of sixty-three years. His political support was given to the republican party and he took an active interest in politics, while his fellow townsmen, recognizing his ability, called him to various public offices, including that of state senator. He had a wide acquaintance and wherever known was spoken of in terms of the highest regard because of his sterling qualities of manhood and citizenship. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Cora Isabelle Harris, was born in Vermont and also



SANFORD H. ASHLEY

belonged to one of the old families of that state, her father being Lucius Harris, a large landowner, representing one of the wealthy Vermont families at Castleton. Mrs. Ashley still survives and makes her home at Milton. In the family were but two children, one of whom died at the age of three years.

Sanford H. Ashley after attending the public schools of Milton continued his education in Norwich University at Northfield, Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of civil engineer. He started out to provide for his own support when a youth of fifteen and since that time has been dependent upon his own resources. He first worked along the line of civil engineering and it was this which aroused his ambition to secure a university education in that field. Following his graduation he devoted his attention to professional interests, being at different periods construction engineer with the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads in construction and location work on their lines between Old Monroe and Mexico, Missouri, and was engaged in construction work on the South & Western Railroad in North and South Carolina. He was also associated with various other important engineering projects and enterprises until 1907, when he went to Grand Forks. There he purchased an undertaking business that had been established in 1883 by Don McDonald, a pioneer business man of this city. Mr. Ashley has since successfully conducted the business and is accorded a most liberal patronage. In addition to carrying a large line of undertaking supplies he has in connection with his establishment a commodious chapel in which funeral services may be held.

On the 25th of December, 1905, at Greenfield, Massachusetts, Mr. Ashley was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Caroline Strecker, a native of that state and a daughter of Edward and Josephine Strecker, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley have two children: Ruth Isabelle, who was born December 20, 1911; and Esther May, born April 26, 1914. The family occupy an attractive residence at No. 504 Belmont street, which property is owned by Mr. Ashley.

In politics he is a republican where national issues are involved but at local elections votes independently. In Masonry he has attained high rank, having taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and also belonging to the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Eastern Star. During his college days he received military training and on the return of Admiral Dewey from the Philippines he had charge of a detachment of his bodyguard and traveled all over the United States with him. Ability has brought Mr. Ashley to the front in business connections and enabled him to advance from a humble starting point to a place of prominence and affluence.

GEORGE B. EVERSON.

George B. Everson, now serving as assistant cashier of the Williams County State Bank at Williston, was born near Mona, Mitchell county, Iowa, January 12, 1874, his parents being Peter K. and Sorina (Thompson) Everson. The father was a native of Norway but was only two years of age when brought to this country by his parents, the family locating in Mitchell county, Iowa, where he was reared and educated. In early life he engaged in farming but later conducted a general store in Mona and subsequently became a dealer in hardware and machinery at Lyle, Minnesota. He finally retired from business and returned to the old home farm near Mona, Iowa, where his death occurred. His widow came to North Dakota with her children and died at Tioga, Williams county. She was born in Illinois but reared in Iowa, having accompanied her parents to Mitchell county in childhood. They were farming people.

In his native county George B. Everson grew to manhood, attending first the country schools and later the schools of Mona. He also pursued a course at Valder Business College in Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated, and subsequently was associated in business with his father at Lyle, Minnesota. On the 28th of March, 1903, he became a resident of Bottineau county, North Dakota, and there served as deputy county treasurer for a year and a half, after which he filled the position of assistant cashier in the Bottineau National

Bank. In March, 1912, he removed to Williston and accepted a similar position in the Williams County State Bank, in which capacity he is still serving, being also a stockholder and director of the bank. He is the owner of a good farm in Williams county, which he rents, and also has a nice residence in Williston.

Mr. Everson was married in Kenyon, Minnesota, March 12, 1901, to Miss Gurine Jeglum, a native of that place, where she spent her early life. She was given good educational advantages, being a graduate of St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, and she taught music at Kenyon for some time. Her father, L. O. Jeglum, was born in Norway and was an early settler of Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he followed farming for many years, but both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Everson have four children: Lloyd Parker, born in Mona, Iowa, May 27, 1902; Selina Irene, born in Bottineau, North Dakota, June 28, 1904; Viola Evelyn, born in the same place, May 8, 1907; and Kenneth Wesley, also born in Bottineau, May 4, 1910.

By his ballot Mr. Everson supports the men and measures of the republican party. He joined the Knights of Pythias at Lyle, Minnesota and there served as keeper of records and seals, but is now connected with the lodge of that organization at Williston. Both he and his wife are prominent members of the United Norwegian Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active interest. Mrs. Everson is president of the Ladies Aid Society, and she is also a member of the Book and Thimble Club of Williston.

JOSEPH B. MALONE.

Joseph B. Malone, postmaster of South Heart, where he is also engaged in merchandising as a dealer in hardware and implements, was born in Minneota, Minnesota, in 1883. His father, Patrick Malone, a native of Ireland, came to the United States soon after his marriage, being accompanied by his wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Hughes, and their only child. They settled first at Rockford, Illinois, where the father engaged in railroading. After remaining in that state for five years he removed to Minneota, Minnesota, in 1883 and took up a claim, turning his attention to general agricultural pursuits, in which he engaged up to the time of his retirement from active business life. In 1912 he arrived in Page, North Dakota, and later became a resident of South Heart, where both he and his wife are now living.

Their family numbered eight children, two of whom have passed away. The fifth in order of birth was Joseph B. Malone, who at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools of Minneota, and when his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his efforts upon the work of the home farm, running a tractor for a period of ten years. In 1908 he came to North Dakota and homesteaded in the vicinity of South Heart. Complying with the law regarding occupancy and improvement, he secured title to the property after spending four years in its cultivation. During the winter seasons while proving up on his claim he managed the Gunderson & Adair Elevator at South Heart for two seasons. After leaving his farm he took up his abode in South Heart and opened his present implement and hardware store in 1913. In the intervening period of three years he has built up a substantial business along that line. He now carries a good stock and in March, 1916, he admitted his brother, John Malone, to a partnership. Success has attended him in the conduct of this enterprise, the business having now reached gratifying proportions. He is also interested in farm lands, consisting of a half section adjoining South Heart. In February, 1912, he was appointed postmaster of the town and has since occupied that position.

In 1911 Mr. Malone was married to Miss Mary Kennedy, a native of South Heart, who was reared in that town and taught in the South Heart school for a period of about eight years. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy, who were early settlers there. Going to Stark county in pioneer times, Mr. Kennedy met all of the hardships and privations incident to frontier life and gradually worked his way upward through the utilization of the opportunities which came to him. Mr. and Mrs. Malone have become the parents of two children, Margaret and William P. J.

In politics Mr. Malone is a stalwart democrat and is now serving as township treasurer.

He was also at one time school clerk. He belongs to the South Heart Catholic church and to Dickinson Council, No. 1515, K. C. Now numbered among the substantial residents of Stark county, his creditable business position is due to his unfaltering industry and determination.

HENRY HAWKINSON.

Henry Hawkinson, who is engaged in merchandising at Crocus, Towner county, was born in Sweden in May, 1869, a son of Jöns and Bengta (Hanson) Hawkinson, who were also natives of that country. The father devoted his life to farming in Sweden and never crossed the Atlantic, passing away in his native land in March, 1912, while his wife survived only until August, 1913.

Henry Hawkinson was reared and educated in Sweden and in Minnesota, having come to America when a youth of seventeen years, at which time he located in Litchfield, Minnesota. He had previously learned the carpenter's trade and on coming to the new world he secured employment along that line. Later he embarked in the contracting business on his own account and continued in active identification with the building interests of Litchfield for an extended period, making his home in that city for twenty-two years. In 1905 he removed to Rocklake, North Dakota, and for three years was employed by Nels Hawkinson, his cousin. In 1908 he arrived in Crocus, where he embarked in general merchandising and has since continued in that line of business, in connection with which he has been accorded a liberal patronage. He erected a modern store building and carries an enormous stock, enjoying a large trade, which he has built up through thoroughly reliable methods and unfaltering enterprise. He is also a stockholder, director and the vice president of the Crocus State Bank and he also has valuable property holdings, including an improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, while he also has a fourth interest in another tract of improved land of four hundred and eighty acres.

On the 30th of September, 1895, Mr. Hawkinson was united in marriage to Miss Annie Fridholm and to them have been born three children, William, Clarence and Esther. The family adhere to the faith of the Lutheran church and Mr. Hawkinson also holds membership with the Modern Brotherhood of America. Politically he is a republican and has filled a number of local offices, serving as village clerk and treasurer, while in March, 1909, he was appointed postmaster of Crocus, which position he yet fills. His official and commercial activities thus rank him with the representative men of his town. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as he has worked his way steadily upward through his own efforts, having come to America empty-handed. As the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well and his record proves what may be accomplished when ambition and determination point out the way.

ADOLPHUS W. GUEST, M. D.

Dr. Adolphus W. Guest is engaged in the general practice of medicine at Jamestown but has specialized to a considerable extent in nervous diseases and has gained a wide reputation as an alienist. He was born in London, Ontario, Canada, on the 6th of July, 1869, of the marriage of Richard W. and Margaret (Fitzgerald) Guest, both natives of Canada, born respectively in 1832 and in 1830. The father is the youngest son of William Guest, a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Guest are the parents of seven children, of whom our subject is the sixth in order of birth. Their son, Major Frederick Guest, is now serving as a surgeon with the Canadian Expeditionary forces who took part in the Dardanelles campaign.

Dr. Adolphus W. Guest received his early education in the country schools and later attended the high school at London, after which he entered the Western University, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in April, 1897. He located for practice

in Erie, Cass county, North Dakota, where he remained for five years and was then appointed assistant superintendent of the insane hospital at Jamestown, which office he held until 1905, when he resumed private practice. He has the confidence of both the general public and his professional brethren and is up-to-date and progressive in his methods, as he is constantly studying along medical lines. He has given especial attention to nervous diseases and is known as one of the best alienists in the southern part of the state. He holds membership in the Statsman County Medical Society, of which he has served as president for two terms, in the North Dakota Medical Society and in the American Medical Association. In addition to his lucrative practice he has other interests, owning valuable land in this state.

Dr. Guest was married on the 28th of December, 1900, to Miss Marjorie Baker, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hill) Baker, pioneers of Buffalo, this state. One son, Adolphus Richard, has been born to this union.

Dr. Guest casts his ballot in favor of the candidates and measures of the republican party and for eight years served acceptably as county coroner. He is prominent in local fraternal circles, belonging to the Masons, the Mystic Shrine, the Woodmen, the Workmen, and the Elks. He finds much pleasure in all outdoor sports and spends much of his leisure time in hunting, fishing and motoring. From boyhood he has been dependent upon his own resources and paid his own way through college, earning the necessary money by different kinds of work. He gives his closest attention to his practice but also finds time to cooperate in projects for the public good. He is recognized as an excellent citizen as well as a successful physician.

CHARLES I. COOK.

Charles I. Cook, editor and owner of the Beach Advance and also engaged in farming in the vicinity of Beach, in Golden Valley county, was born at Anoka, Minnesota, January 17, 1865, a son of William Henry and Mary A. (Webber) Cook, both of whom were natives of Ohio. About 1858 they removed to Minnesota, settling at Anoka. The father was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade and followed those pursuits throughout his entire life. He resided in Anoka until about 1890, when he went to Florida and subsequently removed to California, where his death occurred. His widow is now living with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Sprague, in Beach. In the family were seven children: Addie, the wife of George Epps, of Anoka; Effie Isabelle, the wife of W. A. Sprague, of Beach; Fred M., who resides on a ranch in Oregon; Charles I.; Herbert G., of Minneapolis; John, who is engaged in railroad work at St. Paul; and one who died in infancy.

Charles I. Cook passed through consecutive grades to the high school of Anoka and afterward entered the office of the Anoka Union, there learning the printer's trade. He then pursued a night school course in order to supplement his previous education and all through his life he has been a student of events and has kept in close touch with the trend of modern thought and progress. For a time he was employed on the Anoka Herald and was advanced to the position of foreman, while subsequently he became assistant manager. Later he bought the paper and devoted about three years to its publication, after which he sold out and removed to Huron, South Dakota, where he purchased an interest in the Journal-World. For six months he was connected with that paper and then disposed of his interest, after which he joined W. F. Hollister in the establishment of the Morning Herald, which was the first daily paper of Huron. After publishing that paper for some time Mr. Cook sold out to his partner and on the 8th of April, 1908, arrived in Beach, beginning the publication of the Beach Advance on the 1st of May of that year. Mr. Cook remained as sole proprietor until April 6, 1912, when he sold out to M. C. Egan, who formed a stock company under the name of the Advance Publishing Company with Mr. Noonan, of Omaha, as manager, while Pierce Egan was made editor. It is still conducted under the same name but in 1916 Mr. Cook took over the management of the paper, which is published weekly. The plant is well equipped and under the control of Mr. Cook the business has been largely developed. Mr. Cook took up a homestead just across the line in Montana.

proved up on the same and afterward bought a half section. Still later his investment made him the owner of several sections of land and subsequently he sold all but the original three quarters, which he is now farming in addition to the publication of the paper.

On the 21st of August, 1885, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Harriet M. Stewart, a native of New Hampshire, born in June, 1867. For a considerable period she lived in Iowa but in 1882 removed to Anoka, Minnesota, where she was married. They became the parents of three children, but one died at the age of three years, the others being B. Frances and Cecile I., both at home.

The parents are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Cook belongs to Beach Lodge, No. 88, F. & A. M., to the Yeomen at Anoka and to the Woodmen of the World at Beach. In politics he is a republican and while living in Minnesota served for two terms as alderman of Anoka. He has always preferred to concentrate his energies, however, upon his private business interests and do his political work as a private citizen rather than as an office holder. He is public spirited in a marked degree and does everything in his power to advance the best interests of his locality.

O. M. WESTLEY.

O. M. Westley, assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Hannaford, was born in Norway, April 18, 1863. His father, Ole H. Westley, was born, reared and married in that country and in 1881 brought his family to North Dakota, settling in Griggs county, where he homesteaded and engaged in farming, eventually adding another quarter section to his original one hundred and sixty acres, situated five miles southeast of Cooperstown. Year after year he carefully and systematically developed the fields and cultivated the soil but is now enjoying a well earned rest at the age of eighty-three years.

O. M. Westley, the eldest of a family of eight children, spent his school days in Norway and was a youth of eighteen when he came to the new world. He assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm and continued upon the old home place until 1885, when he homesteaded land for himself and engaged in farming. He also purchased a relinquishment and a free claim and he continued upon his place until 1905, carefully and systematically developing the fields and converting his land into a well improved farm. He was then elected register of deeds and occupied the position for two terms, or for four years. On the 3d of May, 1909, he accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank and is now acting in that capacity. He still owns his farm land, which he rents.

On the 18th of May, 1886, Mr. Westley was married to Miss Malina Jensen, a native of Norway and a daughter of Jens Bull, who became a pioneer resident of North Dakota. The children of this marriage are: Olive, now the wife of B. M. Lunde, of Hannaford; Martin, who is connected with the United States mail department; Oscar and Jeanette, both at home; Julius, who is in a mercantile establishment at Hannaford; and William, Harry and Myrtle, all at home.

Mr. Westley is a self-made man, having been dependent upon his own resources since he started out in life on his own account. He resolved to win success if it could be done by persistent, honorable effort and he has already gained a place among the substantial residents of Griggs county.

JOHN A. KIBLINGER.

John A. Kiblinger, an auctioneer and farmer of Benson county, who is also filling the office of deputy county sheriff, was born near Springfield, Ohio, on the 4th of March, 1880, and is a son of Sylvanus and Katorah (Kizer) Kiblinger, both of whom were natives of Springfield, Ohio, as were their respective parents. The father followed the occupation of farming in the Buckeye state during the greater part of his life and is still living there

but is now retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He has for almost a third of a century survived his wife, who passed away in 1884.

John A. Kiblinger was reared and educated in Springfield, Ohio, but his opportunities for attending school were somewhat limited as he has made his own way in the world from the age of fourteen years. For three years he worked in a foundry and afterward was employed as a farm hand for two years. In 1899 he removed to Canton, South Dakota, where he was employed for five years, and then became a resident of Dickey county, North Dakota, where he spent one year. In the fall of 1904 he was fortunate in drawing No. 60 at the time of the allotment of lands in the Indian reservation at Devils Lake and he filed on land three miles from Oberon. This he improved and has since cultivated, his home being still upon that place, to which he expects to return on the 1st of January, 1917. He owns two hundred and forty acres, constituting a valuable property, and he also leases land from the Indians. He is a very capable and successful auctioneer, being a graduate of the Jones National School of Auctioneering at Chicago, while ten years' experience in crying Dakota farm lands has made him thoroughly qualified in that direction. He now does a large business in auctioneering, his work in that line being constantly sought. He makes a business of raising graded shorthorn cattle upon his farm and he intends in the future to concentrate more and more of his attention upon his agricultural and stock raising interests.

On the 1st of January, 1902, Mr. Kiblinger was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Parcels and to them have been born four children, Millie B., Lelah K., Mary and Laura E.

Mr. Kiblinger belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He votes with the republican party and for eight years he served as constable at Oberon, while for three years he was a member of the school board. In January, 1913, he was appointed deputy sheriff of Benson county and is now active in that capacity, his term of office to extend until January, 1917. He has always been loyal and faithful in the discharge of public duties and his record in office is a creditable one.

HON. W. A. SMALL.

Hon. W. A. Small is extensively engaged in farming in Rolette county, where he is cultivating nine hundred and sixty acres of rich land. He makes his home in Mylo and his farm property adjoins the town on two sides. A native of La Crosse, Wisconsin, he was born August 2, 1868, a son of Alfred and Nora (Welch) Small, the former a native of Maine and the latter of Ireland. Mrs. Small came with her parents to the United States when a little maiden of sixteen summers, about the year 1858, the family home being established near Lake City, Minnesota, where the daughter remained until she reached womanhood and was married. During his boyhood days Alfred Small removed with his parents to Illinois and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in an Illinois regiment, with which he served throughout the period of hostilities. After the close of the conflict he removed to Minnesota, where he was married and filed on a homestead near Worthington. In 1881 he arrived in Fargo, North Dakota, where he spent the following five years and in 1886 formed one of the vanguard of immigration into the territory, making his way to Churchs Ferry, where he settled and opened a butcher shop. He also engaged in farming and for seven years was variously employed. He afterward removed to West Superior, Wisconsin, and later to Milwaukee, where his death occurred May 2, 1916. The mother of Hon. W. A. Small passed away in 1872 and subsequently the father wedded Nellie Chapel.

W. A. Small was educated in the public schools of Minnesota and Fargo and on reaching young manhood began work as a farm hand. Later he was employed in a number of ways prior to 1897, when he became a resident of Mylo, in which year he filed on a homestead now within the corporation limits of the town. He has since resided thereon and from time to time as the years have passed and his financial resources have permitted he has made further investment in property until he now owns six quarter sec-



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tions and is rated as one of the most prosperous farmers of his section. His farming interests are carefully managed and directed and practical, progressive methods are utilized in the cultivation and development of his fields, thus converting his land into valuable farming property.

On the 28th of October, 1903, Mr. Small was united in marriage to Miss Anna Pearl Boek, of Mylo, and they have become the parents of three children, Ross O., Frank R. and Elsie Marie.

Mr. Small votes with the republican party and ever keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, thus being able to support his position by intelligent argument. In 1912 he was chosen to represent his district in the thirteenth general assembly and proved a helpful legislator, staunchly supporting various measures for the public good. Fraternally he is connected with Rolette Lodge, No. 166, F. & A. M., and with Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, B. P. O. E. He holds membership with the Methodist church, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. They are highly esteemed in the community where they live, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Substantial qualities have won for them high regard, for their many good traits are appreciated by those with whom they have been brought in contact.

TUNIS O. BRANDENBURG, D. V. S.

Dr. Tunis O. Brandenburg, engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery in Lakota, was born in Michigan, this state, August 16, 1890, and is a son of C. P. and Jennie (Carpenter) Brandenburg, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Illinois. From the place of his nativity the father removed to Ohio and afterward became a resident of North Dakota, settling near Michigan in 1890. He homesteaded and is still living on his land, devoting his time and energies in capable manner to farm work. He was born in 1861 and has therefore passed the fifty-fifth milestone on life's journey. His wife was born in 1862 and by her marriage has become the mother of four children: Mrs. A. Lamont, living at Dunseith, North Dakota; Tunis O., of this review; Howard and Vernon, residents of Michigan.

In his early youth Tunis O. Brandenburg attended the public schools of Michigan, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. Later he became a student in the agricultural college at Fargo and in 1913 he was graduated from Cornell University on the completion of a course in veterinary medicine and surgery. He then returned to Lakota, where he has since been engaged in active practice, and his ability is widely recognized, as is indicated by the liberal patronage now accorded him. He belongs to the North Dakota State Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. He also became a member of the Society of Comparative Medicine and while at Cornell University joined the Omega Tau Sigma, a college fraternity.

In addition to his practice Dr. Brandenburg is interested in farming and displays careful management in controlling his agricultural interests. Politically he is a republican but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional interests, which are constantly growing.

GUY B. SQUIRES.

Guy B. Squires is acting as postmaster at Crystal Springs and at the same time is conducting a general store, in which connection he carefully studies the public wishes and demands, and through his wise selection of goods is able to make large and profitable sales, drawing his trade from a wide territory. Born in Wisconsin, he is a son of Charles and Emma (Darrah) Squires, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. The father followed general farming and also specialized in stock raising. In the fall of 1908

he came to North Dakota and established his home on section 30, Crystal Springs township, Kidder county, where he is still active at the age of seventy-four years. At the time of the Civil war he went to the front with a New York regiment, with which he remained for three years. For a time he was incarcerated in a southern military prison and he also encountered the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. To him and his wife were born four children, all of whom are living, but the mother passed away in 1914.

Guy B. Squires, the third in order of birth, largely acquired his education at Blue Earth, Minnesota, and was graduated from the high school there. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years in Minnesota, and in 1907 he came to this state, after which he entered a homestead three miles south of Crystal Springs. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began the development of the fields and also engaged in stock raising. While devoting the summer seasons to farming he taught school during the winter months. He was one of the pioneers of the district and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the later progress and prosperity of the county. He assisted in organizing the township of Crystal Springs in 1909 and has since been its clerk. In 1914 he secured title to his claim and in December, 1915, he removed to the village of Crystal Springs, where he purchased the general store of Ralph Miller and has since been engaged in merchandising. He carries a large line of general merchandise and of hardware and has increased his stock four fold since taking over the store. He also conducts a restaurant and soda fountain in connection with his business and he has met with very substantial success through the wise conduct of his interests and the careful direction of his labors. He is also still engaged in stock raising, having sixty-five head of cattle on his place, and he is yet the owner of the homestead property on which he made his start as a business man of Kidder county. In this connection he operates a cream station, buying and shipping cream. In a word, he is ever watchful of opportunities pointing to success and utilizes every means at hand to win honorable advancement.

In 1899 Mr. Squires was united in marriage to Miss Dollah Wakeman, who was born in Wisconsin in 1867, a daughter of Orlando and Cecelia Wakeman, who were early residents of Minnesota but have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Squires have become the parents of seven children: Cecelia, born in 1901; Percy, born in March, 1903; Glenn, born in July, 1904; Melva, born in 1905; Charles, whose birth occurred in November, 1906; Gerald, born in August, 1908; and Fayette, born in October, 1910.

In politics Mr. Squires is a republican but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking although he is now filling the position of postmaster, to which he was appointed in 1916. He has also had official connection with the schools and he is secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Local Union, occupying that position since its organization in 1912. He is likewise secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and is active in support of those forces which work for the moral progress of the community. When he came to Kidder county the town of Crystal Springs had not yet come into existence and Tappen was the nearest market. He underwent many of the hardships and privations of frontier life and has borne his part in the work of development and improvement. He was in limited financial circumstances when he located in Kidder county but by persistent energy, intelligently directed, he has worked his way upward and he has made the obstacles and difficulties which have seemed to bar his path serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part.

HARRY DENCE.

Harry Dence, editor and proprietor of the Belfield Times, one of the leading newspapers of Stark county, was born on the 27th of March, 1883, in Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada, and is a son of Alfred and Mary (Smith) Dence, the latter also of Canadian birth. The father, however, was a native of Kent county, England. For many years he was engaged in business as a produce merchant at Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada, where he died on the

22d of January, 1901. He survived his wife only a short time as she passed away October 21, 1900, and two of their four children are also deceased.

Harry Dence was reared and educated in Canada, finishing school at the Collegiate Institute of Morrisburg. He was practically reared in a print shop and after leaving school at the age of eighteen years worked as a journeyman printer in various parts of the United States. In December, 1906, he came to North Dakota and was employed at his trade in Wahpeton, Leeds, Bowbells, Beach and Belfield. In January, 1912, he purchased the Belfield Times, which he has since published, and now has a modernly equipped office. The circulation of the paper has been increased to one thousand, its subscriptions coming from a radius of thirty miles around Belfield. It is republican in politics, is a bright newsy sheet, well edited and well printed.

On the 8th of October, 1911, Mr. Dence was united in marriage to Miss Abbie G. Hennessy, a native of Aitken, Minnesota, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hennessy, who were born in Maine. Her mother died in 1887, and her father passed away in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Dence have one child, Joan.

Mr. Dence casts an independent ballot, preferring to support the men whom he believes best calculated to fill the offices regardless of party ties. He was one of the few to agitate the raising of Belfield from a village to a city and was instrumental in accomplishing that object. While a resident of Beach he managed the editorial department of the Golden Valley Chronicle for a period of two years and has done much to promote the newspaper interests of this state. Mr. Dence was confirmed in the Episcopal church, and is a member of the Masonic lodge of Belfield and the Belfield Commercial Club. He takes an active interest in public affairs and has borne an important part in the development of his city.

ANDREW FOLEY.

Andrew Foley, cashier of the First National Bank at Rock Lake, was born in New Hope, Missouri, January 11, 1876, a son of D. F. and Flora (Hunter) Foley, both of whom were natives of Missouri. The father followed merchandising and when he left his native state in 1889 removed to Towner county, North Dakota, filing on land near Cando. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a considerable period or until his wife's death, after which he returned to Missouri, where he again engaged in farming for a period. Later he again took up his abode in Rock Lake, where his remaining days were spent. His wife died in May, 1895, and he survived until November, 1912.

Andrew Foley was reared and educated in Elsberry, Missouri, and remained with his parents until he attained his majority. He began farming in North Dakota, devoting his energies to that occupation until he reached the age of eighteen, when he returned to Missouri, where he spent three years in farming. He next entered a business college at Quincy, Illinois, and subsequently removed to St. Louis, where he accepted a position with a wholesale house. After a year spent in that connection he returned to Elsberry, Missouri, and was appointed assistant cashier in a bank with which he was associated for two years. In December, 1906, he arrived at Rock Lake, Towner county, and entered the employ of the N. W. Hawkinson Lumber Company as head bookkeeper, acting in that capacity until July, 1909, at which time he entered the Farmers State Bank as assistant cashier. That position he held until 1911, at which time the Farmers Bank purchased the First National Bank and he remained as assistant cashier in the latter institution until May 1, 1916, when he was promoted to the position of cashier. The other officers are: W. J. Lichty, president; and N. W. Hawkinson, vice president. This bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has a surplus of ten thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to one hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars. Mr. Foley is also one of the stockholders and directors of the bank and as its cashier is active in its management and control. He is recognized as a courteous and obliging official, doing everything in his power to further the interests of the patrons to a point that will not jeopardize the stability of the institution. In 1907 they erected a fine modern bank building which is thoroughly equipped. Mr. Foley is also a stockholder and the vice president of the Lichty Mercantile Company, which is now engaged

in the grain trade in Rock Lake, and he likewise has large farm interests in Towner county, owning four hundred and eighty acres of splendidly improved land near Rock Lake.

In July, 1914, Mr. Foley was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wagle, by whom he has a daughter, Emily, born September 21, 1915. Mr. Foley belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Baptist church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and in all matters of citizenship he stands for those things which are progressive and beneficial. Along the line of intelligently directed effort he has made his advance in the business world and the success which he has achieved is creditable.

WILHELM C. NOREM.

Wilhelm C. Norem, cashier of the Woodworth State Bank, is a native of Rochelle, Illinois, and as the family name indicates, comes of Norwegian ancestry, his parents, C. A. and Christina (Rudd) Norem, having both been natives of Norway. Upon coming to the United States the father made his way at once across the country to Illinois and in the vicinity of Rochelle took up the occupation of farming. In the fall of 1887 he removed to Iowa, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest in November, 1915. The mother still makes her home in that state.

In the family were seven children, of whom Wilhelm C., who was born in 1873, was the fourth in order of birth. At the usual age he entered the public schools, mastering the preliminary branches of learning in Illinois and afterward continuing his studies in Minneapolis. After leaving school he became traveling representative for the Acme Harvester Company, which he represented in the capacity of collector. Previously he had secured a claim in Pierce county, North Dakota, upon which he remained for a short time, and he also taught school in Pierce and Wells counties for a period of two years before entering upon the work of collector. He continued with the Acme Company until 1906, at which time he removed to Edmunds, where in connection with John McCarty and W. C. Wescom he organized the Edmunds Bank, with the management of which he was directly associated, first as cashier and later as president for a period of seven years. In the fall of 1911 he established the bank of Woodworth, its organizers being Mr. Norem, Ed Alfsen and A. G. Dunlop, the first named being now cashier. He has further extended his efforts in banking circles, having in 1915 opened the State Bank at Goldwin, North Dakota, of which he is likewise cashier and which was formed by the same men who organized the Woodworth bank. In addition to managing financial interests which come under their control the bank conducts a successful real estate department, handling both city property and farm lands, and also writes insurance, representing some of the strongest companies of the country. Mr. Norem is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not desire nor seek public office, feeling that he prefers to do his public duty as a private citizen.

J. J. KEHOE.

J. J. Kehoe, present states attorney of Towner county and a leading member of the bar, was born in Delaware county, Iowa, November 5, 1872, his parents being Patrick and Catherine (Hogan) Kehoe, who were natives of Ireland. In boyhood and girlhood they came to the United States, the former making the trip with his mother, while Mrs. Kehoe crossed the Atlantic with her father. They became residents of Cincinnati, Ohio, where they were married, and in 1842 they cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Iowa, establishing their home in Delaware county when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun there. The father purchased land from the government and developed an excellent farm upon which he resided to the time of his death in 1907. He passed away

at the very notable old age of ninety-seven years, while his wife was killed in a runaway accident in 1889.

After attending the public schools J. J. Kehoe became a student in St. Joseph's College at Dubuque, Iowa, and later attended the Iowa State University, from which he won his LL. B. degree in the class of 1897. He then located for practice at Charles City, Iowa, where he was associated with J. C. Campbell in the work of the profession. At length he removed to Cando, North Dakota, where he formed a partnership with James B. Brook, the present county judge of Towner county. The business relation between them was maintained until 1908 and during the four succeeding years Mr. Kehoe practiced independently but in 1912 admitted W. T. Moseley to a partnership under the firm style of Kehoe & Moseley. Their patronage has been extensive and of an important character and Mr. Kehoe's standing as an able lawyer is further indicated in the fact that in 1906 he was elected to the office of states attorney and has been four times reelected, serving in all for ten consecutive years. He had also been elected city attorney of Charles City, Iowa, in 1898 and occupied that position for three years. Soon after his arrival in Cando he was there elected city attorney and served for two years in that position. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and exact and his mind is analytical, logical and inductive. His reasoning is clear and deductions sound, while the logic of his arguments never fails to impress court or jury and seldom fails to win the verdict which he desires.

Aside from his professional interests Mr. Kehoe has important property, being a large holder of farm lands, owning independently twelve hundred and eighty acres in Towner county, together with a half interest in four hundred and eighty acres in the county and a third equity in eighteen hundred and eighty acres in Ramsey county.

Mr. Kehoe exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and fraternally he is identified with Charles City Lodge, No. 418, B. P. O. E. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Kehoe is widely known as a business man, as an able lawyer and as a progressive citizen. He has wisely used his time, talents and opportunities and his life record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished through individual effort.

PAUL C. JOHNSON.

Paul C. Johnson, a well known general merchant of Northwood, Grand Forks county, was born in Norway, February 16, 1848, a son of Christian and Gunhild Paulsen, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun. Coming to the new world, they settled in Houston county, Minnesota, and their last days were spent in Roseau county where the father died at the age of eighty-six years. The mother lived for a time with her son, Paul C. Johnson, and afterward with his sister, Mrs. Ida Johnson, at whose home she passed away in 1900, at the age of seventy years. In the family were five children, of whom Paul C. is the eldest.

In his early youth Paul C. Johnson attended school for a week. He afterward received instruction from his grandmother and for twenty-nine days attended school in this country, which comprised the full extent of his educational opportunities. However, he possesses an observing eye and retentive memory and he has continually added to his fund of knowledge, becoming a well informed and practical business man. In 1870 he arrived in Northwood, Iowa, and for three years thereafter was employed at farm labor. At the end of that time he walked to Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he was married and remained for a year. On the expiration of that period he removed to Northwood, North Dakota, in 1875 and on the 2d of July of that year took up his abode on a farm in that locality. With characteristic energy he began its development and improvement and converted it into a highly cultivated tract of land upon which he resided for seventeen years or until 1892, when he established a dry goods store in Northwood which he has since conducted, having now a large and well appointed store in which he carries an extensive line of goods that meets the varied demands of the purchasing public. When he started from Freeborn county, Minnesota, he had little idea as to where he would eventually settle. He made

the trip by wagon, carrying with him all his worldly possessions and accompanied by his wife and child. They journeyed thus for a month before reaching what is now Northwood. Soon after arriving at that point Mr. Johnson filed on land near the river and built a log cabin thirteen by eleven feet, having no assistance in the work save that which his wife could render. After its completion they occupied that primitive home in contentment for several years. Mr. Johnson had to travel to Fargo for supplies, a distance of more than a hundred miles, which he covered with ox teams, the journey requiring a week. He would return with supplies to last for several months. He at once began to break the sod and his first crop was harvested from twenty acres. From that point forward he continued to develop his fields until he had the entire one hundred and sixty acres under cultivation and found that the rich soil produces splendid returns. Though he started in business life with almost nothing, he is today one of the prosperous citizens and honored pioneer settlers of Grand Forks county.

He was also the first postmaster of Northwood, being appointed in 1879, and the first money which he received for his services during a quarter was forty cents. He held that position for five years or until the town was started. For eight years he was mayor of Northwood and his administration was characterized by progressiveness and substantial municipal improvement. He has also been a member of the city council, has been school director and for many years school treasurer of Northwood. In politics he has always maintained an independent course, holding himself free to exercise his right of franchise according to the dictates of his judgment.

In June, 1874, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Sophia Hansen, of Freeborn county, Minnesota, who passed away in the spring of 1899 at the age of forty-four years. Seven children were born to them: Mrs. Clara Erickson, who was born in Freeborn county and is now living in Lind township, Grand Forks county, North Dakota; Bernhard, who was born in Grand Forks county and is married and now resides on a farm in Northwood township of the same county; Gilman, who is married and resides in Northwood; Mrs. Ida Saugstad, also living in Northwood; Mary, at home; Hans, who is married and resides in Northwood; and Stella, who was married November 16, 1916, to Henry A. Haga, of Northwood. With the exception of the first named, all were born in Grand Forks county. In February, 1900, Mr. Johnson was again married, his second union being with Miss Andrea Sagen, of Grand Forks. Their only child died in infancy. As a pioneer citizen, as a representative business man and as a capable official in public office, Mr. Johnson stands high in the regard of his fellow townsmen and he certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

JAMES TWAMLEY.

No history of North Dakota would be complete without extended reference to James Twamley, of Grand Forks, whose name is inseparably interwoven with the business development and with the intellectual and moral progress of the community—in fact with all those things which have made history in this state. He was born in County Carlow, Ireland, November 5, 1843. His father, Peter Twamley, also a native of that country, located in New York city on coming to America in 1844 and there continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1896, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. He was an accountant by profession and thus provided for his family. At the time of the Civil war he and two of his sons responded to the country's call for aid in preserving the Union, the father becoming a member of the Twenty-second New York Infantry. He married Elizabeth Abbott, also a native of the green isle of Erin, and her death occurred in 1881, when she was sixty-seven years of age. There were six children in the family: Henrietta, who became the wife of James McKenell but both are now deceased; Joseph, who served in the Civil war and died in 1882; Elizabeth Ann, the wife of John Pullman, of Brooklyn, New York; Peter, who was a member of the Forty-eighth New York Volunteer Cavalry during the Civil war and for twenty years was president of the Forty-eighth Veteran Association, dying July 30, 1916, his remains being interred in Green-



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wood cemetery at Brooklyn; Jennie, the deceased wife of John Bolton, an importer of New York city; and James of this review.

The last named was educated in the public schools of New York and in the College of the City of New York and when seventeen years of age started out in the business world as an employe in the wholesale dry goods house of De Forest, Armstrong & Company. Later he was with John V. Farwell, of Chicago, and subsequently embarked in business on his own account as a member of the firm of Seymour, Carter & Twamley, but in the big Chicago fire of 1871 their establishment was destroyed and Mr. Twamley lost the greater part of his fortune at that time. He then returned to New York city and entered into partnership with George B. Gurley under the firm name of Gurley & Twamley, dealers in dry goods, at No. 327 Broadway. That association was maintained for six years, at the end of which time Mr. Twamley removed to St. Paul and for eight years was buyer for the Auerbach-Finch-Sheffer Company and also a member of the firm, having a financial interest in the business. On account of ill health, however, he left St. Paul and removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and has resided in this state ever since. Soon after his arrival he entered the wholesale and retail grocery business, forming a partnership with Frank Viets after which they purchased the Metlar stock, then located at the corner of Third and De Mers streets, where the present Ontario department store now stands. This was the first wholesale grocery establishment within the territory now embraced in North Dakota. Mr. Twamley personally purchased the site of the store, which is today the most valuable corner in the city of Grand Forks, its estimated worth being one hundred thousand dollars. Something of the rise in real estate values in Grand Forks resulting from the growth and development of the city is indicated in the fact that Mr. Twamley made the purchase of that property for seven thousand dollars and after owning it for twelve years he sold it for twenty-two thousand dollars, while in the meantime he had received twenty thousand dollars in rental. The firm of Twamley & Viets existed for a year, at the end of which time the latter retired and returned to Ohio, being succeeded in the business by John A. Grove under the firm style of Twamley & Grove. That firm successfully carried on the business for two years, at the end of which time Mr. Twamley went to Minto, North Dakota, where he was joined by Mr. Viets, his former partner, in the establishment of a wholesale grocery business. They also erected a mill, which they operated for six years but on account of poor railroad facilities sold the business and Mr. Twamley returned to Grand Forks, since which time he has practically lived retired. During twelve years of this period, however, he has acted as public administrator of Grand Forks county and for the past fifteen years has been state agent for the Detroit Heating & Lighting Company, manufacturers of gas plants for public and domestic use. Mr. Twamley maintains his interest in that business merely to be occupied, for indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he cannot content himself without the supervision of some business interests to occupy his attention. Through all of his business career he has studied closely the questions affecting his interests and his sound judgment has been displayed in the success that has attended his efforts.

On the 5th of September, 1866, Mr. Twamley was married in Newburgh, New York, to Miss Elizabeth Hawkins, a native of Orange county, New York, and a daughter of Lewis and Mary (Blake) Hawkins, early residents of Orange county and of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Twamley have two children: Frederick, who was born in Newburgh, New York, in 1868 and is now a resident of New York city; and Edna, who is a teacher in the University of North Dakota.

In politics Mr. Twamley is a republican and has always been interested in political and civic questions, giving active support to many measures for the general good. He was appointed the first regent of the State University of North Dakota and was largely instrumental in inducing Governor Ordway, then chief executive of Dakota territory, to locate the University at Grand Forks. Believing firmly in republican principles, he has done everything in his power to promote the success and ensure the growth of the party in the districts in which he has lived. He is the oldest Scottish Rite Mason in North Dakota and is the oldest thirty-third degree Mason. While he has never filled a chair in the order he has always been a most earnest worker in support of the craft. He joined Gramercy Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M., in New York city in 1865, two years after its organization, and

he is today the oldest living representative of that lodge. He likewise belongs to the Independent and the United Orders of Foresters and during the years when prohibition was an issue he was one of the workers that secured the adoption of the prohibition plank and during that period he served as grand chief templar of the state. He organized the Commercial Club of Grand Forks, was its first member and its first president, occupying that position for many years, during which time he instituted many plans that resulted beneficially in the upbuilding of the city along many lines. He belongs to the Congregational church, of which he was formerly a trustee, serving as such until 1915, when he resigned. He aided in organizing the church and has ever been most active in its work, doing everything in his power to promote the moral as well as the material and political progress of his community. The cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion and for many years he served on the school board, being the oldest representative of the board of Grand Forks. In a word there is practically no phase of development and progress in Grand Forks with which Mr. Twamley has not been connected. He was the organizer of the movement and was instrumental in having the city park board commissioners of Grand Forks donate a two-acre tract for the erection of a building in which to preserve historic relics and he contemplates raising funds for the erection of a building to be used as a meeting place for the old settlers and also as a museum. Personally he has a large collection of relics of pioneer days which he will donate to the museum and which includes the first oxcart that came into the state. To this cart he will add a mounted ox, showing to later generations the primitive methods used by the pioneer. A sod house will also be one of the features of the museum. Mr. Twamley has every reason to be proud of the part which he has played in the development and upbuilding of his city and state and the work of perhaps no other has been more effective in advancing the interests of Grand Forks and of North Dakota. He is truly a self-made man, for he has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes. The first salary which he earned was fifty dollars per year and out of that sum he had to pay his living expenses. The second year he received one hundred and fifty dollars and the third year two hundred and fifty dollars. During the fourth year of his employment the company with which he was connected failed on account of the Civil war, for they were the owners of one hundred stores in the south. That he advanced from the beginning is indicated in that record and his progress was continuous until he retired from active business.

PROFESSOR ROBERT B. MURPHY.

Professor Robert B. Murphy, superintendent of schools in Michigan and recognized as one of the able educators of the eastern part of the state, was born on Prince Edward Island, February 20, 1880. His parents, James and Alice (Donnelly) Murphy, are also natives of that locality and there the father became engaged in farming and has also been connected with the fishing industry. He was born in 1849, and his wife in 1847, and both are still living.

Professor Murphy was the fourth in order of birth in their family of five children, and after attending the public schools on Prince Edward Island he continued his education in the Prince of Wales College, from which he was graduated in 1896, winning the literary degree. He afterward attended the Mayville Normal School, where he pursued a professional course and was graduated in 1905. In the interval, however, he took up the profession of teaching on his native island and was made principal of the Fanning high school at Malpeque, there remaining for four years. It was in 1904 that he entered the normal school at Mayville, North Dakota, from which he was graduated the following year. He was then elected superintendent of schools at Tower City, Cass county, where he continued for eight years or until 1913, and while there located he took out his naturalization papers in 1911. Two years later he went to Michigan and has since been superintendent of the schools of that city. He has completed the work for the Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of North Dakota and he has taught in the summer sessions of the State University, also of the Mayville Normal School and at Minot. He imparts clearly and readily to others the

knowledge that he has acquired and he is constantly seeking out new methods that will render his work more effective. He displays great zeal and interest in his professional duties and has the ability to win the cooperation of teachers and pupils.

On the 14th of August, 1898, Professor Murphy was married to Miss Beatrice McLeod, who was born on Prince Edward Island, a daughter of Captain and Mrs. George McLeod. The father was a well known sea captain and commanded a number of sailing vessels. At the time of his demise he was in charge of a government steamer sailing between Prince Edward Island and the mainland and he was most widely and favorably known in that district. Professor and Mrs. Murphy have become parents of three children, as follows: Rita Alice, who was born on Prince Edward Island, January 16, 1900, and is now a senior in the high school at Michigan; Everett Bruce, who was born on Prince Edward Island, January 13, 1905, and is a seventh grade student; and Lloyd George, whose natal day was July 21, 1914.

Professor Murphy has various fraternal connections. He belongs to the Masonic lodge of Tower City and to Michigan City Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is most loyal to the purposes of those organizations. His political allegiance is given the democratic party and he is now serving as city treasurer. He belongs to the Commercial Club of Michigan and is active in furthering its purposes while promoting the growth and upholding the standards of the city, but his attention is chiefly directed in the line of his profession and he has made marked progress in that field. In 1915 he was elected president of the department of secondary education of the North Dakota Education Association and is now filling that position.

HARVE ROBINSON.

Harve Robinson, a banker of Sentinel Butte, was born at Rensselaer, Indiana, in 1867, his parents being Thomas and Margaret (Parkinson) Robinson, who were natives of Ohio. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom Mr. Robinson of this review was the tenth in order of birth. In early life the father and mother removed to Indiana and there spent their remaining days, Mr. Robinson following the occupation of farming and stock raising as a life work.

Harve Robinson acquired his education in the schools of Rensselaer, Indiana, and in Purdue University, which he attended for a year. In 1891 he arrived in Miles City, Montana, and took up the work of cow punching, continuing in that employment for eight years, on the expiration of which period he engaged in the cattle business on his own account. He afterward went into the western part of North Dakota and settled on a ranch thirty-five miles south of Sentinel Butte, whereon he had about five hundred head of cattle. He continued actively in the live stock business until 1914 and was one of the prominent and successful ranchmen of his district. His fellow citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, called him to public office in 1899 by electing him county treasurer of Billings county, which position he filled for two terms. In 1903 he removed to Sentinel Butte, in which year he entered the Interstate Bank of Sentinel Butte as assistant cashier. The bank was established in that year by Messrs. Cranford, Martin, Simpson, Hunter and McGillivray and the last named sold his stock to Mr. Robinson. After serving for a time as assistant cashier Mr. Robinson was elected to the presidency of the bank but sold his interest therein in 1909. He then organized the Stockmen's State Bank at Medora, of which he is the president. In the meantime, or in 1905, he organized the State Bank at Terry, Montana, but sold his interest therein in 1910. In 1906 he became one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Wibaux, Montana, and in 1911 he organized the Glendive State Bank. In the last two named he is still interested. He has done much to further banking in his section of the state and his operations along that line have constituted a source of vast benefit to the communities in which he has established and promoted banks. In the early days he homesteaded a quarter section which is now within the limits of the town site of Sentinel Butte.

In 1889 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Gilbert, who was born

at Sentinel Butte, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilbert, located in pioneer times. Mrs. Robinson passed away in 1908, leaving three children, Addison, Dorothy and Jennie. For his second wife Mr. Robinson chose Miss Nellie Elliot, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliot, of Minnesota, and to them has been born a son, Harvard Kenton, who was named in honor of Simon Kenton, the famous Indian fighter, who was a great-grandfather of Mr. Robinson.

Fraternally Mr. Robinson is connected with the Masons and the Elks of Dickinson, becoming a charter and a life member of the latter organization. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1911 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature. Realizing the possibilities and opportunities of this country, he has worked his way steadily upward and his intelligently directed industry has been an element in the growth and improvement of the districts in which he has operated. His plans have always been well formulated and carefully executed and thus he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken.

JOHN NEAL BLACK.

John Neal Black, engaged in the manufacture of candy and ice cream at Grand Forks and thus prominently connected with the commercial interests of the city, was born at Boston, Massachusetts, January 26, 1873. His father, William Black, a native of that state, was a representative of an old Massachusetts family of Scotch descent that was founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war. Through various generations down to and including William Black representatives of the family were florists and horticulturists. William Black passed away in Boston in 1880 at the age of twenty-nine years, having spent his entire life in that city. In business he had been very successful. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Adderly, was a native of England and in young womanhood came to the new world, making her way to Boston, where she met and married Mr. Black. She is now living at Atlanta, Georgia. In the family were three children, the two daughters being: Eliza, the wife of J. L. Kelly, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Caroline, who died at the age of nine years.

John N. Black was educated in the common schools of Boston to the age of eleven years and then started out to earn his living, being first employed by J. T. Garland, a candy manufacturer at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with whom he learned the confectioner's trade, remaining in Mr. Garland's service for ten years. He was first employed at a salary of four dollars per week but gradually worked his way upward. It was after the death of his father that his mother and the family removed to Minneapolis and with the business interests of that city John N. Black was connected for a considerable period. After leaving the service of Mr. Garland he was employed by other leading candy manufacturers in different parts of the country, spending some time at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and at Cincinnati, Ohio. Eventually he came to North Dakota, settling at Grand Forks in 1902 upon removal from Lima, Ohio. There he entered the employ of H. K. Geist, one of the leading candy manufacturers of the city, with whom he continued for four years. In November, 1907, he embarked in business on his own account, opening a candy department in the George Wilder grocery store, where he leased a small space. Gradually the business grew and developed until his became the leading establishment of the kind in Grand Forks. He is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of confectionery and ice cream and he maintains two retail stores, one at No. 10 North Third street, while the main store is in the Scandinavian-American Bank building. These are both splendidly and attractively equipped and bring to him a liberal patronage. He also conducts a factory at East Grand Forks, Minnesota, where he manufactures all kinds of candies and ice cream. He is the sole owner of the business and his ice cream trade is particularly extensive, for he makes large shipments all over North Dakota and to nearby states. His business has been developed along legitimate and substantial lines and he employs in the factory and his stores thirty people on an average. He has always concentrated his efforts along this single line, has studied the wishes of the people and has manifested a spirit



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of initiative in bringing forth new products both in ice cream and in confectionery. All of his goods are standard products and his success is indeed well merited, being the logical and legitimate reward of his earnest, persistent effort.

On the 12th of June, 1904, in Grand Forks, Mr. Black was married to Miss Christina Kimble who was born at East Grand Forks, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Kimble, the former now deceased, while the latter is living. Her father was one of the first settlers of East Grand Forks and had his farm directly on the boundary line of the city. He became a very prominent, progressive and successful man and was, moreover, honored as a pioneer settler. He took quite an active interest in local politics and in civic matters and filled various positions of honor and trust, including that of alderman and member of the school board of East Grand Forks. Mr. and Mrs. Black have become the parents of six children, Gladys, Emmett, William, Madeline, Norma and Donald, but the second named has passed away.

Mr. Black gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Episcopal church. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with its purposes to upbuild Grand Forks, extend its trade relations and establish higher civic standards. He has always cooperated in movements for the general good and at the same time he has carefully and wisely directed his business affairs along lines leading to continued growth, resulting in very substantial success.

GUSTAVE M. HEDDERICH.

Gustave M. Hedderich, deceased, was one of the honored citizens and prominent business men of Williston for several years and took an important part in the upbuilding of the city. He was born in Evansville, Indiana, on the 11th of October, 1860, and was a son of Christian and Magdalena (Muntzer) Hedderich, both natives of Germany. The father was only five years of age when he came to America and settled in Evansville, Indiana, where after reaching manhood he engaged in the hotel business, conducting the Washington House for many years. He died in that city in 1885 and there his wife also passed away. Her birth occurred in Lyons, New York, her parents having crossed the Atlantic to the United States. She was reared and educated in Lyons and from there removed to Evansville, Indiana, where she was married.

During his boyhood Gustave M. Hedderich attended the grammar and high schools of Evansville and subsequently took up the study of law for a time. At an early day he made his way to Fort Buford, North Dakota, and to Woody Mountain, Canada, when this region was mainly inhabited by the Indians, and he became a personal friend of Sitting Bull and many of the Sioux chiefs. In fact he taught Sitting Bull to write his name in English—an accomplishment of which the Indian was very proud. Mr. Hedderich was connected with the post traders store at Poplar, Montana, when that town was an Indian trading post, and remained there until his brother George died at Fort Buford, North Dakota, when he went to the latter place. He and his brother Clint then bought out the firm of Leighton, Jordan & Hedderich and conducted the store at Fort Buford until the government abandoned the old military post there in 1895, when they moved the business to Williston, which was then a town of only three hundred inhabitants. Having faith in its future development, however, they erected a large brick store building and were not long in securing a good trade, which steadily increased as the country became more thickly settled. He also took an active part in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, becoming associated with many movements for the public good. He built the first irrigation plant in the northwestern part of the state, near Williston, and his success in that undertaking constituted an initial step which was later followed by the government, which promoted and established the large irrigation project that now furnishes water to that section. In addition to his other interests Mr. Hedderich became extensively and successfully engaged in the raising of polled Angus cattle, being the first man in his section of the state to own a fine herd of these cows.

On the 5th of April, 1888, Mr. Hedderich was married to Miss Grace Dustin, a daughter

of Jesse S. and Lorana (Carter) Dustin, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Virginia. The death of Mr. Hedderich occurred April 29, 1906, and was a matter of the keenest regret to all who knew him. His circle of friends was coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. He manifested the utmost loyalty to his neighbors and because of the soundness of his judgment his advice was often sought by them. He left to his family a comfortable competence, the reward of his years of earnest, persistent and intelligently directed toil. The firm of G. M. Hedderich & Company is still doing a fine business and today has one of the largest general stores in northwestern North Dakota. He was a charter member of the Royal Arcanum of Helena, Montana. Mrs. Hedderich lives in Williston and is prominent in social circles there. They had a wide acquaintance among army officers who were at old Fort Buford and Mr. Hedderich had the happy faculty of winning friends wherever he went. His life was ever an upright, honorable one, winning for him the goodwill, confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact, and to his family he left not only a substantial competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

JOHN E. MARTIN.

John E. Martin, attorney at law with offices at Maxbass, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 1, 1884, a son of Ole and Ella (Stensby) Martin, who were natives of Norway. The mother is now deceased, but the father survives and makes his home in Minneapolis.

John E. Martin acquired his education in the graded schools of Minneapolis and in the North high school, after which he attended the University of Minnesota, completing a course in the law department and graduating as a member of the class of 1910. Immediately afterward he came to North Dakota and settled at Plaza, Mountrail county, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. There he remained for six months, when his mother's death occurred and he returned to Minneapolis. After a brief period he located in Minot with George A. McGee, with whom he was associated in practice for ten months. In October, 1912, he came to Maxbass, where he has since successfully followed his profession, being now accorded a large and gratifying clientage that connects him with much important litigation tried in the courts of Bottineau county. He prepares his cases with thoroughness, is logical in his reasoning and clear in his deductions.

On the 18th of November, 1914, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Kathryne Louise Vye, of Plaza, North Dakota, and to them has been born a daughter, Kathryne Gwenith.

Mr. Martin is a member of Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., and in religious faith his wife is a Congregationalist. Politically he is a republican and at the spring primary of 1916 received the nomination for judge of the county court and that fall was elected. He never regards lightly the duties that devolve upon him in a professional capacity and his ability is widely recognized. He is the present mayor of Maxbass, having served in that capacity for the past three years, and is also a member of the school board.

JOHAN JULIUS HANSON.

Johan Julius Hanson, a representative of the farming interests of Lamoure county, his home being on section 27, Black Loam township, was born in Norway, September 10, 1859, a son of Olaves and Stina Hanson, who arrived in the United States in June, 1865, accompanied by their family and settled in Meeker county, Minnesota, where the father took up a homestead of seventy-two acres. He lived upon this farm until 1890, when he removed to Grove City, Minnesota, and in 1906 came to North Dakota, after which he went to live with his son, H. J. Hanson, in Litchville, there remaining up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1908. For more than a quarter of a century he had survived his wife, who died in this state in 1882.

Johan J. Hanson was not yet six years of age when his parents came to the new world. He acquired a common school education in Minnesota, his boyhood days being passed without any incident of special importance. In the spring of 1882 he came to North Dakota and started to earn his living at farm life. He filed on a homestead claim constituting the southeast quarter of section 6, Litchville township, and with characteristic energy began to develop and cultivate that property, there remaining until 1888, when he returned to Minnesota. For three years thereafter he lived in Grove City, where he carried on general merchandising, but in 1891 he again came to North Dakota and opened a mercantile store in Litchville. For three years he was again identified with mercantile interests and in the spring of 1895 he removed to Verona, Lamoure county, where he engaged in business and also occupied the position of postmaster for three years. In the fall of 1898 he sold out his stock of goods and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 26, Black Loam township, after which he removed to his farm and thereon continued to make his home until the fall of 1915, when he moved across the road and established his residence on section 27. He has bought land from time to time and is now the owner of nine hundred and twenty acres in Black Loam township and a quarter section in Litchville township. Much of the land was totally unimproved or but slightly improved when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began its development and converted it into productive fields from which he annually gathers good harvests.

In 1881 Mr. Hanson was married to Miss Carrie Bjorke, of Meeker county, Minnesota, a native of Norway, who came with her parents to this country in 1867. The two children born of this marriage are: Ludvig, living at Rudyard, Montana; and Alfred, who remains at home and cultivates a part of his father's land. The wife and mother passed away in December, 1884, and in 1885 Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Ollana Kulsath, of Prairie township, Lamoure county, but a native of Norway. She came to the United States with her parents in 1870 and has since remained on this side of the Atlantic. The children of this marriage are nine in number, of whom seven are living: Harry and Olaf, both at home; Mabel, who has taken up a homestead claim in Montana; and Josie, Walter, William and Laura, all of whom are under the parental roof.

Mr. Hanson and his family are members of the Lutheran church and he is interested in all that pertains to the moral progress and uplift of the community. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs.

W. T. MOSELEY.

W. T. Moseley is a well known representative of a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of every community, being now actively engaged in law practice as a member of the firm of Kehoe & Moseley of Cando. A native of Wisconsin, he was born in Sparta, March 6, 1877, his parents being Dr. William H. and Sarah B. (McKenzie) Moseley, the former born in Franklinville, New York, and the latter in Middlebury, Vermont. They came west with their respective parents in childhood, arriving in Wisconsin in the early '50s, at which time they took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Monroe county. On reaching manhood the father prepared for the practice of medicine and for many years was a well known, prominent and successful physician of Sparta. In 1896 he removed to Madison, Wisconsin, where his remaining days were passed, his death there occurring in June, 1911. His widow still resides in that city.

Liberal educational opportunities were accorded W. T. Moseley. He completed his studies in the University of Wisconsin, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Letters degree in 1900 and in 1903 his LL. B. degree. His first two years as a law student were spent at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., where he was also employed as special agent in the United States census bureau, to which position he was appointed in June, 1900. During his service in that connection he was placed in charge of agriculture on the Indian reservations of the United States, over which he had jurisdiction for two years

and during that time he attended Georgetown University, in which he pursued his preparation for the bar. Following his graduation from the law school of the University of Wisconsin he came direct to North Dakota in 1903 and for two years was employed in the collection department of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company, with headquarters at Fargo. From 1905 until 1907 he was traveling auditor for F. H. Stoltze, who at that time operated a line of thirty lumberyards in North Dakota, and while thus engaged he gained a broad acquaintance throughout the state. In August, 1907, he arrived in Cando, where he formed a law partnership with Charles C. Converse under the firm name of Converse & Moseley. That partnership continued until May, 1908, when Mr. Converse removed to McKenzie county, and during the succeeding four years Mr. Moseley practiced independently. On the 1st of July, 1912, he joined J. J. Kehoe in forming the present partnership under the firm style of Kehoe & Moseley, which constitutes today one of the strong law firms of their part of the state. They have a large practice and are very successful in its conduct. Mr. Moseley has comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and his ability in analyzing a case and arriving at the strong points in its evidence is marked. In association with Mr. Kehoe he owns four hundred and eighty acres of land in Towner county.

On the 24th of September, 1907, Mr. Moseley was united in marriage to Miss Josephine A. Wells, of Portage, Wisconsin, a classmate in the University of Wisconsin in which she was the honor student in the class of 1903, in which year the degree of B. L. was conferred upon her. She was also made a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity and belonged to the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Moseley have two children, Forrest M. and Marion W.

Mr. Moseley is a republican in politics and in 1910 was appointed to the office of city attorney of Cando, in which position he has served continuously, while in the fall of 1916 he was elected to the office of states attorney. He belongs to Cando Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M., and Cando Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., and he is also identified with Harlan Chapter of the Phi Delta Phi, a college fraternity. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church and Mrs. Moseley is very active in church and club circles, belonging to the Fleur de Lis Club of Cando. There is an enviable social position and the hospitality of the best homes of Cando is cordially extended them. Nature endowed Mr. Moseley with strong intellect and he has used his talents wisely and well, concentrating his efforts upon a profession in which merit and ability are the only factors that win advancement. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and exact and he is seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle.

GEORGE E. BURGESS.

One of the foremost business men and prominent citizens of Billings county is George E. Burgess, who is now serving as cashier of the Stockmen's State Bank of Medora and is also extensively engaged in the cattle business. He was born in Wisconsin in 1865 and is one of a family of seven children, his parents being John and Rachel Burgess, who were pioneer settlers of western Wisconsin, where they located in the early '50s. The mother is still living but the father is deceased.

George E. Burgess spent his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity and is indebted to its public schools for the education he obtained. On starting out in life for himself he turned his attention to railroading, being employed as engineer and surveyor by the Chippewa Valley & Northern Pacific Railroad from 1887 to 1897. He made his home with his parents until his removal to North Dakota in 1890. On severing his connection with the railroad he turned his attention to ranching about four miles north of Medora in Billings county and has since engaged in the stock business on an extensive scale. He raises on an average of from three to four hundred head of cattle annually and as his stock is of good grade he commands the highest price on the market. At the present time, however, his cattle interests are confined mostly to Montana. In 1909 he assisted in organizing the Stockmen's State Bank of Medora, being connected in this enterprise with C. Peterson

Harve Robinson, G. H. Parker and J. T. Johnson. The bank has a capital of fifteen thousand dollars and a surplus of like amount, and Mr. Burgess has efficiently served as its cashier since its incorporation.

In 1898 he was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Strom, a native of Iowa, though her parents, who are now deceased, were pioneers of Bismarek, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess have three children namely: Ethel, Erma and Helen.

Mr. Burgess affiliates with the republican party and from 1903 to 1915 filled the office of register of deeds in Billings county. He is a Royal Arch Mason, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at Dickinson, and he is also a member of the Elks lodge at that place. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, possessing sound judgment and keen insight, and to these characteristics may be attributed his success in life, for on starting out for himself he was without capital and his success is due to his own unaided efforts.

J. F. GARDNER.

J. F. Gardner, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Belfield, was born in Wisconsin, of which state his parents, John W. and Dorothy E. (Springstead) Gardner, are also natives and where they still continue to reside. There he attended the public schools and completed his education at a business college in the Twin Cities, where he pursued a course in book-keeping. For a time he was in the employ of the firm of Whipple & Malstedt at Minneapolis and then entered the Elk Valley Bank at Larimore, North Dakota, as a bookkeeper, remaining there for a period of two years from 1900. He next held the position of receiving teller in the Second National Bank of Minot until 1908, when he returned to Minneapolis and accepted a position with the Gold-Stabeck Loan & Credit Company, his work being confined mostly to North Dakota.

On leaving that firm Mr. Gardner located in Belfield on the 1st of August, 1915, and became cashier of the Farmers State Bank, which was organized on the 1st of September, that year, by W. S. Richards, Mr. Eyer and Mr. Gardner. It is capitalized at fifteen thousand dollars and has already built up a good business, though now only a year old.

By his ballot Mr. Gardner supports the men and measures of the republican party but has never cared for political honors. He is now serving as an officer in the recently organized Masonic lodge of Belfield and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Minot. He is one of the representative business men of Belfield and is held in high esteem wherever known.

DAVID KALIL.

David Kalil, engaged in merchandising at Williston, is a member of the firm of Kalil Brothers, who since 1907 have dealt in groceries, meats, farm machinery and implements in the town, where they are still conducting a profitable enterprise. David Kalil was born at Turbol, Syria, July 4, 1882, a son of Kalil and Mary (Farage) Mussaaid, who are also of Syrian birth. The father has devoted his life to farming and both he and his wife are still residents of Syria.

It was after coming to America that David Kalil changed his name to its present form, for in his native land he was Kalil Mussaaid. He acquired his education in the schools of his native city and became a farmer and tobacco raiser of Syria, where he remained until 1899, when at the age of seventeen years he crossed the Atlantic and started in business life in the new world as a factory hand in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He afterward worked in a brick manufacturing plant at Fishkill-on-the-Hudson in New York for about three years and during that period carefully saved his earnings until industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to embark in business on his own account. Removing to the west, he established a grocery store at Duluth, Minnesota, where he carried on business for two years, and in 1903 he went to Williston, North Dakota, and homesteaded land in

that vicinity. After devoting four years to the development and improvement of his property he again engaged in merchandising, becoming a member of the firm of Kalil Brothers in 1907. His partner is his brother Jim, who married Mamie Zine, of Forzol, Syria. In the intervening period, covering a decade, they have built up a good business, handling groceries, meats, farm machinery and implements, and their trade is now large and gratifying, bringing to them a good financial return. David Kalil also owns farm land in Williams county, covering the quarter section which he homesteaded, and he has another quarter section in Montana. He also has considerable city property, including his residence and store building, both of which he erected.

On the 14th of August, 1904, at Duluth, Minnesota, Mr. Kalil was married to Miss Sadie Homeid, a native of Syria who in early girlhood came to America, making her way to Duluth. Four children have been born of this marriage: Wilbur, Rosaline, Edward and Solomon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kalil hold membership in the Roman Catholic church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Moose. He is yet a young man but has already made for himself a most substantial position in business circles and his career since coming to the new world has been characterized by steady progress. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his efforts have been intelligently directed and he has readily adapted himself to changed conditions and different business methods.

JOHN SAD.

John Sad, a lawyer practicing at Hannaford since his admission to the bar in 1914, was born at Hardanger, Norway, July 24, 1888. His father, Asbjorni B. Sad, also a native of Hardanger, came to North Dakota with his family in 1889, settling first at Valley City but after two years removing to Fargo. Later he returned to Valley City, where he remained until 1904, employed at the trade of merchant tailoring. He then purchased a farm east of Dazey, upon which he still resides.

John Sad was the eldest in a family of six children and was only about a year old when brought to the new world, so that practically his entire life has been spent in this state. He attended the public schools and later became a student in the North Dakota State University, where he pursued a course in law that qualified him for admission to the bar in 1914. After receiving his license to practice he located in Hannaford, where he has since remained and in the intervening period he has gained a good clientage which many an older practitioner might well envy. He displays energy and ability, is a fluent, forceful speaker and readily recognizes the relation of points in law to the facts in the case. At the present time he is the republican nominee for states attorney in Griggs county and receives strong endorsement from fellow members of the bar.

On the 27th of November, 1913, Mr. Sad was united in marriage to Miss May Stee, who was born near Dazey, a daughter of Thomas Stee, a pioneer of Barnes county. They have a circle of warm friends at Hannaford and in this part of the state and Mr. Sad is a representative member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His chief interest, however, is his law practice and he gives undivided attention to the interests entrusted to his care.

OSCAR M. NESS.

Oscar M. Ness, cashier of the First State Bank of Mylo, Rolette county, is a native of the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Cottonwood county, December 14, 1885. His parents are John H. and Carrie Ness, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Iowa. When but six years of age the father accompanied his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Minnesota, where he was reared and educated. He took up the occupation of farming as a life work and followed



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that pursuit in Cottonwood county for many years but is now living retired, he and his wife making their home in Windom, Minnesota.

Oscar M. Ness was reared at Windom and is indebted to its public schools for his educational opportunities. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and then started out in the business world by securing a situation in a bank at Mankato, Minnesota, where he served for two or three years as bookkeeper. He then went to Bisbee in 1908 and accepted the position of assistant cashier in the First National Bank, which office he filled until January, 1916. He then removed to Mylo, Rolette county, to become cashier of the First State Bank, of which Axel Egeland is the president and R. J. Honeyford vice president. Mr. Ness is one of the stockholders and directors of this bank, which is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus of two thousand dollars, while their deposits amount to one hundred and forty thousand dollars. Mr. Ness is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the First National Bank of Bisbee and his real estate investments cover six hundred and forty acres of land in Rolette county. He buys and sells land, this constituting an important branch of his business, and he is thoroughly informed concerning property values.

On the 4th of June, 1913, Mr. Ness was married to Miss Isabelle Gerrard. They are members of the Lutheran church and in social circles in their community occupy an enviable position. Mr. Ness belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He served on the school board while at Bisbee but has never sought or desired political office, feeling that the pursuits of private life are in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. He has based his hope upon diligence and determination as factors in success and through the utilization of those qualities has worked his way steadily upward, being now numbered among the men of affluence in his community.

OLE TORGERSEN.

Ole Torgersen, a lumber dealer of Berwick, was born in Norway, February 24, 1861, and was a little lad of eight years when in 1869 he was brought to America by his parents, Torger and Nettie (Larsen) Torgersen, who settled in Mitchell county, Iowa. After nine years they removed to Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, where the father filed on a homestead on which he resided for a number of years. Later he took up his abode at Canby, where his remaining days were passed, his death there occurring in March, 1914. His widow still survives and has now reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. Her home is still in Canby.

Ole Torgersen pursued a district school education in Iowa and through the period of his boyhood and youth, when not occupied by the duties of the schoolroom, aided in the work of the home farm. He remained with his father until he reached his twenty-fifth year and then turned from agricultural to commercial pursuits, securing a position in a lumber yard in Toronto, South Dakota, where he was employed for five years.

In 1890 Mr. Torgersen was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Johnson, then of Toronto but a native of Rushford, Minnesota, and of Norwegian parentage. Following his marriage he embarked in the lumber business on his own account, becoming a partner in the Winnor-Torgersen Lumber Company, with yards at various points in South Dakota. Subsequently they disposed of their interests in that state and bought other lumber yards in North Dakota, carrying on a profitable and growing business until 1912, when Mr. Torgersen severed his connection with his firm, buying from the Winnor-Torgersen Lumber Company their yards at Berwick and Willow City. Later he also acquired a yard at Balta and another at Orrin and he now operates the four yards, being thus extensively engaged in the lumber trade, in which long experience, close application and unfaltering energy are bringing to him substantial and well merited success. He possesses marked energy, and closely studying every phase of the lumber trade and the market, he has been able to purchase judiciously and to win a fair profit on his investment. He also owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Ransom county and an entire section of land in Greeley county, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Torgersen have no children of their own, but have reared and educated three girls, two half sisters of his wife—Louise, now the wife of Dr. G. H. Walker, of Fairfax, Minnesota; and Augusta, the wife of N. M. Tweet, a merchant of Berwick, North Dakota; and a niece, Jessie Torgersen, who is now attending the State University at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Torgersen are members of the Lutheran church and he belongs also to Canby Lodge, No. 147, F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in South Dakota Consistory, No. 4, S. P. R. S., of Aberdeen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is now a member of the town board. He maintains a helpful attitude toward any movement calculated to benefit the district or state in which he lives and he is a representative of that class of progressive men who are doing much to further the upbuilding of North Dakota. Starting out in life empty handed, he has worked his way upward through persistent and honorable effort and is now one of the well known lumber merchants of his section of the state.

DANIEL W. FRAKER.

Since the spring of 1898 Daniel W. Fraker has been a resident of Towner county and has been actively identified with its development and prosperity. For several years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and was also identified with educational interests for a time but is now serving as register of deeds and makes his home in Cando. He was born on the 24th of February, 1876, in Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Dyson F. and Sarah (Cromer) Fraker, were lifelong residents. By trade the father was a molder but he also followed the occupation of farming. When the country became involved in Civil war he put aside all personal interests, enlisting February 19, 1864, in Company L, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served until July 9, 1865, where he was mustered out. For more than forty years he was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in that faith at Fort Littleton, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1915, at the age of sixty-nine years, three months and twenty-two days. He had survived his wife for eight years, as she passed away October 4, 1907, at the age of sixty-one.

In the home of this worthy couple Daniel W. Fraker grew to manhood, surrounded by good Christian influence, and in the local schools he obtained his education. At the age of nineteen years he left the parental roof and went to Story county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for one year. The following two years were spent in Ohio, and in the spring of 1898 he came to North Dakota, his destination being Cando, Towner county, where he filed on land, which he operated for a number of years. He then rented his land and removed to Egeland, where he taught school from 1904 to 1914. In 1914 he was elected register of deeds of Towner county and removed to Cando to assume the duties of that office, which he has since most faithfully discharged. He is now the republican candidate for reelection, having always affiliated with that party. He is a man who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact.

GEORGE DUNCAN.

George Duncan, clerk of the courts of Benson county and a resident of Minnewaukan, is a native of Scotland, his birth having occurred at Ruthven, Aberdeenshire, on the 15th of June, 1860. He is a son of James and Janet (Wilson) Duncan, who were also natives of Scotland, the former born in Aberdeen county and the latter in the county of Banff. The father carried on farming in the land of hills and heather throughout his entire life and there passed away in 1889, having for a long period survived his wife, who died in 1871.

George Duncan supplemented his public school education, acquired in Scotland, by study in Minnesota. He came to America in June, 1882, and for three years was a resident of Minnesota, after which he removed to Grand Forks county, North Dakota, where he resided for two years. He next made his way to Minnewaukan, Benson county, and filed on land

which he has cultivated to a greater or less extent for twenty years. In April, 1897, he was appointed clerk of the courts of Benson county and at the next election was regularly chosen by popular suffrage for that position, in which he has since been continued by reelection, covering a period of almost twenty years. This is a notable record of faithfulness and capability and all who know aught of his service speak of him in terms of high regard. He also deals in land and has quite extensive farming interests, his business affairs in that connection being wisely and profitably managed.

On the 13th of May, 1894, Mr. Duncan was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Pierson and to them have been born six children: Walter, who died August 22, 1912, at the age of seventeen years; and George, Mabel, Don, Dorothy and Fred, all at home. Among the living children all are yet in school save the eldest, who is now working in the office of clerk of the courts under his father. The family reside on forty acres of land just outside the village, in West Bay township, Benson county, and Mr. Duncan is treasurer of that township, which was organized in 1908.

In his political views Mr. Duncan is an earnest republican but not a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking. He has been long in a position of public trust and it has come to him as the recognition of fidelity on his part and capability in the discharge of his duties. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while the religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church.

HENRY A. SORENSON.

Among the representative business men of Belfield is numbered Henry A. Sorenson, a dealer in hardware, furniture and farm implements. He was born in Minnesota in 1879 and is a son of Chris and Matilda Sorenson. For many years the father was engaged in the implement business in Appleton, Minnesota, and he continued to reside in that state until his death.

During his boyhood and youth Henry A. Sorenson attended the public schools of Minnesota, and he remained on the home farm until twenty-eight years of age, giving his father the benefit of his labors. On coming to North Dakota in 1909, he located in Belfield, where he and his brother, J. S. Sorenson, started in the hardware, furniture and implement business. He is still interested in that enterprise and today has one of the leading establishments of the kind in Stark county.

In the fall of 1911, Mr. Sorenson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Amundson, also a native of Minnesota, and to them have been born two children, Marvel and Lucille. They are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Belfield, of which Mr. Sorenson is one of the trustees. Politically he affiliates with the republican party. He is a prominent and influential member of the Belfield Commercial Club, which he served as vice president in 1915, and is at present treasurer of the club. On starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances but through industry, perseverance and good judgment he has worked his way steadily upward until he now ranks among the substantial citizens of the community. Besides his business in Belfield he is now interested in farm lands to some extent and whatever he undertakes he generally carries forward to successful completion.

THOMAS JERMANUS.

Syria's contribution to the citizenship of North Dakota includes Thomas Jermanus, a merchant of Williston, who was born at Maalackat, Syria, February 14, 1873. His parents, Kalil and Nijmeh (Gassien) Jermanus, were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives, the father always devoting his attention to merchandising at Maalackat-Zahleh.

It was there that Thomas Jermanus acquired his education and afterward learned the

trade of shoemaking. The opportunities of the new world attracted him and at the age of seventeen he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America, arriving in Chicago in 1890. There he engaged in shoemaking until 1893. Then he became a clerk in a dry goods store in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he spent the succeeding decade. In 1903 he arrived in Williston and homesteaded, after which he farmed his place until he proved up and won his title. In 1905 he established a general store at Williston and in 1907 admitted his brother-in-law to a partnership under the firm name of Jermanus & Bousliman. That connection was continued until 1911, when he purchased the interest of Mr. Bousliman and has since carried on the business alone under the name of the National store. He has gained a good patronage by enterprise and reliable methods, his success being the direct result of persistent, earnest labor.

On the 15th of February, 1903, Mr. Jermanus was married to Miss Julia Bousliman, of St. Paul, who was born in Zahleh, Syria. She is a daughter of Moses and Sanura Bousliman, who were also natives of Syria, where the father followed the business of a tinner until his death. The mother is now living with Mrs. Jermanus. To Mr. and Mrs. Jermanus have been born four children: George, born in St. Paul; and Charles, John and Nijmeh, all born in Williston.

Since becoming a naturalized citizen Mr. Jermanus has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally he is connected with Williston Lodge, No. 1214, B. P. O. E., and with the Moose. He still owns his homestead property, which he now rents, and he also has valuable real estate in Williston, where he is recognized as one of the leading citizens of Syrian birth.

J. R. WATERS.

The city of Beach, North Dakota, probably has no more wide-awake or enterprising citizen than J. R. Waters, who is engaged in the loan and real estate business and also follows farming on an extensive scale. He was born in Warren, Ohio, on the 18th of December, 1867, and was about five or six years of age, when he accompanied his parents, George and Ellen Waters, on their removal to Montezuma, Iowa, where both the father and mother died. There J. R. Waters grew to manhood, receiving the usual instruction in the public schools, and after his graduation from the high school of Montezuma entered the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, from which he was later graduated.

Mr. Waters began his business career as a railroad man, being employed as train dispatcher by the Iowa Central, Santa Fe, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Soo line and the Great Northern Railroads until 1901, since which time he has given his attention to the real estate business. He first entered the service of the C. C. Samson Land Company of St. Paul and in 1902 became a member of the firm with headquarters at Grand Forks, North Dakota. In 1908 he severed his connection with that company and removed to Minot, where he organized the Security Loan Company, but remained there only one year. It was in February, 1909, that he arrived in Beach and embarked in the loan business. This he has since made his principal business, though he handles real estate to some extent and is farming a vast acreage of upward of two thousand acres. He is gradually working into the cattle business, which he has found quite profitable, and is now raising Holstein and shorthorn cattle quite extensively. He is also interested in thoroughbred horses, making a specialty of racers, and owns some fast stock. His home is a fine residence on the north side of the town of Beach and has just been completed. It is modern and thoroughly up-to-date in its appointments.

Since coming to Beach, Mr. Waters has taken an active interest in the Commercial Club, serving as its first president, and he has been instrumental in advancing the welfare of the city along various lines. He never allows his personal affairs to interfere with his duties as a citizen, and his cooperation can be depended upon to further all worthy objects for the public good. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to Lafayette Lodge, No. 52, A. F. & A. M., of Montezuma, Iowa; to Dakota Consistory, No. 1, at Fargo; and to El Zagal

Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He is also a member of the Elks lodge at Dickinson and other organizations. It is as a business man, however, that he is most widely known. Prosperity has attended his well directed efforts and he today ranks with the most substantial citizens of Golden Valley county. His executive ability is beyond question and in business affairs he is enterprising, progressive and reliable.

C. E. WARD.

The educational interests of North Dakota have a worthy representative in C. E. Ward, the present efficient superintendent of schools for Stark county. He was born in Boulder, Clinton county, Illinois, April 25, 1884, his parents being Jasper and Mary A. (Moore) Ward, who are now residents of Missouri. By occupation the father is a farmer.

In the state of his nativity C. E. Ward began his education in the public schools but when he was twelve years of age the family removed to Irwin, Iowa, where he continued to attend school for some time, completing a high school course. Coming to North Dakota in 1906 he secured a homestead south of Belfield in Stark county and while proving up on his claim engaged in teaching school, continuing to successfully follow that profession until elected county superintendent, at which time he was serving as principal of the Belfield high school. So acceptably did he fill the office of superintendent that he was reelected at the end of his two years' term in 1914 and was again the candidate of the republican party for that position in the fall of 1916.

Mr. Ward was married on the 5th of August, 1909, to Miss Emma Kemble, and they have become the parents of two children: Dorothea and Charles H. In religious faith they are Protestants and Mr. Ward is a Royal Arch Mason and also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a leader in the campaign for the twenty thousand dollar school building erected in Belfield in 1914 and has been instrumental in promoting the Normal School for Dickinson and many other worthy enterprises since becoming a resident of that city. The good roads movement receives his earnest support and Stark county probably has no more enterprising or progressive citizen than C. E. Ward.

OSCAR GREENLAND.

Oscar Greenland, cashier of the First National Bank of Binford, Griggs county, was born on the 18th of July, 1873, in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and is the oldest in a family of six children, four of whom are still living. His parents, Frithiof and Nathalia (Evenrud) Greenland, were born, reared and married in Norway, whence they came to the United States in 1871 and located in Minnesota, making their home there until their removal to Griggs county, North Dakota, in 1881. Here the father took up a homestead and a tree claim, upon which he continued to reside until 1902, when he left the farm to the operation of his youngest son and removed to Cooperstown, where he has since engaged in the machine business. He has taken a very prominent and influential part in public affairs and has been called upon to fill positions of honor and trust. He was elected county assessor, in which capacity he served for two years, and was then elected sheriff of Griggs county. So acceptably did he fill that position that he was reelected, serving for four years.

Oscar Greenland was about eight years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to North Dakota. He obtained his education in the district schools and in 1892 began his business career as a clerk in the hardware store of Peter E. Nelson at Cooperstown, where he remained for four years. He was next with the firm of Berg Brothers & Company until 1899, when he formed a partnership with his employers and started a hardware and general mercantile business at Binford, which town had just been established, theirs being the second store to open there. Mr. Greenland is still interested in that business, which is now conducted under the style of Greenland-Pritz & Company, Inc.

In 1906 he was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Binford and has since been a member of its board of directors. They immediately erected a good substantial building, well equipped for its purpose, and from the first have received a liberal share of the public patronage. The bank has a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and a surplus of ten thousand dollars, while its deposits at the present time amount to one hundred and seventy thousand dollars. In 1908 Mr. Greenland became cashier of the bank, in which capacity he is still serving, the other officers being Lewis Berg, president; Joseph Buchheit, vice president; and N. E. Greenland, assistant cashier.

On the 19th of April, 1900, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Greenland and Miss Bertha Lier, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Mathias C. Lier, who was born in Norway and brought his family to North Dakota in 1899. To this union have been born the following children: Inez Caroline, Florence Mercedes, Blanche Ovidia, Thelma, Beatrice Marjory and Bernice Muriel.

Mr. Greenland is president of the local lodge of Sons of Norway and is a democrat in politics. He is one of the leading representatives of his party in his district and has twice been a candidate for the state legislature but was defeated as the republican party is in the majority there. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs and is a liberal supporter of all enterprises calculated to benefit his town, county or state.

JOHN DUNCAN TAYLOR, M. D.

Dr. John Duncan Taylor, a distinguished physician and former member of the state senate, has throughout the period of his connection with North Dakota contributed to its growth and development. Arriving in the state when a youth of but nineteen years, he has since cooperated in many plans and movements which have resulted directly in the upbuilding of his district, meeting the hardships and privations of pioneer life and also living to witness the remarkable changes which have brought North Dakota to its present condition of high civilization. He was born in Ontario, Canada, May 16, 1859, a son of Charles B. and Mary (Lockhart) Taylor, both of whom were natives of Scotland but in early life became residents of Canada. They remained in Ontario, however, for only a short time. The father removed to Detroit, Michigan, in 1868 and there engaged in the dry goods business, maintaining his residence in that city up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1902, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine years. His wife died in Ontario in 1863, when but twenty-eight years of age. They had a family of two children, the daughter being Mrs. Marion Van Syde, of Grand Forks.

Dr. Taylor pursued his primary studies in the schools of Detroit, where he continued his education to the age of fifteen. He then put aside his textbooks and for a time sold papers in that city, later becoming a pharmacist. At nineteen years of age he removed westward to North Dakota and established a drug store at Grandin, while later he became a resident of Churchs Ferry. There he carried on business for a period but afterward sold out preparatory to entering upon the study of medicine, which he pursued in the Detroit College of Medicine. After graduating from that institution with the class of 1891 he entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago, where he won his M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1893. Returning to North Dakota, he opened an office at Churchs Ferry but the same year removed to Grand Forks, where he has since practiced. His ability has brought him prominently before the public in a professional capacity. He studies broadly, thinks deeply and keeps in touch with the trend of scientific investigation and research, being at all times deeply interested in anything which tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life. Dr. Taylor belongs to the Grand Forks District Medical Society, of which he was the first president, and he also has membership in the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Taylor holds membership in the Presbyterian church, while in Masonic circles he has attained high rank, having become a Knight Templar and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is a charter member of the Country and Golf Clubs of Grand Forks and finds therein



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needed rest and recreation. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and from 1900 until 1908 he was a member of the state senate from the seventh senatorial district, which he represented in the upper house for two terms. During that period he gave most thoughtful and earnest consideration to the questions which came up for settlement and supported all those measures which he deemed beneficial to the commonwealth and as earnestly opposed those which he considered inimical to the best development of the state. While serving as senator he had established the public health laboratory at the University of North Dakota. In 1908 he was elected mayor of Grand Forks and remained as chief executive of the city for two years, after which he traveled extensively in all parts of Europe, for a year doing post graduate work. Following his return to Grand Forks he was appointed a member of the board of regents for the state of North Dakota for a term of four years and is now acting in that capacity. His work in public connections as well as in professional circles has been far-reaching and beneficial and the value of his service to the state is widely acknowledged.

DAVID D. McKEE.

David D. McKee, cashier of the Tappen State Bank at Tappen, Kidder county, is a native of Querida, Colorado, born January 26, 1884, his parents being David William and Anna (Ryan) McKee, who are also natives of that state. Removing northward to Minnesota, they settled in Kennedy, where they still reside.

David D. McKee was but an infant at the time of the removal to that place, where he was reared. He attended the graded schools and when he started out to earn his own living secured work as a farm hand by the month in that vicinity. There he remained until 1904, when he moved to Sharon, North Dakota, where he conducted a lumberyard for the St. Anthony Dakota Elevator Company of Minneapolis, of which he had charge for seven years. Since 1911 he has lived in Tappen, where he assisted in organizing the Tappen State Bank, its charter being received on the 4th of June, 1910. The officers are: O. N. Grafshain, president; Alexander Curry, vice president; and David D. McKee, cashier. These officers have occupied their respective positions from the beginning. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and now has a surplus of ten thousand dollars. The company owns the bank building and conducts both a general banking and real estate business. In 1912 the Tappen State Bank purchased the Pettibone State Bank, which the company still conducts. Mr. McKee was the real promoter of the Tappen Bank and has been the moving spirit in its conduct and successful management. He is likewise half owner of a large sheep ranch, on which are about twenty-five thousand head of Shropshire and Merino sheep. He is likewise interested in farming and has an entire section of land under cultivation.

In 1905 Mr. McKee was married to Miss Eva Long, a native of Sharon, North Dakota, and they have two children, Owen and Walter, born respectively in 1908 and 1912. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and in his political belief Mr. McKee is a democrat. His interest, however, centers upon his business, although he is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, and his close application, unfaltering perseverance and intelligently directed energy are the salient features in his advancement toward financial independence.

CHARLES S. MOORES.

The business interests of Steele county have a worthy representative in Charles S. Moores, who has been prominently identified with the development of Hope and has materially aided in its upbuilding and prosperity. He has assisted in establishing various enterprises and is today serving as vice president of the Hope National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers.

Mr. Moores was born on the 12th of August, 1864, in Restigouche, New Brunswick, Canada, of which place his parents, Alex and Levina (Allan) Moores, were also natives. His paternal grandfather, David Moores, was also born in New Brunswick, but the family came originally from Scotland and for several generations they were identified with the lumber business. In 1868 the father removed to Minnesota, where his family joined him the following year and where he continued in the lumber business until accidentally killed by a log rolling upon him when thirty-six years of age.

Charles S. Moores is the older of the two children of the family and was about five years of age when he became a resident of Minnesota, his boyhood being spent at Elk River, where he attended school. At the age of eighteen he started out in life for himself and for three years engaged in lumbering. In 1885 he came to North Dakota and took up a homestead in Richland county. When the Great Northern and Soo Railroads were built across his land, they erected a station in 1886, to which they gave the name of Stiles, and he opened a general store at that place, which he conducted with success until 1894. He then sold out and purchased the Hope Roller Mill at Hope, Steele county, which he operated until 1913. In the meantime he had become interested in other enterprises in that city. In 1907 he built the light plant and engaged in its operation until 1912, when he sold it to the Frank E. Corson Company, who now conduct it. Although he has recently disposed of some of his property, Mr. Moores is still the owner of two sections of land in Steele county and has three sections of farm land in Montana. In 1900, he was one of the organizers and promoters of the Hope State Bank, which changed its name six years later to the Hope National Bank. Its capital and surplus now amount to over sixty thousand dollars and a large amount of business is transacted over its counters. On its organization the present modern bank building was erected and its equipment is substantial and up-to-date. From the beginning Mr. Moores has served as its vice president, the other officers being Ole Arnegard, president and George A. Warner, cashier.

In October, 1888, Mr. Moores was united in marriage to Miss Celia Stiles, who died in May, 1898. Her father, Ezra Stiles, was a prominent farmer of Richland county and it was in his honor the town of Stiles was named. The children born of this union are: Winnifred, who attended the Hope high school and also the Minnesota Business College at Minneapolis and is now in the employ of the Hope National Bank; Harold, who also attended high school and is now conducting one of his father's farms; and Zelma, who completed her education in the Valley City State Normal and is now engaged in teaching. Mr. Moores was again married in 1901, his second wife being Miss Augusta Link, of New York state, by whom he has two children, Charles and Richard, both in school.

Mr. Moores is a Knights Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He has taken an active interest in educational affairs and has been a member of the school board for a number of years. He has never cared for political honors, however, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests, which have been so managed that he is now numbered among the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community.

N. J. STEFFEN.

N. J. Steffen, of Belfield, is prominently connected with farming interests and with the grain trade in Stark county and that section of the state. He was born in Hastings, Minnesota, August 16, 1877, a son of Bathazer and Josephine (Swartz) Steffen. He was reared in his native city and when a youth of but fourteen years became connected with the grain trade as a buyer. He also long served in public office, acting as deputy in every office in the courthouse. When twenty-one years of age he went to Holland, Minnesota, where he bought grain for the Minnesota & Western Grain Company for three years. He then removed to Ortonville, where he established an elevator, but soon afterward sold out to the Farmers Grain Company and went to Appleton, where he bought grain for a year for the Interstate Grain Company. In 1909 he arrived in Buffalo, North Dakota, and entered the employ of the Great Western Elevator Company, with which he remained for a year.

In 1909 he arrived in Belfield and took charge of the new Farmers Elevator, of which he is still manager and one of the heavy stockholders. On the 5th of November, 1915, he bought a line of elevators, including one at Belfield, also at South Heart, at Beach and at Medora and in addition to managing his individual interests he is still manager of the Farmers Elevator of Belfield. His activities are wisely directed and sound judgment characterizes all of his business affairs. He has farm property in Stark county and real estate in Belfield, deriving a good rental from his town holdings. He also has the agency for the King and Buick automobiles.

In 1899 Mr. Steffen was united in marriage to Miss Stelle Thompson, a native of Hastings, Minnesota, and a daughter of D. L. Thompson. They now have a son, Hugh T., who is attending school in Lewiston, Montana.

In politics Mr. Steffen is a stalwart democrat and has filled various city offices. He is treasurer of the Commercial Club of Belfield, and he belongs to the Elks lodge of Dickinson and to the Minneapolis Athletic Club. He also holds membership in the Catholic church, while his wife and son are members of the Presbyterian church. Opportunity is ever to him a call to action. He recognizes the fact that opportunity tauntingly plays before the dreamer, slips away from the sluggard but yields its rewards to the man of persistent, earnest and intelligently directed effort. He has therefore wisely used the chances that have come to him and his entire career has been marked by an orderly progression, while each forward step has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

OLE ELLINGSON.

Ole Ellingson, a leading merchant and pioneer of Epping, was born in Hol, Hallingdal, Norway, February 12, 1867, a son of Elling Swenson Rodning and Gunhild Vebjordsdatter, who were also natives of Norway, where they spent their entire lives, the father passing away in 1886 and the mother in 1867.

Reared in his native country, Ole Ellingson completed his education in the high school at Hol, Hallingdal, and in 1886, when nineteen years of age, crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Making his way to North Dakota, he settled at Reynolds in 1888 and in 1892 he supplemented his education previously acquired by study in the Northwestern Business College at Grand Forks. He began earning his living on this side the Atlantic as clerk in a general store at Reynolds and later went to McIntosh, Minnesota, where he was employed as clerk in a general store for six years. He afterward engaged in business on his own account there until 1906, when he removed to Epping when the town site was laid out—just a spot on the prairie, no houses having as yet been built. He put up a tent and therein opened the first store in the town. As soon as he could get lumber shipped he erected a frame building for use as a store and he still has the largest merchandise establishment of the town, having been very successful in the development and conduct of his business. He also assisted in organizing the Citizens State Bank of Epping but is not connected with it at the present time. He homesteaded in Williams county and now owns and cultivates eight quarter sections of land near Epping, from which he has sold as high as ten thousand bushels of wheat at threshing time. He is also engaged in the real estate business and deals in farm lands extensively. In all his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment, unflinching enterprise and persistency of purpose and his name is moreover recognized as a synonym of business integrity by those who have had dealings with him.

On the 12th of May, 1898, Mr. Ellingson was married at Grand Forks to Miss Maggie Olson, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Andrew and Berget (Wiken) Olson, who were also natives of that country, whence they came to America when their daughter, Mrs. Ellingson, was but seven years of age. They settled at Winger, Minnesota, where Mr. Olson passed away, while his widow still occupies the old home place there. To Mr. and Mrs. Ellingson have been born seven children, namely: Arnold, who is deceased; Elmer; Blanche; Christine; Olga; Alf; and Loraine.

Politically Mr. Ellingson is a progressive and has always been a staunch advocate

of prohibition principles, doing everything in his power to advance the cause of temperance and secure the abolishment not only of the use but the manufacture of alcoholic beverages. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have called him to various public offices. He aided in organizing the village of Epping, served as a member of the school board and is now town treasurer. His interest in behalf of temperance is indicated in his membership in the Independent Order of Good Templars, of which he was grand treasurer for four years, and for eight years he represented McIntosh Lodge, I. O. G. T., in the grand lodge, of which he is still a member. He has closely studied the question of temperance in all of its various phases and his efforts have been far-reaching and beneficial along lines that curb the drink habit. He is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Epping, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His religious faith is that of the United Lutheran church and he is a director of the Wittenberg Hospital at Williston. He belongs to the Sons of Norway and was active in the movement which in 1914 was started by American citizens of Norwegian birth who were born in the district of Hol, Hallingdal, for raising money to send to the people of their district in Norway as a present from their former fellow countrymen now in America upon the occasion of the celebration at Hol, Hallingdal, of the one hundredth anniversary of Norwegian independence. Representatives of all these men met at Fargo in 1914 and selected Mr. Ellingson as chairman of the committee to go to Norway and present the gift. He was also delegated by Governor Hanna of North Dakota to convey to the people of Norway a message and greeting from him and to act as his representative at the celebration. Mr. Ellingson is one of the leading citizens of Norwegian birth in the northwestern part of the state, a big-minded, liberal man of lofty principles and high character. His work along many lines has been of benefit in upbuilding the material, intellectual, social and moral welfare of the community but in none have his efforts been more strongly exerted than in support of the temperance cause, and he is today recognized as one of the strongest advocates of prohibition in his section of North Dakota.

J. G. MUNDY.

J. G. Mundy, proprietor of an independent grain elevator at Mylo and also of branch elevators at Ina and at Agate, in Rolette county, is thus prominently connected with the grain trade in his section of the state. He was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 18th of April, 1882, a son of Mark and Jane (Gemmell) Mundy, the former a native of England and the latter of Ontario. The father was but four years of age when taken by his parents to Canada and on attaining his majority he began farming as a renter in Ontario. In 1886 he came to North Dakota, settling in Rolette county, where he filed on a pre-emption, which he later filed and proved up as a homestead, the place being situated about two and a half miles east of the present town site of Rolla. He was one of the first settlers in that section of the country and his nearest market was Devils Lake, one hundred miles distant. From that point all of his supplies had to be hauled by team, while the products of his farm were taken there for sale. He built a log cabin, which constituted his home for ten years, and in the early days he met all the hardships and experiences of pioneer life. Subsequently he purchased a farm a mile from Rolla, on which he erected a modern residence, and there he still makes his home.

J. G. Mundy was educated in the public schools of Rolla and in the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo. When he reached man's estate he rented the home farm and thus became actively identified with agricultural pursuits. A year later he had his initial experience as a grain buyer in connection with an elevator at Rolla, where he was employed for two years. He then went to Williams county and filed on a homestead seven miles west of Williston. The same year he returned to Rolette county and again became associated with the grain business, being made manager of the Farmers Elevator at Mylo, in which connection he remained for five years. In 1910 he purchased his present elevator at Mylo and began business independently. In 1916 he bought an elevator at Ina and another at Agate and is now operating the three elevators in the conduct of a growing and successful grain business. His activities are wisely and intelligently directed and



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success is attending his efforts in a substantial degree. He is also a member of the firm of Mundy & Grassman, implement dealers of Mulo, and in that connection enjoys a liberal patronage.

On the 3d of January, 1905, Mr. Mundy was married to Miss May P. Cooper, of Rolette county, and they have become the parents of five children, Gladys E., Mark A., Robert J., Marian L., and Mildred E.

Mr. Mundy gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is connected with Rolla Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M. He is likewise a member of the Grand Forks Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R., and Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He also belongs to Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, B. P. O. E. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and they are well known and highly respected residents of Rolette county, where Mr. Mundy occupies a prominent position among the business men of the community.

JUDGE FREDERICK MASER.

Frederick Maser, who is now so ably serving as county judge of Stark county, has been a resident of Dickinson since 1904 and has since taken an active and prominent part in the development of this section of the state. He was born in Germany on the 22d of August, 1864, and is a son of George and Rosina Maser, both now deceased. He is indebted to the public schools of his native land, for the early educational privileges he enjoyed. In 1881 he emigrated to America, locating in Baltimore and remaining there until 1887, when he entered a college and seminary at Afton, Minnesota, graduating in 1890. He then located in Belle Plaine, Minnesota, where he made his home until his removal to Dickinson, North Dakota, in 1904. He served as secretary and manager of the Rainy-Butte Land Company until 1912, when he was elected county judge of Stark county and has since filled that position in a most creditable manner. He was interested in colonization schemes and has been instrumental in locating people on farms in this state, colonies having been formed for that purpose in Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

On the 24th of November, 1891, Judge Maser was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Dreher, and to them have been born six children, namely: Viola; Fred, who is now a druggist; Victor, who is interested in banking; Walter, a midshipman at Annapolis; Ruth; and Albert.

Judge Maser is a member of the Lutheran church and his political affiliation is with the republican party. In November, 1916, he was reelected to the office of county judge, a position he has filled for the past four years most efficiently. He is vice president of the Dickinson Building & Loan Association and also of the Dickinson Commercial Club. He has worked hard for the promotion of dry farming in this state and no project calculated to advance the interests of the community seeks his aid in vain. His course in life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

WILLIAM D. HUGHES.

William D. Hughes, a conductor on the Northern Pacific living at Jamestown, was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, December 15, 1869, a son of Thomas and Ellen (Sheehan) Hughes, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Ireland. When a young man the father came to America and at the time of the Civil war responded to the call of his adopted country for aid, becoming a recruiting officer at Ellsworth, Kansas. He died during the infancy of his son William, after which his widow became associated with the Seventh Regiment and was in South Carolina in the reconstruction period. She afterward made her way by rail to Yankton and thence up the Missouri river on the steamer Western to Fort Rice. Three daughters and two sons accompanied her, while the eldest son, Frank, remained

in Leavenworth, Kansas. William D. Hughes' earliest memories are connected with Fort Rice. The family there remained until the spring of 1874, when they were transferred with the Seventh Regiment to Fort Lincoln, and William D. Hughes saw the troops starting out for the Black Hills, also when they went up the Yellowstone and again when they started on the trip which terminated in the Custer massacre. In 1874 his elder brother, Frank Hughes, came to the territory with a wagon train and accompanied the expedition to the Yellowstone as a teamster in that year, also went on the expedition to the Black Hills in 1875 as a herder and in 1876 became a soldier of Company L, under General Custer, and was one of the brave boys in blue whose lives were sacrificed to Indian cruelty and treachery. Mr. Hughes remembers distinctly when the news of the massacre was brought to Bismarck and the wounded were conveyed to that city on the steamer *Far West*. His brother's widow was living with them at that time. The family afterward removed to Fort Lincoln, where they remained until the fort was abandoned and then went to Bismarck, where they resided for a year, during which period the two eldest sisters were married.

William D. Hughes remained in Bismarck until 1893, when he took up railroading in the employ of the Northern Pacific. He was advanced to the position of conductor in 1903 and is now a passenger conductor on that road, having been retained in its service for more than twenty-three years. He is considered a courteous and obliging official by the patrons of the road, while his thorough trustworthiness and fidelity are recognized by the company.

In September, 1894, William D. Hughes was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Roberts, of Sauk Center, Minnesota, where her father, a veteran of the Civil war, settled in pioneer days. Fraternaly Mr. Hughes is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Order of Railway Conductors. There are few residents of Dakota who have more intimate knowledge of the early history of the state than Mr. Hughes, whose boyhood was spent at the forts on the western frontier and who is acquainted with all those movements which were made by the pioneers and by the government to protect the early settlers and make it possible to plant the seeds of civilization in what was then the far west. He well remembers the leading Indian chiefs of that period and has heard John Grass and Chief Gane speak in public. He has watched the supplanting of the red men by the white race, the Indian tepee by the pioneer's cabin and has lived to see the remarkable changes which have since been carried forward, introducing into what was once a wild western wilderness all the advantages and opportunities of civilization. He has a wide acquaintance among the pioneers and later residents of the state and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

ANKER B. STEEN.

Anker B. Steen, of Reynolds, Grand Forks county, was born at Rochester, Minnesota, March 28, 1862, a son of the Rev. L. and Carrie (Erickson) Steen, natives of Norway. The father, a clergyman of the Lutheran church, was graduated from the University of Christiania in 1856 and won the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He came to America in 1859, settling at Rochester, Minnesota, in order to do missionary work among the early settlers and the Indians. He was a man of most liberal education, speaking several modern languages as well as Greek and Hebrew. His entire life was devoted to the ministry, in which connection he did a most important work, his labors not being denied their full harvest nor the aftermath. He became a resident of North Dakota in 1881 and thereafter lived retired until called to his final rest in 1907 at the age of eighty-nine years. For about two years he had survived his wife, who passed away in Portland, North Dakota, at the age of sixty-eight years, while his death occurred in Page. In the family were six children, Anker B. being the third in order of birth.

After passing through consecutive grades in the public schools of Benson until graduated from the high school there Anker B. Steen started out to make his own way when a youth of seventeen years. He was first connected with mercantile pursuits, entering into partnership with John Steen in the establishment and conduct of a general merchandise store at Benson in the year 1881. Afterward the brothers removed their stock and business to Portland, North Dakota, where they remained for three years, but there met with financial

reverses. Anker B. Steen there learned the barber's trade and engaged in that line of business as journeyman and proprietor of a shop for sixteen years. In 1906 he located at Reynolds and for the first year was connected with the State Bank of Reynolds, having charge of the collections. He then established his present business as a dealer in groceries, fruit, confectionery and men's furnishings and in the intervening period he has developed a substantial and profitable trade, having now a very liberal share of the public patronage.

On the 25th of July, 1891, Mr. Steen was united in marriage in Hillsboro, North Dakota, to Miss Florence L. Bannester, a native of Vermont and a daughter of William Bannester, a representative of an old Vermont family and a Civil war veteran. He married Sarah Cowles, also descended from an old Vermont family, and she is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Steen, who have a family of five children: Maude Louella, the wife of Edward Curn, living at Kalamazoo, Michigan; Blanche, the wife of Patrick Gerry, of Grand Forks; and Esther, Percy and Doris, all at home.

In politics Mr. Steen is a stalwart republican and during the past thirty-two years he has spent thirty years in public life, filling various positions of trust and responsibility in the township and county. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Brotherhood. His religious belief is that of the Lutheran church, to the teachings of which he loyally adheres, conforming his life at all times to the principles therein inculcated.

ANDREW K. REITEN.

A spirit of enterprise and laudable ambition led Andrew K. Reiten to seek a home in the new world, where he hoped that he might win success along legitimate business lines. Acting in accordance with his faith and judgment, he became a resident of North Dakota and is now, as the result of his close application and industry, one of the successful merchants of Petersburg, where he is dealing in farm implements. He was born in Harham Aalesund, Norway, June 13, 1866, a son of Knute and Anna (Reiten) Reiten, who were also natives of that country, where the father engaged in farming throughout his entire life. He died in 1881, at the age of sixty years, and is still survived by his widow, who has now reached the age of eighty-four years. In their family were six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: Ola K., who is a resident of Petersburg; Nels K., also living in Petersburg; Andrew K., of this review; Peter, who yet makes his home in Norway; Mrs. Anna Reiten, a resident of Alvestad, Norway; and Mrs. Christina Woog, of Petersburg.

In the public schools of his native country Andrew K. Reiten pursued his education and engaged in farming on his father's land until he reached his twenty-first year. On the 30th of May, 1887, he sailed for the new world and made his way at once to Michigan, North Dakota, then the territory of Dakota. For four years thereafter he engaged in farming and then established a mercantile business in connection with Martin Ekram. For ten years he has been actively connected with mercantile interests in Petersburg, where he is dealing in farm machinery, building up a large trade along that line and winning for himself a prominent position in commercial circles of his town.

On the 3d of March, 1896, Mr. Reiten was united in marriage to Miss Laura Larsen, of Petersburg, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larsen, of Nelson county, where they settled in pioneer times and still make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Reiten have become parents of eight children, namely: Arnold, who was born in Petersburg in 1897 and is a senior in the high school; Conrad and Connance, twins, who were born in 1899, at Petersburg, and now attend the high school there; Lawrence, whose birth occurred in Petersburg in 1904, and who is an eighth grade student; Thelma, Robert and Andrew, who were born in Petersburg in the years 1907, 1908 and 1910 respectively and are all attending school; and Amelia, born at Petersburg in 1914.

Mr. Reiten belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Sons of Norway. His political support is given the democratic party and he has held various village and township offices. He has been both councilman and mayor of Petersburg and for six years was a member of the board of county commissioners. He is

ever loyal to the best interests of the community and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further progressive public measures that result in the benefit and upbuilding of his district. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for in this land he found the opportunities which he sought and, working his way steadily upward along legitimate business lines, is today one of the substantial citizens of Nelson county.

A. H. MOVIUS, M. D.

Dr. A. H. Movius, who is senior partner in the firm of Movius & Wood of Jamestown, Stutsman county, is recognized as one of the able and progressive physicians of the county. He is a native of North Dakota, his birth having occurred in Fargo on the 25th of April, 1882. His parents are Ernest F. and Marie (Rosenkranz) Movius, the former a minister of the German Evangelical church and a pioneer of North Dakota. The paternal grandparents were among the first settlers of Dakota territory, locating at Big Stone lake while the Indians were in camp there. Rev. Ernest F. Movius was for twenty years a presiding elder but is now living retired.

A. H. Movius attended the public and high schools in Fargo and subsequently took a course in the School of Pharmacy of Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was graduated. After working as a pharmacist for a few years he entered the Physicians and Surgeons College of Chicago, now known as the School of Medicine of the University of Illinois, and was graduated from that institution in 1906. For a year and a half he served as interne in the Lakeside Hospital at Chicago, thus gaining practical knowledge that fitted him to begin the independent practice of his profession. In 1907 he located in Flandreau, South Dakota, where he remained until March, 1909, when he removed to Jamestown, North Dakota. In the intervening seven years he has built up a large and profitable practice. He has never ceased to be a student of his profession and each year spends some time in post graduate work, thus increasing his efficiency and keeping in touch with the latest developments in the theory and practice of medicine. He is also a member of the county and state medical societies and of the American Medical Association. Aside from his private practice, in which he is associated with Dr. Wood, he is chief surgeon for the Midland Continental Railroad Company.

On the 3d of October, 1907, Dr. Movius was married to Miss Helen M. Shepard, a daughter of Charles F. Shepard, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois. To this union has been born a son, Alfred H. The Doctor is quite prominent fraternally, belonging to both the Scottish and York Rites in the Masonic order, in the latter of which he has attained the Knights Templar degree, to the Mystic Shrine, to the Odd Fellows, to the Elks and to the Workmen. He is a Protestant in religious faith. He is a republican in politics and takes an active interest in public affairs. He is serving as alderman of Jamestown and is also superintendent of the county board of health. He is fond of all outdoor sports and whenever possible indulges in hunting and fishing. He is not only an excellent physician and surgeon but is also a public-spirited citizen who is at all times willing to further in any way possible the advancement of his community and state, and he is highly esteemed and respected.

JAMES McINTOSH.

Throughout the existence of Cando, James McIntosh has been identified with its development and he had previously farmed the land on which the town was established. In fact he was plowing there when the men came to lay out the village. He has done everything within his power to promote its interests and is today numbered among its leading citizens.

Mr. McIntosh was born in Chicago, Illinois, August 14, 1846, and is a son of David and Jane (Sommers) McIntosh. The mother was born at Watkins Glen, New York, but the birth of the father occurred at Little York, Ontario, now the city of Toronto, Canada.



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He became a captain on steamboats on the Great Lakes, sailing out of Chicago from 1835 to 1876. In 1864 he established his home at Niles, Michigan, but subsequently returned to Chicago, where he continued to reside for five years. He then removed to Fulton, Missouri, which was his home until April 28, 1886—the date of his arrival in Devils Lake, North Dakota. He filed on land in Towner county and spent the remainder of his life in Cando. He died on the 11th of November, 1896, honored and respected by all who knew him, and his wife passed away in June, 1906.

In his native city James McIntosh passed the days of his boyhood and youth, attending the public and high schools of Chicago, and after the completion of his education was employed as bookkeeper by different firms in that city for many years, most of the time being with D. Cole & Son in the real estate and loan business. In 1886 he accompanied his parents on their removal to North Dakota, bringing with them a carload of goods, which were hauled across the country from Devils Lake to Towner county. Mr. McIntosh took up a homestead adjoining his father's place and during the first six months spent there only two people passed his house. He improved and operated his land for eight years but sold the place at the end of that time and removed to Cando in 1894.

Mr. McIntosh has been a staunch supporter of the republican party since casting his first presidential vote. The family has always been a loyal and patriotic one and five boys of his father's family were killed in battle during the Civil war. Seven of the family now rest in Rose Hill cemetery, Chicago. Soon after his arrival in Cando in 1894 Mr. McIntosh was elected justice of the peace and has efficiently served in that capacity ever since. He has also served as deputy register of deeds of Towner county for twenty years and has been deputy in other county offices. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and he has always discharged his official duties in a prompt and capable manner. His office is in the First National Bank building. He is one of the representative citizens of Cando and an honored pioneer of Towner county.

HON. DUANE ERWIN GEER.

Ever strong and resourceful in business, watchful of opportunities and of all indications pointing to success, Hon. Duane E. Geer has made steady progress in business since he first cast in his lot with the citizens of North Dakota. He was born in Chenango county, New York, May 29, 1858, a son of Dwight and Mary (Healey) Geer, both of whom were natives of Connecticut and representatives of old colonial families. They were married in the Charter Oak state and about two years later removed to New York. The father, who was a miller by trade, operated a mill in Chenango county, New York, for a number of years but at the time of the Civil war his business interests were laid aside and he joined the army as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fourteenth New York Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, with which he served throughout the entire period of hostilities. He passed away in De Ruyter, New York, where he had resided for more than sixty years.

D. E. Geer, after attending public schools, continued his education in the Cincinnati Academy at Cincinnati, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. When his textbooks were put aside he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years, although this was not his initial effort along that line, as he had taught prior to pursuing his academic course. He began teaching when but seventeen years of age and while engaged in that work during the winter seasons he devoted the summer months to farm labor. In fact he was continuously connected with farming in the east until 1880, when he removed westward to Yankton, South Dakota, and began work in connection with the government survey, being thus employed for two years. His duties took him northward to Diekey county, North Dakota, and in 1882 he established his home in Ellendale, where he has since resided. On his arrival there he opened a real estate, loan and insurance office and through the intervening period has built up and conducted an extensive, growing and profitable business. He has brought into this immediate section millions of dollars which he has loaned for the development of the farming districts. His sales of farm lands have been enormous. Some of his sales have covered as much as seventy-one

quarter sections of land. In addition to his operations in the field of real estate Mr. Geer himself has become the owner of extensive landed interests in Dickey county and from his property derives a most gratifying and substantial income annually.

In 1890 Mr. Geer was united in marriage to Miss Etta Denio, of Ellendale, North Dakota, by whom he has three children, namely: Mabel B., the wife of Dwight Crabtree, who is associated with his father-in-law in the real estate business; Clayton Duane, a student in the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale; and Doris Emma, who is attending St. Mary's Hall at Faribault, Minnesota.

Politically Mr. Geer is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. In 1900 he was elected to the state senate, serving during the sessions of 1901 and 1903. He gave careful study to the vital and significant questions which came up for settlement and left the impress of his individuality upon legislation enacted at that period. In many connections he has rendered valuable service to the public. He was a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal and Industrial School of Ellendale for two years and he served for several years as a member of the board of education at Ellendale. He has ever been deeply interested in the cause of public instruction, lending the weight of his influence for the benefit of the schools and the adoption of higher educational standards. Fraternally he is connected with Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., and has become a life member of Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R. He is also identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Neither does he neglect the higher, holier duties of life. He has always been one of the leaders in church building and is active in any movement tending to advance the welfare of the district in which he lives. His life has been varied in its activity, honorable in its purpose, far-reaching and beneficial in its effects and thus has become an integral part of the history of Dickey county and the southeastern section of the state. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the enterprises with which he is connected a large measure of success. The same qualities which have worked for advancement in his private business interests have been manifest in his official service and thus it is North Dakota accounts him one of her leading and honored residents.

JOSEPH BUCHHEIT.

The business interests of Binford have a worthy representative in Joseph Buchheit, who is at the head of one of the leading mercantile establishments of Griggs county and is also vice president of the First National Bank of Binford. He was born in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, May 2, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Buchheit) Buchheit, who were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and although of the same name were not related. It was about 1831 that the father crossed the Atlantic and settled in Ontario, Canada, becoming one of the pioneers of Waterloo, where in the midst of the wilderness he developed and improved a farm. About 1862 he removed to St. Joseph county, Indiana, and purchased a farm near South Bend, which had been partially improved and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies for many years. He cleared away the timber and converted the land into productive fields. He was over eighty-four years of age at the time of his death, and his wife died at the age of sixty-eight years.

In the family of this worthy couple were thirteen children, eight of whom reached maturity, and Joseph Buchheit of this review is the eighth in order of birth. He was about eight years of age when taken by his parents to Indiana, where he attended the district schools. In 1870 he began clerking in a store at Mishawaka, Indiana, and continued to follow that occupation for six years, at the end of which time he located upon a farm which his father had purchased in addition to the original tract.

In 1880 Mr. Buchheit came to North Dakota and after spending a short time in Cass county, located in Griggs county in the fall of 1882. He went to that county with R. C. Cooper and preempted a quarter section of land, but the following winter returned home on account of the death of his mother. In the spring of 1883 he located on his claim in Griggs county, becoming one of its earliest settlers, and he continued to follow farming

until 1902, when he removed to Binford. He became the owner of sixteen hundred acres of valuable land and is still interested in farming to some extent although he does not actively engage in that occupation at the present time. He is a member of the Buchheit, Bakken Company, conducting a large general store at Binford and as previously stated is also serving as vice president of the First National Bank.

On the 9th of July, 1887, Mr. Buchheit was united in marriage to Miss Bella M. Minnick, of South Bend, Indiana, of which state her father, Jacob Minnick, was an early settler. Mr. and Mrs. Buchheit have spent much time in travel over this country, have visited the West Indies and now spend their winters either in California or Florida. Mr. Buchheit has taken a prominent part in local politics and at an early day was elected county commissioner in Griggs county, in which capacity he served so acceptably that he was retained in office for a quarter of a century. He was a well informed man, a student of men and affairs and has that broad general knowledge which only travel can bring.

ANDREW ENGBRETSON.

Andrew Engebretson dates his residence in Benson county from 1900, in which year he came to the new world from Norway, his native land. He was born in July, 1870, a son of Engebret and Karen (Amundsen) Johnson, who were also natives of Norway. The father followed farming throughout his entire life in his native country and never came to the new world. He passed away in 1894, while his wife died in 1876.

The youthful days of Andrew Engebretson were spent in Norway and he there learned the shoemaker's trade, which he afterward followed in his native country until 1900. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic when thirty years of age and made his way at once to Minnewaukan, Benson county, North Dakota, where he worked for others for four years. He then established a harness and shoe business on his own account and has since continued active along that line. He carries a large stock of goods and enjoys a liberal patronage.

Mr. Engebretson was married in May, 1916, to Miss Carrie Hanson and they have a large circle of warm friends in Minnewaukan, where he has now lived for sixteen years. Since becoming a naturalized American citizen he has voted with the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found favorable business opportunities and in their utilization has steadily worked his way toward the goal of success.

J. W. SCHULENBERG.

J. W. Schulenberg, the well known and popular postmaster of Bisbee and one of the honored pioneers of Towner county, was born on the 2d of November, 1853, in Thiessville, Wisconsin, and is a son of John and Margaret (Brunn) Schulenberg, who were natives of Germany and came to this country with their respective parents in early life. They located in Wisconsin, where they were subsequently married. Learning the miller's trade, the father followed that occupation for some years in the employ of others and later built a mill in Franklin, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, which he operated until called from this life at the age of forty-eight years.

During his boyhood and youth J. W. Schulenberg attended the public and high schools of Sheboygan and under the able direction of his father learned the miller's trade, at which he worked for about fourteen years in different parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1888 he came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Towner county, a mile and a half southeast of the present town of Bisbee. To the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his energies until 1905, when he removed to Bisbee with the coming of the Soo railroad. He was identified with the implement business for six years but in August, 1913, was appointed postmaster of Bisbee and has since discharged the duties of that position with

credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. He still owns his homestead and has various town properties.

In 1876 Mr. Schulenberg was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Graf, of Misha Mokwa, Wisconsin, and to them have been born six children, namely: Edmund, cashier of the First National Bank of Streeter, North Dakota; Amelia, wife of Frank Walsh, a farmer of Towner county; Laura, wife of J. R. Shier, also a farmer of Towner county; Emma, the wife of Henry Meyer, a farmer of Rolette county; Richard, who is conducting an automobile garage in Stanley, North Dakota; and Agnes, who is serving as assistant postmaster of Bisbee.

The family are of the Catholic faith and Mr. Schulenberg is a democrat in politics. He is one of the well known citizens of Towner county and is held in the highest esteem, having a host of warm friends who appreciate his worth and ability.

JORGEN M. VATSVOG.

With the history of pioneer development in North Dakota Jorgen M. Vatsvog is familiar by reason of experience in all those elements which feature most largely in pioneer life. He was born in Stavanger, Norway, September 7, 1868, and is a son of Marcus G. and Martha (Gunderson) Vatsvog, who were also natives of that country and there spent their entire lives. The father was a fisherman and died in December, 1911, while his widow survived until 1913.

Jorgen M. Vatsvog was reared and educated in Norway and he, too, took up the work of fishing in order to provide for his own support. He was thus engaged until 1886, when he came to America, making his way at once to North Dakota. For several years he was employed as a farm hand in Traill county and in 1893 removed to Mellen county, where his wife took up a homestead claim, devoting two years to its cultivation and improvement. In 1895 Mr. Vatsvog filed on a homestead two miles north of Upham and has since devoted his time and energies to its cultivation, converting the land into rich and productive fields. This has not covered the scope of his activities, however, for on the 12th of June, 1905, he removed to Upham and engaged in the implement business, which he has since carried on, becoming one of the enterprising and progressive merchants of the town.

In 1898 Mr. Vatsvog was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Sondrael and they have become the parents of nine children: Clara, John, Annie, Lousia, Esther and Morris, all of whom are yet living; and Martha, Martin and Martha, now deceased.

Mr. Vatsvog is a member of the Sons of Norway. In politics he has always been an earnest and stalwart republican. In 1914 he was a candidate for state senator in the thirty-fourth district but was defeated together with the others on the ticket. He has filled the office of mayor of Upham and president of the school board and his progressive spirit has been an element in furthering municipal interests and in supporting those measures which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world. Arriving in this country when a youth of eighteen years, he has made good use of his time and opportunities and has gradually worked his way upward to a substantial place in business circles, while as a man and citizen he is highly esteemed.

HARRY ALBERT GEMBERLING.

Harry Albert Gemberling, engaged in the farm implement and machinery business at Epping as senior partner in the firm of Gemberling & Bjella, was born near Salem, Snyder county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1879, a son of Charles L. and Ellen J. (Erdly) Gemberling, who are also natives of Snyder county, where the father worked as a laborer until 1902, when with his wife and three sons he removed westward to North Dakota. He

then took up a homestead in Williams county, being one of the first to homestead in that locality among the cow men. He continued to farm his place until 1914, when he retired and removed to Epping, erecting there a nice residence. He is today in comfortable circumstances and he and his wife are there residing, enjoying well earned rest, their former labors supplying them with all of the necessities and some of the luxuries of life. They were the parents of three children, all born in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, namely: Harry A.; Frederick Cromwell, who died on the old homestead near Epping in the spring of 1907 and was buried at Williston; and Arthur David, who came with the family to North Dakota in 1902 and took up a homestead in Williams county in 1913. He now cultivates all of the farm land belonging to the family and he married Miss Edna Crawford, of Ray, North Dakota, who is a sister of Mrs. Harry A. Gemberling. The family is now well known and prominent in this section of the state and they have contributed in substantial measure to the development of this section.

Reared and educated in his native county, Harry A. Gemberling was employed as a farm hand in Pennsylvania until 1902, when removal was made to North Dakota. He was then twenty-three years of age and he took up a homestead near Epping, after which he worked for the Great Northern Railroad Company as brakeman and freight conductor, residing, however, upon the homestead. He engaged in railroading until the spring of 1907 and remained upon the homestead until 1911. In that year he embarked in business on his own account by forming the firm of Gemberling & Bjella for the conduct of a farm implement and machinery business at Epping. There he is now enjoying a good trade, the business having steadily grown in the intervening period of six years.

On the 3d of September, 1911, Mr. Gemberling was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Crawford, of Ray, North Dakota, who was born at Hallock, Minnesota, a daughter of George and Carrie Crawford of that place. The father died at Hallock, after which his widow and daughter removed to North Dakota, Mrs. Crawford taking up a homestead in Williams county, near Ray, where she now resides. Mrs. Gemberling pursued her education in the schools of Stephen, Minnesota, and the high school at Duluth, Minnesota, and for four terms successfully engaged in teaching in Williams county, North Dakota. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son, Merrill Albert, born in Epping, July 12, 1912.

In his political views Mr. Gemberling is independent, considering the capability of the candidate rather than his party affiliations. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and his has been an active and well spent life. Whatever success he has achieved is due entirely to his own efforts and he has made for himself a creditable position in the commercial circles of his adopted county.

JOHN A. JOHNSON, M. D.

Dr. John A. Johnson, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Larimore, was born in the southern part of Iceland on the 24th of May, 1877, a son of Arni and Steinn Johnson, both of whom were natives of the same country. In early life the father engaged in farming there and in 1883 crossed the Atlantic to Canada, while in 1897 he became a resident of the United States. At the present time, however, he is living in Manitoba at the age of sixty-six years. His wife passed away in Milton, North Dakota, at the age of fifty years.

Dr. Johnson was the eldest of their three children, the others being Valdimar L., a resident of Saskatchewan, Canada; and T. A. Johnson, of Bottineau, North Dakota. Through the period of his boyhood and youth Dr. Johnson attended the graded schools of Canada and the Valley City Normal School of North Dakota. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in this state for a year, and later he matriculated in the medical department of the University of North Dakota, while later he continued his medical studies at the University of Illinois. Still later he entered the Chicago Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. He returned to Mountain, North Dakota, for practice and in 1913 removed to Petersburg but is now living in Larimore,

Grand Forks county, where he is accorded a large and lucrative practice which is indicative of the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

On the 12th of June, 1912, Dr. Johnson wedded Miss Inga Knutson, of Dazey, a daughter of Ole and Andrine Knutson, who were pioneers of this state. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of the Valley City Normal School and completed the literary course in the University of North Dakota with the class of 1912. Prior to her marriage she also successfully engaged in teaching. She has become the mother of one child, Harald, who was born at Mountain in June, 1913.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson hold membership in the Lutheran church and the Doctor is very prominent in fraternal circles. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine, a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Yeomen. His political support is given to the democratic party, which finds in him a stalwart champion. Along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Nelson County Medical Association, the North Dakota Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and through the proceedings of those bodies he keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and scientific research bearing upon his chosen life work.

THOMAS J. SMITH.

Thomas J. Smith, conducting important commercial interests under the name of the Grand Forks Seed & Implement Company and also figuring in traction and financial circles of the city and state, has through his various activities contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding and progress of the community and commonwealth. He was born in Winona, Minnesota, December 23, 1859, a son of Frank Smith, a native of Germany, who in 1850 crossed the Atlantic to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He removed to Winona, Minnesota, during an early period in its development and there followed the blacksmith's trade until his death, which occurred in 1871. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Butler, was born in Ireland and came alone to America in 1855. After remaining for a brief period in New York city she, too, went to Winona, where she met and married Frank Smith.

Their only child, Thomas J. Smith, was educated in the public schools of St. Charles, Minnesota, but when a lad of only ten years began earning his living and has been self-supporting from that age. His youthful days were spent at farm work, but hoping to find other labor more profitable, he came to North Dakota, then Dakota territory, in 1879, settling at Bismarck, where he secured employment on a steamboat that made trips between Yankton and Fort Benton, Montana. He was also employed at farm labor. In 1882 he removed to Grand Forks, becoming one of its pioneer settlers, and for the first five years of his residence there served as assistant postmaster. In 1887 he accepted the position of bookkeeper and collector with the McCormick Harvester Company, with which he remained for four years, when he removed to Reynolds, North Dakota, where he embarked in the implement business on his own account. He operated there successfully for twelve years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests in Reynolds and returned to Grand Forks, where he established his present business under the name of the Grand Forks Seed & Implement Company, of which he is sole proprietor. In addition to handling a vast amount of seeds annually he is also conducting an extensive trade in farm implements, handling the products of the John Deere and International Harvester Companies. This is by far the largest business of the kind in Grand Forks and, built up through the efforts of Mr. Smith, constitutes a tangible proof of his enterprise and ability. Extending his efforts into other fields, he is now a director of the Grand Forks Street Railway Company and is likewise well known in banking circles, being a director of the Scandinavian-American Bank, a director of the Mekinock State Bank and president of the First State Bank of Regent, North Dakota. His fellow townsmen, recognizing the wisdom of his business judgment, have thus sought his cooperation in various fields.

On the 1st of December, 1887, in Grand Forks, occurred the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Emma R. Parker, a native of Canada and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parker,



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the former now deceased, while the latter is living. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Alta, the wife of Dr. Donald K. Woods, of Great Falls, Montana; Vincent, of Regent, North Dakota; and Frank, Harold and Thomas, all at home. The family residence, a beautiful home at No. 891 Belmont street, is owned by Mr. Smith.

He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church and he belongs to the local organizations of the Odd Fellows, Foresters, Yeomen and Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Commercial Club of Grand Forks. In politics he is a very active and influential republican and at this writing, in 1916, is president of the city council. He has studied closely those questions which are of vital importance in municipal affairs and is as well a student of the great political, sociological and economic problems of the country. In a word he stands as a high type of American manhood and chivalry and is a representative of that class of American citizens who through inherent force of character have won prominence and success. Starting out in life on his own account when a little lad of but ten years, he has since depended upon his own resources and efforts and his ability and intelligently directed effort have brought him to the front until he now stands not only as a representative and successful business man of Grand Forks but also as one who wields a wide influence in public affairs.

WILBUR NORMAN ALLEN.

Wilbur Norman Allen, proprietor of a general merchandise store at Tappen, was born in Mobile, Alabama, February 29, 1888, a son of Wilbur and Josephine Allen. He pursued his education there until graduated from the high school and afterward he attended the Cincinnati University, where he completed a course with the class of 1910. He afterward made a trip through Europe and was present at the coronation of King Edward. In 1913 he returned to the United States and went to Dawson, North Dakota, where he was employed in the general mercantile store of Peterson & Company, with whom he remained for a few months. He was then given charge of their branch store at Tappen and continued in that connection until December, 1915. On the 22d of July, 1916, he opened a general store of his own, which he is conducting on a strictly cash basis. His previous experience has well qualified him for the conduct of a business of this character and his trade is steadily growing. He carries a line of groceries, shoes, dry goods and notions and he also runs a cream station in connection. In addition to his other interests Mr. Allen is engaged in farming and all his business affairs are carefully and wisely directed.

In November, 1915, Mr. Allen was married to Miss Blanch McQueen, a native of Poynette, Wisconsin, born September 17, 1892. She was formerly engaged in teaching school near Tappen. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have a wide circle of friends in their locality and their own home is justly celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality. They belong to the Presbyterian church and Mr. Allen votes with the democratic party, while fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen and with the Knights of Pythias.

ANDREW R. SWENDSEID.

Norway has contributed many substantial citizens to North Dakota, among whom is numbered Andrew R. Swendseid, a general merchant of Petersburg. He was born at Telemarken, Norway, February 7, 1857, a son of Rollef and Anna (Tofsdotter) Swendseid, both of whom were natives of Norway. Coming to America in 1867, they settled in southern Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming until 1886, when he removed to Nelson county, North Dakota, and secured farm lands. His remaining days were devoted to the development and improvement of his farm, which he converted into a valuable property. He died in 1904, at the age of sixty-seven years, while Mrs. Swendseid is still living at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were the following children: Andrew R., of

this review; Tove, of Petersburg; Ole, a resident of Williston; Peter, living in Petersburg; Carl, who also makes his home in Petersburg; and Mrs. Dora Venberg, living in California.

Brought to America when a lad of ten years, Andrew R. Swendseid attended the public schools of Fillmore county, Minnesota, and afterward became a student in Luther College at Decorah, Iowa. Subsequently he taught school for a short time in the former state and in 1882 came to North Dakota, where he entered land and began farming, devoting twelve years to general agricultural pursuits. He then established his present mercantile business in Petersburg, where he has since remained an active factor in commercial circles for almost a quarter of a century. He conducts a good business, having a well appointed store, and his honorable methods have gained him a liberal patronage. He is also a director of the Farmers Lumber Company and the Petersburg Electric Company. His judgment in business affairs is sound and his discrimination keen.

Mr. Swendseid has been married twice. In June, 1878, he wedded Miss Caroline Larsen, of Fillmore county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Larsen. She died in December, 1892, leaving three children: Ralph, who was born in Fillmore county in 1883 and now resides in Sanish, North Dakota; Anthony, who was born in 1885 and is in Petersburg; and Theodore, who was born in Petersburg in 1887 and is now living in Marmarth, North Dakota. In June, 1895, Mr. Swendseid was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Wangen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wangen, of Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. There are three children of this marriage: Clarence, who was born in 1896 and is attending University of Minnesota at Minneapolis; Irene, who was born in 1897 and is a high school pupil in Petersburg; and Harold, who was born in 1905 and is also attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Swendseid hold membership in the Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. Mr. Swendseid also belongs to the Sons of Norway. His political support is given to the republican party and he has filled various local offices, including that of president of the village board and president of the board of education, while for two terms he represented his district in the state legislature and during his connection with the house of representatives most carefully considered all of the vital questions which came up for settlement, lending the weight of his influence in support of all those measures which he deemed of greatest value and worth in promoting the welfare of the state.

WINFIELD F. WARE.

Winfield F. Ware, secretary and treasurer of the Brosnahan & Olson Hardware & Implement Company of Grafton, comes from the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Winnebago, January 11, 1872. His ancestral line can be traced back to England but the family has been distinctively American in its lineal and collateral lines for several generations, as the first representative of the family came to the new world prior to the Revolutionary war, settling in Massachusetts. In that state occurred the birth of Daniel N. Ware, father of Winfield F. Ware. He became a prosperous lumber merchant and a pioneer settler of Minnesota, where he took up his abode about 1868. He married Grabella Fuller, a native of Massachusetts and a representative of one of its old families, her ancestors having come to the new world on the Mayflower. To Mr. and Mrs. Ware were born two sons, the elder being Frank, a resident of Los Angeles, California. The father died in Winnebago in 1892, at the age of sixty-five years, while the mother had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years when called to her final rest in 1907. She, too, maintained her residence at Winnebago until she passed away.

Winfield F. Ware was educated in the public schools of his native city and in the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Business College, from which he was graduated in 1892. From the age of nineteen years he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, taking his initial step in the business world as an employe of the Colman Lumber Company of La Crosse. He was associated with that firm for eight years, during which period he gained broad practical experience and comprehensive knowledge of commercial methods. He next entered the hardware and implement business at Amboy, Minnesota, as an employe of the Amboy Hardware & Implement Company, with which he continued for six years. He was afterward

the representative of various binder companies as a traveling salesman and in 1904 he removed to Grafton, where he secured employment in the implement department of the Brosnahan & Olson Hardware & Implement Company, with which he was associated as an employe for nine years. He then became a member of the firm, of which he is now secretary and treasurer. The business was organized and incorporated in 1902 and theirs is today the largest hardware and implement trade in Walsh county. They represent the leading manufacturers of the country in the line of goods which they carry and their business methods at all times measure up to the highest standards.

On the 9th of January, 1908, at Drayton, North Dakota, Mr. Ware wedded Miss Nellie Stewart, a native of Canada and a daughter of Alexander Stewart. They have one son, Winfield A., born in Grafton, March 13, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware are members of the First Presbyterian church and are interested in all those forces which work for the betterment and upbuilding of the district in which they live. Fraternally Mr. Ware is connected with the Odd Fellows. His interest in community affairs is shown by his membership in the Commercial Club and his political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. His entire life has been actuated by a spirit of progress that has been manifest in his business career and also in his devotion to the general good. There are no spectacular or unusual chapters in his life history, but earnestness and persistency of purpose have led to his steady advancement along well defined lines of labor until his position in mercantile circles and in public regard in his community is enviable.

MARTIN E. UGGEN.

Martin E. Uggen, president of the Citizens Bank of Epping, is among those who have recognized the opportunities of the west and in their utilization have sought success. He was born near Dundas, in Rice county, Minnesota, January 5, 1882, a son of A. F. and Oline (Juvrud) Uggen. The father was born, reared and educated in Norway and in 1871 crossed the Atlantic to America, after which he took up his abode on a farm in Rice county, Minnesota, where he still resides. His wife was the first white child born in Forest township, Rice county, and her entire life was there passed, during which period she witnessed remarkable changes as the county was transformed from a pioneer district into a place of highly developed civilization.

Martin E. Uggen attended district schools in Rice county and business college at Faribault, after which he continued his education in the Southern Minnesota Normal College at Austin, Minnesota. In 1903 he removed to Williams county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead on which now stands the town of Epping. In 1907 he organized the Uggen Realty Company for the conduct of a real estate business of which he has continuously been the manager and directing head, and as the years have passed he has negotiated many important and profitable realty transfers. In 1910 he organized the Citizens State Bank of Epping and has since been actively engaged in the banking business as president of the institution as well as president of the realty company. It was Mr. Uggen who laid out and owned the town site of Epping, where he still holds many valuable town lots, and the development of the place is largely attributable to his efforts and enterprise.

On the 4th of September, 1907, at Freeborn, Minnesota, Mr. Uggen was married to Miss Inez Peterson, a native of Freeborn county who there acquired her early education, which was supplemented by further study in the Southern Minnesota Normal College at Austin, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Uggen have four children, namely: Mildred Irene, Glenn Austin, Andrew Kenneth and Hazel Oline, all born in Epping, North Dakota.

Politically Mr. Uggen is a democrat and is now serving as president of the village board of trustees, while his wisely directed efforts led to the incorporation of the town. He has always taken an active part in school work, has served on the board as director and clerk and is now clerk of the board of education of the newly organized Epping special school district. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, while fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member of the lodge

at Epping, in which he has passed all the chairs and is now secretary. He is also a charter member and the secretary of the Sons of Norway. Epping regards him as a most progressive and leading citizen and his work in public connections has been widely and beneficially resultant, while his labors along business lines have brought him most substantial and well merited returns.

WALTER A. SHEAR.

Walter A. Shear, editor and proprietor of the Sentinel Butte Republican, was born in Villard, Pope county, Minnesota, on the 16th of August, 1881, his parents being D. W. and Artimissa (Workman) Shear, both natives of New York. They came west in pioneer times and settled at Villard, Minnesota, where they still continue to reside. For about four years the father published the Villard Enterprise but since that time has devoted his attention to the real estate and loan business.

In his native county Walter A. Shear grew to manhood and he completed his education in the high schools there. On starting out in life for himself he turned his attention to newspaper work and became a compositor in the office of the Villard Call. Subsequently he and his father started the Villard Enterprise, which they conducted for four years, our subject having charge of the mechanical department. Before leaving there he was married in June, 1903, to Miss Mamie Kane, also a native of Villard, and to them has been born a daughter, Thelma, now attending school.

In 1903 Mr. Shear removed to Sauk Center, Minnesota, and for a year was in the employ of the Sauk Center Herald. At the end of that time he removed to Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, and took up a homestead twenty miles south of that place at Burkey. This he subsequently sold and purchased a farm near Sentinel Butte, upon which he is now engaged in raising small grains. Upon his removal to Sentinel Butte he became identified with newspaper publication there, becoming editor of what was then known as the Billings County Republican. This paper was established on the 28th of April, 1904, but after the division of Billings and Golden Valley counties the name was changed to the Sentinel Butte Republican, under which it is still published. It was the first newspaper to come into existence in the southwestern part of the state after the Bad Lands Cowboy.

Mr. Shear has a well appointed office and his paper is a bright, newsy sheet, thoroughly up-to-date. In politics he is a staunch republican and through his paper does much to promote the interests of that party. From 1909 to 1915 he served as postmaster of Sentinel Butte, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen does all within his power to advance the interests of his town and county. He is a member of the Elks lodge in Dickinson and is a man highly esteemed wherever known.

EDWARD J. HUGHES.

Edward J. Hughes, receiver at the United States land office at Dickinson, was born in Osage, Iowa, November 9, 1876, a son of Andrew C. and Mary (McCarty) Hughes, who were of American birth. Becoming residents of Iowa, they made their home at Osage until 1887, when they removed to North Dakota. Making their way to Fargo, they soon afterward settled upon a farm near Clifford and in time the father became one of the most prominent agriculturists of his part of the state, adding to his holdings until he was the owner of between eight and ten sections. In the winter months he took his teams to the lumber woods of Wisconsin and on one of these trips he passed away. His wife died upon the North Dakota farm.

Edward J. Hughes completed his education in the Mayville Normal, at which time he was a schoolmate of Lynn J. Frazier, now candidate for governor. Later Mr. Hughes engaged in teaching in Traill and Steele counties for about four years. In 1898 he went to Fargo and spent three years with the Luger Furniture Company and three years with the Wasem & Gaard

Furniture Company. He then removed to Barnesville, Minnesota, where he opened a furniture store, of which he was sole proprietor for about two years, and at the end of that time was joined by his brother-in-law, John V. Boulger. At the end of two years in that partnership relation Mr. Hughes sold his stock of goods and removed to Dickinson in the spring of 1905. There he established business under the name of the Dickinson Steam Laundry and conducted the enterprise for five years. On selling out he purchased a furniture store and the firm of Boulger & Hughes continued active in that field until 1915, when the stock of furniture was sold. With the furniture business, however, Mr. Hughes had always conducted an undertaking business and in this he still continues, with picture framing as another feature of his trade. He is still interested financially in these lines but is not active in the management of the business. However, his work has been a feature in the commercial upbuilding of Dickinson, which he is now serving as receiver of the United States land office, having been the presidential appointee to that position on the 6th of April, 1914. He is also interested in farm lands near Dickinson and from that property derives a substantial annual income.

On the 30th of June, 1903, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Nellie T. Boulger, a native of Fargo. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Dickinson and he holds membership with the Knights of Columbus. He is very prominent in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Dickinson, was exalted ruler of the lodge there for two terms and was largely instrumental in securing the erection of their new clubhouse. In the Knights of Columbus he is a past grand knight and has also been trustee. His political opinions accord with the principles of the democratic party, to which he gives stalwart allegiance.

ALFRED O. MADLAND

Alfred O. Madland, the efficient and popular assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, has also other business interests, for he is developing a coal mine in the vicinity of the town and is also a member of a real estate firm. He was born in Stavanger, in southwest Norway, January 5, 1888, a son of Ole A. and Kathryn Madland.

Alfred O. Madland attended the common schools of Norway but when fifteen years of age came to the United States and located in Centerville, South Dakota. He worked on farms for a time and during the winter months attended school, thus completing his education. He later taught school near Centerville and remained in that locality until 1909. In that year he removed to Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, where he has since remained. After farming for three years on a tract of land two miles west of the town he entered the Sentinel Butte State Bank as bookkeeper and made so excellent a record that in six months he was promoted to assistant cashier, which position he is still filling. The bank was established in 1910 with a capital stock of fifteen thousand dollars, which was increased to twenty-five thousand dollars at the time of its reorganization as the First National Bank in 1915. Its affairs are in a very satisfactory condition and its surplus and undivided profits total ten thousand dollars. In 1910 the institution erected a substantial and attractive frame building, which still remains its home. The officers are: E. J. Curtin, president; W. A. Hart, vice president; W. C. Stuhr, cashier; and A. O. Madland, assistant cashier.

During the four years that Mr. Madland has been connected with the bank, in which he is a stockholder, he has gained a thorough knowledge of the business and his judgment and advice have proved sound and discriminating. He gives the greater part of his time and attention to his official duties. Mr. Madland is likewise developing a lignite coal mine which he owns, four miles from the city, and there is every prospect of the business reaching extensive proportions. The vein of coal is from seventeen to twenty-four feet in depth and underlies a quarter section of land, and thus an abundant supply is assured. He hauls the coal to Sentinel Butte and expects to develop the mine more during the winter of 1916-17 than he has ever before done.

Mr. Madland is a republican in his political belief and for two years he has served as alderman in Sentinel Butte. He belongs to the Woodmen of the World and is also a member

of the Lutheran church, in the teachings of which are found the principles which have governed his life. Although a young man he has accomplished more than many of his seniors and there is no doubt that he will achieve still greater success in the future.

W. W. WOOD, M. D.

Dr. W. W. Wood, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Jamestown, Stutsman county, was born at Chicago, Illinois, on the 28th of April, 1880, a son of James and Janet (Allen) Wood, both now deceased. The father, who was born in Scotland, was a contractor by occupation.

The subject of this review attended the public schools and high school in Chicago and for four years taught in the schools of that city. Having decided upon the practice of medicine as his life work, he entered the Medical College of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1906. For fourteen months he was an interne in the Lakeside Hospital and for ten months served in a similar capacity in the St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital, thus gaining practical knowledge of the treatment of various diseases. On beginning his independent practice he located in Jasper, Minnesota, where he remained for six months, but on the 1st of June, 1909, he removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, and formed a partnership with Dr. Movius, a classmate. The two doctors were also internes together and their present association has been mutually congenial and also profitable. They are surgeons for the Midland Railroad and have gained a representative private practice. Dr. Wood also does considerable work at the local hospital.

On the 16th of October, 1908, occurred the marriage of Dr. Wood and Miss Mollie Hansen, a native of Denmark, by whom he has a son, Walter William.

Dr. Wood casts his ballot in support of the republican party but has never taken an active part in politics. However, he is now serving as city health officer and in that capacity is doing much to safeguard the public health. He holds membership in the county and state medical societies and in the American Medical Association and thus keeps in touch with the trend of medical practice. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, including the Mystic Shrine, and with the Elks, while in religion he is a Protestant. He finds needed recreation in hunting and fishing and enjoys all outdoor sports. He is much interested in public advancement and is an active member of the Commercial Club, cooperating in its project for the growth and advancement of Jamestown and Stutsman county.

LEVI C. WINGATE.

Levi C. Wingate, vice president of the Williams County State Bank at Williston, was born July 19, 1882, at Soldier, Monona county, Iowa, a son of Andrew L. and Carrie Wingate. The father, a native of Norway, was educated in that country to the age of fourteen years and then came with his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Rockford, Illinois, whence he afterward went to Iowa. There he engaged in farming for a considerable period and in 1894 took up his abode upon a farm near Hartington, Nebraska, where his death occurred in 1908. His wife, a native of Norway, remained in that country to the age of nineteen years and then became a resident of Rockford, Illinois, where she gave her hand in marriage to Andrew L. Wingate. She, too, passed away near Hartington, Nebraska.

Levi C. Wingate acquired his preliminary education in district schools near Soldier, Iowa, and afterward attended the normal school at Castana, Iowa, and Drake University at Des Moines, where he pursued various courses, including that of law. He afterward became professor of mathematics in Parker College at Winnebago, Minnesota, and a year later became a teacher in the commercial department of the National Business College at Sioux City, Iowa. He next accepted the position of secretary of a land company at Minneapolis, handling lands and investments, and when he removed to North Dakota he became cashier of the First State Bank at Ray, where he resided for five years. On the expiration of that period he accepted



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the cashiership in the Williams County State Bank at Williston and after three and one-half years he was elected vice president, in which office he is now active, practically having charge of the bank. He is putting forth every effort to develop the institution along lines of substantial growth and progress and he and his fellow officers have made it one of the strong moneyed institutions of the county. Mr. Wingate is the owner of eight hundred acres of land in the lower Yellowstone valley of Montana, lying in the irrigated district, and is much interested in agriculture.

On the 10th of April, 1906, in Winnebago, Minnesota, Mr. Wingate was united in marriage to Miss Carrie L. Waldren, who was there born, a daughter of W. L. and Lettie Waldren. Her father was at that time a farmer and stockman but is now engaged in the real estate business in Winnebago. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate have two children, Florence and Angelina, both born in Ray, North Dakota.

Mr. Wingate has erected a pleasant residence in Williston and his success enables him to provide for his family all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. In politics he is a republican and is a progressive citizen but has had neither time nor inclination to seek public office. He belongs to the Lutheran church, to the Odd Fellows lodge of Williston, of which he is treasurer, to the Modern Woodmen camp and to the Elks Lodge, No. 1214, of Williston. His life has practically been devoted entirely to the land and banking business and in all business matters he displays sound judgment and discrimination as well as unfaltering enterprise and persistency of purpose.

WILLIAM H. DIXON.

William H. Dixon, a lumber merchant of Tioga, was born November 8, 1871, at Frankton, Indiana, his parents being Oliver H. and Mary (Ferguson) Dixon, natives of Virginia and Indiana respectively. In the latter state both were reared and there Mr. Dixon took up the occupation of farming, which he followed throughout his entire business career in the vicinity of Frankton, Indiana, where both he and his wife passed away.

William H. Dixon spent his youthful days to the age of eighteen years on the farm near Frankton and supplemented his district school training by study in the city schools. In 1892 he removed to Wild Rice, Cass county, North Dakota, where he became agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, spending six months at that point, while the succeeding ten years were devoted to similar service at various points in the state. On the 28th of August, 1902, he arrived in the new town of Tioga, where he opened a lumberyard, the first one in the town. At that time Tioga contained a section house but nothing else. It is today a village with a population of seven hundred and contains good business houses and industrial enterprises and is constantly growing. In 1910 Mr. Dixon incorporated his interests under the name of the W. H. Dixon Lumber Company, of which he is the president and general manager. His yard is in the center of the town and he carries a large amount of lumber and builders' supplies. His activities have ever been carefully and wisely directed and success is attending his efforts. He is also engaged quite largely in farming in Williams county and in connection therewith makes a specialty of handling Poland China and Duroc-Jersey hogs. He also assisted in organizing the electric light company and the telephone company of Tioga and otherwise has been prominently identified with the business development of his district. His lumber trade has reached extensive proportions and within a period of fifteen years he has become one of the prosperous citizens of his section of the state.

On the 27th of May, 1914, Mr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Cordelia Davis, of Fairmount, Indiana, where she was born, reared and educated. After attending Fairmount Academy she taught music and drawing in the arts department of that institution and is a most intelligent and accomplished lady, being a recognized leader in the social life of Tioga. Her parents, William F. and Elizabeth Davis, were natives of Indiana and the father is now engaged in farming at Fairmount, which pursuit he has made his life work.

In his political views Mr. Dixon is independent and fraternally is connected with the Elks lodge, No. 1214, at Williston, of which he is a charter member. His has been a well

spent and active life and proves what may be accomplished when laudable ambition points out the way. Persistent purpose has enabled him to press forward to the goal of success and while promoting his individual interests he has at the same time cooperated in movements that have been of direct and far-reaching benefit to the community in which he lives.

GEORGE D. JOHNSON.

Among those who have been active in the upbuilding of Watford City through the establishment and conduct of growing commercial interests is George D. Johnson, a progressive and enterprising young business man. He was born in Neenah, Winnebago county, Wisconsin, September 22, 1883, a son of Ingolf E. and Carrie (Omit) Johnson. The father, a native of Christiania, Norway, was a child when his parents crossed the Atlantic and settled among the pioneer residents of Winnebago county, Wisconsin, his father taking up the occupation of farming near Neenah. There Ingolf E. Johnson was reared and eventually became a machinist of Neenah, where he has conducted his business successfully for more than forty years. His wife was born and reared in Winnebago county, where she still resides.

George D. Johnson, spending his youthful days in his native city, acquired his education in the public schools and then obtained a clerkship in a clothing store. Later he was employed in a grocery store and in 1908 he sought the opportunities of the growing west by removing to Williston, North Dakota, where he spent a year as a salesman in a clothing store. In 1909 he became a resident of McKenzie county and took up a homestead near the present site of Watford City. He proved up on that property and was also manager of a general store at the old Farland postoffice. When Watford City was established he went to that place and became manager of the Walla & Vildma general store. In the spring of 1916 he embarked in business on his own account and now carries a large stock of general merchandise, for which he finds a ready sale. His methods are most progressive and his energy and determination enable him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. He has a large trade, accorded him by the surrounding rural community, and it is known that fair treatment will ever be received at his hands.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a republican and he was elected chairman of the first village board of Watford City and was mayor in 1914-1915, making an excellent record as chief executive. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias at Neenah, Wisconsin. He has always preferred, however, to concentrate his efforts upon his business interests, knowing that success is the legitimate outcome of persistent effort, energy and determination. His long experience in merchandising has been one of the strong elements of his growing success and he is familiar with every phase of the trade and with commercial conditions in general. He is popular as a business man and as a public official and as mayor of Watford City is doing much to advance civic improvements, looking ever beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future.

CARL A. KRAUSE.

Carl A. Krause, secretary and manager of the Neche Mercantile Company of Neche, Pembina county, was born January 30, 1878, in Schönsee, Germany, and was the second of a family of seven children whose parents were Anthony and Mary (Schultz) Krause, who were also natives of that country. They remained residents of Germany until 1893, when they crossed the Atlantic to the new world and cast in their lot with the early settlers of Gretna, Manitoba. The father is a harness maker by trade and is still actively engaged in that business, which he has successfully followed, winning a substantial measure of prosperity as the years have gone by.

Carl A. Krause was a youth of fifteen when the family came to the American continent and he continued his education for a brief period in the public schools of Gretna but soon afterward started out to earn his livelihood and whatever success he has since achieved is

attributable to his earnest labor. His first position was that of clerk in the store of E. Penner & Company at Gretna, with which firm he was connected for ten years, during which time he gained an intimate knowledge of mercantile methods and gradually worked his way upward. At length he resigned his position to become a member of and manager for the Neche Mercantile Company, which has the second largest mercantile interests in that section. This is an incorporated company which was formed in 1913, its officers being: F. P. Holmes, president; C. N. Murphy, vice president; Carl A. Krause, secretary; and F. C. Holmes, treasurer. They have built up a business of extensive proportions and they carry a very attractive line of goods. Moreover, the neat and tasteful arrangement of the store and the honorable methods followed constitute important factors in the growing success of the institution. For fourteen years Mr. Krause has been connected with the business and his efforts have been a most important contributing factor to its continued growth and prosperity. The business was instituted under the direction of Murphy, Holmes & Company and following the death of the senior partner the firm name was changed to Holmes, Briden & St. Amour. The business was carried on under the firm style of Holmes & Briden at the time Mr. Krause became manager and since 1915 he has been a member and secretary of the firm.

On the 7th of January, 1909, at Flensburg, Minnesota, occurred the marriage of Mr. Krause and Miss Blanche Wotzka, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew Wotzka, who were pioneer residents of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Krause have become the parents of four children, Vincent, Marcus, Carl and Lucien. All were born in Neche.

In politics Mr. Krause has pursued an independent course. He has never sought or filled public office but gives stalwart support to the principles in which he believes. He holds membership in the Roman Catholic church and with the Knights of Columbus. There is no phase of commercial development in Neche with which he is not familiar owing to his long connection with the business in which he is now a partner. Ability and determination have enabled him to gradually work his way upward in commercial circles and he is today numbered among those who are upbuilding the state along lines of substantial progress.

WILLIAM A. LANTERMAN.

Business activity in Mandan finds a worthy representative in William A. Lanterman, who has been president of the State Bank since 1892 and who, carefully directing its interests, has made this a strong and reliable institution. He was born in Blairstown, New Jersey, November 24, 1854, a son of Abraham and Jane (La Rue) Lanterman, also natives of that state. Both have now passed away, the father having died in the year 1877, while the mother's death occurred in 1904.

William A. Lanterman completed his education in the Blairstown Academy, from which he was graduated, and in 1875 he arrived in North Dakota, becoming one of the pioneer residents of Grand Forks. For a time he engaged in business at Hillsboro, this state, and in 1883 removed to Mandan, where he was engaged in the stock business until 1900. In the meantime he had become actively identified with banking interests, having in 1892 been elected to the presidency of the State Bank of Mandan, in which connection he has since given his attention to administrative direction and executive control. He thoroughly understands every phase of the banking business and recognizes the fact that the bank which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors is the one most worthy of public confidence and support. Aside from his interests in the State Bank he is the president of the Mandan Loan & Investment Company, is vice president of the First National Bank at New Salem, North Dakota, and has other connections with financial institutions.

On the 22d of March, 1886, in Racine, Wisconsin, Mr. Lanterman was united in marriage to Miss Harriet M. Shaw, by whom he has three children, as follows: Bessie, who is now the wife of E. A. Ripley, of Mandan, North Dakota; Eunice, who gave her hand in marriage to William Ordway, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Horace W., a resident of Mandan, North Dakota.

Fraternally Mr. Lanterman is a Master Mason, while his religious faith is that of

the Presbyterian church. His political support is given the democratic party and he has held municipal offices in Mandan, where his public spirit has been manifest in his faithfulness to duty. He has steadily advanced in those walks of life demanding intellectuality, business ability and fidelity and today commands the respect and esteem not only of his community but of the people throughout the state. He is modest and unostentatious in manner but all speak of him in terms of high praise.

COLONEL CLEMENT A. LOUNSBERRY.

Colonel Clement A. Lounsberry, a Civil war veteran, public official and one who has done much in framing the history of the state and contributing to the development of North Dakota, is a native of Indiana. He was born in Dekalb county on the 27th of March, 1843, and represents one of the old New York families founded prior to 1660 by ancestors who settled on the Hudson. Richard Lounsberry was one of those who established the town of White Plains, New York, whence he afterward removed to Stamford, Connecticut, and in that state representatives of the name have become distinguished in manufacturing, banking and educational circles, while two of the number have served as governor of Connecticut. In the maternal line Colonel Lounsberry traces his ancestry back to one who came from England in 1635, and the family is connected with the Lockwoods, the Benedicts, the Whitneys and other people of prominence in the east. His maternal grandmother was a Benedict and his paternal grandmother was a Whitney of the Eli Whitney family. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Weeks, was descended from Jonathan Weeks, whose four sons were killed by the Indians in the massacre at Wyoming.

Left an orphan during his childhood days, Colonel Lounsberry went to Michigan when a youth of fourteen and during the summer months worked at farm labor, while in the winter seasons he attended the district schools. He had previously been a pupil in the schools of Hicksville, Ohio, where his early youth was passed. With the outbreak of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Calhoun county, Michigan, and his loyalty and capability in service are indicated in the fact that he was advanced to the command of his regiment some time before the close of the war. General Byron M. Cutcheon, under whom he served, said of him: "Colonel Lounsberry served under me as a private, sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain, and assistant adjutant general and chief of my staff, and succeeded me as colonel of his regiment, and I must say that he was the bravest soldier that I ever knew." His military record has been given by a contemporary historian as follows: "Register of military service: Entered the service as a private in the Marshall Light Guards, April 21, 1861. Mustered into United States service, Company I, First Michigan, three months, May 1, 1861; discharged July 6, 1862, on return from Libby prison. Reenlisted August 9, 1862. Mustered into service as first sergeant Company I, Twentieth Michigan, August 19, 1862. Second lieutenant, Company K, February 1, 1863; first lieutenant, Company H, January 31, 1864; captain, Company A, June 23, 1864; brevet major for gallant and meritorious services in the present campaign in front of Richmond, December 2, 1864; lieutenant colonel, December 20, 1864 (mustered April 29, 1865), and colonel, March 11, 1865. Mustered out lieutenant colonel commanding regiment, May 30, 1865. First lieutenant's commission dated November 19, 1863, and captain's, June 23, 1864.

"History of service: First Bull Run, July 21, 1861, Wilcox Brigade, Heintzelman's Division, wounded, prisoner of war until June 25, 1862. First Brigade, First Division, Ninth Army Corps, September 22, 1862, Noland's Ford, October 14; White Sulphur Springs, November 14; Fredericksburg, December 12, 13, 14, 1862; Horse Shoe Bend, Kentucky, May 9, 1863, wounded and prisoner three weeks; Blue Springs, Tennessee, October 10, 1863; Loudon, Tennessee, November 14, 1863; Lenoir Station, November 15; Campbell Station, November 16; Siege of Knoxville, November 17 to December 5; Fort Sanders, November 29, 1863; Hurby's Ford, December 15, 1863; Strawberry Plains, January 22, 1864; Turkey Bend, March 14, 1864; The Wilderness, May 5, 6, 7, 1864; Ny River, May 9; Spottsylvania, May 10, 11, 12, 1864; Hatcher's Run, October 27 and 28, 1864; Siege of Petersburg from October 5, 1864,

to April 3, 1865; Fort Steadman, March 25, 1865. Adjutant General, Ely's Brigade, and assumed command First Michigan, S. S., and Second Michigan Infantry, and conducted these regiments into Petersburg, receiving the surrender of that city from two of the three parties authorized to surrender the city by the common council, April 3, 1865, and planted the flag on the custom house and courthouse before other troops entered the city. Ely's Brigade was Second Brigade, First Division, Ninth Army Corps."

While in front of St. Petersburg, Colonel Lounsberry had filed on a homestead at Fairmont, Martin county, Minnesota, making the affidavit before his commanding officer. With the close of hostilities he purchased sheep, which he drove from Michigan to his homestead, and since that time he has been closely identified with the development of the west. Almost immediately following the establishment of his home in Minnesota he became prominently connected with public affairs in his community. In the summer of 1866 he was appointed county auditor of Martin county and later was elected and reelected to the position, being nominated by both republicans and democrats in 1868. He declined the democratic nomination but received practically the entire vote of the county. He was connected with General B. M. Catebeon, Rev. S. S. Hunting, Chaplain Joseph Jones and Dr. O. P. Chubb, previous army comrades, in the purchase and development of the town site of Fairmont, and it was as representative of his partners that he came to the west. In the summer of 1868 he began the publication of the Martin County Atlas and when the railroad was completed to Wells, Minnesota, in the spring of 1870 he removed his paper to that place and resigned his position as auditor of Martin county. In 1872, after leasing his paper, he became editorially connected with the Minneapolis Tribune and from July, 1873, until 1884 published the Bismarck Tribune, of which he was the promoter. In February, 1876, he was made postmaster of Bismarck and continued in that office until 1885, when he resigned. A history of Martin county, Minnesota, in writing of him, said: "Fairmont sustained quite a loss in the removal of Colonel Lounsberry, who was a public-spirited, energetic worker, and who did all he could to assist in building up the town and county. He was interested in a number of schemes for the advancement of this place. His newspaper not receiving the support he thought it entitled to and having an offer from the citizens of Wells, which was then the terminus of the railway, he moved there. Colonel C. A. Lounsberry was a man of more than ordinary ability, and since his removal from here has occupied prominent positions. . . . As a newspaper writer he has few equals in the northwest."

When county auditor at Fairmont, Colonel Lounsberry was annoyed by the faulty newspaper reports of legislative proceedings and declared that if he ever had an opportunity he would report the legislative proceedings in a way that would give information to those interested in public affairs. His opportunity came in the winter of 1872-3, when he reported the Minnesota legislature for the Minneapolis Tribune and the St. Paul Dispatch, completely revolutionizing the system of legislative reporting, so far as the Twin Cities were concerned. Even after establishing the Tribune at Bismarck he returned two winters and reported the Minnesota legislature for the Minneapolis Tribune and the St. Paul Dispatch, and has several winters been employed by the Associated Press to report the North Dakota legislature for the St. Paul, Minneapolis, Fargo and Grand Forks dailies, and for the Bismarck Tribune.

There is one feature in the constitution of the state, put there through the persistent effort of Colonel Lounsberry. It had been the custom to introduce bills and have them read by title and referred directly to the committee. There was no opportunity to know what was in the bill, unless the member chose to give it, on being interviewed, or the committee head could be found and an opportunity given to examine the bill. Through the efforts of the Colonel, and in the interest of publicity, it was provided in the constitution that every bill must be read in full at the time of its introduction and upon its final passage. This gives an opportunity to hear and examine it.

In many ways Colonel Lounsberry has left the impress of his individuality upon the public life of the various communities in which he lived. In 1895 Colonel Lounsberry established the Record at Fargo, a monthly, his object being to gather material for a history of the state. The publication was continued until 1905, when it was suspended on account of his transfer to the general land office at Washington. In March, 1889, he was appointed

special agent of the general land office and as such agent has conducted more than five thousand investigations for the government, appearing for the government in some five hundred hearings. His work covered not only Minnesota and the two Dakotas, but Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Washington and Montana. From his long residence in the public land regions and his familiarity with conditions and with the laws, he was particularly well adapted to this class of work, and was finally transferred to the general office at his own request, in August, 1905. He was originally appointed a special agent of the general land office upon recommendation of General Cutcheon and was removed during the Cleveland administration but was immediately reinstated under the Harrison administration. In 1889 he was admitted to practice law in Cass county, North Dakota, and on the 27th of March, 1904, was licensed to practice before the supreme court of the state. As a member of the penitentiary board he was associated with John A. McLean in the work of supervising the construction of the penitentiary at Bismarck, and later he was again made a member of the board.

Colonel Lounsberry was married in 1864 to Miss Lucretia V. Hoskins and his family numbers four sons and a daughter, the latter, Hattie A., being now the wife of Charles E. V. Draper, of Mandan. The eldest son, George H., is an architect and builder of Duluth; Wells is owner of a fruit farm at Medford, Oregon; and Fred and William are in the job printing business in Duluth. For his present wife Colonel Lounsberry married Mrs. Sarah Jane (Mason) Brownson, widow of Colonel Harry Brownson.

Fraternally Colonel Lounsberry is connected with the Masonic lodge, chapter and commandery and he belongs also to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion. He has long been a communicant of the Episcopal church and his life has been guided by his belief. He has ever been a man loyal to his honest convictions, fearless in defense of what he believes to be right, and he has done much to mold public thought and opinion in his state and thus shape its history.

PETER O. THORSON.

Peter O. Thorson, publisher of the *Normanden*, has been a representative of journalistic interests in Grand Forks since 1893, then a young man of twenty-six years. He was born in Waupaca county, Wisconsin, August 2, 1867, a son of Ole and Anna (Iverson) Thorson, who were natives of Norway. Emigrating to America in 1861 they settled in Wisconsin where the father engaged in farming, and there he resided until his death which occurred in 1907 when he had reached the age of eighty years. His wife survived him until 1913, and passed away in Grand Forks at the age of seventy-eight years.

Peter O. Thorson was the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children. At the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools of Wisconsin, and after attending high school completed his education in a business college. He afterward engaged in the stationery and book business with F. W. Eddings & Company from 1888 until 1891, and in the latter year became connected with the *Grand Forks Herald* on which he worked until 1893. At that time he purchased an interest in the *Normanden Publishing Company*, which was then issuing a weekly paper which was afterward converted into a semi-weekly. It today has a circulation of nine thousand seven hundred copies and is one of the leading papers of the state, being widely circulated among the people of Norwegian birth and education. It is published according to the most progressive ideas of modern journalism, and its success is attributable in large measure to the efforts of Mr. Thorson who has been identified with the paper for twenty-three years. In August, 1916, he took over the *Progressive Observer*, a weekly paper, which has been published in Grand Forks for seven years. He is also a director of the *Western Realty Company* of Fargo and the success which he has attained in business is the direct result of his energy and ability. He possesses marked energy and determination and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On the 19th of December, 1895, in Grand Forks, Mr. Thorson was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Brathovde, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brathovde of New Hope, Wisconsin. Five children have been born of this marriage: Thelma, born in 1896 and a graduate of



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the high school of Grand Forks; Alvin, born in 1898; Harold, in 1902; Paul in 1906; and Genevieve, in 1910. All are natives of Grand Forks and the younger children are yet in school. Fraternally Mr. Thorson is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Yeomen. He belongs also to the Sons of Norway and to the Norwegian Press Association of America. His deep interest in the welfare of his fellowmen and desire for higher standards of living is indicated by his membership in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is president of the board of education of Grand Forks, and has labored most earnestly in advancing the interests of the schools. Partially through his efforts the present high school building is being erected, and when completed will be the finest in the state. He works for all those forces which are factors in civic betterment, and holds to high standards in manhood and citizenship.

PAUL MANN.

Paul Mann, cashier of the Merchants State Bank, is thus actively identified with the financial interests of Hebron and Morton county. He was born in New Salem, North Dakota, February 26, 1889, a son of William Henry and Anna (Lange) Mann, who were natives of Germany. Coming to the new world, they settled in Chicago in 1881 and there resided for about two years. The father was a cabinet maker and followed his trade in Chicago until 1883, when he sought the opportunities offered in the northwest, making his way to the territory of Dakota. He located at New Salem, in what is now North Dakota, and in that locality took up land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place but with characteristic energy he began its cultivation and remained thereon for about five years. He then returned to New Salem, where in 1889 he established a general store under a partnership relation. He afterward bought out his partner's interest in the business, of which he still remains sole proprietor. He is today one of the oldest merchants of the place, having for nearly thirty years been actively connected with the commercial interests of New Salem. He has likewise extended his efforts into other fields and is now vice president of the Merchants State Bank of Hebron and a director of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of New Salem. In public affairs he has also been prominent and active and for the past eight years has been a member of the railroad commission of the state.

Paul Mann acquired his early education in the schools of New Salem and afterward continued his studies at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he completed both a commercial and an academic course. He was there graduated in 1906, after which he returned to his native city and for a year was his father's assistant in the store. In 1907 he removed to Hebron and entered the Merchants State Bank in the capacity of bookkeeper. The following year he was advanced to the position of assistant cashier and occupied that office until 1910, when he was promoted to the cashiership. He is also a stockholder and a director of this bank, which was organized in October, 1906, and capitalized for ten thousand dollars, its officers being: F. Schweigert, president; Fred Dichtenmueller, vice president; and E. H. Mann, cashier. About 1908 C. F. Ewald was made president and so continued for about two years, when he was succeeded by Jacob Schmalenberger. At that date W. H. Mann became the vice president. E. H. Mann continued as cashier until 1910, when he was succeeded by Paul Mann, who is still filling the position, with C. H. Oellerman as assistant cashier. The bank has a surplus and undivided profits of twelve thousand five hundred dollars. A fine building of brick construction was erected in 1907 and its equipment is thoroughly modern. There are large safety deposit vaults and every accessory to protect the interests of the patrons of the bank. The liabilities of the institution are about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and the business of the bank has steadily grown from the beginning. In addition to the general banking business which is carried on the company conducts a real estate, loan and insurance department and receives a liberal patronage along those lines.

In October, 1911, Mr. Mann was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta K. Urban, who

was born in Hebron, North Dakota, in September, 1891, and they have two sons, Kenneth and Frederick.

Mr. Mann votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For five years he has been treasurer of the village and is numbered among those who have taken a leading part in community affairs, doing everything in his power to uphold the business interests of the town. His religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the German Evangelical church and he actively supports all movements for the moral progress of the district.

FRANK G. ORR.

The financial interests of North Dakota have a worthy representative in Frank G. Orr, who has been identified with several banks in this state and is now serving as vice president of the First State Bank of Mott, in which city he makes his home. He was born in Victory, Wisconsin, August 23, 1872, and is a son of Thomas G. and Emma (Newell) Orr, the former a native of Marietta, Ohio, and the latter of Waukon, Iowa. His paternal grandfather spent his entire life in Ohio, of which state the family were pioneers, and there he died in the prime of life. He was a physician by profession.

In early life Thomas G. Orr went to Iowa and at the age of thirteen years he enlisted as a drummer in the Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at the beginning of the Civil war. After serving in that capacity for two years, he became a private in the infantry and served as such until the end of his three years' enlistment. Later he joined the cavalry and altogether was with the army for four years and a half, taking part in many important engagements. When hostilities ceased he was honorably discharged from the service. Subsequently he took a business course in a commercial college at Chicago, Illinois, and then became an express messenger. He continued to fill that position until 1870, when he removed to Lansing, Iowa, and began dealing in wheat. From there he moved across the Mississippi river to Victory, Wisconsin, and about 1877 became a resident of Viroqua, that state, where he conducted an elevator and also engaged in the machinery business until 1883. In the latter year Mr. Orr went to South Dakota and took up a homestead and tree claim near Mobridge. After following farming for a year he was elected register of deeds and auditor of Walworth county and was subsequently reelected, serving in all eight years. During that time he attended the territorial legislature at Bismarck and for two sessions served as chief clerk. He was a member of the constitutional convention and has always taken an active part in public affairs. He has been chairman of the republican state central committee and for a number of years has been president of the South Dakota Old Settlers Association, which has annual home comings alternating between Aberdeen and Sioux Falls. Mr. Orr has been particularly active in the Grand Army of the Republic and for the past six years has been commandant of the Soldiers Home at Hot Springs, South Dakota, while his wife has served as matron. He has been very successful in its management and is regarded as one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens of his community. At one time he was in charge of a delegation of members of the territorial legislature of Dakota to the Montana legislature at the invitation of its members. In his family were two sons and one daughter, but the eldest, Charles, died at the age of eight years, and Angie, who became the wife of George Opie, died when twenty-one years of age.

Frank G. Orr, the only survivor, began his elementary education in the schools of Wisconsin and continued his studies after the removal of the family to Dakota. During the first year of their residence in the territory they had to haul all their goods from Aberdeen, a distance of one hundred miles, and on their way to that city collected buffalo bones, which they disposed of there. Mr. Orr sometimes accompanied his father on these trips. In 1892 he began a five years' course at the South Dakota State College at Brookings, and on its completion was elected secretary and treasurer of the college, serving in that capacity and at the same time conducting classes until 1904. He then resigned and went to Aberdeen, where he became identified with the newspaper business on the Dakota Farmer. Later he was for one year foreign news editor of the Daily American.

On the 1st of January, 1906, Mr. Orr accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank at Russell, North Dakota, where he remained until 1909, when he sold his interest in that concern and removed to Mott, which has since been his home. He organized the First State Bank, of which he became cashier, but has served as vice president since 1913. In 1909 he also organized the Galloway & Orr Abstract Company, and the senior member of the firm is now cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Bentley, North Dakota. They purchased two banks at Bentley, which they consolidated, and the institution is now in a flourishing condition. At one time Mr. Orr owned an interest in the State Bank of New England and the Citizens State Bank at Regent but has sold that property. In addition to his other business interests, he also deals extensively in real estate.

On the 5th of July, 1900, Mr. Orr was united in marriage to Miss Luhi Cornell, a native of Winnipeg, Canada, and a daughter of William H. Cornell, who was a pioneer of Dakota, having located in Sioux Falls in 1875. Mrs. Orr was educated at the Brookings high school and the South Dakota Normal at Madison, after which she taught school for some time prior to her marriage. She has become the mother of two children: Harry G. and Fred E. Mr. Orr is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was the first master of the lodge at Russell and also the lodge at Mott, with which he is now connected. He is one of the leading business men of Hettinger county as well as one of its representative citizens and occupies an enviable position in financial circles.

JOHN S. CONYERS.

John S. Conyers, of the firm of Conyers & Son, lumber dealers of Cando, North Dakota, was one of the first settlers of Towner county and has therefore witnessed its entire development, in the work of which he has taken a very active and prominent part. He was born in Paris, Missouri, on the 27th of November, 1858, and is a son of William S. and Ann E. (Parsons) Conyers, also natives of that state, the former born in Monroe county and the latter in Pike county. The father, who was a farmer and stock raiser by occupation, made his home in Missouri until his death.

There John S. Conyers was reared and educated in much the usual manner of boys at that time. In 1883 he made his way to this state, reaching Larimore on the 1st of March, which town was then the western terminus of the railroad. There he rented four hundred and eighty acres of land and after putting in his crop started west with a team of horses and the running gear of a wagon to look for a suitable location. At Bartlett he met some half breed Indians who told him of the beautiful country in what is now Towner county and later he met Frank Blair, who had visited this section, and he told Mr. Conyers it was the prettiest country he had ever seen, advising him to locate here. Our subject then loaded some board on his wagon at Bartlett and started across the country. On reaching Coulee, four miles south of the present city of Cando, he unloaded and built the frame for his shack, which he covered with sod. He then returned to Larimore and harvested his crop, coming to Towner county again that fall after his work was done and spending the winter here. The following year he filed on a preemption and also a tree claim. He was one of eight men who wintered in Towner county in 1883-4 and among them they were able to have this section surveyed. As was the custom at that time, Mr. Conyers plowed a furrow around the section he wished to reserve, and as his brother Thomas W., then on a cattle ranch in Nevada, had promised to join him, he included in his furrow some eight hundred acres of land. After the survey had been made both filed on this tract and the original claims are still in the possession of the family.

On coming to Towner county, John S. Conyers was without capital and for some years he made his living by hauling lumber for the settlers who followed him into the country. In 1884 he was one of three county commissioners appointed by the governor to locate the county seat, the others being Captain P. P. Parker, now of Phoenix, Arizona; and H. C. Davis, now living in Michigan. There was much contention over the selection of the site, many of the settlers wanting it located at their nearest settlement or on their own land but the committee looked ahead to the future development of the country north of them

and, desiring to make the location a permanent one, chose the present site. There was strong objection to this decision in the meeting called for that purpose but the spokesman of the committee said: "Gentlemen, we were appointed to this committee to decide this location and in virtue of our authority we select this location and name the town Cando to show you that we can do it."

Mr. Conyers continued to follow farming until 1888, when the railroad was built into Cando and he moved to the town, where he opened a lumberyard. The first train entering the town, which was a construction train, brought him two carloads of lumber. His brother Thomas W. was associated with him in business until the latter's death in the fall of 1911, when our subject bought his interest and admitted his son Robert T. to partnership. Under the firm name of Conyers & Son the business is now carried on and they enjoy an excellent trade. Mr. Conyers is a director of the First National Bank of Cando and is the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable farming land in Towner county.

In December, 1888, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Rachel E. (Canfield) Judd, of Danbury, Connecticut, and of the four children born to them three survive, namely: Edna S., who is a graduate of Stanley Hall, at Minneapolis; Robert T., who is a graduate of Culver Military Academy, at Culver, Indiana, and is now in business with his father; and Jane S., who was educated at Graham Hall, at Minneapolis, and is now the wife of E. F. Bacon of Cando, North Dakota.

The family attend the Congregational church and Mr. Conyers is a prominent Mason, belonging to Cando Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Cando Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; C. J. Atkins Commandery, No. 14, K. T., of Cando; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He is one of the representative citizens of his town and is deserving of honorable mention in this volume on account of the important part he has taken in the development of Towner county.

JOHN A. HAIG.

John A. Haig, county superintendent of schools of Ramsey county and a resident of Devils Lake, was accorded liberal educational opportunities and in their improvement he qualified for the important work which he has since done in the educational field. He was born in Potsdam, New York, October 20, 1848, and is a son of John and Helen (Aitchison) Haig, both of whom have now passed away, the father having reached the venerable age of ninety-three years ere he was called to the home beyond.

After attending the public schools of his native city John A. Haig continued his studies in the Potsdam Academy and in the Middlebury College at Middlebury, Vermont, from which he was graduated with the class of 1873. He then became the first teacher in the Union Free school at Madrid, New York, where he remained for two years, after which he went to Massena as superintendent of the Union Free School and Academy, remaining in that connection for five years. He afterward spent a brief period as a law clerk in Madrid but later resumed school work there and recognition of his ability led to his election to the office of county superintendent, in which position he served for nine years. He came to North Dakota in 1894 to accept the position of principal of the city schools of Devils Lake and remained at the head for seven years. He afterward spent two years as superintendent of schools at Rolla and in 1904 took up farming in connection with teaching. He organized the Consolidated school at Webster, where he taught for two years, and in 1908 he was elected county superintendent of schools, which position he is now filling for the eighth year. Recognizing the great value to be secured through concentrating effort, money, time and attention on school work, he has promoted the consolidation of schools and has brought about the consolidation of seventeen out of thirty-nine. Throughout his professional career he has sought to introduce higher standards of teaching and has been able to inspire the teachers and pupils under him with much of his own zeal and interest in the work. His labors have been productive of excellent results, the far-reaching effects of which will be felt for all time to come.

On the 13th of July, 1876, Professor Haig was married to Miss Mary A. Hawley and

to them have been born four children, Alan V., Myron J., Helen E. and Ernest H., but the last named died at the age of thirty-two years.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church and in his political belief Professor Haig is a republican, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is able to support his position by intelligent argument he has never sought nor desired political preferment outside the strict path of his profession. Steady advancement in the field of his chosen labor has brought him prominence among the educators of his part of the state.

A. B. DORAN.

A. B. Doran, a hardware merchant of Taylor, is numbered among those who through well directed business activity are contributing to the substantial upbuilding of Stark county. He was born at Waddington, St. Lawrence county, New York, March 11, 1877, a son of Samuel B. and Jane (Behan) Doran, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, where the father spent his entire life and where the mother still makes her home.

A. B. Doran, their eldest son, was reared in New York and after passing through the various grades of the public schools continued his education in the College of Montreal, after which he returned home, remaining a resident of New York for several years. While in the east he joined the army, with which he served for seven months. The year 1907 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he settled in Grand Forks and entered the wholesale grocery house of Nash Brothers, by which he was employed for about a year. He afterward removed to Bismarck, where he entered the service of the International Harvester Company, with which he continued for three years as a traveling salesman, during which period he made his headquarters at Bismarck. He next became a resident of Taylor, where he engaged in the implement business in partnership with Cornelius Williams under the firm name of Williams & Doran. That connection was continued until 1914, when Mr. Doran sold out and opened a hardware store in Taylor, carrying a full line of shelf hardware and enjoying a good business, which he conducts under the name of the Taylor Hardware Company. He has built up his trade along substantial lines, ever recognizing the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement. In 1914 he erected a fine brick store building which is one of the substantial commercial features of the town.

In 1909 Mr. Doran was married at Detroit, Minnesota, to Miss Margaret Oedbauer of that place, and they have become parents of two daughters, Margaret and Charlotte. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Doran is connected with the Knights of Columbus at Rutland, Vermont. He was clerk of the school board of Taylor during 1915-16 and served on the village board of trustees during the first year after its incorporation in 1912. He is interested in community affairs to the extent of giving hearty cooperation to well defined plans and measures for the general good.

HON. CHRISTIAN GANSSLE.

Hon. Christian Ganssle, formerly a member of the state senate and now actively engaged in merchandising at St. Thomas, was born May 20, 1866, in Waldorf, Germany. The father, John Ganssle, also a native of Germany, learned and followed the baker's trade, winning substantial success through his business activity. He wedded Marie Buetler, also a native of Germany. Mr. Ganssle died in that country in 1871, when his son Christian was but five years of age, and in 1876 the mother, accompanied by her family of nine children, of whom Christian was the seventh, crossed the Atlantic to Canada, settling in Bismarck, Ontario. Her choice of a destination was influenced by the fact that she had friends, formerly from Germany, who were there residing.

Christian Ganssle, then a lad of ten years, acquired his education in the schools of Bismarck, Canada, and of St. Thomas, North Dakota, the family having removed to this

state in 1882. They were among the first settlers of St. Thomas and after completing his education Mr. Ganssle entered a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres in St. Thomas township, Pembina county. This he cultivated for fifteen years and still owns that tract. In 1901 he turned his attention to the drug business, which he has since successfully carried on. While inexperienced in pharmaceutical lines, he has had from the beginning A. C. Grant, a registered pharmacist, as a partner. The firm is Ganssle, Campbell & Grant and in addition to the drug business they conduct a large department store in St. Thomas, having a very liberal patronage which makes theirs a profitable concern.

On the 23d of January, 1900, Mr. Ganssle was married to Miss Lena Morrison, a native of Canada and of Irish descent, the parents being Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Morrison, who were pioneer residents of Pembina county. The father is now deceased, while the mother makes her home with Mrs. Ganssle.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Ganssle is that of the Lutheran church and he is identified also with the Commercial Club, cooperating heartily with its efforts to upbuild the city and extend its trade relations. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for the past twenty years he has been active in promoting its welfare. He is now mayor of St. Thomas, which position he is filling for the fourth term or eight years, and he was also alderman of the city for six years. He has served in both the house of representatives and the state senate, being elected to the former for three terms, and thus he has left the impress of his individuality upon much important legislation. He has a record second to none of the state's lawmakers, for while in the general assembly he carefully studied the questions which came up for consideration and viewed each important problem from the standpoint of a broad-minded, public-spirited man who recognized not only existing conditions but looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future. While he has won substantial and notable success in business, his fellow citizens have reason to honor him for what he has accomplished for the city and for the state, and high on the roll of North Dakota's most valued residents appears the name of Hon. Christian Ganssle.

CHARLES EVERETT HUNT, B. A., M. D.

Dr. Charles Everett Hunt, engaged in medical practice at Valley City, his studious habits keeping him in close connection with the advance that is constantly being made along professional lines, was born in Lamoure county, North Dakota, August 10, 1887, a son of Everett H. and Ella (Seekins) Hunt, natives of Leon, Cattaraugus county, New York. The paternal grandfather, Major Hunt, went into the Civil war as captain of a company which he organized and served throughout the period of hostilities, being promoted to the rank of major. He was a representative of an old colonial family.

Everett H. Hunt, leaving the east, became a resident of North Dakota in 1882 and took up a homestead in Lamoure county, after which he was joined by his parents and his wife's parents and two sons, all of whom secured land contiguous and formed quite a settlement. For ten years Everett H. Hunt devoted his attention to the development of his claim and afterward removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, where he established a truck garden, shipping large quantities of vegetables. Later he went into the bakery and restaurant business, which he conducted for some time, but in 1905 he removed to Manitoba, where he remained for a year and a half, carrying on a bakery and confectionery store. He then located in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he now resides.

In a family of two sons and three daughters Dr. Hunt was the youngest and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public and high schools of Jamestown he entered the State University at Grand Forks and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1911. He took up the study of medicine during the last two years and afterward entered Northwestern University of Chicago, there winning his M. D. degree in 1913. Having been successful in a competitive examination, he spent one year as house physician and surgeon in the Minneapolis City Hospital, where he gained that broad and valuable experience which



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can never be secured as quickly and thoroughly in any other way as in hospital practice. At the end of a year he came to Valley City, where he opened an office, and in the interim he has built up a large and increasing practice.

On the 14th of September, 1911, Dr. Hunt was married to Miss Lois Robertson, a native of Minnesota, and a daughter of Dr. E. P. Robertson, president of Wesley College of North Dakota. Dr. and Mrs. Hunt have two daughters.

Dr. Hunt is a Royal Arch Mason, belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Moose and the Maccabees. He is likewise a member of the Barnes County Pioneer Club. Along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Cheyenne Valley Medical Society and the North Dakota State Medical Society. He is a man of scholarly tastes and habits who throughout his life has been a student not only along the lines connected with his profession but also of the best literature, reading broadly and thinking deeply in connection with many questions which are engaging public thought and attention.

A. L. JOHNSON.

A. L. Johnson, president of the city board of Devils Lake and one of the proprietors of the Devils Lake Steam Laundry, was born in Riceville, Iowa, November 11, 1878, a son of Barnabas M. and Fidelia (Woolworth) Johnson, the former now deceased, while the latter is living upon a homestead claim in Montana.

Following the removal of the family to Lyle, Minnesota, A. L. Johnson was educated in the schools of that place and in Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1899. Taking up the work of a druggist, he devoted seven years to the business in Lyle, Minnesota, and in Hope, North Dakota, and in 1906 removed to Devils Lake. The following year, in connection with E. M. Ostrander, he established the laundry which they have since conducted under the name of the Devils Lake Steam Laundry. They also have a dry cleaning department in connection therewith and something of the volume of their business is indicated in the fact that they have eighteen employes. Their business is conducted according to the most modern processes and methods and success in substantial measure is attending them, for they are both men of ability and their close application and unremitting energy are bringing substantial rewards. Mr. Johnson has also taken a prominent part in public affairs. In 1913 he was elected president of the city board and during his term in office has installed a municipal garbage plant, established a system of meat inspection and is ever looking toward those interests and projects which pertain to the public health. The city has also been placed upon a substantial footing and in a word he has displayed a most progressive spirit in conducting municipal affairs, bringing to bear the same sound judgment, keen insight and systematic methods which have characterized the conduct of his private business interests.

In July, 1904, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Bessie Ostrander and to them have been born two sons and two daughters, namely: Leonora M., B. Marion, C. Byron and Harriett P.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a progressive republican. In all of his public service he has subordinated self-aggrandizement to the general good and partisanship to the public welfare and his course in office has received the highest commendation and endorsement.

FRANK A. KELLOGG.

The Courtenay Farmers Co-operative Association of Courtenay is ably managed by Frank A. Kellogg, an enterprising and progressive business man, who in the conduct of the interests entrusted to his care is ever watchful of every opportunity pointing to success, and he has made the undertaking one of worth to the community as well as a source of profit to the stockholders. He was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, September 1, 1866, and is a son of E. D. Kellogg, who was born in New York and at the age of twenty-two years removed

westward to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he resided fifty-six years, devoting his time and energies to general farming. He married Elizabeth Crowel, a native of Ohio and her death occurred in 1911, while Mr. Kellogg passed away in 1913.

Of their family of eight children Frank A. Kellogg was the third in order of birth. Spending his boyhood days upon the home farm, he divided his time between the district schools and the work of the fields and when his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his entire attention upon the task of assisting his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he left home. For some time thereafter he traveled and gained much knowledge in that way. He spent a year at Spokane Falls, a year in Moscow, Idaho, and six months in Kentucky and Tennessee, where he was engaged in shipping horses and stock. He then came to North Dakota and entered a claim near Fairmount in 1892. He proved up on that property and at the end of four years went to Todd county, Minnesota, where in 1898 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he at once began to cultivate and improve, remaining thereon for eight months. He next established his home in Courtenay, where he entered the grain business as an employe of the Royal Elevator Company, with which he continued until 1909. In that year he entered the employ of the Homestead & Dodge Elevator Company, with which he continued for a period of two years. In 1911 the Courtenay Farmers Co-operative Association was organized and Mr. Kellogg was made manager, which position he has filled from the beginning. He aided in its organization and that he is most capable in his present position is shown by the large dividends that have been declared on the pro rata plan. There are seventy-six stockholders in the organization and from the beginning the business has been a success owing to the careful management and unfaltering enterprise of Mr. Kellogg. He is likewise interested in farm lands, having six hundred and forty acres in Stutsman county and three hundred and twenty acres in Foster county near Glenfield, North Dakota. He also owns one tenth interest in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Clementsville, North Dakota, and is a director in same.

In 1901 Mr. Kellogg was married to Miss Ethel Stevens, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to the United States with her sister in 1896. Her parents have both passed away. Mrs. Kellogg was one of a family of nine children and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: Russell, born in October, 1905; and Minnie, born on the 1st of July, 1909.

Mr. Kellogg is an independent voter, preferring not to bind himself by party ties. He has served as a member of the town board but has never been ambitious in the field of office seeking. He belongs to Liberty Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F., of Courtenay, in which he has passed through all the chairs, and he is a consistent and faithful member of the Courtenay Presbyterian church, in which he is acting as a trustee. He does all in his power to further its work and extend its influence and his aid and cooperation are always given on the side of advancement, reform and improvement.

JACOB SCHMALENBERGER.

Business enterprise in Hebron finds a worthy representative in Jacob Schmalenberger, the president of the Merchants State Bank and a man of notable business ability. His plans are always well defined and promptly executed and through his own labors he has worked his way upward to success. A native of Illinois, he was born at Millstadt, St. Clair county, about eight miles southeast of St. Louis, on the 19th of August, 1852, his parents being Jacob and Sophia Schmalenberger, who were natives of Germany and after coming to the new world in 1834 settled in Illinois, always remaining in that state.

Jacob Schmalenberger of this review, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, attended the graded and high schools of Millstadt and afterward entered a college at Warrenton, Missouri. When his textbooks were put aside he returned home and began farming in connection with his father, spending his time in that way until his marriage on the 26th of April, 1880, when Miss Minnie Albert became his wife. She was born in St. Louis and her parents removed to a farm in the same neighborhood where the Schmalenberger family resided and there she was reared. They have become the parents of four

children: Lena, who is now the wife of Ludwig Rehm, a resident of Hebron; Fred, who is operating his father's farm; Katie, the wife of George Pratzel, proprietor of a general store at Hebron; and Albert, at home.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Schmalenberger rented a farm in St. Clair county, Illinois, and there carried on general agricultural pursuits for about five years. In 1885 he came to North Dakota and settled six miles northwest of Hebron, where he took up a government claim of one hundred and sixty acres. He proved up on that property, which he still owns, and since then he has purchased more land, all in the same section of the state. His holdings are very extensive and he is now farming about thirty-one hundred acres. His interests are conducted along mammoth lines and he is one of the foremost agriculturists of his part of the state. He is now raising blooded Hereford shorthorn cattle, having about two hundred and fifty head, and he was formerly quite actively connected with the sheep industry. He has built one of the largest barns in his part of the state, its dimensions being forty-eight by eighty feet and forty-eight feet in height. This is a bank barn. In addition he has a large sheep barn which is one hundred feet in length. Much of his land is devoted to the cultivation of grain and he is one of the most progressive, wide-awake, alert and enterprising farmers of North Dakota. He still gives active management to his agricultural interests although in 1910 he left the farm and removed to Hebron, where he has since maintained his residence. In 1906 he became interested in the Merchants State Bank and in 1910 was elected to the presidency, in which position he still continues. He believes in maintaining a standard of service in banking that will never jeopardize public confidence and in the conduct of the bank tempers progressiveness by a safe conservatism. He is likewise a stockholder in the Bismarck Providence Life Insurance Company of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mr. Schmalenberger gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the German Evangelical church of Hebron, of which he has been one of the directors since its organization and chairman of its board for many years. He believes thoroughly in advancement and works as earnestly for the upbuilding of town, county and state as he does to promote his individual business interests, his patriotic spirit thus taking tangible form in efforts for the general good.

JUDGE FRED S. DEWEY.

Fred S. Dewey, who is now so efficiently serving as county judge of Hettinger county, North Dakota, and is a resident of Mott, was born on the 24th of September, 1864, in Poy Sippi, Waushara county, Wisconsin, and is descended from an old and honored New England family, his parents being Frederick and Lucy A. (Bond) Dewey. The Dewey family was founded in America by three brothers, one of whom settled in Massachusetts, another in New Hampshire and the third in Vermont, and it is from the last that Admiral Dewey was descended, while Nelson A. Dewey, territorial governor of Wisconsin, was descended from the one who settled in New Hampshire. The Judge, however, belongs to the Massachusetts branch of the family. His father was born in Westfield, that state, and was a son of Charles Dewey, whose father was one of the three brothers who came to this country. The Judge's father removed to Wisconsin during pioneer days and was accompanied by several of his brothers, one of whom, Charles Dewey, erected the first brick building in Milwaukee. From that city Frederick Dewey drove across the country to Waushara county, where he took up a tract of government land. Although he passed through a fine prairie country he was looking for timber land in order that he might have an abundance of fire wood and building material. He cleared and improved his homestead and bought more land adjoining, which remained in the family until 1911. He died upon that place at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife, who was a native of Chardon, Ohio, passed away in January, 1904, at the age of seventy-four years.

In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, of whom Judge Dewey is the youngest. He spent his school days in Wisconsin and remained on the home farm until

1897, when he turned his attention to general merchandising, but after the death of his partner in 1899 he closed out the business and took up insurance. During this time he lived with his mother but shortly after her death in 1904 he came to North Dakota, being induced by the W. H. Brown Company to come to this state and look the country over. He was well pleased with prospects here and on his return home persuaded his brother H. A. Dewey and J. R. Chalmers to accompany him on his removal to North Dakota. They all homesteaded four miles south of Mott in Hettinger county, the Judge locating upon his place in November, 1904, and to its development and cultivation he devoted his energies for two years. In the winter of 1906-7 he took an active part in organizing the county and at that time was appointed county judge, in which capacity he has since served, having been elected and reelected at each succeeding election. He is still the owner of a good farm of three hundred and twenty acres but since 1910 has resided in Mott and still owns his city property there. He has seen Mott grow from a piece of raw prairie with one little frame building, forty miles from a railroad, to a flourishing little city with two railroads.

On the 4th of December, 1908, Judge Dewey was united in marriage to Miss Abbie J. Contanche, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of John Contanche, who was one of the early settlers of that state. After a short married life of three years Mrs. Dewey passed away in November, 1911, leaving many friends as well as her husband to mourn her loss. The Judge is a Master Mason and as a public official he well merits the confidence and trust reposed in him, for his duties have all been most faithfully and conscientiously discharged, his decisions being fair and unbiased. A genial, courteous gentleman, he has made a host of warm friends during his residence in Hettinger county and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

THOMAS FLEMING McMILLAN.

Thomas Fleming McMillan, member of the general mercantile firm of Andrus & McMillan at Thompson, Grand Forks county, was born September 25, 1856, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, a son of Thomas Simpson McMillan, who was born in Belfast, in the north of Ireland on the 1st of February, 1821, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Niols) McMillan. It was in 1845 that Thomas Simpson McMillan came to the United States, settling first in Philadelphia, while later he located in Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Mary Jane Boyd, who was born in the Keystone state but was of Irish descent, her parents being Samuel and Mary J. (Stevenson) Boyd. For some years Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMillan lived in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and the mother there passed away in 1868 at the age of forty-three years. In the spring of 1871 the father removed to Franklin county, Kansas, casting in his lot with its early settlers. In the fall of 1875 he went with his family to Pierce county, Wisconsin, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred at River Falls, Wisconsin, September 2, 1907, when he had reached the age of eighty-six years, seven months and one day. In the family were nine children, of whom two passed away in infancy.

Thomas F. McMillan, the third in order of birth, was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania, Kansas and Wisconsin, to which states he accompanied his father on his various removals. His early training was that of the farm bred boy and he continued to assist his father in the cultivation of the fields until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then started out to earn his own living and was first employed as a farm hand. Later he took up the occupation of carpentering and served for three years at his trade. Before engaging in carpentering, however, he removed from Wisconsin to North Dakota on the 21st of May, 1880, and homesteaded one hundred and fifty-eight and two-thirds acres of land in Michigan township, Grand Forks county, three miles from the town of Thompson. He proved up on that place and continued to cultivate it for three years, retaining the ownership thereof for a number of years, although he has now sold that property. After leaving the farm he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, becoming a clerk in the employ of John Bjorgo, a pioneer merchant and lumber dealer, with whom he remained for two years. He then joined J. L. Andrus in 1898 in forming the present firm of Andrus & McMillan



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for the conduct of a general merchandise store and in the intervening period they have developed a business of extensive and gratifying proportions. They also have various other interests, being stockholders in other business concerns.

Fraternally Mr. McMillan is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and is the present court deputy. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and he is an active and earnest worker in that organization, serving as secretary-treasurer of the church and as one of its trustees. In politics he is a prohibitionist where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He deserves classification with the self-made men of his district for, starting out in life at the age of eighteen, he has steadily worked his way upward, his prosperity being due to his energy and ability.

JAMES L. BOUCHER.

The banking interests of Burleigh county have a worthy representative in James L. Boucher, the well known and popular cashier of the Driscoll State Bank of Driscoll, North Dakota. He was born in Waseca, Minnesota, January 9, 1892, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Bowe) Boucher, who are natives of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin respectively. At an early day they removed to Minnesota and located in Waseca, but subsequently came to North Dakota. After living in Fargo for a time they took up their residence in Valley City, where they now make their home.

James L. Boucher accompanied his parents on their removal to this state. During his boyhood and youth he acquired a good practical education, attending school in Aberdeen, South Dakota, for a time. Later he was a pupil at the Valley City Normal and also pursued a course in the Minneapolis Business College. On starting out in life for himself he secured a position in the postoffice at Aberdeen and was in the employ of the government for three years. He was next with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as an employe in the superintendent's office at Aberdeen for a few years and then removed to Driscoll, entering the Driscoll State Bank as bookkeeper. After holding that position for one year he was made assistant cashier, in which capacity he also served for a year, but since 1914 has been cashier, filling that office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The Driscoll State Bank was organized in 1908 with a capital of ten thousand dollars and its first officers were George H. Niles, president; S. J. Simonson, vice president; and George V. Cunningham, cashier. Mr. Niles is still the chief executive, while the other officers at the present time are George V. Cunningham, vice president; and James L. Boucher, cashier. The capital stock has been increased to fifteen thousand dollars and there is a surplus of five thousand dollars. A new bank building of stone was erected in 1908 and it is modern and up-to-date in its appointments. There are a large number of safety deposit boxes and the deposits of the bank now amount to seventy-five thousand dollars. The bank takes both checking and saving accounts and business is conducted on a safe basis which commends it to the public.

In addition to his banking business Mr. Boucher has become interested in other enterprises and is now dealing in automobiles, being a distributor for the Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Hudson cars. He is a member of the Catholic church and also of the Knights of Columbus lodge at Bismarck. Although still a young man he has already met with excellent success in life and today ranks with the leading business men of his community.

GEORGE HENRY MOELLRING.

George Henry Moellring, a lawyer practicing at the bar of Ray, Williams county, was born near Quincy, Adams county, Illinois, November 14, 1879. His father, Daniel C. Moellring, whose birth occurred near Hanover, Germany, was there reared to the age of twenty-five years, when in 1859 he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Adams county, Illinois, where he carried on farming until his death. It was there that he wedded Christina Peters, a native

of Lorraine, France, who in childhood accompanied her parents to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she was educated. She also died on the old home place in Adams county, Illinois.

It was in his native county that George H. Moelling was reared and educated, supplementing his district school training by study in the Chaddock College at Quincy. For professional training he entered the Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, where he pursued his law course and was then admitted to the Iowa bar in 1901. He afterward practiced law in Mason City, Iowa, for a year and then came to North Dakota, settling at Langdon, the county seat of Cavalier county, where he remained in active practice from 1902 until 1905 and during that period homesteaded. In the latter year he removed to Ray, where he opened a law office and has since engaged in practice, being now accorded a large and important clientage. His knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence is comprehensive and exact and the thoroughness with which he prepares his cases is one of the elements of his success. He owns farm lands in North Dakota, beside his residence, and business property in Ray.

On the 28th of June, 1905, at Meltonville, Iowa, Mr. Moelling was married to Miss Nellie Wiley, who was there born and reared. She is a graduate of the Iowa Normal School at Cedar Falls and taught school in that state prior to her marriage. She is a daughter of Harrison and Ellen Wiley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Wisconsin, but now residents of Meltonville, where they settled at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Moelling have three children, as follows: Vivian Marcellie, who was born October 18, 1910; Genevieve Leone, whose birth occurred July 1, 1913; and Lela Lorraine, whose natal day was November 14, 1915. All were born in Ray.

Politically Mr. Moelling is a democrat and has been an active worker in the party. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Ray, of which he has been noble grand and for six years a delegate to the grand lodge. He is also a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Ray and he has passed all the chairs in the Modern Woodmen camp in Illinois, of which he was a member. He is the author of a volume entitled "The Neutral's Portion," a book of wide circulation which he published under the nom de plume of Elwin Lorraine and which deals with the problem of the Americans supplying munitions to the warring nations in Europe. It is written in the form of a romance but surrounds the question indicated. It was brought out by a New York publisher and has already been widely read. It displays marked literary talent as well as careful and comprehensive handling of the question discussed. The publishers of the book claim for it the distinction that it is the first and only novel at present written around the theme that it presents.

B. J. SCHOREGGE.

There is probably no resident of Williston who takes a more active interest in her rebuilding and prosperity than B. J. Schoregge, cashier of the Williams County State Bank. He is untiring in his efforts to promote the development of the city and never withholds his support from any worthy enterprise for the public good. He was born in Mankato, Minnesota, June 6, 1875, a son of John J. and Mary (Lang) Schoregge. His father was a native of Germany but was brought to America by his parents in childhood, the family locating in Boston, Massachusetts, where he attended the grammar and high schools. Having decided to adopt the legal profession, he also attended law school and for a time engaged in practice in Boston and later in Olivia, Minnesota, where he located in the early '70s. He died in that state in 1913 and his wife is also deceased. She was born, reared and educated in Wisconsin.

B. J. Schoregge passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Glencoe, McLeod county, Minnesota, and is indebted to the schools of that city for the education he acquired. He early became identified with the banking business for as a boy he was employed in a bank for some time. In 1902 he went to Rolla, North Dakota, and served as cashier of the State Bank of Rolla, later holding a similar position in the First State Bank of Balfour, this state. In 1904 he became assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Williston, in which capacity

he served until the fall of 1905, when he was promoted to cashier, and filled that position until 1909. For a short time he was then connected with the First National Bank of Leeds, North Dakota, but in July, 1909, he was appointed deputy state bank examiner and entered upon the duties of that position, which he filled until August, 1914, when he became vice president of the Williams County State Bank at Williston and was later made cashier. In that capacity he is still serving and he occupies an enviable position in banking circles of the state.

On the 8th of August, 1909, Mr. Schoregge was married in Williston to Miss Nell Hitt, who was born in Saline county, Missouri, and remained there until removing to Williston in 1906. In that city they have a fine home and Mrs. Schoregge owns farm property in this state. He is a member of the Episcopal church and his wife belongs to the Methodist church, and both occupy an enviable position in social circles. Fraternally he belongs to Mount Moriah Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Moriah Chapter, R. A. M.; and also to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, all of Williston. His political support is given the democratic party.

Mr. Schoregge has an interesting military chapter in his history. Before coming to North Dakota he served for eight years in the Minnesota National Guard at Olivia, becoming first sergeant of Company H, Third Regiment. At Williston he joined Company E, First North Dakota National Guard and was made first lieutenant, being afterward promoted to captain of the company, in which capacity he served until the spring of 1912. He was at that time appointed deputy state bank examiner and as his duties in that connection kept him upon the road he resigned from the company and is now captain of the North Dakota National Guard on supernumerary list. Outside of his business he is now principally interested in advancing the welfare of his adopted city and is everywhere recognized as one of its most public-spirited and progressive citizens.

CHARLES P. CARPENTER.

Charles P. Carpenter, of Grafton, treasurer of Walsh county, was born March 19, 1881, near Forest River, in Grand Forks county. His father, John A. Carpenter, a native of New York and a descendant of an old family of that state, came of English ancestry, being a grandson of Henry Carpenter, a native of England, who became the founder of the family in the new world. His son, James Carpenter, was both a farmer and carpenter, learning the trade in early life. He became a pioneer settler of Missouri and on removing to the territory of Dakota homesteaded at Forest River, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1908, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was a Civil war veteran, serving with a New York regiment, and ere the close of hostilities had reached the rank of captain.

John A. Carpenter devoted his life to general farming and to the sale of farm implements. In the spring of 1879 he removed from central Missouri in a prairie schooner to Forest River, North Dakota. He had been reared and educated in the Empire state but soon after the close of the war had removed to Missouri. His political allegiance is given the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is now living retired from active business and makes his home in California. He married Elizabeth Cook, a native of London, England, and a daughter of Philip Cook, who became a resident of Illinois when Mrs. Carpenter was but two years of age. He was afterward numbered among the early settlers of Grand Forks county, North Dakota, where he homesteaded about 1879 and there resided until 1913, when he removed with his daughter and son-in-law to California, where he is now living at the notable age of ninety-six years. His wife passed away at Forest River in 1905, at the age of seventy-seven years. It was in Missouri that Mr. and Mrs. John A. Carpenter were married and to them were born two children, the daughter being Nettie, now the wife of Thomas Greene, of Montana. The wife and mother passed away December 23, 1913.

After attending public schools of Forest River, Charles P. Carpenter continued his education in the University of North Dakota. To the age of ten years he remained upon the

home farm and when twenty-two years of age started out to earn his own living, being first employed as a clerk in a general merchandise store at Forest River. He spent two years in that connection and in the spring of 1903 entered the office of the treasurer of Walsh county in the position of deputy. In 1912 he was elected county treasurer and received endorsement of his first term's service in a reelection in 1914. He has made an excellent record in that position, proving a faithful custodian of the public funds, his duties being discharged most capably and systematically.

On the 2d of August, 1905, Mr. Carpenter was married in Grafton to Miss Edna Hamel, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Greenagel) Hamel. They have two children: Ralph, born in Grafton, June 24, 1906; and Gordon, January 14, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are members of the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Carpenter is also an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity. He was made a Mason in Grafton in 1908 and has been secretary of his lodge for five years and of the Royal Arch chapter for two years, serving in the latter position at the present time. He also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Commercial Club and the Grafton Curling Club. Politically he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and in its work takes an active and helpful interest, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success by reason of his firm belief in the principles of the party. He is indeed a public-spirited citizen and one whose efforts have been a potent force in upholding high standards in public service.

JOHN O. MILSTEN.

John O. Milsten is cashier of the First National Bank of Belfield, one of the strong financial institutions of Stark county. He was born in Sacred Heart, Minnesota, July 21, 1881, a son of Lars and Ingeborg (Snelling) Milsten. He entered upon his banking career on attaining his majority, at which time he secured a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Benson, Minnesota, where he remained for a year. He then returned to Sacred Heart and engaged in farming in that locality in connection with his brother, Herman Milsten, being actively identified with agricultural pursuits for about two years. In 1906 he removed to Belfield and was made cashier of the Belfield State Bank. That bank was organized in March, 1906, and capitalized for ten thousand dollars. Its officers were: H. R. Lyon, president; R. C. Davis, vice president; and Charles F. Picker, cashier. Mr. Lyon was succeeded by Ed O'Connor, while Mr. Milsten became cashier. The control was purchased in 1910 by the Holland-Dakota Land Company, which held it for a little more than a year, when R. C. Davis and J. O. Milsten became the controlling factors in the institution, following the purchase of the majority of stock. In September, 1909, the bank was reorganized, becoming a national bank, and the capital stock was increased to twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Milsten continued as cashier, which office he occupied until March, 1911, when he sold his interest in that institution. He then joined R. C. Davis and Anton Anderson in organizing the Merchants State Bank of Belfield, of which Mr. Davis became the president, Mr. Anderson vice president and Mr. Milsten cashier, with C. M. Barton as assistant cashier. In April, 1910, the Merchants State Bank and the First National Bank were consolidated, becoming the First National Bank, which is today capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has a surplus of an equal amount. The bank is in excellent condition, their statement of September 12, 1916, showing resources amounting to three hundred fifteen thousand and forty-two dollars, which shows a marked increase in the business. At the end of the first year their deposits amounted to one hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars. The bank owns its own building and the business is conducted along safe conservative lines that win public confidence and support. It makes real estate loans and also handles insurance, while its banking methods are most sound. Mr. Milsten is also interested in farm lands in North Dakota and Minnesota and is himself farming about six hundred and forty acres. He has operated quite extensively in land and the real estate department of the bank is an important one.

In May, 1912, Mr. Milsten was married to Miss Jennie Belle Wellman, of Anoka, Minne-

sota, a daughter of A. E. Wellman, and they have two children, Janet May and John Wellman. Mr. Milsten is a member of the Lutheran church of Sacred Heart and fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Belfield and the Elks lodge at Dickinson. In politics he is a stalwart republican and served as village treasurer before the town was incorporated. He has since been a member of the city council and for ten years has been clerk of the school board. He is a member of the Commercial Club and is actively and helpfully interested in everything pertaining to the public welfare.

FRED R. STEVENS.

Fred R. Stevens, a member of the Ramsey county bar and a resident of Crary, was born in Humbird, Wisconsin, on the 9th of July, 1869, a son of Alfred and Frances (Wilder) Stevens. The father, a farmer by occupation, left Wisconsin in 1880 and removed to North Dakota, making the journey westward with team and wagon. He homesteaded in Ramsey county, after which he engaged successfully in farming for a number of years but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. His wife has passed away.

Fred R. Stevens was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin to the age of sixteen years, after which he joined his parents to North Dakota. They were among the pioneer settlers of Ramsey county, so that he early became inured to the hardships, privations and experiences of frontier life. He early aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm and later he engaged in farming on his own account until 1896, when he turned his attention to the implement business, which he carried on for eight years. He also spent ten years in the real estate business and while thus occupied devoted his leisure hours to the study of law. He afterward took special law work in the University of North Dakota and was admitted to the bar in June, 1914. He has since engaged in active practice and is making steady advance along professional lines, for he has already demonstrated his ability to cope with intricate and complex legal problems. He also continues active in the real estate business.

On the 7th of October, 1901, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage to Miss Rose Southam and to them was born one child, Donovan A. Mrs. Stevens died July 24, 1903, and on the 1st of May, 1906, Mr. Stevens wedded Miss Edith Foster. They are members of the Congregational church and he is a Mason of high rank and belongs to the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is a democrat and in the fall of 1916 was a candidate in Ramsey county for the office of states attorney. He is connected with the school board of the Crary School for the Deaf and Dumb at Devils Lake and he is interested in many public questions and measures, giving active support to various projects that have for their object the welfare and upbuilding of city, county and state.

JAMES J. SMITH.

James J. Smith, city engineer of Grand Forks, was born in Pakenham, Ontario, April 4, 1863, and was the second of the six children whose parents were Daniel M. and Mary (Mantle) Smith. The father, a native of County Cavan, Ireland, accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith, on their emigration to Canada when a youth of thirteen years, the family becoming pioneer residents of Ontario. The grandfather was a trustee of an estate in Ireland which was owned by an English bishop and looked after the private interests of the prelate. Daniel M. Smith became a merchant, meeting with fair success in business for about thirty years but during a widespread financial panic he lost much of the fortune that he had acquired. About 1884 he removed to McPherson county, North Dakota, where he engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. He died about 1888, at the age of sixty-five years, while his father reached the notable old age of one hundred years, passing away in Canada. The mother of James J. Smith was born in Canada and was a

daughter of James Mantle, a Canadian pioneer of Irish birth born in the south of Ireland, while the Smith family came from the north of Ireland. Mrs. Daniel M. Smith died in her native country about 1873, when thirty-three years of age.

James J. Smith was educated in the schools of Ontario and of Michigan. When seventeen years of age he started out in life on his own account and for two years engaged in teaching in his native country. He was also employed for a similar period in Ioseco county, Michigan. He next entered the employ of the Seattle & West Coast Railway Company in Washington territory, being engaged in preliminary construction work, and in that connection he became familiar with the profession of civil engineering. He spent seven years in railroad work and three years in mining engineering work at Cripple Creek, Colorado. In February, 1897, he arrived in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and was employed by W. S. Russell in architectural and engineering lines, remaining with him until the fall of 1898, when he became a city employe in the capacity of assistant city engineer. In 1900, on the death of Aleck Oldham, then city engineer, he was appointed to fill the vacancy and so continued until the spring of 1909. During the succeeding four years he was in Nevada, Oregon and California engaged in railroad and mining work. On returning to Grand Forks in 1913 he was reappointed city engineer and has continuously occupied the position to the present time. In point of length of service and improvement of sewers, paving, water works and other large projects he has done more than any of his predecessors in office and hence it is that his official career has been strongly endorsed. He also had charge of all the big county ditches built in Grand Forks county. In previous years he worked on the Busk-Ivanhoe railroad tunnel of Colorado for two years and he has been identified with various important engineering projects. At Cripple Creek he surveyed more claims for United States patent and did more underground surveying than any other engineer in the Cripple Creek mining district during the length of time in which he maintained his residence there. His broad experiences have given him comprehensive knowledge concerning the country and its resources.

At Grand Forks, February 2, 1903, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary Taylor, a native of Canada. They have become parents of five children: Daniel, Mary Catherine, Emmett, Margaret and Bernard. All were born in Grand Forks save the last named, who is a native of Reno, Nevada.

The family reside at No. 437 Maple street, where Mr. Smith owns a pleasant home. In politics he maintains an independent course, voting without regard to the political affiliation of the candidates. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and he also has membership in the Municipal Society of Engineers. Experience has been his teacher and under that guidance he has mastered valuable lessons which have enabled him to work his way steadily upward in a business way.

JERRY HAYES.

Jerry Hayes, actively connected with ranching interests in Stark county, his home being in Dickinson, was born in Vermont in 1854, a son of Daniel and Mary Hayes, both of whom were of Irish birth and when young came to the United States, settling in the Green Mountain state, where their remaining days were passed. The father devoted his life to the occupation of farming.

Jerry Hayes, the third in a family of nine children, was educated in the schools of Vermont and was about thirty-four years of age when he came to North Dakota. In the meantime he had learned and followed the blacksmith's trade in New England. He arrived in the northwest practically penniless, but after working for a brief time at odd jobs he established a blacksmith shop and conducted business on his own account for five years. In 1887 he was elected sheriff under territorial rule and served for two terms, after which he occupied the position for six years following the admission of the state into the Union. He was a brave, loyal and fearless officer and retired from the position as he had entered it, with the confidence and goodwill of all law-abiding citizens. His service in office is perhaps best remembered by his success in capturing two train robbers. The Northern Pacific was



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held up at New Salem and the robbers were able to get away with considerable loot. Mr. Hayes was notified of the holdup and by special train made his way from Dickinson to New Salem. Arriving on the scene of the robbery, he learned everything possible concerning the affair and his efforts finally resulted in the capture of the pair together with all the stolen property. The capture involved much hardship and danger on his part and was rewarded by a gift of one thousand dollars from the United States government mail officials. He traced the robbers to the Standing Rock Indian reservation, where the capture was made. He next went to Alaska, where he spent two years prospecting for coal and also engaged in freighting and blacksmithing, making Dawson his headquarters. He did not meet with success as a prospector but his efforts in freighting and blacksmithing brought to him a considerable sum. In 1899 Mr. Hayes returned to North Dakota and he is now engaged in ranching in Stark county, having important interests of that character. He devotes considerable attention to the raising of horses and raises on an average four hundred and fifty head, which he ships to Europe for war purposes.

At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Hayes was married in Brandon, Vermont, to Miss Bridget Tully, a native of that state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patriek Tully, who spent their entire lives in Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have become the parents of three children: Victor and Raymond, who are engaged in ranching and cattle raising in McKenzie county; and Mrs. Maye Cain whose husband is also a cattleman of McKenzie county.

At one time Mr. Hayes held the New England record for endurance runs. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He belongs to lodge, chapter and commandery at Dickinson and both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both are connected with the Rebekah degree. In politics he has always been a stalwart democrat and is now alderman of the fourth ward in Dickinson. He has served as a delegate to the democratic state convention at Grand Forks on two different occasions and his opinions carry weight in the councils of his party in North Dakota. Arriving empty handed in the northwest, he has steadily worked his way upward and through the intervening period his labors have been so intelligently directed and his industry has been so unfaltering that he has gained a place among the prosperous and representative ranchmen of the northwest.

SAMUEL ALWIN ZIMMERMAN, M. D.

Dr. Samuel Alwin Zimmerman, engaged in general practice at Valley City but specializing more and more in surgery and gynecology, has devoted his attention to professional labors since 1907, in which year he completed a course in the medical department of Northwestern University at Chicago. He was born in Elizabeth, Minnesota, July 4, 1877, a son of Abraham and Marie Zimmerman, the former a Civil war veteran now living at Blackduck, Minnesota.

Dr. Zimmerman supplemented his public school training by study in the State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He won his Ph. B. degree in Hamline University with the class of 1903 and then spent four years in preparation for the practice of medicine and surgery as a student in the Northwestern University at Chicago, being numbered among its alumni of 1907. In the previous year he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary fraternity. He at once entered upon active practice, to which he has since devoted his time, thought and purpose at Valley City. At his graduation, in a competitive examination for an internship in St. Luke's Hospital of Chicago, he was awarded first place and in his hospital practice gained that broad, valuable experience which is never as quickly acquired in any other way as in hospital work. From 1909 until 1911 he was county physician of Barnes county and in 1914 was elected secretary of the Sheyenne Valley Medical Society, his term of office to continue until 1917. In 1915 he was made secretary of the county board of health of Barnes county for a two years' term. His practice from the beginning has constantly grown in volume and importance and he is gradually devoting more and more time to surgery and gynecology, specializing in his reading and in his study along those lines.

On the 3d of June, 1908, in Drayton, North Dakota, Dr. Zimmerman was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Wylie, a daughter of Joseph M. Wylie. They have one son, Bruce Wylie Zimmerman, born July 18, 1913. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Zimmerman holds membership with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he has never sought nor desired office outside the strict path of his profession, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the important duties which devolve upon him in his professional capacity. He has ever been most conscientious in the discharge of his duties and holds to the highest professional standards.

LYMAN N. CARY.

Lyman N. Cary has been a resident of Mandan since 1881 and was formerly engaged in the practice of civil engineering but is now concentrating his efforts upon the real estate business, of which he is a prominent representative. He was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, May 5, 1856, and comes of English ancestry, the lineage being traced back to John Cary, who left England in the year 1630 and became the founder of the family in the new world. His parents, William S. and Phoebe (Northrup) Cary, were natives of New Jersey and there spent their entire lives, the father passing away in 1907, after long surviving his wife, who died in the year 1864.

Lyman N. Cary acquired his early education in the schools of his native state and continued his studies at Troy, New York, where he specialized in the civil engineering course in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He left that school in 1874 and entered Columbia College of New York city, in which he took a special course in civil engineering. In 1881 he arrived in North Dakota and for a time followed his profession, after which he turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he has continuously engaged to the present time. He knows every phase of the business, is conversant with the property that is upon the market and is thus able to assist his clients in making judicious purchases and profitable sales. He is accorded a liberal patronage in this field of activity and is regarded as a man thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising in all that he undertakes. In addition to his real estate activity he is identified with various other institutions of Mandan.

On the 12th of December, 1894, in Mandan, Mr. Cary was married to Miss Anne Alison Clark, and this union has been blessed with a daughter and three sons, Ethelind, William S., Alison and Colin. Mr. Cary is a Mason, having taken the degrees of the lodge and chapter and his loyalty to the craft is evidenced in the fidelity with which he adheres to its teachings concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. In politics he is a republican but has never been an office seeker. The family belong to the Presbyterian church and Mr. Cary is one of the directors of the Mandan hospital. The consensus of public opinion establishes his reputation as that of a man who in every relation of life is thoroughly reliable and trustworthy. He ranks high in business circles and is esteemed equally well in social relations. In a word his sterling traits of character have gained for him the high and enduring regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

ROBERT McBRIDE.

Robert McBride, president of the Merchants & Farmers Bank at Cavalier, was born in western Ontario, Canada, October 1, 1856, a son of William and Mary (Castle) McBride. The father, a native of the north of Ireland, became a resident of Canada when a youth of twelve years and was there educated. He wedded Mary Castle, a native of Canada, and for many years he was engaged in farming in that country. He passed away there in 1906 at the age of eighty years, while his wife died in 1894 at the age of sixty-five years. In their family were seven children. John McBride, who was a member of the first constitutional convention of North Dakota and of the first state senate, passed away at Milton, December 29,

1910, having left the impress of his individuality for good upon the development of the state. William McBride resides in Niles, Michigan. Mrs. Margaret Muir is a resident of Gowanda, New York. Mrs. Jane Turner resides in Courtney, North Dakota. Mrs. Isabelle Galbraith is a resident of Ontario and James B. McBride is living on the old homestead in Canada.

The other member of the family, Robert McBride, was the third in order of birth. In his youthful days he attended the Canadian schools, after which he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for several years in Canada and in Pembina and Cavalier counties, North Dakota. He was later made deputy county treasurer of Pembina county, which position he filled from 1893 until 1899, and was then elected county treasurer, serving for the succeeding three years. He removed to Cavalier in 1905 and entered the banking business as the organizer and promoter of the Merchants & Farmers Bank, of which he has since been the head.

On the 27th of January, 1892, Mr. McBride was married in Pembina county to Miss Madge Scott, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Scott. They have become the parents of two children: Dora L., who was born in Pembina in 1893 and is a graduate of the high school of Cavalier and of the State University, in which she completed the arts course, is now teaching in the high school at Glen Ullen, North Dakota. William Scott, born in 1895, was graduated from the high school of Cavalier and is now a sophomore in the State University.

Fraternally Mr. McBride is well known in Masonic circles and is a member of the Eastern Star and of the Masonic Veterans' Association. He also has membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the United Order of Foresters. His wife is widely known throughout the state in connection with her work in the Eastern Star, of which she has been grand matron. She is also very prominent in club circles and is now corresponding secretary of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs of North Dakota. For ten years Mr. McBride has been a member of the city council of Cavalier and has exercised his official prerogatives in support of various plans and measures for the general good. He is a most highly respected citizen of his county. He came to North Dakota in April, 1883, and without assistance or help from anyone he has worked his way upward and stands very high in public regard and in business circles.

FRED L. ROQUETTE.

Fred L. Roquette, president of the Roquette Department Store Company of Dickinson, has been closely identified with this enterprise since 1892 and throughout the intervening period, covering a quarter of a century, has ranked with the leading merchants of his city, his career at all times being actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progress. He was born in Fremont, Iowa, July 21, 1869, a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Mader) Roquette. His mother came to North Dakota with her son Fred and passed away in Dickinson in 1901. In her family were four children: J. F., F. A. and G. W., all of whom are farming near Dickinson; and Fred L., who was the third in order of birth.

Reared and educated in Iowa, Fred L. Roquette first came to North Dakota in 1891 and settled on Crooked creek, thirty miles north of Dickinson, where he engaged in ranching, his time being there devoted to cattle raising for ten years. He then disposed of his ranch and stock and took up his abode in Dickinson, since which time he has concentrated his efforts upon commercial pursuits. The Roquette Department Store was established in 1888 by J. J. Freeman, under the firm style of Freeman & Company. In 1892 the business was purchased by Roquette Brothers and at that time only a line of dry goods was handled. Their location was on Villard street, between Sims and First avenue, West, where the Green drug store now stands. They removed to their present location in 1915. Fred L. Roquette purchased the interest of his brother, F. A. Roquette, and incorporated the business under the firm style of the F. L. Roquette Company. He has since been president of the company, with W. F. Sommers, of Dickinson, as vice president, and his son, H. L. Roquette, as secretary and treasurer. At the time of the incorporation they added a stock of queensware and

groceries and now have a large department store, carrying a complete and well selected line of general merchandise. Mr. Roquette also owns a branch store at Ollie, Montana, which he established in 1916. He is regarded as one of the progressive merchants of the city, active and energetic and watchful at all times of opportunities pointing to success.

On the 16th of May, 1895, Mr. Roquette was married in Dickinson to Miss Mabel V. Klinefelter, a native of Bigstone, Minnesota, who, however, became a resident of Dickinson prior to her marriage. They have three children: H. L., who is now connected with the store; La Verne, who is a second-year student in the Northwestern Conservatory at Minneapolis; and Oral Florence, attending the Dickinson high school.

Mr. Roquette is a chapter Mason, while his son, H. L., belongs to the blue lodge. The father is also identified with the Elks at Dickinson. In politics he is a democrat and in 1910 was elected to represent his district in the state legislature. For six years he has been a member of the city council of Dickinson, ever exercising his official prerogatives in support of the measures that he believes will benefit the city and uphold in any way its civic standards. His has been a well spent life fruitful of good results.

COLONEL J. M. PATCH.

Colonel J. M. Patch, one of the best known pioneers of Eddy county, residing at New Rockford, was born in Summit county, Ohio, near Akron, May 6, 1840, a son of Horace D. and Cynthia A. (Chapman) Patch, both of whom were natives of New York. After their marriage they removed to Ohio, where the father engaged in merchandising until 1844, when he went with his family to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and there entered upon the practice of law, having previously been admitted to the bar. He became an active factor in public affairs in Wisconsin during the formative period in the state's history and was a member of the convention that framed the constitution of the state, while subsequently he served as a member of the state legislature. During his first term in the general assembly he framed and became the stalwart champion of a bill which was to be drafted into the constitution, giving the wife equal rights in her husband's property. He was ridiculed for this, however, and the bill was defeated. The following term he stood for reelection, was returned to the legislature and during his second term made such a strenuous fight for the bill that he succeeded in having the measure adopted. A historian of Wisconsin speaks of him as one of the "fathers of the state." It is well known that his influence was a potent factor in shaping the public interests of Wisconsin in a large measure and in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built much of the present progress and prosperity of the state. He was a member of the National Guard in Ohio and on the outbreak of the Civil war immediately raised a company which became Company C of the Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry. He was elected its captain, went to the front and at Pittsburg Landing sustained wounds from which he died two or three weeks later at Shiloh, where he had been taken with his regiment.

Colonel Patch, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the high school at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and had prepared to enter the State University at the time when the Civil war broke out. His plans were then changed, however, for he immediately enlisted at the first call for troops, becoming a member of Company A, Second Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, with which he took part in the battle of Bull Run. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of first sergeant and he served for two years and nine months, being honorably discharged in February, 1864. He had been wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg and was confined in the hospital at Alexandria, Virginia, after which he was sent home on a furlough and later was honorably discharged. On reaching Wisconsin he found that his mother had been obliged to mortgage her home, upon which there rested an indebtedness of eighteen hundred dollars. Colonel Patch returned to the front and met Colonel O. B. Knowles of the Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, whom he told that he wished to act as sutler for his regiment, explaining that it was his purpose, if possible, to raise the money to pay off the mortgage on his mother's home. He met the regiment in front of Petersburg and was installed as sutler. He had no money, but his purpose, becoming

known, secured him all the goods that he wanted on credit, and two months later he was able to send his mother two thousand dollars to pay off the mortgage. During the following few months prior to the close of the war he sent his mother twelve thousand dollars in government bonds.

Following the close of hostilities Colonel Patch went to Owatonna, Minnesota, in October, 1866, and there was associated with others in the manufacture of farm machinery and broadcast seeders. Eventually he sold his interest in that business and for five or six years was identified with the sale of machinery. Later he engaged in scientific farming and in that connection lost heavily owing to successive crop failures. In May, 1883, he arrived in North Dakota and settled on a homestead two and one-half miles north of the present city of New Rockford. He at once began the arduous task of breaking the prairie and proved up on his land. That fall the railroad was built in the county and New Rockford was laid out, after which Colonel Patch took up his abode in the town and erected a hotel building which he opened for business on the last day of January, 1884. He then successfully conducted that hostelry until it was destroyed by fire on the 1st of September, 1892. Since then he has given his attention to the supervision of his property interests, for as the years went on he made judicious investments and is now the owner of valuable farm lands in his section of the state.

In 1867 Colonel Patch was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude L. Hough, of Lowville, New York, by whom he had five children, three of whom survive, namely: May H., the wife of John A. Rush, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Gertrude M., who gave her hand in marriage to Martin L. Maddox, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Harriet D., the wife of John A. La Rue, of Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1893 Colonel Patch removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he resided for twenty years. His wife passed away there in 1901, and his mother in 1908, at the notable old age of ninety-six years. While he made his home in Indianapolis through two decades, much of his time throughout that entire period was passed in New Rockford, where his property interests were located, and when the two decades had passed he returned to make his home in Eddy county.

In politics Colonel Patch is a democrat and in 1890 was elected to the North Dakota state senate, the only representative of his party ever sent to the senate from this district. Fraternally he is connected with Century Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M. His has been an active, upright and honorable life actuated by a spirit of progress in business, by loyalty in citizenship and by fidelity in friendships, and his genuine worth has made him honored and respected wherever he is known.

JOSEPH C. SUTER, M. D.

Dr. Joseph C. Suter, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Grafton, where he has remained since 1907, was born in Lanark county, Canada, October 5, 1864, a son of Thomas and Isabelle (Calvert) Suter, both of whom were natives of Ireland and in early life became residents of Canada. There the father took up the occupation of farming, which he carefully, systematically and profitably followed. In later life he removed to North Dakota and spent his last days in the home of his son Joseph in Grafton, passing away in 1901, at the age of seventy-five. His widow survived until 1907 and died in Grafton at the age of seventy-seven years.

Dr. Suter was the third in order of birth in a family of five children. In early life he attended the Canadian schools, after which he took up the profession of teaching in Ontario and still later entered Queens College. He also studied at Trinity College in Toronto, pursuing the medical course which won him his professional degree in 1891. The same year he located for practice at Crystal, North Dakota, where he remained for sixteen years, and in the latter part of 1907 he removed to Grafton, where he has since engaged in practice, meeting with notable success. His patronage is now large and the importance of his practice is widely acknowledged. He has done post graduate work in both Chicago and New York and he belongs to the Walsh County, the North Dakota State and the American Medical Associa-

tions, thus keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought and scientific investigation bearing upon the practice of medicine and surgery.

On the 3d of July, 1895, in Ontario, Canada, Dr. Suter was married to Miss Carrie B. Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, the latter now deceased, while the former is yet living at Perth, Ontario. Dr. and Mrs. Suter have three children: Isabelle, who was born at Crystal, North Dakota, in 1897 was graduated from the high school, while at the present time she is attending the State University; Evelyn, who was born at Crystal in 1902 and is now a high school pupil at Grafton; and Joy, who was born in Crystal in 1906 and is a junior in the high school.

The family have an attractive home in Grafton, in addition to which Mr. Suter owns and cultivates farm lands in his section of the state. Whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts. He has worked his way upward through sheer force of character and ability and in his vocabulary there has been no such word as fail. He is connected with various fraternities, being a Chapter Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, a Forester and a Modern Woodman of America. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he lends active aid in all matters of progressive citizenship but allows nothing to interfere with the faithful and conscientious performance of his professional duties.

CARL ERICKSON.

Carl Erickson, the present efficient sheriff of Williams county, now living in Williston, was born December 27, 1870, on a farm three miles southeast of Osage in Mitchell county, Iowa, and is a son of Claus and Julia (Inglebritson) Erickson, both natives of Christiansand, Norway. There the father worked as a lumber jack after his education was completed until he came to the new world at the age of twenty-four years. After spending a year and a half at Whitewater, Wisconsin, he removed to Mitchell county, Iowa, and purchased land near Osage, where he engaged in farming until 1898, which year witnessed his arrival in Moody county, South Dakota. There he is still engaged in agricultural pursuits. Not long after coming to America he sent for his sweetheart back in Norway and they were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She died on the home farm near Osage, Iowa.

Carl Erickson attended the district schools near his boyhood home and remained with his father until twenty-one years of age, early becoming familiar with the work of the farm. After leaving the parental roof he was employed as a farm hand near Osage until March 1, 1896, when he went to Ledyard, Kossuth county, Iowa, and purchased a quarter section of land, on which he engaged in farming on his own account for six years. On selling that place he removed to Williams county, North Dakota, June 26, 1902, and secured a homestead near Spring Brook, where he farmed until entering upon the duties of sheriff, being elected to that office November 5, 1912. He then rented his farm and removed to Williston. He was reelected sheriff in 1914 but cannot fill the office more than two terms, after which he intends to return to his farm, which is one of the largest and best in Williams county, comprising seven hundred and twenty acres near Spring Brook. He has been an auctioneer for many years and has operated threshing machines for the past twenty-seven years.

At Osage, Iowa, November 16, 1893, Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Larson, who was born at Holland near Christiansand, Norway, where she spent the first fifteen years of her life, and then lived in Christiansand for six years. At the end of that time she came to the United States, joining a brother in Osage, Iowa. Her mother is still living in Christiansand, Norway, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have been born six children, namely: Clifford B., who was born in Osage, Iowa, and died at the age of eighteen months; Lloyd, who was born in Ledyard, Iowa, in 1896, and was accidentally killed at Spring Brook, North Dakota, September 12, 1912; Katie B., born in Ledyard, Iowa, in 1898; Melvin, born in the same place, 1901; Charles, born in Ledyard in November, 1902; and Howard, born in Spring Brook, North Dakota, September 7, 1906.

In politics Mr. Erickson is a socialist and is one of two socialists elected to the office of



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sheriff in the United States in 1912. He has served as school director both at Ledyard, Iowa, and Spring Brook, North Dakota, and assisted in organizing Spring Brook township, where his farm is located. It is one of the best improved places of the locality and upon it he is extensively engaged in raising registered stock, making a specialty of Percheron horses, Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. He has a host of warm friends throughout the county and is affectionately known as Sod Buster Erickson or Carl Erickson, the Sod Buster. He is widely and favorably known and has the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

GILBERT C. GUNDERSON.

Gilbert C. Gunderson, the well known and popular cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank at Alexander, North Dakota, was born on the 1st of June, 1887, in Ridgeway, Winneshek county, Iowa, and is a son of Evan and Elise (Hovden) Gunderson, also natives of that county. In 1888 the family removed to Rugby, North Dakota, and the father is still engaged in farming in Pierce county, where he and his wife reside.

In that locality Gilbert C. Gunderson grew to manhood, and his early education, acquired in the district schools of Pierce county, was supplemented by a three years' course at the University of North Dakota. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in general merchandising, handling bankrupt stocks in various parts of the state, and for three years he served as assistant cashier of the Merchants Bank of Rugby. In May, 1913, he was appointed chief clerk in the office of the state treasurer at Bismarck and filled that position for one year. It was on the 10th of March, 1914, that he was elected cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank at Alexander, McKenzie county, and has since served in that capacity with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Gunder Olson Grain Company, owning and operating elevators at Alexander and Rawson, and is vice president of the First State Bank of Killdeer, Dunn county, North Dakota, of which his brother is cashier. Besides the enterprises already mentioned Mr. Gunderson is largely interested in farming and in all his undertakings he is meeting with well merited success.

Since attaining his majority he has affiliated with the republican party. Fraternally Mr. Gunderson is prominently identified with a number of organizations. He is a charter member of Yellowstone Lodge, No. 110, A. F. & A. M., of Alexander, of which he has served as secretary, and he was also secretary of the Masonic lodge at Rugby. He belongs to Damascus Chapter, R. A. M., of Rugby; Loraine Commandery, K. T., of Bottineau; Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine and the York Rite bodies at Grand Forks. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Bismarck; the Elks lodge, No. 1214, at Williston; and the Odd Fellows lodge at Alexander. In business affairs he has steadily prospered until he has become one of the substantial men of his community as well as one of its representative citizens.

OLAF M. MUUS.

Olaf M. Muus, proprietor of a store at White Earth, was born in Toten, Norway, April 23, 1876, and is a brother of Enair Muus of Minot, in connection with whose sketch on another page of this work mention is made of the family. His education was acquired in the common schools of his native country and through the period of his boyhood and youth he was more or less actively engaged in farm work. He had reached the age of twenty when in 1896 he came to the new world, making his way to Minot. There he secured employment as a section hand on the Great Northern Railroad and later went to Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, through the winter months, realizing the need of further education and its value as a force in business life. In the summer he would return to North Dakota and engage in laying steel for the new branch road of the Great

Northern. When winter came again he would resume his studies and through his own efforts he provided for the expenses of his college course. He entered commercial circles as clerk in the general store of Lee Larson at Minot. In 1901 he removed to White Earth, Mountrail county, to establish a general store for Julius Fauchold of Minot and he continued as its manager and also bought out the lumberyard at White Earth, which he conducted until 1905. He then sold that business and opened the general store which is now conducted under the name of the Olaf M. Muus Company. He has the largest trade of the town and the enterprise has proven successful from the beginning, for his business methods measure up to high commercial and modern standards. He also had a dry goods and clothing store at Moorhead, Minnesota, which he conducted for four years while carrying on business at White Earth but eventually sold his Minnesota establishment and now concentrates his entire energies upon the business at White Earth. In addition to his other activities he is vice president of the First State Bank of White Earth.

On the 29th of August, 1900, at Minot, North Dakota, Mr. Muus was united in marriage to his Norway sweetheart, Miss Helga Lundby, a native of Toten, Norway, and a daughter of Ole and Helena Lundby, who were also born in that country and still reside there, the father being a country storekeeper. Mrs. Muus crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1897, making her way first to Chicago, Illinois, and subsequently to Minot, North Dakota, where she was married. Mr. and Mrs. Muus now have three children, namely: Jalmer, who was born at White Earth, North Dakota, on the 12th of July, 1901; Harold, born at White Earth, May 9, 1905; and Meyer, whose birth occurred at White Earth on the 18th of October, 1909.

Politically Mr. Muus is a republican and has been active in community affairs, serving as president of the village council and also as one of the county commissioners of Mountrail county. He is now president of the school board. In religious faith he is connected with the Lutheran church and is very active in its work, serving as one of its trustees and doing all in his power to further its cause. His wife is also active in the church and has been president of the Ladies Aid Society, of which she is now secretary. Mr. Muus is a charter member of White Earth Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is now senior warden, and he belongs to Fargo Lodge, No. 260, B. P. O. E. Mr. Muus is an enterprising citizen, thoroughly progressive in his methods. He started out as a section hand but ambition prompted him to attend school in the winter while working on the railroad in the summer. Step by step he has advanced and is now one of the prosperous and leading merchants of Mountrail county—an excellent example of what can be accomplished when ambition and enterprise point out the way. His life record should serve to inspire and encourage others and is an example well worthy of emulation.

GEORGE McCULLOUGH WILLIAMSON, M. D.

Dr. George McCullough Williamson, devoting his time, thought and energies to the practice of medicine and surgery, his efforts being attended with excellent results, was born in Picton, Ontario, Canada, May 21, 1867, a son of Robert Williamson and a grandson of Richard Williamson, who became the founder of the family in America. He was a native of Ireland and there remained until after the birth of Robert Williamson, whose natal year was 1830. It was in 1835 that the grandparents crossed the Atlantic, settling in Prince Edward county, Ontario. Robert Williamson became a successful agriculturist there, spending his entire life in Prince Edward county, his labors being terminated in death in 1888, when he was fifty-eight years of age. In political affairs he was active and filled various offices, giving his support to the conservative party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Jane Carr, is a native of Canada and a daughter of Peter and Mary Ann (Smith) Carr, who were pioneer settlers of Prince Edward county, the Carr family having come from Scotland, while in the maternal line Mrs. Williamson is of Hanoverian stock. She is still living and is now making her home with her son, Dr. George M. Williamson, in Grand Forks, being now in the eighty-second year of her age, her birth having occurred August 25, 1835. She became the mother of eight children.

Dr. Williamson, who was the sixth in order of birth, acquired his early education in the public schools of Pieton and afterward attended the Pieton Collegiate Institute, from which he was graduated in 1887. He afterward taught school for a period of five years in Prince Edward county and brought the institution of which he had charge up to a high rank. In the fall of 1890 he removed to Winnipeg and entered the Manitoba Medical College, a department of the University of Manitoba, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of M. D., C. M. He later removed to Ardoch, North Dakota, and became associated in practice with Dr. John Montgomery, which partnership existed for two years. In 1897 he bought out his partner and continued successfully in practice alone until 1906 when he went abroad for post graduate work in Edinburgh, Scotland, attending there the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons. On completing his studies he took the examination of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the Faculty of Physicians & Surgeons, Glasgow, the examination being known as the triple qualification, and received the degrees of L. R. C. P. & S., Edinburgh, and L. F. P. & S., Glasgow. Later he entered upon special work at London, England, and remained for some months devoting his time to the study of diseases of children in the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormonde street. After completing this work he went to Dublin, Ireland, where he entered the celebrated Rotunda Hospital and took up the special study of obstetrics and gynecology. Thus splendidly qualified by broad training for important professional duties, he returned to the United States, settling at Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he entered into partnership with Drs. H. M. Wheeler and R. D. Campbell. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in practice, making a specialty of obstetrics and the diseases of children, in which lines he displays eminent ability and skill. His studies have covered a wide range and have been most thoroughly conducted under the direction of some of the most eminent physicians of the new and old world. He is now surgeon for the Great Northern Railway Company and the Northern Pacific Railway Company and is examiner for many old line insurance companies. Dr. Williamson has always been active in promoting the interests of his profession. He is a charter member of the Grand Forks District Medical Society and was its second president. He is active in the work of the state association, at this writing—in 1916—occupying the office of vice president of the North Dakota State Medical Society. He was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the present state medical practice act and is at present a member of the state board of medical examiners, being secretary and executive officer of the board. The present high standing of the examinations conducted by this board is chiefly due to his efforts, which have been recognized by the Federation of State Medical Examining Boards—a national organization—in his appointments to important committees in this body. He enjoys the confidence and goodwill of the profession throughout the state and counts his medical friends by the hundreds.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 2d of November, 1898, Dr. Williamson was married to Miss Emma A. Holstrom, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Peter Holstrom. Dr. and Mrs. Williamson own an attractive residence at No. 860 Belmont street, which is in the finest residence district of the city. Mrs. Williamson belongs to the exclusive Franklin Club and is also prominent and active in charitable organizations. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a social favorite, but with all of her activities she is first of all a home maker, her interests centering at her own fireside.

Dr. Williamson is a prominent Mason. He joined the order in Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, G. R. C., at Pieton, Ontario, his application being before the lodge three days after his twenty-first birthday. He is a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M., and St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 3, K. T., of Grand Forks. He is also a member of Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., while in the Scottish Rite he has taken the fourteenth degree, being a member of the Carmel Lodge of Perfection. In civic organizations he is active, being a director in the Grand Forks Commercial Club and the Associated Charities. In the latter he is very active in promoting its organization and is deeply interested in all work that tends to make men better. He belongs to the Curling and Golf Clubs. Of the former he was the organizer and introduced the game to the Grand Forks public. He is one of the directors of the North Dakota Curling Association, of which he is the president. He finds his chief diversion through that sport, which affords him needed rest and recreation. After spending his early youth upon the home farm to the age of seventeen years he started out in

the world independently, worked his own way through the university and by reason of his inherent force of character and the development of his native talents he has gained a position among the eminent physicians and surgeons of his adopted state.

WILLIAM R. JACK.

William R. Jack, proprietor of the Jack Monumental Works and thus actively connected with industrial interests of Grand Forks, was born in Alcona county, Michigan, October 8, 1872, a son of George and Margaret (Scarlett) Jack, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Gray county, Ontario, Canada. When in his first year George Jack was taken to Canada by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jack, and the former there engaged in farming at an early day, continuing his residence in that country until his death. George Jack was reared, educated and married in Ontario and afterward removed to Alcona county, Michigan, where he engaged in farming, becoming one of the first settlers of that locality. He is still living at the age of sixty-six years but his wife died when their son William was but four years of age, passing away while on a visit in Gray county, Ontario. They had three children, one of whom is now deceased, while George S., the brother of William R. Jack, now resides at Minot, North Dakota.

In early life William R. Jack attended the public schools of Michigan and after putting aside his textbooks engaged in lumbering and in surveying. At the age of twenty years he removed from Michigan to Ada, Minnesota, and there resided for several years, taking up his abode in Crookston in 1896. There he became a salesman in connection with a marble house and was upon the road for two and a half years. From 1898 until 1903 he was identified with that business at Crookston, being connected with important interests in that line, and in 1904 he established a similar enterprise of his own. In 1907 he removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and erected a modern business block, in which he opened a roller skating rink and also established marble works, which in the intervening period have grown to large proportions. He still owns this building and still conducts the rink as well as his monument works.

On the 1st of September, 1899, Mr. Jack was united in marriage to Miss Alvina May Kresia, of Emerson, Manitoba, a daughter of Carl and Marie Kresia, who were residents of Manitoba and are now deceased. The daughters of the household are: Hazel Mildred, whose birth occurred at Crookston, April 1, 1905, and who is now attending the graded schools of Grand Forks; Myrtle Rose, who was born in Cavalier, February 28, 1895, and is a high school and college graduate; and Olive, who was born at Emerson, Manitoba, May 10, 1901, and is now attending school.

In politics Mr. Jack is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment and not by reason of party ties. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen. As the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well, developing interests of importance, which return to him a substantial measure of prosperity and which constitute important features in the business activity of Grand Forks.

ERNEST R. BROWNSON.

Ernest R. Brownson, actively engaged in the real estate business in Williston, was born in Otsego, Allegan county, Michigan, May 3, 1870, his parents being Alfred and Adelaide M. (McRay) Brownson. The father was a native of Williston, Vermont, and was but four years of age when his parents removed with their family to Michigan. The grandfather, Joel Brownson, was also born in the Green Mountain state and there remained until after his marriage, devoting his time to farming and shoemaking. In early manhood, however, he determined to try his fortune in the west and with his wife and children crossed Lake Champlain and Lake George, proceeded by boat down the canal and also en route was a passenger over the third railroad built in the United States. From the end of the rail route



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he proceeded overland by wagon to Michigan and finally arrived at Wayland, a small settlement midway between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. There he bought government land in the heart of the wilderness and cleared it of timber. He cut down the trees with which to build a log cabin and gradually cleared the land, making it ready for the plow. Thereon he continued to engage in farming until 1867, when he sold that place. He then resided with his son, Alfred, at Otsego, until he moved to Macon, Missouri, to live with his daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Gage. There he died at the age of eighty-six years.

His son, Alfred Brownson, was reared in the Michigan wilderness upon his father's farm near Wayland. He received a common school education and subsequently taught for a number of years during the winters, while the summer months, were devoted to farming. In early manhood he married and settled upon a farm about eight miles from Plainwell, Michigan, remaining there for about five years. At the end of that time practically all his household effects were destroyed by fire and he purchased a one hundred and sixty acre tract near Otsego, Michigan, where he carried on general farming until 1882. He then decided to go west and after disposing of his Michigan property came to Dakota territory, making a part of the journey by wagon. He homesteaded in Dickey county, within four miles of Oakes, although the town had not been established at that time and his place was forty miles from a railroad. Upon the farm which he there developed he reared his family and witnessed the entire growth and upbuilding of the district. At length he sold out and spent his time with his son in Williston for several years but eventually removed to Helena, Montana, where he passed away in 1908, at the age of seventy-six years, his remains being interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery in that city. His wife was born near Tecumseh, Michigan, and in early womanhood taught school in that state. Her death occurred in Williston, North Dakota, when she had reached the age of seventy-six years. She was a daughter of Oliver and Sallie (Ferris) McRay, the former a pioneer woodsman and farmer of Michigan who lived for a time at Tecumseh, that state, and afterward made an overland trip to Plainwell, Michigan, settling first on a farm eight miles from town and later on one two miles out. After retiring from farm life he went to Canon City, Colorado, where his sons had located some years before. He passed away there at a ripe old age. His wife died on the old home place while they were preparing to go west and was laid to rest in the village cemetery at Otsego, Michigan. Ernest R. Brownson was reared on the old homestead farm near Otsego, Michigan, and attended the district schools to the age of fourteen years, when he joined his parents at Oakes, Dickey county, North Dakota. He continued his education in the district schools there, in the Oakes high school, in Macalester College at St. Paul, Minnesota, and in the North Dakota Normal School at Valley City. He was graduated from the last named in 1897 and soon afterward was elected superintendent of schools at Williston. At that time there were but three rooms in the school and the town had a population of two hundred and sixty. With marked enthusiasm and energy he began the upbuilding of the educational interests of the town and laid the foundation for future development along that line. When he closed his school work in Williston six years later there were ten rooms in the school and it was during his tenure of office that the modern Central school building was erected. In 1903 he was called to larger fields of effort by election to the office of county superintendent of schools for Williams county, which position he occupied for two years, being elected on the democratic ticket though the county was overwhelmingly republican. During this period he reorganized the county school districts. At the time he took charge there were four districts and thirty schools. By redistricting and in other ways he succeeded in placing the schools upon a modern basis, resulting in excellent work. While superintendent of schools in 1903 he became interested in the land business and he was also appointed United States commissioner. At one time he homesteaded in Mountrail county, near the town of White Earth, and after proving up on that property sold it. He now devotes his entire attention to his land and loan business in Williston and to farming and ranching on a large scale. He has eighteen hundred acres of ranch land, on which he raises shorthorn cattle, and is also engaged in the cultivation of grain. He likewise owns considerable town property.

On the 27th of December, 1898, Mr. Brownson was married to Miss Frances Ada Williams at White Earth, North Dakota. She was born in Saxeville, Wisconsin, a daughter of Miner S. and Eleanor (Ocean) Williams, with whom she came to North Dakota in her

girlhood, the family home being established near Hurricane Lake, Pierce county, where the father engaged in farming. Mrs. Brownson attended the district schools of Pierce county and the Valley City Normal School. She afterward became a teacher in Williston and here became the wife of Mr. Brownson, whose acquaintance she had formed while both were students in the Valley City Normal. Mr. and Mrs. Brownson have one child, Ada Claire, who was born in Williston, March 23, 1900, and is now a junior in the high school.

Mr. Brownson gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and in community affairs he takes a deep interest. For nine years he served as clerk of the school board and has been president of the library board of Williston for the past five years. He served as a member of the board of regents for four years under appointment by Governor Burke. He is a staunch advocate of temperance principles and has always abstained from the use of all intoxicants. Both he and his wife are active members of the Congregational church and for thirteen consecutive years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife is a helpful member of the Ladies Aid Society and does her full share in other church activities. In 1905 she became a charter member of the Book & Thimble Club of Williston and she is well known in literary circles of the city. Mr. Brownson is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen camp and the Modern Brotherhood of America, both of Williston, and belongs also to the Masonic order. He has always chosen those things which make for better citizenship and higher standards of manhood. He has worked for interests whose object has been the upbuilding of the community and he has labored untiringly to advance all those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of warm regard, recognizing the worth of his character.

FRANK D. WOODWORTH.

Frank D. Woodworth, a well known real estate dealer of Driscoll, is a native of Wisconsin, his birth occurring in Kenosha, August 2, 1854. He is a representative of an old colonial family of English origin, which was founded in Massachusetts in 1631, and his ancestors participated in the Revolutionary war and also in the War of 1812. His parents, Elias and Helen M. (Van Wie) Woodworth, were born in the Empire state but in early life removed to Wisconsin, where they were married. Subsequently they became residents of Minnesota and from that state came to North Dakota in 1882. For twelve years they made their home in Walsh county, after which they returned to Minnesota, where the mother died in January, 1905, and the father on the 17th of March, 1907.

At the age of ten years Frank D. Woodworth was taken by his parents to Medford, Minnesota, where he continued his education, begun in the schools of Wisconsin. On leaving home he worked as a farm hand for a time and was later in the employ of the firm of Winston & Le May, general contractors, until June, 1880, when he removed to Casselton, North Dakota. For the following year and a half he again engaged in farm labor for others but at the end of that time he went to Walsh county and took a preemption and tree claim. Later he traded that property for a deeded claim and continued to farm until 1895, when he embarked in mercantile business at Hope, North Dakota. At that place he also engaged in buying and selling grain and in dealing in land. During the ten years of his residence in Hope he built up a good business but finally sold out in 1905 and removed to Driscoll, where he is now living. He took a claim two miles north of the city and proved up the same. He is still interested in farming but now gives the greater part of his attention to the real estate business, and as he has a thorough knowledge of land values in his locality he is meeting with success in that undertaking.

In 1890 Mr. Woodworth married Mrs. Alice Clint, a native of Marion, Minnesota, and a daughter of Thomas E. Cooper, who was one of the pioneers of that state. Mrs. Woodworth died in the spring of 1909, and one of their three children, Harold, who was born in 1893, passed away in January, 1904. The other children are Jessie, now the wife of S. A. Lonbaken, living in Glendive, Montana; and Clara, who is teaching school.

The republican party finds in Mr. Woodworth a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has filled the office of school treasurer but takes no active part in political affairs.

He is a member of Occidental Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star Chapter, No. 13, both of Hope, and he also belongs to the Homesteaders of Des Moines, Iowa. He is today one of the highly esteemed citizens of Driscoll and has a host of friends throughout Burleigh county.

FREDERICK N. GELBACH.

Frederick N. Gelbach, proprietor of a clothing and shoe store in Mott and one of the most enterprising and energetic business men of the place, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, on the 6th of September, 1872, and is a son of Lewis and Sophia (Knapp) Gelbach, both natives of Germany. His paternal grandfather, John Gelbach, came to this country from Prussia in 1842 and located in Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life, his home being near Pittsburgh. The father was born in Prussia and came with the family to America. He became one of the pioneers of Grant county, Wisconsin, where he followed farming until 1900, when, his home being broken up by the death of his wife, he sold his place and removed to Lancaster, the county seat. In early life he engaged in contracting and building to some extent, and he always took an active interest in local affairs. After a useful and well spent life he passed away in 1909 at the age of seventy-five years. He had six sons and three daughters, all of whom are living.

In this family Frederick N. Gelbach is the seventh in order of birth. His education was obtained in the district schools near his boyhood home and after laying aside his textbooks he engaged in merchandising at Albany, Wisconsin. He was in business there on his own account from 1896 to 1908 but in the latter year sold a half interest in his store and came to North Dakota. He homesteaded thirteen miles north of Mott in Hettinger county and proved up on his claim in a year and a half by commuting. Mr. Gelbach retained his interest in the store at Albany, Wisconsin, until 1913, when he sold. On the 9th of October, 1912, he purchased a clothing and shoe store at Mott, which he has since successfully conducted, and in 1916 he erected an up-to-date brick building, to which his stock was removed, the store being opened for business on the 29th of September. He has traded his farm for alfalfa land near Riverside, California, where he now owns fifty acres.

In June, 1896, Mr. Gelbach married Miss Jennie Mitchell, who died in 1912. Her parents were Thomas and Ida Mitchell, pioneers of Wisconsin. Mr. Gelbach was again married January 1, 1914, his second union being with Miss Helga Danielson, a native of Sweden, who came to North Dakota in 1908, and to them has been born one child, Alta Mae. Mr. and Mrs. Gelbach are members of the Congregational church and are most estimable people, who are held in high regard by all who know them. Mr. Gelbach has served on the school board but prefers to devote his attention to his business affairs, which have always been most capably managed so that the results have been satisfactory. He is a well posted man and is a genial, pleasant gentleman.

WILLIAM C. HAMILTON.

William C. Hamilton, conducting business at Grafton under the name of the Grafton News Agency in the sale of books and stationery, is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Wapello county, December 29, 1861, at the home of his parents, James Lewis and Martha (Birchfield) Hamilton, who resided near Ottumwa. The father was a native of Ohio and a descendant of an old Virginia family of Scotch and Welsh ancestry. The grandfather, James Hamilton, came to America about the time of the War of 1812. He died when his son, James Lewis, was about four years of age, after which his widow became the wife of Thomas Brown, who removed with the family to Iowa about 1845. In that state James L. Hamilton was reared and educated, and taking up the occupation of farming, followed that pursuit until his death in February, 1914, when he was seventy-six years of age. He served for two years during the Civil war, holding the rank of major in the

Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry. His wife, a native of Indiana, was a representative of an old Carolina family of German lineage. She is still living at the old home in Iowa.

William C. Hamilton was the eldest of their seven children, five sons and two daughters. After attending public schools he continued his education in the Southern Iowa Normal and Scientific Institute at Bloomfield, Iowa. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm with the usual experiences of the farm bred boy, and at the age of eighteen years he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in his native state for five years. In 1886 he arrived in South Dakota, making his way to Sturgis, Lawrence county, now Meade county, but after a short period he removed to Rapid City, where he went to clerk in a drug store, which position he occupied until 1900. He was afterward employed by others as a pharmacist at various points until 1907. In 1910 he opened a drug store at Edgeley, North Dakota, where he remained in business until July, 1913, when he removed to Grafton and established the Grafton News Agency, in which connection he has since carried on a growing and profitable business. Under that title he is engaged in the sale of books and stationery, having the leading business of the kind in the town, his stock being large and carefully selected, while his reasonable prices and honorable dealing insure a continuance of the trade. He also owns the building in which his business is conducted.

On the 12th of November, 1894, Mr. Hamilton was married in Helena, Montana, to Miss Ella Stevens, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Stevens, who were early settlers of that state and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have three children, Lewis E., Rollin and Martha Irene.

The family attend the Congregational church and Mr. Hamilton also holds membership with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a democrat and his interest in local affairs is indicated by his membership in the Commercial Club, in which he gives active cooperation to all practical and progressive plans for the upbuilding of the city. His own career has been marked by steady progress since he started out to provide a livelihood at the age of eighteen. He has worked his way steadily upward, basing his success upon energy, enterprise and persistency of purpose.

GEORGE F. DAHLSTROM.

George F. Dahlstrom, a farmer of Stutsman county, living on section 18, Marstonmoor township, is a native son of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred near Oshkosh, September 13, 1868, his parents being John and Johanna Dahlstrom, natives of Sweden and Norway respectively. They were married on the boat on which they came to the new world and they established their home near Oshkosh, while at the present time they are living at Winchester, Wisconsin.

George F. Dahlstrom is the fifth in order of birth in their family of ten children, of whom nine are yet living. He was educated in the schools of his native state and assisted in the work of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he sought employment in the woods of northern Wisconsin. He secured a situation in a sawmill and for five years worked in connection with the lumber industry in that state. He then removed to Winnebago, Minnesota, where he conducted a meat market for seven years and in the spring of 1903 he came to North Dakota, settling in Stutsman county, where he entered a homestead claim, proving up on his property. He was one of the first settlers in his part of the county and when he took up his abode there he had to drive twenty-two miles to town. He worked persistently and earnestly in converting his tract of wild prairie land into productive fields and as prosperity attended his efforts he began buying more land. He is raising small grain and corn and also shorthorn cattle and he now makes a specialty of dairying. He has one hundred head of cattle, including thirty milch cows, and all the milking is done by hand. His horses number twenty-four head and he has sixty-five head of Poland China hogs. He is today farming an entire section of land and is one of the leading and representative agriculturists of his district. In 1913 he built a fine bank barn and in 1915 erected his present large and attractive residence, which is equipped with a hot water heating system and an incandescent electric light plant which not only supplies lighting

for the home but also for the barn. In fact his place is splendidly equipped according to modern methods and he uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company and also in the Equity Elevator at St. Paul.

In 1894, while living in Winnebago, Minnesota, Mr. Dahlstrom was married to Miss Sarah Silrum, who was born in Faribault county, Minnesota, and they have three children: Irvin, Stella and Walter. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church at Pettibone and Mr. Dahlstrom gives his political support to the republican party. He has served as assessor and was chairman of the local board when the township was organized, while at the present time he is serving as township supervisor. He is likewise serving for the third term as president of the school board and is interested in all that pertains to public progress as well as to individual success. He has lived to witness remarkable changes in the county as the work of civilization and improvement has been carried forward and as the county has been converted into a populous and prosperous region by the men who have here established homes and have not only developed their personal business affairs but has recognized and utilized their opportunities for the establishment of a stable county government.

W. B. DICKSON.

Throughout Stark county and throughout sections of the state where he is well known W. B. Dickson is spoken of in terms of high regard as a substantial citizen and valuable official, serving now as register of the United States land office in Dickinson. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, near Seaforth, November 26, 1853, and comes of Scotch Canadian parentage. At the place of his nativity he acquired his elementary education and later he attended the Academy of Georgetown, from which he won a teacher's certificate. Returning to Brussels, Ontario, where he had completed his graded school education, he then became a teacher in the schools of that place and so continued for about three years. But he regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor and when opportunity offered took up the study of law, attending Osgood Hall, the chief center of learning in the province of Ontario. Later he was articled to the law office of James T. Garrow, late chief justice of the court of appeals of the province of Ontario, under whose direction he pursued his reading for five years, which was the period prescribed by Canadian law for a law course. During his preparatory period he had to pass four very thorough examinations, the first in primary law, the second in first intermediate law, the third in second intermediate law, while the fourth gave him a position as solicitor and barrister. After successfully passing the required examinations he was admitted to the Canadian bar at Osgood Hall, Toronto, after which he returned to Brussels, Ontario, where he opened an office and continued to practice for about eight years. While thus engaged he was retained on a case which took him to Montana and there on the 10th of July, 1888, he was admitted to practice before the Montana bar at Helena. Later he went to Denver, Colorado, where he lived for a few years, and in May, 1894, he removed to Langdon, where he opened a law office following his admission to the North Dakota bar. Mr. Dickson practiced successfully at Langdon for twenty years, or until 1915, and won a place among the ablest lawyers of his section of the state. He displayed marked ability in preparing his cases as well as in presenting his cause before the courts and both as a private practitioner and as a public prosecutor in Cavalier county he won rank, gaining favorable verdicts in some of the most notable criminal cases that have ever been tried in North Dakota. For nine years he served as states attorney of Cavalier county, first by appointment and afterward by election on four different occasions. While in that office he was one of the prosecutors in the case of the state vs. Barry and the state vs. Gillespie and also tried other important murder cases. In 1915 he received appointment from President Wilson to the position of register of the United States land office at Dickinson. He then removed to the latter city and has since discharged the duties of the position. The United States land office at Dickinson has tributary government land that brings to the office an amount of business that classes it not only as the largest in the state but in the entire northwestern group of states.

On the 26th of September, 1886, Mr. Dickson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie H. Cormack, a native of Ingersoll, Ontario, who was reared, however, in Brussels. They have become the parents of three children: Alice R., a teacher of English in Dickinson; Robert Murray, a member of Company K of the North Dakota Infantry, now with the soldiers on the Mexican border; and Agnes I., who is attending the Valley City Normal School.

In politics Mr. Dickson has always been a stalwart democrat since becoming a citizen of the United States and is a zealous party worker, doing much for the promotion of democratic interests in the communities in which he has lived. His political career, like his private life, will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and his course has won for him the respect of the members of the opposition party. His service as states attorney is highly commended and he has also been a member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Brussels, Ontario, of which he is a past master, and he also belongs to the Royal Arch chapter at Langdon and to El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He also has membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge at Langdon and is a past grand chancellor. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, to the teachings of which he loyally adheres. He is a gifted speaker and his genial manner has won for him a host of friends throughout the state. In fact he is one of the most prominent representatives of the northwestern part of the state, honored and respected wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

SEWARD M. HYDLE.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Williston is Seward M. Hyde, cashier of the Williston State Bank. He was born on the 31st of March, 1874, in Hardanger, on the west coast of Norway, and is a son of Magnus and Syneva (Osa) Hyde, also natives of that country. The father was a farmer by occupation and was a well educated man. He was a leader in his community, holding municipal office and being always consulted in public affairs, in which connection his advice was generally followed. He died on the old Hyde farm in Norway and there his widow still makes her home.

Seward M. Hyde attended the district schools near Ulvik, Norway, and also the high school in that town for one year. In 1892, at the age of eighteen years, he came alone to America, his destination being Hatton, Traill county, North Dakota, where some of his neighbors in Norway had located. There he worked as a farm hand for three years and attended the district schools during the winter months, thus gaining a knowledge of the English language. Feeling the need of a better education, he saved during that period enough to enable him to continue his studies in a higher institution of learning. In 1895 he entered Valders Business College and Normal School at Decorah, Iowa, where he was a student during the winter seasons for three years but worked during the summer months. He was graduated from that school in 1898 and in the fall of that year went to Hillsboro, Traill county, North Dakota, teaching three terms in the country schools of that locality.

In 1899 Mr. Hyde gained his first banking experience as bookkeeper in the Hillsboro National Bank, with which he was connected until 1905, serving as its cashier during the last two years. On resigning that position he established the First State Bank at Garrison, North Dakota, in 1905, but the following year became assistant cashier of the Williams County Bank at Williston on its incorporation. In 1910 he and his associates purchased the Williston State Bank and he has since served as its cashier, in charge of the active affairs of the bank, which under his able guidance has steadily prospered and is now one of the leading moneyed institutions of Williams county. He is a director of the Missouri Bridge Company.

On the 19th of August, 1908, at Petersburg, North Dakota, Mr. Hyde was united in marriage to Miss Nellie S. Johnson, who was born in Decorah, Iowa, but when only two years old was brought to this state by her parents, Martin N. and Stella (White) Johnson, the father taking up a homestead near Petersburg, where he farmed for some years. He was a native of Wisconsin but from the age of two years had made his home in Decorah,



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Iowa. He studied for the legal profession and after his admission to the bar engaged in the practice of law in Iowa until his removal to Petersburg, North Dakota, in 1881. There he also practiced in connection with farming. His fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability, honored him with some of the highest offices within their gift. He served as states attorney of Nelson county from 1890 until 1896 and was one of the first congressmen elected from this state, holding that position for ten years. He was a presidential elector in 1876 and was a delegate to the North Dakota constitutional convention in 1889. He was congressman at large from this state from 1890 to 1898. In 1909 he was elected to the United States senate and was filling that position at the time of his death, which occurred in Fargo, North Dakota, October 21, 1909. Thus passed away one of the most prominent and influential men of the state—a man honored and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a graduate of the arts and law departments of the Upper Iowa University, of which institution his wife was also a graduate. She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and in early life accompanied her parents on their removal to Illinois and later to Iowa. She married Mr. Johnson in Iowa City and is now living at Petersburg, North Dakota.

Mrs. Hyde was also highly educated, being graduated from the arts and science departments of the University of North Dakota, which has conferred upon her the degree of B. S. She has taught in the high schools of Hillsboro and Minto, North Dakota, and of Seattle, Washington. For the past five years she has been a member of the Williston school board and was its president for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde have two children; Neva Josephine, born in Williston, June 17, 1909; and John Houghton, born in Williston, July 23, 1914.

In politics Mr. Hyde is a republican and in religious faith is a Lutheran while Mrs. Hyde is a Presbyterian. He is serving as senior deacon in the Masonic lodge of Williston, has taken all the degrees of the Scottish Rite and is a member of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He also belongs to the Sons of Norway, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, all of Williston. He is a director of the Commercial Club and is greatly interested in the community welfare. He stands high both in business and social circles and is one of the most popular citizens of the town which he now claims as his home.

WILLIAM F. KEMPSHALL.

William F. Kempshall, postmaster at Taylor, was born in Branford, Connecticut, August 16, 1858, a son of John Kempshall, a native of England, and his wife, Fannie (Hemstalk) Kempshall, who was also of English birth. Coming to America, they settled at New Haven, Connecticut, where the father followed the shoemaker's trade, which he had previously learned in his native land. He afterward removed to Maroa, Illinois, where he spent his remaining days, both he and his wife being now deceased. William F. Kempshall was one of four children and there were six other children by two previous marriages. A brother of William F. Kempshall was the well known E. Kempshall, who held the patent for the invention of the golf ball. He became a millionaire and made his home in Washington, D. C. He died in November, 1916.

William F. Kempshall acquired his education in the schools of Maroa, Illinois, and after his textbooks were put aside he returned to New Britain, Connecticut, where he learned the machinist's trade, spending four years in that city. He next entered the theatrical business, in which he traveled over thirty-two states and two territories, visiting many of those states on various occasions. He left the stage in 1894 to enter the employ of the Colorado Midland Railroad and while in that connection became the business manager of the Colorado Midland Band, which position he filled for a period of three years. During that time the band played at the Mountain and Plain Festival and won first prize among thirty-four bands for three consecutive years, receiving three hundred dollars as prize money. He then went to St. Charles, Minnesota, and was engaged in the hotel business for a year, subsequently removing to Minneapolis, where he worked at his trade in the employ of the Globe Iron Works Company for a period of seven years.

In 1906 Mr. Kempshall arrived in North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Dunn

county, a distance of twenty-five miles north of Taylor. He proved up on that property and in 1911 took up his abode in Taylor, where he has since made his home. At the present time he is filling the office of postmaster and is making an excellent record in this position. On removing to Taylor he entered into arrangements to lead and instruct the Taylor band and orchestra, the band consisting of thirty pieces and the orchestra of fourteen. Both Mr. Kempshall and his wife are musicians of marked ability and the latter is a teacher of piano. They are thus valuable additions to the musical circles of city and county and have done much to cultivate musical taste in Taylor throughout the surrounding district. On the 20th of November, 1913, Mr. Kempshall was appointed to the office of postmaster, which position he is still filling.

In 1894 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kempshall and Miss Carrie E. Welch, a relative of Charlie Welch, who has won fame as the manufacturer of Welch's grape juice. Her parents, Abraham and Mary Welch, were residents of the state of New York. They were of English birth and the father prepared for the ministry but after coming to America engaged in merchandising. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Kempshall is a democrat but has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking. His wife is a member of the Episcopal church and they are held in high esteem throughout the community in which they reside, occupying an enviable position in social circles.

E. L. DUELL.

E. L. Duell filling the office of county treasurer in Ramsey county and maintaining his home at Devils Lake, was born in Virden, Illinois, July 14, 1883, a son of D. G. and Ella V. (Snider) Duell. The father is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in defense of the Union as a member of the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

E. L. Duell was educated in the public and high schools of Devils Lake, to which city his parents removed when he was but two years of age, his father homesteading in this section of the state. After completing his public school course E. L. Duell entered the University of North Dakota, in which he studied for three years and then matriculated in the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1904. He next engaged in the lumber business and in February, 1905, was called to public office by appointment to the position of deputy county auditor. He served in that capacity until November, 1906, when he was made deputy county treasurer, and so continued for about six and a half years, or until the 1st of May, 1913, when election placed him in the office of county treasurer for a four years' term, so that he will remain the incumbent until May, 1917. He has always been a stalwart republican and is one of the earnest workers for the party in Ramsey county.

Fraternally Mr. Duell is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine, while in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit upon which the order is based. He is also identified with the Elks and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He stands for progressiveness and does everything in his power to promote public improvement and advancement. The sterling traits of his character have won him the esteem of his fellow townsmen and he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

LUDVIG SCHULSTAD.

Ludvig Schulstad, numbered among the merchants of Reynolds, where he is engaged in the hardware trade, was born in Norway, October 25, 1849, a son of Lars and Lisbeth Schulstad, who spent their entire lives in Norway. In his youthful days Ludvig Schulstad devoted his attention to the acquirement of an education but after reaching his fifteenth year his labors were concentrated on the work of tilling his father's farm. When he had reached the age of twenty years he bade adieu to friends and family and sailed for the

new world in 1870, settling first in Mitchell county, Iowa, where he remained for twelve years. During that period he clerked for eight years in a hardware store and thus gained comprehensive knowledge of the business. He afterward removed to Norman, Winnebago county, Iowa, where he opened a hardware store, conducting his business at that point for four years. On selling out he removed to Reynolds in 1889 and established a hardware store, being today the oldest hardware merchant in the city and carrying the largest line of shelf and heavy hardware. His trade has grown steadily as the result of his progressive and honorable business methods and he has long since reached a position among the prosperous citizens of his district.

On the 4th of March, 1879, Mr. Schulstad was united in marriage to Miss Lena Odegard, of St. Ansgar, Iowa, and to them have been born nine children. Oscar Lawrence, who was born in Lyle, Minnesota, in 1879, is married and now lives in Forbes, North Dakota. Lizzie Otilie, who was born in Lyle in 1881, is now in Seattle, Washington. Louis Melvin, born in Lyle in 1883, is a resident of Brainerd, Minnesota. Mrs. Mabel Laura McMicken was born in Norman, Iowa, in 1886 and is now a resident of Montana. Lottie Helma Maria, born in Norman, Iowa, in 1887, is a graduate of the State Normal School at Valley City, North Dakota, and is now a teacher in the schools of Washington. Olivia Antonia, born in 1889 at Reynolds, is also a graduate of the State Normal at Valley City and is teaching in North Dakota. Harry Reynolds, born in Reynolds in 1891, is assistant cashier of the State Bank of Reynolds. Clarence Leonard was born in Reynolds in 1894 and is now at Forbes, North Dakota. Mildred Lucille, born in Reynolds in 1898, is now a junior in the University of North Dakota.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Schulstad is now serving as treasurer. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for three terms served as alderman of Reynolds. He has also been a member of the school board and at no time is he neglectful of the duties of citizenship. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world. He borrowed money with which to make the trip and with his early earnings paid back the sum which he had thus secured. From that point forward his career has been one of steady progress and he is today one of the substantial business men and respected citizens of Grand Forks county.

FRANK BUDACK.

Frank Budack, of Wahpeton, who was elected treasurer of Richland county by a good majority in November, 1916, is known as a capable and faithful official, having made an excellent record as sheriff. He was born in Germany on the 3d of February, 1873, a son of John and Matilda (Koch) Budack, the former of whom was born in 1851 and the latter in 1855. They were reared and married in the fatherland and in 1885 came to the United States and settled in Richland county, North Dakota, where the father engaged in farming for others for four years. At the end of that time he took up a homestead in that county and at once began the improvement of his place. Although he was a poor man when he came to this country he is now in comfortable circumstances, having recognized and utilized the opportunities offered here to the man of energy and determination. To him and his wife have been born four children, of whom two are living, namely: Frank, and Herman, who resides upon the old homestead. The father is a member of the Lutheran church and in politics is a democrat. He has made many friends throughout Richland county and is one of the esteemed citizens of Hankinson, where he is now living retired. His father, W. M. Budack, passed away in Germany, as did the maternal grandfather of our subject, Ernest Koch, who died at the venerable age of ninety-six years.

Frank Budack attended the early country schools in the pursuit of his education and under the instruction of his father gained during his boyhood much knowledge concerning farming. After putting aside his textbooks he followed agricultural pursuits until he was twenty-two years old, working for others after leaving home at the age of fourteen years. Following his marriage, in 1895, he took up a homestead in Roberts county, South Dakota, where he resided until he received a patent for his land. He then removed to Hankinson, this

state, and engaged in selling machinery for about five years. He next became connected with the Wipperman Mercantile Company, working as a canvasser and collector until he was made deputy sheriff under George Moody. He proved so efficient in that position that in 1912 he was elected sheriff and in 1914 was reelected to that office. He has proven prompt, aggressive and fearless in the discharge of his duties and has had the support of all good citizens of the county. In 1916 he was elected county treasurer.

Mr. Budaek was married in 1895 to Miss Martha Klingheil, a native of Germany, by whom he has three children: Tillie, who is at home; Edward, who is with a surveying party in South Dakota; and Carrie, at home.

Mr. Budaek is a stalwart democrat and has done all within his power to further the success of that party at the polls. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He devotes his entire time to his official duties and his record is creditable alike to his ability and to his public spirit and integrity.

REV. VINCENT STANLEY MAJER.

Rev. Vincent Stanley Majer, pastor of the Polish Catholic church at Minto, was born in Russian Poland, May 8, 1876, a son of Joseph and Euphemia (Cërha) Majer, who were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. The father engaged in bookkeeping and clerical work and passed away in 1908 at the age of seventy-six years, while the mother died in 1888 at the age of thirty-six.

Rev. Majer was the fourth in order of birth in a family of five sons. In early life he attended the common schools of his native country, also the gymnasium and college and the University of Krakow, where he took up the study of theology. He entered upon the work of the priesthood in connection with a church three miles from Krakow and there remained for two years, after which he came to America on a visit to his uncle, Monseigneur D. A. Maier, of St. Albert's church in St. Paul, Minnesota. This was in April, 1908. Soon afterward Father Majer made his way to Minto to take charge of the Polish Catholic church and later he was assigned to duty at Warsaw by Bishop Chanley, there continuing for fifteen months, during which period he built up the parish to large proportions. He built the first church at Minto but it was destroyed by fire on the 5th of May, 1916, so that he is now engaged in the work of rebuilding and the new church will be constructed on a much larger scale.

Father Majer is at the head of the Holy Rosary T. D. M. Society, also of the United Society and other organizations fostered by the church and the work of the church in its various departments is being most thoroughly carried forward under his supervision. He is a man of scholarly attainments, devoted to his chosen calling, and his consecration and zeal are productive of excellent results.

L. F. TAVIS.

L. F. Tavis, postmaster of Glen Ullin, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, August 24, 1862, a son of Lawrence and Sophia (Graute) Tavis, both of whom were natives of the province of Westphalia, Germany, where they were reared and married. Coming to the United States in 1860, they settled on a farm near Wheeling, West Virginia, and there remained until 1886, when they removed to North Dakota, establishing their home at Glen Ullin, where they resided until called to their final rest, the father passing away in 1895. They had a family of nine children, five of whom have departed this life, the others being: John; Herman J., who is engaged in the insurance business at Mandan; L. F.; and Louis A., who is connected with the banking business at Mandan.

L. F. Tavis pursued his education in the schools of West Virginia, in which state he resided until 1885, when he came to North Dakota and purchased a half section of railroad land adjoining the town site of Glen Ullin and resided thereon until 1891, when he

took up his abode in the town and disposed of his farm. At that time he purchased a half interest with Eugene Denzel in a general merchandise business which they conducted under the firm name of Denzel & Tavis for about six months. Mr. Denzel then sold his interest to the two brothers of Mr. Tavis, who were at that time in Mandan, and the firm style was changed to Tavis Brothers. That connection was continued until August, 1897, when L. F. Tavis bought out the interest of his brothers and continued the business under his own name. This was carried on until 1901, when he organized the Glen Ullin Mercantile Company, of which he became manager and so remained until May, 1915, when not desiring to continue actively in the business any longer, he resigned that position and was elected president. It was on the 25th of May, 1915, that he took charge of the Glen Ullin post-office, a third class office, and is now acting in that capacity. In addition to his other business connections he is interested in the Merchants State Bank of Glen Ullin.

On the 12th of April, 1887, Mr. Tavis was married to Miss Emma Feser, a native of Baden, Germany, who on crossing the Atlantic took up her abode in Glen Ullin. Fourteen children have been born of this union, of whom two have passed away, the others being: Agatha, the wife of Anthony Theisen, who is engaged in the well drilling business in New England, North Dakota; Joseph J., who is cashier of the Security State Bank at Raleigh, North Dakota; John F., assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Mandan; Edward L., secretary and treasurer of the Glen Ullin Mercantile Company and residing at home; Frank J., who is engaged in the restaurant business at Hayfield, Minnesota; Mary, who is a Sister in a convent at St. Joseph, Minnesota; Laura, at home; Lawrence M., Anna, Paul M. and Anton P., all of whom are attending school; and Theresa.

In politics Mr. Tavis is a democrat and has held a number of local offices. For six years or more he was school treasurer and has ever been deeply and helpfully interested in the cause of education. He and his family are communicants of the Sacred Heart church at Glen Ullin and he is widely and favorably known in his district, where for many years he has been prominently connected with agricultural, commercial, financial and official interests.

JONATHAN A. PETERSON.

Jonathan A. Peterson, a well known lumber dealer residing in Wildrose and one of the foremost citizens of that town, was born on the 11th of March, 1877, near Waukon in Allamakee county, Iowa, his parents being John A. and Annie S. (Olson) Peterson, both natives of Sweden. The father was only seven years of age when brought to America and he was reared in Chicago, Illinois, his education being acquired in the city schools. Later he was engaged in the boot and shoe business there until his store was destroyed by fire. In the '50s he removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, and for several years was engaged in farming in Center township. Long before the Civil war he enlisted in the regular army and marched from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Salt Lake, Utah, during the Mormon campaign, and later marched to Oregon, taking part in the engagements against the Indians there. After one of the battles with the red men, in which he was wounded, he was left on the field for dead but was found by his comrades and nursed back to life. They cared for him until he was strong enough to be moved to a hospital seventy miles away and he had not fully recovered from his wounds when discharged from the army. Mr. Peterson then returned to Allamakee county, Iowa, and resumed farming but when the south endeavored to secede he again offered his services to his adopted country, this time enlisting in Company B, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until hostilities ceased. He took part in many hotly contested engagements and at one time was ill with yellow fever. After the war he continued to follow farming in Center township, Allamakee county, Iowa, for many years, and was one of the oldest residents of his locality. At length he retired from active labor and made his home with his son Jonathan A. in Denbigh, North Dakota, where his death occurred. His remains were taken back to his old home in Iowa and he was laid to rest in the churchyard of the Swedish Baptist church in Center township, which he had helped to build. His widow is now living with her sister in Worthington, Minnesota. She came to this country with her parents when fifteen years of age and located in Iowa.

On the old home farm in Allamakee county, Iowa, Jonathan A. Peterson passed his boyhood and youth, attending the district schools of Center township and aiding his father in the operation of the farm until twenty-five years of age. Coming to North Dakota, he took a homestead near Riga in McHenry county in 1902, and in connection with his father also established a lumberyard in the town, which he conducted until 1905. During the following five years he was connected with the Imperial Lumber Company at Denbigh and when the town of Wildrose was started in 1910 he removed to that place and opened a lumberyard, which he still carries on under the name of J. A. Peterson. He not only does a big business at that place but also owns and operates other yards at Corinth and Alamo.

On the 15th of June, 1905, at Riga, North Dakota, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Ruth A. Thompson, who was born in West Rupert, Bennington county, Vermont, and from that state removed to Missouri, but she was practically reared in Oakes, Dickey county, North Dakota. After attending school at that place, she entered the State Normal School at Ellendale, North Dakota, where she completed her education, and later engaged in teaching for seven terms in Dickey county, North Dakota. Her parents, Prescott W. and Alice M. (Baker) Thompson, were also natives of the Green Mountain state and were early settlers of Dickey county, where the father lived for twenty-nine years prior to his death. His widow subsequently took up a homestead in McHenry county, this state, and is now living in Riga. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have two children: Vernon Arnello, born in Denbigh, May 29, 1906; and Vivian Alice, born in Wildrose, February 28, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Presbyterian church, and she takes a very active part in its work, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school and as a member of the Ladies Aid Society. By his ballot Mr. Peterson supports the men and measures of the republican party, and he has filled the office of chairman of the town board of Wildrose. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and has served as clerk of his camp. His interests, however, principally center in his business affairs, and being a man of sound judgment, strict integrity and farsightedness he has met with excellent success in his undertakings and is today one of the substantial citizens of Williams county as well as one of its most highly esteemed residents.

FRANCIS PEAKE, M. D.

Dr. Francis Peake, who has practiced medicine and surgery for a number of years at Jamestown and who served for five years on the state board of medical examiners, was born in Hamden, Delaware county, New York, on the 25th of July, 1869. His father, Ira Peake, who followed the occupation of farming, passed away on the 11th of February, 1886, when almost eighty years of age, as his birth occurred on the 18th of March, 1806. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Law, was called to her reward in 1876.

Francis Peake, who is the second in order of birth in a family of five children, received excellent educational advantages. After attending the common schools he was a student in the Walton Academy at Walton, New York, and graduated in 1890 from a college entrance course. In 1891 he entered the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. He made an excellent record in that institution and was appointed house surgeon of Hahnemann Hospital but did not serve in that capacity, locating instead at Champaign, Illinois, where he became an assistant to the medical firm of Replogle & Patterson. After six months, however, he removed to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he remained for a similar period, and then went to Pelican Rapids, that state, where he practiced for three years. His next removal was to Alexandria, Minnesota, and seven years later, or in 1905, he settled at Valley City, North Dakota, whence in October, 1908, he removed to Jamestown. He has since resided there and in the intervening eight years has gained recognition as a progressive and efficient physician and surgeon. He is careful in diagnosis and in the treatment of disease employs the latest methods, as he keeps in close touch with the development in the theory and practice of medicine. He is medical examiner for the state board of insanity and served on the state board of medical examiners for five years. He belongs to the Minnesota State Homeopathic Society, the North Dakota Homeopathic Medical



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Society, of which he served for two years as president, and to the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is on the staff of surgeons of the Parkview Hospital of Jamestown, of which he is also a stockholder, and he has other business interests, owning stock in the Zimmerman Company and holding title to valuable farm land.

On the 3d of July, 1894, occurred the marriage of Dr. Peake and Miss Cora Blanche Henderson, a daughter of Harvey and Ella (Seward) Henderson, of Walton, New York. Three children were born to this union: Abigail Lucile and Ella Marion, both of whom are students in Syracuse University at Syracuse, New York; and Cyrus Henderson, who is a high school student. The wife and mother passed away on the 29th of November, 1900. On the 3d of June, 1903, Dr. Peake was married to Miss Winifred Kenely, of St. Cloud, Minnesota. One daughter, Katherine Virginia, was born to this union.

Dr. Peake is a republican in politics but has never desired to hold office outside of the strict path of his profession. He is a Knight Templar Mason and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine, and he is an active member of the Methodist church. Determination and enterprise, which are among his salient characteristics, were early manifested as he worked his own way through college. He gives the most careful attention to his patients and his practice demands the greater part of his time but he also finds opportunity to cooperate in movements for the community welfare.

WILLIAM J. GLENNY.

The business interests of Mott, North Dakota, have a worthy representative in William J. Glenny, who is a member of the well known firm doing business under the name of the Mott Supply Company. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of December, 1877, and is a son of Alexander and Rebecca (McElroy) Glenny, both natives of Ireland. His paternal grandfather was James Glenny and his maternal grandfather was George McElroy. The grandparents on both sides continued to reside on the Emerald isle throughout life. When a young man the father of our subject came to the new world and located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the milk business until 1886, when he removed to Hudson, Iowa. At that place he conducted a meat market and also dealt in cattle but did not meet with success in that venture. In 1892 he became a resident of Chicago, Illinois, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home as he died shortly after his arrival there at the age of forty-five years. His widow then returned to Iowa with her two sons and purchased a farm, on which they grew to manhood.

William J. Glenny, the younger of the these, attended the common and high schools of Hudson, Iowa, and completed his education at the Iowa State Normal in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He then returned to the home farm, on which he remained until 1899, when he accepted a position with the Hudson Savings Bank, which had been formed by the consolidation of the First National Bank and the Hudson State Bank. He remained with that institution for five years, during which time he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier. Mr. Glenny next engaged in the lumber business at Hudson but at the end of one year removed to Waterloo, Iowa, and engaged in the same business, successfully conducting a lumber-yard there until 1907. In that year he sold out and removed to Mott, North Dakota, which then contained but one small store. In partnership with R. T. Thorpe and John Basford, he embarked in general merchandise but in 1910 he purchased their interests in the business and admitted H. O. Pearee to the firm, the business having always been conducted under the style of the Mott Supply Company. At this time they erected their present store building, which has a frontage of one hundred feet, is eighty feet in depth and is two stories in height with a full basement. They carry a well selected stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, millinery, groceries, hardware, stoves, tinware, crockeryware, etc., and also deal in lumber and farm machinery. Their stock is valued at fifty thousand dollars and they do an annual business of over one hundred thousand dollars. Their equipment includes a frost proof storage for potatoes, etc., and their establishment is up-to-date in every respect. As their prices are reasonable and their goods first class they have built up an excellent trade, their patronage coming from many miles around Mott.

On the 28th of September, 1910, Mr. Glenny married Miss Maud Virden, of Waterloo, Iowa, a daughter of C. W. Virden, who is one of the successful farmers of Black Hawk county, that state, and who has served as supervisor for some years. Mr. and Mrs. Glenny are members of the Congregational church and he is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, sound judgment and sagacity and to these characteristics may be attributed his success in the business world, and his pleasant, genial manner has made him a host of friends wherever known.

HENRY PORTER.

Henry Porter, an energetic business man of Walhalla, where he is engaged in dealing in farm implements and in automobiles, was born in Worcester county, Massachusetts, August 30, 1853, a son of Clement and Elizabeth (Commo) Porter, both of whom are natives of Quebec. In childhood they accompanied their respective parents to Massachusetts, where they were educated and married. The father took up the occupation of farming and has since remained a resident of Massachusetts, where he is now living at the age of ninety-three years. His wife has reached the age of eighty-eight years, so that they are one of the most venerable couples in their part of the state. In their family were six children: Peter, Joseph and Louis, all residents of Massachusetts; Henry, of this review; Clement, living at Wilmot, South Dakota; and Mrs. Mary Jane Snow, of Massachusetts.

In his youthful days Henry Porter attended the schools of his native state but when only nine years of age hired out to work on a farm. He was to receive his board and clothing only for a number of years. At length he removed from Massachusetts to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1877 and was there connected with the boot and shoe business for six years. On the expiration of that period, or in 1883, he came to Dakota territory, homesteading in what is now Cavalier county, North Dakota. He proved up on that land and there engaged in farming for a considerable period, converting his place into rich and productive fields. In 1901 he removed to Walhalla, where he established an implement store, in which he has been quite successful, handling all kinds of farm implements and machinery together with automobiles, selling the Ford and Overland cars. His business is a profitable one and his trade is steadily growing, his success being due to capable management, indefatigable industry and unflinching enterprise.

Mr. Porter was married to Miss Emma Lucier of Worcester county, Massachusetts, who was born August 20, 1874, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lucier. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have three children: Mrs. Flora May Tarrant, who has two children; Mrs. Clara May Nachbar, of Crookston, Minnesota, who has one child; and Emma, wife of Otto Braget.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church. In politics Mr. Porter is a republican and has served as county commissioner of Cavalier county. He is regarded as one of the leading and representative men of his section of the state. His pronounced ability has won him success in business, while his sterling worth has gained for him the respect, goodwill and confidence of his fellowmen. His life record proves what may be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do, and his course should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

ALBERT C. ISAMINGER.

Albert C. Isaminger, cashier of the Arena State Bank at Arena, Burleigh county, was born in Ohio in 1877. His father, John A. Isaminger, was a mechanic who lived for many years in Ohio but is now a resident of Washington, his home being near Seattle. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Kate Laven, was also a native of Ohio.

Albert C. Isaminger was the second in order of birth in a family of five children, all of whom are yet living. He was educated in the public schools. At the age of seven years

he accompanied his parents on their removal to Nebraska, the family home being established on a farm about twenty-seven miles from Omaha. There he remained until he was about nineteen years of age, after which he began earning his living by working as a farm hand. In 1903 he came to North Dakota and secured employment on a ranch located near Denhoff. There he remained for about a year, when he entered the employ of a general merchant of that town, for whom he worked for two years. He next entered the Denhoff State Bank as assistant cashier and afterward occupied the position of cashier for a period of seven years. He has since been engaged in the banking business, in which connection he has become widely and favorably known. After leaving the Denhoff State Bank he removed to Arena in 1913 and in connection with Mr. Halver and Mr. Davies organized the Arena State Bank, which was capitalized for ten thousand dollars and of which Mr. Isaminger has since been the cashier. He has largely shaped its policy and directed its interests in his official connection and under his guidance the business of the bank has steadily grown, the institution being now a profitable concern. In addition to his stock in the bank Mr. Isaminger owns considerable property in Burleigh county from which he now derives a good rental.

In 1907 occurred the marriage of Mr. Isaminger and Miss Alberta Halver, of Minnesota, a daughter of Andrew Halver, a ranchman and the president of the Arena State Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Isaminger have become the parents of two children, Merle and Marion.

In his political views Mr. Isaminger is a republican but is without aspiration for office. His undivided time and attention are given to his business affairs and in both banking and farming he is meeting with substantial success. He is actuated by the spirit of western enterprise and progress and the laudable ambition of youth, which, combined with energy and perseverance, are bringing to him success as he progresses in his business career.

OLE T. ELLESTAD.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful merchants of Grand Forks is Ole T. Ellestad, who is engaged in the hardware business and has one of the leading commercial enterprises of Grand Forks. He was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, February 26, 1865, a son of Tollef and Margrit (Hohen) Ellestad, who were natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. They became parents of five sons and four daughters, of whom Ole T. was the sixth in order of birth. It was in the year 1855 that the parents crossed the Atlantic and became pioneer settlers and agriculturists of Iowa, residing for many years on Washington Prairie in Winneshiek county, where the father passed away in 1908, at the age of eighty-four years, while the mother died in Decorah, Iowa, in 1913, at the age of eighty-eight.

Ole T. Ellestad was educated in the public schools on Washington Prairie, in the Breckenridge school at Decorah, Iowa, and in Slack's Business College at Decorah, from which he was graduated with the class of 1882. His early life was spent upon the home farm and the summer months were devoted to the work of the fields, while the winter seasons were given to the acquirement of his education. When a youth of nineteen years he started out on his own account and was first employed in a photograph gallery of Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he received a salary of five dollars per week. The business was not to his liking, however, and after several months he resigned his position and secured employment with the Judson Castelman Hardware Company, owners of the pioneer hardware store of the city. His salary with that house was originally thirty dollars per month. He continued with the company for five years, thoroughly learning the hardware business in principle and detail. When the original company sold out to Neville & Company he continued with the latter and also with its successors, the Neville & Whitney Hardware Company. He was connected with that enterprise altogether for fifteen years, at the end of which time he resigned his position and entered into partnership with Andrew Redving under the firm name of Redving & Ellestad. They established business on a small scale but developed and extended their interests until they are proprietors of one of the largest hardware establishments in the state. They carry an extensive line of goods and occupy a building thirty-six by one

hundred and fifty feet, in addition to which they have warehouse facilities, also railroad trackage which enables them to make ready shipments. They employ, on an average, six people and their trade is constantly growing, while the house ranks with the substantial commercial concerns of Grand Forks. Mr. Ellestad started out in the business world on his own account with a cash capital of but thirty dollars. At every point in his career he has been impelled by a laudable ambition that has enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward to success.

On August 6, 1896, Mr. Ellestad was married in Iola, Wisconsin, to Miss Helen Bergen, a native of that state and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Knute Bergen. Her father was a pioneer settler of Wisconsin and a Civil war veteran. Mr. and Mrs. Ellestad have two children: Hulda, who was born at Grand Forks, May 5, 1897; and Norma, born March 12, 1899. The family residence is at No. 514 Chestnut street.

Mr. Ellestad is a member of the Commercial Club and is a charter member of the Sons of Norway and of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. For twenty-five years he has been a valued representative of the Knights of Pythias lodge and he is an active and prominent member of Zion's Lutheran church, of which he formerly served as treasurer, and was one of the builders of the present house of worship. His life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles and his course has at all times been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has always taken an active part in politics and matters of civic concern. For ten years he served as a member of the city council and board of health.

JOHN VALLELY.

John Vallely, who since the 3d of June, 1882, has been a resident of Grand Forks and that section of North Dakota, being now engaged in the real estate and collection business, was born in Lanark county, Ontario, January 21, 1861, a son of Michael and Mary (Ryan) Vallely. The father, a native of Ireland, crossed the Atlantic to Canada in 1848 and became a prosperous farmer of Lanark county, Ontario, where he also figured actively in politics. He spent the greater part of his life in that country and passed away in 1903, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, who was born in Canada, was of Irish lineage and was a daughter of Anthony Ryan, a pioneer settler of Lanark county, Ontario. She passed away in 1887, at the age of sixty-four years.

John Vallely, the third in order of birth in a family of six children, was educated in Lanark, Canada, and spent his early life upon the home farm, during which period he became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On attaining his majority he started out in the world on his own account and, making his way to North Dakota, reached Grand Forks on the 3d of June, 1882. Soon afterward he took up a homestead covering the northeast quarter of section 7, township 153, range 56, and thereon he followed farming until 1888, when he sold his land and secured employment as traveling salesman for an implement house. He continued active in that business until 1895, when he opened a real estate and collection office in Grand Forks, where he has since carried on business along that line. During the years 1909 until 1912 inclusive he was deputy state bank examiner and since then has represented the Northwestern Jobbers Credit Bureau of St. Paul. He has also been active in political circles as a stalwart supporter of the democratic party and for the past ten years has been the representative of the sixth ward in the city council, in which connection he has exercised his official prerogatives in support of various public measures that have proven beneficial and effective.

On the 28th of November, 1889, in Grand Forks, Mr. Vallely was married to Miss Lila Moran, a native of Canada and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Moran, who are now deceased. Mrs. Vallely passed away October 10, 1915, in Grand Forks, at the age of fifty-four years, leaving four children: Mary Lillian, who was born June 3, 1896; Margaret Irene, born April 18, 1898; Alonzo Joseph, April 13, 1900; and Michael Alexander, January 3, 1903. All were born in Grand Forks.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Vallely is



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identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. His business affairs and public activities have made him widely known and he is recognized as one who owes his success entirely to his own efforts.

J. D. STENSON.

J. D. Stenson, filling the office of deputy register of deeds in Ramsey county, his home being in Devils Lake, is numbered among the native sons of Wisconsin, his birth having taken place on the 8th of October, 1884. His parents, James and Dinah (Hood) Stenson, came with their family to North Dakota in 1886 and the father homesteaded, securing a tract of government land, which he converted into a productive farm. He served under Sir John French in the British Home Guards and he now makes his home at Devils Lake, North Dakota.

The youthful days of J. D. Stenson were devoted to the acquirement of a public school education in Devils Lake, after which he entered the employ of a railroad company. A little later, however, he became connected with the grocery store of J. R. Haslem and remained in that establishment until he was called to the office of deputy register of deeds, being appointed to the position on the 1st of January, 1915. He is now capably serving in that capacity, discharging his duties in a methodical, systematic manner that ensures accuracy.

On the 29th of October, 1908, Mr. Stenson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Daeley and to them have been born two sons and two daughters. Mr. Stenson votes with the republican party and has ever kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He also has a military chapter in his life record, for through ten years he was connected with the National Guard and for six years was captain of Company M of the First North Dakota Regiment. He is a public-spirited man, interested in everything pertaining to the general welfare and progress of town, county and state, and his cooperation in plans and measures for the public good has been beneficial and resultant.

FORDYCE C. EASTWOLD.

Fordyce C. Eastwold, of Steele, states attorney for Kidder county, was born in Fairbault county, Minnesota, February 3, 1881, a son of Alexander and Helen Eastwold, the former a native of Keokuk, Iowa, and the latter of Wisconsin. They were of Norwegian ancestry, their parents having been natives of the land of the midnight sun.

Fordyce C. Eastwold completed his education at the Southern Minnesota Normal College at Austin, Minnesota, and the Breck School at Wilder, Jackson county, Minnesota. While in the former institution he taught commercial law and civil government for two years and also was an instructor in other branches. After leaving college he became a student in the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, where he entered upon a law course, being there graduated with the class of 1910. In the fall of the same year he entered upon active practice at White Earth, North Dakota, and on the 6th of January, 1911, he removed to Steele, North Dakota, where he opened an office. In 1913 he entered into partnership with Arne Vinje and the association still continues although Mr. Vinje has been elected judge of the probate court. In 1912 Mr. Eastwold was elected states attorney of Kidder county and is now serving for the second term in that office, while in November, 1916, he was reelected for a third term. He enjoys a good practice, both partners being progressive lawyers, wise in counsel and able in argument.

In 1907 Mr. Eastwold was married to Miss Vendella Byron, a native of Wisconsin, who settled in Bristol, South Dakota, where she remained until her marriage. Four children have been born to them, Helen Vendella, Vivian Dorothy, Fordyce Byford and Marcel Byron.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which

they are actively and helpfully interested, Mr. Eastwold now serving as church trustee. In politics he is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Yeomen at Steele. He has farming interests aside from his profession but he gives the greater part of his thought and attention to the practice of law and is very careful in analyzing and prosecuting his cases, his solution of intricate legal problems being usually correct.

II. H. HAMILTON.

H. H. Hamilton, who is manager of the Northwestern Telephone Company at Jamestown, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, December 14, 1875, a son of John G. and Melissa L. Hamilton. John G. Hamilton, who is well known as an attorney and prominent in the political affairs of the state, moved with his family to Dakota territory in 1876 so that the subject of this sketch is one of the very early residents—entitled to wear the Ox Cart pin.

II. H. Hamilton attended the common schools at Grand Forks and the University of North Dakota and was securing a good foothold in business when the Spanish-American war called for young men and he joined Company D of the First North Dakota Volunteers, serving eighteen months in the Philippines.

After his discharge from the army he returned to this state and entered a real estate and loan office, remaining there for some time and later going to the Pacific coast, remaining there and in western Canada for two years in the real estate and development business. At the end of that time he returned to North Dakota and joined the force of the Northwestern Telephone Company at Grand Forks. In 1910 he removed to Jamestown as manager of the company's interests there, a position which he still holds.

Mr. Hamilton is a republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and fraternally he is identified with the Masonic blue lodge and chapter, the Elks, the Workmen and the Eagles. He is a lieutenant in the First North Dakota Infantry and at this time November, 1916, is serving with his regiment on the Mexican border. His army experience and training induce him to take an earnest interest in the subject of national preparedness.

Mr. Hamilton is descended from a family that has taken prominent place in the business, political and military affairs of the nation, and his career both in business and military affairs demonstrates the theory that heredity counts, for he unquestionably sustains the reputation of his worthy ancestors.

THEODORE B. ELTON.

Theodore B. Elton, states attorney in Grand Forks county, was born in the city of Grand Forks, December 17, 1879, a son of James and Hannah E. (Bird) Elton. The father, a native of England, came to America in young manhood and settled in North Dakota in the early '70s. He was register of the United States land office at Grand Forks in the early '80s—a period of pioneer settlement in the state. Subsequently he was elected county treasurer of Grand Forks county, which position he filled for two terms, and was also deputy collector of internal revenue for a term. In 1903 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature and since the close of his term has lived retired. He has in large measure, however, left the impress of his individuality upon the development and progress of the state. He attended the first meeting of the county commissioners and is familiar with every phase of later improvement and advancement in his locality. He now resides in Grand Forks at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife, a native of Canada, in which country they were married, is now fifty-nine years of age. In their family are five children: Harold A., a resident of Terre Haute, Indiana; Theodore B.; James F., living in Astoria, Oregon; George S., a resident of Terre Haute; and Wilmer N., of Grand Forks. All of the children were born in Grand Forks.

Theodore B. Elton at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools of Grand

Forks and passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school, after which he entered the law department of the National University at Washington, D. C., completing his course there with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1906, while in 1907 the Master of Laws degree was conferred upon him. During this time he was private secretary to United States Senator H. C. Hansbrough, and clerk of the committee on public lands of the United States senate. He entered upon the private practice of law at Grand Forks in the spring of 1909, becoming a partner of Frank B. Feetham in the firm of Feetham & Elton. This relationship was maintained for two and a half years but since 1912 Mr. Elton has practiced alone. Since 1910 he has been referee in bankruptcy, his territory comprising eleven counties in the northern district of North Dakota. At the general election in 1916 he was elected states attorney of Grand Forks county. He is a lawyer well versed in his profession and his capability has gained him a creditable position among the representatives of the Grand Forks bar. He belongs to both the county and state bar associations.

On the 7th of July, 1910, in Washington, D. C., Mr. Elton was married to Miss Fannie M. Hamlin, a daughter of Harris C. and Fannie M. Hamlin, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Elton have one child, Dorothy May, who was born in Grand Forks, July 18, 1913.

Mr. Elton has long been actively interested in athletics and has held the doubles tennis championship of the state with his brother James for two years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and has been worshipful master of his lodge, while in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree. He also has membership with the Yeomen. His religious faith is evidenced in the fact that he is a communicant of the Episcopal church, in which he has served as vestryman for the past six years. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with its purposes to upbuild the city, extend its trade relations and uphold its civic standards. In a word, he stands as a type of American manhood and chivalry.

EDWIN M. YOUNG.

The rapid settlement and consequent development of North Dakota has brought about business conditions which have given excellent opportunities to the ambitious and progressive young business man. The great broad prairies of the state have been claimed and cultivated and for the farm work there has been a demand for all the latest improved farm machinery and agricultural implements. The merchant dealing in this line, therefore, has generally won success if he brings to bear close application and indefatigable energy, combined with sound judgment, in the conduct of his business. Such has been the record of Edwin M. Young of the firm of Young Brothers, implement dealers of Neche. He was born in Winston, Missouri, February 27, 1868, a son of Michael W. Young, a native of Germany, who was brought to America by his parents when but four years of age. His father, Michael Young, Sr., first settled in Ohio and there his wife soon afterward passed away, subsequent to which time Michael W. Young was reared by relatives. He acquired his education in the schools of Ohio and in that state was married, after which he removed to Will county, Illinois, where he followed farming until about the close of the Civil war, when he became a resident of Daviess county, Missouri, where he established his home and continued to reside until 1882. That year witnessed his arrival at Woonsocket, South Dakota, where he homesteaded and remained until 1892. He next became a resident of Pembina county, North Dakota, where he has since made his home but for a long period has lived retired from active business. He married Sarah Koonse, a native of New York and a daughter of Henry Koonse, who was of German birth and became the founder of the American branch of the family. He afterward settled in Ohio and it was in that state that Mr. and Mrs. Young became acquainted and were married. To them were born eight children, five of whom are yet living: Rev. I. A. Young, who is a minister of the Evangelical Association, now located at Plankinton, South Dakota; Calvin M., a farmer of Cavalier, Pembina county, North Dakota; William H., a member of the firm of Young Brothers of Neche; Edwin M.; and Ella, the wife of Louis O. Ferch, of Cavalier.

The youthful training of Edwin M. Young was that of the farm boy and his public school education was acquired in South Dakota. He afterward took up the trade of brick-making, his father having conducted a brick manufacturing plant at Winston, Missouri, for fifteen years. After the family removed to South Dakota he concentrated his energies upon farming and so continued until he left home. He then took up railroad work and was associated with the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie for four years. He next entered the meat business at Neche and the market was conducted by the firm of Young Brothers until February, 1916. In 1913 they established a farm machinery and implement business which they have since carried on, and today they have the largest trade of the kind at Neche. They represent the International, John Deere and Moline Companies, thus handling the best farm machinery upon the market.

On the 31st of March, 1894, Edwin M. Young was married near Highmore, South Dakota, to Miss Jennie Campbell, a native of Scotland and a daughter of John and Susan Campbell. Six children were born to them: Roy O., Edith E., Harold, Ruby, Earl C. and Florence M. The wife and mother passed away December 5, 1905, at the age of thirty-eight years, and on the 3d of April, 1907, Mr. Young was married at Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Miss Mary Wenholz, a native of Illinois.

Edwin M. Young exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. For a number of years he has served as a member of the school board of Neche and is a stalwart champion of progress in education. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen and the Maccabees and he belongs to the First Methodist church, in the work of which he is taking an active part, serving as one of the trustees of the church and as superintendent of the Sunday school. His has been an active and well spent life and his purposes and plans have ever been such as would bear close investigation and scrutiny. He has been prompted by a laudable ambition in the conduct of his business affairs and his record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

WILLIAM H. YOUNG.

William H. Young is the senior partner of the firm of Young Brothers, dealers in agricultural implements and farm machinery in Neche and also identified with the automobile trade of Pembina county. William H. Young was born in Joliet, Illinois, October 12, 1865, his parents being Michael W. and Sarah (Koonse) Young, both of whom were of German descent. Extended mention of them is made on another page of this work in connection with the history of their son, Edwin M. Young. William H. Young acquired a public school education and had no special advantages at the outset of his career but has worked his way persistently upward step by step, utilizing each opportunity that has come to hand for the achievement of honorable success. In his youthful days he was trained to the work of the fields and early took up the occupation of farming. Eventually he and his brother embarked in commercial pursuits, establishing and conducting a meat market at Neche, which business was successfully carried on until February, 1916. In the meantime, or in 1913, they opened a farm machinery and implement business at Neche and under the firm style of Young Brothers are still conducting this enterprise. Their trade has now o'ertopped that of any other business of similar character in the town. They draw their trade from a large surrounding territory and their annual sales have reached a most gratifying figure. Selling the products of the International, John Deere and Moline Companies' plants, they thus handle farm machinery and implements of standard grade and they well merit the liberal patronage accorded them. They are also agents for the Maxwell car and in that connection have developed a business of gratifying proportions.

At Woonsocket, South Dakota, on the 3d of January, 1889, Mr. Young was married to Miss Mary Meyer, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Meyer, who were of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Young became parents of seven children: Hugh M., the publisher of the Neche Chronotype; Lloyd F.; William H.; Elsie K.; Iva and Vera, twins; and Edward Merrill. The wife and mother passed away in 1908, in Neche, at the age of forty-two years, and on the 7th of February, 1911, in Bruce, North Dakota, Mr.

Young wedded Miss Ella Wood, a native of Iowa, her parents having been among the earliest settlers of that state.

Mr. Young gives his political endorsement to the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never sought nor filled public offices. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a member of the First Methodist church. His has been a well spent life, his purpose and activity carrying him steadily forward from the humble point at which he started in the business world to a place where his success is scarcely second to that of any merchant of his town. Moreover, his interests have been of a character which have contributed to public progress and improvement and the course that he has pursued has made his name ever an honored one in the community where he resides.

JUDGE E. H. GRIFFIN.

Judge E. H. Griffin, a well known factor in republican circles in the eastern part of the state and now serving upon the bench as judge of the county court of Ramsey county, was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, July 17, 1878, a son of Patrick and Catherine (Wiseman) Griffin. In the year 1849 the father left Ireland, his native country, and crossed the Atlantic to the new world, becoming a resident of Dodge county, Wisconsin, where his remaining days were passed. His widow survives and is now living in Madison, Wisconsin.

At the usual age Judge Griffin became a pupil in the public schools of Dodge county and passed through consecutive grades to the high school at Waterloo. Later he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for seven years, proving a capable educator and imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He next turned his attention to merchandising, in which he engaged in Edmore, North Dakota, being thus identified with commercial pursuits for eight years. In the meantime he took up the study of law, which he pursued privately, and on the 10th of December, 1910, was admitted to practice at the North Dakota bar. He then opened an office in Devils Lake, where he has since remained. The ability which he displayed in practice before the courts led to his election to the office of county judge in 1912 and so excellent was his record upon the bench that in 1914 he was reelected and again became the nominee of the republican party in 1916 and was reelected for a third term by a large majority. His decisions have been strictly fair and impartial and he has received the high endorsement of colleagues and contemporaries at the bar as well as of the general public in elections.

On the 16th of April, 1901, Judge Griffin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rebecca Dolan and to them have been born four children, Pearl M., Lloyd E., Gerald J. and Vernon M. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Judge Griffin is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He has always given his political support to the republican party and has long been an active worker in its ranks. In 1909 he was assistant clerk in the house of representatives and in 1911 was made chief clerk of the house. He is actuated by progressive purpose in all that he does and his well spent life has gained for him the respect, confidence and honor of his fellow townsmen, who have manifested their loyalty and belief in him by twice electing him to serve in judicial positions.

JOHNSON S. MYER.

Johnson S. Myer, proprietor of a general mercantile establishment in Charbonneau, was born near Caldwell, Noble county, Ohio, August 9, 1882, his parents being John and Clara (Steen) Myer. The father, also a native of Noble county, followed farming there and in West Virginia prior to his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he settled near Towner, Mellen county. There he engaged in farming for a time and now makes his home in the Turtle mountains, near Dunseith, North Dakota, where he continues in active connection with

agricultural interests. His wife was born in Ireland but in her childhood became a resident of Ohio.

Johnson S. Myer obtained a district school education in Ohio and West Virginia and accompanied his parents upon their removal to McHenry county, North Dakota, in 1902. There he continued to assist in farm work and later went with his father to Dunseith. In 1908 he homesteaded in McKenzie county where Charbonneau now stands and there engaged in active farming until 1913. When the town was laid out he bought a lot, built a store and established a hardware business, afterward adding thereto a stock of general merchandise. This was one of the first stores of the town and from the beginning he has enjoyed a large and growing trade, his patronage steadily increasing as the town develops and the country around becomes more thickly settled.

On the 4th of November, 1905, Mr. Myer was married to Miss Anna May Fee, of Dunseith, who was born and reared in Iowa and went to Dunseith with her brother. They have become parents of three children: Elvin, who was born in the Turtle mountains, near Dunseith; and Edith B. and Susie, who were born on the home farm in McKenzie county.

Mr. Myer is a socialist and was the nominee of his party for sheriff of McKenzie county in 1910 and again in 1914. He is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Charbonneau and his wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. He is a director of the Charbonneau Hall Association. For fourteen years he has resided continuously in the western part of North Dakota and as the years have gone on has aided more and more largely in the development and progress of the district with which he has been connected. He has now made for himself a creditable place in business circles and is contributing much to the advancement of the new town of Charbonneau.

JOHN MURPHY.

John Murphy, a banker of Reynolds, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, May 15, 1872, a son of Patrick and Mary (Manning) Murphy, both of whom were natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated to America in early life, becoming pioneer settlers of Iowa. The father there engaged in business as a railway contractor in connection with the Milwaukee Railway and during the greater part of his life remained in that state. However, he lived for a time in North Dakota but afterward returned to Iowa, where he passed away in 1906, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. For four years he had survived his wife, who died in 1902, at the age of seventy-six years.

In their family were seven children, of whom John Murphy was the youngest. In his youthful days he attended school in his native state and in 1892, when a young man of twenty years, made his way to Grand Forks, where he secured a clerkship in the clothing store of the Apple Company. After a year he entered the Grand Forks National Bank at Mekinock and later had charge of a hardware store for a year. In the spring of 1894 he arrived in Reynolds and entered the State Bank of Reynolds as assistant cashier, being promoted to the position of cashier the following year. He has since remained in that connection and has ever been regarded as a most obliging and courteous official, contributing in large measure to the success of the institution by the thoroughness of his work and his carefulness in safeguarding its interests. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and is the largest in Grand Forks county outside of the city of Grand Forks. He also established and is manager of the Farmers Elevator Company of Reynolds, having one of the largest elevators of the state, four hundred thousand bushels being handled in 1915. In that year a two hundred per cent dividend was paid to the stockholders.

In January, 1896, at Postville, Iowa, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Katherine Horgan, a native of that state. They have become parents of three children: H. Reginald, who was born at Reynolds in 1897 and is now a law student in Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska; Monica, who was born in Reynolds in 1898 and is now attending the College of St. Catherine at St. Paul, Minnesota; and Veronica, who was born in Reynolds in 1903 and is attending high school.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Murphy



JOHN MURPHY

is a Knight of Columbus of the fourth degree. In politics he is a democrat, and while he has never sought nor desired political office, he has been president of the school board of Reynolds for the past twenty years. He stands loyally in support of interests and activities which he believes will upbuild his city and lends active support to every measure for the general good. For twenty-four years he has been a resident of Grand Forks county, witnessing much of its development and growth as the evidences of pioneer life have been supplanted by those of modern civilization. He has contributed his full share to the material development of the county and is justly classed with the most enterprising business men of his section.

J. N. SOUTHARD.

J. N. Southard, business manager of the New Rockford State Center, was born in Colchester, Illinois, on the 4th of May, 1868, and is a son of Newman H. and Rebecca (McNeil) Southard, who were natives of Illinois and Ohio respectively. In the Prairie state the father spent his entire life, his birth occurring near Naples in 1832, and he passed away in 1901. He followed farming and also engaged in merchandising. The mother is still living and has now reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

In the state of his nativity J. N. Southard grew to manhood, and his early education, acquired in the public schools, was supplemented by a course at Lincoln University, Lincoln, Illinois. At the age of thirteen years he began learning the printer's trade and throughout his business career has been identified with newspaper work. For several years he was thus employed in Chicago and Bloomington, Illinois, and was connected with different papers in Omaha, Nebraska, for eight years. At the end of that period he came to North Dakota and entered the office of the Fargo Forum, where he remained for five years.

In June, 1916, Mr. Southard removed to New Rockford, where in company with others he established the New Rockford State Center, which was the first daily paper carrying a full Associated Press report established in the central part of the state. He is now serving as business manager of the same, while the paper is edited by John H. Worst, who for twenty years was president of the Agricultural College at Fargo. The firm also publish the Agricultural Northwest, which is a semi-monthly farm paper representing the four states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. It is also edited by Mr. Worst and on its editorial staff are the four presidents of four agricultural colleges of the four states mentioned, which is something no other farm paper has. The New Rockford Publishing Company occupy their own building, which is one of the most modern and up-to-date establishments of the kind in North Dakota, having the latest printing presses, two linotype machines, etc. The New Rockford State Center is the only independent daily in the state.

On the 24th of December, 1891, Mr. Southard married Miss Viola E. Green, of Galesburg, Illinois, and they have one child, Douglas M., born August 7, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Southard hold membership in the Presbyterian church, and he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Woodmen of the World. His political support is given the republican party and in 1892 he served as assistant secretary to the state republican committee. He is a very progressive and public-spirited citizen, taking an active part in the promotion of any enterprise for the good of his community and has been a hard worker for the removal of the state capital to New Rockford.

OMAR L. CASADY.

Omar L. Casady, cashier of the McKenzie County Bank of Watford City, was born in Burlington, Indiana, September 3, 1883. His parents, Ransom and Sarah (Grant) Casady, who are now residing in Greensburg, Indiana, are natives of that state and there remained until 1896, when they cast in their lot with the farming community of Benson county, North Dakota. In 1907, however, the father retired from active business life and they returned to Greensburg.

Omar L. Casady was reared upon his father's farm near Burlington, Indiana, to the age of thirteen years and during that period attended the district schools. After coming to North Dakota he attended the city schools of Leeds and then turned his attention to newspaper work, in which he engaged at Leeds and at Rugby from 1900 until 1905, working as a printer. In the latter year he became bookkeeper in the Merchants Bank of Rugby, and the successive steps in his banking career are indicated in the fact that he has been assistant cashier of the Tioga State Bank, assistant cashier of the Leeds State Bank and cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Rugby. He has also represented as manager the E. J. Lander Company in land loans at Rugby, and in the spring of 1913 he became the vice president of the McKenzie County Bank, then located at Schafer. In 1914 that bank was removed to Watford City and he became cashier, in which capacity he has since continued. He has had long experience in connection with the banking business, which he thoroughly understands in principle and detail, and he has made a creditable record, advancing steadily in financial circles.

On the 1st of June, 1910, at Great Falls, Montana, Mr. Casady was married to Miss Isabelle McClintock, who was born at Neehe, Pembina county, North Dakota, a daughter of W. D. McClintock, a ranchman and farmer who is the owner of a chain of banks in North Dakota and Montana and now lives at Rugby, this state. Mrs. Casady was educated in the schools of Rugby and in St. Joseph's school at St. Paul and also in Stanley Hall in Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Casady have one child, Robert Warren, who was born in Rugby, May 3, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Casady are members of the Episcopal church, and he is prominently known in several fraternal organizations, being a charter member of Yellowstone Lodge, No. 110, A. F. & A. M., of Alexander, McKenzie county, a member of Damascus Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., of Rugby; also of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Elks lodge at Minot. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and while not a politician in the sense of office seeking, he served as city treasurer of Rugby. He organized the Watford City Commercial Club, of which he is now the president, and he is also the president of the school board. In a word, he is a public-spirited and progressive man, alert, enterprising and energetic, doing everything in his power to lift the public to higher levels of living and to the adoption of higher standards of thinking in relation to the material, intellectual, social and moral interests of the community and the state.

WILLIAM A. COLLINS.

William A. Collins, secretary and manager of the Grand Forks Steam Laundry Company at Grand Forks, was born in Horton, Iowa, September 3, 1875, a son of C. P. and Susie A. (Dyer) Collins, in whose family were four sons and a daughter, of whom William A. is the eldest. The father is a native of Vermont and a representative of an old Vermont family of Irish origin, the ancestral line in America being traced back to the settlement of the Pilgrim fathers. C. P. Collins is now engaged in the lumber and machinery business at Fairview, Montana, and is also engaged in ranching and stock raising, handling draft horses and blooded cattle. He is also the president of the Grand Forks Steam Laundry Company, having become connected with this business at the time of its organization and incorporation in 1905. His wife, a native of Wisconsin, is descended from an old pioneer family of that state and is now with her husband at Fairview, Montana.

William A. Collins largely acquired his education in the schools of Waverly, Iowa, where the family was living during much of the period of his youth. He afterward became a student, however, in the public schools of Grand Forks and attended the Northwestern Business College of Grand Forks. Starting out in the business world, he conducted a stock farm for his father in Grand Forks county. From 1897 until 1903 he was engaged in the machinery business with the firm of Collins & Stinson, of which his father was a member. He afterward worked for L. B. Gibbs in the wholesale flour and fuel business and became one

of the incorporators of the Gibbs Grain & Fuel Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer until the business was discontinued in 1909.

Mr. Collins is now engaged in the laundry business, which occupies his entire attention. The present business was established in 1884 by C. G. Neils as a small hand laundry and on the 7th of August, 1905, William A. Collins purchased the plant, which he remodeled and equipped with the latest and most modern machinery. From a small start he has built up a business of extensive proportions, developing the largest steam laundry in the state. The building is located at Nos. 513 to 517 DeMers avenue and has an approximate floor space of fifty-five thousand square feet, being fifty-six by ninety feet in dimensions and three stories in height. The company employs an average of more than fifty people and the business covers a great radius which includes the north half of North Dakota, also eastern Montana and western Minnesota. Of the company his father is president, with William A. Collins as secretary, W. A. Cray vice president, and William T. Lee treasurer. In 1908 his first plant was destroyed by fire and was only partially insured, but with characteristic energy he began the work of rebuilding, never for a moment becoming discouraged but setting to work with renewed energy and unfaltering purpose to bring his business to the point which it had reached when the fire occurred. He gives his entire attention to the business, which he has so thoroughly systematized that he feels it would continue to prosper even if he were not there. Mr. Collins has displayed marked business ability in the upbuilding of this enterprise and he is now at the head of a very profitable industrial concern. Mr. Collins' high standing as a business man is indicated in the fact that in 1913 he was elected to the presidency of the Northwestern Laundrymen's Association. He attended the conventions of the Laundry Owners National Association for nine years and is considered one of the progressive men in the business. In manner he is extremely modest and free from ostentation, but he has friends among laundrymen throughout the entire country and has done much executive work in the interests of the business generally, continually studying methods to improve business conditions both for the employer and employe, and that his plans are practical and resultant is indicated in his individual success.

On the 14th of June, 1903, in Jamestown, North Dakota, William A. Collins was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Alexander, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of George and Nannie (Curtis) Alexander. They have one child, Helen Ethel, who was born in Grand Forks, July 11, 1910. The residence of the family is at No. 519 North Third street.

In politics Mr. Collins is a republican. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, also to the Grand Forks Commercial Club and has been actively interested in promoting the moral progress of the community. He is a member and steward of the First Methodist Episcopal church and for the past ten years has been a director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Grand Forks. His life is actuated by high ideals and never has he allowed business to monopolize his time and attention but has always found opportunity to cooperate in plans and measures that work for the general good.

FRANK WILHELM DEASON, M. D.

Dr. Frank Wilhelm Deason, a practicing physician of St. Thomas, is numbered among North Dakota's native sons, his birth having occurred at Grafton, September 22, 1887. His father, Christopher Deason, a native of Norway, arrived in America in 1873 and made his way direct to Walsh county, North Dakota, where he still resides, being employed in the courthouse in Grafton. He was for many years engaged in the nursery and horticultural business. He homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Golden Valley, eight miles west of Park River, and thereon engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time. His son, Dr. Deason, was born in the first log cabin in Grafton, the building having been erected by a Mr. Cooper. In politics Christopher Deason is a staunch republican and for four years he filled the office of deputy sheriff under Charles Jacobson. His religious belief is that of the Lutheran church. In early manhood he wedded Martha Christianson, a native of Norway, who came to America two years after the arrival of Mr. Deason. Their marriage was blessed with four children, those besides our subject being: Jeannette, the wife of Peter

A. Boa, a grain dealer of Joliette, North Dakota; Myrtle, deceased; and Chester, a student in the dental school of the Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois.

After attending the public and high schools at Grafton Dr. Deason of this review took up the study of pharmacy under the direction of H. L. Haussamen, of Grafton. He was also connected for a time with R. O. Hatlelid and after mastering the drug business he became a registered assistant pharmacist and devoted about six months to work of that character. He next entered the Northwestern University Medical School at Chicago and won his professional degree with the class of 1910. He holds membership in Nu Sigma Nu and in Kappa Theta Alpha, two college fraternities. During his senior year and following his graduation he was connected with the Lying-In Hospital and through his practice there gained much valuable knowledge. Returning to North Dakota, he opened an office in St. Thomas, where he has since remained in practice. His professional duties make constant demands upon his time and energies and the extent of his practice is indicative of the confidence and trust reposed in his ability by his fellow townsmen. He belongs to the Grand Forks District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is ever keenly interested in those problems the solution of which tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life. He reads broadly, thinks deeply and shows keen discrimination in diagnosing his cases.

On the 20th of November, 1912, at Grafton, Dr. Deason was married to Miss Aletta G. Olson, a native of Grafton and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Olson, who were pioneer settlers of that place, the father becoming a prominent hardware merchant there. Dr. and Mrs. Deason had two children: Myrtle, now deceased; and Frank Wilhelm, who was born in St. Thomas, May 15, 1915.

Dr. Deason is prominent in Masonic circles, having been made a Mason in St. Thomas in 1912. In the lodge he has passed through all the chairs and has been worshipful master. He likewise belongs to the Royal Arch chapter. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Curling Club. He is likewise a member of the Commercial Club and that he is not neglectful of the higher, holier duties of life is indicated in the fact that he is a member of St. John's Lutheran church at St. Thomas, of which he is now serving as financial secretary, while in the various branches of the church work he heartily cooperates. His political endorsement is given to the republican party but the only political offices that he has ever held have been in the strict path of his profession. He is superintendent of the board of health of Pembina county and for one year was county coronor. Dr. Deason early gave evidence of the elemental strength of his character in his determination to secure an education. He put forth every effort that would enable him to gain the means necessary for his college course, doing everything from acting as waiter in a restaurant to clerk in a store. Persistency and energy brought their reward and at length, having graduated from the Northwestern University medical department, he entered upon a practice that has brought him to a prominent position among the able and prosperous physicians of Pembina county. He is the only doctor in St. Thomas and his patronage is now large and extensive.

CLINTON C. RANDALL.

Clinton C. Randall, who on the 1st of January, 1917, assumed the office of sheriff of McKenzie county, was born in Canton, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1876, a son of Tim and Matilda (Clark) Randall. The father, also a native of Pennsylvania, in which state he was reared and educated, took up the occupation of farming, but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations to espouse the Union cause. After his return from the front he returned to Henry county, Iowa, in 1868 and there engaged in farming. In 1883 he went to Dickinson, North Dakota, as a carpenter in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad, in fact arriving in Dickinson before the railroad was built. Later he became a ranchman in the Kildeer mountains of Dunn county, North Dakota, where he remained until 1902, when he disposed of his cattle and retired from ranching. He then

removed to Kent, Washington, where he is now enjoying a well earned rest. His wife, a native of Henry county, Iowa, also survives.

Reared upon the frontier, Clinton C. Randall pursued his education in the schools of Dunn and Stark counties. His opportunities, however, were limited as the family lived on a ranch and the schools of that district were widely scattered. He eventually had a ranch on the Little Missouri river and later he homesteaded in McKenzie county, near Watford City, where he still conducts a stock ranch.

On the 3d of December, 1902, Mr. Randall was married to Miss Mary Riley at Richardson, North Dakota, and they have become the parents of six children, James T., Grace, Lawrence C., Frank L., Mildred and Elizabeth. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and upon that ticket he was elected sheriff of McKenzie county on the 7th of November, 1916, entering upon the duties of that position on the 1st of January following, so that he is now the incumbent in the office. He has also served three terms on the school board. He is well known as one of the stockmen of the county, having been reared here in the cow country. He is familiar with every phase of range life as represented on the great broad prairies of North Dakota and he has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout his part of the state as is shown by the strong endorsement that was given him in the popular vote when he was a candidate for his present office.

P. H. MCGURREN.

P. H. McGurren, a druggist at Crary, Ramsey county, was born in Casselton, North Dakota, on the 30th of August, 1882, and is a son of Dr. C. J. McGurren, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. At the usual age he was sent to the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until he became a high school pupil in Casselton. He afterward pursued the pharmaceutical course in Highland Park College and later took the required examination, which he successfully passed. He was first engaged in business at Wyndmere, North Dakota, from 1907 until 1910, when he sold out at that place and removed to Crary, purchasing a drug store which he has since conducted, meeting with a fair measure of success in the business.

On the 6th of August, 1910, Mr. McGurren was married to Miss Laura Klingler and they have two children, Esma and Kenneth. Mr. McGurren votes with the democratic party and fraternally is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is actuated by a progressive spirit in his attachment to his native state and does everything in his power to further its progress and upbuilding. His salient characteristics are such as commend him to the confidence and goodwill of his fellow townsmen and he has won many friends during the period of his residence in Crary.

NELS O. NELSON.

Nels O. Nelson, called by popular suffrage to the office of sheriff of Walsh county, is now proving a capable official, prompt and fearless in the discharge of his duties. He was born December 1, 1856, in the county of Hafslo, Norway, a son of Ole and Margaret Johnson (Solve) Nelson Sterry, who were also natives of the same country. In the spring of 1857 they crossed the Atlantic to the new world with their family, settling first at Black Earth, Dane county, Wisconsin, where the father engaged in general farming. In 1864 he removed to Buffalo county, Wisconsin, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1869, when he was forty-nine years of age. His wife passed away in 1885, at the age of sixty-one years. They had a family of six children.

Nels O. Nelson, the third in order of birth, was educated in the public schools of Modena, Wisconsin, and spent his early life upon the home farm, becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. At the age of twenty-four years he started out in the world on his own account and on the 28th of May, 1881, arrived

at Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he took up the business of grain buying. In the spring of 1882 he removed to Grafton, Walsh county, and for several years thereafter devoted his attention to the sale of farm implements. In 1885 he was appointed deputy sheriff under Gunder Olson, the second sheriff of Walsh county, and for two years filled that position. During the succeeding thirteen years he was the sole representative at Grafton of the Deering Implement Company and during the next eighteen years he served as county constable. In 1912 he was elected sheriff of Walsh county, which position he is filling for the second term. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. He has always proven a capable and loyal official and one whose fidelity has never been called into question. The work of his office is always systematically discharged and as the custodian of public and individual rights he has proven himself a safeguard to the law-abiding and a menace to all who do not hold themselves amenable to law.

On the 28th of February, 1886, in Grafton, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Lena Olson, a native of Grant county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Thore and Marie (Vista) Olson, who were pioneer settlers of that state, where they resided for more than sixty years. The father died in August, 1916, at the age of eighty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have six children: Maria Elizabeth, the wife of George E. Hodgdon, of Everett, Washington; Otis E., who for the past six years has been a mail clerk and makes his home in Grafton; Anna Sophia, a teacher in the public schools of Conway, North Dakota; Fred Theodore, who is a law student in the University of North Dakota but is now on duty on the Mexican border as a member of Company C of Grafton; Samuel Dewey, who is teaching at Lankin, North Dakota; and Grant Newell, a student in the high school. All of the children were born in Grafton and it has been Mr. Nelson's purpose to provide them with excellent educational privileges.

In his own career there is an interesting military record, for he was one of the organizers of Company C of the First Regiment of the North Dakota National Guard, of which he became third sergeant, serving for a period of three years. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party, of which he is a stalwart champion. He belongs to the Lutheran church and to the Commercial Club. His has been a well spent life characterized by fidelity in office and progressiveness and loyalty in his business connections. For more than a third of a century he has lived in Walsh county, contributing in substantial measure to its development and growth, and he is honored by a wide acquaintance, his circle of friends being almost coextensive therewith.

CARLOS S. JONES, M. D.

Dr. Carlos S. Jones, a well known physician and surgeon of Williston, successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, August 16, 1875, his parents being Charles C. and Catherine (Selby) Jones. The father was also a native of Boston, where he began his education in the common schools, and after attending high school and a preparatory college entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated. For a time he was engaged in the banking business in Boston, but in 1877 removed to Duluth, Minnesota, where he conducted a bank for a few years, and then went to Australia, his last days being spent in Sidney, where he died in 1880. The Doctor's mother was born on Mackinac island but was quite young when taken by her parents to Montreal, Canada, where she received a good education. She married Mr. Jones in Duluth, Minnesota, but now makes her home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Jones was practically reared in Duluth and attended the grammar and high schools of that city. In 1892 he entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1896. Believing that the medical profession offered more opportunities for him he resigned from the naval service in 1896 and entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota, where he spent two years. During the following two years he was a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1900. For several years he practiced his profession at Ironwood, Michigan, and in 1904 was appointed surgeon for the



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United States Steel Corporation at Tower, Minnesota, where he remained until 1908. He then took two years' post graduate work at Augustana Hospital, Chicago, and in 1910 removed to Williston, North Dakota, where he has since engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery, specializing in the latter branch of the profession. His two years' hospital experience has well fitted him for private practice and has made him one of the best informed physicians in his section of the state.

In October, 1909, Dr. Jones married Miss Barbara Cameron, at Anoka, Minnesota, where she was born and reared. She attended school there and also in Minneapolis. Her parents, Robert E. and Hester Belle (Thomas) Cameron, were natives of Nova Scotia, but at an early day removed to Minnesota, locating on a farm near Anoka, which Mr. Cameron operated for many years, but both he and his wife are now living retired in Anoka.

By his ballot Dr. Jones supports the men and measures of the republican party and he has filled the office of health officer in Williston. He is a member of the Northwestern District Medical Association, the Dakota Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Kotana Medical Association, the last named being composed of physicians of the Dakotas and Montana. Success has come to him in his chosen calling and he now ranks among the leading representatives of the medical profession in his section of the state. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and in his fraternal relations he is connected with Williston Lodge, No. 1214, B. P. O. E., and the Knights of Pythias lodge, also of Williston. In addition to these organizations he belongs to the blue lodge of Masons at Ironwood, Michigan; the chapter at Bessemer, that state; the commandery at Ironwood; and Ahmed Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Marquette, Michigan.

DAVID E. FULLER.

David E. Fuller, a merchant of Alexander, made his first sale in the town on the 17th of March, 1907. He is today an esteemed merchant there, and in his business has always maintained a position of leadership. He was born in Wabasha, Minnesota, February 27, 1867, a son of Timothy and Schoolastic (Cratt) Fuller. The father, a native of New Hampshire, was a carpenter by trade and for a time worked in Canada. In 1857 he removed to Wabasha, Minnesota, where he established a general store that he conducted until his death. His wife was a native of Ottawa, Canada, and she too passed away in Wabasha.

It was in the common schools there that David E. Fuller obtained his education, but he was left an orphan when only seven years of age, after which he did farm work for his board and clothes until he reached the age of seventeen. He then learned the carpenter's trade with his uncle and was employed in building operations at Wabasha for three years. He next went to Minneapolis, where he engaged in carpentering for four years on the expiration of which period he returned to Wabasha and followed carpentering there and at Plain View, Minnesota. In 1906 he removed to McKenzie county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead seven miles southeast of Alexander. In February, 1907, he bought a lot in the town and from Williston hauled lumber with which he erected a store building. He then established a general store, which he opened for business, making his first sale on the 17th of March,—the first merchant in the town. From the beginning his trade has continually increased and he has recently completed a large, modern, brick store building, fitted up in the finest shape and equipped with every facility necessary for the conduct of the trade. His business has assumed extensive proportions and is constantly growing. His methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and his enterprising spirit and progressiveness have placed him in the front ranks among the leading merchants of the town. He also has other important business connections. He assisted in organizing the Alexander Grain Company, which built the elevator and is successfully engaged in the grain trade. Of that company Mr. Fuller is the president and he is also the vice president of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Alexander. He still owns his homestead property and has purchased adjoining land, from which he receives good rentals. He has erected an attractive residence in Alexander and is regarded as one of the town's most substantial citizens.

On September 22, 1896, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage to Miss Aleta M. McCarthy of Plain View, Minnesota, and to them have been born two children, Nellie May and Lois Irene, both born in Plain View. In politics Mr. Fuller is a democrat. He was elected a member of the first village council of Alexander and has served continuously since, doing much to shape the policy and promote the interests of the town. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Plain View, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is recognized as a man of marked ability, of high and honorable purposes, and is continually seeking larger levels of living for the community. All who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, speak of him in terms of high regard.

GEORGE W. MOOERS.

George W. Mooers, deceased, was during the period of his residence at Devils Lake well known in connection with the real estate and loan business, in which he remained active up to the time of his demise. He was born in Howard Lake, Minnesota, February 27, 1874, and was a son of Calvin and Elvira Mooers, the former of whom is still living. The public schools of his native town afforded George W. Mooers his early educational privileges and later he entered the State Normal School at Mayville, North Dakota, from which in due time he was graduated. Taking up the profession of teaching, he proved a capable and progressive educator, serving as principal of the schools of Oberon, North Dakota, for four years. He had come to this state with his parents in 1883, when a youth of but nine years, and through the intervening period to the time of his death remained in North Dakota, a progressive and loyal citizen. After retiring from his position in connection with the Oberon schools he became associated with A. M. Powell in the insurance business and thus continued for seven years. He next engaged in business on his own account, handling real estate, loans and insurance, and met with a substantial measure of success, winning a large clientele.

In 1900 Mr. Mooers was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth W. Walton and to them were born two daughters, Amy E. and Ruth H. The family attend the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Mooers as well as the family held membership. He was a republican in his political views, and while he never sought nor held office, he cooperated heartily in many well devised plans and measures for the upbuilding of his city. He was president of the school board and did much to further the cause of public instruction. He was prominent in the Ancient Order of United Workmen and was serving as grand master of the state at the time of his death in 1913. Mrs. Mooers since the demise of her husband has continued the business, in which she has been very successful. She, too, is a graduate of the State Normal School and it was during her student days there that she met Mr. Mooers. She afterward became a teacher and she has further proven her worth and capability by taking up the business left by her husband. Mr. Mooers was devoted to the welfare of his family and had the attractive social qualities which rendered him popular with a large circle of friends.

AUGUST M. BRUSCHWIEN.

August M. Bruschiwien, a banker of Driscoll, Burleigh county, was born in Lamoure county, North Dakota, in 1884. His father, John Bruschiwien, a native of Germany, came to the United States when about sixteen years of age and settled first in Pennsylvania, after which he removed to Wisconsin. In 1879 he arrived in North Dakota and took up a preemption claim in Cass county. In 1882 he secured a homestead claim in Lamoure county and upon that place spent his remaining days, his time being devoted to general farming and stock raising. In fact he made a specialty of raising stock and won substantial success thereby. His death occurred in 1914. In early manhood he wedded a Miss Wolf, a native of Wisconsin, who died in 1888. They were the parents of six children, of whom five are living, August M. being the fourth in order of birth.

In the schools of Lamoure county August M. Bruschwien pursued his early education and afterward attended the Dakota Business College at Fargo. For a brief period he was employed at the Great Northern depot at that place and then returned to the Lamoure county farm, spending a period of about five years thereon. In 1906 he removed to Burleigh county, where he took up a homestead, settling near Driscoll. There he remained for two years, at the end of which time he removed to the town and entered the employ of George Boelter, a coal, flour and feed merchant, with whom he remained for two years. In March, 1910, he entered the employ of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank in the position of assistant cashier. The bank was organized in 1906 by J. C. Hallum, who became president, Clarence Hallum, who is vice president, and M. B. Finseth, cashier. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus amounting to five thousand dollars. Mr. Bruschwien still continues to act as assistant cashier and is a worthy representative of the institution. In addition to his activities in the banking field Mr. Bruschwien is also engaged in real estate dealing, handling both country and town property, and he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator of Marion, North Dakota.

In March, 1913, Mr. Bruschwien was married to Miss Sarah Weins, a resident of South Dakota and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weins, who were pioneers of that state. They afterward removed to North Dakota and the mother has now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Bruschwien have two children, Hazel and Harold.

In politics Mr. Bruschwien is a democrat and has held all of the township offices, including those of assessor, clerk, justice of the peace in Prairie and in Driscoll townships and clerk of the school district. He is a member of the Driscoll Lutheran church and is serving as one of its trustees. His interest in community affairs is deep and sincere and he actively cooperates in many measures that are advanced for the purpose of promoting the welfare and upbuilding of the district.

HERMAN M. EISENLOHR, D. V. M.

Dr. Herman M. Eisenlohr, a veterinary surgeon who maintains a veterinary hospital at Larimore and is now actively engaged in farming in Grand Forks county, was born January 4, 1879, in Story City, Iowa, a son of Mathew and Jane (Gross) Eisenlohr, both of whom are natives of Germany. The mother was but a year old when in 1852 she was brought to America by her father, David Gross, who settled in Jasper county, Iowa, and established the town of Prairie City. He early devoted his attention to farming in that locality, also engaged in shoe manufacturing and in various other business activities, continuing his residence at Prairie City until called to his final rest. After residing for some time at Monroe, Iowa, Mathew Eisenlohr removed to Gilbert, that state, where he is still living at the age of seventy years. He has made farming and cattle dealing his life work. His wife has reached the age of sixty-six years. In the family were five children: Mrs. Emma Whalen, a resident of Pierpont, South Dakota; Mrs. Nellie Rainbolt, living at Gilbert, Iowa; Herman M., of this review; Frank S., a resident of Havana, North Dakota; and John, who died in infancy.

In his youthful days Dr. Eisenlohr attended the district schools of Iowa and later took up the occupation of farming and stock raising in that state. He subsequently removed to Day county, South Dakota, and later, determining to engage in the practice of veterinary surgery, entered the veterinary college at Grand Rapids, Michigan, from which he was graduated on the 11th of April, 1912. On the 24th of the same month he arrived in Larimore, where he has since practiced his profession, and in connection with his professional visits he conducts a veterinary hospital and also a feed and livery barn at Larimore. He is likewise engaged in farming and his varied and important interests are bringing to him substantial and well merited success. He keeps in touch with the latest discoveries connected with veterinary practice and follows the most modern methods in his work. His property interests include a large farm in Grand Forks county, just outside the city limits of Larimore, and also a large farm in South Dakota. Both have been brought

under a high state of cultivation and return to him a handsome income for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 27th of February, 1907, Dr. Eisenlohr was married to Miss Anna Olsen, a daughter of Louis and Mary (Tenning) Olsen, who were natives of Norway and became residents of Iowa. Mrs. Eisenlohr passed away July 14, 1909, leaving a daughter, Florence, who was born at Ilavana, North Dakota, January 2, 1908, and is now with her grandparents at Gilbert, Iowa.

Dr. Eisenlohr is well known in fraternal circles, being connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Homesteaders and the Royal Neighbors. Along professional lines he has various connections, his name being on the membership list of the North Dakota Live Stock Sanitary Commission, while he is also connected with the North Dakota Veterinary Association, the Veterinary Science Association and the American Medical Association. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and for two years he has been alderman of Larimore. Actuated by laudable ambition, he has won his advancement step by step until he now occupies a high professional position, while his labors have been of the utmost value to stock raisers of his section of the state.

PAUL M. PAULSON.

Paul M. Paulson, attorney at law and editor of the Michigan Arena, published at Michigan, Nelson county, was born August 21, 1883, at Gundestrup, Denmark, a son of Jens and Johanna (Christiansen) Paulson, who are likewise natives of Denmark, in which country both are still living. They had a family of six children, five of whom are yet living, Paul M. being the second. The father is a successful farmer and an active advocate of and worker for good roads. He has had military training and is quite active in political and civic affairs in Ulstrup, Denmark.

Paul M. Paulson was educated in the public schools of Ulstrup and spent his early youth upon the home farm to the age of fourteen years, when he started out to earn his living. He was first employed as a farm hand in Denmark but in 1902, at the age of nineteen years, crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way to Buchanan, North Dakota, where he arrived in the spring of the year an entire stranger. His financial condition rendered it imperative that he gain immediate employment and he sought and secured work upon a farm. For five years he remained in the employ of J. A. Buchanan, an old pioneer settler there, and during the winter seasons improved his time by attending school, thus acquiring a good education. After his graduation from the high school of Buchanan he entered Fargo College and later the University of North Dakota for the study of law and was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1915. Prior to that time, however, he had engaged in teaching, having spent three years as a teacher in Argusville and at Gardner in Cass county, being principal of the Gardner schools for two years. When his university course was completed he located for the practice of law in Michigan, where he has since remained, and his developing power and ability in the line of his profession has gained for him a good clientele. In the fall of 1915 he purchased the Michigan Arena and has since edited and published that paper.

While at Fargo College and the University Mr. Paulson was a member of the football teams, playing for three years. He was tackle on the Fargo College team. In 1915 he was a member of the debating team that represented the University of North Dakota against Montana. His chief diversion is tennis but he enjoys all outdoor sports and athletics. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church and he belongs to several fraternal organizations, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, and the Delta Sigma Rho, an honorary fraternity. He likewise has membership in the Commercial Club of Michigan. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is very active in politics. On one occasion he was the nominee of his party for the office of states attorney and in 1915 he was appointed United States commissioner for the district of North Dakota for a four years' term, so that he is now the present incumbent in that office. His life record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing



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what may be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do, for, severing home ties, he came alone to the new world and unfriended and unaided has worked his way upward the worth of his character and ability gaining for him the creditable position which he now occupies.

G. S. NEWBERRY.

G. S. Newberry, cashier of the First National Bank of Carrington and a member of its board of directors, was born in Ontario, Canada, October 21, 1876, a son of George and Martha (Gimblett) Newberry. The father was born on the Isle of Wight, England, and when a youth of sixteen years sailed for the new world, making his way to Canada. His wife was born and reared in Ontario and in 1883 they came to the United States, traveling by ox team the last twenty miles of the journey. They established their home at Cooperstown, North Dakota, becoming pioneer residents of that place, and have since resided there.

G. S. Newberry was a little lad of but six summers when his parents removed to North Dakota and in the public schools of Cooperstown he pursued his education. In 1898 he removed to Carrington, then a young man of twenty-two years, and entered upon his banking experience as bookkeeper in the Carrington State Bank. His position at first was a minor one. He built the fires, attended to the collections and did other such tasks as were assigned him, receiving therefor a salary of thirty dollars a month, with which he had to meet all of his expenses. In 1900 the bank was reorganized and converted into the First National Bank, at which time Mr. Newberry was chosen cashier. At that date the bank deposits were approximately one hundred thousand dollars. Since then the institution has steadily grown and the deposits have passed the half million mark. In 1908 the bank building was destroyed by fire, but phoenixlike from its ruins rose one of the finest bank buildings in the state. They immediately began the work of reconstruction and today the First National of Carrington is housed in a most splendid manner, the bank being equipped in every possible way to safeguard the interests of depositors. In addition to his stock in the bank Mr. Newberry is the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable North Dakota farm land.

In January, 1901, Mr. Newberry was united in marriage to Miss Mary G. Sheehy, of Postville, Iowa, by whom he has two children, James Hervey and George Stevenson. In Masonic circles Mr. Newberry holds membership in Carrington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Carrington Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M. He also belongs to Carrington Lodge, I. O. O. F. In his political views he is somewhat liberal yet usually votes with the republican party. He is never neglectful of his duties of citizenship and his influence is always given on the side of progress and improvement. He believes in advancement through constructive measures, whether in business or in public affairs, and his own progress has been won in that way. He has gone on step by step and his orderly progression has brought him to a creditable position in banking circles.

RALPH A. PENCE.

One of the representative citizens and prominent business men of McLean county is Ralph A. Pence, who occupies an enviable position in financial circles. He is a resident of Dogden and the founder of the Dogden State Bank, in which he is now serving as cashier. He was born near Maquoketa, Iowa, on the 12th of August, 1880, and in that state his parents, William T. and Mary A. (Campbell) Pence, have passed their entire lives. For many years the father engaged in farming but is now living retired in Maquoketa. In the family are six children, namely: R. W., now a physician of Minot, North Dakota; Ralph A., of this review; Christa A., a resident of Lansford, North Dakota; J. R., also a physician of Minot; Glendola M., the wife of H. D. Miley, a hardware merchant and farmer of Lansford; and Florence E., at home with her parents in Iowa.

Reared on the home farm, Ralph A. Pence is indebted to the public schools of Iowa for

the early educational advantages he enjoyed. Later he attended the high school at Maquoketa and for one year was a student at the Iowa State College in Iowa City. On coming to North Dakota in 1902 he located on a farm ten miles southeast of Dogden and proved up on his homestead. Subsequently he was in the employ of the Rogers Lumber Company at Balfour for six months and then entered the German American State Bank at that place, serving as assistant cashier.

In 1906 Mr. Pence removed to Dogden and in June of that year assisted in organizing the Dogden State Bank with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, its first officers being D. N. Loose, president; A. L. Lombard, vice president; and R. A. Pence, cashier. The last named still holds that position, while R. W. Pence is serving as president and G. M. Pence as vice president. They have erected a good fireproof brick building on the original site of the bank and it is modern in all its appointments.

Mr. Pence has not confined his attention entirely to the banking business but has branched out and is now interested in a number of different enterprises. He is the owner of twenty-five hundred acres of land, having a large tract near Dogden, and is engaged in the cultivation of four hundred acres. He has handled a large amount of real estate and is still interested in that business. He also deals in live stock and is treasurer and a stockholder of the Farmers Elevator Company of Dogden. In these connections he has probably done more than any other man for the upbuilding and development of Dogden and is entitled to the distinction of being one of the foremost citizens of McLean county.

On the 14th of April, 1907, Mr. Pence was united in marriage to Miss Goldie M. McRoberts, who is a native of Michigan but has spent most of her life in North Dakota, her home being three miles south of Balfour. Her parents were William H. and Maria McRoberts but her mother is deceased and her father has married again, his second wife being Mrs. Jennie McRoberts. Mr. and Mrs. Pence have one daughter, Ruth Arlene, born September 29, 1903.

The republican party finds in Mr. Pence a staunch supporter of its principles. He has served both as village treasurer and school treasurer for some years and has done much to promote the interests of his community along various lines of endeavor. He is secretary of Friendship Lodge, No. 109, A. F. & A. M., of Dogden, and occupies an enviable position in both business and social circles.

L. B. DOCHTERMAN, M. D.

For eleven years Dr. L. B. Dochterman has engaged in the practice of his profession in Williston, making a specialty of surgery, and today ranks among the leading representatives of the medical fraternity in North Dakota. He was born in Covington, Indiana, November 14, 1877, and is a son of Michael and Lydia (Coffing) Dochterman. The father was born, reared and educated in Pennsylvania, but in early life removed to Indiana, locating near Covington, where he engaged in farming for many years. The mother spent her entire life in that locality.

At the early age of four years Dr. Dochterman was left an orphan. He began his education in the district schools near Covington and later attended what was then known as the Northern Indiana Normal School but is now Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he pursued a course in pharmacy and was graduated with the degree of Ph. G. Having decided to enter the medical profession he next entered the Detroit College of Medicine, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1900. He was first engaged in practice at Bottineau, North Dakota, for five years, but in 1905 removed to Williston, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice. He specializes in surgery and is regarded as the leading surgeon of Williston. In 1916 he took a post graduate course in that branch of his profession at the Post Graduate Hospital of New York City. He owns two sections of valuable land which is partially under cultivation.

Dr. Dochterman was married in Bottineau, March 9, 1904, to Miss Frances May McMillen, a native of Middletown, New York, where she spent the first sixteen years of her life. She then accompanied her parents on their removal to Iowa. In 1902 Mrs. Dochterman went to Bottineau county, North Dakota, locating in Bottineau, where she engaged in the abstract

business for about a year and a half. Her parents returned to Middletown, New York, where they are now living. The father is a railroad man.

Politically Dr. Dochterman is independent and he has no time for office, his attention being wholly devoted to his professional interests. He has a very large and elegant library and his leisure hours are spent among his books. His collection of medical works is one of the largest and most up-to-date in North Dakota and he is an honored member of the Kotana Medical Association. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Christian church. Mrs. Dochterman is a member of the Episcopal church and is a recognized social leader, prominent in literary and club circles, serving at one time as treasurer of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. She has also been president of the Book and Thimble Club of Williston, belongs to the Eastern Star and takes a great interest in outdoor sports. She is an expert horsewoman and has a great love for the noble steed.

ROSS McINTOSH.

Canada has made a most valuable contribution to the citizenship of North Dakota and among the substantial and representative citizens of Cavalier is Ross McIntosh, of Canadian birth, who is now engaged in the practice of law in the courts of Pembina county. He was born in Ontario, May 7, 1888, a son of Alexander and Catherine (McGilvery) McIntosh, who were also natives of Canada. In 1896 they came to North Dakota, settling in Bottineau county and the father was principal of the city schools of Bottineau and of Cavalier, making valuable contribution to the educational development of that section of the state. He died in 1908 at the age of sixty-five years but his widow is still living in Cavalier at the age of sixty-five. In their family were the following children, of whom Ross is the youngest. The others are: John, who is now a minister of the gospel located at Toronto, Canada; Mrs. Rachel E. R. Pratt, of Cavalier; Alexander, who is engaged in mercantile pursuits in Cavalier; Mrs. J. H. Pinkerton, of Corvallis, Oregon; Jesse, living at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada; Mrs. W. H. Otten, of Cavalier; D. F. and D. T., both residing in Cavalier; Paul, who lives in Montana; and Henry, of Grafton, North Dakota.

In early life Ross McIntosh attended the public schools of Pembina county and afterward continued his education in the University of North Dakota, in which he completed his law course with the class of 1912. Locating for practice in Cavalier, he has since remained a representative of his profession at that place and is rapidly advancing to the front among the able lawyers at the Pembina county bar. He carefully prepares his cases and presents his arguments with clearness and force, his deductions are always logical and he is seldom if ever at fault in the application of legal principles. He belongs to the District Bar Association and at the present time is city auditor of Cavalier. He is fond of good literature and in a word is a broadminded and well educated young man whose natural gifts and ability are bringing him prominently to the front.

MARTIN E. BYE.

Martin E. Bye, dealer in automobiles and farm implements at Grafton, is numbered among North Dakota's native sons, his birth having occurred in Grand Forks county, June 5, 1882, his parents being Eric A. and Karan (Sillerude) Bye, both of whom are natives of Norway. The father came to the United States in 1872, at which time he settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming until 1879 and then removed to Grand Forks county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead in Ferry township. Upon that place he has since resided and is numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of the county, having contributed in substantial measure to the work of early development and improvement as the wild lands of that district were converted into rich and productive farms. In his business he has been attended with success and has long been accounted one of the most

progressive and prosperous farmers of his county. His wife came to America in the early '70s with her parents, who also settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota, at an early day. By her marriage she has become the mother of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom one son and one daughter have passed away, Martin E. being the fourth in order of birth. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church and in politics the father has always maintained an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the common schools of Grand Forks county, Martin E. Bye attended the Union Commercial College at Grand Forks, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. His early life was spent upon the home farm and at the age of nineteen years he started out to earn his own livelihood. He was first employed as a bookkeeper and clerk by the firm of Redving & Ellestad, with whom he remained for seven years, when he resigned his position and removed to Grafton. There he entered the employ of the Brosnahan & Olson Company, with whom he continued for two years, but ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to carry out his cherished wish. He then entered into partnership with L. E. Olson, his father-in-law, and under the firm style of Bye & Olson began dealing in farm implements and machinery. They also became agents for the Ford and Overland automobiles and they are now doing the largest business in these lines in the county. They are both men of progressive spirit, watchful of all opportunities pointing to success, and laudable ambition has prompted Mr. Bye at every point in his career, so that he has steadily advanced toward the goal of prosperity.

On the 26th of June, 1907, at Grand Forks, Mr. Bye was married to Miss Annie Marie Olson, a native of that place and a daughter of L. E. and Olga Olson, who were early settlers of Grand Forks county, there locating in 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. Bye hold membership in the Lutheran church and on the 11th of October, 1916, he was made a Mason in Grafton. Politically he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to concentrate his efforts upon his business affairs and his career proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

LARS NELSON.

Lars Nelson, who follows farming on section 30, Corrine township, Stutsman county, was born near Malmo, in the county of Skane, Sweden, February 7, 1864, a son of Nels and Elme Anderson. The father was a farmer of Sweden and both he and his wife have long since passed away. Their family numbered seven children: Lars; Hilma, deceased; Oscar, Olaf and Carl, still living in Sweden; Nels, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Alma, deceased.

Lars Nelson acquired his education in graded schools of Sweden and continued his residence in that country until he reached the age of twenty-seven years, when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed from Malmo on the 10th of September, 1891, with New York as his destination. From the eastern metropolis he proceeded westward to Jamestown, North Dakota, where he arrived on the 21st of September but remained there for only four days, after which he entered a home-stead claim in Corrine township, Stutsman county, his place being situated on section 30. In the customary manner he secured title to the property and has made his home thereon continuously since. He carefully and persistently developed his fields, bringing about a marked change in the productiveness of his place, and as his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm, acquiring one hundred and sixty acres on section 25 in 1895, three hundred and twenty acres on section 31 and one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Corrine township. He farms all of his five quarters and also cultivates a rented tract of one hundred and sixty acres. His attention is largely devoted to the cultivation of small grain, of which he raised

thirty-two thousand bushels in 1915. His place is well stocked and he now has thirty head of Percheron horses, ten head of hogs and nine head of cattle. He owns a threshing outfit and does much threshing through the surrounding country. He has recently added a shock loader to his equipment, which saves one-half of the labor. He has set out a fine grove which constitutes one of the attractive features of his place, and he has added to his farm all modern equipments and accessories, but when the land came into his possession it was all wild and unimproved and the work of development has been entirely accomplished through his own labors. In 1907 he built a large barn forty by sixty feet, with plank floor, and in 1909 he erected a commodious and attractive residence. Everything about his place is kept in good repair. The buildings are well painted and there is every evidence of the care and supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Nelson has established an electric plant upon his place, not only lighting his residence but also his barn. In addition to his successful management of his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Courtenay Farmers Elevator, in the Independent Harvester Company and in the Morley Twine Company, and his real estate possessions include two corner lots in the village of Courtenay.

Before leaving his native land Mr. Nelson was married in Sweden, in 1886, to Miss Elma Nelson, and they have become parents of five children, all of whom are yet living, so that the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are: Herman, who is married and follows farming near his father's place; Ellen, the wife of Joseph Austrim, residing in Wimbledon, North Dakota; August, who is married and resides near the old homestead; George, also a resident of Corrine township, Stutsman county; and Annie, at home.

In politics Mr. Nelson is an earnest republican and for six years acceptably served as a member of the township board. He is also a member and treasurer of the school board in District 23, which position he has occupied for the past seventeen years, and for four years he has been township assessor. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Courtenay. He drives an automobile and keeps up with the trend and spirit of the times in all things, being regarded as one of the progressive farmers of his county.

CHARLES E. V. DRAPER.

Charles E. V. Draper, formerly president of the Mandan Telephone Company, possesses a notably enterprising spirit and his business career has been characterized by steady progress, his efforts at all times proving an element of public value. Recognizing and utilizing opportunities, he has steadily worked his way upward in the conduct of his present business interests, displaying marked executive ability. He was born in Phelps, New York, October 15, 1855, a son of V. V. and Elizabeth (Sherrell) Draper, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. Removing westward, they established their home at Marshalltown, Iowa, in 1863.

Charles E. V. Draper began his education in the schools of his native town and continued his studies in Marshalltown, following the removal of the family to the middle west. A careful review of the field of business led him to select the law as a life work and in 1881 he was graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University. However, he changed his plans and did not engage in active practice. In the fall following his graduation he came to Bismarek and took charge of the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, remaining in that position for four years. He then went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he continued for a brief period with the Postal Telegraph Company. Still later he went to Canada, where he installed the first duplex and quadruplex instruments between Winnipeg and British Columbia, remaining in that connection for about five years, during which time he had charge as circuit manager of the lines between Brandon and Medicine Hat, the division later being extended to Donald, British Columbia, covering nine hundred miles of route and over thirty-five hundred miles of wire, which was the longest route on record under the direction of one man. He left that position in 1891 and came to Mandan, where he has since remained, and in 1900 he became president, general manager and chief stock-

holder of the Mandan Telephone Company. His previous experience well qualified him for the discharge of his duties in that position of responsibility. He held to the highest standards of service and controlled a well established system that has made efficiency its motto. He continued active in the business until May, 1916, when he disposed of his interests and is now living retired in Mandan. In 1882 Mr. Draper invented an electric fire alarm in Mandan which automatically blows a steam whistle whenever a fire alarm is turned in and this system is still in use. He also installed the first electric arc lamp in Dakota territory, which was put in use on the steamer *Dakota*, plying between St. Louis and Fort Benton, Montana.

On the 1st of October, 1884, in Bismarck, Mr. Draper was united in marriage to Miss Hattie A. Lounsberry, a daughter of Colonel Clement A. Lounsberry. This union has been blessed with two daughters, Olivia Medora and Elizabeth Lucretia.

The parents attend the Episcopal church and Mr. Draper is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for six years or three terms he filled the office of coroner of Morton county, North Dakota. This is the only political office, however, that he has accepted, for he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business interests and by reason of his close application, fidelity and ability he has made steady progress along the line leading to substantial success.

J. DEXTER PEIRCE.

J. Dexter Peirce, active in the real estate, loan and insurance business at Larimore, was born at Newburgh, New York, December 5, 1857, a son of Henry T. and Mary Elizabeth (Chapman) Peirce. The father was born in Plymouth county, Massachusetts, and traced his ancestry back through many generations to Captain Michael Peirce, who came from England in 1632 and settled at Plymouth. He was killed by the Indians at Atterbury Flats, Massachusetts. The mother of J. D. Peirce was a native of New York and a daughter of Thomas Chapman, who was born in England and became the founder of that family in the United States. He established business at Newburgh, New York, as an iron manufacturer. It was in the Empire state that Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Peirce were married and spent their entire lives. The former was engaged in the real estate business and also became actively identified with building operations in New York city but later turned his attention to the occupation of farming. He passed away in 1875, at the age of sixty-three years, while his wife survived until 1903 and died at the age of sixty-nine years. In their family were three children.

J. D. Peirce, the eldest, spent his youthful days as a pupil in public and preparatory schools of New York and then took his initial step in the business world as clerk in a dry goods jobbing house of New York city. Attracted by the opportunities, of the growing northwest, he came to this state and settled on a preemption claim near Hunter, Cass county, proving up on that property. In 1885 he removed to a farm near Larimore and continued there to engage in general agricultural pursuits until 1896, when he took up his abode in the town and turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business. Throughout his entire business career he has been characterized by a spirit of initiative, manifesting the qualities of the pioneer who must take the advance steps. Mr. Peirce was the first man in North Dakota to raise alfalfa and corn and while upon the farm he also specialized in the raising of Holstein cattle. He is today the owner of broad acres of fine farm land and of much city property, having largely placed his capital in the safest of all investments—real estate. He carries on agricultural interests on an extensive scale and employs the most modern scientific methods in the development of his fields and in the raising of stock. He is engaged extensively in the real estate business, in writing insurance and placing loans and has other important connections.

Mr. Peirce makes his home at Larimore and is the secretary of the Larimore Commercial Club, of which he was one of the organizers. He also belongs to the Grand Forks Commercial Club and there is no plan or movement put forth for the development of town, county or state that does not receive his endorsement and active support. Fraternally he



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is a Consistory Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine and of the Eastern Star. He is also connected with the Homesteaders and his religious faith is indicated in the fact that he has membership in the Unitarian church at Newburgh, New York. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he represented his district as a member of the third legislative assembly, has also acted as police magistrate and as city treasurer of Larimore. The breadth of his interests is further indicated in the fact that he is a member of the American Genetic Association and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Reading broadly and thinking deeply, carrying his investigations into many realms, he is today a broad-minded, cultured gentleman, forceful and resourceful, and his efforts, which have resulted in the attainment of notable personal success, have also been a most potent force in the development of the town and district in which he lives. His influence has always been on the side of progress and he takes much pride in the fact that Larimore had the first farmers' institute in the state, the first farmers' club in the state, the first mid-winter fair in the state, the first local good roads convention, the first state good roads convention, the first boy scouts in the state, the first high school teaching agriculture, manual training and domestic science and was the first to raise potatoes for shipment.

J. A. KRAMER.

J. A. Kramer, filling the office of county auditor in Ramsey county since 1913, his record for faithful, prompt and efficient service being most commendable, is one of the substantial citizens that Ontario, Canada, has furnished to North Dakota. He was born at Mildmay on the 19th of January, 1883, a son of Alexander and Catherine (Weber) Kramer, both of whom are still residents of Canada.

In the public schools of his native province J. A. Kramer pursued his education and in 1902, at the age of nineteen years, left home. He went first to Langdon where he remained for two years and afterward spent a similar period in Munich. In 1909 he took up his abode permanently at Devils Lake, where he has since remained, and in 1913 he accepted the office of county auditor, to which position he was reelected in 1914, while in 1916 he became his party's candidate for reelection. He has always given his political allegiance to the republican party since becoming a naturalized American citizen, and is much interested in the political situation and in the vital questions and issues of the day.

Mr. Kramer has become interested in farming since removing to North Dakota and he has made for himself a place among the respected and substantial citizens of Ramsey county. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church.

ALBERT F. E. SCHIERBAUM, M. D.

Dr. Albert F. E. Schierbaum, physician and surgeon, actively following his profession at Hebron, was born in Warren county, Missouri, October 27, 1872, a son of John F. and Anna (Klick) Schierbaum, who resided for a number of years in Missouri and eventually became residents of Illinois. The father was a German Evangelical minister and devoted his life to the work of preaching the gospel. Both he and his wife passed away in Illinois.

In the graded schools of Holstein, Missouri, Dr. Schierbaum pursued his early education and subsequently entered the University of Illinois at Champaign, while later he became a student in Washington University at St. Louis. It was in the latter institution that he entered the medical department and was graduated therefrom in 1894, for he had determined to make the practice of medicine and surgery his life work. He first opened an office in Marine, Illinois, where he practiced for fifteen years, on the expiration of which period he went to New York for post graduate work in the New York Post Graduate College. In this way and through private reading and study he kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and scientific investigation into the rules which govern health and its restoration. After completing his studies in New York he located for practice in Des Moines, Iowa,

where he remained for two years, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He removed from that city to Hebron in June, 1911, and here entered upon the general practice of medicine and surgery, forming a partnership with Dr. Harry A. Brandes in October, 1914, which relation he yet maintains. Through the years of his residence in Morton county Dr. Schierbaum has made continuous progress along professional lines and has proven his ability to cope with the various complex and intricate problems connected with the profession. In addition to his practice he owns and conducts a drug store at Hebron and at Golden Valley as a member of the firm of Schierbaum & Itrich, the junior partner being the active member of the firm. Dr. Schierbaum is also interested in farming, having three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land.

It was in 1897 that Dr. Schierbaum was united in marriage to Miss Hattie J. Kireheis, who was born in Marine, Illinois, and there remained until her marriage, prior to which time she was a successful teacher in the primary grades of the Marine schools. To the Doctor and his wife has been born a daughter, Marguerite.

In his fraternal relations Dr. Schierbaum is a Mason, holding membership in the blue lodge at Marine, Illinois, of which he is a past master, in the Royal Arch chapter at Dickinson, North Dakota, and in the Scottish Rite bodies at Fargo and has attained the thirty-second degree in the consistory. He is also connected with the Woodmen lodge at Marine and with the Yeomen at Hebron. He belongs also to the German Evangelical church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is now serving as city health officer of Hebron, while formerly he was a member of the school board. He assisted in organizing the Commercial Club in 1913 and has continuously served as its president. This club has a membership of sixty and it has done much to further the material interests of Hebron and upholds its standards of citizenship. It has been particularly active in extending the telephone connections of the town and in establishing good roads in this section of the state. Along strictly professional lines Dr. Schierbaum is connected with the Morton County Medical Society, The North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is much interested in scientific research and investigation along the lines of medical and surgical science. His activities, broad and varied, have made him a valued citizen of Hebron and one whose efforts have been far-reaching and beneficial.

JUDGE GEORGE SHEPHERD.

Judge George Shepherd, occupying the bench of the county court of Walsh county, was born in Scotland, November 25, 1851, a son of John and Isabella (Alexander) Shepherd, who were also natives of the land of hills and heather. The father followed the occupation of farming and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in Scotland, his death occurring in 1891, while his wife passed away in 1853.

Judge Shepherd was but two years of age at the time of his mother's demise and was a young man of about twenty-two years when he crossed the Atlantic to Canada, settling in County Perth, Ontario, where he engaged in farming until 1881. He then removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he took up railroad work but in 1882 removed to Walsh county and filed on a homestead. He then bent every energy to the development and improvement of his farm and continued the cultivation of his fields until 1897, when he rented his land and entered the employ of the McCormick Company, representing them in the sale of farm machinery for three years. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability and his patriotic devotion to the best interests of the community, elected him in 1891 to represent the third district on the board of county commissioners, on which he served for nine years, giving valuable aid to many progressive public measures during that period. In 1900 he was elected county judge and has since remained upon the bench, covering a period of sixteen years, while again in 1916 he was the candidate of the democratic party and was reelected to the same office. With the completion of this term he will have held county office for a quarter of a century. His long service on the bench indicates the fairness and impartiality of his opinions and the confidence reposed by the public in his judicial integrity.

In April, 1871, Judge Shepherd was married to Miss Isabella Taylor, a native of Scotland, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Isabella Alsip, who is a native of Scotland and now resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two children have been born to Mrs. Alsip: Mrs. Gladys Cox, who was born in Grand Forks and now resides in Winnipeg; and Margaret Alsip, also born in Grand Forks. Mrs. Cox has a son, Willard Gordon, whose birth also occurred in Winnipeg.

Judge Shepherd has always been a stalwart champion of democratic principles since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, while fraternally he is a prominent York Rite Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine as well as a member of the Independent Order of Foresters. He commands the respect of all who know him and is widely known, occupying a prominent position in public circles throughout the state.

J. ROSS MacKENZIE, M. B.

Dr. J. Ross MacKenzie, who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Carrington, where he has made his home since the fall of 1893, was born in Drumbo, Oxford county, Ontario, Canada, October 8, 1870, and is a son of James and Eliza (Giles) MacKenzie, who were natives of Scotland but in early life crossed the Atlantic and located in Ontario, where they continued to reside until called to the world beyond. He died in 1908 and was survived by his wife for seven years, her death occurring in November, 1915.

During his boyhood Dr. MacKenzie attended the schools of Canada and completed his education at the University of Toronto, from which he was graduated with the M. B. degree in the class of 1893. In the fall of that year he removed to Carrington, Foster county, North Dakota, and opened an office for the practice of his profession. He has met with good success in his chosen calling and as the years have passed he has gradually built up an excellent practice. He has served as superintendent of the board of health of Foster county since his arrival in 1893 and this fact alone would indicate his high standing in the community.

In September, 1903, Dr. MacKenzie was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Soliday, a daughter of Henry A. and Sarah Soliday, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The Doctor and his wife had a little son, George, who was born in 1904 and died in 1910. They affiliate with the Congregational church and have a host of friends in Carrington. Dr. MacKenzie votes with the republican party and holds membership in the Tri-County Medical Society, the North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association, thus keeping in touch with the advancement being made along the line of his profession.

REV. AUGUST DEBUS.

Rev. August Debus, pastor of St. John's German Evangelical church at Hebron, has been a power for good in the community in which he lives, taking an active and helpful interest in the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of his parishioners and seeking ever to bring his people to higher standards of living and broader reaches of thought. He was born in Germany, at Lahr, Baden, on the 6th of August, 1853, and when quite young was left an orphan. He remained a resident of the fatherland until he reached the age of twenty-three years and then sailed for the new world in 1856. He completed his education in Europe by graduation from the Missionary College at Basel, Switzerland, after which he came direct to the United States and made his way to Galien, Michigan, where he remained for about three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Wabash, Indiana, where he spent six years, after which he came to North Dakota. Arriving in Hebron, he organized a congregation here and instituted the work of the church. At the beginning there were but thirteen families. In the fall of 1885 he secured the erection of a little frame building to be used as a house of worship. Ten years later such was the growth of his congregation that this building had to be enlarged and in 1908 a fine new stone and

brick church was erected at a cost of more than twenty-five thousand dollars. It is a beautiful building, a fine type of ecclesiastical architecture, and is splendidly equipped and furnished. Rev. Debus has remained its pastor since 1886 and the work which he has done has endeared him in notable measure to his people.

In Michigan, in 1878, Rev. Debus was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Seifert, who was born in Germany and in the early '70s came to the United States. She has been of much assistance to her husband in his work and has the love of their people in a marked degree.

In politics Rev. Debus has always been a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His effort, however, has been concentrated upon the work of the church, where he has served as pastor for almost a third of a century. In early life he studied medicine and for many years after coming to Hebron he was the only resident of the locality for miles around who had a knowledge of medical science, so that in addition to his church duties he served as physician to his people and sometimes traveled between eighty and ninety miles to see a patient. Gradually, however, as the country has become more thickly settled he has been able to relinquish his labors of that character and concentrate his efforts more and more largely upon the upbuilding of his church. He is a speaker of more than ordinary ability, earnest, eloquent and persuasive and, moreover, is a deep thinker and an earnest student. He was the head of his synod for years and is most highly esteemed throughout the community by people of all denominations. During the seasons of crop failure in his section of the state he has aroused the interest of other synods in Nebraska and Iowa, from whom he has secured carloads of oats, corn and other cereals for distribution among the people here. In a word Rev. Debus has looked after every interest of his parishioners, never for a moment forgetting that his real purpose has been to develop character and inculcate the highest standard of living. It is no wonder that his people love and revere him, for he has gone in and out among them as counselor and friend, extending a helping hand here, speaking an encouraging word there and uttering admonitions when needed. He has built up a strong congregation and has indeed been a dominant factor in the moral development of the county.

LOUIS THEODORE HAGEN.

Louis Theodore Hagen, cashier of the First State Bank of Ray, was born at Silver Lake, Worth county, Iowa, July 8, 1886, a son of Narve E. and Marie (Gulson) Hagen. The father was born in Freeman township, Freeborn county, Minnesota, and there acquired his education, after which he followed farming in that county until 1911, when he removed to Conrad, Montana, where he took up a homestead and is now engaged in farming. His wife was born at Silver Lake, Iowa, and is also living.

Louis T. Hagen spent his youthful days on his father's farm in Freeborn county, Minnesota, and supplemented his district school education by study in the University Preparatory School and the University of Minnesota, being thus liberally educated and qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. After clerking and carrying on other business interests in Minnesota for a time he removed to Ray, Williams county, North Dakota, in 1910 and entered Linwell's State Bank. Later he was appointed to the position of assistant cashier in the Williams County State Bank at Williston, where he remained until 1914, when he was made assistant cashier of the First State Bank at Ray and later cashier and is now occupying the latter position. His long training and broad experience in connection with banking has made him thoroughly familiar with the business in all of its departments and he is a popular official in the institution with which he is now connected.

On the 25th of June, 1914, at Sheldon, North Dakota, Mr. Hagen was united in marriage to Miss Lillian E. Hoff, who is a native of that place. Her parents, Peter J. and Josephine (Shirley) Hoff, became early settlers of Sheldon, Ransom county, North Dakota, and still reside there. The father established the first drug store of the town, which he still conducts, being the oldest druggist in the state of North Dakota. Mrs. Hagen obtained her early education at Sheldon, also attended St. Mary's Hall of Faribault, Minnesota, and

was engaged in teaching at Ray, North Dakota, prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hagen have one child, Lillian Louise, born at Ray, North Dakota, September 4, 1915.

Politically Mr. Hagen is a democrat and was clerk of the school board of the city of Ray but otherwise has not held public office, although never remiss in the duties of citizenship and cooperating in large measure in promoting public progress and improvement. He belongs to the Elks lodge at Albert Lea, Minnesota, which is his only fraternal connection, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Steadily working his way upward along well defined lines of business and placing his dependence upon the substantial qualities of enterprise, determination and reliability, he is now numbered among the substantial and valued representatives of banking interests in Williams county.

GEORGE H. ROGEN.

George H. Rogen, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Watford City, entered upon his present relations in June, 1916, but has already made for himself an enviable place in the business circles of the town and in the bank by reason of his courtesy and obliging spirit. He was born in Brookings, South Dakota, September 27, 1888, a son of Eric J. and Mary (Langum) Rogen. The father, a native of Norway, came to America when a youth of fifteen years and afterward took up the occupation of farming in Lake county, South Dakota, where he homesteaded. Subsequently he removed to Pierce county, North Dakota, and settled near Barton, where he engaged in farming until 1910. He then removed to Brookings, South Dakota, where he now resides. His wife, a native of Fillmore county, Minnesota, removed to South Dakota during her early girlhood and spent her last days in Brookings, where she passed away in 1909.

George H. Rogen was but six years of age when brought to this state. He attended the district schools of Pierce county to the age of fourteen and afterward continued his education at Augustana College in Canton, South Dakota, and in the National Business College in Minneapolis, in which he pursued a commercial course. He was afterward employed as bookkeeper and assistant cashier in the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Barton, North Dakota, for seven years and thus gained broad practical experience concerning banking in all of its phases and departments. In June, 1916, he accepted the position of cashier and director in the Farmers State Bank of Watford City and is now giving his attention to the duties of that office. He is the owner of a one hundred and sixty acre farm north of Towner in McHenry county, which he rents.

On the 22d of April, 1914, at Barton, North Dakota, Mr. Rogen was united in marriage to Miss Alice Cruden, who was born and reared in Barton, a daughter of M. P. and Rose (Maruchek) Cruden, who are natives of Wisconsin and became farmers of Pierce county, North Dakota, where they still make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Rogen have a son, Ronald Shirley, born in Barton, February 16, 1915.

Mr. Rogen belongs to the Lutheran church and his wife to the Catholic church. In politics he is a democrat but has had neither time nor inclination to seek office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, his close application resulting in steady progress.

MILES EVANS STRICKER.

Miles Evans Stricker, manager of the wholesale grocery house of the Stone-Ordeau-Wells Company and thus actively connected with the commercial interests of Grand Forks, was born in Alexandria, Minnesota, June 16, 1870, a son of Thomas H. Stricker, a native of Ohio and a representative of an old Ohio family of German extraction. His ancestors settled in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war. Thomas H. Stricker followed merchandising and agricultural pursuits but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations and for three years served as a private in a Minnesota

regiment. He passed away February 10, 1916, at the age of seventy-nine years. In early manhood he wedded Henrietta Evans, a native of Wisconsin and a descendant of an old pioneer family of that state, of Welsh lineage. She is now living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and she became the mother of five children, four sons and a daughter, of whom Miles E. was the second.

In the public schools of Alexandria, Minnesota, Miles E. Stricker pursued his education and at the age of sixteen years made his initial step in the business world by securing a position as delivery boy in a retail grocery store at Alexandria. In 1889 he removed westward to Waterville, Washington and with William Williams established a retail grocery store under the firm name of Williams & Stricker, conducting that business for six months. He then disposed of his interests to his partner and for a short time visited in the Puget Sound country. He then returned to Alexandria, Minnesota, where he entered into partnership with J. A. Carlson under the firm name of Carlson & Stricker for the conduct of a retail grocery store at that place. That connection was maintained for several years, at the end of which time the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Stricker afterward carried on the grocery store alone, continuing in business successfully for three years, when he sold out. He then became connected with the wholesale grocery trade as city salesman for Nash Brothers, pioneer wholesale grocers, with whom he continued for nine months. He next became salesman for the Stone-Ordean-Wells Company, wholesale grocers, representing their Minnesota plant until August, 1912, when they established business at Nos. 14-16 South Fourth street, in Grand Forks. Mr. Stricker was made manager of the new enterprise, which office he has since continuously filled. The business has proved a success from the start and theirs is today one of the leading wholesale grocery establishments in this section of the country. They employ five traveling salesmen and have ten other employes in the store and warehouse. Their main building is fifty by one hundred feet and they also have another building containing twenty thousand square feet. Their goods are largely sold in Grand Forks and vicinity and the business is steadily growing.

In his native city Mr. Stricker was married on the 24th of November, 1898, to Miss Emma Perry, who was born in Minnesota, a daughter of Thomas J. and Ella (Hillier) Perry. They have become the parents of three sons: Thomas Perry, born at Alexandria, Minnesota, October 25, 1899; Miles Cleveland, born at Grand Forks, April 12, 1910; and John Evans, born at Grand Forks in February, 1912.

In his consideration of national political questions Mr. Stricker is a republican but casts an independent local ballot. He belongs to the Masonic order, into which he was initiated at Alexandria. He has since taken the degrees of the chapter and of the consistory and is now identified with the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is in hearty sympathy with the principles and purposes of the Commercial Club. His own career has been marked by a steady progression that has resulted from a recognition of opportunity and the wise use of his time and talents.

SIMON WESTBY.

Simon Westby, president of the Williston State Bank, was born near Bergen, Norway, February 1, 1876, and is a son of Ole and Raughild (Munson) Westby, who were natives of Norway. The father, who was a sea captain, is now retired and makes his home near Bergen, but the mother has passed away.

Simon Westby attended the normal school near Bergen until seventeen years of age, when, in 1893, he crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way to Traill county, North Dakota, where he worked as a farm hand and filled other positions that would yield to him an honest living. For a time he taught school in Traill county and he also worked as a section boss for the Great Northern Railroad. For two years he was clerk of the district court within the second judicial district at Rugby, North Dakota, and in 1906 he was elected railroad commissioner of North Dakota, filling that position in 1907 and 1908. In the latter year he arrived in Williston, where he engaged in the real estate business, and in



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1910 he purchased an interest in the Williston State Bank, of which he became and still is the president. He has since been active in the management of the bank and has made it a strong financial institution, carefully and wisely controlled. He is one of two directors in North Dakota of the Bankers Trust & Savings Bank of Minneapolis and a director of the First National Bank of Reserve, Montana. He also owns an elevator at Williston.

On the 3d of September, 1898, Mr. Westby was married at Sharon, Steele county, North Dakota, to Miss Nettie Kloster, who was born at Adams, Minnesota, but was reared in Steele county, where her parents, Andrew N. and Maddel (Lee) Kloster, settled at an early day, establishing their home at Sharon. Mr. and Mrs. Westby have five children: Rangvald, who was born at Aneta, Nelson county, North Dakota; and Agnes, Hannah, Gladys and Selmer, all born at Rugby.

Mr. Westby homesteaded in Pierce county and established the postoffice at Westby, there serving as postmaster for five years. He still has his homestead property and also owns another farm and is recognized as the leading Norwegian-American citizen of this section of the state. He belongs to the United Lutheran church, to the Sons of Norway, being president of the local council at Williston, and to the Loyal Order of Moose, in which he is treasurer. He also has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Fraternity and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. His has been a well spent life and warm regard is entertained for him by those who know him best, for he has many substantial qualities which have given him a firm hold upon the goodwill and confidence of his fellowmen.

JUDGE W. M. JACKSON.

Judge W. M. Jackson, county judge of Eddy county, was born in Perry county, Indiana, on the 1st of September, 1876, a son of James and Mary A. (Cassidy) Jackson, both of whom were natives of Perry county, their parents having removed from Kentucky to Indiana at an early day. The grandfather of Mrs. Jackson came to America from Ireland and took part in much of the early survey work in southern Indiana. James Jackson is a grandson of James Jackson, Sr., one of the Kentuckians who took refuge behind the cotton bales at the battle of New Orleans and won victory for the American forces there on the 8th of January, 1815. In the year 1891 James Jackson, father of Judge Jackson, removed to Christian county, Illinois, and there engaged in farming until he removed to Assumption, where he is now conducting business as a dealer in hay and feed.

Judge Jackson pursued his education in the Christian Brothers College at St. Louis, Missouri, where he won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1903, and in the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the LL. B. degree as a member of the class of 1907. Following his graduation he went to the Pacific coast and spent eight months in Everett, Washington, where he opened a law office. In the spring of 1908, however, he returned eastward to St. Paul and for six months represented a law publishing house on the road, hoping in his travels to find a suitable location for practice. On the 10th of January, 1910, he established his home in New Rockford where he opened an office and entered upon the active work of his profession, to which he devoted his energies until 1914, when he was elected to the office of county judge and is now serving upon the bench. He was also the first city attorney of New Rockford after its incorporation, filling that office from 1912 until 1914. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party but he never allows partisanship to interfere with the faithful performance of his judicial duties and his opinions on the bench are strictly fair and impartial. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the law with the ability to correctly apply its principles and his opinions have received the endorsement of the higher courts.

Judge Jackson holds membership in the Catholic church. He has always been much interested in athletics and was captain of the track team at the Christian Brothers College in 1902 and 1903, in which years the college won the state championship. He was also captain of the football team in 1901 and 1902 and again his team was successful, winning victories over such teams as that of St. Louis University, while in 1901 they tied with Washington

University, which refused to play with them the following year. Judge Jackson has many friends in New Rockford and throughout Eddy county, the sterling worth of his character winning for him the regard of those with whom he has been associated.

OLAF AUGUST NELSON.

Olaf August Nelson, proprietor of a grain elevator at Tioga, was born at Vermland, Sweden, September 23, 1867, his parents being Nels and Caroline Nelson, who were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives, the father always following the occupation of farming in order to support his family.

Reared in Sweden, Olaf A. Nelson there took up the occupation of farming and in 1887 came to America, settling at Dassel, Minnesota, where he engaged in grain buying until 1892. He then removed to Brooten, in that state, where he conducted a general store until 1895. He then disposed of his business in the town and concentrated his efforts upon farming and the sale of farm lands in Brown Valley, Minnesota. Later he traveled for five years in the United States and for two years in South America—in Chile and the Argentine Republic—prospecting for gold in 1903 and 1904. Three times he crossed the Andes, making his way from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast in South America with pack mules. In 1905 he arrived in Tioga, North Dakota, when the town was first established, and in the fall of 1906 he became actively connected with its business interests through the building of the Nelson Brothers elevator at that place. He has since operated in grain and his elevator business constitutes one of the important commercial enterprises of the town. Nelson Brothers also own an elevator and lumber yard at Hamlet, North Dakota. O. A. Nelson homesteaded in the vicinity of Tioga and is yet engaged in farming and stock raising, his efforts in that connection being attended with excellent results.

On the 15th of May, 1907, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage at Sisseton, South Dakota, to Miss Mary Oslund, who was born in Sweden and in early girlhood came to the new world. Their children are three in number, Gustave Oscar, Roy and Chester Franklin, all of whom were born in Tioga.

Mr. Nelson exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party and is now serving on the town board of Tioga, while almost continuously he has filled some public office. He is a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge at Tioga. Through the period of his residence in Tioga, covering about twelve years, he has become widely and favorably known. He had no one to assist him at the outset of his career but had to depend entirely upon his own plans and efforts to attain success. Step by step he has advanced and today is at the head of a business of gratifying proportions, his elevator constituting a market for the grain producers of his district.

HENRY KRAFT.

Henry Kraft, proprietor of a general store at Streeter, was born in Russia in the spring of 1865 and that country was also the birthplace of his parents, George and Maggie (Roth) Kraft, who in 1873 bade adieu to their native country and crossed the Atlantic to the new world. They settled in South Dakota, where the father secured a homestead and preemption claim, and for many years he engaged successfully in general farming and stock raising, handling both cattle and sheep, but at the present time he is living retired from active business, he and his wife being pleasantly situated in the town of Scotland.

Henry Kraft was the eldest of a family of seven children, three of whom are yet living, and was but eight years of age at the time of the emigration to the new world, so that his education was largely acquired in the schools of South Dakota, but at that time the educational system of the district in which he lived had not been greatly developed and many of his most valuable lessons have been learned in the school of experience. With the family he shared in all the hardships and deprivations attendant upon pioneer life. He

remained in South Dakota for nine years after reaching his majority and engaged in general merchandising in Eureka and afterward at Hosmer but left that place in 1897, at which time he removed to North Dakota and secured a homestead claim in Stutsman county. He was six weeks in traveling with a horse team from South Dakota to his farm in Stutsman county, whereon he remained for nine years, performing all the arduous tasks of developing new fields, his labors, however, resulting in a marked change in the appearance of the place. At the end of that period he removed to Streeter and again turned his attention to general merchandising, in which he is now engaged. He formed a partnership in 1906 with Henry Klundt and the relation between them has since existed with mutual pleasure and profit. They carry a complete line of general merchandise and their undertaking has been attended with success from the beginning, for their business methods are thoroughly reliable and they put forth every effort to please their customers. When Mr. Kraft came to North Dakota in 1897 he started with a cash capital of eight hundred dollars and homesteaded a quarter section. From that point he gradually developed his business interests and acquired three sections of land, all in Stutsman county, with the exception of one quarter which is located in Logan county. He now rents his land and the income thereby secured is a very substantial one.

Mr. Kraft married Miss Katie Goehring, who was born in Russia, and they have seven children, Jennie, Maggie, Regina, John, Ade, Katie and Esther. They also lost two children. The parents are members of the Evangelical church at Bismarck and Mr. Kraft exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He does not seek nor desire political office, however, as a reward for party fealty and in fact he does not seek to figure prominently in any connection outside of business, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon his mercantile and agricultural interests. It has been his unremitting diligence, combined with sound judgment in business affairs, that has won him a place among the substantial residents of Stutsman county.

JOHN P. REEVE.

John P. Reeve is today one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Beach as well as one of the most extensive farmers and stock raisers of Golden Valley county. He was born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 3, 1871, and spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native state. He then went to Chicago, Illinois, and obtained work in the factory of the Deering Harvester Company, after which he traveled for that concern for three years, his territory extending from Manitoba to Texas. In 1904 he entered the machinery business at La Crosse, Wisconsin, representing the International Harvester Company there until 1908.

It was in the latter year that Mr. Reeve moved to Beach, North Dakota, believing that this section of the country offered excellent opportunities to the farmer and business man, for he had traveled extensively through this state when representing the Deering Company. In connection with Bernard O'Connell and C. F. White, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, he purchased one whole township—township 142, range 105, nine miles north of Beach. This they divided and sold to the settlers, disposing of the entire tract except that now owned by Mr. Reeve, whereon he is engaged in farming and stock raising. He has from twelve to fifteen hundred acres of land, upon which he raises small grains and corn on an extensive scale, and he also gives considerable attention to the raising of graded stock, keeping about one hundred and fifty head of horses and one hundred and forty head of cattle upon his place. He continued to reside upon his ranch until the fall of 1914, when he removed to Beach, where he now makes his home. In August of that year he purchased the Pioneer Grocery & Meat Market, which he conducted under the name of the J. P. Reeve Farm Market until June, 1916, when he sold out. He recently established a bank at Golva, North Dakota, and is serving as its president.

On the 7th of December, 1900, Mr. Reeve was united in marriage to Miss Clara B. Thompson, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and they are now numbered among the most highly esteemed citizens of Beach. Mr. Reeve has been prominently identified with the development

of the city and besides his residence owns a good two story store and office building, erected by him in 1916 at a cost of about thirty thousand dollars. It was largely through his instrumentality that Beach was made the county seat of Golden Valley county. In 1906 he became secretary of the Beach Commercial Club, which position he continued to fill for some time, and he remained a member of that organization during its existence, but in 1916 it was replaced by the Beach Chamber of Commerce, which was organized with about one hundred members, and Mr. Reeve was made its first president, in which capacity he is now serving. He has always been what is termed a "booster" for the town and in his present office is doing much to promote its interests along various lines. Since 1914 he has also been president of the Golden Valley Auto Association, and in 1915 was made president of the State Auto Association. He is responsible for the good roads in his section of the state and is untiring in his efforts to promote operations along that line. In 1912 Mr. Reeve was appointed president of the state game board and is still filling that important position, doing everything within his power to enforce the game laws of the state. The republican party finds in him an ardent supporter and he has served as a member of the state republican committee. In 1911 he was elected to the legislature on his party ticket. He is a life member of the Elks lodge at Dickinson and is also connected with the Knights of Pythias at La Crosse, Wisconsin. His influence is always found on the side of right and progress and there is probably no man in his community that has done more for the upbuilding and prosperity of town and county than John P. Reeve.

ARCHIE MILLER.

Archie Miller, manager of the Grand Opera House at Devils Lake, is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was born September 26, 1885, of the marriage of Otto H. and Clara (Wendel) Miller. His grandfather died at Fortress Monroe in 1862, during the Civil war. The father, however, is still living in Milwaukee. It was in the public schools of that city that Archie Miller began his education which he completed by a course in a business college, thus becoming qualified for responsible duties in the business world. He accepted a position as cashier and bookkeeper with a show business and afterward became manager at Minneapolis, spending eleven years altogether in that occupation. In 1912 he removed to Devils Lake and became manager of the Grand Opera House and has since conducted a profitable business at that point. He has been quite successful, doing much to improve the business and presents to the public attractive, clean and entertaining plays and vaudeville performances. The high character of entertainments which he furnishes is indicated by the liberal patronage which he receives from the best class of people. He studies the question of stage production fully and his long connection with the show business enables him to bring to Devils Lake the best attractions.

On the 11th of April, 1914, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Olive Hansen. He is a Mason of high rank as indicated by the fact that he has membership in the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than party. That he is interested in community affairs is indicated in the active and helpful cooperation he has given to many plans and measures for the public good and in 1913 he served as secretary of the Chautauqua Association, giving to the public that year a most successful series of Chautauqua entertainments.

MARTIN H. SCHOLBERG, D. D. S.

Dr. Martin H. Scholberg, engaged in the practice of dentistry at Willston, claims Minnesota as his native state, his birth occurring in Lanesboro, Fillmore county, December 13, 1870. His parents, Hans and Karen (Frovarp) Scholberg, were born, reared and married in Norway and while living in that country the father served as a sea captain. In 1867 he emigrated to America and after living for a time in Fillmore county, Minnesota, he



DR. MARTIN H. SCHOLBERG

removed to Bigstone county, that state, and took up a homestead near Ortonville, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on the home farm.

Dr. Scholberg spent his boyhood and youth in Bigstone county, Minnesota, where he attended the district schools, and later pursued his studies in Augsburg Seminary of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Academy, graduating from the last named institution. He next entered the dental department of the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the degree of D. D. S. in 1900. Soon after his graduation he opened an office in Harvey, North Dakota, where he practiced about a year, but in 1901 removed to Minot, remaining there until going to Williston in 1916. He has met with success in his chosen profession, being an expert dentist of known reliability, and a man in whom the community have the utmost confidence.

On the 1st of July, 1909, Dr. Scholberg was married in Minot to Miss Gertrude Carpenter, who was born in St. Charles, Michigan, and lived there until going to Minot in 1904. Her parents, Milton and Lucy Carpenter, were also natives of Michigan, and her father followed farming near St. Charles until his death. Mrs. Carpenter is now living in Flint, Michigan. The children born to the Doctor and his wife are Harold Milton, Marian Louise and Ruth Margaret, all born in Minot.

The republican party has always found in Dr. Scholberg a staunch supporter of its principles and he served as secretary of the Ward county central republican committee. He has been a trustee of the Mayville Normal School and while a resident of Minot was city commissioner. He is a member of the North Dakota State Dental Society and of the National Dental Association. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church but his wife holds membership in the Congregational church. Fraternally he belongs to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and wherever known he is held in high regard.

JUDGE H. A. SOLIDAY.

Carrington's development is attributed in notable measure to the efforts of Judge H. A. Soliday, who along many lines of substantial improvement has aided in the upbuilding of the city which justly accounts him one of its foremost and honored residents. Pennsylvania claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Williamsburg, Blair county, that state, on the 25th of February, 1836. His parents, Abraham and Catherine (Bowers) Soliday, were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married, and about 1846 or 1847 they removed to Wayne county, Ohio. The father was a millwright by trade and followed that pursuit throughout his active life. He and his wife continued their residence in Ohio until called to the home beyond.

Judge Soliday was reared under the parental roof and pursued his education in the public schools of Wayne county. In his youthful days he learned the millwright's trade under his father's direction and was associated with him in the contracting and milling business for several years. In 1861 he turned his attention to merchandising in Doylestown, Ohio, and subsequently he transferred his business operations to Akron, Ohio, while later he became a merchant of Canton, Ohio, there remaining until 1882, when he removed to North Dakota and settled in Carrington at the time of the building of the railroad. The town was platted but there were no buildings completed, and Judge Soliday erected the first store building in the new town. As the settlers were coming in large numbers, however, and there was no place to shelter them, he allowed his store to be used by them and supplied meals to them for some time without charge. Subsequently he converted his building into a hotel, which he conducted for a few months, but he did this only as a temporary expedient to cover the exigencies of the case. In March, 1883, he filed on a homestead adjoining the town site and proved up on that property. In 1884, after the New Kirkwood Hotel was built by the town site company, he was induced after much persuasion to take charge of and conduct the hotel, which was turned over to him free of rent. He carried on the business for five years and thus was an active figure in hotel circles during the early days of the town's development. The first flour mill of Carrington was erected by

Judge Soliday, C. H. Davidson and G. L. Farnham, but soon afterward they sold the property. In 1890 Judge Soliday established a store and for the succeeding fifteen years was prominently identified with the commercial interests of Carrington, conducting a growing and profitable business. In 1905 he disposed of his mercantile interests and has since given his attention to the supervision of his real estate investments. He still owns his homestead adjoining the town save a small corner which was platted into residence lots. He also owns six other quarter sections of farm land in Foster county and is one of Carrington's most substantial and progressive business men, having been actively connected with many of the interests which have led to the upbuilding and progress of the community.

In 1860 Judge Soliday was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Galehouse, of Wayne county, Ohio, by whom he had four children, two of whom survive, namely: George W., who is engaged in the land business at Seattle, Washington; and Jessie A., the wife of Dr. J. R. MacKenzie, a physician and surgeon of Carrington.

In politics Judge Soliday has been a staunch republican since the organization of the party. He did not have a vote, however, until the campaign of 1860, when Abraham Lincoln was the presidential nominee for whom Judge Soliday cast his first vote. In later years he has rather allied himself with the progressive wing of the party. He was a member of the first board of county commissioners which was regularly elected in Foster county and was chosen chairman of this board, which built the first courthouse. On the organization of the county he was appointed the first county judge and he was also appointed by Governor Miller a member of the board of regents of the state penitentiary. However, he has never been an office seeker and all of his political preferments have come to him unsought. While now in his eighty-first year he has retained his faculties unimpaired and his vigor is remarkable. He drives his automobile as well as a youth of twenty-one and appears to be a man of sixty-five rather than eighty-one years.

"While the snows of winter are on his head
The flowers of spring are in his heart."

Old age need not necessarily suggest idleness nor want of occupation. There is an old age that grows stronger and better mentally and morally as the years go on and gives out of the rich stores of its wisdom and experience for the benefit of others, and such has been the record of Judge Soliday. He knows every phase of Foster county's development and upbuilding and in the work of progress and improvement has indeed borne a helpful part.

WALTER CARLOUS FOLLETT, D. D. S.

Dr. Walter Carlous Follett, a well known and highly esteemed representative of the dental profession at Devils Lake, was born in Mapleton, North Dakota, May 4, 1886, a son of Charles Coatsworth and Sarah Edna (Ohr) Follett, who in the year 1879 removed to Lisbon, North Dakota, where the father homesteaded and took up the arduous task of converting the wild prairie land into richly productive fields. He has made farming his life work and is now living retired in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, but his wife has passed away.

At the usual age Dr. Follett entered the public schools and was graduated from the high school at Fargo in 1905. His professional training was received in the dental department of Northwestern University at Chicago, where he was graduated with the class of 1908. He located in Devils Lake, where he has continuously engaged in practice since September of that year. His patronage has steadily grown and he is regarded as one of the capable and efficient dentists of the city. He thoroughly understands modern methods and added to his scientific knowledge is a mechanical skill and ingenuity that results in most excellent dental surgery.

On the 5th of June, 1912, Dr. Follett was united in marriage to Miss Agatha Hagen at Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole A. Hagen, who reside at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. In his political views the Doctor is a republican but while

conversant with the questions and issues of the day has never been an office seeker. He holds membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a member of Devils Lake Lodge, No. 31. He is prominent in Masonic circles, holding membership in Minnewaukan Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., Doric Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M., Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, K. T., all of Devils Lake, and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He is also connected with the Devils Lake Shrine Club. He has passed all the chairs in Doric Chapter and was high priest in the year 1916 and at the same time was holding the office of generalissimo in Cyrene Commandery. He is a member of the Episcopal church and his life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles. He holds to advanced standards of professional ethics and is a member of the North Dakota State and the American Dental Associations. A young man, he has already attained a position which many an older practitioner might well envy and his laudable ambition argues well for further advancement in his chosen calling.

N. J. BOTHNE.

N. J. Bothne, a prominent attorney of New Rockford, whose thorough understanding of the principles of jurisprudence is manifest in his capable handling of important litigated interests, was born in Norway, October 15, 1871, a son of John O. and Anna G. (SKAR) Bothne. The mother passed away in that country in 1895 but the father is still living there at the age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Bothne's father was a member of parliament, as was one of his brothers, and a third brother was head of the Lutheran church of that country, being the first man to translate the New Testament into the Finnish language. He was made bishop of the church and exerted a most widely felt influence over the moral development of his community.

N. J. Bothne spent his youthful days in his native land and acquired his education in the public schools. In 1892, before attaining majority, he came to the United States, making his way to Fort Abercrombie, Richland county, North Dakota, where he was employed on a farm during the summer months and in the winter seasons attended school. His time was thus passed for four years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he attended school for two years. On the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he returned to Fort Abercrombie and there enlisted as a member of Company I, First North Dakota Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. He was one of the first members of the expedition sent to the Philippines and took part in the battle of Manila and aided in quelling the Philippine insurrection. He was with General Lawton on three expeditions and saw much active service in the orient. Although he enlisted as a private he was promoted to a noncommissioned office and he never lost a day in all of his eighteen months' service. In October, 1899, he was mustered out and resumed his studies in the Minneapolis Normal School, from which he was graduated with valedictorian honors in the spring of 1900. He came to this country totally unacquainted with the English language and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He not only mastered the tongue but displayed high scholarship and was unanimously elected valedictorian of his class.

Following his graduation Mr. Bothne returned to Norway and through the succeeding three months lectured in the principal cities on his experiences in the Philippines and also concerning the social and political conditions of that country. He came again to the United States in 1900 and entered the law department of the University of Minnesota, in which he won his LL. B. degree in 1903. On the 5th of June, the day following his graduation, he was admitted to practice at the Minnesota bar and four days later he opened a law office in Herman, Minnesota. There he remained in successful practice until August, 1907, when he went to Elbow Lake, Minnesota, and in 1908 was elected states attorney as an independent candidate in a strongly republican county with the entire political machine against him. He capably and efficiently served for four years and then received the nomination on the nonpartisan ticket for the office of district judge but later withdrew from the campaign and concentrated his attention upon the private practice of his profession. In February, 1913, he removed to New Rockford, where he has built up an extensive law

practice which he conducts with notable success. His ability is pronounced. He carefully and systematically prepares his cases before entering the courts; his reasoning is sound, his deductions logical and his arguments are clear and concise.

On the 25th of June, 1905, Mr. Bothne was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Jacobs, who is descended on both the paternal and maternal sides from old colonial families. Madam Nordica, the famous opera singer, was her second cousin. Mrs. Bothne was prominent in newspaper circles, owning and editing the *Herman Enterprise*, and was the vice president of the Minnesota Editorial Association but disposed of her newspaper after her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Bothne have been born two children, James Ellis and Edwin Eugene.

Mr. Bothne belongs to Century Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M. He joined the Masonic order in the Philippines as a member of the military organization of the lodge. He has since taken the degrees in Carrington Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M., and belongs as well to New Rockford Lodge, K. P. His wife is a member of the Congregational church. They are highly esteemed in New Rockford and throughout the section of the state in which they reside and in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability Mr. Bothne has worked his way steadily upward to a point of prominence and distinction.

A. R. SMYTHE.

A. R. Smythe, junior partner in the law firm of Cuthbert & Smythe, attorneys of Devils Lake, was born in Ogden, Boone county, Iowa, on the 9th of January, 1885, a son of Robert C. and Mary E. (Bonberger) Smythe, who were pioneer settlers of Boone county, where they still make their home.

At the usual age A. R. Smythe entered the public schools of Ogden and passed through consecutive grades to the high school. In a review of the broad field of business in a selection of a life work, he determined upon a professional career and entered upon the study of law in the Indiana Law School. He there completed his course and was graduated with the class of 1910. He located for practise at Devils Lake in December, 1911, entering into partnership with Frederic T. Cuthbert under the firm style of Cuthbert & Smythe. This connection has now been maintained for five years and the firm has enjoyed a large and growing practise, having been connected with much important litigation. Mr. Smythe realizes fully the necessity for thorough preparation and does not enter the court without being fully prepared not only to clearly present his cause but also to meet the attacks of the opposing council.

On the 27th of August, 1913, Mr. Smythe was married to Miss Emily J. Cuthbert, and to them has been born a son, Arthur C. Mr. Smythe is a republican in his political views and while not an office seeker is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship and loyally supports those interests which he believes to be for the public good. He is now serving as assistant states attorney and is president of the board of education of Devils Lake, in which connection he is seeking to promote the cause of public instruction and advance the high standards of the schools. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and he is identified with various fraternal orders, belonging to the Masonic lodge and chapter, the Odd Fellows, the Elks and the Woodmen. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the purposes of these organizations, recognizing at all times man's obligation to his fellowman.

MARTIN T. OLSON.

Martin T. Olson, connected with commercial interests at Driscoll as a dealer in hardware, implements and furniture, was born at Willmar, Minnesota, in 1872. His father, O. B. Olson, is a native of Norway, born in 1849, and in the year 1865 he came to the United States, settling first in Meeker county, Minnesota. He afterward took up a homestead near Willmar at the age of twenty-one years and proved up on that property, continuing its further

development and cultivation until 1901, but thinking to find commercial pursuits more congenial, he became connected with the hardware trade, which he carried on at Willmar for a period of four years. In 1906 he removed to Driscoll and established his present business, conducting at the present time a good store in which carries a well selected line of furniture, hardware and implements. His business enterprise and activity are substantial features in his growing success. Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Thompson, a native of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Tyke Thompson, now deceased.

Martin T. Olson was the eldest in a family of fourteen children, twelve of whom are yet living. He acquired his education in the schools of Willmar and remained upon his father's place until he was twenty-six years of age, when he embarked in farming on his own account. He afterward went to New London, Minnesota, where he became connected with the grocery trade and also conducted a general merchandise establishment, remaining there for a period of two years. On selling out he went to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, where he resumed business along the same lines, there continuing for a year and a half. He then returned to Willmar and spent some time in looking around for a favorable location to engage in merchandising. In 1906 he arrived in Driscoll and established his present store. He became his father's associate in a hardware business and as the years passed on he extended the scope of his trade relations by opening a furniture department and also a line of implements. His business affairs have been notably successful, being based upon unremitting energy, a recognition of conditions of the times and thorough reliability. The business is now carried on under the firm style of O. B. Olson & Son and in addition to his mercantile connections Mr. Olson is a stockholder in the North Dakota Improvement Company, while his father is a stockholder in a steamship company.

In 1902 Mr. Olson was married to Miss Caroline Foashgar, a resident of Minnesota, born near Willmar, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Foashgar, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have become parents of two children, Della and Beatrice. In politics he is a republican, while his religious belief is that of the Lutheran church. His success is due to his close application and persistent energy, which have enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward.

RUDOLPH P. LUCHAU.

Rudolph P. Luchau, publisher of The Grafton News and Times and well known in Walsh county as a progressive business man and citizen, was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, June 25, 1876, a son of John P. and Gesche (Augustine) Luchau, who were natives of Germany. In the '50s the father came to the new world, settling in Goodhue county as a pioneer. He became a successful farmer, devoting his entire life to general agricultural pursuits. In 1880 he removed to Norman county, Minnesota, where he passed away in 1894, at the age of sixty-seven years. It was in her girlhood days, during the '50s, that Mrs. Luchau came with her brother to the United States and they made their way to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where she met and married Mr. Luchau. She passed away in Norman county in 1897, at the age of sixty-four years.

Rudolph P. Luchau, the youngest in a family of seven children, attended the public schools of Norman county and the St. Paul Business College at St. Paul Park, completing a commercial course by graduation with the class of 1897. His early training was that of the farm and he early became familiar with all the work necessary in the development of the fields. At the age of twenty-two he started out in life independently and took up educational work, teaching in the schools of Minnesota for five years. He next entered the field of newspaper publication at Gary, Minnesota, purchasing the Gary Graphic, which he conducted for a year. In 1906 he removed to Grafton and purchased The News and Times, which had been established in 1880. For a decade he has continuously and successfully edited and published that paper, making it an attractive journal to its many readers. It is the oldest and only democratic paper in Walsh county. It has a circulation of twelve hundred copies

weekly and is the largest weekly paper of the county. Mr. Luchau follows most progressive methods in conducting the paper and exemplifies in his work the spirit of modern journalism.

Politically Mr. Luchau is a democrat and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. He largely finds his recreation through his membership in the Curling Club. He is also a member of the Commercial Club, of which he is serving as one of the directors, and he cooperates in every plan put forth by that organization for the benefit of the city and the development of its trade relations. He is a firm believer in North Dakota, recognizing its possibilities and its opportunities, and is at all times working for the interests of his community.

GEORGE BRUEGGER.

Death claimed George Bruegger on the 28th of October, 1906, and prior to that time he had for a considerable period been active in the development of Williston and Williams county. He was born near Watertown, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, March 28, 1856, a son of Lucius and Margaret (Brüsch) Bruegger. When a young man the father came to America and in 1840 became a resident of Watertown, Wisconsin, where he continued to make his home throughout his active business life but after his retirement he removed to Iowa, where his death occurred. The mother came to the new world with her parents and located in Watertown, Wisconsin, where she married Lucius Bruegger. She passed away in that city.

The education of George Bruegger was acquired in the district and city schools of his native county and he started upon his business career as a clerk in a grocery store at Watertown, Wisconsin. When twenty years of age he went to the west, spending some time in California, in Utah and in Colorado, where he engaged in clerking in gold mining camps. In March, 1887, he arrived in Little Muddy, now Williston, North Dakota, and sent for his brother John, who joined him. They opened a store in a tent and did business as general merchants. George Bruegger continued at Williston for many years and not only became one of the most progressive and prosperous merchants of the town but also did an extensive business as a dealer in live stock, having large herds of cattle on the range. At length his health failed and he retired from the store, after which he devoted his entire attention to the live stock business in order to live in the open although he still retained his financial connection with the store. He was injured by a gasoline engine at an elevator in Williston and died from the effects of that injury October 28, 1906.

On the 16th of October, 1890, Mr. Bruegger was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kehr, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who was born at Watertown, that state, a daughter of Donald and Catherine (Boeffner) Kehr. The father was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, and when a young man left France for the new world, settling at Watertown, Wisconsin, afterward becoming a resident of Milwaukee. He was a cooper by trade. His wife, who was born at Coblenz, Germany, was brought to the United States by her parents when six years of age, the family home being established in Watertown, where she lived until after her marriage, when she accompanied her husband to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She passed away in Williston, while on a visit November 6, 1898, and is buried in Williston cemetery. Mr. Kehr was for more than half a century a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died in Williston, October 8, 1913, and rests beside his wife in the Williston Cemetery. Their daughter, Mrs. Bruegger, acquired her education in the schools of Watertown, Wisconsin, and in 1890 became a resident of Williston. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruegger: Eugene George, whose birth occurred in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and who is now with the Bruegger Mercantile Company of Williston; George Emil, who was born in Williston and died at the age of three years; Donald, who was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, and died in Williston when a year old; Erwin Kehr, who was born in Milwaukee and is now a student in the University of Wisconsin; Orville H., who was born in Milwaukee and is a high school pupil in Williston; and Harold S., also a high school student.

Mr. Bruegger gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and fraternally was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith was



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indicated in his membership in the Evangelical Protestant church. He was one of the pioneer merchants of Williston and became a leading citizen and wealthy business man. Success attended his efforts by reason of his enterprise and unquestioned integrity. He always dealt justly and fairly with all and his record indicates what can be accomplished through honorable methods coupled with persistency of purpose. He had many friends, all of whom esteemed him highly for his sterling worth, and he was best liked where best known. Mrs. Bruegger has been a member of the school board of Williston for the past four years and has two more years to serve. She is also a member of the Rebeckahs, and of the Civic League, of which she was one of the organizers. Through the League the public library, known as the James Memorial Library, was located and built at Williston. She is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal church and is active in church and guild work.

ELLING J. SEVERSON.

Elling J. Severson, president and secretary of the Dakota Auto Company of Grand Forks, was born in Norway, December 18, 1880, a son of John and Anna Severson. The father came to America in 1885, settling near Aneta, North Dakota, where he engaged in farming, and there he still resides at the age of eighty-four years, while his wife is now fifty-nine years of age. They became the parents of four sons and three daughters, of whom Elling J. Severson was the third in order of birth.

After spending the first five years of his life in his native country Elling J. Severson was brought by his parents to the United States and in early life attended the public schools of North Dakota, while later he became a student in Swengle's Business College at Grand Forks. Being thus well qualified for activity along commercial lines, he secured a clerical position and was so employed for seven years. He afterward embarked in merchandising on his own account at Kloten, North Dakota, where he remained for seven years, while later he spent two years upon the road as a traveling salesman, representing a men's furnishings house. In January, 1915, he became connected with the Dakota Auto Company, of which he is the president and treasurer, and in this connection he has built up a business of substantial and gratifying proportions.

In 1906 Mr. Severson was married to Miss Sadie H. Baston of Carlton, Minnesota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baston. They have become the parents of four children: Ethel Jane, who was born at Kloten in 1908, and is now attending school in Grand Forks; Marion Grace, born in Kloten in 1910; Elling Bruce, born in Kloten in 1912; and Gerald Wayne, born in Grand Forks in 1915.

In his political views Mr. Severson is a stalwart republican and fraternally he is a Master Mason and a Knight of Pythias. Enterprise and diligence have ever been his salient characteristics and by means of these qualities he has worked his way steadily upward. He now occupies an enviable position in public regard in Grand Forks, while in business circles he has made for himself a most creditable place.

FRED J. STEFFECK.

Fred J. Steffeck, superintendent of schools in McKenzie county, is doing pioneer work in promoting the educational development of his section of the state and is bringing to bear in his work the most progressive and advanced ideas concerning modern education. He makes his home in Schafer, having removed to the county seat after his election to the office that he is now filling. His birth occurred in Kewanee, Wisconsin, May 30, 1881, a son of Simon M. and Agnes (Schleise) Steffeck. The father was born in Germany and in his boyhood accompanied his parents to America. Subsequently he engaged in farming on his own account near Oconto, Wisconsin, where he is now living retired, having put aside active business cares after long identification with the agricultural interests of that

district. His wife, who was born in Germany and was brought to the United States in her childhood days, passed away in February, 1915.

Fred J. Steffeck pursued his early education in the district schools of Oconto county and afterward pursued a teacher's course in the Oshkosh State Normal School, following which he entered upon the profession of teaching, which he followed through the summer months, returning to Oshkosh for further study in the winter. He had to work and thus provide the money necessary for his education but finally was graduated with the class of 1904 after having alternately taught and attended school. He continued to engage in teaching in Oconto county until 1908, when he entered the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso, where he won the degree of Master of Accounts. In the spring of 1909 he went to Minot as field deputy superintendent of schools in Ward county and there continued until the fall of 1910, when he removed to McKenzie county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead near Berg. There he taught school while proving up on his homestead, his school being fifty miles from a railroad. In the spring of 1912 he was nominated for superintendent of schools in McKenzie county and in the fall of that year was elected, assuming the duties of the position on the 1st of January, 1913. In the following year he was reelected and again on the 7th of November, 1916, was chosen for a third term, his reelection certainly being a strong endorsement of his capability in office and the confidence reposed in him. Under his superintendency the number of consolidated schools has been advanced from one to nine. The county had eighty schools when he took charge and since then sixty-five more have been organized, making a total of one hundred and forty-five schools in the county. He has qualified ten schools to draw state aid and has put McKenzie county No. 12 on the list of fifty-two counties in the state of North Dakota. The schools over which he has supervision are far apart, one of these being eighty-seven miles from the county seat. He has to travel one hundred and twenty-five miles, from one end of the county to the other, to visit the schools, some of these being situated far away in the "Bad Lands." He has done much to stimulate interest in education and to raise the standard of the schools. He has established the pupils' industrial contest in different parts of the county, offering prizes for drawing, for the best agricultural products and for the best specimens of domestic science work, and he was instrumental in inducing the county commissioners to donate one hundred and fifty dollars for this purpose. To make the work even more interesting for the parents, Mr. Steffeck held prize contests for farm products in connection with the school work and this eventually led to the establishment of the McKenzie County Fair at Alexander.

On the 16th of February, 1915, Professor Steffeck was married to Miss Jessie A. Magee, of Menominee, Michigan, who was born in Shawano county, Wisconsin, near Angelica. She supplemented her public school education by study in the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso and afterward taught school in Oconto county, Wisconsin. She is a daughter of John and Helen (Richmond) Magee, the former a native of Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, and the latter of Shawano county. Mr. Magee is now a lumber merchant of Gillett, Wisconsin.

Professor and Mrs. Steffeck hold membership in the Roman Catholic church. In politics he is a republican and upon that ticket was elected to his present position. He still owns his homestead and directs its cultivation while concentrating the greater part of his time and attention upon his school duties, in which connection he has done notable and successful work.

G. J. McINTOSH, M. D.

Dr. G. J. McIntosh, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Devils Lake, where he has made his home since 1907, was born in Glengarry county, Ontario, on the 12th of August, 1877, a son of Donald and Margaret (Monroe) McIntosh. The father is still living at the advanced age of eighty-four years, while the mother has reached the age of seventy-six.

Liberal educational privileges were accorded Dr. McIntosh, who after attending the graded and high schools in his native county continued his education in the Collegiate Institute

at Vankleek Hill, Ontario, and devoted two years to the arts course in that school. He then entered upon the study of medicine at McGill University of Montreal and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1905. Following his graduation he located for practice in Webster, North Dakota, where he remained through 1905 and 1906, and on the 1st of January, 1907, he opened an office in Devils Lake, where he has since successfully practiced. He was associated with Dr. Sihler for eight years and he enjoys a large and growing practice, continuing active in the field of general medicine and surgery. He reads broadly, thinks deeply and keeps in touch with the trend of modern investigation and research. He readily discriminates between the essential and the non essential in his professional work and his labors have been attended with excellent results.

On the 25th of December, 1909, Dr. McIntosh was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Colson, of Minnesota, and to them have been born two children, Donald and Marion. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and guide their lives according to its teachings. Fraternally Dr. McIntosh is connected with the Masons and has attained high rank in the order, as is indicated by his membership in the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise connected with the Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler. His political support is given to the republican party and he is now serving as a member of the state board of medical examiners through appointment of Governor Hanna. He belongs to the District Medical Society, of which he is now president, and he also has membership in the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His interest in affairs of general moment is that of a public-spirited citizen but the greater part of his time and attention are concentrated upon his professional duties, which have been of growing importance, and today, in connection with Dr. Sihler, he is conducting the General Hospital of Devils Lake, having a three story building, well equipped in every particular. It contains forty beds and they perform all kinds of major and minor operations and in addition make a specialty of internal medicine and obstetrical practice. Their institution has been largely responsible for the establishment of a high standard of professional work in Devils Lake, for they keep in touch with the trend of modern thought and scientific investigation.

R. C. DAVIS.

R. C. Davis, president of the First National Bank of Belfield, has long been prominently connected with financial interests of the town and in all he has undertaken has been actuated by a spirit of unflinching enterprise and determination. He was born in Auburn, New York, April 27, 1873, a son of Jesse and Carrie (Curtis) Davis, who were farming people in the vicinity of Auburn and there resided until 1883, when they removed with their family to North Dakota. The father took up a homestead and tree claim three miles north of Lisbon, the two tracts adjoining, and he also bought land on the same section. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of his property and continued its cultivation until he won a substantial measure of success, when he retired from active business life and removed to Lisbon, where he still makes his home. In their family were five children: W. T., who is the owner of a fertilizer plant at Ogdensburg, New York; R. C.; Helen, the wife of E. U. Marsh, of Lisbon, North Dakota; J. A., living in Belfield; and Jeannie, who died at the age of sixteen years.

R. C. Davis was a youth of ten years when he came to North Dakota, after which he was reared upon the home farm near Lisbon, remaining with his parents until he attained his majority. Following his graduation from the Lisbon high school he spent one year in college. When twenty-one years of age he went to Fargo, where he was employed as clerk in a grocery store for five years, after which he went upon the road as a traveling salesman for the Griggs-Cooper Company of St. Paul, representing that corporation in North Dakota territory for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Belfield, where he established a general store, which he conducted until 1908. He then sold his business to J. E. McCabe and turned his attention to banking by purchasing an interest in the Belfield State Bank. In March, 1911, he joined J. O. Milsten in organizing the

Merchants State Bank, of which he became the president. He took an active interest in managing and developing that institution and in April, 1912, he purchased an interest in the First National Bank of Belfield and was elected to its presidency. He is still active in the bank and through the efforts of Mr. Davis and the other officers it has become a strong financial institution, carrying on a general banking business in which progressiveness is tempered by a safe conservatism. He is also interested in farming land near Belfield and is the owner of town property, doing a considerable real estate business, whereby his income is materially advanced.

In March, 1905, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Carrie Colson, a native of Belfield, and they have two children, Helen and Thelma. Mr. Davis has recently retired from the office of president of the Commercial Club of Belfield, in which he did good work for his city. He is now a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. In fact he is a progressive citizen, one who recognizes the needs and opportunities of the city and does everything in his power to promote the general welfare.

JOHN W. STAMBAUGH.

John W. Stambaugh, the well known and popular postmaster of Carrington, North Dakota, was born on the 6th of February, 1867, and is a son of G. W. and Susan (Wonders) Stambaugh, both natives of Pennsylvania. In early life the father was a veterinary surgeon but for the past thirty-five years has devoted his time to the ministry, preaching for the Brethren church. At present, however, he is practically living retired on his farm one mile north of Carrington, having removed to Foster county, North Dakota, in 1898. His wife is also living.

During his boyhood John W. Stambaugh accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa and later to Nebraska, in which states he was reared and educated. He learned the miller's trade, which he followed for seven years, but in 1897 he came to North Dakota and purchased land in Foster county, adjoining the city limits of Carrington, upon which he engaged in farming for several years. He still resides upon his farm but he now rents his land. He gave up agricultural pursuits when appointed postmaster of Carrington, entering upon the duties of that office April 8, 1914.

On the 6th of February, 1895, Mr. Stambaugh was united in marriage to Miss Anna J. Ploek, and to them have been born six children, namely: Mollie M., George W., Henry H., John W., Jr., Grace M. and David J., all at home. The family hold membership in the Brethren church, and Mr. Stambaugh is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Homesteaders and the Woodmen of the World. He casts his ballot with the democratic party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He has made a very efficient postmaster and is held in the highest regard by all who know him and his circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive.

WILLIAM RAMSAY McMURRAY.

William Ramsay McMurray, a hardware merchant of Walhalla, was born in Pickering, Ontario, Canada, February 2, 1861, his parents being James and Annie (Ramsay) McMurray. The father's birth occurred on the same land where his son was born and where the village of Granwood now stands, and the mother was born in the village of Pickering. In fact both were reared and educated in Pickering, and after attaining man's estate the father took up the occupation of carpentering, which he followed in connection with farming. In 1883 he removed to Dakota territory and purchased land in Walsh county, near Park River. He then sent for his family, who joined him in 1884, and he resided upon his farm for eight years. In 1892 he removed to Park River, where he made his home until 1901, when he sold his property in the village and became a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred December 30, 1911, when he was

seventy-seven years of age, the date of his birth having been April 19, 1834. His widow is now living in Duluth, Minnesota, at the age of seventy-three years, her birth having occurred March 22, 1843. In their family were nine children, seven sons and two daughters.

William Ramsay McMurray, the eldest of this family, pursued his early education in the village schools of Uxbridge, Ontario, and after attending the high school there became a student in the Whitby Collegiate Institute. When his textbooks were put aside he began clerking and in 1884 he turned his attention to farming, continuing actively in agricultural pursuits from that date until 1892. In 1897 he removed to Walhalla, where he established a hardware business which he has since conducted along successful lines. He today has one of the oldest establishments of the kind in his section of the state and he enjoys a good trade as the result of enterprising methods and honorable dealing.

On the 5th of June, 1901, Mr. McMurray was married to Mrs. Myrtle (Van Slyke) Snmp-ter, a daughter of Levi and Maticia Ann Van Slyke, who in 1888 became pioneer residents of northeastern North Dakota. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McMurray: Zella Vern, who was born in Walhalla, June 22, 1902; William Floyd, born October 2, 1903; Ethel Bernice, March 22, 1905; Annie Beatrice, June 29, 1907; and James Martin, November 21, 1909. All are now attending school and all were born in Walhalla.

Mr. McMurray exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and has served on the town board. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the Royal Arch degree, and he is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a loyal and representative member, doing all in his power to promote the moral progress of his community. Those who know him esteem him as a man of sterling worth, a man whose word is as good as his bond and whose loyalty in citizenship is equal to his progressiveness in business affairs.

THOMAS CASEY.

Thomas Casey has been one of the builders of modern North Dakota, prominently connected at different times with banking interests and extensively engaged in dealing in lands and loans. At the present time he is concentrating his efforts largely upon the conduct of his farming interests and makes his home in Litchville. He was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in March, 1868, a son of John and Ellen Casey. The father, a native of Ireland, came to the new world in young manhood and in 1854 went to Iowa, casting in his lot among the early settlers of that state. He secured government land prior to the passage of the homestead act and there developed a farm on which he resided to the time of his death, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. He passed away at the comparatively early age of forty years, since which time his widow has continued to reside upon the farm and is yet enjoying good health at the age of seventy-four years. Their family numbered four sons and a daughter.

Thomas Casey, who was the eldest, pursued a public school education and continued to assist in the further development and improvement of the home farm until 1886, when he arrived in North Dakota, settling at Buffalo. He then went to work on the Lewis farm, where he remained for about five years, after which he obtained a position in the First National Bank at Buffalo, there remaining also for five years. In 1896, in company with C. E. Batcheller, he organized the First National Bank at Fingal, at which time there was only one other bank in Barnes county. Mr. Casey became president of the institution, with Mr. Batcheller as cashier, the two owning all the stock. Prospering in this venture, they extended their undertakings in the field of banking and in 1900 organized the First State Bank at Nome and also the First State Bank at Litchville, Mr. Casey becoming president of the former and cashier of the latter. He removed to Litchville the fall before the railroad was completed and there spent the winter, continuing to control the bank until 1907, when he disposed of his stock in the three banks at Fingal, Nome and Litchville. At the first named place Mr. Casey and Mr. Batcheller organized the Fingal Land & Loan Agency, Incorporated, and did an extensive business in buying and selling lands and

placing loans. He is a firm believer in printer's ink and advertised extensively, which resulted in large sales of farm property. The firm also wrote a vast amount of insurance annually and in all their varied business interests kept up with the times. The partners were both self-made men, aggressive, energetic and determined, and they won the confidence of bankers in the east, from whom they always received ample funds with which to make loans. Mr. Casey now gives his entire attention to the management of his personal affairs. He is the owner of a farm of fifteen hundred and forty acres in Ransom county, on which he has erected a dairy and a horse barn one hundred and six by thirty-eight feet and thirty-six feet in height. In the construction of this barn four car loads of cement were used and it is equipped with iron frames and fittings. It is thoroughly modern in every respect and has ample accommodations for forty-six cows and eighty horses. There are other thoroughly modern buildings upon the place, including a cement silo fifty-two feet in height by eighteen feet in diameter, being one of the highest in this section. He makes a specialty of handling thoroughbred Holstein cattle, of which he has a fine herd. There is a very attractive residence upon that farm and in addition to his Ransom county property he owns three quarter sections in Barnes county and four quarters in Lamoure county, so that his holdings altogether comprise about four sections.

On the 19th of November, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mr. Casey and Miss Alice Neill, of Iowa, a daughter of J. J. Neill, and their children are Carol and Gladys. Mr. Casey has always avoided public office, although he takes an active interest in public affairs and can be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the general good. His attention is concentrated largely upon his business interests and in the conduct thereof he has won substantial success, while his honorable methods have gained him confidence and respect and his social qualities have won to him many warm friends.

GEORGE McCLELLAN.

George McClellan, a well known resident of Beach, who is devoting his attention principally to the real estate and farm loan business but is also engaged in farming to some extent, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, September 1, 1878, and is a son of William and Annie (Hutchinson) McClellan, who brought their family to the United States in 1881 and located in Michigan. Two years later, however, they came to Dakota territory and for many years lived on a homestead near Page.

At the age of seventeen George McClellan ran away from home for the purpose of making his own way through school, taking a freight train at Colgate, bound for the northwestern part of the state, where he worked for one season as a farm hand. During the following winter he attended a business college at Moorhead, Minnesota, where he pursued a regular commercial course and also took up stenography. In order to pay his expenses he sawed wood and did other work which he could obtain. Subsequently he entered a law office, where he studied for a time, and was next in the employ of the J. I. Case Machinery Company at Fargo during the fall, while through the summer months he attended school. For four years he was connected with the First National Bank of Fargo in the collection and bookkeeping departments, and then bought a bankrupt stock of merchandise at Esmond, where he conducted a store for two years. At the end of that time he sold out and opened a real estate office at the same place, remaining there another year. He next opened a real estate office at Beach, where in 1908 he erected a building and continued to carry on business there and in the meantime he was appointed United States commissioner for his district, serving as such until 1911, when he was elected to the state legislature. Since that time Mr. McClellan has been engaged in the real estate business in Beach and has made a specialty of farm loans. He is also cultivating land in Golden Valley county.

Mr. McClellan's parents are still living and now make their home on a farm near Page, North Dakota. In the family are six children, namely: Robert and Thomas, both on the home farm; George, of this review; Martha; Annie; and Emma, now the wife of R. M. Locke, of Castor, Alberta, Canada.



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In religious faith Mr. McClellan is a Presbyterian and he is a member of the Elks lodge at Glendive, Montana. On attaining his majority he became identified with the republican party and upon that ticket was elected to the state legislature in 1911. Later he was appointed chairman of the state central committee of the bull moose party and in 1915 was again elected on the republican ticket, being the present representative from his district. He was also the first city auditor for the city of Beach and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed. His official duties have always been faithfully and conscientiously performed and his constituents have the utmost confidence in his ability and trustworthiness. The success which he has achieved in life is due to his own unaided efforts and he enjoys the proud American title of a self-made man.

REV. PETER McGEOUGH.

Rev. Peter McGeough, the officiating priest of the Catholic church at Wimbledon, was born in Ireland in November, 1881, a son of John and Anna (McKenna) McGeough, who were also natives of the Emerald isle and there spent their entire lives. The father, who always engaged in general farming, died in 1906, but the mother is still living in Ireland, where they reared their family of four children, all of whom survive.

Peter McGeough began his education in the public schools of Ireland and afterward pursued a classical course at St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, Ireland, completing his course by graduation with the class of 1900. He then devoted two years to the study of philosophy at the Irish College in Paris, France, and his theological course was pursued at Maynooth, Ireland, where he was ordained to the priesthood in June, 1907. Assigned to duty in the United States, he came to North Dakota in August of that year and was appointed assistant pastor of the Catholic church of Jamestown and also attended the missions at Medina and Windsor from 1907 until October, 1908. He was then made assistant pastor at the Cathedral in Fargo and there continued until July, 1912, at which time he went to Wimbledon, assigned to the pastorate of the church there. The church has a membership of forty families or about two hundred and sixty communicants. He also has charge of St. John's church at Kensal, with a membership of about three hundred. The organization at Wimbledon is known as St. Boniface church. The work was there established in 1886, the first invested priest being Father Woeste, who took charge in 1902 and who was succeeded by Father Bierens in 1905, the latter remaining until he was succeeded by Father McGeough. The present church edifice and priest's residence were built in 1908 at a cost of approximately twenty-seven thousand dollars.

ERICK ERICKSON.

Erick Erickson, grain merchant, banker and one of the extensive landowners of Griggs county, living at Cooperstown, was born in Bergen, Norway, on the 20th of June, 1853, and was the youngest of a family of three sons and two daughters. In 1856 his stepfather, Jacob Wallen, brought his family to the new world, settling in Dane county, Wisconsin, where he remained for two years and then removed to Jackson county, where he engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. The eldest brother of Erick Erickson was Absalom Erickson, who enlisted in 1861 for service in the Union army as a member of a Wisconsin cavalry company, with which he served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. There were also several cousins of Erick Erickson who donned the blue uniform and went to the south in defense of the stars and stripes, but he was too young to enter the army.

Erick Erickson spent his boyhood and youth in Wisconsin in the usual manner of farm bred boys and in 1882 he removed to Nelson county, North Dakota, where he filed on a homestead, which he occupied and cultivated for seven years. He then sold that property

and established his home in Cooperstown, where he engaged in the implement business, which he conducted successfully for two years and then added thereto a stock of general merchandise. He conducted his store and machine business successfully until 1906, when he sold out and bought an implement and general merchandise business at Jessie, North Dakota, where he remained in business for two years. He then traded his store for farm land and entered into partnership with J. G. Thompson and Oliver Huff for the conduct of a general store at Sutton, a newly established town. Still further broadening the scope of his activities, Mr. Erickson became interested in the Citizens State Bank of Sutton and yet remains one of its stockholders. When in Jessie he became connected with the State Bank of that place and also continues to hold his stock in that institution, while in the State Bank of Cooperstown he has been a stockholder from the beginning and is now its vice president. He continued in active business at Sutton for two years, when he traded his interest in the store for farm land and in 1912 he purchased an elevator at Cooperstown, which he conducts under the style of the Erickson Company. He is a stockholder in several farmers' elevators and is thus actively and prominently connected with the grain trade. From time to time he has made judicious investments in property and is now the owner of twenty-five hundred acres of farm land, mostly in Griggs county, the greater part of which he rents. He gives personal attention, however, to the management of his farms and he also acts as agent for the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company, handling its output at Cooperstown.

In January, 1884, Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Tvetaken, a native of Norway, and they have a son and a daughter, Edwin O. and Myrtle S. The latter is at home but the son married Miss Clara Hammer and is now engaged in farming.

Mr. Erickson is identified with the Sons of Norway and with the blue lodge of Masons and he is interested in the Masonic Temple Association, which is now erecting in Cooperstown a thirty-five thousand dollar building for Masonic purposes exclusively. He is ever interested in the welfare and progress of his community and for four years while on the farm he filled the office of assessor, but he does not seek nor desire political preferment as he feels that his time is fully occupied with his business affairs and that he can best further the public welfare by advancing the material development of town and county, for after all it is not so much the machinery of government nor even the men who occupy the public offices upon which rest the stability and upbuilding of a community as upon its well conducted legitimate business enterprises.

WILLIAM McMURCHIE.

William McMurchie, states attorney of Pembina county, living in Cavalier, was born in York county, Ontario, Canada, June 24, 1859, a son of James and Mary (McMillan) McMurchie, both of whom were natives of Scotland but in early life became residents of Canada, where they spent their remaining days. The father there engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1881, when he had reached the age of eighty-five years. His wife passed away in 1891, at the age of seventy-six years, having survived him for a decade. They were the parents of a notable family of twenty children.

William McMurchie, the fourteenth in order of birth, attended the country schools and afterward took up the profession of teaching but later, desirous of improving his own education, entered upon a literary course in the University of Toronto. He came to North Dakota in 1886, settling in Pembina county, and for one year taught school in St. Thomas. While thus engaged he took up the study of law and later was admitted to the bar in 1889. He then opened an office in St. Thomas, where he remained in active practice until 1912, when he removed to Cavalier. Through the intervening period he has been engaged in the practice of law in Cavalier and his ability has brought him prominently to the front. In 1910 he was elected states attorney and reelection has continued him in the position to the present time.

On the 21st of September, 1891, Mr. McMurchie was united in marriage to Miss Mariette Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith, of Potsdam, New York. She passed away February 10, 1906, leaving three children. Pliny Smith, who was born in St. Thomas in

1892, was graduated from the high school and is now manager for the Quaker Oats Company at Vancouver, British Columbia. William E., born in St. Thomas in 1894, and Charles J., born in 1897, are now with their father.

Mr. McMurchie is actively interested in agricultural pursuits, deriving therefrom a substantial income. In his profession, too, he is making steady progress and he belongs to both the County and State Bar Associations, enjoying the respect and goodwill of his colleagues and contemporaries in practice. His advancement is due entirely to his own efforts and ability. Taking up the profession of teaching when eighteen years of age, he afterward returned to school, meeting the expenses of his university course with the money which he had earned in the schoolroom. He is always approachable, always genial and courteous and the salient traits of his character are such as win for him high regard.

EDWIN C. RUBLE.

Edwin C. Ruble, engaged in the real estate, law and loan business in Driscoll, was born in Minnesota in December, 1877. His father, Ole E. Ruble, a native of Wisconsin, became a pioneer settler of central Minnesota, where he arrived in 1870. He then homesteaded and largely concentrated his energies upon cattle raising, bringing into that part of the country the first herd of cattle there introduced. He began raising full blooded Holstein cattle and also high grade hogs and in addition he carried on general farming. He remained upon that place until 1902, when he removed to Willmar, Minnesota, where he lived a retired life. He owned much land and also business property in Willmar and was engaged in no business save the supervision of his property holdings. He married Lina Benson, a native of Minnesota, in which state she was also reared. They had four children, all of whom are yet living. The father, however, passed away in 1913, while the mother still survives.

Edwin C. Ruble, the second in order of birth in his father's family, attended the public schools and the Willmar Business College. He completed his course in the Minnesota State University in Minneapolis, from which he was graduated and which in 1904 conferred upon him the Doctor of Laws degree. For a time he engaged in the practice of law at Willmar, Minnesota, but in 1905 came to North Dakota, settling at Driscoll, where he established a law office and also began dealing in real estate. He is the only practicing attorney in Burleigh county outside of Bismarck and he does a good business in the path of his profession, while he has also gained a good clientage in real estate and loans. While in college was a classmate of U. L. Burdick, who two years ago was a candidate for governor of North Dakota on the progressive ticket. One of Mr. Ruble's chief interests in a business way is farming, he having probably more land under cultivation than any other man residing in this part of the country. He uses the most modern means and scientific methods in farming and his place is a splendid example of what can be accomplished by so doing. His farm constitutes one of the most attractive features of the landscape with its splendid equipment. In his office, in addition to his law practice, he specializes in handling both town and country real estate. He buys undeveloped land which he breaks and cultivates, transforming it into modern farm property, after which he sells. In this way he has done much toward the upbuilding and development of North Dakota farm land, particularly in his part of the state.

In 1908 Mr. Ruble was united in marriage to Miss Edith June Sjoberg, a native of Duluth, Minnesota, and a lady of liberal education, having been graduated from the Minnesota State University in the class of 1904. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sjoberg, the former a prominent political leader and also a grain dealer and state grain inspector to the time of his death. His widow still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Ruble have become parents of two sons, Earl H. and Kenneth D. Mrs. Ruble was a capable teacher prior to her marriage and for a period of four years was principal of the high school at Renville, Minnesota.

In politics Mr. Ruble is a republican. He belongs to the Woodmen camp at Driscoll, in which he has passed through all the chairs, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church of Driscoll. In all that he does he is actuated

by the spirit of progress and enterprise. In 1907 he was appointed United States commissioner, an office which he is still filling. Mr. Ruble is greatly interested in the subject of planting and developing trees in this part of the country and is putting forth earnest efforts to educate the farmers of the community to that course. His work in this direction has been productive of good results and adds much to the beauty and value of property. He is now engaged in the cultivation of a nursery, in which he is meeting with excellent success, proving that trees can be raised on the North Dakota plains. He is the owner of much town property as well as farm property, the latter amounting to eighteen hundred acres. He hires men to till his land, renting very little of it, and thus he is able to secure the adoption of his own ideas regarding farming. While working toward high ideals he uses the most practical methods and the results of his labors are manifest in his growing success.

WILLIAM W. KELTNER.

William W. Keltner, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Judson township, Williams county, North Dakota, was born on the 11th of March, 1863, near Lanark, Carroll county, Illinois, his parents being Henry and Catherine I. (Eisenbise) Keltner. The father was a native of Troy, Ohio, where he remained until reaching manhood, and then went to South Bend, Indiana, but in 1840 removed to Carroll county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming for many years. At length he retired from active labor and removed to Pearl City, Illinois, where he passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. His wife, who is still living is eighty-four years old and is a native of South Bend, Indiana, where their marriage was celebrated.

William W. Keltner spent the first eight years of his life in his native county and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where after completing his education he aided his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-five years of age. He then removed to Stephenson county, the same state, where he followed farming until 1903, which year witnessed his arrival in Williams county, North Dakota. He took up a homestead in Judson township, where he still continues to reside, and is now the owner of three quarter sections of land, upon which he is engaged in general farming and the raising of shorthorn cattle. He assisted in organizing the Williston Creamery & Produce Company, of which he is still a stockholder, and was its first president. Mr. Keltner also aided in the organization of the Farmers Elevator Company of Williston, of which he has been vice president and in which he is still interested, and he was one of the organizers and has been president of the Farmers Telephone Company since its organization in 1907. For the past ten years he has done an extensive business as an auctioneer, crying many sales throughout this section of the state and selling in this way over a half million dollars worth of farm products.

On the 24th of January, 1889, at Nora, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, Mr. Keltner married Miss Emily J. Albright, who was born near Lena, Stephenson county, that state, where she was reared and educated. Her parents, Jacob and Mattie (Ervin) Albright, were both natives of Ohio and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Keltner became the parents of three sons. Elson A., born in Loran, Stephenson county, Illinois, February 24, 1891, died on the 2d of the following September. Stanley D., born at the same place, June 25, 1892, was educated at Mount Morris College, Mount Morris, Illinois, and is now at home. Allen S., born September 5, 1896, near Lena, Stephenson county, Illinois, in the same house where his mother's birth occurred, was also educated at Mount Morris College. Mr. and Mrs. Keltner are now rearing two children, Goldie and Marion Joyce, the former aged twelve years and the latter eight. After the death of their mother, who was a neighbor of the Keltners, they went to live with our subject.

In politics Mr. Keltner is a democrat but at local elections he supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party affiliations. He has often been solicited by his friends to run for the legislature but has always declined. He assisted in organizing the school board in his township and is a member of the same, doing all in his power to advance the educational and moral welfare of his community. He is a local



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minister of the Brethren or Dunkard church, preaching in a church nine miles west of Williston. His upright, honorable life has commended him to the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in a business or social way and it is safe to say that no man in Judson township is held in higher regard.

W. J. REDMOND.

W. J. Redmond, proprietor of a garage at Devils Lake and agent for several well known automobile manufactories, was born in Humboldt county, Iowa, on the 5th of February, 1882, a son of Matthew and Anna (Barnable) Redmond, the latter now deceased.

After acquiring a public school education W. J. Redmond entered upon his business career as a clerk, being employed in connection with various places. He then removed to the west in 1902, becoming a resident of Devils Lake, where he secured a clerkship in a dry goods and grocery store. He afterward turned his attention to the livery business, which he carried on from 1906 until 1911. In the latter year he began selling cars for the Horton Motor Company and he now handles the Cadillac and Paige cars, having the agency for five counties. He has developed a large business in this connection and his patronage is steadily increasing as the motor car comes more and more generally into use. He also has a well equipped garage, in which he does all kinds of repair work and handles all kinds of automobile supplies.

On the 24th of September, 1910, Mr. Redmond was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Cadigan and to them has been born a son, William Matthew. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Redmond is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political support is given to the progressive party. He is accounted one of the valued citizens of his community and has shown a commendable interest in the welfare and progress of city and state, at all times championing those things which are of greatest value in the development of the commonwealth.

WENDELL HOMER LINWELL.

Wendell Homer Linwell, a man of forceful and resourceful business ability whose enterprise and progressiveness have carried him into important relations, is now general manager of the Linwell Company, with headquarters at Ray. He was born near Petersburg, Nelson county, North Dakota, August 28, 1887, a son of Martin Victor and Anna (Paulson) Linwell, both natives of Minnesota. The father is now living at Northwood, Grand Forks county, where he has retired from business. He has long been a prominent and influential resident of his section of the state, with farreaching and important interests that have made his life work an element in public progress and development in the Grand Forks district.

It was at Northwood that Wendell H. Linwell was reared and there attended school. Later he entered the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in the class of 1908. He had also taken up the study of law and was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1909. The same year he took up his abode in Ray and became associated with the Linwell Company, which owns and operates a large department store, a lumber yard and the Linwell State Bank and also has three other lumber yards in other towns. W. H. Linwell is now general manager of the company and vice president of the bank and he is also secretary and treasurer of the company. He is a man of farsighted business judgment, seldom, if ever, at fault in foreseeing the possibilities of a situation, and his determination and energy have enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path. In addition to his financial and commercial interests he has extensive investments in agricultural lands.

On the 28th of June, 1911, at Grand Forks, North Dakota, Mr. Linwell was united in marriage to Miss Zella Shephard, a native of this state and a daughter of Robert and Nellie

(Spink) Shephard, natives of Canada and Scotland respectively. The mother is now deceased, but the father, who became an early settler of North Dakota, is now living retired in California. Mrs. Linwell was educated in the high school at Grand Forks and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: Martin Victor, Jr., born at Ray, North Dakota, March 15, 1912; and Margaret Elaine, whose birth occurred at Ray on the 19th of December, 1914.

Politically Mr. Linwell is a republican and is now filling the office of city commissioner of Ray. He is identified with several fraternal organizations, being a charter member of Ray Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he was secretary for two years, the Elks lodge, No. 1089, at Minot, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows lodges at Ray. He is also identified with the Sigma Chi, a college fraternity. His social qualities render him popular wherever he is known, while his business ability constitutes a notable force in the development of the districts in which he operates. He possesses in large measure the spirit of initiative and recognizes and utilizes opportunities which others pass heedlessly by. Efficiency is his watchword in business and his methods are thoroughly up-to-date. His activities are at all times well planned and carefully executed and his ramifying interests now cover a broad territory and are of that character which contribute to public advancement and prosperity as well as to individual success.

REV. MARTIN TEIGEN.

Rev. Martin Teigen, manager of the Farmers elevator at Kramer, is one of the representative citizens that Minnesota has furnished to North Dakota. He was born in Blue Earth county in the former state, January 15, 1872, a son of Ole L. and Brita (Brekke) Teigen, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they were reared and married and resided until after the birth of three of their children. They came to America immediately following the Civil war and established their home in Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on the bank of the Little Cob river. There the family resided until 1879, when they removed to Jackson county and he purchased two hundred acres on the Des Moines river. There he carried on farming until his death, which occurred in 1908, while his widow survived until 1912.

After attending public schools Martin Teigen became a pupil in the Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and later matriculated in the University of Minnesota, where he played for two years on the football team. Having determined to prepare for the ministry, he next entered the Luther Theological Seminary at Hamline, Minnesota, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1900. He was then ordained to the ministry and in July of the same year removed to Souris, Bottineau county. In that section of the state he organized twelve different congregations, covering a wide circuit in his ministerial work, preaching to sixteen different congregations. In the fall of 1900 he filed on a homestead one mile south of the present town of Roth, on which he located and lived for two years. He continued active in the ministry in Bottineau county until 1910, when he accepted a call from a church in Max, McLean county, and filled the pulpit there for three years, at the end of which time failing health forced him to resign and he returned to his farm in Bottineau county, where he resided for two years. In 1915 he located in Kramer and accepted the management of the Farmers elevator, in which capacity he has since continued, making for himself a creditable place in the business circles of that locality. As time has passed he has improved his opportunities for making judicious investments in property and is now the owner of nine hundred and sixty acres of land in Bottineau and Ward counties and in northern Minnesota. From his farms he derives a substantial annual income and through his investments he has contributed to the agricultural development of the state. In 1915 he was instrumental in organizing the Farmers Bank of Newburg, of which he is vice president.

In 1906 Rev. Teigen was united in marriage to Miss Mathilda Wollan, of Starbuck, Minnesota, by whom he has five children, namely: Erling T., Bjarne W., Thorald N., Gudrun I. and Ingolf O.

In politics Mr. Teigen is a democrat and in 1914 was the candidate of his party for the state legislature but failed of election. His fellow townsmen entertain for him the highest respect, recognizing in him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor. His life, ever actuated by high principles, has made his influence a force for good in the communities in which he has lived and labored, and while working toward high ideals he has used most practical methods.

REV. LUCIEN LAGANIERE.

Rev. Lucien Laganier, pastor of the Roman Catholic church at Neeche, was born at Champlain, in the province of Quebec, Canada, March 28, 1868, a son of Louis Laganier, who is a native of that country and a representative of one of its old families. The founder of the Canadian branch of the family was Louis Hamelin de Laganier, who arrived at Montreal in 1678 and was one of the original settlers there. He was an officer of the French army, holding the rank of captain, and he became a large landowner, receiving various grants from the French government made by King Louis XIV. After Canada ceased to be a French province he retired to his lands, while his children scattered all over Canada and were among the discoverers and explorers of the Canadian northwest. Among the representatives of the family were Senator Solomon Hamelin and Joseph Hamelin, the latter now a member of the Canadian parliament from Manitoba.

Louis Laganier became a successful farmer of Champlain, where he is still living at the advanced age of eighty-one years. He has retired from business cares and is now enjoying the fruits of a well spent life, making his home with his son, Ludger Laganier, of Champlain. He married Olive Bailly, a native of Champlain and a representative of an old Canadian family of French descent. She is descended from Carpentier de Bailly, who came from France in 1680, and he and his descendants were officers in the army and also became large landowners and people of wealth. Mrs. Laganier passed away in 1900, at the age of sixty-six years. She had become the mother of eight children, of whom the Rev. Lucien Laganier was the fourth in order of birth.

Spending his early youth in his father's home, Rev. Laganier attended the parochial schools of Champlain and when a youth of thirteen entered the Three Rivers College for his classical education. He was afterward graduated from the University of Ottawa after having prepared for the priesthood and in 1892 was ordained in Ottawa by Archbishop Dulamel. He then took up active duties as a professor in the University of Ottawa, where he remained for three years, after which he became a missionary preacher and so labored until 1912. He was then assigned to duty as pastor of St. Nereus church in Neeche, where he has since remained. This church was organized in 1883 as a mission and as such was in charge of Father Bonin and Father Genin, founders of the church. There are now one hundred families in the Neeche and Bathgate parishes, of which Father Laganier has charge, and the church is making continuous progress under his guidance. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is interested in all those things which pertain to the welfare of his people.

OLE K. WAXVIK.

Ole K. Waxvik, a merchant tailor of Grand Forks, was born in the province of Søndmøre, Norway, August 31, 1863, a son of Knud Knudsen, who was also a native of Norway, where he spent his entire life. He was active in civic affairs of his community and held various political offices, ranking with the most prominent and influential citizens of the district in which he lived. He married Karen Oldstader, a native of Norway, who is now living with a son at the old home in that country at the age of seventy-seven years, but Mr. Waxvik passed away in 1911 at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of eight children.

Ole K. Waxvik, the third in order of birth, was educated in the schools of his native

land to the age of fifteen years, when he started out to earn his livelihood. Up to that time he had remained upon the home farm and had assisted largely in its further development and cultivation. Later he was apprenticed to the merchant tailor's trade, serving a term of indenture for three years and later working at the trade as a journeyman. Subsequently he engaged in business on his own account in a place called Waxvik for three years and in 1886 he sailed for America. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but made his way at once to North Dakota, settling at Mayville, Traill county. In the spring of 1888 he removed to Grand Forks and after a brief period secured a position with Gulick Peterson, a pioneer tailor, with whom he remained for about nine months. Later he entered the service of John J. McCallum, also a merchant tailor of the city, and in 1896, in connection with Mr. McCallum and H. Langord formed the Grand Forks Tailoring Company, establishing the largest business of its kind in the city. Their interests were conducted successfully for three and a half years, at the end of which time Mr. McCallum died and the other partners took over his interest in the business, which they carried on until March, 1915, when Mr. Langord also passed away. Mr. Waxvik then purchased his interest in the business and has since been sole proprietor. His is today the second oldest merchant tailoring establishment in Grand Forks and his trade is equaled by few in that line in the city. He conducts his establishment at No. 9 South Fourth street, where he has been located since 1911. His work is of the highest grade and his business has brought to him well deserved success, resulting from his close application, his excellent workmanship, his reliable methods and his reasonable prices. He also owns considerable farm property in western Minnesota and likewise has city property, including his home at No. 420 Cottonwood street and the building in which his store is located.

On the 1st of November, 1891, at Grand Forks Mr. Waxvik was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anderson, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Anders Rust and Ragnel Nelson, who were natives of Norway and became early settlers of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Waxvik have had twelve children, eleven of whom are yet living, the second son, Rudolph, having passed away. The others are: Karl, Johan, Osear, Clara, Helen, Mildred, Neal, Stella, Ruth, Rudolph and Esther. All of the children were born on Cottonwood street, in Grand Forks.

In politics Mr. Waxvik maintains an independent course, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the Sands of the desert. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of Norway and is a valued and helpful member of the Commercial Club. Although he started out in the business world a poor boy he has won the success which follows earnest and honorable effort and is today more than satisfied with North Dakota as a place of residence, expecting always to make his home here.

THOMAS GEORGE KELLINGTON.

Thomas George Kellington, president and manager of the New Rockford Milling Company at New Rockford, North Dakota, was born December 10, 1862, in Ontario, Canada, and is a son of Richard and Mary (Weeks) Kellington, natives of England. About 1850 they crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel and located in Canada. The father was a miller by trade and operated flour mills in several towns in Canada but at length came to the United States, becoming a resident of Hannibal, Missouri, in 1866. There he was engaged in the same occupation until 1872, when he removed to Austin, Minnesota, and later to Faribault, that state, where his last days were passed. His death occurred in 1891, and his wife passed away in 1908.

Mr. Kellington, of this review, was a little lad of ten years when the family removed to Minnesota and he was practically reared and educated in Faribault. Under the able direction of his father he learned the miller's trade, and on leaving home in 1880 went to Minneapolis, where he worked at the trade for four years. He then came to North Dakota and located in Valley City, where after being in the employ of others for five years, he

established a flour and feed business, which he carried on until 1903. That year witnessed his arrival in New Rockford, where he has since made his home. Here he embarked in the milling business but in 1906 his property was struck by lightning and burned down. Undaunted by this disaster, he reorganized the New Rockford Milling Company, of which he has since been president and manager. The company erected a modern mill with a capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels per day and are now doing a large and profitable business. Mr. Kellington is also a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank and of the New Rockford State Center, which is one of the leading daily papers of North Dakota. He is also interested in farming, owning three hundred and twenty acres of land two and a half miles from Valley City.

On the 1st of May, 1886, Mr. Kellington married Miss Julia E. Walker, of Valley City, and to them were born two children: Richard, who died in March, 1889; and Celestia M., at home with her father. After a happy married life of thirty years, Mrs. Kellington died June 12, 1916, after a short illness in a hospital at Chicago, Illinois, leaving many friends as well as her immediate family to mourn her loss.

Mr. Kellington is an earnest and consistent member of the Congregational church and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Yoemen. His political support is given the democratic party at the polls and he takes quite an active part in public affairs, serving as town supervisor for four years and as city alderman for the same length of time. He is now chairman of the board of directors of the Capital Removal Association and does all in his power to promote the interests of New Rockford. Public-spirited and progressive to an eminent degree, he gives his support to every worthy enterprise for the public good and he is regarded as one of the leading business men of his city.

PROFESSOR H. H. AAKER.

Professor H. H. Aaker, president of Aaker's Business College at Grand Forks, is one of the best known educators in the field of commercial training in North Dakota and the institution which he has built up at Grand Forks is indeed a credit to the city as well as a monument to his personal enterprise and ability. A native son of Iowa, Professor Aaker was born at Ridgeway, April 16, 1862, a son of Hans O. and Ragnild (Guttehus) Aaker, both of whom were natives of Telemarken, Norway. They came to America in 1848, settling first in Wisconsin but after three years removed to Iowa in 1851, establishing their home at Boreaux Springs. There the father took up the occupation of farming and in that locality he and his wife spent their remaining days. He was born in 1828 and passed away in 1900, while his wife, who was born in 1824, died in the year 1892. They had a family of ten children, of whom Professor Aaker was the sixth in order of birth.

Reared in his native state, Professor H. H. Aaker attended the common schools and afterward became a student in Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, which he attended for four years. He next entered the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he spent two years in post-graduate work, after which he took up the profession of teaching in the Willmar Seminary at Willmar, Minnesota, where he had charge of the commercial department for five years. He next entered mercantile lines at Twin Valley, Minnesota, where he conducted business for three years, after which he accepted the position of principal of the commercial department of Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, and two years later was elected president of that institution, in which capacity he continued for nine years or until 1902, when he resigned and founded Aaker's Business College at Fargo. He resided in Fargo for fourteen years or until August, 1915, when he removed to Grand Forks, where he has since made his home. The Aaker's Business College of Grand Forks was established in 1907 and the first home of the college was in the business district of the city. In 1911 he purchased the present modern building valued at forty thousand dollars and has since conducted one of the most thoroughly up-to-date commercial schools in the state. The work of the school is thoroughly systematized and includes all branches of commercial training, having even a gas tractor and auto engineering department. The school is conducted on the same plan which proved so successful at Fargo and is under the general supervision of

Professor Aaker, who is now giving undivided attention to this institution, while his wife is in charge of the shorthand department. The school uses the same kind of textbooks and offers just the same courses as the Fargo institution and in fact cooperates with it. There are five teachers and special courses are given for various branches of business. Professor Aaker yet maintains the school at Fargo and has found it possible to fill positions with the graduates of one school or another, thus making the institutions of twofold worth to his pupils. All of the teachers have had broad experience particularly qualifying them for the work of instruction, and they keep in close touch with the most modern business methods and the demands of the business world. In addition to his important interests as head of two of the leading business colleges of the state Professor Aaker is now a director of the Scandinavian American Bank of Fargo and of St. Luke's Hospital. His judgment is sound, his insight keen and his enterprise is unflinching.

On the 5th of September, 1900, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Professor Aaker was united in marriage to Miss Annette Peterson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Peterson, both of whom are deceased. Professor and Mrs. Aaker have one son, Roland, who was born at Moorhead, Minnesota, June 22, 1901, and is now a second year high school student.

Professor Aaker has membership with the Sons of Norway and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while living in Moorhead, Minnesota, he was elected mayor of that city, to which he gave a most businesslike and progressive administration characterized by needed reform and progress. He has always been an advocate of the cause of temperance and was candidate for governor of North Dakota on the prohibition ticket in 1904, while in 1912 he was the candidate for governor on the progressive republican ticket. His opinions carry weight in party councils and his insight into the grave political problems is the result of broad and thorough study.

JOHN S. B. SEARS.

John S. B. Sears, who is proprietor of a meat market at Inkster and is also engaged in farming, was born in Montgomery, New York, February 16, 1866, a son of Charles and Sarah (Brown) Sears, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. Their early ancestors came to America as passengers on the Mayflower and later representatives of the name settled in New York. In the ancestral line appear the names of several who served in the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, Samuel Sears, was the last man to draw a pension for military aid rendered to the country in the war for independence. The maternal grandfather, John Brown, was an early settler of Orange county, New York. The father and mother of John S. B. Sears spent their entire lives in the Empire state, the latter passing away in 1867, when but twenty-eight years of age, while the former died in 1905, at the age of sixty-seven. For a time he engaged in farming and later became proprietor of a meat market. He was afterward elected the first dairy inspector of New York state, which position he filled up to the time of his death.

In his youthful days John S. B. Sears was a pupil in the schools of Orange, New York, being reared by an aunt after the death of his mother. He came alone to North Dakota in April, 1881, at the age of fifteen years, and worked first for John McKelvy, of Grand Forks, who there conducted a lumberyard and farm. Later he was in the employ of Mr. Duckworth, after which he rented eighty acres of land in Grand Forks county and began farming. When eighteen years of age he bought one hundred and sixty acres and removed to Inkster, bending his efforts toward the development and improvement of his property and also working out in the employ of others. In 1888 he established a meat market at Inkster, which he has since conducted, covering a period of more than twenty-eight years, and throughout all this time has enjoyed an unassailable reputation for business integrity as well as business enterprise. He likewise retains farming interests, and careful management, indefatigable energy and persistency of purpose have gained for him a substantial measure of success. He is also a director of the Farmers Elevator of Orr.

On the 29th of June, 1887, Mr. Sears was united in marriage to Miss Emily Lampkin of Inkster, who passed away in August, 1898. She was a daughter of Mrs. B. B. Bond, one of



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the early pioneer women of this state. Three children were born of that marriage, two of whom are now deceased; Harry, who died in Inkster in 1896, at the age of four years; and Leila, who passed away in Grand Forks in 1916, when twenty-three years of age. The surviving daughter, Leola, born in 1895, is a graduate of the Inkster high school. On the 22d of March, 1901, Mr. Sears was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mina (Anderson) Pritchard, a daughter of Mathew and Fannie Anderson. By her first marriage Mrs. Sears had three children: Fred P., who enlisted in a Canadian regiment for service in the European war and was killed in France in June, 1916; Stanley; and Mrs. F. C. Nye, who has two children, Chester and Billy. Mr. Nye is editor of a paper at Lansford, North Dakota.

Mr. Sears has taken high rank in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as both alderman and mayor of Inkster, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many progressive movements resulting in benefit to the city. Moreover, he has so directed his affairs in business life that out of humble surroundings he has come into the field of broad opportunity, activity and usefulness.

J. E. THORSEN.

J. E. Thorsen, a general merchant of Crary, is numbered among Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred at Scandinavia, Wisconsin, on the 24th of December, 1874. His parents were Ole and Anna Thorsen, the former a pioneer farmer of Wisconsin, but both are now deceased.

In the public schools of his native state J. E. Thorsen began his education, which was continued in the academy at Scandinavia. In 1896 he came to North Dakota, going first to Grand Forks, where he occupied a clerkship for seven years. He spent a year near Larimore and on the expiration of that period went to Crary, where he began clerking for the firm of Mann & Sons. In June, 1912, he embarked in business on his own account and today carries a large and carefully selected line of general merchandise, meeting with a fair measure of success in the conduct of the business. The property which he homesteaded after his arrival in the state is still in his possession.

In 1908 Mr. Thorsen was married to Miss Anna Resvick and they have become parents of four children: Alta, Evelyn, Donald and Ovedia. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church, while Mr. Thorsen exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his fellow townsmen, who have found him worthy of their highest respect and who account him one of the progressive business men of the town.

HERMAN LEUTZ.

Herman Leutz, vice president of the State Bank at Taylor, was born in Germany in 1875, a son of Herman and Emma Leutz, who are also natives of the fatherland, where they still reside. In the family were three children but Herman is the only one who came to the United States. He pursued his education in the schools of his native country and was a youth of seventeen years when in 1892 he bade adieu to friends and relatives and crossed the Atlantic, making his way direct to North Dakota. He first settled at Richardson, where he secured employment as clerk in the general store of W. McClure & Company, with whom he remained for four years. He next went to Mandan, where he entered the First National Bank and thus received his preliminary training in connection with the banking business. He spent a year in that institution and in January, 1898, removed to Taylor, where he established a general merchandise store, conducting business successfully along that line for nine years or until 1907, winning a substantial measure of success by

the able, careful and progressive manner in which he conducted his interests. In 1904 he embarked in the cattle business and also found that a profitable source of income owing to his capable management and sound business judgment. It was also in the year 1904 that he established the State Bank of Taylor, of which he has since been the vice president. His partner, Mr. McClure, took charge of their mercantile interests, while Mr. Leutz concentrated his attention upon banking activities. The bank is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars and has a surplus of ten thousand dollars. It met a need in the business life of the community and has prospered from the beginning, while the safe, conservative methods followed have guaranteed to it a continued and liberal patronage. The business interests and activities of Mr. Leutz now cover a wide scope. Not only is he connected with banking and merchandising in Taylor but also has important farming and cattle interests, is engaged in the real estate business, makes farm loans and writes insurance. He holds considerable farm property and is extensively interested in cattle raising, having from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and forty head upon his farms.

In 1898 Mr. Leutz was united in marriage to Miss Alice C. Kauer, a native of Germany, and to them have been born four children: H. F., Gertrude, Eleanor and W. A. In his political views Mr. Leutz is a republican and in 1907 was elected county commissioner of Stark county. He has also filled the office of postmaster in Taylor. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank and is now connected with El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. His life is an exemplification of the beneficent spirit of the craft, for in his relations with his fellowmen he always attempts to follow the principles which constitute the basic elements of the Masonic order. In business he has at all times been thoroughly reliable as well as progressive and his enterprise has carried him into important relations, while his activities have ever been of a character that have contributed to public progress as well as to individual success.

EDGAR M. GENTRY.

Edgar M. Gentry, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Clementsville, Stutsman county, is a native of Bloomington, Indiana, and a son of Milton and Flora Gentry, who are likewise natives of the Hoosier state. The father was born near Gosport and engaged in general farming and stock raising. He and his wife now reside in Kausas, where they have made their home for the past thirty years.

Edgar M. Gentry is the eldest of their five children, of whom four are yet living. With the removal of the family to Kansas he pursued his early education in the school of Burlington, that state, and afterward continued his studies at Sedalia, Missouri. He later took up railroading with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road, with which he was connected for a period of about seven years. Resigning his position, he turned his attention to the lumber business, managing a yard at Woodstock, Minnesota. He also acted as collector and remained with the company for a period of ten years, his long connection therewith indicating clearly his ability and fidelity. When he left the company he went to Weyburn, Canada, where he became owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land which he cultivated for two years with the aid of hired help. After leaving the Canadian farm he went to Clementsville in August, 1913, and was one of the five organizers of the Clementsville bank, his associates in the undertaking being Myron Ackerman, Fred Carr, C. H. Raiter and F. A. Kellogg. Upon the organization of the bank Mr. Gentry was made cashier, which position he has since filled. The institution is known as the Farmers & Merchants Bank and has become recognized as a safe and reliable moneyed concern owing to the conservative policy which has always been followed in the official management. Mr. Gentry owns fifty per cent of the stock of the bank and he has been the leading spirit in guiding its destinies.

In 1900 Mr. Gentry was married to Miss Laura Novinger, who was born in Halifax, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Charles and Rebecca Novinger, both of whom were born and reared in the Keystone state and afterward became residents of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have two children: Lorraine, born in 1903; and Gertelle, in 1910.

Mr. Gentry belongs to the Masonic lodge at Adrian, Minnesota, the Royal Arch chapter

at Worthington, Minnesota, the Knight Templar commandery at Jamestown, North Dakota, and El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He has thus attained high rank in the order and is one of its prominent representatives, loyal at all times to the teachings and purposes of the craft, while in his life he is equally faithful to the highest moral standards and attends the Presbyterian church. Laudable ambition has prompted him at every stage in his career and led him out of humble surroundings into a position of prominence in the business circles in which he moves.

MORLEY NELSON.

Morley Nelson, proprietor of a feed mill at Hoople, was born in Peterboro, Ontario, January 25, 1882, a son of William and Mary (Moncrief) Nelson, who were also natives of Ontario, where they were reared, educated and married. Later in life the father engaged in farming and he remained a resident of Ontario until his death, which occurred July 29, 1916, when he had reached the age of eighty-four years. His widow still survives at the age of eighty years. To them were born nine children, as follows: Mrs. Jennie Plunket, living in Ontario; Mrs. Kate S. Edwards, a resident of Kingston, Ontario; Mrs. Beulah Shearer, of Ontario; Lizzie and Bella, also living in Ontario; Albert, who is principal of a high school in Ontario; Herbert, who lives in Saskatchewan and is an agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad; Mrs. Louise Adams, of Ontario; and Morley, of this review.

Of this family Morley Nelson was the fifth in order of birth and in his youthful days he attended the schools of Ontario, after which he took up ranching in western Canada, being thus engaged until 1899, when he removed to North Dakota and settled on a farm in Walsh county. There he resided for five years, after which he removed to Hoople and established his present feed mill, since which time he has successfully conducted the business. He now enjoys a large sale and the enterprise is recognized as one of the profitable business concerns of the town. He is likewise the agent for the Standard Oil Company at Hoople.

On Christmas day of 1905, in Walsh county, Mr. Nelson wedded Miss Effie Parkins, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Parkins, who were pioneer settlers of Walsh county. The father is now deceased. He was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in a Wisconsin regiment, with which he remained at the front throughout the entire period of hostilities. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and was with Sherman's army on the memorable march from Atlanta to the sea. Of the three sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson one died in infancy, the others being Homer, who was born in 1909; and Manard, born in 1914.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are people of sterling worth, enjoying the high regard and goodwill of all with whom they have come in contact. In community affairs Mr. Nelson is interested, cooperating in plans and measures for the general good, and in Hoople is regarded as a valued and representative citizen. As a business man he has made steady progress through earnest, persistent effort and his sound judgment is manifest in his growing success.

JAMES WHELAN.

James Whelan, proprietor of the Whelan elevator at St. Thomas, is a representative of that large class of Canadian citizens who have crossed the border to become identified with American interests and have proven a substantial addition to the commercial, social and public life of the communities in which they have settled. Mr. Whelan was born in Renfrew, Ontario, January 11, 1860. His father, Thomas Whelan, a native of Ireland, arrived in the county in 1848 and was a pioneer farmer of that country and later of North Dakota. He took up a homestead in Pembina county in 1881 and there continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1913, when he was eighty-five years of age. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he was quite active in local political circles. For a number of years he served as supervisor of Lodema township and he also filled

the office of school director. In religious faith he was a devout Roman Catholic. He married Sarah Fenelon, a native of Ireland, who in 1849 went alone to Canada, where she became acquainted with Mr. Whelan, who sought her hand in marriage.

James Whelan was the second in order of birth of their nine children and in the public schools of Renfrew county, Ontario, he pursued his education. His youthful experiences were those of the farm boy who early begins work in the fields and becomes familiar with all of the duties incident to the development and improvement of a farm. On attaining his majority he started out in the world independently and in 1880 sought the opportunities offered in the territory of Dakota, making his way to Grand Forks. In 1882 he removed to St. Thomas and filed on land in Lodema township, Pembina county, which he still owns and cultivates. In 1883 he entered grain trade circles, becoming a grain buyer for the firm of Pillsbury & Hulbert, of Minneapolis. He is today the oldest grain buyer on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways and has handled enormous quantities of grain, developing a business of extensive proportions. He has purchased and shipped millions of bushels of wheat and his business has constituted a market for the producers, being accounted one of the important commercial enterprises of his section of the state. In 1891 he built an elevator which has a capacity of thirty-five thousand bushels and is the second largest in St. Thomas. He also owns and conducts another elevator at Lawton, North Dakota, having a capacity of thirty thousand bushels.

On the 15th of August, 1895, at Devils Lake, Mr. Whelan was married to Miss Margaret Kenefic, a native of New York and a daughter of Edmond and Mary (Mallon) Kenefic, who were of Irish descent and representatives of an old family of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Whelan were born three children, of whom two are living: Thomas G., who was graduated from the law department of the North Dakota State University with the LL. B. degree; and Louis K. They lost their second son, James Francis, who died at the age of six years.

Politically Mr. Whelan is a democrat and for twenty-eight years has been an alderman of St. Thomas, while for twenty years he has served on the school board. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church and to the Knights of Columbus. He has membership in the Commercial Club and is much interested in its projects to develop the business connections of the city and uphold the interests of the town. For more than a third of a century he has lived at St. Thomas, witnessing practically its entire development and improvement and contributing in substantial measure to its advancement. He is a resourceful man, ready to meet any emergency and actuated at all times by a spirit of laudable ambition that has led him out of humble surroundings into a field of large and important activity.

GEORGE E. HAINES.

George E. Haines, a well known druggist of Wildrose and one of the representative citizens of Williams county, was born on the 23d of April, 1882, in Grove City, Meeker county, Minnesota, a son of George and Mary (McKinley) Haines, who now make their home in Paynesville, that state. The father was born, reared and educated in Illinois but became an early settler of Meeker county, Minnesota, and engaged in mercantile business in Grove City and Paynesville for some years but is now living retired at the latter place. The mother is a native of Ontario, Canada, but in early childhood removed to Minnesota.

George E. Haines is indebted to the city schools of Paynesville, Minnesota, for his early educational advantages, but these were supplemented by a course in law, pharmacy and chemistry at the State University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the degree of Ph. G. in 1905. Later in the same year he removed to Towner, North Dakota, where he was engaged in the drug business until 1911, when he became a resident of Wildrose and has since conducted a drug store at that place, becoming one of the leading business men of the town. He is also the owner of a similar store at Grenora, North Dakota.

At Craik, Saskatchewan, Canada, Mr. Haines was married July 17, 1906, to Miss Maud A. Phipps, a native of Paynesville, Minnesota, where she attended both the common and high schools with her husband. Her parents, E. A. and Hattie (Chisholm) Phipps, were also born in Minnesota and are now living in Montana. By occupation the father is a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines have four children, the two older born in Denbigh and the others in Wildrose, North Dakota. In order of birth they are as follows: Beverly Maxine, born July 14, 1907; Maxwell George Emmett, May 3, 1909; June Althela, June 3, 1911; and William Kenneth, March 8, 1913.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Haines are Episcopalians and the latter takes a prominent part in the work of the Sunday school, the Ladies Aid Society and the Mothers Club. Mr. Haines is a stalwart republican and is an influential leader in local politics. He served as mayor of the village of Wildrose in 1913, as president of the school board and also as president of the Commercial Club, which he organized. Any enterprise for the good of the community receives his hearty endorsement and support, and he well merits the respect and confidence reposed in him.

ULRICK BENJAMIN HELLAND.

Ulrick Benjamin Helland, proprietor of the Peoples Market at Grafton, is a western man by birth, training and preference and the spirit of western enterprise finds exemplification in his business career. He was born in Grant county, Minnesota, August 3, 1875, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Helland, who were natives of Norway. In the early '60s the father came to the new world and first settled in Rice county, Minnesota, where he became identified with the pioneer development of the district. Later he was successfully engaged in farming in Grant county and there passed away on the old homestead in 1913. It was in Minnesota that he married and to him and his wife were born sixteen children.

U. B. Helland, the fifteenth in the family, is indebted to the public school system of Minnesota for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. His early years were spent upon the home farm, where he soon became familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields. At the age of sixteen years he started out to earn his own living and entered upon an apprenticeship to the butcher's trade, which he followed in the employ of others for four years. In 1891 he arrived in North Dakota and in 1902 took up his abode in Grafton, where he entered business on his own account, establishing his interests under the name of the Peoples Market. He began in a very small way but today has the largest and best business of the kind in Walsh county, employing four skilled butchers. He does all of his own slaughtering and conducts a high-class market, furnishing to the public meats of superior grade.

On the 18th of September, 1913, Mr. Helland was married to Miss Amanda Moe, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Hans and Ella (Larsen) Moe, who are members of an old Minnesota family of Norwegian birth and both are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Helland hold membership in the Lutheran church and generously contribute to its support. Mr. Helland is a member of the Commercial Club and he gives his political support to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. While he started out in life a poor boy, he has succeeded through his own efforts and is today in control of an extensive, profitable and growing business.

C. J. STICKNEY.

C. J. Stickney, clerk of the court and numbered by the consensus of public opinion among the representative business men of New Rockford, is a member of the general merchandising firm of Prader & Stiekney and has been identified with the interests of the town since early manhood. He was born at Columbus Junction, Iowa, on the 28th of March, 1880, and is a son of Horace A. and Myra (Carpenter) Stiekney, both of whom were natives of Iowa. The father was employed as a telegraph operator for a number of years in his native state and in 1882 came to North Dakota, homesteading in Kidder county. Subsequently he removed to Steele and there he engaged in the hotel business. He also continued his farming and horse raising interests and in 1894 he removed to New Rockford, where he conducted a hotel for two

years. On the expiration of that period he became a resident of Brainerd, Minnesota, where he is now living retired, but his wife passed away in the spring of 1916.

C. J. Stickney was but two years of age when his parents came to this state and within its borders he was reared and educated, attending the public schools of Steele and also a private school at New Rockford, while later he became a pupil in the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. Through the succeeding four or five years he was employed in the office of *The Transcript*, a weekly newspaper of New Rockford, and working his way upward in that connection, he was in 1901 made editor of the *Provost*, which he continued to publish and manage for six years. He next entered the employ of the firm of Prader & Baeder, general merchants, and on the 1st of January, 1914, when Mr. Baeder retired from the firm, Mr. Stickney acquired his interests in the business, which was then reorganized under the firm style of Prader & Stickney and so continues. Theirs is one of the important commercial enterprises of the town, a large trade being enjoyed, while the patronage is steadily increasing owing to their progressive methods and thorough reliability.

On the 25th of December, 1901, Mr. Stickney was united in marriage to Miss Helen A. Schmid, of New Rockford, who was a teacher in the public schools of that town. To them have been born five children, namely: Cozette, Norma, Joan, Walter and Betty. Fraternally Mr. Stickney is identified with Century Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M.; Jamestown Lodge, No. 995, B. P. O. E.; and the American Yeomen.

Mr. Stickney gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in 1902 was elected clerk of the courts of Eddy county, which position he filled for four years. In 1913 he was again chosen to that position and has served continuously since. In the same year he was elected president of the city council and was made chairman of the public improvement committee, which built the present city hall, also installed a complete waterworks system, a complete sewer system and modern fire equipment. In addition they caused the construction of many miles of cement sidewalks, spending some three hundred thousand dollars in needed and valuable public improvements, all of which stand as a monument to the aggressive and progressive public spirit of the community. By reason of what he has accomplished in office as well as a business man, Mr. Stickney deserves to be ranked with the prominent and valued residents of New Rockford.

JOHN BRUEGGER.

John Bruegger, president of the Bruegger Mercantile Company of Williston and one of the most prominent democrats of North Dakota, was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, October 8, 1860, and is a son of Lucius and Margaret (Brüsch) Bruegger, both natives of Switzerland. When a young man the father came to America and in 1840 became a resident of Watertown, Wisconsin, where he continued to make his home throughout his active business life but after his retirement he removed to Iowa, where his death occurred. The mother came to the new world with her parents and located in Watertown, Wisconsin, where she married Lucius Bruegger. She passed away in that city. During his boyhood John Bruegger attended the public schools of Watertown, Wisconsin, and there began his business career as a news carrier. Later he accepted a position as cash boy in a men's furnishing store and dry goods establishment, and for the long period of forty-two years has been uninterruptedly identified with mercantile interests.

Leaving home at the age of fourteen years, Mr. Bruegger went to Alma, Wisconsin, where he clerked in a dry goods store for a time and later engaged in general merchandising on his own account until 1887. On the 24th of May, that year, he established his present business in Williston, North Dakota, when there was not a railroad within eighty-seven miles, but he had firm faith in the future development of the city, which is today one of the leading business centers of that part of the state. In partnership with his brother George, Mr. Bruegger began business in a tent under the name of John Bruegger but the firm style was subsequently changed to John Bruegger & Brother and when the business was finally incorporated the name of the Bruegger Mercantile Company was assumed. Our subject is also president of the Williston Farmers Cooperative Creamery & Produce Com-



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pany. In the early days when cattle ran the range he was extensively interested in the cattle business and at the present time is identified with farming, owning a large amount of land besides his city property. He was appointed director of the Williston substation experimental farm by Governor Burke and is president of the Williams County Fair Association.

Having already gained a good start in business Mr. Bruegger returned to his old home in Watertown, Wisconsin, where on the 7th of August, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Keck. As children they had attended the same Sunday school and the friendship then formed ripened into love as the years went by and when able to provide a good home for her Mr. Bruegger returned for the sweetheart of his youth. Her parents, John and Rosina Keck, were natives of Germany, where they were reared. They were married in Watertown, Wisconsin, after their emigration to America, and there spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Bruegger have one child, Hilmar, who was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, and is now associated in business with his father.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Bruegger has affiliated with the democratic party and has taken a very active and influential part in political affairs. He assisted in organizing the town of Williston and was a member of the first town board. In those early days he also served as assistant treasurer and county auditor of Williams county, and later filled the office of mayor of Williston, giving the city a businesslike and public-spirited administration. There is no man in his section of the state who stands higher in the ranks of his party and from 1912 to 1916 he was honored with the position of national committeeman for North Dakota, in which capacity he became widely known throughout the country. At one time he was a candidate for the United States senate but as the republicans were in the majority failed of election. Mr. Bruegger is a member of the Free Evangelical Protestant church and is prominently identified with both the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He was a charter member of the former lodge in Minot and instituted the lodge at Williston, of which he also became a charter member and in which he has passed through all of the chairs, being chancellor commander three different times. He was also a charter member of Lodge 1089, B. P. O. E., at Minot and now belongs to Lodge No. 1214 at Williston. He is a member and has served as a director of the Commercial Club. During his residence in this state of almost thirty years he has gained an enviable position in political, business and social circles and is justly regarded as one of the foremost citizens of Williams county. Mr. Bruegger has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the farmer and in times of need has been generous in extending credit to those who have lost their crops or from some other cause needed assistance. He has thus made a host of friends throughout his adopted state and all who know him hold him in high regard.

HERBERT CRANDALL DE PUY.

Herbert Crandall De Puy, practicing law at Grafton, was admitted to the bar of North Dakota on the 11th of January, 1894, and for more than twenty-two years has been continuously engaged in practice, being recognized as a lawyer of ability in Walsh county and that section of the state. He was born at New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 14, 1869, a son of William Remer and Ellen Maria (Crandall) De Puy, both of whom were natives of New York and representatives of old families of that state. The De Puy's came of French Huguenot ancestry and it was during the early part of the seventeenth century that a branch of the family was established on American soil, settlement being made in New York. The maternal grandparents of Mr. De Puy walked from western Rhode Island to New York and were among the pioneers of the Empire state. They were of English lineage but the Crandall family was established in this country at an early period in its development. William R. De Puy studied law and became a prominent attorney of New York city, while later he successfully engaged in practice in Grafton, North Dakota, where he resided until his death, which occurred in December, 1910, when he was sixty-five years of age. For several years he had survived his wife, who died in Minto, Walsh county, in 1896, at the age of forty-nine years.

Herbert Crandall De Puy, the only child of that marriage, was educated in the Union free

school at Seaciff, Long Island, and in Union College at Schenectady, New York. He afterward entered his father's law office, studying both in New York City and in Grafton, and on the 11th of January, 1894, he was admitted to the North Dakota bar. He was then associated in practice with his father until the latter's retirement about 1907, under the firm name of De Puy & De Puy. Since then H. C. De Puy has been alone and he maintains his place among the most prominent lawyers of Walsh county, where he has now been practicing for twenty-two years. He continues in the general practice of law and is well versed in all branches of jurisprudence.

On the 19th of January, 1898, Mr. De Puy was married to Miss Jessie Thomson, a native of Canada and a daughter of Samuel D. and Christina (Scott) Thomson, both of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. De Puy have four children: Harriett, born in Minto, North Dakota, January 30, 1901; William, born in Minto, May 30, 1903; Jessie, September 13, 1907; and Marjorie, May 7, 1911.

Politically Mr. De Puy has always been a democrat and since 1907 has occupied the position of states attorney. While a resident of Minto he served for one term as mayor of the city and he has always taken an active and helpful part in politics, recognizing the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Curling Club and to the Commercial Club, while along strictly professional lines he has association with the Walsh County, the North Dakota and the American Bar Associations. He is strong and forceful in argument, clear and logical in his reasoning and correct in his application of legal principles to the points in issue, so that his career at the bar has been marked by steady progress.

GEORGE FARRIES.

George Faries, editor and owner of the Williston Herald, was born in Ontario, Canada, near Lucknow, January 5, 1874, his parents being John and Jean (Scott) Faries. The father was a native of Scotland and when a young man crossed the Atlantic, settling in Bruce county, Ontario, where he engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. His wife was also a native of the land of hills and heather and was but eight years of age when she became a resident of Canada. There she was married and always resided, her death occurring in Lucknow, Canada.

George Faries attended district school near Lucknow and when his textbooks were put aside assisted his father in the work of the farm. He came to North Dakota in 1891, settling at Oakes, Dickey county, where he was connected with newspaper publication on the Oakes Republican until 1898. He then went to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he was engaged in newspaper work for about two years. In 1900 he removed to Courtenay, Stutsman county, and purchased the Courtenay Gazette, which he published for a decade, or until 1910. On the 1st of January of the latter year he purchased the Williston Herald, a paper that was then struggling for existence, but he has built it up and has made it an attractive journal with a wide circulation. He is editor, manager and owner of the paper and its success is attributable entirely to his own enterprising efforts. The paper is neat in appearance and the plant is equipped in a modern manner so that he is able to do good job work in connection with his newspaper printing.

In April, 1898, Mr. Faries was married to Miss Maggie Piper, of Oakes, North Dakota, who was born near Tara, Ontario, Canada, and with her parents removed to North Dakota in an early day. They made the journey across the country with an ox cart and settled near Sheldon, this state. Mrs. Faries passed away at Courtenay, North Dakota, in 1906, and at her death left four children: Willis J., born in Oakes; and Alfred S., Ralph and Robert, all born in Courtenay. Having lost his first wife Mr. Faries wedded her sister, Miss Emma Piper.

They hold membership in the Congregational church, of which Mr. Faries is a trustee, and in church work they are very active, Mrs. Faries now serving as vice president of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. Faries is vice president of the Commercial Club of Williston, in politics is a republican and belongs to the Masonic blue lodge and chapter at Williston,

being king of the latter. He also has membership in the Odd Fellows lodge, the Elks lodge and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Williston and his influence is always felt on the side of progress, reform and improvement.

D. D. McNAUGHTON, D. V. S.

Dr. D. D. McNaughton, engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Devils Lake, was born in Glengarry county, Ontario, August 31, 1870, a son of J. G. and Annie J. (McMillan) McNaughton. On leaving Canada the parents removed to Devils Lake, where their remaining days were passed.

D. D. McNaughton acquired his education in the public schools of Canada and pursued his professional course in the veterinary department of McGill University at Montreal, where he was graduated with the class of 1892. He first practiced at Cornwall, Ontario, where he remained for seven years and in the spring of 1899 he removed to Devils Lake, where he has since continued his profession most successfully. He is accorded a liberal patronage and his pronounced ability leads to the continued growth of his practice.

In November, 1904, Dr. McNaughton was married to Miss Mae E. Webster, a daughter of William Webster, one of the pioneer settlers of Ramsey county. Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton have two children, Esther and Donald W. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Dr. McNaughton is also a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Elks and the Woodmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1912 he was elected county commissioner for a term of four years and in 1916 was reelected. He also holds office as assistant state veterinary. Along professional lines he has membership with the North Dakota Veterinary Association and the American Veterinary Association. Although his first interest is his profession, in which he has made substantial and continuous progress, he has at the same time found opportunity to cooperate with well defined plans and measures for the public good. He is particularly interested in the development of good roads and in other progressive movements resulting in the benefit of the community and state. In every connection he manifests a spirit of progressiveness that makes him one of the highly respected citizens of Devils Lake.

ARTHUR H. ROBINSON.

Arthur H. Robinson, the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Courtenay township, Stutsman county, came to the northwest from Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in the Keystone state in 1854. His parents were Robert and Mary (Kee) Robinson, both natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated to the new world soon after their marriage, arriving in the '50s. They settled in Pennsylvania, where the father carried on business as a mechanic and carpenter for some time, but later in life took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until he retired from active business cares. He was called to his final rest in 1889 and his wife, surviving him for twenty years, passed away in 1909, having reached the very notable old age of ninety-six years.

Arthur H. Robinson is the oldest of the three surviving children of their family. At the usual age he began his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania and when not busy with his textbooks his attention was given to farm work. He continued in active identification with agricultural interests in Pennsylvania until 1889, when, at the age of thirty-five years, he removed westward to North Dakota and filed on a claim on section 6, Courtenay township, Stutsman county. He immediately began the development of his place, performing the arduous task of breaking the sod and tilling the fields until his land was brought under a high state of cultivation, while the modern buildings which he erected furnished ample shelter for grain and stock. His home is an attractive and commodious residence standing in the midst of several acres of trees which he set out and which add to the beauty of the landscape. He is now renting his farm but still resides upon the

homestead and, having extended his possessions, he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of good land.

In 1883 Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Mary Reid, who was born in Ireland in 1860 and when a maiden of sixteen summers came with her brothers to the United States. The Reids were early settlers of North Dakota but both the parents of Mrs. Robinson are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been born seven children: Ellwood, who was born in 1884 and is now residing in Montana; Mrs. Bessie Gray, who was born in 1885; Mrs. Helen Milne, born in 1887; Mary, who was born in 1892 and is now living in Montana; Edna, who was born in 1894 and is also residing in Montana; Marion, who was born in 1896; and Ruth, born in 1899. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Politically Mr. Robinson is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He has served as school director and is always loyal to the best interests of the community, cooperating in all well defined plans and measures for promoting the general good. He is a member of the Courtenay Presbyterian church and throughout the community in which he has so long resided he has many warm friends.

KNUT A. SATHER.

Knut A. Sather, manager for the Farmers Mercantile Company at Northwood, was born July 20, 1875, in Aalesund, Norway. His father, Bendik Sather, never came to America, devoting his life to farming in his native country, in which pursuit he won success. He died in 1903, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Wiseth, passed away in 1900, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Knut A. Sather was the seventh in order of birth in their family of eight children and in the public schools of his native city he pursued his education to the age of sixteen years, when he came to America, making his way direct to Northwood, North Dakota, where he arrived on the 1st of April, 1892. He had spent his early life on the farm and after coming to North Dakota secured employment as a farm hand. He arrived here a stranger unacquainted with the language and customs of the people among whom he now cast his lot, but he possessed energy, determination and ambition and those qualities constituted for him an excellent capital. He worked during the summer months at farm labor and in the winter seasons attended the public schools of Mayville, thus improving his education. After leaving the farm he removed to Grand Forks, where he entered the employ of John M. Tarang, a grocer of East Grand Forks, with whom he continued for three years. During that period he attended night school, devoting his attention to the study of bookkeeping, in which he became very proficient. He afterward accepted a position as clothing salesman with the Arneson Mercantile Company of East Grand Forks, there remaining for two years, after which he became connected with the clothing department of the R. B. Griffith department store. He spent three years in that position and in these various connections gained wide experience. He afterward returned to the Arneson Mercantile Clothing Company and for a year occupied the position of general manager of the clothing department. He next removed to Hatton and as a partner of S. E. Wiseth organized the firm of Sather & Wiseth for the conduct of a clothing business. That association was maintained for three years, after which he sold his interest and became associate manager with the Hatton Mercantile Company, there remaining for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Northwood and purchased an interest in the Northwood Farmers Mercantile Company, of which he became the manager. This is an incorporated company and Mr. Sather is one of the board of directors. The other officers are C. O. Swenson, president, Albert Onsager, secretary, and Ole Tingelstad, treasurer. Practically Mr. Sather has devoted his entire life to commercial pursuits and is thus well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties which devolve upon him in his present connection. He is a man of energy and ability whose efforts are wisely and carefully directed, and landable ambition has brought to him the measure of success which is today his.

On the 29th of June, 1906, Mr. Sather was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Bergsrud, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bergsrud, of an old pioneer



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family of North Dakota. The father is still living, but the mother passed away in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Sather have become parents of four children: Myrtle, Irene, Bernhard and Jean.

In politics Mr. Sather has always maintained an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment. He has membership with the Sons of Norway and the Modern Woodmen of America and he is an active church worker, belonging to the United Norwegian Lutheran church of Northwood, of which he is the secretary. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and is deeply interested in its plans and purposes to upbuild the city and extend its business connections as well as uphold its civic standards. In a review of his life there are certain features which stand out prominently. He borrowed the money with which to pay his passage to the new world, but having arrived on American shores, he put forth every effort to gain a start and has followed in the path marked out by persistency of purpose and laudable ambition, his indefatigable industry at length carrying him into important commercial connections.

ERNEST BYLIN.

Ernest Bylin, cashier of the Tioga State Bank of Tioga, North Dakota, was born near Park River, in Walsh county, North Dakota, November 30, 1884, a son of A. G. and Tilda (Johnson) Bylin. The father, a native of Sweden, acquired his education in that country and became an iron worker. In young manhood he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked at his trade. Later he was employed in a similar capacity at Grafton, North Dakota, and subsequently removed to Walsh county, settling near Park River, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. There he still makes his home and that his worth is appreciated by his fellow townsmen is shown in the fact that he has been called to a number of local offices. He has also been a member of the school board and is interested in the advancement of education. His wife was born in Sweden and became one of the early residents of Park River, where they were married. Her death occurred in the '80s.

In his youthful days Ernst Bylin entered the district schools at Park River and afterward attended the Union Commercial College at Grand Forks. He clerked in his father's store at Norton, North Dakota, and afterward took up railroading. Subsequently he became identified with the lumber trade and in 1907 he removed to Tioga, Williams county, where he became bookkeeper and assistant cashier in the Tioga State Bank. His fidelity and ability led to his promotion to the cashiership, in which connection he is now found, and he is also a director of the McGregor State Bank of McGregor, North Dakota.

On the 15th of May, 1913, Mr. Bylin was married to Miss Alma Stockman, of Swea City, Iowa, who was born at Elmore, Minnesota, and pursued her education in the schools of that state and of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Bylin have one child, Winifred, born in Grand Forks.

Politically Mr. Bylin is independent. He has served in local offices at Tioga, being a member of the school board, and he is ever ready and willing to cooperate in movements for the general good. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons and the Odd Fellows and in the local lodge of the latter has been noble grand. A native son of North Dakota, his memory goes back to the period of territorial days and compasses those decades in which have occurred the greatest progress and improvement recorded in the state.

JOHN J. MARTIN.

The great agricultural state of North Dakota furnishes an excellent opportunity for those who wish to engage in the farm machinery and implement business, for there is constant demand for all of the equipment that goes with the operation and conduct of a model farm of the twentieth century. It is to that business that John J. Martin is now devoting his energies, being senior partner of the firm of Martin & Chaussee, conducting a

well equipped farm machinery and implement business at Watford City. He was born near Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio, January 18, 1884, and is a son of Frederick and Emma (Krass) Martin. The father was born on the same farm on which occurred the birth of his son John, and after attending the district schools he cultivated the old homestead that his father first purchased on settling in Sandusky county. There he continued to reside until called to the home beyond, and his widow still occupies that place.

At the usual age John J. Martin became a district school pupil and later had the benefit of a course in a business college at Fremont, Ohio. He next entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada and when his education was completed he began selling books in central Wisconsin, from which point he gradually worked his way westward, reaching North Dakota in December, 1905. He then homesteaded in McKenzie county and lived upon his property for a while. It was his desire, however, to devote his attention to commercial pursuits and he utilized the opportunity of erecting the first store building in the town of Schafer, hauling the lumber from the sawmill at Grinnell. He then established a general store at Schafer and conducted it for a time but afterward resumed farming in McKenzie county. In 1914, when Watford City was laid out, he joined J. B. Chaussee in organizing the present firm of Martin & Chaussee for the conduct of an implement and farm machinery business. This they have since conducted and their trade has steadily grown. Mr. Martin still has his homestead and farm land in McKenzie county and he is meeting with good success in his undertakings by reason of his well managed business affairs.

In September, 1906, occurred the marriage of Mr. Martin and Miss Elizabeth Balsizer, of Fremont, Ohio, who was there born and reared, her parents being Louis and Laura (Gessner) Balsizer, who were farming people of Sandusky county. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have three children, namely: Lewis Frederick and John Paul, who were born on the homestead place near Schafer, North Dakota; and Ethel Marcelle, whose birth occurred at Watford City, this state.

Politically Mr. Martin is a democrat and he served as clerk of the school district when it comprised one-half of McKenzie county. He has also been clerk of Watford City. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church and it guides him in all of his relations, making him a man of sterling worth and lofty purpose.

E. T. MOEN.

E. T. Moen, actively connected with farming interests in Ramsey county, was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, October 5, 1858, a son of T. and Anna C. (Bair) Moen. The father was a pioneer settler of that state, taking up his abode within its borders in 1848, but both he and his wife are now deceased.

At the usual age E. T. Moen entered the public schools, pursuing his studies for some time in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he became a high school pupil. He had attained the age of about twenty-one years when in 1879 he left home and removed to Fargo, Dakota territory—for this was ten years before the admission of the state—and there became connected with the firm of Hazen & Clement in the real estate business. In 1880 he took up a claim southwest of Fargo and while engaged in the development of his property also spent considerable time in buying wheat in Fargo. In the fall of 1881 he entered the employ of the Northwestern Trust Company with which he continued for two years, and in 1883 he arrived in Ramsey county, opening a real estate and loan office at Devils Lake in connection with the men who constituted the Northwestern Trust Company at Fargo. Gradually he acquired land, making investment as he found opportunity, and for some time he was in partnership with S. Serungard. In 1904, however, he withdrew from the partnership and concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits until 1909. He then disposed of his farm and took up the business of selling farm lands. He has since been active in that field and in farming operations and has met with a fair measure of success, his labors being of a character that have contributed to the development of the community in considerable measure.

On September 15, 1884, Mr. Moen was married to Miss Reea Steele and to them was

born a son, Everett Warren, who passed away at the age of seven years. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Moen gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has been nominated for the office of public administrator. He is deeply interested in the state and its development and is a public-spirited citizen, interested in every plan and project for the general good and giving his aid and cooperation to all movements which he believes will benefit city and state.

WILLIAM C. TREUMANN.

William C. Treumann, county auditor of Walsh county and president of the Treumann Abstract Company of Grafton, was born at Elmshorn, Germany, December 14, 1862. His father, August Treumann, was also a native of that country, where he remained until 1872, when he brought his family to the new world, settling first in Ohio. He afterward lived for a short period in Indiana and then removed to Le Sueur, Minnesota, becoming one of its early settlers. He took up his abode there in 1872. He was a ship carpenter in Germany and for many years followed the sea but at Le Sueur was connected with the repair department of the Omaha Railroad. For several years he served as mayor of that city and for a number of years was a member of the city council. He took quite an active interest in politics, giving allegiance to the republican party. He passed away October 5, 1899, meeting with a tragic death in the railroad yards at Mankato, Minnesota, while in the discharge of his duties, being at that time fifty-nine years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Koenig, spent her entire life in Germany, dying in 1871. She was the mother of three children, one of whom passed away in infancy, while the surviving daughter is Helene, the wife of Otto J. Larson, now residing in Seattle.

The son, William C. Treumann, was educated in the public and high schools and the business college at Le Sueur, Minnesota, and when eighteen years of age made his initial step in the business world. He was first employed as bookkeeper and subsequently engaged in general office work at Le Sueur. On the 15th of November, 1881, he arrived in Grand Forks, and though an utter stranger, he immediately secured employment as a bookkeeper with the firm of Luke Steele & Company, dealers in hardware and machinery. He continued with that company until 1885 and in the winter of 1883-4 was transferred to Grafton as general manager. He resigned his position the following year in order to enter the real estate, insurance and loan business and also opened a set of abstract books, being today the oldest in the abstract business in Grafton, succeeding to the business of C. A. M. Spencer, the pioneer abstractor of Walsh county. Mr. Treumann began business in a small way but today is the leader in his line in Walsh county. He incorporated his interests under the name of the Treumann Abstract Company, of which he is president, while W. K. Treumann, his eldest son, is secretary and treasurer. They handle many loans and negotiate many important realty transfers and their clientele is steadily growing. Mr. Treumann is also a director of the First National Bank and conducts a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Walsh county, in addition to which he has other large realty holdings in his section of the state.

At Grafton, on the 29th of November, 1888, Mr. Treumann was married to Miss Elizabeth Baird, a native of Canada and a daughter of the late John Baird. They are parents of three sons: William K., who was born in Grafton, December 2, 1889, is the secretary and treasurer of the Treumann Abstract Company, although at the present time he is in Texas as second lieutenant of Company C of the First North Dakota Infantry; Oscar B., who was born January 6, 1891, is teller in the First National Bank of Grafton and also serving with the same regiment in Texas as battalion sergeant major. Elwell O. was born June 26, 1906.

Politically Mr. Treumann is a stalwart republican and in 1914 was elected county auditor of Walsh county, which position he is now filling. He was a member of the school board, in which capacity he served for a number of years, and he was formerly president of the board of trustees of the North Dakota Institution for the Feeble Minded. He, too, has an interesting military record, for in 1885 he became one of the

first members and organizers of Company C of the First Regiment of the North Dakota National Guard and was made second lieutenant. He was promoted through various grades to the rank of colonel and as such commanded his regiment in the Philippines during the insurrection on the islands at the time of the Spanish-American war. There he participated in more than thirty engagements. He is now a member of the Spanish-American Army of the Philippines. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery, Mystic Shrine and Eastern Star. He also has membership in the Masonic Veterans Association and he was master of the Military Field Lodge, the only organization of its kind formed during the Spanish-American war. His identification with the craft dates from 1891 and he has ever been a most loyal follower of its teachings and its beneficent purposes. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Curling Club of Grafton and is still active in the promotion of military rifle shooting, being an expert with the military rifle. He is also a member of the Commercial Club of Grafton. His has been an active and honorable life, fraught with good deeds and crowned with successful accomplishment, and his military record was but a manifestation of the spirit of patriotic loyalty which has always animated him.

ROBERT A. HINMAN.

Robert A. Hinman, of Alexander, who is filling the office of county coroner of McKenzie county and is well known as a furniture dealer and undertaker, was born near Ingraham, Clay county, Illinois, April 3, 1873, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Reed) Hinman. The father was born in Pennsylvania and prior to the Civil war resided in Clay county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. He enlisted in the Fifty-Third Illinois Infantry and saw service in various hotly contested campaigns. On one occasion he was run over and severely injured by the ammunition wagon, his death resulting from the effects of this injury in 1877. He had continued to reside in Clay county up to that time. His wife, who was born in Virginia and pursued her education in that state, afterward went with her parents to Ohio and later to Illinois, where she married. She is now living in Bridgeport, Illinois.

Robert A. Hinman acquired his education in Chicago. He was but four years of age when his father died and he early began to earn his living. He served as a bell boy in the Congress Hotel in Chicago when it was first opened and afterward was employed for three years at the Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee, Illinois. He also spent six years at the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Clarinda, Iowa, where he did supervising work and had charge of the embalming in the morgue. After resigning that position he removed to McKenzie county, North Dakota, in the spring of 1906 and took up a homestead three miles west of Alexander. He proved up on that property, after which he returned to the Iowa State Hospital for the Insane, where recognition of his former capable services again won him his position.

There Mr. Hinman remained until the spring of 1910 when he married and took up his abode on his homestead in McKenzie county, North Dakota, but with no expectation of remaining permanently. Some of the people in the community, however, called upon him to act as embalmer and the excellence of his work led them to entreat him to remain and take up his permanent abode in Alexander. He purchased an old building, fourteen by thirty feet, and moved it to his lot in the town, first squatting upon the lot and afterward purchasing it. In the building he engaged in undertaking and embalming and afterward added a stock of furniture and has since been numbered among the leading merchants of the community.

On May 14, 1910, Mr. Hinman was married to Miss Elizabeth Hill, of Clarinda, Iowa, who was born in Scotland but was educated in Kansas, having come to this country at the age of ten years. In their family are three children, Robert Ellis, Max Eldon and Ivan James, all born in Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Hinman

is a charter member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges in Alexander and likewise has membership with the Knights of Pythias. His political support is given to the republican party and he was the first man elected coroner of McKenzie county, which position he still fills. He refereed the first prize fight, umpired the first organized ball game and sold the first Bible at retail in that county. He is a licensed embalmer in both Iowa and North Dakota and has had an unusual experience along professional lines at the two state hospitals. He is competent and successful and, moreover, in the community in which he resides he is a popular man, having a circle of friends almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

THOMAS M. EVANS.

Thomas M. Evans, a well known resident of Tioga, has there resided since 1910, in which year he established and incorporated the Goldammer-Evans Company for the purpose of dealing in machinery, horses and lands. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1864, a son of D. R. and Hannah N. (Starr) Evans. The father was born in Brownsville, Fayette county, and became a machinist, being employed for some time in the Snowden machine shops in building railway and steamboat engines, in which connection he assisted in building the engines for the United States Steamship Merrimac. He was engaged in work on the engines used in fitting out boats for the navy at the time of the Civil war and later removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. Subsequently he became a resident of Iowa county, Iowa, where he is now living retired, making his home in North English at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and was there reared and married, accompanied her husband to Iowa and passed away at North English at the age of sixty-seven years.

Thomas M. Evans was reared to farm life in Keokuk county, Iowa, and supplemented his district school education by high school training at North English, Iowa. Following his graduation he concentrated his energies upon farming until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when thinking to find commercial pursuits more congenial and more profitable, he established a hardware and machinery business at North English, remaining a partner in that enterprise for seven years after working for a time in the same line by the month. In 1901 he sold out there and the following year acted as a traveling salesman for Hamilton Brothers, machinery dealers of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The year 1903 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he took up his abode at Lakota, Nelson county, becoming manager of the branch store of the Olsgard & Sandlie Company, dealers in machinery, lumber and furniture at Brocket, North Dakota. There he continued until 1907 and through the succeeding three years resided in Lakota, where he had charge of collections and credits for the Lakota Mercantile Company. In February, 1910, he arrived in Tioga, where he embarked in business as a member of the Goldammer-Evans Company for the sale of machinery. They also deal in horses and lands and conduct an extensive business which has steadily grown. Mr. Evans is general manager and is in charge of the business at Tioga. He is a man of capability, well poised, possessing sound judgment and unflinching industry. The careful management of his business affairs has brought him a substantial success and made him one of the representative citizens of his town.

On the 4th of February, 1889, at Sigourney, Iowa, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Ida I. King, who was born on a farm in Iowa county, Iowa, and was there reared and educated. Her parents, Abel and Chestina (Ray) King, were farming people of Iowa county, Iowa, and are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans have been born four children, as follows: Essie May, who is deceased; Floyd D., who was born in Washington county, Iowa, and is associated with his father in business; Olive D., born in Nira, Washington county, Iowa; and Cledith C., who was born at North English, Iowa, and is assistant cashier in a bank at Scobey, Montana.

Politically Mr. Evans is a republican and is now serving as president of the town council of Tioga. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Lakota, in which he held the office of junior warden, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at

Lakota. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he assisted largely in building the church of that denomination at Tioga, which is now free from all indebtedness and is a credit to the town. He has never been neglectful of the higher, holier duties of life, has ever found time to cooperate in the moral development of the communities in which he has lived and his work in this connection, as in other directions, has been farreaching and beneficial.

JOHN C. ZELLER.

John C. Zeller is a merchant, postmaster and bandmaster at Watford City. He is the only man who has ever occupied the position of postmaster, having been appointed to the position when the new town was laid out. He was born near Metz, in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, October 17, 1881, his parents being Michael and Mary (Klopstein) Zeller. The father, also a native of that country, was a silk weaver and there remained until 1888, when he became a resident of Shakopee, Minnesota, where he took up railroad work, both he and his wife spending their remaining days in that place.

John C. Zeller was a little lad of seven years when his parents brought their family to the new world. He has already attended school for a year in Metz and on reaching Minnesota entered the public schools of Shakopee, there pursuing his education. He made his initial step in the business world as clerk in a general store and in 1907 he removed to McKenzie county, North Dakota, where he homesteaded near Schafer. At the same time he managed a hardware store in Schafer and when the new town of Watford City was laid out he took up his abode there and opened a hardware store on the 1st of May, 1914. He has since carried on the business and is accorded a liberal patronage. He still owns his homestead and other farm lands, from which he derives a good rental, and he is recognized as a progressive young business man, alert, energetic and farsighted. He was appointed the first postmaster of Watford City and has occupied the position to the present time.

In politics Mr. Zeller is a democrat and for four years he has filled the office of public administrator of McKenzie county. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. He organized the Watford City Band, of which he is leader, and this organization has become well known, doing excellent work. He possesses natural musical talent which he has developed through study and practice, and he has made the Watford City Band an organization most creditable to the town.

LOUIS NELSON STICE.

Louis Nelson Stice is a worthy representative of the industrial and business interests of Williston, being at the head of the Stice Motor Company. He was born in Waverly, Illinois, on the 2d of March, 1879, a son of William B. and Sarah Jane (Smith) Stice. The father was also a native of that state and was educated at Waverly. For many years he followed farming near that town but is now living retired in Springfield, Illinois. The birth of the mother occurred near Auburn in Sangamon county, Illinois, and she died on the old Stice homestead near Waverly.

During his boyhood and youth Louis Nelson Stice remained under the parental roof, attending first the district schools and later the Waverly high school, from which he was graduated. Going to Springfield, Illinois, he there served a three years' apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, which he followed in Illinois until 1905, when he went to Williston, North Dakota, as a machinist in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad. In 1909 he established the Williston Machine & Boiler Works and conducted business under that name until 1910, when he purchased the interests of his partners and changed the style of the firm to the Stice Motor Company. He erected a good modern brick garage and in connection with the machine business does a general automobile business, dealing in Maxwell and Buick cars. He is manager of the enterprise and has in his employ a number of first class



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mechanics who turn out excellent work. Mr. Stice also owns a fine home in Williston and owns and operates considerable farm land in Williams county.

At St. Louis, Missouri, in 1904, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stice and Miss Mabel Hazlett, who was born, reared and educated in Taylorville, Illinois. Her parents, James R. and Mary Hazlett, are also natives of the Prairie state and for many years the father was engaged in farming near Taylorville but in 1913 came to North Dakota and took up a homestead in Williams county. At present he is living retired in Williston. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stice three are living, namely: Robert, born in Bloomington, Illinois, March 4, 1905; Lawrence, born in Williston, North Dakota, December 23, 1907; and Mary Roseland, born in Williston, January 1, 1910.

Mr. Stice is independent in politics and is a member of the Masonic lodge of Williston. He also belongs to the Williston Commercial Club. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, he stands high in business circles and his course in life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

RT. REV. JOSEPH AUGUSTIN LEMIEUX.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Augustin Lemieux, rector of St. Michael's Pro-Cathedral at Grand Forks, was born at St. Anselm, Dorchester county, Canada, August 28, 1855, a son of William Lemieux, a native of Canada, who was born in January, 1807, and passed away February 7, 1894, in St. Lazare, county of Bellechasse, in the province of Quebec, Canada, aged about eighty-eight years; he was a carpenter, builder and farmer and was a very devout member of the Roman Catholic church—a man of high ideals and principles. He was descended from an old Canadian family of French origin, the progenitors of the family having come from Rouen, Normandy, during the early part of the seventeenth century. It was two brothers, Peter and William, who founded the Lemieux family in Canada and the United States, the former settling at Levis, in the province of Quebec, and the latter at St. Thomas, Montmagny county, Quebec. It is of the latter branch that Rev. Lemieux is a representative.

William Lemieux, father of the Rt. Rev. J. A. Lemieux, was married in early manhood to Elizabeth Campagna, a native of St. Isidore in the province of Quebec. She was born in September, 1812, and passed away November 10, 1874, at the age of sixty-two years. She had a family of fifteen children, nine sons and six daughters, of whom Rev. Lemieux of this review was the youngest. Three of the number have entered religious orders. Rev. D. M. Lemieux, born February 24, 1842, is now retired. He was graduated from Laval University of Quebec and was ordained October 1, 1871, by Cardinal Taschereau. A daughter of the family, Vitalina Lemieux, now known as Sister Mary Philomina of the Jesus Marie Order in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, has been mother superior of various convents.

The early life of the Rt. Rev. J. A. Lemieux was spent upon the home farm of his father and his early education was obtained in the schools of Saint Vital de Lanibton, Beauce county, in the province of Quebec. He afterward attended a preparatory school in the city of Quebec, later studied in St. Lawrence College near Montreal and was ordained at the Trappist monastery at Oka, by Archbishop Fabre of the Montreal archdiocese, October 28, 1885. His first charge was that of assistant priest to his brother, the Rev. D. M. Lemieux, in preparation for missionary work at Blanc Sablon on the Labrador coast. He was afterward in Montreal as assistant pastor in St. Scholastic and St. Bartholomew churches. He then came to the United States, going first to Marlboro, Massachusetts, and afterward he was assistant pastor at Webster and later at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. In 1892 he was given charge of the church at Mandan, North Dakota, and subsequently was transferred to the cathedral at Fargo. In 1898 he built the cathedral, which is a magnificent monument to the cause. On the 1st of September, 1907, he retired on account of ill health and when he had sufficiently recovered to resume active duty he was appointed pastor of St. Michael's at Grand Forks on February 21, 1911, where he has since remained. He was made a domestic prelate by His Holiness Pope Pius X. This

decree was issued August 24, 1911, after which his investiture took place on Thanksgiving day of the same year. His zeal and devotion to the cause have resulted in his advancement in ecclesiastical ranks. His work at Grand Forks has had far-reaching effect, resulting in bringing his people into closer connection with the church, and he is today one of the most distinguished representatives of the Catholic ministry in the west.

C. E. GRAY.

C. E. Gray, proprietor of the Colonial Hotel at Devils Lake, has been engaged in the conduct of that hostelry since 1911. He is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred at Lena, October 10, 1876, his parents being John P. and Elizabeth (Brue) Gray. The father was a soldier in the Civil war, serving as a bugler, and he and his wife are now residents of Devils Lake.

After acquiring a public school education in his native state, C. E. Gray, at the age of eighteen years engaged in the restaurant business, devoting about seventeen years to that activity in connection with railroad eating houses in Chicago. He was connected with C. H. Shaver and with the Railroad News Company. His long experience gave him comprehensive knowledge of the wants of the traveling public in that connection and in 1911 he purchased the Colonial Hotel of Devils Lake, a three story building of sixty-eight rooms, with hot and cold water in each room. He has about sixteen employes and in connection with the hotel conducts a lunch counter. In addition to his hotel interests he owns a dairy and vegetable farm from which he secures supplies of fresh vegetables and milk.

On the 21st of March, 1900, Mr. Gray was married to Miss Grace Smith, a native of Minnesota and to them have been born two children, Maude L. and Allen F. Mr. and Mrs. Gray hold membership in the Episcopal church and he is a prominent Mason who has advanced to high rank in the order and is now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He also has membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, yet he is not strictly partisan, often regarding the capability of the candidate as above his party connection. He is interested in matters pertaining to the public good and is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship, giving his aid and cooperation wherever the best interests of the community are to be furthered.

WILLIAM WILTSCHKO.

William Wiltchko, filling the office of county auditor of Foster county, was born in Escanaba, Michigan, on the 10th of August, 1876, a son of Mathias and Margaret (Kuplik) Wiltchko, both of whom were natives of Austria. The father when a lad of nine years came with his parents to the United States, and the mother crossed the Atlantic in young womanhood. Both settled in Wisconsin, where they were married, and subsequently they removed to Escanaba, Michigan. There Mathias Wiltchko engaged in business for some years as a foundryman and later became connected with the fishing industry. In 1882 he was one of the pioneer settlers of North Dakota and spent the summer and following winter in Jamestown. In April, 1883, he removed his family to this state, taking up his abode on a homestead in Bertsell township, Foster county, about seven miles north of the present town site of Carrington. There he devoted his energies to farming until his death, which occurred January 17, 1903. His widow still survives and now makes her home with her son William.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, and acquiring his education in the district schools, William Wiltchko on attaining his majority became the active associate and assistant of his father in the operation of the home farm, the boundaries of which had been increased until it embraced an entire section. After his father's death in 1903, he and his brother August took charge of the home place and continued its cul-

tivation until the fall of 1914, when William Wiltsehko was elected to the office of county auditor, in which capacity he is now serving, making an excellent record by the prompt, capable and systematic manner in which he discharges his duties. He is a democrat in his political belief and was elected to the office in a strongly republican county, a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him.

Mr. Wiltsehko belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M.; to the Carrington Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M.; and to Zion Commandery, No. 9, K. T. He also has membership in Barlow Lodge, No. 106, I. O. O. F., and with the Knights of the Maccabees. Carrington numbers him among her representative citizens and Foster county classes him with those who have aided materially in promoting its development and bringing about its present-day progress and prosperity.

JOHN M. SCHRAM, D. D. S.

Dr. John M. Schram, engaged in the practice of dentistry at Ray, was born in Mazeppa, Minnesota, October 15, 1879, a son of Matthew and Anna (Dundinger) Schram. The father, a native of Prussia, Germany, came to America in young manhood, making his way to Chicago, Illinois, where he did newspaper work. In 1861, responding to the country's call for aid, he enlisted in an Illinois infantry regiment and was at the front for three years, being wounded in battle on one occasion. He served with the rank of sergeant and returned to his home with a most creditable military record. After the war he continued newspaper work in Chicago until on account of his health he was obliged to remove to Mazeppa, Minnesota, where he established the Mazeppa Tribune, of which he was editor and owner for a number of years. He passed away there at the age of forty-three and is still survived by his widow, who was born in Luxemburg, Germany, and in early womanhood became a resident of Chicago, where she was married. For a time she engaged in the millinery business in Minnesota and afterward in North Dakota and is now the owner of a fruit ranch at Sandpoint, Idaho.

Dr. Schram attended the city schools of Mazeppa, Minnesota, to the age of sixteen years and afterward matriculated in the Lake City high school, from which he was graduated. Having determined to make the practice of dentistry his life work, he then entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1903 with the D. D. S. degree. He first located for practice at Park River, North Dakota, where he remained for four years or until 1907 and then removed to Ray, Williams county, where he has since practiced. He became the pioneer dentist there and in fact was one of the first dentists of the northwestern part of the state. He has always kept in close touch with the onward march of the profession and his ability is widely recognized, for he possesses notable mechanical skill and ingenuity as well as comprehensive knowledge of the scientific principles of his profession. He is still the owner of a quarter section of land a mile and a half west of Ray, which he homesteaded and from which he now derives a good rental.

On the 28th of December, 1909, at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, Dr. Schram was united in marriage to Miss Mayme Erierson, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Louis E. and Anna Erierson, who were also born in that country. The father, a tailor by trade, brought his family to the United States when Mrs. Schram was but three years of age, becoming one of the early settlers of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Mrs. Schram is a graduate of the Mankato (Minnesota) Normal School and for six years prior to her marriage taught school at Fergus Falls and Cloquet, Minnesota. She is now the mother of three children, namely: Duane Arthur, Lloyd William and John Noel, all natives of Ray, North Dakota.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Schram is well known in fraternal circles, being a charter member of Craftsman Lodge, No. 107, F. & A. M., of which he is now worshipful master, past noble grand of Ray Lodge, No. 126, I. O. O. F., and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was a delegate to the grand lodge of Masons in North Dakota and has been an active worker in behalf of the

craft. His wife is connected with the Rebekah degree of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Schram is past noble grand of the lodge for the second time and has been district deputy and delegate to the grand lodge and is now president of Rebekah District, No. 17. Dr. Schram is an earnest worker for all those principles which stand as the basic element of these orders and which inculcate higher standards of living among men. His political allegiance is that of the progressive republican type and in a word Dr. Schram stands for improvement and advancement in all things political, social, intellectual and moral as well as in connection with his profession.

J. EDWARD STRAND.

J. Edward Strand, serving for the third term as clerk of the district court in McKenzie county and also engaged in the abstract business at Schafer, was born in Winnebago county, Iowa, October 11, 1882, a son of Henry J. and Carolina (Railson) Strand. The father was a native of Norway but acquired the greater part of his education in the schools of this country, having crossed the Atlantic in early life. He became a resident of Iowa, where he took up the occupation of farming. He was educated for the ministry and engaged in preaching during his active life but is now living retired on his farm near Northwood, Iowa. His wife was born in Wisconsin.

J. Edward Strand pursued his early education at Albert Lea, Minnesota, attending the Luther Academy there and also Luther College at Decorah, Iowa. He became a teacher in Traill county, North Dakota, in 1905 and the following year taught at Minot, Ward county. In the fall of 1906 he arrived in McKenzie county and homesteaded near Schafer, where he has since resided. He has been called to several public offices, first serving as deputy county treasurer of McKenzie county, while in 1912 he was elected clerk of the district court. His fidelity and capability in office are indicated in the fact that he was reelected in 1914 and 1916. While acting in that capacity he also conducts an abstract business in Schafer and his plans are always well defined and promptly executed.

On the 17th of June, 1911, Mr. Strand was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Shaw, of Iowa, who pursued her education in the Iowa Normal School and in the Luther Academy at Albert Lea, Minnesota. She was a successful teacher prior to her marriage, following that profession in Iowa and in Glasgow, Montana. She has become the mother of two children, Elizabeth and Carroll.

In his political views Mr. Strand has always been a republican, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and that he is popular with his fellow townsmen is indicated by the large majorities which have been given him at his elections.

WARREN D. PUTMAN.

Warren D. Putman, owner and publisher of the Streeter Herald and well known as one of the progressive citizens of Streeter, was born in Gloversville, New York, September 25, 1876, a son of Aaron and Sophia (Skaine) Putman. The father died in the Empire state, after which the mother came with her son, Warren D., to North Dakota and is still a member of his household.

Warren D. Putman is indebted to the public school system of New York for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. In early manhood he took up the trade of plumbing, which he mastered and followed for some time in New York. Attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, however, he left New York in 1903 and made his way to Oldham, South Dakota, where he purchased a restaurant, which he conducted for one year. He then came to North Dakota and filed on section 24, township 137, range 69, in Stutsman county. He proved up his property and continued the work of further development and cultivation

until 1912, converting it into an excellent farm. After living thereon for eight years he removed to Streeter and opened a restaurant, which he conducted for a year and a half. At the end of that time he secured a position in the office of the Streeter Herald, then owned by the firm of Kreckow & Rieland. This paper has been established by Tom Pettet in 1907 and in 1915 was purchased by Mr. Putman, who is now sole owner and is as well the editor and manager. The paper is accorded a good circulating and advertising patronage and by reason of its enterprising manner of gathering and disseminating news has become popular with the public. Mr. Putman has recently erected a new frame office building twenty-four by thirty feet, two stories in height, in which the newspaper plant is now housed. Agriculture also claims a part of his attention, for he is still farming his place and derives therefrom a gratifying annual income.

In 1905 Mr. Putman was married to Miss Myra Christman, a native of Palatine Bridge, New York, whence she removed to North Dakota. Three daughters have been born of this marriage, Barbara, Beulah and Virginia, all attending the Streeter schools.

Mr. Putman publishes the Herald as an independent paper but exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and has filled the office of justice of the peace in Streeter, in which connection he has made an excellent record by the fair and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties. He belongs to that class of enterprising men who are fast upbuilding the west, utilizing the natural resources offered in the state and putting forth every effort to promote progress and improvement here.

JAMES A. WILKINS.

James A. Wilkins, cashier of the Merchants Bank of Pembina, was born in Huron county, Ontario, September 24, 1877, and was the eldest of the family of four children born to A. C. and Mary (Kerr) Wilkins. The father was a native of England and came to America in the '50s, after which he took up the occupation of farming in Huron county. Eventually he removed to North Dakota, settling at Drayton in 1882. He cast in his lot with the pioneer residents of that district and was engaged in the hotel business at Drayton and also in farming, his death occurring in 1913, when he had reached the age of sixty-two years. He wedded Mary Kerr, a native of Ontario, Canada, and of Irish descent. Of their children, Mabel is now a resident of Winnipeg. Nellie became the wife of R. J. Moore and is residing in Drayton, while Charles W. Wilkins is a banker of Willow City, North Dakota.

James A. Wilkins was but a child at the time of the removal of the family to North Dakota and in the schools of Drayton pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. His youthful experiences were those that fall to the lot of the farm boy who is early called upon to aid in the labors of the field. On attaining his majority he entered upon an independent business career, securing the position of bookkeeper in the First Bank of Drayton, now known as the First National Bank. He there remained for two years and in December, 1898, he removed to Pembina to accept the position of assistant cashier in the Merchants Bank, occupying that position until 1902. He was then elected cashier and has so continued to the present time, covering a period of more than fourteen years. His connection with the bank embraces a period of almost twenty years and by reason of his capability, close application, fidelity and comprehensive knowledge of the banking business he has contributed in large measure to the success of the institution. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars, has a surplus of ten thousand dollars and undivided profits of almost three thousand dollars. Its deposits amount to almost two hundred thousand dollars. The bank has enjoyed a continuous growth from the beginning, and as Mr. Wilkins has been with it from the start, he deserves much credit for what has been accomplished.

On the 17th of June, 1902, Mr. Wilkins was married in Essex, Ontario, to Miss Elma Naylor, a native of Canada and a daughter of James and Ellen Naylor, both now deceased. They have one child, Ellen Ruth, born in Pembina, May 30, 1903.

Mr. Wilkins is a republican and takes an active part in the local interests of the party.

He has served as a member of the school board and as a member of the city council for a number of years and is at present connected with both. He has done much to further public progress and his farsighted plans and carefully executed purposes are fruitful of good results. He belongs to the Commercial Club and to Pembina Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M., which is the second oldest lodge in the state. He has served as its master for several terms and has taken a most active part in its work. His life has been characterized by those qualities which have been dominant elements in making for good citizenship. He is a substantial business man and at the same time he recognizes his obligations in public connections and is always loyal to the trust reposed in him.

MARTIN OLSEN.

Martin Olsen, successfully conducting a photographic studio in Kenmare, is one of the representative business men and substantial and valued citizens of Ward county. He was born in Hutchinson, McLeod county, Minnesota, November 20, 1883, a son of William and Marie (Christianson) Olsen. The father was born near Veile, Denmark, and in young manhood joined the army, with which he served for many years, but later turned his attention to farming. In the early '70s he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, establishing his home near Hutchinson, Minnesota, where he purchased land and engaged in tilling the soil to the time of his death, which occurred October 15, 1905. His wife, also a native of Denmark, was brought to America in her early girlhood days, the family home being established in Minnesota. Following the death of her husband she sold the old home farm and removed to Hutchinson, Minnesota. She is at present making her home with her son Martin.

Martin Olsen was reared upon the farm near Hutchinson and obtained a district school education, supplemented by study in the city schools of Hutchinson and in Ansgar College there, taking a business course in the latter, after which he took up the trade of painting. In 1905 he removed to Kenmare, North Dakota, and began traveling for the Watkins Medical Company. He had previously, however, taken up a claim at Balfour, North Dakota, which he occupied until his removal to Kenmare. After three years spent with the Watkins Medical Company he bought out a photographic studio in Kenmare in 1908 and for seven months conducted the business in partnership with P. J. Hampen. At the end of that time he acquired his partner's interest and is now sole proprietor of the gallery. He also ran a branch studio at Carpio, Ward county, from 1908 until 1911, and he now owns a branch studio at Tolley, North Dakota. His place of business is supplied with the most modern equipment for the taking of pictures and he is doing excellent work in that connection, a liberal patronage being now accorded him. He has also made judicious investment in real estate and is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land eleven miles north of the town, which he rents. At his place in Kenmare he is interested in poultry raising, specializing in White Wyandotte chickens, all of which are thoroughbreds with rose combs. His property interests include his studio building, several lots and his residence in Kenmare. His home is a beautiful and commodious one, surrounded by large and well kept grounds.

On the 2d of May, 1912, at Kenmare, Mr. Olsen was married to Miss Anetta Marie Hampen, who was born in Belgrade, Minnesota, October 27, 1890, and was there educated while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, Lars and Anna Hampen, who were natives of Denmark and became early settlers of Minnesota. The father engaged in merchandising at Belgrade until 1907, when he removed to Kenmare, where he is now conducting a store. His wife passed away there in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen have become the parents of two children: Paul Ellsworth, who was born July 13, 1913, and died in infancy; and Eunice Harriet, who was born August 14, 1914.

In politics Mr. Olsen is a democrat and in the spring of 1914 was elected park commissioner of Kenmare for a two year term, while in 1916 he was reelected for a five year term. He is a very active and earnest worker in the Danish Lutheran church, of which he is a member, and aided in organizing the Nazareth church at Kenmare in 1905, since which time he has been one of its trustees and the treasurer. For the past five years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school, in which Mrs. Olsen is a teacher, and she is equally interested

with her husband in all branches of church work. She possesses considerable musical talent, is a successful teacher and has been leader of the church choir. Their home is a hospitable one whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. The extent of Mr. Olsen's interests, business and otherwise, has made him a substantial and valued citizen of the community in which he resides.

SHERMAN R. WOOD.

Minnesota has furnished a large quota to the citizenship of North Dakota and a representative of this class is Sherman R. Wood, one of the progressive merchants of the new town of Watford City, where he is now connected with the Farmers Lumber Company. He was born at Pleasant Grove, Olmsted county, Minnesota, July 16, 1870, a son of Hiram and Delia (Patridge) Wood. The father was born in Vermont and prior to the Civil war became a resident of Olmsted county, Minnesota, where he followed blacksmithing, conducting a smithy for many years at Pleasant Grove. His wife, who was also born in the Green Mountain state, was educated and married at St. Albans and, like her husband, passed away at Pleasant Grove.

In the district schools of his native city Sherman R. Wood pursued his early education and afterward was graduated from a business college at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He started out in the business world as a clerk in a dry goods and clothing store at Tracy, Minnesota, and thus received his initial training along commercial lines. In 1901 he removed to Rolla, North Dakota, where he engaged in clerking, and there he afterward remained in business on his own account for eight years. In 1909 he arrived in McKenzie county and homesteaded near Schafer. He also established a general store at Schafer and in 1914 he removed to the new town of Watford City, where he has since remained, being numbered among its leading and prominent merchants. He helped to organize the Farmers Lumber Company and he is also interested to some extent in farming. He is making a close study of agricultural problems and is keeping in close touch with the trend of scientific farming. His business interests at Watford City are growing and constitute him one of the leading men of the town.

In November, 1894, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Olive Howard, of Tracy, Minnesota, who was born in Wabasha, that state, but was largely reared in Tracy. They have one child, Hiram, who was born in Tracy in 1899.

Mr. Wood is a republican, interested in the success and growth of the party but not an office seeker. He is, however, serving as treasurer of the Schafer school district. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and is a member of various fraternal organizations, being identified with the Masonic lodge and Modern Woodmen camp at Tracy and with the Odd Fellows lodge at Rolla, in which he has passed through all the chairs and has twice been noble grand. He is likewise a charter member of the United Workmen lodge at Watford City. He is well known and his varied interests are making him a controlling figure in the public life and thought of the district in which he resides.

JAMES E. BUTTREE.

James E. Buttrec, of Valley City, secretary and treasurer of the Austin-Dakota Development Company, was born near Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, in March, 1869, and comes of English and Scotch-Irish ancestry, his paternal grandfather being John Buttrec, a native of Yorkshire, England, who soon after his marriage crossed the Atlantic and established his family in a home near Peterboro, where he engaged in farming. He died at the comparatively early age of forty-five years. His son, George Buttrec, was born in Yorkshire, was brought in early childhood to the new world by his parents, took up the work begun by his father and also engaged in the manufacture of lumber, conducting sawmills. In 1880 he came to North Dakota, which was at that time a part of Dakota territory, entered

land in Grand Forks county and there engaged in farming, and he and his family endured the hardships of pioneer days. The home was beyond the railroad for a time. He continued farming throughout his active days, his death occurring in 1912, when he had reached the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Kerr, was born at Grafton, Ontario, Canada, and passed away in 1913 at the age of eighty-two years.

Their son, James E. Buttrees, was the ninth in order of birth in their family of ten children. At the usual age he began his education in the schools of Canada, but it was several years after the family moved to North Dakota that schools were established in the pioneer district in which they settled. He resumed his studies in the schools of Grand Forks during the winter months and throughout the period of his minority he continued upon the home farm most of his time. He continued farming on the homestead several years beyond his minority and, as threshing was a part of farming, he became familiar with threshing machinery and went into that line of work as a traveling salesman. In 1901 he removed to Valley City, where he engaged in the machine business, giving his attention exclusively to threshing machinery. He was one of the first in his community to recognize the automobile, to see in it the coming vehicle for means of travel, and spent several strenuous years preaching the merits of the then much laughed at, "horseless carriage."

In 1910 he began the promotion of a company to develop certain mining claims located at Austin, Nevada. His efforts culminated in the organization of the Austin-Dakota Development Company, with headquarters at Valley City. This company owns and is now operating and developing silver mines in Nevada, having thirty-one mining claims and fractions. They have sunk three shafts and one tunnel and they have reports from such authorities as Prof. E. J. Babcock, mineralogist of the State University, that their proposition has indications of becoming one of the best. Mr. Buttrees had taken an option on the land before he organized the company of which he is now secretary-treasurer. He had absolute confidence in the property, although he met with much difficulty in convincing others, as so many mining propositions of the past have been promotion schemes only, exploited for the sole purpose of getting the public's money, that confidence in such ventures was undermined, but now the value of his judgment is fully proven and the project is no longer in the experimental stage. One of Mr. Buttrees's marked characteristics is his persistency and this has enabled him to succeed, working his way upward in the face of difficulties and obstacles until his success seems now assured.

Fraternally Mr. Buttrees is connected with the blue lodge and chapter in Masonry and with the Knights of Pythias and he is also a member of the Congregational church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules of his conduct.

JOHN A. MARTIN.

John A. Martin, who opened the pioneer hardware store of Alexander, where he has engaged in business since 1910, was born in Ridgeway, Winneshiek county, Iowa, December 29, 1877, a son of John and May (Cowdy) Martin. The father was born in Leicestershire, England, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, after which he crossed the Atlantic to Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where he worked at his trade for five years. He also spent four years in a similar manner in Chicago, Illinois, and in the early '60s removed to Ridgeway, Winneshiek county, Iowa, becoming one of its pioneer settlers. There he followed blacksmithing and farming and spent his remaining days there, his death occurring in 1909. His wife was born in Kingston, Ontario, and is now a resident of Cresco, Iowa.

John A. Martin acquired his education in the public schools of Ridgeway and in 1901 removed to North Dakota, after which he engaged in farming near Maddock, Benson county, from 1901 until 1905. In the latter year he homesteaded near Alexander, in McKenzie county, and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1910, when he opened the pioneer hardware store of the town. He has since conducted the business and grati-

ying results have attended his efforts because of his reliable methods and enterprising spirit.

On the 29th of August, 1909, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Rachel Taylor, of Alexander, North Dakota, who was born in Fargo and pursued her education there, at Hope, North Dakota, and in the Mayville Normal School, from which she was graduated. She afterward engaged in teaching in McKenzie county in 1903. She is a daughter of William and Eliza Taylor, natives of Ireland and Wisconsin respectively. Her father became a farmer of Hope, North Dakota, where he lived until called to his final rest, and Mrs. Taylor now resides on the farm near Alexander. Three children have been born of this marriage: Dorothy, who was born July 29, 1910; Howard, born September 30, 1911; and Grace, December 22, 1912. All are natives of Alexander.

The parents are consistent and helpful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mrs. Martin is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Martin is a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the blue lodge of Masons at Alexander. In politics he is a republican and from 1908 until 1910 inclusive served as clerk of the court of McKenzie county. His influence has always been a potent force in promoting projects for the general good and he is rated as one of the most substantial and valued citizens of Alexander as well as one of its oldest merchants. He built the first dwelling house in the town and was one of the organizers of the Rural Telephone Company. He has lived to see remarkable changes in this section of the state as the tide of emigration has swept steadily westward and he has ever borne his part in advancing the interests of the community in which he resides and upholding its civic standards.

FRANK READ, JR.

The work of the teacher is always of the utmost importance but besides the ability to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired, combined with zeal and enthusiastic interest in the work, the man who essays to instruct an unfortunate class must be possessed by a spirit of deep sympathy and broad humanitarianism. It was those qualities that caused Professor Frank Read to accept the superintendency of the North Dakota School for the Deaf at Devils Lake. He was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, August 12, 1866, a son of Frank and Cassie (Smith) Read. His father was one of the pioneer teachers for the deaf, being connected with the Illinois School for the Deaf at Jacksonville, Illinois, for thirty-eight years as a teacher, while for thirty years of that time he also edited the Deaf Mute Advance. He has also acted as minister to the deaf, thus giving religious as well as secular instruction. Both he and his wife are still residents of Jacksonville.

It was in the public schools of that city that Frank Read, Jr., pursued his early education, while later he entered the Illinois College at Jacksonville, from which he was graduated with the degrees of B. A. and M. A. in 1888, pursuing his course in preparation for his present work. He became a member of the Phi Alpha while attending college, a society of which North Dakota's first governor was one of the seven founders. Professor Read had become deeply interested in the work of instructing the deaf by reason of his father's connection with that branch of education and he took up the same work in 1889 in the Jacksonville institution. He remained at that school until August 12, 1912, when he accepted the superintendency of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, there remaining until September 1, 1915, when he was elected to his present position as superintendent of the North Dakota School for the Deaf at Devils Lake by the board of control. In this school are taught the common branches which usually comprise the public school curriculum and to the course of instruction is added industrial work such as printing, cabinetmaking and other trades, while the girls are taught sewing and all kinds of housework and china painting. In fact the course of instruction is such as to develop head, hand and heart and bring into the lives of the pupils as far as possible, all that has been denied them by reason of the absence of the sense of hearing. The school has an enrollment of one hundred and four, with eleven

teachers for the common branches and three teachers in the industrial work. In 1916 the first reunion of graduates and former pupils was held on which occasion fifty were present.

On June 24, 1896, Professor Read was united in marriage to Miss M. Kate S. Stevenson, who has also done excellent work as a teacher for the deaf in Iowa, Kansas and Illinois. They now have one child, Margaret Kathryn. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Read is connected with the Knights of Pythias. The major part of his time and attention, however, are concentrated upon his work in connection with the school and splendid results have attended his labors. He is continually seeking out new methods to broaden his efficiency and is constantly learning from experience the best methods of instruction, bringing into the lives of the unfortunate a broader outlook and greater hope.

J. H. MIKKELSON.

J. H. Mikkelson, now serving as cashier of the Crocus State Bank of Crocus, North Dakota, is a native of this state, his birth occurring in Ramsey county on the 10th of April, 1889. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of North Dakota, his parents being Jorgen and Anna (Anderson) Mikkelson, the former a native of Denmark and the latter of Sweden. They were married in Sweden and remained there until after the birth of two of their children but in the early '80s came to the new world, attracted by its opportunities and advantages. Locating in Ramsey county, North Dakota, Mr. Mikkelson secured a homestead and also used his preemption and tree claim rights. He has prospered in his farming operations and from time to time he has added to his property until he now owns about thirteen hundred acres of farm land. He is still actively engaged in agricultural pursuits which he has always found profitable, and he continues to reside upon his farm.

In the district schools of Ramsey county, J. H. Mikkelson began his education which has been supplemented by a course in the Webster high school and the State Agricultural College at Fargo. For some time following the completion of his studies he worked on the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his services, but in 1914 he turned his attention to banking, becoming assistant in the Bank of Webster. On the 1st of January, 1916, his father purchased an interest in the Crocus State Bank and our subject was made cashier of the institution, in which important capacity he is now serving. He has become thoroughly familiar with the banking business in principle and detail and under his management the bank with which he is now connected is making steady advancement.

Mr. Mikkelson was married in June, 1916, to Miss Dora Eklund, of Rolla, North Dakota. They are members of the Lutheran church and are held in high esteem by all who know them. Mr. Mikkelson casts his ballot with the republican party and takes a deep interest in public affairs.

WILLIAM H. DENNY.

For almost eighteen years William H. Denny has been prominently identified with the business interests of Williston and has borne an important part in the development and upbuilding of the city and also of Williams county, where he is today conducting a large ranch, raising both cattle and horses on quite an extensive scale. His birth occurred at New Auburn, Sibley county, Minnesota, March 17, 1870, and he is a son of William and Marian E. (Joslyn) Denny. The father was born on a farm near Batavia, New York, and from there he removed to Buffalo, that state, where he completed his education. Subsequently he became a resident of Lansing, Michigan, and was living there when the country became involved in civil war. He enlisted in the Second Michigan Regiment, Burdun Sharpshooters, and during his three years and a half with the Union army saw some pretty hard service. On being honorably discharged he returned to Lansing but in 1866 went to Min-



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nesota, settling on a homestead near Stewart in Sibley county, where he engaged in farming for several years, but finally removed to New Auburn and later to Glencoe, McLeod county, Minnesota, where he conducted a gun and sporting goods store for a time. He is now living retired in Anoka, that state, and there his wife, who was a native of Lansing, Michigan, died.

William H. Denny passed his boyhood and youth in Minnesota and is indebted to the public schools of that state for the early educational advantages he enjoyed. It was in 1885 that the family removed from Glencoe to Anoka, where he attended a business college, and in 1887 he went to St. Cloud, Minnesota, where the following two years were spent. In 1889 he became a cowboy on a cattle ranch near Terry, Montana, and from 1893 to 1899 made his home in Minnewaukan, Benson county, North Dakota, where he dealt in horses which he drove from Montana ranches to this state. For a time Mr. Denny was also connected with the Benson County State Bank at Minnewaukan and on coming to Williston in January, 1899, assisted in organizing the Williams County State Bank, which was the first bank in Williams county. In 1900, it was converted into the First National Bank of Williston and Mr. Denny served as its cashier until 1906, since which time he has engaged in the real estate business. He also manages his large ranch in Williams county, where he raises both horses and cattle, making a specialty of Herefords, and he was one of the organizers and is the secretary of the Missouri River Bridge Company. His home is in Williston.

On the 8th of March, 1899, Mr. Denny was married in that city to Miss Katherine E. Hufnail, who was born, reared and educated in Wisconsin. Prior to her marriage she engaged in teaching school in Minnewaukan, North Dakota. Her parents are Dr. W. H. and Abby (Dammon) Hufnail. Mr. and Mrs. Denny have one child, Marian Katherine, born in Williston.

Mr. Denny takes an active interest in fraternal organizations and is past exalted ruler of Lodge No. 1214, B. P. O. E., of which he is a charter member. He is also a charter member and past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Williston, and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge two terms. He has filled the offices of junior and senior warden in the Masonic lodge, is also a charter member of Williston Chapter, R. A. M., and has always endeavored to live up to the principles of these organizations. His political support is given the republican party. Mr. Denny assisted in organizing the city of Williston and was elected its first mayor in 1904. So acceptably did he fill that office that he was reelected for a second term without opposition and gave the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He is a man of influence in his community, occupying an enviable position in both business and social circles.

GEORGE L. GULLIKSON.

The young town of Watford City has enjoyed notable growth and among those who have contributed to its substantial development is George L. Gullikson, who is engaged in the land and farm loan business and who also owns and controls extensive farming and stock raising interests in McKenzie county. He was born in Grand Forks, May 8, 1886, a son of Ole and Marie (Larsen) Gullikson. The father, a native of Norway, became a resident of Minnesota in his boyhood days and in the early '80s removed to Grand Forks county, North Dakota, where he followed farming. Later he became a resident of Bottineau county and conducted a hotel at Willow City. He next removed to McKenzie county and homesteaded near Schafer, where he followed farming until a recent date, when he took up carpentering at Watford City. His wife, also a native of Norway, was taken by her parents to Minnesota in her early girlhood and was married in Grand Forks. She also survives and is living in Watford City.

At the usual age George L. Gullikson began his education, which he continued through successive grades in the public schools of Grand Forks until he became a high school pupil. Later he attended the University of North Dakota and afterward was employed as a stenographer in a law office at Willow City, Bottineau county, for five years. In 1907 he

removed to McKenzie county and homesteaded near Schafer. He was also cashier of the McKenzie County Bank from 1910 until 1915, when he resigned to engage in the land and farm loan business on his own account at Watford City, where he is now located. He is also engaged in farming and stock raising and the various branches of his business are bringing to him substantial and gratifying returns.

On the 13th of October, 1909, Mr. Gullikson was married to Miss Harriet B. Johnson, of Renville county, Minnesota, where she was reared and educated, afterward engaging in the work of teaching school. She is a daughter of L. W. and Julia Johnson. Her father was a farmer and pioneer settler of Renville county, Minnesota, where he still makes his home, although now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Gullikson have two children, Dorothy Marie and George Lionel, who were born in McKenzie county.

In his political views Mr. Gullikson is an earnest republican and upon the organization of Watford City he was elected justice of the peace, which position he still fills. He also served on the township board at Schafer and as United States commissioner from 1910 to 1915. He belongs to the United Lutheran church, and fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge of Williston, while of the United Workmen lodge at Watford City he is a charter member and is now overseer. He possesses a social, genial nature and those qualities which command friendship and regard, and as well he displays those traits which are forceful factors in the attainment of business success.

WILLIAM O. JOOS.

William O. Joos, head of the Joos Mercantile Company of Wimbledon, is a native of Fountain City, Wisconsin. He was born on the 23d of March, 1869, of the marriage of John and Ursula (Joos) Joos. The father went to Wisconsin in 1850 and thereafter lived in or near Fountain City. He engaged in farming for a long period but at length retired from the work of the fields and now makes his home in Fountain City, where he is enjoying well earned rest. In his family were ten children, all of whom reached adult age: Solomon and John M., both now deceased; William O.; Amelia, the wife of Anton Fleckeisen, of Fountain City, Wisconsin; Paul, a resident of Denhoff, North Dakota; Henry, of Granville, North Dakota; Lydia, the wife of Lloyd Bond, of Fountain City; Jacob, residing at Columbus, North Dakota; Paulina, the wife of Jens Christianson, of Portal, North Dakota; and Malinda, at home.

In the district schools of Wisconsin, William O. Joos pursued his education and in 1884, when fifteen years of age, came to North Dakota, making his way to Jamestown, where he remained for several years, during which period he was employed on a farm and in the store of Haas Brothers & Company. He next entered the service of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as baggage man in Jamestown and so continued for two years, after which he returned to Wisconsin, where he remained for four years. In the spring of 1898 he arrived in Wimbledon, North Dakota, and in company with W. G. Joos bought out the general store of Bowden & Mayer on the corner of Railroad and Main streets. The store was originally started by G. L. Hunt, who sold out to the firm from which Messrs. Joos purchased it. The last named bought the building as well as the stock of goods and conducted their business therein for about four years, at the end of which time they disposed of the building and had it moved away. It was in 1902 that they erected a two-story building on the same site—a frame structure with steel siding. They have greatly increased their stock of general merchandise and are accorded a liberal and growing patronage. W. O. Joos is also interested in farming land in Williams county, this state, and in Minnesota and he is a stockholder and one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Wimbledon, of which he was elected vice president in 1914. His business interests are thus wide and varied and constitute an important element in the commercial and financial development of the community.

On the 20th of November, 1895, Mr. Joos was married to Ida L. Schoepp, a native of Alma, Buffalo county, Wisconsin. Politically Mr. Joos is a republican and the appreciation of his fellow townsmen for his splendid qualities of citizenship is indicated in the fact that they have elected him to nearly all the village offices. Fraternally he is a Mason, a charter

member of Wimbledon Lodge, No. 71, of which he has been the secretary for the past twelve years. He is very prominent in Masonic circles, is a member of Cheyenne Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M., of Valley City; and St. Elmo Commandery, No. 5, K. T., of Valley City; and of Dakota Consistory at Fargo he is a life member, having therein attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He belongs likewise to the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges at Wimbledon, to the Woodmen of America, to the Rebekahs and to the Royal Neighbors and he is in thorough sympathy with the beneficent spirit and purposes upon which these different organizations are founded. Recognizing the brotherhood of mankind, he is constantly reaching out a helping hand where aid is needed and there are many who have reason to thank him for timely assistance.

ALBERT M. BAUKOL.

Among the energetic and progressive young business men of Wildrose, North Dakota, is numbered Albert M. Baukol, who now holds the position of cashier of the Security State Bank at that place. He was born near Starbuck in Pope county, Minnesota, and is a son of Morten H. and Anna (Stendalen) Baukol, both natives of Norway, whence they emigrated to the United States when about eighteen years of age and located in Pope county, Minnesota. There the father is still engaged in farming, but the mother passed away in 1909.

In the county of his nativity, Albert M. Baukol grew to manhood. He attended the district schools and later pursued his studies at Glenwood Academy in Glenwood, Minnesota. He also took a commercial course at the National Business College in Minneapolis and was thus well fitted to enter business life. For a time he held the position of assistant cashier in the Security State Bank at Noonan, North Dakota, but in 1915 removed to Wildrose to assume the duties of cashier of the Security State Bank at that place, in which capacity he is now serving with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Baukol was married at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, June 17, 1913, to Miss Emma Mittag, who was born in Hankinson, North Dakota, and was graduated from the Minnesota Normal School at Moorhead. They now have a little son, Brooks Warfield, born in Noonan, North Dakota. They are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Baukol also belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Sons of Norway. At the polls he supports the republican party and he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He is one of the representative young business men of Wildrose and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

JULIUS JACOBSON.

Julius Jacobson, dealing in farm machinery and agricultural implements at Alexander, was born at Lake Park, Minnesota, March 12, 1881, a son of Gust and Inger (Gladhaug) Jacobson. The father was born in Norway and at the age of sixteen years crossed the Atlantic, becoming a resident of Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he took up farm work. In 1870 he homesteaded near Lake Park, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for many years but is now living retired, making his home in Lake Park. His wife, also a native of Norway, arrived in Lake Park in young womanhood and was there married. She passed away in 1904.

Julius Jacobson spent his youthful days upon his father's farm and after attending the district schools continued his education in the Agricultural College at Fargo and in the Minnesota Business College at Minneapolis. When not busy with his textbooks his time and attention were devoted to the work of the fields and after his education was completed he began farming on his own account on his father's land near Lake Park. At length he disposed of his property there and in 1905 became a resident of McKenzie county, North Dakota, taking up a homestead near Alexander. He devoted seven years to the

cultivation and improvement of that property and in 1913 he established a farm machinery and implement business at Alexander, since which time he has been actively and successfully connected with the commercial pursuits of the town. His business is carefully conducted and his reliable methods bring to him substantial returns. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Jacobson is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising in McKenzie county, where he has large land holdings.

On the 25th of June, 1901, Mr. Jacobson was married to Miss Hilda Burg, of Lake Park, Minnesota, who was born in Sweden and in childhood became a resident of Lake Park. Her parents, Emannel and Emma Burg, were natives of Sweden and became farming people in Minnesota, where her mother passed away. Her father has since removed to Pompeys Pillar, Montana, where he now resides. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have become the parents of five children: Violet Evangeline and Morris Elwood Greenleaf, who were born at Lake Park, Minnesota; and Janet Gustava, John Garvin and Dean Abner, all of whom were born at Alexander.

Politically Mr. Jacobson is a republican, but while he gives stalwart support to the party he has never sought or desired office. He is a charter member of the Masonic lodge and of the Odd Fellows lodge of Alexander and both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members and active workers in the United Lutheran church, doing everything in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Both are held in high esteem and the number of their friends is constantly growing as their acquaintance broadens.

LESLIE STINSON.

Leslie Stinson, a dealer in farm implements and fuel at Grand Forks, where he has made his home since 1898, developing a large business that constitutes an important asset in commercial circles in his city, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 18, 1861, a son of Hugh and Letitia (Leslie) Stinson, who came to the new world from England, establishing their home in Minnesota in 1856. There the father engaged in farming throughout the greater part of his life and passed away in Minneapolis. His wife died February 22, 1916, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Leslie Stinson was the second in their family of six children and in early boyhood attended school in Minneapolis, after which he went to Stevens county, Minnesota, where he engaged in railroad work as an employe of the Great Northern. He worked at Fishers Landing for a time and in 1877 removed to North Dakota, where he was employed in railroad work. He afterward returned to Minneapolis and in 1879 went upon the road as a traveling salesman, representing a farm machinery house. He continued in that business for about twenty years and before the termination of that period came to North Dakota in connection with his work, traveling through this and other states. In 1898 he established a farm implement business at Grand Forks on his own account and in the intervening period of eighteen years has developed his business to large and profitable proportions. He carries a large line of farm implements of the latest and most improved makes and his sales are now extensive. He has also become connected with various other business concerns of his city, being a director of the Times-Herald Publishing Company and a director of the Rasmussen & Bemis Company. He is likewise on the board of directors of the Happy Farmer Tractor Company of Minneapolis, is president of the Stinson Tractor Company of Minneapolis and is a member of the board of directors of the Minneapolis & Duluth Mining Company, engaged in operating lead and zinc mining properties at Wallace, Idaho.

In January, 1888, Mr. Stinson was united in marriage to Miss Ada Swart, of Minneapolis, a daughter of Isaae Swart, a pioneer settler of that place. He was well known there for many years but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson have become the parents of five children: Edward Leslie, who was born at Morris, Minnesota, in 1891 and attended the high school of Grand Forks and the University of North Dakota, while now he is associated in business with his father; Vera, who was born in 1894 and is attending the university; Alice, who was born in 1896 and is a student in a girls' school at Roanoke,

Virginia; Ardis, who was born in February, 1899, and is a high school pupil; and Marian, who was born in 1901 and is a high school student.

In politics Mr. Stinson maintains an independent course. Fraternally he is a York and Scottish Rite Mason and is now serving on the board of directors of the Masonic Temple Building Association. His advancement in the business world has been the legitimate outcome of his own labors. He stands high in public regard and is widely and favorably known throughout the state, the worth of his character winning for him the high esteem everywhere tendered him.

WILLIAM H. GRAY, M. D.

Dr. William H. Gray, who since 1907 has been connected with the medical profession in Williams county, practicing in Ray since 1913, was born at Mount Ayr, in Ringgold county, Iowa, July 6, 1876, his parents being William and Margaret (Spates) Gray, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father became a farmer of that state but removed to Iowa and cast in his lot with the early settlers of Ringgold county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits near Mount Ayr to the time of his death, which occurred twenty-three years ago. It was in Iowa that he wedded Margaret Spates and she is now living at New Market, Iowa.

Dr. Gray, after attending the district schools of his native county, became a high school pupil at Tingley, Iowa, and then entered the normal school at Lincoln, Nebraska. After completing his more specifically literary course he took up the study of medicine, matriculating in the Lincoln Medical College at Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1900. He there completed a thorough four years' course, being graduated with the M. D. degree in the class of 1904. He first located for practice in Polk county, Nebraska, where he remained until 1907 and then removed to Wheelock, Williams county, North Dakota, where he followed his profession for six years, going in 1913 to Ray. He has since taken post-graduate work under the renowned Mayo Brothers of Rochester, Minnesota. He was president of his class while at college and he is one of the most successful physicians of Williams county, his knowledge of the science of medicine and surgery being comprehensive and exact. Moreover, he discharges his professional duties with a sense of conscientious obligation that makes his work of marked value.

Politically Dr. Gray is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Royal Neighbors, but the greater part of his attention is given to his professional interests and duties. He belongs to the Northwestern District Medical Society and broad reading keeps him in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress along professional lines.

CARL OSCAR HIGHUM.

With the development and upbuilding of Wildrose the name of Carl Oscar Highum is inseparably connected for he located there two years before the railroad reached the town and has since been one of its foremost business men. His birth occurred in Rushford, Minnesota, November 26, 1883, and his parents, Peter and Lena (Brekke) Highum, still make their home at that place. The father is a native of Wisconsin but as early as 1860 removed to Minnesota and located on a farm near Rushford in Fillmore county, where he followed agricultural pursuits for some years but is now living retired in Rushford. He has always taken quite an active and prominent part in local affairs and has been called upon to serve in township and school offices.

In the district schools of Fillmore county, Minnesota, Carl Oscar Highum began his education, and he later attended the city schools of Rushford and a business college at St. Paul. Following this he spent two years in Lanesboro, Minnesota, but since 1904 has

been a resident of North Dakota. For a time he engaged in business as a grain buyer at Hamilton, and from 1906 to 1909 was similarly engaged at Maxbass. In August of the latter year he removed to what is now known as Wildrose but at that time was Montrose, the name being changed in 1910. Here he established the First State Bank and served as its cashier until 1911, but after the railroad had been built to this place he retired from banking and turned his attention to the grain trade, which he has found quite profitable. In 1912 he purchased the grain elevator at Wildrose, which he still operates, and he also owns another at Zahl, North Dakota, besides some valuable farm property.

On the 11th of March, 1910, at Edmore, North Dakota, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Highum and Miss Olive Johnson, who was born in Grafton, this state, and coming here with her husband was the first woman to locate permanently in Wildrose. Her parents, C. O. and Josephine Johnson, are natives of Beloit, Wisconsin. In 1885 they became residents of Grafton, North Dakota, but subsequently removed to Edmore, where Mr. Johnson is engaged in farming. He is one of the prominent men of his community and has served as county commissioner of Ramsey county for fourteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Highum have two children, namely: Josephine Lillian, born in Wildrose, June 14, 1911; and Orville Christian, born September 15, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Highum are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist church and she is a teacher in the Sunday school. Fraternally Mr. Highum is identified with the Yeomen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic order, and politically he is a staunch republican. He has served as school treasurer. Success has attended his well directed efforts and he now ranks with the most substantial men of his community, as well as one of its representative and honored citizens.

HARDY HENRY LA DUE.

Death claimed a valued citizen of Williston when Hardy Henry La Due passed to the home beyond. He was born in Alburg, Vermont, June 4, 1842, a son of Abraham and Mary La Due, who were natives of the Green Mountain state and there spent their entire lives, the father following the tailor's trade.

Hardy H. La Due acquired his education in the schools of Alburg and it was his desire to become a physician but in this he was opposed by his father. As a boy he worked at the blacksmith's trade and afterward entered the service of the Central Railroad Company of Vermont, in which connection he worked his way upward to the position of locomotive engineer, his run being between Boston and Montreal. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company K, Thirteenth Vermont Infantry, with which he continued until the close of hostilities. A bullet cut off the top of his thumb at Gettysburg but otherwise he escaped injury and after the war he returned to railroading in Vermont.

In 1882 Mr. La Due removed to the west, settling at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he became an engineer on the Great Northern Railroad. In 1887 he made his way to Minot and for about five years thereafter continued active in railroad work. In 1891 he established his home at Glasgow, Montana, and in 1894 became a resident of Williston. He was engineer on the Great Northern Railroad continuously for more than a quarter of a century and made a most excellent record for faithful service. At length he was injured and retired from railroading in 1907, after which he made his home in Williston to the time of his death on the 9th of April, 1912. When he left Vermont his fellow workmen in the employ of the Central Railroad Company presented him with a beautiful ring as a token of their esteem and friendship. He became one of the pioneer engineers on the Great Northern and as such was known to thousands of people throughout North Dakota and Montana, who called him "Pap" La Due. He enjoyed their friendship in an unusual degree and he was also a personal friend of James J. Hill, president of the road. He had an eye to good investments and thus left a comfortable fortune to his family when he passed away, for he had become the owner of considerable property in Williston.

On the 7th of September, 1893, Mr. La Due was married at Oak Valley Farm, near





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Towner, North Dakota, to Miss Myrtle Robinson, who was born in Granville, Putnam county, Illinois, a daughter of James L. and Martha (Sill) Robinson. Her father, a native of Lexington, Kentucky, was educated in Illinois and in 1883 removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, homesteading one hundred and twenty miles from a railroad. There he engaged in farming until he retired from active business, when he removed to Williston, where he and his wife spent their remaining days, the former dying in June, 1910, and the latter in October, 1913. Their daughter, Mrs. La Due, spent her girlhood in her native county to the age of thirteen years, and then went with her parents to Guthrie county, Iowa, the family home being established near Casey. There she lived until her father settled on the homestead near Towner, in McHenry county. In early womanhood she taught school in this state. By her marriage she became the mother of one son, James Edmon, who was born in Williston, August 13, 1902, and is attending school in Williston. She is regarded as a very capable business woman, having extensive property interests. She built La Due Court, a modern apartment house, in Williston, which has recently been completed at a cost of forty-five thousand dollars. In business affairs her judgment is sound and her discrimination keen. She has been active in women's clubs and was for some time connected with the State Federation.

Fraternally Mr. La Due was a Mason and he maintained pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he served as alderman of Williston. His religious faith was that of the Episcopal church, while his wife is a member of the Christian Science church. He was a man of social nature, genial in spirit, kindly in disposition, and his many good qualities made him popular wherever he was known.

JOSEPH JOHN WALKER, M. D.

Dr. Joseph John Walker, a physician and surgeon of Cavalier who is now filling the office of mayor in his city, was born in Clinton, Ontario, February 28, 1868, a son of John and Mary (Chappel) Walker. The father, a native of England, settled in Ontario in pioneer times and followed farming in Canada throughout his remaining days, departing this life in 1883, when he had reached the age of forty-seven years. His wife, who was born and educated in England, is now living at the age of seventy-four and makes her home with Dr. Walker, her only child.

In his youthful days Dr. Walker was a pupil in the public schools of Canada and continued his education in Trinity University at Toronto, from which institution he was graduated upon the completion of a medical course in the class of 1900. In the fall of that year he located for practice at Hamilton, North Dakota, where he remained for three years and then went to Cavalier. There he has since remained in active practice in connection with Dr. Galbraith. Prior to pursuing his medical course he took up veterinary surgery in the Ontario Medical College, completed his course and after his graduation practiced for eight years in Ontario. It was at the end of that period that he turned his attention to medical practice and eventually won his M. D. degree. In this calling he has made steady advance, for he has attended various medical clinics and has remained an earnest and discriminating student of the profession, keeping in touch with the latest discoveries brought to light through modern research and investigation. His standing among his colleagues and contemporaries in his section of the state is indicated in the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the Grand Forks Medical Association. He also belongs to the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Aside from his profession he has extended his interests into other fields and is now a director of the Cavalier Milling Company and of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company of Grand Forks, North Dakota. He likewise has large farming interests, owning an extensive tract of land which he is carefully and systematically cultivating.

In June, 1902, at Bathgate, North Dakota, Dr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Campbell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Campbell, of Kent county, Ontario. Five children have been born of this marriage: Cora Luxton, who was born in Hamilton in

April, 1903; Eugene Arthur, born in Cavalier in 1906; Mary, in 1910; John, in 1914; and Kenneth, in October, 1916.

Dr. Walker gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and in 1913 was elected mayor of Cavalier, to which position he has since been reelected, so that he is the present incumbent in the office. He is giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration, seeking ever to further the interests and the upbuilding of his town. Fraternally he is a Master Mason. In every relation of life into which he has directed his activities he has gained recognition as a man of worth and ability and he now has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

W. A. HAMILTON.

W. A. Hamilton, manager of the Bovey-Shute Lumber Company at Devils Lake, was born near Rockford, Illinois, on the 14th of May, 1854, and is a son of J. M. and Sarah A. (Derwent) Hamilton, who were of Scotch and English descent. For many years they resided in Illinois, where the father took up a homestead and devoted his life to farming. He died in 1907 but the mother is still living in the old home.

The public school system of his native state afforded W. A. Hamilton his educational opportunities and in the school of experience he has learned many of life's valuable lessons. He remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when he married and removed to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he resided for three years. In 1882 he arrived in North Dakota and made his way to Grand Forks. There he was engaged in the lumber and machinery business in connection with the firm of Hunt & Holt and Garner Brothers. He continued in that place until January, 1886, when he removed to Devils Lake and remained with the house of Garner & Cleveland until 1889. The following year he was appointed postmaster of Devils Lake, serving for five years under the administrations of Presidents Harrison and Cleveland. For a time he engaged in the drug business and later was connected with the Merchants National Bank, of which he was vice president until the institution failed in 1907. However, it paid one hundred cents on the dollar. After remaining out of business for a brief period Mr. Hamilton entered the employ of F. H. Stultz as superintendent of a line of lumberyards and afterward was given charge of the home yard at Devils Lake and remained in that connection for four years. He then entered into connection with the Bovey-Shute Lumber Company, for which he has since been manager.

On the 5th of December, 1878, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Kilgore. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mr. Hamilton is also connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. He is interested in the state and its development and is a public-spirited man whose worth is widely acknowledged. He has many admirable qualities and enjoys the friendship and regard of many with whom he has been brought in contact.

ALBERT C. THOMPSON.

Albert C. Thompson, publisher of the Park River Herald and well known as a representative of journalistic interests in Walsh county, was born in Baldwin, Wisconsin, November 9, 1875, a son of Cnute and Annie Thompson, who were natives of Norway. Coming to America in 1859, Cnute Thompson settled in Muskego, Wisconsin, and there engaged in the contracting business, but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted as a member of the Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, with which he was on duty for four months. Later he joined the Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry and was with the army throughout the entire period of the Civil war. He was wounded in action and ever proved himself a brave and loyal soldier. In 1878 he removed to the northwest and after about a year spent at Moorhead, Minnesota, became a resident of Richland county, North Dakota, in 1879. There he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers and took up con-

struction work, doing a good business as a contractor and builder. He passed away at the National Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee in 1910, when seventy years of age, his birth having occurred in 1840. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1880 at the age of thirty-five years. Their family numbered eight children.

Allen C. Thompson, who was the fifth in order of birth, attended school in Richland county, Wisconsin, and afterward continued his education in the high school at Minneapolis and in the University of Minnesota. In the latter institution he took up the study of law and was graduated therefrom in 1905. He then began practice in Adams, Walsh county, where he remained until 1909, when he disposed of his interests there and in 1913 purchased the Edinburg Tribune, which he has since conducted. In 1915 he also became the owner of the Park River Herald, which he is now publishing, and in the interim he has built up the paper to large proportions. He still retains active connection with the legal profession and is a member of the Walsh County and North Dakota State Bar Associations. He is likewise the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of fine farming land in Walsh county.

In July, 1912, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Herom, of Edinburg, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Herom, who were pioneer settlers of Walsh county. The father died in 1909 at the age of fifty-one years, while his wife survived until 1916, passing away at the age of sixty-one. They had a family of four children, of whom Mrs. Thompson was the second, and by her marriage she has become the mother of a daughter, Harriet, who was born in Edinburg in 1913.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Lutheran church and fraternally Mr. Thompson is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Foresters. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1916 he served as secretary of the county central committee. He is much interested in political questions and keeps well informed on the issues of the day so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. His editorials, too, have elicited much interest and awakened deep thought and the papers which he publishes have done not a little to shape public opinion and action.

HARRY L. STARLING, D. D. S.

Keeping in close touch with the trend of modern thought and investigation in connection with dentistry Dr. Harry L. Starling is recognized as one of the ablest dentists in the state, although he is now giving little time to professional activities, concentrating his efforts upon the management and direction of his extensive agricultural interests and other important business affairs in McKenzie county. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 30, 1862, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Stewart) Starling. The father, a native of Chillicothe, Ohio, was reared and educated in that city and in Indianapolis. He became a commission merchant in Indianapolis and there spent his remaining days. His wife was a noted artist producing paintings of rare beauty and skill, and her last days were spent in Paris, France.

Dr. Starling pursued his education in the schools of Indianapolis and Cincinnati, Ohio, until after the death of his parents when he removed to Red Wing, Minnesota, where he attended high school. Determining to make the practice of dentistry his life work he then entered the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated and received his degree. He located for practice in Red Wing, Minnesota, and in 1884 removed to Fargo, North Dakota, where he followed his profession until 1912, when he retired. In 1914 he removed to a ranch in McKenzie county near Schafer in order to more closely supervise his extensive interests in that county. He resides in Watford City during the winter months but spends the summer season on the ranch. He still maintains a small office in Watford City, where he does work for the accommodation of the public, but practically he has retired from active practice, preferring now to concentrate his efforts upon his property investments and business interests.

On June 2, 1902, at Fargo, Dr. Starling was united in marriage to Miss Mand Kenyon,

who was born in Wisconsin. She attended the high school of Fargo, North Dakota, and completed her education at the Northwestern University of Chicago, Illinois. She is a daughter of George P. Kenyon, who became a resident of Fargo in 1882. He was state agent for threshing machines and farm machinery and became one of the pioneer implement dealers of Fargo and of Minneapolis. Later in life he removed to Schafer, where he conducted business as a dealer in farm implements and machinery, and his last days were spent in Wadena, North Dakota. His careful conduct of his business affairs, his industry, enterprise and capable management brought to him a very substantial measure of success. To Dr. and Mrs. Starling has been born a son, Kenyon, whose birth occurred in Fargo, July 30, 1905.

In politics Dr. Starling is a republican. While he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking he was appointed one of the state board of dental examiners by Governor E. T. Burke and served continuously for eighteen years, being secretary of the board for sixteen years of that time. He belongs to the North Dakota Dental Association and the American Dental Association, and while he is not actively engaged in practice at the present time he keeps in touch with modern professional thought and research work and is today one of the best known dentists of the state. During his residence in Fargo, which covers more than a quarter of a century, he was accorded a most liberal and extensive practice that was an indication of public trust in his professional ability.

He is also greatly interested in fraternal affairs and gives much time to the work of the different lodges with which he is connected. He organized the Elks lodge at Fargo of which he is still a member, and he served as its exalted ruler. His standing in the Knights of Pythias is shown in the fact that he was honored with the position of grand chancellor of the state. He is equally prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery, the consistory and the Mystic Shrine, while upon him has been conferred the honorary thirty-third degree Scottish Rite, a recognition of the important services which he has rendered to the order. The success which has attended his efforts in business now affords him leisure and opportunity for cooperation with those projects which tend to bring man to a higher level of living and larger reaches of thought, and he may well be counted one of the foremost and representative citizens of the commonwealth.

EMIL L. GUNDERSON.

Emil L. Gunderson, cashier of Linwell's State Bank at Ray and one of the pioneer bankers of Williams county, was born at St. Ansgar, Mitchell county, Iowa, November 21, 1877, a son of Erik and Louisa (Helgerson) Gunderson. The father, a native of Norway, came to America at the age of fifteen years, making his way to Mitchell county, Iowa, in 1857. There he worked as a farm hand for a few years and with the money thus earned purchased a fine farm near St. Ansgar, which he owned and occupied for fifty-five years, there remaining until his death. His wife, who was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, also passed away on the old home place.

Emil L. Gunderson acquired his early education in the district schools of Mitchell county and in the high school at Nora Springs, Iowa, and in 1898 he went to Aneta, Nelson county, North Dakota, where he accepted the position of assistant cashier in a bank, thus serving for five years. In 1903 he became a resident of Ray, Williams county, and assisted in organizing Linwell's State Bank, of which he became cashier. In that connection he has since continued and is today the pioneer banker of Williams county. He thoroughly understands the complex questions of banking and has so conducted the institution as to carefully safeguard the depositors while at the same time extending liberal credit to patrons. In the spring of 1906 Mr. Gunderson broke the first half section of land ever cultivated in his locality in order to find out what it would produce, and is now extensively engaged in farming and the raising of both horses and cattle.

On the 2d of January, 1905, Mr. Gunderson was married to Miss Lillian Sorenson, of Bartlett, North Dakota, who was born at Marinette, Wisconsin, and in 1901 came to this state. She was connected with an abstract office at Lakota for a time and later removed

to Williams county, where she filled the position of register of deeds and also homesteaded near Tioga, Williams county. To Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson have been born five children, two of whom are deceased. Those surviving are: Leila, whose birth occurred in June, 1909; Blaine, whose natal day was July 29, 1910; and an infant, born August 15, 1916. All are natives of Ray, North Dakota.

Politically Mr. Gunderson is an earnest republican and in 1912 was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, serving in the forty-first session, during which time he was on the committees on banking, live stock and education. He has always been deeply interested in the cause of the public schools and served on the school board when his district measured seventy-seven by thirteen miles and contained forty-four schools. He afterward left the school board but after three years returned to again serve in that capacity, having been altogether for nine years in that position. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge No. 1214 at Williston, of which he became a charter member, and he also has membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Fargo. He belongs to the United Lutheran church and he is a staunch advocate of prohibition. In fact his aid and influence are always given in behalf of those forces which work for moral uplift and which promote civic progress. Those who know him esteem him highly and his worth is widely acknowledged.

ROBERT BENJIMEN STACY-JUDD.

Robert Benjimen Stacy-Judd is one of the more recent but also one of the most valuable acquisitions to the citizenship of Minot, where he has made his home for only two years. Within that period, however, he has gained recognition as one of the capable, prominent and distinguished architects of the state, his handiwork being seen at various points in North Dakota. He was born in London, England, June 21, 1884, a son of Benjimen and Elizabeth (Thompson) Judd, the latter born in Scotland in 1857, of Scotch parentage. The father claimed direct descent from Sir Andrew Judd, who founded one of the first public schools in England at Tonbridge, in Kent county, in the year 1553. Benjimen Judd was born in 1856, within the sound of Bow Bells of London.

Robert B. Stacy-Judd acquired his early education in St. Paul's school at Knightsbridge, London, and afterward attended Acton College and five other schools in England and Scotland. He began studying as a naval architect and afterward took up the profession of architecture, serving four-year articles with James Thompson, the distinguished English architect. He also studied building construction under Charles F. Mitchell, the foremost man in his line in London, England, and architecture under Connabeer. He was certified in 1905 and continued in private studies until 1910. After leaving James Thompson he went with the Great Northern Railway Company of England, executing building works throughout the railway system. He was next connected with the Franco-British Exposition Company, which he joined in 1907, having charge of the architectural staff on the grounds and so continuing until the works were completed in 1908. He was next associated with the William Morris Company of London and after traveling extensively in professional connections he began independent practice at Eastbourne, Sussex, England, while subsequently he opened another office in Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. In 1909 he was editor of the Eastbourne and Sussex Society Journal and he also owned and edited the Short Story Time-table. He had previously entered the literary field, having his first short story accepted in 1908. Later he wrote for a number of newspapers and he also became connected with amusement interests, owning one theatre for three years, while in two other theatrical ventures he was a partner. He wrote and illustrated "The Humors of the History of Personal Adornment" and other humorous booklets in 1906, and in 1912 he wrote and produced in England "A Study in Black and White," a silent play. At the same time he was keeping more or less closely in touch with his profession and in a word his powers were developing along many lines as he gave scope to the talents with which nature endowed him.

Mr. Stacy-Judd left England in the spring of 1913, crossing to the Atlantic ocean, after which he visited two hundred and forty cities in Canada, the United States and Alaska in search of a suitable location. At length he was induced to settle in Minot, whither

he came as a stranger after eighteen months' travel in America. He then entered into partnership with Architect R. T. Frost, of Minot, and after three months spent in that connection began practice alone. The recognition of his ability was almost immediate and his clientele has consequently and constantly grown. He designed the Bethania Lutheran church at Minot, the first concrete building in the city, and the La Duc block at Williston, North Dakota, which was the first all steel building in the state. Among his most important work perhaps is the Armory at Williston. He was likewise the architect and builder of the Person Flat block at Bismarek, North Dakota, remodeled the Union National Bank at Minot, designed the Catholic church at Hazelton, also the Blakey block at Minot and a number of fine bank buildings throughout the state. He designed the McKinney-Fuller block at Grand Forks and the Central block, the Eby & Young block and the Central Hotel, all in Minot. In August, 1916, he had twenty-seven building works in operation at one time. His success is notable by reason of the fact that he has attained his present prominence and distinction within the short period of two years. This is due, however, to his sterling character and to his high professional standards.

Mr. Stacy-Judd has been liberally educated in the arts and in the sciences as well as in architecture and architectural construction and he yet continues his literary work, having since his arrival in Minot written "Draehla," a modern problem play, which was produced the first time by the Lynnman Players in Minot. He made his first aeroplane flight in 1911 over the English Channel. He is continually enriching his life by broadening experiences, by further study, investigation and research, and by reason of his liberal culture association with him means expansion and elevation. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church.

ALBERT N. BAUMANN.

Albert N. Baumann, a representative of commercial interests at Westhope, being manager of the Westhope Mercantile Company, of which he is also a stockholder and director, was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, in February, 1879, a son of Albert and Susan (Simon) Baumann, both of whom were natives of Wisconsin. The father was a commission merchant of Watertown, Wisconsin, for several years and in 1882 removed to Grand Forks county, North Dakota, settling nine miles from Thompson, upon a homestead claim which he entered from the government. This he developed and improved, transforming it into a valuable and productive tract of land, continuing its cultivation until 1900. During that period he also served as postmaster of Thompson for four years and in 1900 he returned to Wisconsin, where for two years he conducted a meat market. He then again became a resident of Thompson, where he remained for about a year, when in 1903 he removed to Westhope, where he lived retired until his death a decade later. It was in January, 1913, that he passed away, but his widow still survives.

Albert N. Baumann was reared and educated in Wisconsin and in Grand Forks county, North Dakota, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. In 1901 he came to Bottineau county and took up a homestead which he developed and improved, operating the land for about four years. In 1904 he established his home in Westhope, where he opened a meat market, which he has since conducted, and in 1912 he added a stock of groceries. He has today one of the best stores of the kind in Bottineau county and enjoys a large patronage which he fully merits. Extending the scope of his activities, he opened a clothing and men's furnishing goods department and enjoys a good trade in that connection. He is also a stockholder and director and manager of the Westhope Mercantile Company and is likewise the owner of a meatmarket at Antler. His landed possessions include an entire section in Grand Forks county, a part of which is the old family homestead, and he has also eighty acres of irrigated land in Idaho.

In June, 1907, occurred the marriage of Mr. Baumann and Miss Alice Warner, by whom he has four children, Albert H., Winthrop O., Francis and Louise. Their religious faith is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Baumann belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a democrat and has served as

alderman of Westhope for eight years, while at the present time he is a member of the school board. His business interests and activities along other lines have contributed to the progress and development of this section of the state.

COLONEL CALVIN S. ULINE.

Colonel Calvin S. Uline, who was born in New York in 1833, received an academic education at Charlotteville and then settled in New Jersey. Three years later he went to Indianapolis where he was employed in the postoffice. He remained in that city three years and settled in St. Paul in 1856.

He was for five years associated with L. H. Eddy and C. W. Griggs in the grocery business. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Second Minnesota Regiment and served with distinction for four years. His bravery in the engagements in which his regiment participated won for him successively commissions as second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain, major, and he returned to St. Paul after the war as a lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Uline was liberal, broad-minded and popular and was repeatedly elected treasurer of Ramsey county, having served from 1868 to 1876. He became in 1876 right of way agent for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company and was connected with that road until 1882, when he sold his homestead on Mississippi street and moved to Devils Lake, where he lived until his death in May, 1902.

Colonel Uline was married in 1865 to Miss Olive Eddy, sister of Luther H. Eddy. His wife died thirty-three years ago. Five children were the issue of this marriage: Ella Uline, deceased; Olive Uline, deceased; Charles Miller Uline, deceased; Mrs. Dudley Lee Nash, of Minot, North Dakota; and Mrs. Adolph Schmidt, of Lewiston, Idaho.

COLONEL D. F. ELLSWORTH.

Colonel D. F. Ellsworth, who is now living retired in New Rockford, won distinction as a soldier of the Civil war and in times of peace has taken a prominent part in public affairs. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Potter county, July 25, 1836, and is a son of Daniel F. and Rhoda L. (Babeock) Ellsworth, who were born, reared and married in New York but shortly after their marriage removed to Pennsylvania, where the father engaged in farming for some years. Subsequently he removed to the county seat of Potter county—Coudersport, to enter upon the duties of sheriff, to which office he had been elected, and he later served as justice of the peace there. In 1854 he became a resident of Hardin county, Iowa, and built a hotel in Eldora, the county seat, which he conducted for many years, he and his wife spending their last days in that city.

Colonel Ellsworth was educated in the common schools of Pennsylvania and was eighteen years of age on the removal of the family to Iowa. After reaching manhood he became identified with the land business and was active in locating settlers on land prior to the homestead law. The Civil war having broken out, he returned to Pennsylvania in 1862 and enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was one of the celebrated Bucktail regiments. After serving as a private for eight months he was promoted to quartermaster sergeant of his regiment and in the fall of 1863 was made first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster. On the 20th of June, 1864, he was again promoted, this time being commissioned captain and assistant quartermaster of volunteers, which took him from his regiment but he continued with the Army of the Potomac throughout its service. In the fall of 1864 he was assigned to the Artillery Brigade of the Second Corps and made division quartermaster and the same fall congress passed a bill giving all division quartermasters the rank and pay of a major. After the close of hostilities Colonel Ellsworth returned from Washington to his home in Iowa, arriving there July 27, 1865, but he had not been mustered out of service and on the 4th of August he was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and from there to Fort

Kearney, Nebraska, where he was made post quartermaster and chief quartermaster of the district of Nebraska, in which important capacity he served until the 1st of November, 1865, when he resigned and returned home.

During the following three years Colonel Ellsworth was engaged in farming in Hardin county, Iowa, but in 1868 was appointed assistant assessor of internal revenue, which office he held for four and a half years, when congress passed a bill abolishing that position. Subsequently he removed to Butler county, Iowa, and was engaged in the drug business at Bristow. In 1876 he was admitted to the bar and practiced law until 1881, when he came to North Dakota, being one of the pioneers of Lisbon, Ransom county. He was there the day the county was organized—April 13, 1881,—and the same summer filed on a pre-emption in that part of the county which was later cut off to form Sargent county. He was elected a member of the first board of county commissioners and took an active part in the development of that region.

It was in 1899 that Colonel Ellsworth removed to New Rockford and established the Volunteer, a weekly newspaper, but shortly afterward sold it to C. J. Maddox and the paper was merged with the Transcript. The Colonel later was placed in charge of The Provost. In 1906 he was elected county judge of Eddy county and served in that capacity for four terms, up to the 1st of January, 1915, since which time he has lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest.

On the 2d of June, 1859, Colonel Ellsworth married Miss Mary E. Starkweather, of Lansing, Michigan, but a native of New York state. During the Civil war she accompanied her husband from 1863 to 1865, they being located at Washington, D. C., a part of that time. Today they are a most remarkable couple, both being eighty years of age and still retaining their faculties and vigor to a great degree. Their children are Willis A., a resident of New Rockford; James E., a dentist of Forman, North Dakota; Alfred H., night editor of the New Rockford State Center; and Lura, the wife of Grant Simms, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Colonel affiliates with the republican party and is a prominent member of Fort Seward Post, G. A. R., of Jamestown, North Dakota. He is a man honored and respected wherever known, and he has a host of warm friends in Eddy county.

ANDREW URSETH.

Norway has furnished to this state many of its most prominent and influential citizens—men who through their own unaided efforts have worked their way upward, becoming prominent in both business and public life. Among those now residing in Williams county is Andrew Urseth, cashier of the First State Bank of Wildrose. He was born near Osterdalen, Norway, September 14, 1876, a son of Andrew and Anna (Moen) Urseth, who remained in that country throughout life, the father being engaged in agricultural pursuits. During his boyhood the son attended the public schools as he found opportunity and assisted his father in the operation of the farm.

In 1894 Mr. Urseth came to the new world in the hopes of benefiting his financial condition and first located at Cummings, Traill county, North Dakota, where he worked as a farm hand through the summer months and attended school during the winter season. Feeling the need of a better education he entered the Minnesota Normal & Business College at Minneapolis, where he pursued his studies for five winters while working as a farm hand through the remainder of the year, for which he deserves much credit. He took up a homestead in Bottineau county and for a time was employed as a clerk in a general store at Bottineau. Later he entered the First National Bank at that place, with which institution he was connected for five years, first as bookkeeper and subsequently as assistant cashier. In 1910 Mr. Urseth removed to Howard, Williams county, and established the Security State Bank, of which he became cashier, but the following year accepted a similar position with the First State Bank of Wildrose, in which capacity he is now serving. He understands the banking business both in principle and detail and the institution with which he is now connected has steadily prospered under his able management. He is also

a stockholder and director of a bank at Corinth, North Dakota, and owns farm lands in this state and in Montana.

On the 30th of November, 1910, Mr. Urseth was married in Bottineau to Miss Lillian Stewart, who was born, reared and educated in that city, of which her parents, Duncan and Evelyn (Turner) Stewart, were early settlers. They came originally from Canada. Mr. Stewart, who made farming his life work, is now deceased, but his wife is still living and continues to reside in Bottineau. Mr. and Mrs. Urseth have one child, Alf Leroy, who was born in Wildrose, November 4, 1911.

By his ballot Mr. Urseth supports the men and measures of the republican party and he has served as a member of the town board. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, but his wife holds membership in the Baptist church and takes an active part in its work, serving as president of the Ladies Aid Society and as a teacher in the Sunday school. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and he helped to organize the Sons of Norway at Wildrose, serving as the first president of that society. He is a self-made as well as a self-educated man for the success that has come to him is due entirely to his own well directed efforts and good business ability for at the beginning of his career he had no outside aid or advantages but had to rely entirely on his own industry and enterprise. At the present time, however, he is one of the well-to-do citizens of his community and his course has been such as to command the respect and confidence of all who know him.

THOMAS JOHNSON.

Thomas Johnson, president of the Farmers Security Bank at Park River, was born January 11, 1853, in Racine county, Wisconsin, a son of John Johnson, whose birth occurred at Landsverk, Norway, whence he came to America in 1840, making his way to Racine county, Wisconsin, where he cast in his lot among the pioneer settlers. In 1854 he removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, and was one of the first to locate in that district. There he entered a claim from the government and began the development of a farm, which he continued to cultivate and improve until death called him in 1887, when he was more than eighty-one years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Peterson, was also a native of Norway and with her husband and one child, Peter, came to the new world. In the family were seven children, six sons and a daughter, who reached adult age, Thomas being the fifth in order of birth. The mother passed away in 1863.

At the usual age Thomas Johnson became a pupil in the public schools and afterward attended Bradley Academy at Bradford, Iowa, and Luther College at Decorah, that state, thus continuing his studies until he attained his majority. His youthful days up to that period were spent upon the home farm and he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. His first active work beyond that of farming was in the schoolroom as a teacher, but after devoting a term to that work he began farming on his own account and was thus engaged in Iowa until 1892, when he came to North Dakota, settling at Park River, Walsh county. There he established an implement and farm machinery business, entering into partnership with Messrs. Hendrickson and Olson. Later he became a partner of Thomas Wadde and since 1900 he has been engaged in the implement business alone, in which connection he has built up a trade of large and gratifying proportions, his store being to him a very profitable source of income at the present time. He was also one of the organizers and incorporators of the Farmers Security Bank, which was established in the fall of 1909, at which time he was elected president and has since served in that connection. He is also president of the Farmers Elevator Company and its principal stockholder and thus his business connections closely touch the commercial, financial and agricultural interests of the community.

On the 6th of May, 1896, at Northfield, Minnesota, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Belle Huseby, a native of Norway, who in her infancy was brought to America by her parents, Andrew and Gertrude Huseby, who still reside at the old home seven miles from Northfield, where they have remained for a half century. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have

three children: Geneva Alvina, who was born in April, 1899; Oliver Reuben, born February 8, 1902; and Pearl Henrietta, born June 21, 1905.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Johnson belongs to the Commercial Club of Park River. In politics he has been a stalwart republican since casting his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant. In 1903 he served as a member of the state legislature from the third district and during the two succeeding terms was a member of the state senate. He carefully considered the important problems which came up for settlement and lent the weight of his aid and influence in support of many plans and measures for the general good. For twenty years he has served on the Park River school board, of which he is still a member and the president. His influence has always been on the side of progress and improvement for the benefit of city and state and his labors have been of far-reaching effect and importance.

GEORGE W. NEWTON.

George W. Newton, proprietor of the Brunswick Hotel at Williston, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1858. He has long been identified with the west, for his have been the experiences of the cowboy and the buffalo hunter. His parents, George and Sarah Anna (Fox) Newton, were natives of England and Ireland respectively. The former acquired his education at Bristol, England, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, which he later followed in Philadelphia and subsequently in Prescott, Wisconsin, where he engaged in that business for five years. He then became proprietor of the Newton House and continued in the hotel business for many years. On removing to the middle west he made his way first to St. Paul, Minnesota, but at that time it looked as though Prescott, Wisconsin, would develop more rapidly and accordingly he located there. His last days were spent in Red Wing, Minnesota, where his wife also died. She was born at Castlereigh, Ireland, and they were married in Philadelphia.

George W. Newton acquired his education in the city schools of Prescott, Wisconsin, and when a young man served as cabin boy and boat hand on the river boats which plied on the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers. He was thus engaged until 1878, when he went to Miles City, Montana, then a wild frontier town of three hundred inhabitants, mostly cowboys, the life of the community centering in the dance halls, the saloons and the gambling houses. Mr. Newton's journey to the northwest was an overland one from Fort Lincoln to Bismarck and thence to Miles City, and for five years thereafter he engaged in hunting buffaloes in Montana, but by 1883 those animals had been so largely exterminated that hunting was no longer profitable and Mr. Newton removed to what is now Williams county, North Dakota, where he was employed as cowboy on the old Grinnell ranch. Subsequently he was foreman on the R. C. Matthews ranch, which position he occupied until 1887, when he established the Brunswick restaurant and saloon in Little Muddy now Williston, conducting that business when Williston was headquarters for the cowboys. He never closed the saloon night or day, for when the cowboys went to the ranches he just left the place open and went to his home, so that if anyone wanted a drink during the night he helped himself. Mr. Newton conducted this saloon for five years after the state went dry, saying that it took five years for the news to reach Williston. On closing out his saloon he opened a drug store under the name of the Williston Drug Company and conducted that business for six years, after which he sold out. He then opened the Brunswick Hotel, of which he is now proprietor.

In 1884 Mr. Newton wedded his old sweetheart from Wisconsin—Miss Annie Manning. She made her way to Bismarck by boat and Mr. Newton left the Grinnell ranch, where he was employed as a cowboy, to go to Bismarck to meet her, driving in a buckboard to that city, where they were married, after which he started with his bride for the Grinnell ranch. While on the way to that place they spent one night at Fort Berthold on the Indian reservation. That night representatives of the Montana Live Stock Association, who were looking for stolen cattle and horses, came to him and inspected the brands on the horses which he was driving, also asked him where he was from and other questions. They told him



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that their captain said for him not to go to the Grinnell ranch until they gave him permission to do so, as they were looking up cattle thieves about the country and Grinnell's was known as a hangout for bad men and cattle rustlers. Mr. Newton defiantly answered them and the next morning went on his way, unheeding their command. It was on the 26th of October, 1884, that he married Miss Manning, who was born at Rock Elm, Pierce county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Daniel and Kate Manning, who were early settlers of that state but are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Newton have been born five children, as follows: Claudie, who is deceased; George, a native of Fort Buford, North Dakota; Margaret, who was born in Nesson, North Dakota, and is the wife of E. H. Bergran, an auditor residing in Chicago, Illinois; and Clara and John Henry, both of whom were born in Williston, North Dakota.

In politics Mr. Newton is a democrat and was a member of the school board for several years. He belongs to the Episcopal church, while his wife and family are connected with the Roman Catholic church. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias and Elks lodges of Williston. He assisted in organizing the Williams County Fair Association, of which he is one of the directors, and he has taken a most prominent part in promoting public progress and improvement along many lines. He is today one of the wealthy citizens of northwestern North Dakota, owning considerable farm land which he rents, while his city realty is extensive. His home is a fine modern residence—a typical evidence of the success which has come to him.

There is no phase of frontier life with which he was not familiar and his reminiscences of the early days are most interesting. When the Montana "stranglers" stopped Mr. and Mrs. Newton at Fort Berthold they had with them two half-breeds who were charged with stealing horses. Two years after the decomposed bodies of two men were found in a lake that went dry and were identified as these half-breeds—which was the way cattle thieves were handled in the early days. Mr. Newton is a splendid type of the old buffalo hunter and frontiersman who is fast disappearing in the west and he has vivid recollection of the notorious gangs of tough cowboys who settled in McKenzie county in the early '80s after driving large herds of cattle through from Texas. Mr. Newton has killed hundreds of buffaloes upon the western plains, his largest killing at one stand being thirty-six head. The animals were skinned for their hides, a dollar and a quarter being paid for a calf hide, two dollars and seventy-five cents for a bull hide and four dollars for a choice robe hide. During 1879 and 1880 Mr. Newton was skinning hides for the Frazier brothers—"Bill and Steel," who were famous buffalo hunters of an early day. They hunted buffaloes in Kansas, where they lived on a ranch, and in 1879 and 1880 came to Montana to hunt. During the first year Steel Frazier killed five thousand buffaloes in Montana. He had six men employed to follow him and skin the animals, Mr. Newton being one of the number. The Frazier brothers piled their hides along the Yellowstone river and the boats took them away in the spring. Mr. Newton has lived to see the wide, open country with its free range converted into productive farms dotted here and there with thriving towns and villages, while all the evidences of a modern civilization have been introduced, and where once the buffaloes roamed at will over the broad plains, herds of fine blooded stock in well fenced pastures are today seen. It may be that he remembers with a sigh the old days of freedom when men were tested as to their real worth of character, yet he also rejoices in the changes which have occurred whereby the natural resources of the country are being developed and North Dakota is steadily working its way to a place in the foremost rank of the great states of the Union.

ASLE BJELLA.

The business career of Asle Bjella, of Epping, is a notable one. Contrast his present position as a substantial citizen and man of affluence with his condition in 1896, when he had a capital of thirteen cents, without employment and unable to speak the English language. The change that has occurred has been wrought by persistent, earnest effort. He knows what it means to work hard, to save his money and to make judicious investments. He has displayed sound judgment in his business career, and indefatigable energy has been

the basis of his success. He was born in Aal, Hallingdal, Norway, November 24, 1877, a son of A. O. and Anna (Rud) Bjella, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun. The father came first to the United States in 1893 and after remaining for two years returned to Norway, where he again spent two years. He then came for the second time to the United States and established his home in Waukon township, Norman county, Minnesota, where he took up the occupation of farming and where he is still living at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife remained a lifelong resident of Norway, there passing away in the spring of 1895, her husband reaching their native land six weeks before her demise.

Asle Bjella acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and in 1895, when a youth of eighteen years, came to the United States with his brother and sister. They, too, made their way to Norman county, Minnesota, where he worked on a farm for a year. In the spring of 1896 he went to Cass county, North Dakota, where he was employed at farm labor for two years at twelve dollars per month. He then returned to Norman county, Minnesota, where he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for three years. He next removed to McIntosh, Minnesota, and worked in his brother's blacksmith shop for several years. In 1906 he arrived in Williams county, where he took up a homestead a mile and a half from what is now Epping. He started a blacksmith shop on the site of the town, although the district was then unmarked by any buildings. The country became more thickly settled, however, as the years went on and he continued to enjoy a growing business until 1916, when he sold out. He also engaged in farming and after improving his original purchase he added to his land until he now owns three hundred and sixty acres in one farm and also has an interest in other lands. He is now connected with commercial interests of Epping as a partner of H. A. Gemberling in the implement business, under the firm name of Gemberling & Bjella, and they enjoy an extensive trade.

On the 31st of January, 1904, Mr. Bjella was married to Miss Clara Bagstead, a daughter of P. A. and Johanna (Sillerud) Bagstead, of McIntosh, Minnesota. She was born at Manville, North Dakota, but her parents returned to the former state. Mr. and Mrs. Bjella now have a family of four children: Lloyd A., Yewell Philander, Lillian E. and Norman, all born in Epping. Mr. Bjella is a member of the Sons of Norway and was the first president of the lodge in Epping. Both he and his wife hold membership in the United Lutheran church. His record is indeed commendable, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. Undeterred by any obstacles in his path, he has worked his way steadily upward, winning success by honorable, straightforward methods and judicious investment, and today he is one of the substantial citizens of Williams county.

STEPHEN C. BARNES.

Stephen C. Barnes is the publisher of the Recorder Post at Dickinson, in which connection he is well known. He was born near Chillicothe, Missouri, on the 23d of June, 1884, a son of Andrew Jackson and Margaret (Watkins) Barnes. He lived on a farm in his early youth and afterward attended Guerin College at St. Louis. Later he took up the study of photography, to which he devoted five years, and subsequently he entered the newspaper field in connection with the Kansas City Star. He was with that paper for a brief period and afterward was with the Times News at Ann Arbor, Michigan, as advertising manager, remaining with that paper until 1909, when he came to North Dakota and entered into business connections with the Tribune of Bismarek, of which paper Marshall H. Jewell was the publisher for many years. Mr. Barnes became the advertising manager and continued with that paper until 1914, when he went to Dickinson and purchased the Recorder Post, which he still owns and publishes. The Recorder was established in 1892 and the Post was started by Mr. Carter, who is secretary to L. B. Hanna. These two papers were consolidated in 1906. It was on the 1st of December, 1914, that Mr. Barnes began their publication and he has a well equipped plant. The Recorder Post, published weekly, is an independent paper and is an interesting, readable journal, the business being carefully managed, a spirit of enterprise dominating the work of the office at all times.

On the 16th of August, 1905, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Ada Mott, of Avalon, Missouri. They have become parents of three children: Mildred, who was born June 12, 1907; Keith, born August 11, 1910; and Robert, born September 18, 1916. Mr. Barnes has membership in the Christian church at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and Eastern Star at Marcelline, Missouri, and in Tancred Commandery, K. T., at Bismarek. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen camp of Wellsville, Kansas, and the Elks Lodge, No. 1137, of Dickinson. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he is a strong believer in its principles, although he does not seek nor desire office nor has he made his paper a partisan sheet. He has had long experience in the newspaper field and success is attending his efforts in this direction.

JOHN E. GREENE.

John E. Greene, who since 1904 has engaged in the practice of law at Minot, was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, January 10, 1858, his parents being William M. and Abby M. (Crandall) Greene, who were natives of Rhode Island, the former born in 1819 and the latter May 9, 1822. In early life the father learned and followed the wagonmaker's trade. In 1849 he went to the gold fields of California. On his return he came west and took up the occupation of farming. In 1853 he left New England and became a resident of southern Illinois, where he remained until 1856, when he established his home at Janesville, Wisconsin, there residing until 1858, when he became a resident of Dane county, Wisconsin. In 1871 he removed to Colorado, where he continued until 1877 the year of his arrival in southern Minnesota. He had lost his wife in Colorado in 1874. He continued to make his home in Minnesota until a few years before his death. He finally moved in 1902 to Battle Creek, Michigan, where he died. He was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 as a private of Company A, Thirteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until the close of hostilities, rendering valiant aid to the Union cause.

Judge Greene is the youngest of a family of five children. He pursued his education in the public schools of Wisconsin and of Colorado and in the year 1874, when a youth of sixteen years, became an employee at a trading post in Colorado, where he continued until November, 1878. In that year he went to Wells, Minnesota, where he took up the study of law in the office of his brother, M. W. Greene, there remaining until his brother went to Fargo in 1882. It was in January of that year that John E. Greene was admitted to the bar, after which he continued to engage in the practice of law at Wells, Minnesota, until 1885, when he removed to Fargo and joined his brother in the firm of Miller & Greene. That association was maintained until 1887. In 1891 he was in partnership with Chas. J. Mahuken at Fargo for two years; practiced alone thereafter until 1904 when he removed to Minot where he has practiced continually since. He was alone until August, 1909, when he became a partner in the firm of Palda, Aaker & Greene. This partnership was dissolved in January, 1916, and Judge Greene is now practicing alone. His clientage is extensive and important and the ability which Mr. Greene has displayed ranks him as one of the able members of the bar at Minot. His careful analysis enables him to readily understand the relation of cause and effect and to determine the law principle applicable to the point in litigation. He is strong in argument, clear in reasoning and logical in his deductions.

On the 9th of May, 1882, Mr. Greene was united in marriage to Miss Martha S. Polleys, a native of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and a daughter of James W. and Charlotte M. (Huff) Polleys, both of whom were born in New Brunswick, Canada. They became pioneer settlers of Wisconsin, where they took up their abode in the early '50s, and the father served for a number of years as sheriff of LaCrosse county. He proved a loyal soldier of the Union at the time of the Civil war, becoming a member of the Eighth Wisconsin Infantry, in which he won promotion until he had reached the rank of colonel. The later years of his life were devoted to agricultural pursuits and about 1872 he removed from Wisconsin to Wells, Minnesota, where he became manager of the agricultural interests of Colonel Clark Thompson. Both he and his wife passed away at Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Greene have three

children, namely: Abby Margaret, the public librarian at Minot; Florence W., at home; and James M., living in California. They are all members of the Episcopal church. Mrs. Greene died June 7th, 1898, at Fargo.

Fraternally Mr. Greene is connected with the Masons and the Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have had little attraction for him, as it has ever been his desire to give undivided attention to his professional duties. He has earned an enviable reputation at the bar and it is well known that his activity at all times conforms to the highest standard of professional ethics. He is a member of the American Bar Association, in which he has served in the general council and as a member of the committee on uniform state laws. He likewise belongs to the North Dakota State Bar Association, of which he was president in 1911-12. Other associations which indicate his intellectual activity and interest are his membership in the American Academy of Political and Social Science and the American Judicature Society. He belongs to the Minot Commercial Club, the Inquisitors Club, a literary organization, and to the Fortnightly Club of Minot, also to the Minneapolis Athletic Club. He has deep concern in those questions which are of vital interest to state and nation and association with him means expansion and elevation.

NELS M. ORVIK.

Nels M. Orvik, cashier of the Michigan State Bank and a resident of Michigan since 1886, was born at Molde, Norway, May 17, 1870, his parents being Nels and Karen Orvik, who were natives of Norway, where the father engaged successfully in farming, but both he and his wife have now passed away.

Nels M. Orvik attended public schools of his native country until 1886, when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America, making his way direct to Michigan, North Dakota. He first earned his living on this side the Atlantic by farm work, to which he devoted four years. Realizing the need of a broader education and having saved his earnings with the purpose of entering school, he then became a student in the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. Following the completion of his studies he secured employment with J. P. Lamb & Company, now of the firm of Lamb Brothers, bankers and dealers in grain and lumber in Michigan. He remained with that firm for four years and during the succeeding three years was with Gordon Brothers. On the expiration of that period he formed a partnership with Senator A. J. Gronna, of Lakota, and established a general store in Michigan, where he conducted a profitable business until 1904 under the firm style of Orvik & Company. On the completion of the Soo Railroad he removed to Adams and there engaged in the hardware business, which he conducted profitably for three years. He next entered the field of banking and became cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank at Adams, filling that position for a year, at the end of which time the Scandinavian-American Bank took over the Michigan City Bank and Mr. Orvik was made cashier of the latter, which position he has since capably filled, wisely directing the policy and shaping the business connections of the institution. He has closely studied every phase of the banking business and his success is the result of broad knowledge, persistent effort and keen sagacity.

In 1895, at Grand Forks, Mr. Orvik was married to Miss Laura Rodlin, who was born on the Atlantic ocean while her parents were en route from Norway to America. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Orvik, Vivian and Walter. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Orvik belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees and also to the Commercial Club of Michigan. In politics he follows an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment. Mr. Orvik certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he came to America a poor boy without means or personal effects, due to the fact that the ship was wrecked when but a few days out from port. It was wrecked on Insular island, not far from Norway, and all of the passengers lost their entire belongings, while several, including two of the ship's crew, lost their lives. Undeterred by this misfortune, Mr. Orvik continued on his way, resolved to win success

if it could be done through persistent and honorable effort, and since coming to America he has built up his fortunes upon the broad foundation of industry and is today one of the representative business men and citizens of Michigan.

ARTHUR D. KNUTSON.

Arthur D. Knutson, a well known hardware merchant of Wallhalla, was born on the 28th of December, 1878, in Swift county, Minnesota, and is a son of Knute and Inga (Clappe) Knutson, both natives of Norway. In early life they emigrated to America and located in Minnesota, becoming pioneers of that state, where they continued to make their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The father made farming his life work and died in Swift county, Minnesota, in 1900 at the age of seventy-six years. The mother survived him for three years, passing away in 1903 at the age of fifty-nine. In the family of this worthy couple were six children, namely: Mrs. Sarah Robertson, a resident of Dawson, Minnesota; Mrs. Anna Lant, of Keokuk, Iowa; Miss Margaret Knutson, of Appleton, Minnesota; Arthur, of this review; Kermit, also of Appleton; and Iver, of Canby, Minnesota.

In the state of his nativity Arthur Knutson grew to manhood and he is indebted to its public schools for the early educational advantages he enjoyed, and later attended the Minnesota Normal School and Red Wing Seminary. After laying aside his textbooks he was engaged in general merchandising for a time, and later was employed as traveling salesman for Lindsey Brothers of Minneapolis for four years, his territory being Minnesota and the Dakotas. In 1906 he went to Portland, Oregon, where he was engaged in the real estate and loan business until 1910, when he sold out and removed to Wallhalla, North Dakota. Buying the stock of hardware from Mr. Anderson, he has since conducted business along that line and is meeting with success in this venture, enjoying a good trade, which is constantly increasing.

In April, 1908, Mr. Knutson was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Hansen, of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Her family were pioneers of Grand Forks county, and her father, O. G. Hansen, served as sheriff there. Mr. and Mrs. Knutson have a little daughter, Gertrude, born in 1911. They are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Knutson is also identified with the Masonic fraternity. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He is an enterprising, reliable business man, who commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

ALFRED C. OLSEN.

Alfred C. Olsen, editor and proprietor of The Transcript and one of the leading citizens of New Rockford, North Dakota, was born on the 4th of October, 1876, in Independence, Wisconsin, his parents being Halver and Caroline Olsen, who were natives of Norway and on coming to America in 1856 located in Wisconsin. There the father followed farming for some time but eventually removed to Montana, becoming a resident of that state when the buffaloes were still seen in large herds in that region. He engaged in ranching there until 1883, when he removed to North Dakota and settled near Carrington, Foster county. He filed on land and secured a homestead besides both preemption and tree claims and continued to operate his land until 1905, when he retired from active labor and returned to Wisconsin, making his home in that state until called to his final rest in November, 1912. The mother of our subject had passed away in March, 1902.

Alfred C. Olsen was practically reared and educated in New Rockford, being about seven years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Foster county in 1883. He began learning the printer's trade in 1889 in the office which he nows owns and in due time thoroughly mastered the business. In the fall of 1902 he purchased The Transcript,

after having managed the office for four years, and he has since conducted the paper on his own account. It has a circulation of twelve hundred and eighty-five and is published weekly, its editorials being well written, its news items up-to-date and reliable and its advertising patronage good. The plant is modern in equipment and the work turned out is first class.

On the 25th of December, 1906, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Olsen and Miss Edith Schmidt, whose parents are still living. For fourteen years her father, Professor C. C. Schmidt, was superintendent of the Jamestown public schools and for the past nine years has been superintendent of the Teachers College at the State University, being one of the prominent educators of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen have four children: Kathryn A., Karl Frederick, Harvey Eugene, and Ada Clara.

In politics Mr. Olsen is independent, endeavoring to support the best man for office regardless of party ties. He and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Congregational church and he also belongs to Century Lodge, No 60, A. F. & A. M. at New Rockford; the Royal Arch Chapter, at Carrington; the Elks lodge at Jamestown, and the Odd Fellows lodge at New Rockford. By his personal support and through the columns of his paper he has aided many worthy enterprises for the advancement of his town and county and is recognized as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the community.

GEORGE A. BANGS.

George A. Bangs, attorney at law of Grand Forks, his entire professional career being marked by that steady progress which results from comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and ability to accurately apply its principles, was born in Minnesota, November 8, 1867, a son of Alfred W. and Sarah D. (Plowman) Bangs, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ontario. In 1857, in her girlhood days, the mother accompanied her parents to Minnesota, the family settling there in pioneer times. Alfred W. Bangs prepared for the bar and for many years engaged in active practice in Minnesota, where he was also prominent in public affairs, serving as county attorney and as a member of the state senate. He was also at one time state senator of South Dakota. In 1881 he removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he followed his profession until 1889, when he opened an office in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he continued in the practice of law until called to his final rest in 1906, when seventy-five years of age. His widow is still living there at the age of seventy-four years. The family numbered six children, the eldest of whom, Tracy R. Bangs, a son of the father's first marriage, is now one of the leading attorneys of Grand Forks.

George A. Bangs acquired his early education in the schools of Minnesota, where he remained until he reached the age of fourteen years. He read law in the office of his father and also under the direction of his brother, Tracy R. Bangs, and was admitted to the bar at Grand Forks in November, 1893. For two years he filled the office of states attorney and from 1896 to 1906 was city attorney, which position he is now filling, his frequent reappointments to that office standing as incontrovertible evidence of his ability and fidelity. In addition to his law practice he is one of the directors of the Grand Forks Street Railway Company.

Mr. Bangs has been married twice. On the 1st of October, 1889, he wedded Miss Maria A. Griggs, who passed away in Grand Forks, March 21, 1891. On the 8th of July, 1895, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Xenia A. Gilbreath, a daughter of John W. and M. A. Gilbreath. Mr. Bangs lost his second wife on the 12th of September, 1912. In 1911 he adopted a son, Donald A. W. Bangs.

Fraternally Mr. Bangs is connected with the Knights of Pythias and is serving on its board of control. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a democrat, has served as counsel for the state legislature and is now a candidate for congress. He belongs to both the North Dakota State Bar Association and the American Bar Association and he has made for himself a creditable position among



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the able lawyers of Grand Forks. Many specific evidences of his ability might be cited. He served as chief counsel for the house of representatives during the impeachment proceedings of John F. Cowan in March, 1911. He served as chairman of the committee in the interest of fraternal insurance companies in 1904 and was instrumental in readjusting rates of insurance for the Knights of Pythias, which at that time was practically bankrupt but is now in a prosperous condition. In 1907, in recognition of his work, he was requested to address the Insurance Commission of the United States at Richmond, Virginia, and did so. In fact he is a recognized authority upon insurance conditions and laws throughout the country.

ALONZO McDONALD.

Alonzo McDonald, now serving as cashier of The Citizens Bank of Walhalla, has spent almost his entire life in North Dakota and has taken an active part in its development. He is a native of Canada, however, his birth occurring in the city of Ottawa, August 24, 1870, and his parents, John and Mary Jane (Dickson) McDonald, were also natives of the Dominion, the former born in Glengarry county and the latter near Ottawa. In 1878 they removed to Grand Forks county, North Dakota, becoming pioneers of that region, where the father is still living at the age of seventy-three years. By occupation he is a farmer. The mother died in 1889 at the age of forty-four.

Alonzo McDonald was about eight years of age on the removal of the family to North Dakota. He had previously attended school to some extent in the city of Ottawa and continued his education in the public schools of Grand Forks county. Later he entered the University of North Dakota, where he pursued a general and literary course and after leaving that institution engaged in teaching school for a time. On retiring from that profession he devoted his attention to the implement business in Walhalla for twenty years, selling out at the end of that time to become cashier of the Citizens Bank of Walhalla, in which capacity he has since served. He is recognized as one of the leading business men of the town and occupies a prominent position in banking circles.

In March, 1899, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Gray, of Walhalla, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gray, who were pioneers of Pembina county. To this union have been born three children: Richmond, born in 1902; Beulah, in 1906; and John, in 1913.

In politics Mr. McDonald is independent, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office regardless of party ties. He takes a commendable interest in educational affairs and has served as school director. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. In addition to his banking he is interested in farming to some extent and in all his undertakings has met with well deserved success, being a man of progressive methods, sound judgment and unquestioned integrity.

CLARENCE T. BOLSTAD.

Clarence T. Bolstad, editor and manager of the Golden Valley Chronicle, published at Beach, was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, December 25, 1890, a son of A. J. and Bertha M. (Everson) Bolstad, who are natives of Norway. Coming to the United States, the father settled in Wisconsin about 1864, and he and his wife are now residents of Viroqua, Wisconsin.

Their family numbered nine children, of whom Clarence T. Bolstad is the youngest. At the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools of Wisconsin and completed his studies in the Toland University with the class of 1908. Immediately afterward he came to North Dakota, settling first at Enderlin, where he was connected with the Independent for a period of three years. Removing to Oriska, North Dakota, he then purchased the Sentinel in the fall of 1912 and the following summer bought the Fingal Herald, after which he managed and edited the two papers for a period of two years. On selling out

he removed to Ambrose, North Dakota, where he took over the management of the Ambrose Publishing Company, which position he filled for a period of a year. In January, 1916, he removed to Beach and became manager and editor of the Golden Valley Chronicle, which in his present business connection. This paper was established in 1903, being the first newspaper published at Beach. It now has a circulation of about nineteen hundred and the office force includes three employes under the management of Mr. Bolstad. He concentrates his attention upon this paper and under his guidance a bright, newsy, entertaining journal is published. Its editorials are clear-cut and the cogent reasoning appeals to his readers.

In 1912 Mr. Bolstad was united in marriage to Miss Cora Berg, a native of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Berg, of Enderlin, the former a merchant of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bolstad have become parents of one child, Maynard. They are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Bolstad belongs to Tower City Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his paper is published in the interests of the principles which he supports. He is actuated at all times by a progressive spirit that is constantly seeking opportunities for advancing the paper and the interests of the community and his labors are far-reaching and resultant.

IRA SANKEY ABPLANALP, M. D.

Dr. Ira Sankey Abplanalp, whose success as a practitioner of medicine and surgery indicates his thorough professional preparation, has made his home at Ray since October 19, 1906. He was born at Denver, Worth county, Missouri, October 29, 1878, a son of Casper and Magdalena (Stahley) Abplanalp. The father, a native of Indiana, was born and reared in Dearborn county, where he afterward followed farming until 1862. He then made his way to Virginia City, Montana, on an overland gold prospecting trip but in 1863 returned to Indiana. He was married in that state and in 1870 removed with his family to Worth county, Missouri, where he engaged in farming and stock raising for many years. He still occupies the old home farm near Denver but is now living retired. His wife is a native of Switzerland and in young womanhood crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Indiana, whence she accompanied her husband to Missouri, where they now make their home.

Dr. Abplanalp was educated in the district schools and in the State Normal School at Kirksville, Missouri, from which in due time he was graduated. In his early boyhood he became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and subsequently he took up the profession of teaching in Missouri, but desiring to enter other professional circles, he became a student in the St. Louis University in 1902, entering the medical department, from which he was graduated in 1906 with the degree of M. D. He afterward served as interne in Ensworth Hospital at St. Joseph, Missouri, after which he made his way to Minot, looking for a favorable location. He found what he sought at Ray and since the 19th of October, 1906, has been a resident of that place. In the intervening years he has built up a large practice, demonstrating his ability in the careful manner in which he has handled his cases. He has always been most careful in the diagnosis of a case and his ability has brought him prominently to the front as a practitioner of Williams county. He likewise has other business interests, for he is now the owner of three quarter sections of land in Williams county and is successfully engaged in sheep raising, having imported three hundred head of good sheep, which he has on his ranch. He advocates the raising of more live stock by the farmers and especially sheep and sets a good example by undertaking this himself. His methods are practical and resultant and he is demonstrating the fact that the sheep industry may be made a profitable source of income in northwestern North Dakota.

On the 29th of January, 1907, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dr. Abplanalp was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McLeod, who was born in Gentry county, Missouri, near the home of her future husband, her parents being Edward M. and Elizabeth (Green) McLeod, natives of Ohio and Missouri respectively. Her father was a farmer and school teacher and

served as county judge of Gentry county. Both he and his wife are still living on the old home farm in Missouri and are numbered among the valued and respected citizens of their part of the state. Mrs. Abplanalp pursued her education in the district schools and in the State Normal School at Maryville, after which she took up the profession of teaching. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, namely: Helen, who was born in Ray, North Dakota, on the 7th of February, 1911; and Ruth, whose birth occurred in Ray, May 19, 1912.

Politically Dr. Abplanalp is a democrat with independent tendencies, especially at local elections, where he supports the candidate rather than party. For three years he served as school director of Ray and was president of the board the last year. During that time the district was bonded for seventeen thousand dollars, putting the schools on a substantial basis. The Doctor has always taken an active interest in measures pertaining to general progress and improvement. Fraternally he is connected with Ray Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member, and he is also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Ray, of which he was the first vice noble grand and is a past noble grand. He has also been a delegate to the grand lodge. One of the early physicians in the northwestern part of the state, he has always enjoyed an extensive practice. He is a popular citizen, liberally educated and broad-minded, and throughout his professional career he has remained a keen and discriminating student of all those questions the solution of which tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life.

L. B. GARNAAS.

L. B. Garnaaas, a foremost business man of Shyenne, who as president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank occupies a leading position in financial circles, was born in Norway, July 1, 1870, a son of B. L. and Ingrid (Svenkerud) Garnaaas, who came to the United States in 1887 and after two years spent in Litchfield, Minnesota, removed in 1889 to McHenry county, North Dakota, where the father filed on a homestead on which they resided until 1898. They then removed to Shyenne, Eddy county, and while now living retired from active connection with business interests, the father is still a financial factor in the mercantile affairs conducted by L. B. Garnaaas. His has been an active and useful life characterized by enterprise and persistency of purpose and crowned with success.

L. B. Garnaaas spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native country and after coming to America with his parents in May, 1887, supplemented his education, acquired in the public schools of Norway, by a few months' study on this side the Atlantic. Going first to Litchfield, Minnesota, he was employed in that vicinity as a farm hand for two years, after which he came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in McHenry county. He proved up on that property and occupied the farm until 1895, adding much to its value through cultivation and the various accessories of modern farm life which he added to the place. He then removed to Shyenne, where he engaged in merchandising. He now conducts a general store and farm implement business and in 1904 he was joined in the undertaking by his brothers, Nels B., Ole B. and Tollof B. The business was then reorganized and incorporated under the firm name of Garnaaas Brothers and they have since developed one of the largest commercial enterprises of Eddy county. Their establishment is the expression of modern commercial ideas, for therein they carry a large stock and conduct their sales according to methods that will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. In 1906 L. B. Garnaaas organized the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Shyenne, of which he became the president and has served continuously in that capacity since. He is a heavy holder of farm lands, owning three thousand acres independently, while the firm of Garnaaas Brothers are owners of an additional three thousand acres. His judgment in business affairs is sound, his discrimination keen and at all times he has proven himself both forceful and resourceful in the management of important business interests.

On the 6th of January, 1897, Mr. Garnaaas was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Halverson, of Eddy county, who was born in Norway and accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States in 1884. To Mr. and Mrs. Garnaaas have been born six

children, as follows: Edith, who is attending St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota; and Cora, Pearl, Bjorn, Levorn and Alf all at home.

Politically Mr. Garnaas is a republican but has never been an office seeker. In 1908 he was nominated against his wishes for the office of railroad commissioner. Soon afterward he went to Norway, taking no active part in the campaign, yet he was defeated by only three hundred and fifty votes. Had he made effort to win the election, there is no doubt that success would have been his. For ten years he served as postmaster of Shyenne and for a number of years he was a member of the republican county central committee of Eddy county, while in 1912 he was a delegate to the national republican convention held in Chicago and was state delegate to the progressive convention. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and he is interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual, political and moral progress of his community. Regarding America as the land of opportunity, he has put forth earnest effort to wisely utilize the chances that have come to him and has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world. As the years have gone on he has advanced step by step and orderly progression has brought him to a prominent position in the business circles of Eddy county, where high regard is entertained for him by all who know him.

GEORGE B. CRUM.

George B. Crum, who for twenty-seven years has been identified with the grain business, is now manager of and member of the firm operating under the name of the La Moure Grain & Fuel Company, having a grain elevator in La Moure. His interests are wisely and carefully managed and he is a well known figure in grain trade circles, being thus connected with one of North Dakota's chief sources of wealth. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 23, 1853, a son of John R. and Mary A. (Beale) Crum. The father was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, and the mother's birth occurred in Juniata county, that state, in 1832. In the year 1881 they came to North Dakota, settling in Grand Rapids, then the county seat of Lamoure county, where Mr. Crum homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in Henrietta township. He proved up on his property and there resided for four years. In 1885 he was appointed colporteur by the Presbyterian board of publication and given charge of the territory which includes the eastern half of North Dakota. While thus engaged he made his headquarters at Lisbon. Some time afterward he was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and for several years filled pulpits of his church in the Red River valley. He afterward left the ministry and removed to Dunseith, where he used his preemption right on a quarter section of land. In 1911, after having passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, he went to Canada and entered land, winning his title to the property by complying with the laws regarding occupancy and improvement. He is now living retired at the age of eighty-five years, making his home in Dunseith, but his wife passed away in 1906.

George B. Crum supplemented his public school training by study in Saybrook Academy. Through the succeeding seven years he taught school during the winter months, while the summer seasons were devoted to farming. While thus engaged he also took up the study of medicine, but the strain proved too great upon his constitution and he was advised by a physician to give it up.

In 1875 Mr. Crum was married to Miss Esther Burd, of Vermilion county, Illinois, and they became the parents of five children, of whom three are living: Charles C., now a member of the firm of Porter & Crum, general merchants of La Moure; Mary O., the wife of E. W. Crist, of La Moure; and Cora B., the wife of George E. Powers, of Roundup, Montana.

In 1881 Mr. Crum removed to North Dakota, settling in Lamoure county, where he and his father rented the E. P. Wells farm of sixteen hundred and forty acres. After two years, however, the farm was turned back to Mr. Wells and Mr. Crum was offered and accepted the foremanship of the farm at a good salary, remaining in that position for two years. He afterward taught school for a year and later was employed by the firm of Diesem & Franks, general merchants of Grand Rapids, with whom he continued for two years. In

1887 he accepted the management of the Northern Pacific elevator in Grand Rapids and a year later transferred his allegiance to the North Dakota Elevator Company, acting as its manager for five years. In 1894 he removed to La Moure and was given charge of the interests of the Monarch Elevator Company, with which he continued for four years, and in the spring of 1897 he was appointed deputy treasurer and deputy auditor, but the state examiner subsequently objected to one man filling both offices and Mr. Crum remained in the position of county treasurer until 1899. He then again entered the employ of the Monarch Elevator Company in charge of its interests at Lisbon, where he remained for two years, after which he again spent a year in Grand Rapids in the employ of Diesem & Franks. From 1902 until 1906 he was with the Great Western Elevator Company at Westport, Minnesota, and in 1906 he returned to La Moure, where he superintended the building of the Farmers Elevator. For six years he was manager of the elevator, paying the farmers two hundred and fifty per cent in that period. He then went upon the road as solicitor for the Gould Grain Company and served in that position for two years and three months, and in the latter year he maintained an office in La Moure. On the 1st of December, 1914, he took his family to the western coast, where they spent the winter, returning home in the following May. For a short period thereafter Mr. Crum was representative on the road of the Lloyd Mortgage Company of La Moure and on the 1st of January, 1916, he and his son, Charles C., bought the Johnson Brothers elevator, formerly the Monarch elevator of La Moure, and established business under the firm style of G. B. and C. C. Crum. Mr. Crum's previous experience, extended and important in relation to the grain trade, well qualifies him for the duties which he has assumed in this connection and he is now meeting with substantial and well merited success.

Mr. Crum exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and served as the first county assessor after the organization of Lamoure county. He was also for a number of years on the board of education and he has always been deeply interested in every plan and measure for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with Mackay Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M.; Edgeley Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; and also with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, while he and his wife are connected with Bartholomew Chapter, O. E. S.

Mr. Crum lost his first wife July 21, 1905, and on the 1st of August, 1907, he wedded Mrs. Lydia S. Thomas, of La Moure. They are both members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder, and they are interested in the various branches of the church work and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Crum has had wide and various experience in business and at all points in his career has been actuated by a spirit of enterprise that has enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward.

HON. TREADWELL TWICHELL.

Among the prominent and progressive residents of Cass county is Hon. Treadwell Twichell, who has for six sessions represented his district in the state legislature and otherwise has been prominently connected with public affairs. Moreover, he is one of the extensive landowners of the county, having valuable property holdings, including six thousand, six hundred and forty acres all of which is under cultivation. He was born at Hastings, Minnesota, November 19, 1864, a son of Luther L. and Sallie (Dance) Twichell, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. In 1855 they removed westward to Minnesota and the father established a mercantile business at Hastings, but both he and his wife spent their last days in Minneapolis. They had a family of eight children, seven of whom are yet living.

Treadwell Twichell started out in life on his own account when a youth of sixteen years and has since depended upon his own resources. In 1879 he came to North Dakota, establishing his home in Cass county, and later he purchased land, adding to his holdings from time to time until he is now the owner of six thousand, six hundred and forty acres, all of which is improved. His own home is situated on section 26, Durbin township. His land has been divided into seven different farms, all of which he operates, and in connection

with general agricultural pursuits he makes a specialty of stock-raising, keeping on hand good grades of cattle, horses and hogs. He is very energetic and his determination and perseverance have been salient factors in the attainment of his success. In addition to his home interests he is the president of the Farmers Elevator Company at Mapleton and president of the local Telephone Company—two important enterprises of the locality. His plans are always carefully formulated and promptly executed and he is notably energetic and reliable.

In 1890 Mr. Twichell was married to Miss Grace B. Dill, a daughter of Colonel Daniel J. Dill of Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of four children; Abigail and Daniel H., who are graduates of the high school of Fargo; and Charlotte and Mary P., who are now students of the Fargo high school. The parents attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Twichell belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also has membership in the Modern Woodmen Camp and with the Yeomen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is one of its leaders in this state. For four terms he served as a member of the North Dakota legislature and for two terms as a member of the senate. In 1901 he was elected sheriff of Cass county and was reelected in 1903. In 1907 he was again chosen to represent his district in the state legislature and at that session was elected speaker of the house. In 1913 he was reelected so that he is now a member of the general assembly. He has carefully studied the leading questions and issues and has given thorough consideration of all questions coming up for settlement. His name is associated with much important constructive legislation and he is recognized as one of the valued and honored members of the lawmaking body of the state. He acted as chairman of the North Dakota delegation to the national republican convention of 1912 and he was among those active against promoting reciprocity with Canada. He represents seven northwest states on the Rural Credits Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. For twenty-four years he has been chairman of the board of supervisors of Cass county and he was chairman of the joint investigating committee that investigated governmental and financial state conditions. In 1909 he was the nominee of the progressive wing of the republican party for office of governor and was defeated. He is at present a member of the state budget commission having been chairman of the last appropriation committee. He takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends, is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him warm regard. His life is beneficial in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity and which further the interests of the commonwealth.

CHARLES EDWARD BOYDEN.

Charles Edward Boyden, the veteran editor of the Lisbon Free Press of Lisbon, North Dakota, was born at Peoria, Illinois, January 26, 1850. His father, John Boyden, came from Massachusetts and the family tree, in book form, compiled by Merrill N. Boyden, of Boston, Massachusetts, shows a distinguished line of ancestors as far as literary ability is concerned. His mother, whose maiden name was Jane Gunn, came from the Carver family, one of whom was the first governor of Plymouth colony, and another, a famous traveler and writer, Jonathan Carver, who extended his travels to St. Anthony's Falls in 1766.

Mr. Boyden, who is now familiarly called "Colonel," claims no military career as at the outbreak of the Civil war he could only get into the Home Guards, being but thirteen years of age when in 1863, in northern Missouri, such companies were organized, composed of old men and boys, as a protection against guerrilla bands. He received an academic education in a private academy in Bloomington, Missouri, and afterward engaged in teaching, while subsequently he turned his attention to merchandising in Golden City, Missouri. He removed to Sparta, Wisconsin, in 1876 and was soon afterward appointed deputy collector of internal revenue, serving the government several years. He then removed to Dakota territory in 1880-81, settling at Watertown, where he engaged in banking, being first an assistant in the First National Bank and afterward cashier of the Merchants Bank of that city. He was



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also a member of the school board for seven years and clerk of the municipality for four years and thus became actively associated with the early development and progress of that district.

At Golden City, Missouri, on the 5th of October, 1873, Mr. Boyden was married to Mrs. Maria B. Williams, to whom four children were born, two of whom are living: C. E. Boyden, Jr., a railroad agent at Oberon, North Dakota, for the Northern Pacific Railroad; and Mrs. Blanche Hutchinson, who has become noted as a dramatic reader, having graduated from Beloit College of Wisconsin and the Emerson School of Oratory at Boston, Massachusetts, the wife of F. V. Hutchinson, of Fargo, who is connected with the Northern School Supply Company. One stepson, Judge F. B. Williams, is a prominent lawyer and citizen of Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. Boyden early became identified with Masonry, having taken the master's degree in 1873 in Lamar Lodge, No. 292, A. F. & A. M., at Lamar, Missouri. The chapter and templar degrees were added in 1884 at Watertown, Dakota, and the Scottish Rite a little later. He is also a member of the Eastern Star and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, belonging to El Zagal Temple at Fargo. He is a past master of the lodge, past high priest of the chapter and now eminent commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, K. T., of Lisbon. He is also district deputy grand master of the district comprising Ransom, Lamoure and Dickey counties. He is also past grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory. He is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Lisbon and a representative to the Grand Lodge, and his membership relations further extend to the Commercial Club and the Presbyterian church of Lisbon, in which he is an elder.

Mr. Boyden has always been a republican since he became a voter, casting his first ballot in 1872 for General Grant as president. He is proud to be identified with the grand old party with its fine record of accomplishment. Blaine, McKinley and Roosevelt were leaders who inspired enthusiasm. For the past twenty years Mr. Boyden has engaged in newspaper work and for the past twelve years has been editor of the Lisbon Free Press of Lisbon, North Dakota. The work is congenial to him, for he believes the press to be a means of uplifting communities to higher planes of living and thinking. In other words, he regards it worth while to be of service to his fellowmen and those who know him bear testimony to the worth of his work and his contributions to the world's progress.

FRANK ELMER WEED, M. D.

Dr. Frank Elmer Weed, physician and surgeon of Park River, was born at Grand Forks, North Dakota, October 31, 1888, a son of Dar and Anna J. (Bena) Weed. The mother, a native of Bohemia, came to America in early life. The father was born in Pennsylvania and was a descendant of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family. In early life he took up railroad work and was connected with the Great Northern Railroad Company for some time but afterward engaged in the grain business, in which he met with a fair measure of success. It was about 1880 that he took up his abode in Grand Forks, thereafter remaining a resident of this city, his death occurring July 9, 1912, at Conway, Walsh county, when he had reached the age of fifty-eight years. His widow still occupies the old home at Conway.

Dr. Weed, their only child, pursued his education in the public and high schools of Conway and in 1906 and 1907 was a student in the University of North Dakota. He then entered the University of Minnesota, where he pursued a medical course and was graduated therefrom in 1912 with the M. D. degree. Prior to his graduation he served as interne in the University of Minnesota Hospital from the fall of 1911 until June, 1912. He then began practice at Lankin, North Dakota, in August, 1912, and there remained for three years, when in August, 1915, he removed to Park River, where he has since remained. He has here built up a good practice and his ability is attested in the excellent results which attend his professional services.

On the 15th of June, 1915, at Grafton, North Dakota, Dr. Weed was united in marriage to Miss Hortense I. Spain, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of L. M. and Lucy Jane

(Latham) Spain, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in Wisconsin, of American ancestry.

In politics Dr. Weed maintains an independent course and has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession but since the fall of 1915 has been public health officer of Walsh county. He belongs to Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary fraternity, and also to Phi Beta Kappa, a medical fraternity. He likewise has membership in the Z. C. B. J., in the Modern Woodmen of America, in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the Masonic fraternity. In the last named he has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine and he was made a Mason in Park River. Along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Grand Forks District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Thorough preliminary training well qualified him for his professional duties and he has continued the habit of his student days—a thorough mastery of every problem which presents itself for his solution in his active practice.

EDWARD T. THOMPSON.

Along the lines of orderly progression, advancing step by step, Edward T. Thompson has reached a creditable and enviable position in business circles, being now president of the First National Bank of St. Thomas. The spirit of western enterprise has ever been manifest in his career. He was born in McGregor, Iowa, November 11, 1863, a son of O. P. Thompson, a native of Norway, who came to America in the early '50s and settled in Clayton county, Iowa. He became a pioneer resident there and for many years successfully engaged in general merchandising in Decorah, Iowa. He was quite active in politics as a supporter of the republican party and took a helpful interest in promoting civic affairs in Decorah, Iowa, where he established his home in 1864, there spending his remaining days. His death occurred February 15, 1907, when he was seventy-two years of age. He wedded Thonette Simons, a native of Norway, who was a maiden of but eight years when brought by relatives to the United States. For a time she lived in Wisconsin and afterwards in Iowa, where she became acquainted with O. P. Thompson, who sought her hand in marriage. The wedding was celebrated at McGregor, Iowa, and Mrs. Thompson survived her husband until September 21, 1916, passing away at the old home in Decorah when seventy-eight years of age.

Edward T. Thompson was the second in order of birth in a family of five children and in the acquirement of his education passed through consecutive grades in the public and high schools of Decorah, after which he attended a business college there. At the age of eighteen years he started out to earn his own living and his first position was that of a clerk in his father's store. In 1882 he left home and came to North Dakota, settling at St. Thomas, at which time the town was just entering upon its initial period of growth and development. He at once secured employment in the store of Olson, Thompson & Christian, which was one of the first general stores of the town, his father being a member of that firm. Edward T. Thompson remained an employe of that establishment for three years and was then admitted to a partnership. On the death of Mr. Christian the firm name was changed to the Olson-Thompson Company and thus continued until 1890, when Mr. Thompson purchased the interest of Mr. Olson and the firm style of Thompson & Son was assumed. That relation was maintained until 1896, when they sold out. In the meantime they had built up the business to large and gratifying proportions and their capable management brought a very substantial measure of success.

Mr. Thompson had also extended his efforts into other fields, having in 1891 joined with other prominent citizens in organizing and establishing the First National Bank of St. Thomas, of which Mr. Thompson became the president. He has since remained at the head of the institution and has largely directed its policy and shaped its affairs, while at the same time he was actively engaged in merchandising until 1912, conducting in addition to the business at St. Thomas branch stores at Crystal and at Voltaire, North Dakota. He also has large farming interests and at the present time is engaged in the further development and improvement of sixteen hundred acres of valuable farm land in this section of

the state. His plans have always been carefully formulated and he is notably prompt, energetic and reliable in all of his business dealings.

On the 5th of September, 1906, Mr. Thompson was married in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to Miss Bertha Kramer, a native of that state and a daughter of Charles F. and Sarah Kramer. The father is now deceased, but the mother survives and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who have become parents of two sons: Edward, born in St. Thomas, September 17, 1907; and Robert, September 9, 1912.

While extensive business affairs have claimed the attention and profited by the cooperation of Mr. Thompson, he has also found time to take part in public affairs and has always been a progressive citizen, loyal to the best interests of his community. His political allegiance is ever given to the republican party and he has worked earnestly to further its growth and promote its success. For four years he filled the office of county treasurer of Pembina county, serving from 1889 until 1893. He has likewise been president of the board of trustees of St. Thomas and treasurer of the city for a number of years, and has been president of the school board at intervals since 1890, filling the position at the present time. He stands for all that is most progressive in the life of the community and believes in upholding the highest civic standards. In this connection he became a member of the Commercial Club and in fact was one of its organizers. He was made a Mason in St. Thomas in 1893 and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge. Advancing through the York Rite, he is now a Chapter and Commandery Mason and is likewise a member of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. His has indeed been a well spent life, commending him to the confidence and good will of all who know him. He started out on his own account with a cash capital of thirty dollars and he based his success upon industry and integrity, never for a moment neglecting the former nor for a moment forgetting that honesty is the best policy. He realized that close application, too, is a strong element of business advancement and along the line of persistency of purpose he has won success, studying at all times the conditions of trade and striving at all times to meet the demands of patrons whether in commercial or banking lines.

ANDREW F. NOHLE.

Andrew F. Nohle, banker, merchant and enterprising business man, and now actively identified with ranching interests in McKenzie county, was born in Lowville, Lewis county, New York, October 1, 1858. He is a son of Charles A. Nohle and a brother of George Nohle, mentioned elsewhere in this work. While spending his youthful days on his father's farm he acquired his education in the public schools of Lewis county and his time and attention were devoted to farm work there until he attained his majority. In 1881 he became a resident of Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he was engaged in the hotel business for a year. In 1882 he removed to Mayville, North Dakota, where he purchased a bunch of cows, which he drove to Devils Lake and, adding to the number by additional purchase while en route, he at length had two hundred and sixty head in the herd. These cattle were the property of L. B. Richardson, Charles Sprout and E. M. Prouty, Mr. Nohle having a working interest in them. He drove the cattle to a place near the present site of Towner, in the Mouse River country, and there established a cattle ranch, being the first white man to engage in the raising of cattle in that district. His nearest white neighbor was twenty-five miles away. Mr. Nohle continued to carry on ranching there until 1892, when he removed to a point near Saco, Montana, on the Milk river, where he conducted his ranch until 1894. During that period he also operated in the cattle business in the Panhandle country of Texas. In the year 1897 he took up his abode in McKenzie county, North Dakota, and established a big ranch on the Missouri river, near where the town of Dore now stands, in what is known as the Yellowstone Valley country. Upon that place he has since remained and is prominently known as a ranchman of the western part of the state.

Mr. Nohle also has other important business connections. He is president of the First National Bank of Fairview, Montana, is the president of the Dakota Trading Company of

Alexander, North Dakota, is president of the Buford Mercantile Company of Buford, North Dakota, president of the First State Bank of Buford North Dakota, and president of the Nohle-Gilbertson Company, Incorporated, of Buford, North Dakota, which company owns a large cattle and horse ranch. He is likewise president of the firm of Nohle Brothers, Incorporated, of McKenzie county, having extensive cattle ranching and land interests. He has furthermore extended his efforts by becoming president of three different elevator companies. In a word, he has been one of the most active and potent factors in the development and upbuilding of his section of the state in the line of material progress. He has a splendidly improved farm near Dore and his investments have been most judiciously made in lands, in cattle and in commercial and financial interests. The steady development of his business affairs, guided at all times by sound judgment, has made him one of the wealthiest men of McKenzie county.

Mr. Nohle has given his aid in support of many plans resulting to the benefit of his district in other ways. He has served on the school board, and when McKenzie county was organized he was appointed a member of the board of county commissioners by Governor E. Y. Sarles. For twelve consecutive years he continued as chairman of the board, being reelected at each biennial election, and at the end of that time he would not consent to serve longer, although popular franchise would have retained him in office. He is prominent in the Odd Fellows society, holding membership now at Buford, North Dakota. He became a charter member of the lodge at Sidney, Montana, of which he is a past noble grand. He also belongs to the Masonic lodge at Mondak, Montana, and to the Elks lodge at Williston, North Dakota. Not to know Andrew F. Nohle in this section of the state is to argue one's self unknown. He has a very wide acquaintance and everywhere is spoken of in terms of high regard by those who recognize his value as a business man and as a citizen.

N. THEODORE ROSENQUIST.

N. Theodore Rosenquist, president of the First State Bank at Epping, was born near Hastings, Pierce county, Wisconsin, August 19, 1878, a son of Andrew and Cecelia (Swenson) Rosenquist. The father, a native of Sweden, was married in that country and in 1866 came to the new world, settling near River Falls, Wisconsin, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. In 1881 he removed to Ottertail county, Minnesota, where he carried on farming until his death, but in his native land he had been a carpenter. He passed away in 1910 and his widow is now a resident of Clarissa, Minnesota.

N. Theodore Rosenquist largely acquired his education in the district schools of Ottertail county and the high school at Wadena, Minnesota, after which he became a student in the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. In that year he went to Hatton, North Dakota, and accepted the position of principal of the schools, there remaining until the spring of 1905, when he went to McKenzie county and homesteaded. While living on his claim he also worked in the United States reclamation service. In 1906 he established the First State Bank at Epping, which was the first banking institution in the town, and from the beginning he has been its president, directing its policy and shaping its course. In this connection he has built up the business to substantial proportions and the bank has become one of the valuable financial assets of the northwestern part of the state. He is also the owner of fine farming land in Williams county and believes firmly in the value and possibilities of farm property in this section of the state.

On the 20th of February, 1907, at Parkers Prairie, Minnesota, Mr. Rosenquist was married to Miss Anice J. Nelson, who was there born and spent her girlhood in that place and at Wadena, Minnesota, where she attended the high school. She is also a graduate of the Minnesota Normal School at St. Cloud and for some time prior to her marriage was a most successful educator, serving as principal of the schools at Kerkhoven, Minnesota, and as assistant principal at Cando, North Dakota. Later she was superintendent of schools in McKenzie county, this state, and is now acting as cashier in the First State Bank of Epping. She is a lady of superior intelligence and liberal education and did much to develop and



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upbuild the schools of McKenzie county when serving as county superintendent. At that time the county was an open country, its population consisting largely of cow men, and it was a difficult task to standardize the schools and place them upon a substantial basis. She also possesses excellent business judgment and keen sagacity and her husband attributes much of his success to her assistance, encouragement and wise discernment. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenquist have a son, Newton Theodore, born in Epping, August 2, 1914.

In politics Mr. Rosenquist maintains an independent attitude, voting for the man rather than the party. He organized the school district at Epping and is now president of the school board while also serving as a trustee of his town. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Hatton and to the Modern Woodmen camp at Epping. Both he and his wife are held in the highest esteem as people of recognized sterling worth in business and in social relations.

ELMER R. DAVIDSON.

Elmer R. Davidson, the well known cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of New Rockford, North Dakota, was born on the 18th of September, 1874, in Eastman, Crawford county, Wisconsin, his parents being James and Jennie (McClure) Davidson, the former a native of Marion, Indiana, and the latter of Platteville, Wisconsin. When a child of eight or nine years the father accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin, the family being among the very earliest settlers of Crawford county, where they located in 1855. After reaching manhood James Davidson was married at Eastman and he and his bride located on a farm, he having purchased his father-in-law's old homestead. On the 9th of August, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service until hostilities ceased, being discharged at Madison, Wisconsin, July 6, 1865. He was with General Sherman on the march to the sea and took part in many hotly contested battles. Mr. Davidson remained a resident of Crawford county, Wisconsin, until March, 1887, when he came to North Dakota and secured a homestead in Eddy county, six miles east of New Rockford, on which he resided until 1905. He then sold his land and removed to Tacoma, Washington, where he now makes his home. In his family are five living children, namely: Elmer R., of this review; Laura, who is living in Portland, Oregon; Elizabeth, the wife of George De Armond, postmaster at Sitka, Alaska; Cora, the wife of John Medlicott, of Tacoma, Washington; and Harriet, the wife of George Kottke, superintendent of the high school at Hayfield, Minnesota.

Elmer R. Davidson acquired his early education in the public schools of New Rockford, and at the dedication of the Valley City Normal School entered that institution, where he was a student for some time. Later he pursued a course at the Gem City Business College in Quincy, Illinois, and after completing his education became identified with the banking business in August, 1896, becoming bookkeeper and teller in the Bank of New Rockford, with which he was connected for two years. Subsequently he and others organized the Eddy County State Bank, of which he was placed in charge as cashier, and he served in that capacity for three years, at the end of which time the bank was sold. Mr. Davidson then located on his homestead and engaged in farming during the following three years. In January, 1905, he was made chief clerk in the office of Secretary of State E. F. Porter and held that position until March 1906, when he returned to New Rockford and organized the Farmers & Merchants Bank, becoming cashier of that institution. This is one of the most reliable and substantial banks of the central part of the state and its officers are men of the highest business integrity.

On the 24th of April, 1901, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Davidson and Miss Grace Bennett, of Jamestown, North Dakota, and they have become the parents of three children, Edith M., Roy Bennett and Nellie Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are active and faithful members of the Congregational church and Mr. Davidson has served as a member of the church board for twenty years. He is also a prominent Mason, belonging to Century Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., of New Rockford; Carrington Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M., of Carrington; Zion Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of New Rockford; and El Zagal Temple,

A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo, while both he and his wife are members of Ionic Chapter, No. 39, O. E. S. He is also connected with New Rockford Lodge of Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the America Yeomen. In politics he is a republican, and while he has never been an aspirant for public office he has always taken an active interest in public affairs and can always be counted upon to assist in any worthy enterprise for the good of the community. In business he has steadily prospered as the years have gone by and today is the owner of two thousand acres of land in Eddy county besides other property. He occupies an enviable position in financial circles and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

GEORGE W. HEINMILLER.

Among the county officials of Foster county none stand higher in public esteem than George W. Heinmiller, who for the past ten years has served as county surveyor. He was born in Indiana on the 30th of June, 1855, and is a son of John and Susanna (Cupp) Heinmiller, natives of Germany and Virginia respectively. During his boyhood the father came with his parents to America and located in Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated. In 1848 he and a companion started to California on foot but stopped in Indiana, where Mr Heinmiller purchased land and engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He also worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned in his youth. His death occurred in October, 1906, and his wife passed away in 1902.

George W. Heinmiller passed his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, his education being obtained in the public schools of Indiana, and he remained at home until twenty-seven years of age. He then purchased land in his native state and began farming on his own account. He also followed the carpenter's trade to some extent. It was in April, 1897, that he removed to Carrington, Foster county, North Dakota, where he continued to work at carpentering for several years and then turned his attention to civil engineering. In 1906 he was elected county surveyor and so ably has he filled that office that he has been retained in the position up to the present time. He is also serving as city engineer by appointment.

In 1883 Mr. Heinmiller was united in marriage to Miss Tena Gilbert, who died in May, 1898, after a short illness, leaving three children, namely: Vada, Elsie and Marie. Mr. Heinmiller was again married in October, 1903, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Troby. In religious faith they are Methodists, and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Brotherhood of America. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party and he takes a commendable interest in public affairs as every true American citizen should.

WILLIAM B. MATHEWS.

The banking and commercial interests of Williams county have a worthy representative in William B. Mathews of Wildrose. He was born in Albion, Edwards county, Illinois, February 24, 1872, and is a son of A. B. and Sarah E. (Parker) Mathews, both natives of Maine, the former born in Bangor and the latter in Waterville. When the Civil war broke out the father enlisted in a Maine regiment and served for a year and a half. After the war he removed to Albion, Illinois, where he engaged in law practice until 1882, when he went to Breckenridge, Minnesota, and followed his profession at that place for twenty-five years. He was not only one of the leading attorneys of the town but became one of its most influential citizens, taking a prominent part in public affairs. On leaving Breckenridge he removed to Minneapolis, where he lived retired for a time, but his last days were spent in Wellington, Ohio, and at that place he passed away in 1915—a man honored and respected wherever known. His wife had died at Breckenridge, Minnesota, in 1904.

William B. Mathews was a little lad of ten years when the family left Albion, Illinois,

and removed to Breckenridge, and at the latter place he grew to manhood, being indebted to its public schools for the greater part of his education. For some time he operated a large farm owned by his father near Breckenridge but since 1904 has made his home in North Dakota. In that year he took up a homestead near Rutland, North Dakota, and also embarked in the implement business at that place. In 1909 he was employed by the State Bank of Paddington and moved it to the new town of Wildrose, where he is still actively engaged in the banking business, serving as vice president of the institution. He also owns an interest in the Ilome Lumber Company of Wildrose and is engaged in the land business as a member of the firm of Mathews & Hess.

Mr. Mathews was married at Colfax, Richland county, North Dakota, July 25, 1902, to Miss Maud E. Hannan, who was born and reared in Wisconsin and removed to Richland county with her parents, B. G. and Sarah Jane (Remington) Hannan. They were natives of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and at length became residents of Wenatchee, Washington, where Mrs. Hannan died. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews have three children, Ethel Grace, Stella Cyrina and Sarah Jane.

In his fraternal relations, Mr. Mathews is connected with the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic order, and is also a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given the republican party, and he has served as president of the town board of Wildrose, being one of its prominent citizens. He stands high in business circles of Williams county.

GEORGE W. YOUNG.

George W. Young, attorney at law of Park River, was born in Marquette, Michigan, September 28, 1866, a son of Samuel and Ann L. (Hutton) Young, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. The parents were married in Ontario, Canada, to which country they had removed in early life. Subsequently they became residents of Michigan and afterward of Iowa before taking up their abode in the Red River valley in 1878, at which time they settled two miles north of Cavalier. The father there homesteaded and secured title to his property but afterward removed to the Pembina mountains, where a town was established that was called Young. Eventually Mr. Young disposed of his real estate holdings in North Dakota and now resides with a daughter at Whittier, California, having reached the age of seventy-seven years. His wife passed away in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1900, at the age of sixty years. They had eight children: George W., James, who is engaged in the machinery business at Hydro, Oklahoma; Samuel, who is a practicing physician and surgeon of Lennox, South Dakota; Mrs. Anna Schroeder, whose husband is a ranchman and resides in Whittier, California; William, a practicing physician of Baker, Montana; Martha, a stenographer residing at Detroit, Michigan; and two children who died in infancy.

George W. Young, whose name introduces this review, pursued his early education in the schools of Iowa and afterward continued his studies in the public schools of Pembina county, North Dakota, and in the State University at Grand Forks. He prepared for a professional career as a law student in the University of Georgia and won his LL. B. degree in 1894. He located for practice at Park River in 1895 and has since followed his profession there. He is now city attorney and has filled the office of county justice and of city magistrate. A liberal clientage has always been accorded him and his ability has made him a prominent figure in court circles. Since coming to North Dakota he has acquired quite an amount of valuable farm land until today his holdings in one body are more extensive than those of any other single individual in Walsh county. He has a farm of twelve hundred and ninety-five acres all in one tract, and he has leased his properties to good tenants, so that his land is being rapidly developed and improved. He also owns city property in Park River.

On the 15th of November, 1899, Mr. Young was married to Miss Minnie M. Nicklin, of Park River, whose father was a pioneer of North Dakota but passed away October 13, 1916, at the age of sixty-five years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Young are four children:

Hutton L., who was born in Park River, September 5, 1901, and is now attending high school; Lew A., who was born at Park River, October 4, 1905; Edgar S., born in May, 1908; and Vernon, born February 20, 1912.

In community affairs Mr. Young has long taken a deep and helpful interest and his cooperation can be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the public good. In addition to the offices which he has held in the strict path of his profession he has served for many years as a member of the board of education and is also a director of the library board. He belongs to the Seventh Judicial District Bar Association and the North Dakota State Bar Association. Mr. Young has worked his way steadily upward until he stands on a high plane of citizenship and has attained equally creditable rank in his profession. Possessing a studious nature, he took advantage of every moment in his early manhood to study and broaden his knowledge, and the wise use of his spare time constituted his equipment for college. He now possesses comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and is seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle. Those who know him entertain for him the warmest regard, appreciating his sterling personal worth as well as his professional skill.

SAMUEL W. RICH.

On the roster of county officials in Eddy county appears the name of Samuel W. Rich, who is now efficiently serving as treasurer. He claims Wisconsin as his native state, his birth occurring near Kilbourn City, in Columbia county, March 14, 1879, and he is a son of Sumner K. and Mary A. (Nogle) Rich, natives of Massachusetts and Ohio respectively. In 1848 the father became a resident of Wisconsin, where he purchased land and carried on farming until 1907, but is now living retired at Friendship, that state, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. The mother is sixty-six years of age.

In the state of his nativity Samuel W. Rich grew to manhood, receiving the usual educational advantages of the country boy. He remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, when he came to North Dakota and located in Eddy county, which has since been his home. For a few years he worked as a farm hand and afterwards engaged in threshing on his own account during the summer season, while through the rest of the year he sold farm machinery. In 1909 he was appointed deputy county treasurer and so acceptably did he fill that position that he was elected treasurer in May, 1913, and has served in that capacity ever since. The duties of the office have been capably discharged, and his fellow citizens have the utmost confidence in his reliability.

Mr. Rich was married December 25, 1907, to Miss Anna M. Johnson, by whom he has three children, namely: Mernace M., born March 28, 1909; Lyle E., born October 5, 1910; and Lois V., born February 10, 1916. Mrs. Rich holds membership in the Congregational church, and Mr. Rich is identified with the Masonic fraternity, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Yeomen and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he occupies a prominent position in its ranks in Eddy county. He has become a leader in public affairs and well merits the confidence reposed in him.

EDWARD ALFSEN.

Edward Alfson, who owns and operates a grain elevator at Edmunds, has spent his entire life in the midst of America's most famous grain raising districts, for he was born at Farmington, Minnesota, November 2, 1871. His parents, Thomas and Enger Alfson, were natives of Norway and following their marriage came to the United States in the '60s, settling in Minnesota, where their remaining days were passed.

Edward Alfson, the third of their five children, was educated in the Minnesota schools and resided in that state until 1889, when he came to North Dakota, settling at Cooperstown,

where he worked for seven years. He then went to Minnewaukan, Benson county, and began buying wheat for the Monarch Elevator Company, conducting their business at that point until 1902. He then established an elevator on his own account at Flora, where he remained until 1906, when he sold out there and removed to Edmunds, where he built his present elevator with a capacity of thirty-five thousand bushels. His plant is operated with gas power and he is thus actively connected with the grain trade of Stutsman county, having developed a business of large and gratifying proportions. He also has other important interests, for he is now farming about one thousand acres of land, utilizing improved agricultural methods in the development and cultivation of this extensive tract. He is likewise a stockholder and director of the Bank of Woodworth and he makes his home in Edmunds. He owns a Studebaker motor car and easily goes from point to point to superintend his business interests.

In 1902 Mr. Alfsen was married to Miss Jennie Dolesby, a native of North Dakota, and they have two children, Frederick and Ethel. Mr. Alfsen exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and his fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows lodge at Minnewaukan and with the Elks lodge at Jamestown. His business interests make constant demand upon his time and energies and he is notably prompt, industrious and reliable. Moreover, he seems to possess a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, combined with that substantial quality of everyday common sense which is too often lacking and thereby occasions failure in the handling of business interests.

RICHARD F. GALLAGHER.

Richard F. Gallagher, a prominent attorney of Beach, North Dakota, is a native of the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth occurring at Oak Grove, Anoka county, October 29, 1880. His father, Patrick Gallagher, was born in Ireland and on coming to the United States located at Petersburg, Virginia, where he married Miss Sarah Walsh, who was born at Harpers Ferry, that state. In 1836 he removed to Minnesota and for some time made his home in St. Paul, where he was employed in cutting stone for the old capitol, remaining there until the building was finished. Subsequently he took up his residence at Oak Grove in Anoka county, Minnesota, where he had preempted land. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, Eighth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and with Sully's expedition came west into Dakota. Later he went south with his regiment and participated in the battle of Murfreesboro. For a time he was ill with fever but remained in the service until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged and returned home. He remained a resident of Oak Grove until his death, which occurred in 1886. His wife died in 1892. They were the parents of six children, namely: Mary Louise, deceased; William A., living on the old home place at Cedar, Minnesota; James E., deceased; Joseph B., also a resident of Cedar; Kathryn, a school teacher; and Richard F., of this review.

Richard F. Gallagher began his education in the district schools near his boyhood home and later attended the Minneapolis Academy. Subsequently he entered the University of Minnesota, where he pursued the academic and law courses and was graduated from the law department in 1906. On his admission to the bar he opened an office in Minneapolis but remained there only a short time, however, as he came to Beach, North Dakota, in August, 1906. He formed a partnership with John Keohene under the firm name of Keohene & Gallagher, which remained unchanged until 1913, when Mark F. Jones joined the company. In April, 1915, Mr. Gallagher withdrew from the firm and was alone in practice until 1916, when he formed a partnership with Herbert L. Halladay, the style of the firm being now Gallagher & Halladay. They are at the head of a large practice and are numbered among the leading attorneys of Golden Valley county.

On the 30th of October, 1912, Mr. Gallagher was united in marriage to Miss Lillian M. Brownfield, a native of Cooperstown, North Dakota, and to them have been born two children, Inez Marie and Kathryn Ann. Since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage, Mr. Gallagher has supported the republican party, and he has served as city attorney of

Beach from the organization of the village and as states attorney of Billings county before its division. He is a member of the Catholic church and also belongs to Dickinson Lodge, No. 1137, B. P. O. E. He has met with well deserved success in his chosen profession and has been connected with important litigation held in the courts of his district. As a citizen he is also prominent and wherever known is held in high regard.

ROBERT MERCER EVANS, M. D.

Dr. Robert Mercer Evans, engaged in the practice of medicine in Minto, has experienced all of the hardships that come to the pioneer physician and he has also won the esteem and confidence which are accorded the practitioner of conscientious purpose who does not hesitate to sacrifice his personal comfort to the demands of suffering humanity. He was born at Brockville, Leeds county, Ontario, August 26, 1844, a son of William Evans, a native of Ireland, who in 1828 crossed the Atlantic to Canada and became one of the pioneer settlers of Leeds county, where he successfully engaged in farming. He settled in the midst of a forest and cleared away one hundred acres of timber. He continued to reside in Leeds county until 1881, when he crossed the border and became a resident of the territory of Dakota, settling in Walshville township, Walsh county. There again he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers, being among the first to take up a government claim in that district, and there he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-nine years and seven months, passing away September 19, 1899. He married Bessie Bright, a relative of the distinguished John Bright, the English statesman. Mrs. Evans was born in England and in 1829 accompanied her parents to Canada, where she met and married Mr. Evans. She, too, reached an advanced age, being eighty-six years old at the time of her death in 1889. In the family were seven children: Thomas, now deceased; Robert Mercer; Elizabeth, the wife of Charles La Trace, living in Walshville township, Walsh county, North Dakota; Frances, the wife of Alexander Robinson, also of Walshville township; John J., a resident farmer of Grand View, Manitoba; Catherine, the wife of Henry Robinson, a brother of Alexander Robinson; and Joseph, deceased. The old Evans homestead is still in possession of representatives of the family.

Dr. Evans pursued his early education in the schools of Brockville, Ontario, and was graduated from the grammar school with the class of 1862, while in 1863 he completed a course in the provincial normal school at Toronto, Canada. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for several years in Toledo, Leeds county, and at the end of that period he turned his attention to the study of medicine, being graduated from the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Toronto in 1869, winning his professional degree at that time. He located for the practice of medicine in Farmersville, Leeds county, where he remained for eighteen months, and then removed to Bellevue, near Manvel, in Grand Forks county, in 1879. He was the first physician north of Grand Forks and there was no other until Pembina was reached. There he remained until the fall of 1881 and on the building of the railroad he removed to Minto, where he has since been located. He is the oldest physician now practicing in Grand Forks and Walsh counties when one counts the length of time devoted to the profession in that locality. He belongs to the Grand Forks Medical Association and he has always kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress whereby the medical fraternity has come into a broader and more accurate knowledge concerning the laws of health and the treatment of disease.

Dr. Evans has been married twice. In Ontario, Canada, at his old home, in 1865, he wedded Miss Louise Kearns, a native of Leeds county and a daughter of Thomas and Louise (Raymond) Kearns, representatives of an old pioneer family of Leeds county. Mrs. Evans passed away in Minto in 1882 and on the 7th of February, 1885, in Minto, Dr. Evans wedded Miss Carrie Marsh, a daughter of Sidney and Mary (Beardsley) Marsh, representatives of an old New York family. There are two children of this marriage: Amy Marsh, now principal of the high school at Minto; and R. Mercer Evans, D. D. S., who is a graduate of the Northwestern Dental College of Chicago of the class of 1915 and is now practicing in Grafton, North Dakota.

Politically Dr. Evans is a republican and has served as mayor of Minto during one half



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of the period of its existence. He was elected the first county superintendent of schools in Walsh county in 1881 and occupied that position for twelve years, during which he divided the county into school districts and afterward organized the educational system. At the time he resigned, in 1892, the county had one hundred and seventeen school districts and the work of intellectual progress has been carried steadily forward until Walsh county has every reason to be proud of its school system. Since 1892 he has continuously been a valued member of the school board of Minto. Fraternally he became a charter member of the Independent Order of Foresters, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Masonic lodge of Minto. He was made a Mason in Brockville, Ontario, in 1868 and he became a charter member as well of the Eastern Star chapter at Minto, serving at the present time as its worthy patron. He likewise belongs to the Knights Templar Commandery at Grand Forks and in his life is a loyal adherent of the beneficent teachings of the craft. He belongs to the Episcopal church and he also has membership in the Commercial Club, in which connection he is putting forth earnest effort to advance the interests of the city. In fact for more than a third of a century he has been a most earnest worker for the benefit and upbuilding of Walsh county and the state and his labors have been productive of splendid results in the line of material, intellectual, political, social and moral progress. He knows just what it means to practice upon the western frontier, for the early days inured him to hardships and trials. On many occasions he would take long drives in the middle of the night to answer the call of duty when the thermometer registered from forty to fifty degrees below zero. Through summer's heat also he traveled to the bedside of his patients and his name is spoken of as that of the loved family physician in many a household through his section of the state. While he has now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey there are many who are loath to give up his professional services, so that he yet continues in active practice.

JOHN STEEN.

North Dakota has been fortunate on the whole in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for in the main they have been citizens of marked public spirit, loyal to the best interests of the commonwealth and capable of discharging the important and responsible duties that devolve upon them. In this connection mention should be made of Hon. John Steen, now residing in Bismarck, where he is filling the office of state treasurer. He belongs to that substantial class of citizens that Norway has furnished to the northwest—men who have the rugged sterling qualities of their race, who are strong, fearless and resourceful.

Mr. Steen was born in Norway, July 28, 1874, his parents being John and Sigrid Steen, also natives of that land. In the schools of his native country John Steen pursued his education to the age of fifteen years, when occurred a momentous event in his life—the severing of the ties that bound him to his native country and the trip to the new world, his destination being North Dakota, to which state four of his older brothers had preceded him. After reaching the new world he spent a year in further study in Minneapolis, continuing his education by a three years' course at Devil's Lake, North Dakota, and also in the North Dakota Agricultural College. He thus gained broad scientific knowledge of the best methods of farming and when his college days were over entered upon the practical work of the fields. His time and attention have since been given to agriculture, which more than a century ago George Washington said "is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." He has seven hundred acres of land in Pierce county and his energies have been concentrated upon the development and improvement of his farm according to the most modern methods. The result of his efforts is seen in highly cultivated fields, yielding substantial crops and is also manifest in substantial buildings and other modern equipments of the farm. In addition to conducting his private farming interests he is manager of the Hlong Farmers Elevator Company.

Mr. Steen is a Lutheran in religious belief, holding to the faith of his ancestors. His fraternal relations connect him with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the

Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His study of the questions and issues of the day has been broad and thorough, giving him comprehensive knowledge of political conditions and the needs and demands of the country. Appreciation of his ability on the part of his fellow townsmen in his school district led to his election to the state legislature in 1907. He proved a capable working member of that body and was reelected in 1909. Pierce county further honored him by electing him county treasurer, in which office he served for two terms, or from 1909 until 1915. His incumbency in that position and his legislative service indicate his fitness for higher official honors and he was named for the office of state treasurer, to which he was elected in the fall of 1914, entering upon the duties of the position on the 1st of January, 1915, for a two years' term. He is a faithful custodian of the public funds, is prompt and systematic in the discharge of his duties and his course is winning him high endorsement from state officials and the public at large.

II. H. MAXWELL.

H. H. Maxwell, who is now serving his second term as county superintendent of schools of Eddy county, is one of the well known citizens of New Rockford, where he has made his home since entering upon the duties of that office. He was born October 18, 1875, in Martinsville, Indiana, of which state his parents, J. J. and Cynthia A. (Hodges) Maxwell, were also natives. Throughout his business career the father followed farming in Indiana and there died in December, 1902. The mother is still living.

On the home farm H. H. Maxwell passed his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner but was provided with better educational advantages than the average boy. After attending the common schools of Indiana, he entered Butler University at Indianapolis, graduating in 1897. Later he was a student at the Chicago University and completed a course at the Indiana State Normal School, from which he was graduated. Since that time he has devoted his attention to teaching and has met with excellent success in his chosen profession. For two years he taught in Indiana and for three years in Missouri, after which he came to North Dakota in 1903 and was principal of the high school at Valley City for three years. During the following two years he was superintendent of the Mayville schools and then held a similar position in reference to the city schools of New Rockford for four years. During that time his fellow citizens recognizing his ability elected him county superintendent of Eddy county and he is now serving in that position for a second term. Under the capable management the schools of the county have made steady advancement and now rank among the best in the state. While in Mayville Mr. Maxwell also served as supervisor of the teachers' training course at the State Normal there.

On the 24th of December, 1902, he married Miss Louise McCully, a daughter of Walter G. and Mary M. (Miller) McCully, who were born in Missouri and are now living in Columbus, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have three children: Howard, born December 2, 1903; Donald, born November 28, 1905; and Richard, born March 27, 1910. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, to which the parents belong and Mr. Maxwell is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a democrat. His success as an educator has been marked and he merits the high esteem in which he is held.

J. E. JOHNSON.

J. E. Johnson, cashier of the Security Bank of Sheyenne, was born in Hampton, Franklin county, Iowa, on the 3d of October, 1876, a son of Iver and Bertha Johnson, who were natives of Norway and came to the United States about 1861. After spending several months in Wisconsin, a removal was made to Hampton, Iowa, where Mr. Johnson was for several years engaged in contracting and building. In 1898 he took his family to Lanesboro,

Minnesota, where he has since lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

At the usual age J. E. Johnson became a pupil in the public schools of Hampton, Iowa, and afterward attended Coe College at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. When he had completed his studies in that institution he removed to North Dakota in February, 1893, settling at Grafton, where he secured employment as bookkeeper and office man with the Hendrickson & Olson Company, a business firm with varied interests. He remained with that firm for five years, following which he associated himself with the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company in their offices in Grand Forks and Fargo. He continued in the employ of that firm for eight years, a fact which indicates his fidelity as well as capability, and in 1906 he arrived in Shyenenne to accept the position of cashier in the Farmers & Merchants Bank upon the organization of that institution. He entered the bank as its first cashier and remained in active connection therewith until February 1, 1913, when he resigned to organize the Security Bank of Shyenenne, which opened its doors on the 20th of March of that year with Mr. Johnson as cashier. He is a popular official, courteous and obliging, doing everything possible to further the interests of the patrons of the bank to a point that will not jeopardize the safety of the institution. His long experience has made him thoroughly familiar with the banking business in its various departments and he is contributing much to the success of the Security Bank of Shyenenne.

On the 4th of March, 1900, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Newton, of Grafton, North Dakota, by whom he has three children, namely: Hazel B., Lucille A. and Newton E.

Mr. Johnson is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but is not an office seeker. He belongs to Century Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., of New Rockford, and to Carrington Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M. Both he and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, in the work of which they are actively interested, while to its support they make generous contribution. Mr. Johnson is recognized as a man of many sterling qualities, capable, resourceful and energetic. He early recognized the truth of the old adage, "there is no excellence without labor," and he also has realized that success is to be won only at the price of earnest, self-denying effort. He has therefore closely applied himself to his business and his trustworthiness, enterprise and initiative have enabled him to reach a creditable and enviable place in the banking circles of Eddy county.

EDWIN T. SPAFFORD.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted, capable and successful business men of Thompson is Edwin T. Spafford, the president of the Farmers State Bank and a general merchant. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 5, 1860, a son of David P. and Hulda A. (Townsend) Spafford, who were natives of Vermont and Maine respectively. At an early day the father removed to the west, settling near Minneapolis, where he engaged in logging and in the lumber business, continuing his residence there up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1872, when he was fifty-six years of age. He enlisted for service against the Indians on the western frontier during the period of the Civil war and he contributed in substantial measure to the pioneer development of the district in which he lived. His widow survived him for many years, passing away in 1912 at the age of seventy-six. In their family were three children, of whom Edwin T. is the eldest. The surviving daughter, Miss Lillian I. Spafford, is a resident of Faribault, Minnesota.

In early life Edwin T. Spafford attended the schools of St. Anthony and of Minneapolis, after which he engaged in the lumber business at Grand Forks, becoming a resident of North Dakota in 1878. After a year, however, he removed to Mallory, Minnesota, where he engaged in the lumber business and in general merchandising for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he removed to Thompson, but at that time the site of the town was bare of habitations. He established the firm of Mallory & Spafford and continued in business in that connection for about twenty-five years. After a few years' residence in Thompson he opened the general merchandise store which he still conducts, carrying on

business on an extensive scale, having one of the leading mercantile establishments of the county outside of Grand Forks. He has other important business connections, being president of the Farmers State Bank of Thompson, director of the Citizens State Bank of Minneapolis and vice president of the Harriet State Bank of Minneapolis. He also has lumber interests in Oregon and is connected with merchandising at Box Elder, Montana, under the name of the Valley Mercantile Company. He also holds large tracts of farm lands which he operates, carrying on agricultural interests on an extensive scale, and the extent and importance of his business connections make him one of the leading business men and citizens of the north-western part of the state.

In February, 1891, Mr. Spafford was united in marriage to Miss Eva G. Johnson, of Kasson, Minnesota. They have become parents of a daughter, Helen J., who was born in Thompson in 1893 and is a graduate of the West high school.

Fraternally Mr. Spafford is a Mason and has attained high rank in the order, as indicated by his membership in the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for a number of years he served as postmaster of Thompson. His career is notable by reason of his success and the methods which he has followed. Starting out in life on his own account when but seventeen years of age, he not only provided for his own support but also assisted in the support of the family. Each step which he has taken has been a forward one and his orderly progression has brought him into important commercial and financial connections. The plans which he has followed have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, for at the outset of his career he recognized the eternal principle that industry wins and made industry the beacon light of his life. Through indefatigable effort and close application he has won advancement that has brought him ultimately to a place among the most prosperous and leading business men of his section of the state.

HON. CHARLES JOSEPH FISK.

North Dakota has reason to be proud of the history of her bench and bar, for on the long list of legal practitioners in the state appear the names of many who have won distinguished honors and are recognized as the equal of the ablest representatives of the profession elsewhere. Judge Charles Joseph Fisk is one who has carved his name high on the keystone of the legal arch and since 1907 he has been one of those who make up the personnel of the supreme court, being now chief justice, thereby filling the highest office in connection with the state's highest tribunal. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, March 11, 1862, a son of Clark S. and Adelia E. (Reynolds) Fisk, the former a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1832, and the latter a native of Vermont. The father died in 1897 and the mother has also passed away. The Fisk family comes of English ancestry.

After attending the common schools, Judge Fisk continued his education in the Northern Illinois College at Fulton, Illinois, and was admitted to practice at the bar of North Dakota in 1886. He first opened an office at Larimore and afterward became an attorney of Grand Forks. His ability brought him almost immediately into professional prominence. It was recognized that as a lawyer he was sound, clear minded and well trained. He proved himself a strong advocate with the jury and was concise in his appeals before the court. He displayed what seemed to be a natural discrimination as to legal ethics and was found to be so thoroughly well read in the minutiae of the law that he was able to base his arguments upon thorough knowledge of and familiarity with precedents and to present a case upon its merits, never failing to recognize the main points at issue and never neglecting to give a thorough preparation. It naturally followed that professional honors and advancement came to him. In 1893 he was made secretary of the commission to revise the seven codes of the state and continued to act in that capacity until 1895. He was also city attorney of Grand Forks from 1893 until 1895 and in 1897 judicial honors were conferred upon him by his election to the bench of the first judicial court of North Dakota, whereon he served for ten years. On the expiration of that period he was elected supreme court judge of North Dakota and continues upon the bench.

On the 20th of October, 1886, in Sterling, Illinois, Judge Fisk was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Myers, and they have two children, Helen M. and Doris May. Judge and Mrs. Fisk attend the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is a Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine Mason and also a charter member of the Elks Lodge, No. 255, at Grand Forks. He likewise belongs to the Commercial Club at Grand Forks. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he has been a close student of the important political, sociological and economic questions and interests of the day. In this wide general information is found one of the strong elements of his power and ability as lawyer and jurist. The broad knowledge enables him to understand life in its various phases, the motive springs of human conduct and the complexity of business interests, which, combined with a comprehensive familiarity with statutory law and with precedent make him one of the ablest judges who have sat upon the appellate bench of North Dakota.

CLEMENT P. O'BRIEN.

Clement P. O'Brien, cashier of the Farmers Security Bank of Park River, was born in Waukon, Iowa, on the 8th of February, 1890. His father, Patrick O'Brien, a native of Ireland, came to the United States in 1859, making his way to Iowa, where he cast in his lot among the pioneer settlers. There he resided until 1901, when he removed to Park River, where he now makes his home. For a long period he was connected with farming but is now living retired. He wedded Mary Kelleher, a native of Pennsylvania and of Irish descent. Her parents became pioneer residents of Iowa and there Mrs. O'Brien was reared, educated and married. She became the mother of sixteen children, of whom Clement P. is the twelfth in order of birth.

When a youth of eleven years Clement P. O'Brien accompanied his parents on their removal to this state and attended the public schools of Park River. After leaving the high school he became a student in a commercial school of Minneapolis. His early life had been spent upon the farm with the usual experiences of the farm bred boy and after his education was completed he secured the position of bookkeeper with the J. J. O'Brien Land Company of Grafton, with which he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he became assistant cashier in the Farmers' Security Bank of Park River and was elected to the office of cashier in August, 1916, being the first incumbent in that position.

On the 1st of July, 1916, in Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. O'Brien was married to Miss Florence Daugherty, a native of Park River and a daughter of J. J. Daugherty, formerly postmaster of Park River and one of the early settlers of that section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and he belongs also to the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a democrat and he has membership in the Commercial Club, taking an active and helpful interest in promoting the welfare of his city through the organized efforts of the club to further its upbuilding and advance its improvement.

SVERRE G. SEVERTSON.

Occupying a foremost position among the bankers of North Dakota is Sverre G. Severtson, who is now serving as cashier of the First National Bank of Sheyenne. He was born on the 10th of January, 1866, in Trondhjem, Norway, and is a son of John and Gertrude (Kindseth) Severtson, who spent their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun. There the father died in 1908, and the mother passed away in 1915.

Reared in Norway, Sverre G. Severtson was given good educational advantages and was graduated from the high school of Trondhjem with the class of 1882. Three years later he bade adieu to home and native land and sailed for the new world. He first located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he accepted a position in a bank and was afterward connected with different banking institutions in that city until 1893, when he was appointed cashier

of the city treasury department of Minneapolis, serving in that responsible position until January, 1900, when he resigned. So well were his services appreciated that he was presented with resolutions of regret on his resignation.

On his retirement from that office Mr. Severson removed to Sheyenne, North Dakota, and took charge of the Bank of Sheyenne, which had just been organized but which in 1907 was converted into the First National Bank. He has served as its cashier since 1900 with the exception of two years when he filled the position of state bank examiner from March, 1913, to May, 1915. He then resumed his duties as cashier of the First National Bank of Sheyenne and under his management it has become one of the leading financial institutions of that part of the state. Its capital is twenty-five thousand dollars; its surplus eight thousand dollars; its deposits two hundred and seventeen thousand dollars and its loans one hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars. Its other officers are D. N. Tallman, of Willmar, Minnesota, president; O. C. Oefstahl, C. W. Brolin and H. P. Halverson, vice presidents; and J. O. Severson, assistant cashier. S. G. Severson is the owner of four hundred and eight acres of improved farm land in Eddy county and is a stockholder of the Sheyenne Elevator Company.

On the 20th of May, 1893, Mr. Severson married Miss Bertha M. Olsen, and they have become the parents of three children: J. Osborn, now serving as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Sheyenne; Gladys M., a stenographer in the state examiner's office at Bismarek; and Bertha N., who is attending high school in Sheyenne.

Since becoming a naturalized citizen Mr. Severson has affiliated with the republican party, and his church connection is with the Lutheran denomination. He has taken the thirty-second degree in the Masonic fraternity and is a member of Zuhrah Temple at Minneapolis. He is also a Knight Templar and belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Jamestown, North Dakota; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Sheyenne. His prominence in banking circles makes him one of the leading citizens of Sheyenne. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability who plans wisely and is able to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

JUDGE FRANZ S. KELLOGG.

Franz S. Kellogg, a ranchman of McKenzie county, extensively engaged in cattle raising and in the production of flax, was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, May 7, 1864, a son of Oliver P. and Zillah (Cole) Kellogg. The father was born in the state of New York but became an early resident of Ohio and supplemented his early education by study in Hiram College at Portage, Ohio, from which he was in due time graduated. He then took up farming in Ashtabula county and afterward became one of the early stockmen of Colorado and also of Sundance, Wyoming, locating there in territorial days. He became a most prominent and influential citizen as well as pioneer ranchman and was speaker of the first house of representatives following the admission of the state into the Union. After long connection with ranching interests in Wyoming he returned to Ohio and he and his wife are now living retired in the town of Rock Creek, Ashtabula county.

Spending his youthful days in his native state, Franz S. Kellogg there acquired his education, being graduated from Mount Union College, and in 1884, when twenty years of age, went to Colorado as a ranchman. He remained there for three years and in 1887 removed to Sundance, Wyoming, where he became interested in a large ranch. He, too, figured prominently in the public life of that community and was state land commissioner of Wyoming and also a member of the board of control of the state. In 1901 he left Wyoming to remove to North Dakota, making his way to McKenzie county. He established a cattle ranch on the Fort Berthold Indian reservation, where he has since remained. He is today one of the most prominent ranchmen of the western part of the state and following the fall round-up of 1916 made extensive shipments of cattle to Chicago. He also sells a large amount of flax annually and the extent and importance of his business interests make him one of the most prominent business men of McKenzie county.

On the 20th of February, 1888, at Sterling, Colorado, Judge Kellogg was united in mar-

riage to Miss Lulu Rockhill, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, and, like her husband, is a graduate of Mount Union College of Ohio, after which she became a teacher in the schools of Wyoming. Five children have been born to the Judge and Mrs. Kellogg: Frances, the wife of George Shafer; Bryant; Perry; Clement; and Thomas.

In politics Judge Kellogg is a republican and was chosen the first county judge of McKenzie county, which position he filled for two terms. He became a charter member of Holyoke Lodge, No. 76, I. O. O. F., at Holyoke, Colorado, and afterward joined Schafer Lodge, I. O. O. F., on its organization. He makes his home in Schafer, from which point he superintends his ranching interests, which are now extensive and important, giving him rank with the leading business men of his section of the state. He is a big man physically and mentally. There is nothing narrow nor contracted in his make-up and his broad-mindedness is manifest in all that he does and especially in his position regarding public questions of widespread and vital interest.

WILLIAM CROZIER FAWCETT, M. D.

Dr. William Crozier Fawcett, a physician and surgeon practicing at Starkweather, was born near London, Ontario, on the 16th of June, 1878, a son of S. W. and Augusta (Crozier) Fawcett. The mother is now living in Canada but the father has passed away.

In his native city Dr. Fawcett pursued his early education, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he afterward entered the Western Medical College at London, Ontario, Canada, and was there graduated in 1901. His initial practical experience came to him as interne in St. Joseph's Hospital at London, Canada, and he entered upon the private practice of medicine at Drayton, North Dakota, where he remained for a year. In 1902 he removed to Starkweather. He is the only physician of the town and has always been accorded a liberal patronage by his fellow townsmen and the people of the surrounding country. For a number of years he has also been interested in the automobile business.

On the 1st of August, 1905, Dr. Fawcett was united in marriage to Miss Edith M. Maywood, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Their religious belief is that of the Methodist church and in politics Dr. Fawcett is a republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party as factors in good government. He has served as president of the town board, as a member of the school board and as district health officer. He has long been a champion of the good roads movement and of various plans for the welfare and upbuilding of the district but concentrates his efforts and attention most largely upon his practice and from time to time takes post graduate work to keep abreast with the trend of modern thought and progress in professional circles.

HON. S. N. PUTNAM.

Hon. S. N. Putnam, ranking with the foremost business men of New Rockford, is the owner of a large lumber yard, in which connection he has developed a trade of gratifying proportions. In his life he exemplifies the spirit of western enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country. He was born at Big Lake, Minnesota, on the 28th of March, 1861, and is a son of Henry T. and Caroline (Newton) Putnam, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, where they were reared and married. In 1856 they removed to Big Lake, Minnesota, where Mr. Putnam engaged in farming, and subsequently he took up his abode on Maine Prairie, Minnesota, where for some years he devoted his attention to merchandising. He afterward became a resident of Ottertail county, Minnesota, where he renewed active connection with farming interests, and there he resided to the time of his death.

S. N. Putnam pursued a public school education and afterward attended the St. Cloud (Minn.) Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1880. He afterward

pursued a partial law course in the University of Minnesota, and while he has never engaged in law practice, his knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence has been of value to him in the conduct of his business affairs. In 1883 he arrived in Dakota territory and filed on a homestead in Eddy county, near Tiffany. There he taught school for a period and later was elected county superintendent of schools, after which he removed to New Rockford and served for two terms in the county superintendent's office. Later he was elected and served for three terms in the office of the county register of deeds, his frequent reelections indicating the marked fidelity and capability with which he discharged the duties devolving upon him. While acting in that capacity he also engaged in the abstract business, in which he continued following his retirement from the register's office at the close of his third term. In 1911 he established a lumber yard in New Rockford and through that connection has since been prominently identified with the commercial interests of the city. He carries a large supply of building materials of all kinds and his lumber trade is now extensive, making his business a prosperous one.

In 1888 Mr. Putnam was united in marriage to Miss Grace Brown, of Tiffany, North Dakota, and to them was born one child, who, however, is now deceased. Mrs. Putnam is a graduate of the Mayville Normal School and of the University of North Dakota and is a lady of broad and liberal culture and of innate refinement. She has done much to promote intellectual and moral progress in the community and her labors and influence have constituted a forceful element in advancing those things which are of cultural value. She was elected county superintendent of schools in Eddy county and occupied that position in a most creditable manner for three terms. She was the first chairman of the Minerva Club of New Rockford and is district vice president of the North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs. She is also quite active in church work.

Mr. Putnam has been an influential factor in political circles for a long period, giving support to the republican party. In the fall of 1906 he was elected a member of the state legislature and was reelected in 1908, serving for two terms in the house of representatives, after which he was chosen in 1910 a member of the state senate from his district and was reelected in 1912, so that he remained for four years in the upper house of the general assembly. He gave most thoughtful and earnest consideration to all vital questions which came up for settlement and his aid and influence were always on the side of progressive and constructive legislation. In community affairs he is also active, being a member of the present board of aldermen of New Rockford, while at all times his support can be counted upon to further measures and movements for the general good. He is prominent in Masonic circles, his membership being in Century Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; Carrington Chapter, R. A. M.; and Zion Commandery, K. T. He also belongs to El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church. Their influence has ever been a force for progress and improvement and their efforts have been widely resultant.

CHARLES W. MCGEE.

Charles W. McGee, a pioneer merchant of Ray, where he is now conducting a well established and liberally patronized store, was born in Indianola, Iowa, September 19, 1870, a son of James and Mary McGee, who were natives of West Virginia and became early settlers of Iowa, where they took up their abode in 1860. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife continued their residence in Iowa until called to their final rest.

Charles W. McGee was educated in the district schools of Warren county, Iowa, and in the Indianola high school, followed by study in Simpson College at Indianola. He made his initial step in the business world as clerk in a clothing store at Perry, Iowa, where he remained until 1902, when he came to Williams county and homesteaded near Ray. For more than fourteen years he has now been identified with this section of the state. In February, 1903, he established a general store at Ray, where he is still conducting business, and he is today the oldest merchant in the town. His business has developed along substantial lines until he now enjoys a very substantial and gratifying trade. He has always made it his purpose to carry in stock the latest products of the manufacturer and, study-

ing the market, he has been able to make judicious purchases and profitable sales. Mr. McGee owns about fourteen hundred acres of land near Ray, which he rents. He is a director of the First State Bank of Ray and was one of the incorporators and managers of the Ray Elevator Company, which shipped the first carload of grain from that place.

On the 23d of November, 1904, near Ray, Mr. McGee was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Myrah, who was born at Spring Grove, Minnesota, a daughter of Ole J. Myrah, who is also a native of Spring Grove and became one of the early settlers of Arthur, North Dakota, where he and his wife now reside, his attention being given to general agricultural pursuits. Mrs. McGee spent her girlhood days in Minnesota and at Arthur, North Dakota, and afterward removed to Williams county, where she secured a homestead. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, Charles Owen, Grace Evelyn and Horace, all natives of Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. McGee are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and loyally adhere to its teachings. Mr. McGee belongs to the Masonic lodge, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias and in the last named is a past chancellor commander. Politically he is a republican and is now one of the city commissioners of Ray. He was also treasurer of the school board for many years and he has been an active participant in many of the well defined plans and measures for the upbuilding of the city and the promotion of its interests, especially along lines of civic improvement and betterment.

GILBERT C. BJONE.

Gilbert C. Bjone, actively engaged in farming on section 2, Black Loam township, Lamoure county, was born in Norway, August 6, 1862, and is a son of Christian and Kjariste (Sorom) Bjone. The father, who was a farmer by occupation and always followed that pursuit to provide for his family, died in Norway, but the mother is still living at the age of eighty-four years.

Gilbert C. Bjone is indebted to the public schools of his native country for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. The reports which reached him concerning the opportunities of the new world determined him to try his fortune in America and in 1881, when nineteen years of age, he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but at once continued westward to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he worked for an uncle for a year. In 1882 he removed to Kindred, Cass county, North Dakota, where he also spent a year and in 1883 he arrived in Lamoure county, where his brother Simon was then living, having homesteaded here, his claim embracing the farm upon which Gilbert C. Bjone now resides. In 1886 the latter purchased his first quarter section of land and in 1891 he bought his brother's homestead, upon which he has lived since coming to Lamoure county. Other purchases have been made from time to time until his holdings now embrace nine hundred and sixty acres of as fine farm land as can be found in the state, and he is numbered among the most successful agriculturists and substantial citizens of his county. His home farm is splendidly improved and cultivated. His residence is equipped with hot water heat, lighted with gas and has all the modern conveniences and improvements of a city home. His barn is one of the largest in the state and sheds and other outbuildings furnish ample shelter for grain, stock and farm machinery. He utilizes the latest improved agricultural implements and in cultivating his farm employs the most progressive methods, so that his place now presents a most attractive appearance. In 1916 he and his brother Hans organized the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Verona, of which Mr. Bjone is the president.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Gilbert C. Bjone and Miss Abilena Olson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States with her parents in her girlhood days, and by her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Hannah. Mr. Bjone votes with the republican party, believing firmly in its principles as forceful factors in good government. He served for several years as a member of the town board and he cooperates in any plan and measure which he deems of worth to the community. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and he is identified with Litchville Lodge, F. & A. M.,

manifesting in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon the principles of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he has never regretted his decision to try his fortune on this side the Atlantic, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has gained a place among the prosperous citizens of his adopted country. Moreover, his life record indicates what may be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do and shows that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

CHARLES OSCAR POPE SMITH.

Charles Oscar Pope Smith, a chiropractor of Valley City who displays notable ability in the path of his profession, was born in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1869, a son of Albert and Marion (Pope) Smith. The father was born in Waverly, New York, and the mother in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. The ancestry of the Pope family is traced back to the Mayflower and some of their descendants settled in Vermont and others in New Jersey. Representatives of the latter branch went to Ohio, founding the well known Pope family of Toledo. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Smith was Daniel Robeson Pope, a man of great energy and force of character who bought timber land which he cleared and developed into farms that he sold. He repeated that operation half a dozen times and won success in his undertaking. At various periods he also owned and operated sawmills and was an active, energetic business man whose labors were attended with prosperity. His wife was a member of the Thayer family of old colonial stock. Her father was a thirty-third degree Mason, therefore a most prominent representative of the order. He conducted a general store at Toad Hill, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, before the railroad was built through, and once a year he went to New York to buy goods which were shipped by canal and horse team to their destination.

Albert Smith was but a young boy at the time of his father's death. He took up the study of telegraphy and was one of the first operators to read by sound. At an early day he was train dispatcher on the Erie Railroad and later he joined the forces of the Delaware & Hudson Canal & Railroad Company, in which he held various important positions calling for executive ability and administrative direction. He was thus engaged until 1890, when he removed to Nevada, where he became interested in mining properties but three years later passed away at the comparatively early age of fifty years.

Dr. Smith, an only child, attended school, at Esperance, New York, and later at Adamsville, that state, while he completed his high school course at Albany, New York. He then engaged in railroad work, which he followed for more than a quarter of a century in connection with the express department, being a representative of the National Express Company from 1885 until 1905. In the following year he arrived in Valley City. He had previously occupied a joint office where he had charge of the interests of the National and of the Northern Express Companies, and upon removing to Valley City he became manager for the latter company and so continued for several years.

Not long after his arrival, however, he took up the study of drugless healing and he pursued a course in mechano-therapy in Chicago in the American College of Mechano-Therapy, from which he was graduated in 1913. The following year he was graduated from the National School of Chiropractic and since 1913 he has been successfully and continuously engaged in practice in Valley City, where he is now accorded an extensive patronage. While studying chiropractic he received special credits for his work and since his graduation has received special credits for post graduate work. He is a hard student, giving thoughtful attention to the mastery of every problem and plan which seems to promote the success of his practice.

In September, 1905, Dr. Smith was married to Miss Myrtle B. Myers, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and they have become parents of two children, Charles and Grenville. Both Dr. and Mrs. Smith are widely and favorably known in Valley City, where the hospitality of many of the best homes is cordially extended them. The Doctor is a Mason and an Elk and is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the North Dakota

Chiropractors Association and he is in thorough sympathy with the stringent laws which have established a high standard of professional skill and ability for the followers of that method of healing. He is a student of his profession at all times, a courteous, genial gentleman and a man of pleasing personality and he has gained many friends and won professional success.

JOSEPH C. KOWALSKI.

Joseph C. Kowalski is the senior partner in the firm of Kowalski & Everson, grocers of Park River, where he has lived since 1902. He was born in Mapleton, Minnesota, March 9, 1886, a son of Philip and Pauline (Kinsok) Kowalski, both of whom are natives of Breslau, Germany. Soon after their marriage they came to the new world, settling in Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming for a long period and the careful management of his business affairs brought to him the substantial success that now permits him to live retired. He is making his home in Moorhead, Minnesota, at the age of sixty-two years, while his wife has reached the age of fifty-six. In their family were ten children, of whom one son, Frank, is now deceased. The others are: Barbara, the wife of Albert Johnson, of Juneberry, Minnesota; Philip, residing in Moorhead, Minnesota; John, a resident of Scobey, Montana; Andrew, of Moorhead, Minnesota; Annie, of Venturia, North Dakota; Peter; Michael; and Hattie, who is living in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Of this family Joseph C. Kowalski was the second in order of birth. In early life he attended the schools of Mapleton, Minnesota, until he had completed the high school course and later he pursued a brief course in the Commercial College at Fargo, there remaining until 1911. He afterward worked on his father's farm, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years. Arriving in North Dakota he took up his abode in Minto, where he was employed in a general store for four years. On going to Park River he embarked in business on his own account as successor to T. T. Thompson and in the intervening period he has built up a very extensive grocery trade. In addition to a large line of staple and fancy groceries which he carries, he handles selected teas and coffees, canned meats, canned vegetables and canned fruits. His goods are always of high grade quality and his business is steadily growing by reason of his thoroughly reliable methods and close application.

Mr. Kowalski is a Roman Catholic in his religious faith and fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him.

HON. FRANK E. PLOYHAR.

Hon. Frank E. Ployhar, who since 1908 has been continuously a member of the state legislature, has the distinction of being the youngest man ever appointed to serve on the appropriations committee and his legislative service in other respects has been notable, indicating the recognition of his ability on the part of his fellowmen and colleagues. In business connections he is known as the organizer and promoter of the Bismarck Gas Company and of the Valley City Gas Company, of both of which he is president and general manager, and he is also president of the Building & Loan Association of Valley City, where he makes his home. He was born in Bristol, Worth county, Iowa, April 18, 1878, being the eldest in a family of nine children whose parents were Martin and Catherine Ployhar. The father was born in 1854 and is therefore now sixty-two years of age. In 1877 he married and after residing for a brief time in Iowa, removed to North Dakota in its territorial days, settling at Wahpeton on the 18th of May, 1881. There he engaged in farming for twenty years and in 1901 he took up a homestead at McClusky, North Dakota, where he still resides.

Frank E. Ployhar, reared and educated in Wahpeton, left the high school to learn the printer's trade, at which he worked in the employ of others until 1905, when he purchased

the Valley City Alliance, which he conducted for two years. That paper was then amalgamated with the Times-Record, which he published for two years and then sold. In March, 1912, he organized the Valley City Gas Company, erected a modern plant and has laid out twelve miles of mains and pipe lines. The plant has a manufacturing capacity of two hundred and eighty thousand feet in twenty-four hours, with a gasometer capacity of thirty thousand, manufacturing gas of an excellent quality. He displays marked executive force and discriminating judgment in the management of this enterprise and his success and experience in that field led him to organize in 1915 the Bismarck Gas Company, of which he has since been president and general manager, while still continuing in those official connections with the Valley City Gas Company. He likewise acts as president of the Valley City Building & Loan Association and his sound judgment is manifest in the careful direction of its interests.

On the 16th of April, 1902, Mr. Ployhar was united in marriage to Miss Edith Maude Persons, of Valley City, a daughter of Page Persons, who went to Valley City in 1877, when it was a tiny hamlet, but who is now deceased. Their children are Percy Page and Earl Franklyn, both in school.

Mr. Ployhar is prominent in Masonic circles, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He is a charter member of Valley City Lodge, No. 1110, B. P. O. E., and of the Knights of Pythias. He has long been a prominent figure in political circles, exercising considerable influence in that direction when engaged in newspaper publication. In 1908 his ability having won the attention of those who direct political affairs, he was nominated for the office of state representative on the republican ticket and was reelected in 1910, again in 1912 and 1914, and in 1916 he was elected for a four year term to the state senate. He has given thorough study to all important questions coming up for consideration and when appointed to the appropriations committee in 1911 was the youngest man ever called to that position in the state. In 1909 he had been chairman of the education committee and he became ranking member of the appropriations committee and during the succeeding term was made its chairman. He holds to progressive methods and views and is a man of indomitable energy, who accomplishes what he undertakes, biased by neither fear nor favor in upholding his honest convictions.

EDWARD LITTON.

Edward Litton, the pioneer druggist and one of the most successful merchants of Larimore, was born in Litchfield, Illinois, June 19, 1865, a son of James Robert and Elizabeth Ann (Harkey) Litton, who were also natives of that state. The paternal grandfather, Charles A. Litton, became a pioneer settler of Morgan county, Illinois, and in early days served as its sheriff. The family is of English lineage and its progenitor in the new world settled first at New Orleans, Louisiana. In the maternal line the ancestry can be traced back through the Scherers. James R. Litton became a successful merchant of Litchfield, Illinois, and during the '70s was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in St. Louis, Missouri, but spent his last days in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he passed away in 1893 at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife was a representative of an old Illinois family that was established at Hardensburg, now Litchfield, at a very early day. She survived her husband for some time and passed away in Larimore, North Dakota, in 1914 at the age of seventy-three years.

Their only child, Edward Litton, spent his youthful days as a pupil in the schools of Litchfield and of St. Louis, Missouri, and following the completion of his public school course he entered the College of Pharmacy at St. Louis from which he was graduated with the class of 1882. From the age of twelve years he has been continuously connected with the drug business, finding it a most congenial pursuit. In May, 1897, he became a resident of Larimore, where he opened a drug store, which he has since successfully conducted. He is the pioneer druggist of the town as well as one of its most enterprising and prosperous merchants. He carries a large and carefully selected line of drugs and druggists' sundries and his trade is now most gratifying.

On the 18th of April, 1900, at Grand Forks, Mr. Litton was united in marriage to Miss Rose Gertrude Malle, a native of Canada and a daughter of John and Anna Malle, the former now deceased, while the latter is living. Mr. and Mrs. Litton have become the parents of two sons and a daughter: Mildred H., who was born in Larimore, September 4, 1904; Edward James, born February 6, 1908; and Philip John, born April 5, 1911.

Politically Mr. Litton is a republican and keeps well versed on the questions and issues of the day but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, having joined the order at Larimore in 1899, while in 1904 he became a member of the Consistory. The element of strength in his character was shown in the fact that he provided for his college course and made for himself the opportunity which enabled him to qualify for a pharmaceutical career. He keeps in touch with everything that has to do with the drug business and he has ever maintained a high standard in the line of goods carried as well as in the treatment accorded his patrons.

NICHOLAS W. COMFORD.

In taking up the history of Nicholas W. Comford we present to the readers of this volume the history of one whose work was of great worth in the development of North Dakota. In pioneer days before Bismarck had passed beyond the point of a frontier hamlet he became connected with the state and through the intervening years to his death played an important part in promoting its upbuilding along the lines of substantial improvement. He was born in Guelph, Canada, June 29, 1844, a son of Richard and Julia (Jennings) Comford, who were natives of Ireland, where they were reared, educated and married, three children being born to them ere their emigration to the new world. The father took up the occupation of farming in Canada and later became connected with agricultural interests in Wisconsin and Minnesota, becoming a pioneer settler of both states. Later he homesteaded near Yankton, South Dakota, and there engaged in farming until he retired from active business life, at which time he removed to Bismarck, casting in his lot with its earliest settlers. He took up his abode there in 1873 and there lived retired from active life for many years. Subsequently he established his home in Glendive, Montana, in order that he and his wife might be near their son Nicholas and both passed away at that place.

Nicholas W. Comford was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents from Canada to Wisconsin, where he attended school for a winter or two. He afterward went with the family to Minnesota and thence to Yankton, South Dakota, where much of his early life was spent upon his father's ranch. This was in the '60s. When the father left the ranch Nicholas W. Comford made his way to Fort Lincoln, now Bismarck, and there resided for some time, building the first hotel at Bismarck about 1871 or 1872. His sisters conducted the hotel for him and many a famous Missouri river boatman and old Dakota cowman were entertained there.

Returning to Minnesota, Mr. Comford married and then brought his bride to Bismarck, both driving overland to Montana in the '70s in connection with John Smith, the famous freighter. They proceeded to Fort Benton, Montana, through the wild Indian and buffalo country and on reaching their destination Mr. Comford engaged in buying and selling cattle from 1874 until 1877. In the latter year, accompanied by his wife, he drove a herd of cattle to Canada and entered into a contract with the Canadian government to supply beef to the Indians of Canada for a year. In 1878 he and his wife drove across the country over the old McMullen trail to Oregon, spending the winter at Grand Ronde, Oregon, where he bought and sold cows. He drove a herd of cattle from Oregon to Sweet Grass, Montana, where he sold his stock and then proceeded to Miles City, after which he established a line of meat markets along the Great Northern Railroad at the time the road was being built through that country. He also engaged in hunting buffaloes on the plains of Montana and for ten years maintained his home at Glendive, Montana, which was the county seat of Dawson county. He served as one of the early sheriffs in that county and also as county commissioner and continued in active and successful connection with business interests there. He built a hotel and livery barn at Glendive and conducted business along those

lines for a while and also engaged in ranching in that section of the state. Later he removed to Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he conducted a ranch for two years and then became a resident of Towner, North Dakota, settling on a ranch on the Wintering river. In 1901 he became a resident of White Earth, Mountrail county, and making extensive investments in that part of the state, became the owner of the townsites of White Earth, Tioga and Spring Brook and one-half of the town site of Ray. He dealt extensively in land and town site property in his later years, maintaining his home at White Earth, where he passed away May 14, 1914, when about seventy years of age. He was one of the picturesque figures of pioneer days in North Dakota and was widely known among all the early cowmen of this state and of Montana. He arrived in the territory of Dakota in the early '60s and became familiar with every phase of pioneer life and later development.

It was in 1871 that Mr. Comford was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Butler, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1854, a daughter of James and Catherine (McDonald) Butler. Her father, a native of Ireland, became identified with farming interests in that country but in early manhood crossed the Atlantic to New York city, where he wedded Miss McDonald, who was born in the eastern metropolis. About 1855 they removed to Rice county, Minnesota, settling near Faribault, where Mr. Butler engaged in farming for many years. Eventually he retired from active life and they removed to Glendive, Montana, to be near one of their sons, spending their last days there. Mrs. Comford was only a year old when her parents went to Rice county, Minnesota, where she was reared and educated, there remaining until her marriage at the age of seventeen years. For forty-three years Mr. and Mrs. Comford traveled life's journey happily together and she accompanied him on all his overland trips in pioneer times, living in a wagon and enduring all of the hardships of frontier travel. While crossing the plains they saw herds of buffaloes numbering five thousand head. There were many Indians in the district in which they traveled. To Mr. and Mrs. Comford were born two children: Ernest, born in Minneapolis, December 13, 1895; and Dash, born in Minneapolis, June 16, 1898. Both are with their mother in White Earth.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church, of which Mr. Comford was a communicant. In politics he was a staunch democrat, always an enthusiastic worker in support of the presidential candidates of the party. His was a well spent life. The opportunities of the northwest drew him to Dakota in its territorial days when the work of progress and development had scarcely begun within its borders. He was among the vanguard who planted the seeds of civilization here, taking an active part in introducing upon the western frontier business interests which led to the substantial development and progress of his district. As the years went on he made for himself a creditable place in business circles and won success through sound judgment, judicious investment and unfaltering enterprise. He lived to see the great changes which were wrought as the pioneer cabin was replaced by the commodious and substantial farmhouse, as straggling villages developed into thriving towns and cities and as all modern improvements were introduced. His work in pushing forward the wheels of progress was an important one and as an honored pioneer settler he will long be remembered.

WILLIAM C. SCHWOEBEL.

Since pioneer days William C. Schwoebel has been prominently identified with the upbuilding and prosperity of Eddy county. He has assisted in transforming the wild land into good and productive farms and has also aided in the commercial development, having for several years been engaged in the implement business in New Rockford. He was born in Fountain City, Wisconsin, December 20, 1862, a son of George and Elizabeth Schwoebel, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of G. J. Schwoebel on another page of this history. Our subject attended the public schools of his native state and by assisting in the operation of the home farm gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits which has been of great value to him in later years.

On leaving the parental roof Mr. Schwoebel came to North Dakota and settled in what is now Eddy county but at that time formed a part of Foster county. As the land had

not then been surveyed he squatted upon a tract, subsequently securing both a preemption and tree claim. This was in 1883 and he continued to operate his farm until 1902. By planting and cultivating the required number of trees, he made final proof on his tree claim. As time passed he steadily prospered in his undertakings and was able to add to his property until he now owns a section and a half of land four miles southeast of New Rockford. In 1902 Mr. Schwoebel was elected county auditor, in which capacity he served for six years, and then bought an interest in an implement business with Hugh Peoples, the firm name of Peoples & Schwoebel being assumed. He has since carried on business along that line and has built up an excellent trade.

Mr. Schwoebel was married December 20, 1892, to Miss Elizabeth O'Connor, by whom he has three children, namely: Florenee, who is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is now at home; Lynn W., who is attending the law school of the University of North Dakota; and William C., Jr., born July 27, 1915.

Mr. Schwoebel is a prominent Mason, having taken the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery, and he also belongs to the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Yeomen at New Rockford, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Jamestown. He is never remiss in duties of citizenship and casts his ballot with the republican party. During his entire residence in Eddy county he has taken an active part in public affairs and has been honored with many local offices, the duties of which he has always faithfully performed. While living on the farm he served as justice of the peace and school director and for six years was also county commissioner. As previously stated he was elected county auditor in 1902 and efficiently served in that capacity for six years. He has filled the position of city auditor in New Rockford and has been a member of the city council. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed and his official duties have always been most faithfully and conscientiously performed. Mr. Schwoebel is a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank of New Rockford and also in the New Rockford State Center, which now ranks among the leading dailies of North Dakota. His interests have been broad and varied, and he is regarded as one of the foremost citizens of his community.

GEHARD FLOM.

Among the progressive young business men of North Dakota who have chosen banking as the field of their activity is Gehard Flom, who is now cashier of the State Bank of Edinburg. He is a native son of this state, his birth having occurred in Cavalier county, near Milton, November 29, 1891. His father, Peter Flom, was a native of Iowa and a representative of one of its old pioneer families, of Norwegian descent. The founder of the American branch of the family was Torjus Flom, who came to the new world in the early '60s and settled in Iowa but afterward became a pioneer resident of North Dakota, removing to this state in 1882, when it was still a part of the territory of Dakota. He settled in Tiber township, Walsh county, where he homesteaded and preempted three hundred and twenty acres of land, and upon the farm which he has there developed he still makes his home. He has been a successful agriculturist, his farm work being most carefully, systematically and wisely managed.

Peter Flom was educated in Minnesota and came with his parents to North Dakota. At the age of twenty-two years he started out to provide for his own support and took up the occupation of farming, becoming the owner of an excellent tract of land in Montrose township, Cavalier county. He married Gurine Johnson, a native of Norway, who about 1888 came to America, making her way direct to North Dakota. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, who are yet living.

Gehard Flom pursued his education in the public and high schools of Milton and in the commercial department of Crookston College, thus qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties. His youthful days were devoted to farm work during the periods of vacation, but on attaining his majority he turned his attention in other directions, seeking employment in the First National Bank of Twin Valley, Minnesota. He was employed as book-

keeper in that institution and afterward became connected with the State Bank of Grandin as assistant cashier, remaining there for three and a half years. He afterward became for a short period assistant cashier in the State Bank of Nekoma and later was elected cashier of the State Bank of Edinburg, assuming the duties of his present position on the 1st of August, 1916. This bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars, has a surplus and undivided profits of twenty-six hundred dollars and its deposits amount to more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

On the 24th of December, 1913, Mr. Flom was married in Edinburg to Miss Martha Mygard, a native of Walsh county and a daughter of L. A. and Annie Mygard, who for thirty years have been residents of Walsh county. Mr. and Mrs. Flom have a daughter, Gladys Minerva, who was born December 21, 1914, in Grandin.

Politically Mr. Flom is a stalwart republican and has filled various township offices. He takes quite an active part in local and state politics, doing everything in his power to secure the adoption of the principles of the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Actuated by a spirit of enterprise, he has put forth every endeavor to win advancement along business lines and has already attained a position which many a man of much greater age might well envy.

JUDGE PERCY S. CREWE.

Judge Percy S. Crewe, judge of the county court of Renville county and a resident of Mohall, was born in New Jersey, December 8, 1879, and comes of Canadian ancestry in the paternal line. His father, William T. Crewe, was a native of Canada and became a newspaper man in New Jersey. He made his home in Hoboken and for a time served as an official there. He wedded Mary A. Tilson, a native of Ireland, and he died at a comparatively early age when his son, Judge Crewe, was but two years old. The mother still survives and makes her home with her children. She removed to the west after her husband's death and located in the Red River valley of North Dakota, where she reared her family.

Judge Crewe, one of three children, is indebted to the public school system of North Dakota for the early educational advantages which he received and later he became a student in the State University at Grand Forks. He was graduated from both the academic and law departments in 1904 and after his graduation was appointed to the Indian service as special legal adviser at the Fort Totten agency. There he remained for about a year, on the expiration of which period he went to Williston, North Dakota, where he engaged in the private practice of law for four years. During that period he was made city attorney and was also appointed United States commissioner, filling both offices at the same time. In 1909 he removed to Minot, where he became associated with George Ryerson and Dudley Nash, forming the law firm of Ryerson, Nash & Crewe, with offices in both Minot and Sherwood. In July, 1910, on the organization of Renville county, Mr. Crewe was appointed county judge of the new county and at every election since has been chosen to fill that office, so that he is still upon the bench, and he is one of the most efficient county judges of the state and one of the most popular officials of Renville county. He was one of the first homesteaders of what is now Renville county, filing on one hundred and sixty acres of land in 1901. Complying with the laws regarding improvement and occupancy, he won title to the property, which he afterward sold.

On the 22nd of April, 1914, Judge Crewe was united in marriage to Miss Margaret L. Granger, of Marion, Iowa, and to them has been born a daughter, Barbara Stewart. Mrs. Crewe is a lady of much charm and marked refinement and presides with gracious hospitality over her home.

In his political views the Judge has always been a republican. Fraternally he is connected with Mohall Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., and Jared Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R., at Grand Forks, having thus attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He likewise belongs to Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine and Mrs. Crewe is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. While interested in all affairs of public moment and cooperating



EDMUND WHITE
County Surveyor



GEORGE A. SCOFIELD
Deputy Sheriff



LUDVIG M. ROCKNE
County Superintendent



JUDGE PERCY S. CREWE
County Judge



JOHN D. TAYLOR
Clerk of Court



WALTER N. MARTINE
Register of Deeds



PETER CARLSON
County Auditor



ANTHON J. BERG
County Treasurer

in many projects for the general good, Judge Crewe naturally concentrates his efforts and attention upon his official duties and his course upon the bench has been in harmony with his record as a man and citizen, characterized by public spirit as well as by strict impartiality in the interpretation of the law.

JOHN DIGHTON TAYLOR.

John Dighton Taylor, of Mohall, filling the position of clerk of the courts of Renville county, was born in London, England, July 19, 1867, his parents being John and Mary (Dighton) Taylor. The mother died in London when her son John was but thirteen years of age. The father was traffic manager of the Midland Railroad in London for a number of years and subsequently he went to South Africa where he saw service in the Boer war. His last days were spent in that country.

John D. Taylor after attending the public schools continued his education in King's College of London and in 1884, prior to his eighteenth year, he came to the United States, making his way to Marion county, Iowa, where he lived for two years. He next located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where he worked at ranching and at any labor that would keep him in the open air, for he was threatened with tuberculosis, so that after coming to this country, having a little money to aid him, he spent his first years in getting back his health, doing such work as he could secure that would enable him to accomplish his purpose. He spent ten years in the Black Hills and fully regained his health during that period.

While there Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Margaret Cart, of Marion county, Iowa, and in 1897 he returned to that county, where for five years he engaged in farming. But the opportunities of the northwest attracted him and in 1902 he came to what is now Renville county and filed on a homestead west of Sherwood, which he still owns and on which six of his children still reside. In 1910, when Renville county was organized, he was appointed clerk of the courts, being made one of the first county officials, and four times he has been regularly elected to the office. His long continuance in the position is irrefutable proof of his capability and fidelity. He now owns two hundred and fifty-six acres of farm land, having added to his homestead by later purchase, and his property is one of the well improved farms of the county. He has added to it many modern improvements and equipments and has recently sunk a deep well on the farm, its depth being five hundred and forty-two feet, resulting in furnishing an abundant supply of cold, clear water.

In 1911 Mr. Taylor was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away, leaving a family of seven children: Blanche, the wife of Dell Burnham, of Burdett, Alberta, Canada; and George, Lillian, James, Irene, Beulah and Velma, all of whom remain upon the home farm. Mr. Taylor was again married December 23, 1914, his second union being with Miss Margaret Moran, of Flint, Michigan, and they have one child, Ellen Frances.

Mr. Taylor exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party and was for several years school clerk and township clerk of Stafford township. Fraternaly he is connected with Sherwood Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He is always approachable, always genial and courteous and is proving one of the efficient county officials of Renville county and, moreover, is personally popular with all with whom he comes in contact.

PETER CARLSON.

Renville county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for on the whole they have been loyal and public-spirited citizens, anxious to further the interests and promote the upbuilding of the new county. One of these is Peter Carlson, who is now county auditor. He was born in Sweden, December 4, 1870, a son of

Carl and Betsy (Oleson) Okeson, both of whom are now living in Sweden at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

Peter Carlson remained in his native land until he attained his majority and then bade adieu to family and friends preparatory to trying his fortune in America. He obtained a common school education in Sweden and attended night schools in the United States and in 1902 entered the Minnesota Normal School and Business College of Minneapolis. In 1891 he arrived in the United States and made his way to Hallock, Kittson county, Minnesota, where he began work as a farm hand. He remained in that county for nine years, dividing his time between carpentering and farming, and in 1902 he removed to Bottineau county, North Dakota, where he filed on a homestead near Westhope. He proved up on that property, which he still owns, and in 1903 he became interested in the lumber business, managing a yard for two years. In 1905 he settled in Tolley, where he conducted a lumberyard until 1910, when Renville county was organized and he removed to Mohall. He was made one of the first officials of the county, being appointed auditor, and since that time he has been four times elected to the office. He is loyal to the duties that devolve upon him and the trust reposed in him and the work of the office is promptly, systematically and capably done. He still owns his homestead in Bottineau county and also an equity in a quarter section in Renville county.

In 1907 Mr. Carlson wedded Miss Christine Frykman, of Barrett, Minnesota, and they have three children, Dora Elizabeth, Fern Eleanore and Paul Renville. Mr. Carlson is a democrat in his political views and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and loyally adhere to its teachings, which they attempt to embody in every relation of life.

ANTHON J. BERG.

Anthon J. Berg, treasurer elect of Renville county, was born in Norway, August 10, 1878, a son of Jacob and Merit (Olson) Berg, who came to the United States soon after the birth of their son Anthon. Reaching the Atlantic coast, they traveled across the country as far west as Tracy, Minnesota, and after a brief period removed to Volga, South Dakota, where the father filed on a homestead east of Bryant in 1882. On that place he resided to within a few months of his death, which occurred in Bryant on the 18th of February, 1914, when he was in his seventy-fourth year. He had converted his farm into an attractive and valuable property, bringing his land to a high state of cultivation. His widow is still residing in Bryant.

Anthon J. Berg's educational training was that afforded by the district schools and later he became a pupil in the South Dakota State Agricultural College at Brookings, where he acquired his business training. On the completion of a commercial course in the spring of 1901 he put aside his text-books and found employment as a clerk in a mercantile house at Lake Preston, South Dakota, where he remained for one year. Later the stock was removed to Kenmare, North Dakota, and Mr. Berg took charge of the business at that point. In 1903 he established a store at Barber, North Dakota, and about the same time was made postmaster of the town. There he remained in business until 1908, when he sold out and went to Tolley, where he engaged in the real estate business. A year later he purchased the Tolley Journal, which he published for a year and then sold. In 1913 he was appointed deputy auditor of Renville county, in which capacity he has since served, making a creditable record in that office, and at the primary election held in June, 1916, he was made the republican nominee for the office of county treasurer, to which he was elected in the fall by a majority of over six hundred votes. He has always been a loyal advocate of republican principles and has been an earnest, active worker in behalf of the party.

On the 1st of September, 1904, Mr. Berg was married to Miss Bertha Johnson, of Kenmare, and to them have been born four children: Mabel E., Arnold J. B., Lyman G. and Bernice R. Fraternally Mr. Berg is connected with Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and they are held in warm esteem throughout the community.

in which they live. Since coming to this section of the state Mr. Berg has acquired four quarter sections of farm land and is regarded as one of the substantial and representative residents of Renville county.

WALTER N. MARTINE.

Walter N. Martine, register of deeds in Renville county, was born in Brown county, Minnesota, October 1, 1872, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Werring) Martine the former a native of New York and the latter of England. The father enlisted for service in the Union army at the time of the Civil war, becoming a member of Company F, Second Wisconsin Infantry, with which he remained for three years. He was wounded in battle and also suffered from a sunstroke while at the front, but notwithstanding these drawbacks he rendered valuable service to his country. In 1866 he removed to Brown county, Minnesota, where he entered a government claim which he improved and continued to develop up to the time of his death, which occurred April 10, 1897. His widow survives.

Walter N. Martine is indebted to the public school system of his native county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which prepared him for life's practical and responsible duties. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years of age and in 1901 he removed to Renville county, North Dakota, where he filed on land near Tolley. Through the succeeding nine years his time and energies were devoted to the cultivation and improvement of that farm and in 1910 he put aside agricultural pursuits for official service, having been elected register of deeds, which position he yet occupies. In 1916 he was again elected to the office. He is still the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of good land and hires men to farm the place.

Fraternally Mr. Martine is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to the Congregational church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart champion. He is making an excellent record in office and is accounted one of the substantial citizens of his locality. Moreover, his record is in many respects notable and worthy of emulation. Twenty-one years ago he was injured and this has necessitated his using a wheel chair ever since. Under such a handicap many a man would have become discouraged, but with firm purpose and determination Mr. Martine has pursued his way and has made for himself a most creditable position in the world. He started out in business life empty handed, but though he had no funds, he possessed courage, ambition and persistency of purpose and these qualities have resulted in his acquirement of a substantial farm property, while at the same time he has won the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen. He greets all with a smile and has that happiness and contentment of nature which make life worth while. He has always followed the golden rule and his life record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously. All who know him speak of him in terms of high regard and his example should indeed inspire and encourage others.

MARTIN H. HAUGAN.

Martin H. Haugan, sheriff of Renville county and a resident of Mohall, was born in Norway in January, 1868, a son of Halvor and Martha (Johnson) Haugan, who were also natives of that country. The father was a farmer by occupation and also learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years before coming to America in 1886. On reaching the Atlantic coast he continued his journey across the country to Warren, Cass county, North Dakota, where he was employed at carpentering for some time. He afterward removed to Brainerd, Minnesota, where he engaged in business on his own account for six years. He then returned to Warren, North Dakota, where he conducted a blacksmith shop until 1901, when he removed to Bottineau county and filed on land a half mile from Mohall. This he developed, converting the raw prairie into productive fields, and he has

since been actively engaged in its further cultivation and improvement. Both he and his wife are yet living and he is now sixty-nine years of age.

Martin H. Haugan spent his youthful days in the land of the midnight sun and when sixteen years of age went to Sweden, where he was employed in lumber camps for three years. Attracted by the favorable reports which he heard concerning the opportunities in the new world, he made his way to the United States with Warren, North Dakota, as his destination. There he was employed at different jobs until he had saved from his earnings a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land in Cass county, whereon he engaged in farming for nine years. In 1901 he removed to Bottineau county and filed on land a mile east of Mohall, improving and cultivating that place until he secured title thereto. In fact he continued its further cultivation until 1908, when he took up his abode in Mohall and engaged in the implement business as manager for the Fitzmaurice & Baney Implement Company, occupying that position of responsibility for six years. In 1914 he was elected county sheriff and has since occupied the position, to which he was reelected in 1916 and the duties of which he discharges without fear or favor. He still owns three hundred and twenty acres of land which his sons are now cultivating. He was formerly interested in the Farmers Cooperative Hardware Company and he is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Farmers Elevator Company and also of the Mohall Telephone Company, in which connection he became one of the organizers of the first telephone company in the county. He is likewise a stockholder in the Mohall State Bank and in the Renville County Investment Company.

In December, 1893, Mr. Haugan was united in marriage to Miss Lena Sorenson and they have become the parents of six children, Henry, Julia, Millie, Sidney, Melvin and Louise. They also adopted a little son, Roy V., when he was but two weeks old and he has now reached the age of six years.

The parents are worthy Christian people, holding membership in the Lutheran church, and fraternally Mr. Haugan is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance is given the democratic party and he has filled various local offices, serving as supervisor of Bottineau county, as a member of the school board and for two years as a member of the city council of Mohall. He is a stockholder and director of the Mouse River Loop Chautauqua Association. He represents one of the oldest families in this section of the state, he and his father and brother having been the first settlers of their locality. From that time forward he has been continuously identified with the development and progress of the district in which he lives and has not only been a witness to but a most active participant in the transformation which has been brought about, changing this from a wild prairie district into a region of rich farms, in the midst of which have sprung up enterprising towns and villages, each with its substantial commercial, industrial and financial interests. Mr. Haugan's efforts have been attended with excellent results not only for his own benefit but also in behalf of the public welfare and as a county official he is now making an excellent record.

LUDVIG M. ROCKNE.

Ludvig M. Rockne, filling the office of superintendent of schools in Renville county, his home being in Mohall, was born near Mayville, North Dakota, March 22, 1881, a son of Iver L. and Martha C. (Larson) Rockne, who are both natives of Norway. The father was two years of age when brought by his parents to the United States in 1852. He was reared in Iowa and in Minnesota and he visited Dakota even before it was created a territory. It was in the home of his uncle near Vermilion, South Dakota, that Dr. William Jayne, the first governor of Dakota territory, was inaugurated. In 1877 Iver L. Rockne became a resident of Traill county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead. Two years later he was elected county treasurer of that county and faithfully and acceptably filled the office until 1883. For many years thereafter he successfully engaged in farming in this state and he and his wife are now living upon a farm in Minnesota.

Ludvig M. Rockne was reared in Traill county and was graduated from the high school

of Hillsboro with the class of 1899. After teaching for a year he entered the State University and was graduated with the class of 1904, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then went to Lidgerwood and was assistant principal of schools at that place for a year. He afterward spent a year as principal of the schools of Petersburg, at the end of which time he accepted the position of principal of the schools in Mohall, which position he occupied for two years. He then turned his attention to newspaper work, publishing the Mohall News for more than five years. In 1914 he was elected county superintendent of schools and in 1916 was reelected to that office. He has done much to promote the standard of education, has closely studied the conditions of the schools and the possibilities for improvement and while working toward high ideals has used most practical methods.

On the 23d of July, 1913, Mr. Rockne was united in marriage to Miss Alma M. Jordahl, of Lake Park, Minnesota, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Jordahl, who were natives of Norway and in early life came to the new world. The father served for three years with a Minnesota regiment in defense of the Union during the Civil war and the grandfather was also for three years numbered among those who defended the country's interests at the front. The father purchased land near Lake Park, Minnesota, and there carried on farming throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1895. His widow still survives.

Ludvig M. Rockne served as clerk of the school board for five years and as justice of the peace for two years and in 1911 was first assistant secretary of the senate. His public duties have ever been discharged in a most prompt and efficient manner, his labors being productive of good results. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, was secretary of the local lodge for three years, and is now master of the lodge. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is treasurer of the Northwestern Educational Association, which meets at Minot once a year and has a membership of over five hundred. He was president of the elementary section of the state association for one year and was secretary for a similar period. His entire life has been spent in the northwest and the spirit of modern enterprise and progress which has dominated this section of the country has found expression in his entire career. He has contributed much to the progress of the community along various lines and he has never made wealth the standard of successful attainment, realizing the essential value of intellectual and moral as well as material development.

EDMUND WHITE.

Edmund White, filling the position of county surveyor of Renville county, his home being at Mohall, was born near Stratford, Ontario, Canada, February 21, 1871, a son of Thomas and Eleanor (Bernard) White, the former a native of England and the latter of Orangeville, Ontario. Crossing the Atlantic to Canada with his parents when a boy of eleven years, Thomas White was there reared to the occupation of farming and afterward homesteaded in Ontario, securing a tract of timber land on which he felled the trees and then cleared away the stumps preparatory to cultivating the land. Throughout his remaining days his attention was devoted to the further improvement of that farm, whereon he passed away January 2, 1901, while his wife died in March, 1908.

Edmund White was reared and educated in Ontario and attended night and correspondence schools in finishing a technical education. He also studied architecture at the Central Young Men's Christian Association at Chicago for some time. He became a civil engineer and architect and has followed the dual profession for the past ten years. From 1891 until 1906 he was engaged in construction work altogether. In March, 1897, he removed to Bottineau county and homesteaded near Kramer, after which he developed and improved that property for several years. In 1907 he served as city engineer of Bottineau and in 1908 became county surveyor of Bottineau county, serving for seven years. He was also city engineer during this time until 1912. For the past two years he has filled the position of county surveyor of Renville county and the prompt and efficient manner in which he discharges his duties has gained him recognition as a most capable and trustworthy official. He owns a highly improved quarter section of land in Grover township, Renville county, from which he now derives a good rental.

On the 8th of June, 1904, Mr. White was joined in wedlock to Miss Isabelle Kean, a daughter of Archie and Mary (Campbell) Kean, of Almonte, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. White have become parents of four children: Eleanor I., Archie E., Myrtle E. and Donald T. The family attend the Presbyterian church and Mr. White is also a loyal member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Something of the breadth of his interests is shown in his membership in the National Geographic Society and he is a charter member of the North Dakota Society of Engineers. Politically he is a republican and always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, his support of any measure being the result of a firm belief in its efficiency as a factor in good government.

GEORGE A. SCOFIELD.

George A. Scofield, filling the position of deputy sheriff in Renville county, was born in Rochester, Minnesota, February 22, 1863, of the marriage of Peter and Rebecca (Stewart) Scofield, natives of Ireland. Coming to America in early life, the father settled in Canada, where he lived for four years and then removed to Olmsted county Minnesota, where he cultivated rented land. He also operated his father-in-law's place until 1867, when he removed to Kansas with the intention of taking up a homestead, but he there became ill and passed away. His widow still survives and has now reached the advanced age of eighty-three years.

George A. Scofield spent his youthful days in Olmsted county, Minnesota, and is indebted to its public school system for the educational privileges which he received. He remained at home until he reached the age of twelve years and then went to live with an uncle, with whom he remained for seven years. In 1883 he removed to Towner county, North Dakota, where he filed on land and developed and improved a farm, continuing its cultivation for eleven years, or until 1894, when he was appointed customs officer at Portal, North Dakota. For ten and a half years he acceptably filled that position, discharging his duties with promptness and capability. On the expiration of that period he removed to Grano, Renville county, and engaged in general merchandising, continuing the business until January, 1911, when his store was destroyed by fire. The next three years were spent in clearing up his accounts and in 1913 he was appointed to the position of deputy sheriff under S. A. Wilcox, but the following year he removed to Mohall, the county seat, and embarked in the life insurance business. In 1915 he was appointed deputy sheriff under M. H. Haugan and now occupies that position. He owned farm land in Renville county until 1916, when he sold that property. His real estate possessions, however, include the nicest residence in Grano, a structure erected in the modern style of architecture at a cost of fifty-five hundred dollars.

In December, 1893, Mr. Scofield was united in marriage to Miss Agnes McNamara, who was born in Carrollton, Illinois, and is a daughter of John and Mary McNamara, of Booneville, Illinois, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Scofield have become the parents of two children, Annie Irene, born January 19, 1899; and Mary Vivian, born October 13, 1905. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Scofield is identified with the Knights of Columbus and also with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party, of which he is a staunch advocate, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and ensure its success. For several years he served on the school board at Portal.

C. J. MCGURREN, M. D.

Dr. C. J. McGurren who is specializing in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose, throat, and surgery at Devils Lake, was born in Wyoming county, New York, April 27, 1873, a son of James and Julia (Drummond) McGurren. The father was a captain in the Civil war under General McClellan, and being captured was held a prisoner for four months at Libby



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and for four months at Andersonville. He served with the Eighty-ninth New York Infantry, and participated in various hotly contested engagements. At the close of the war he returned to his home in New York, but in 1879 removed westward to the frontier, his destination being the territory of Dakota. He homesteaded at Casselton, in what is now North Dakota, and at once began the arduous task of developing and improving a farm there, converting the wild prairie into productive fields. He continued to reside upon that place and further developed and improved it until 1906 when he retired from active business and removed to Casselton, where he and his wife now make their home.

Dr. McGurrien was a little lad of six years when brought by his parents to North Dakota and thus he was reared under pioneer conditions and surroundings. His early education was acquired in the public schools and supplemented by study in St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained for two years, and by a course in the Jesuit College at Spokane, Washington. For five years thereafter he engaged in teaching school, but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor. Determining to engage in the practice of medicine he entered the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor and later continued his medical studies in St. Louis, Missouri, and in Hamline University of Minnesota. He was graduated from the medical department of the last named institution in 1904 and for three years thereafter practiced in Larimore, North Dakota. In the fall of 1907 he opened an office at Devils Lake, where he has since remained. He has taken post graduate work in preparation for his specialty, studying in Chicago and in Philadelphia, and he now concentrates his energies upon the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and upon surgery. He is a member of the medical staff of Mercy Hospital of Devils Lake and is now serving for the second term as a member of the state board of health, of which he is the secretary. He enjoys a large and constantly increasing practice, his professional activities making constant demands upon his time and energies. In addition to his practice he is interested in agricultural pursuits, owning farm lands in this section of the state, and, moreover, he is a director of the Larimore National bank.

On June 28, 1904, Dr. McGurrien was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Langer, and unto them have been born two children, James F., and Mary J. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Dr. McGurrien also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office outside the path of his profession have no attraction for him. He belongs to the District Medical Society which has honored him with election to its presidency and he is also a member of the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, through the proceedings of which he keeps abreast with the latest scientific investigation, research and discovery.

CHARLES EVENSEN.

Charles Evensen, one of the well known business men of Sheyenne, possesses that spirit of enterprise which results in substantial benefit to the community as well as to the individual. He was born in Norway, September 18, 1865, a son of Martinus and Caroline (Larson) Evensen, who came to the United States in 1880, settling in Chicago, Illinois. The mother died eleven months later, but the father continued his residence in Chicago until about 1900, when he removed to North Dakota, taking up his abode in Kindred, where he resided until his death in 1910. He was a carpenter and builder and for many years was actively engaged in building operations.

Charles Evensen spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native country and began his education in the public schools there, while later he continued his studies in the public schools of Chicago. Afterward he was employed in various connections in Chicago until 1888, when he came to North Dakota, settling at Kindred, where he accepted a position in the store of his brother Rudolph, who had come to this state about 1882 and had established a general merchandise business at Kindred. Mr. Evensen of this review remained in Kindred until 1899, when he removed to Sheyenne and established his present mercantile

business, which he has now conducted for a period of seventeen years. Throughout the time he has been prominently identified with the commercial development of the town and he now has one of its leading stores, carrying a well selected and attractive stock for which he asks reasonable prices and thus wins a good sale.

On the 10th of June, 1895, Mr. Evensen was united in marriage to Miss Ingeborg Myhra, a native of Spring Grove, Minnesota. Her parents, natives of Norway, emigrated to the United States and took up their abode among the early settlers of Minnesota. To Mr. and Mrs. Evensen have been born six children, four of whom survive, namely: Millard, Carl, Marian and Gladys, all at home.

The parents are members of the Lutheran Synod, and Mr. Evensen gives his political support to the republican party. In early manhood, attracted by the opportunities of the northwest, he came to this state and through the intervening period his labors have been so directed that he has gradually worked his way upward and is today numbered among the prosperous merchants of his section of the state.

MARTIN RUD.

Martin Rud, who operates an excellent farm on section 22, Pleasant township, Cass county, was born in Norway on the 30th of May, 1866, of the marriage of Hans and Martha (Rud) Rud, lifelong residents of that country. They had seven children but only three survive and they are all living in America.

Martin Rud attended the schools of his native land in the acquirement of his education but in April, 1886, when about twenty years of age, he came to the United States. Until his marriage, which occurred in 1899, he worked as a farm hand, after which he took charge of the operation of a farm on section 22, Pleasant township, Cass county, North Dakota, which he and his wife now own. The place comprises one hundred and twenty acres of productive land and it is in a high state of development. Mr. Rud has carefully conserved the fertility of the soil and has made many improvements upon the place. He has erected good buildings, which he keeps in excellent repair, and his farm is one of the valuable and attractive places in his locality. He engages in general farming and receives a good income from his land. He also owns stock in the Farmers Elevator at Hickson.

Mr. Rud was united in marriage in 1899 to Miss Carrie Myrhe, who was born in Norway but in 1885 came to this country. They have become the parents of two sons, Melvin and Clifford.

Mr. Rud gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is serving for the third year as assessor of Pleasant township and for the twelfth year as president of the school board, his continuance in those offices proving his efficiency and conscientiousness. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, of which he is now treasurer. He has earned the title of a self-made man, for when he began his independent career he had neither money nor the aid of influential friends and he has since depended solely upon his own efforts.

C. D. LORD.

C. D. Lord, president of the Bank of Park River and thus well known in the business circles of Park River and Walsh county, was born in Shakopee, Minnesota, December 23, 1856, a son of Charles and Julia (Buffum) Lord, both of whom were natives of New Hampshire. In the year 1850 they made their way westward to Minnesota, where the father successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, spending his remaining days in that state. There he passed away in 1882, at the age of sixty-one years.

C. D. Lord was the fifth in a family of eight children and his youthful days were largely devoted to the acquirement of a public school education in Minnesota. He afterward entered the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for the pharmaceutical course

and subsequently he became connected with the banking business as an associate of Andrew J. Smith of the Citizens Bank of Sauk Centre, Minnesota. There he remained from 1880 until 1885, when he removed to Melrose, Minnesota, and entered the Bank of Melrose. In fact he assisted in organizing that bank in connection with Henry Keller and C. M. Sprague and remained a factor in its management for nine months. On the expiration of that period he removed to Park River, North Dakota, where he arrived in 1886 and organized the Bank of Park River with a capital of ten thousand dollars. It was at first a private bank but in 1889 was transformed into a state bank. He is likewise a director and the president of the Gardar State Bank at Gardar and the president of the First National Bank of Hampden, North Dakota. He is thoroughly conversant with every branch of the banking business and is a recognized authority on many problems of banking. He is likewise interested in agricultural pursuits and the development of the farming interests of this section of the state and he owns large acreage in Walsh county.

On the 18th of July, 1882, Mr. Lord was united in marriage to Miss Annie E. Chewny, of Farmington, Minnesota. She is a daughter of R. J. and M. A. Chewny, the latter still a resident of Farmington. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lord: Frank C., who was born in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, and is assistant cashier of the Bank of Park River; Ethel, the wife of James H. Douglass, of Seattle, Washington; Jessie, who is a graduate of the Park River high school; and Leah, who also completed a course in the high school of Park River. The family occupies an enviable position in social circles and the hospitality of the best homes of this part of the state is freely accorded them.

Mr. Lord is well known in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while he is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. His high standing in the order is indicated in the fact that he has been honored with the position of treasurer in the grand lodge for the past eighteen years. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Foresters. In politics he is a democrat and has served as a member of the city council, as a member of the school board and was the first candidate of his party for the office of state treasurer after the admission of North Dakota into the Union. His opinions carry weight in party councils and his efforts for public improvement have been far-reaching and effective. His business activity is an element of progress in Park River and the surrounding country and at the same time his affairs have been so wisely and capably managed as to bring to him individually a substantial and well merited measure of success.

GUNNAR OLGEIRSON.

Gunnar Olgeirson is one of the representative business men of Burleigh county, now filling the position of cashier of the German State Bank of Wing. He was born on the 18th of August, 1870, in Iceland, of which country his parents, Bjarui and Gudrun Olgeirson, were also natives. He was nine years of age when the family emigrated to the new world and located in Manitoba, Canada, where they spent a year and a half, and in 1881 came to North Dakota. The father took up a homestead near Milton, in Pembina county, on which both he and the mother spent the remainder of their lives.

Gunnar Olgeirson passed his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and on leaving home in 1891 entered the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, graduating from the academic department of that institution. During the following two years he engaged in teaching school at Thompson, Grand Forks county, and at the end of that time returned to the university, where he pursued a law course and was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1904. On his admission to the bar he opened an office in Underwood, North Dakota, where he was engaged in practice for three years, and was then elected judge of the probate court, filling that position in a most creditable and acceptable manner for six years.

On retiring from the bench Mr. Olgeirson removed to Wing to assume the duties of cashier of the German State Bank, in which capacity he is still serving. He is also one of its directors. This bank was organized on the 29th of June, 1911, by J. E. Davis of Goodrich, who has since filled the position of president, while F. M. Davis has served as

vice president and Gunnar Olgeirson as cashier from its incorporation. The capital stock of the bank is ten thousand dollars and there is a surplus and undivided profits of four thousand dollars. The company erected a good frame and metal covered building in which to house the bank and they have built up an excellent business in general banking, loans and insurance. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Olgeirson is also carrying on farming near Wing and is engaged in the real estate business. He is a wide-awake, energetic man and is meeting with well deserved success in his operations.

Mr. Olgeirson was married in 1908 to Miss Isabelle Hagen, a native of Burleigh county, and to them have been born three sons, namely: Robert H., George B. and John W. Mr. Olgeirson holds membership in the Lutheran church, and fraternally is a member of the blue lodge of Masons at Bismarek and the Knights of Pythias lodge at Washburn, North Dakota. He is a republican in politics and by his ballot supports all progressive measures which he believes will prove of public benefit. He has done much to promote the interests of his town and county and is justly regarded as one of the leading citizens of the community.

HON. ALFRED BEECHER COX.

Hon. Alfred Beecher Cox, who for six years was a member of the North Dakota senate and is actively engaged in business as vice president and general manager of the Northern Seed Company of Valley City and president of the Dakota-Montana Land & Investment Company, has been prominently, actively and helpfully associated with the interests of this state for a third of a century. He was born in Colechester county, Nova Scotia, March 18, 1863, a son of Abraham and Susan (Bentley) Cox, who were natives of the same locality and representatives of old families there who engaged in farming and stock raising. The father became an extensive farmer and also dealt successfully in live stock to the age of seventy-four years, when his life's labors were ended in death.

Of a family of seven children Alfred B. Cox was the eldest and after pursuing his studies in the public schools of his native county he attended the Horton Academy and the Acadia College at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, where he pursued the arts course. He afterward engaged in clerking for a year at Truro. In 1883 he removed to the west, settling at Cooperstown, North Dakota, where he remained for two years. He then went to Sanborn, where he resided for twelve years, during which period he was connected with the lumber and grain trades. In 1897 he went to Valley City, being interested in the elevators along the Northern Pacific Railroad and also interested in farm lands in Barnes county. In 1913 he became associated with General A. P. Peake and others in buying out the Northern Seed Company, which had established business some years before. Mr. Cox became vice president and general manager upon the reorganization of the business and so continues to the present time. Their trade now extends all over North Dakota, Montana, the northern part of South Dakota and western Minnesota and their business is rapidly increasing, for patrons have found their goods reliable and their methods thoroughly honorable. Mr. Cox is also interested in other business enterprises, being president of the Dakota-Montana Land & Investment Company, which has its home office at Valley City. He is also interested in a business at Courtenay, North Dakota, which is managed by his son under the name of the Cox-Nelson Company, this being a farm implement and hardware business of extensive and gratifying proportions.

On the 25th of May, 1887, Mr. Cox was united in marriage to Miss Grace Van Voorhis, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of James H. Van Voorhis, who became one of the early settlers living west of Cooperstown, North Dakota, on a farm, having taken up his abode there in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have become parents of two sons. Edward B., who attended the public schools and the normal school at Valley City and was graduated from the State University of Michigan, is now secretary and manager of the Cox-Nelson Company, doing business at Courtenay. He married Genevieve McFarland, a daughter of George A. McFarland, president of the Valley City Normal School. Gordon Van Voorhis, who attended the public schools and the State Normal of Valley City, is now employed in the First National Bank of Fargo, North Dakota.

Fraternally Mr. Cox is a prominent Mason, having taken the degrees of lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine, and he is also connected with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party. In 1899 he was elected to the state senate and was reelected in 1901, serving in all for six years. He is a man of excellent judgment not only in business affairs but in connection with questions of public moment, and he displays the same ability and energy in working for the general good that he does in managing his private interests. In a word, he is a good, clean citizen, helpful in bringing about those purifying and wholesome reforms which have been gradually growing up in the political, municipal and social life of the city. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress. Unselfish and retiring, he prefers a quiet place in the background to the glamour of publicity, but his rare aptitude and ability in achieving results make him constantly sought and often bring him into a prominence from which he would naturally shrink were less desirable ends in view.

ROBERT BRUCE GORE.

At a very early day in the development of this state Robert Bruce Gore came to Dakota territory and for some time was employed as a cowboy and government scout in this region. Later he owned and operated ranches but is now interested in the automobile business, owning a large modern garage in Alexander. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, on the 28th of January, 1854, and is a son of Nicholas and Hannah (Crop) Gore, both natives of Pennsylvania, though they were married in Iowa. The father was a young man when he went to the latter state and purchased government land in Clayton county at one dollar and a quarter per acre, his farm being located near the town of Colesburg just over the line in Delaware county, Iowa. Upon that place he continued to make his home until his death. His widow now lives in Manchester, Iowa.

Robert Bruce Gore spent the first twenty-four years of his life in his native county, where he attended school as he found opportunity and aided his father in the work of the farm. At the age of fifteen, however, he began earning his own livelihood and has since been dependent upon his own resources. In 1878 he made his way across the country to Clear Lake and on to Sioux City, Iowa, and then up the Missouri river to Fort Pierre in Dakota territory, being a passenger on the steamboat C. K. Peck. At Fort Pierre he obtained work as a "bull whacker," driving a bull team in a freight train between that place and the Black Hills. Later he punched cattle, being one of the old time cowboys of the Black Hills in territorial days, and in 1899 established a cattle ranch of his own in McKenzie county, North Dakota, making his headquarters at Wibaux, Montana. This was in the days of the open range and his ranch, known as the U cross outfit, was one of the famous cattle ranches on the Missouri river. His cattle with the U+ brand roamed all over the Bad Lands and the ranch boss—Bob Gore—became well known to the cattle men of that country. On the 20th of July, 1912, he sold his ranch but cattle bearing his brand are still running. He felt that the days of the old ranchman were over and would rather dispose of his property than engage in cattle raising according to modern methods. He removed to Alexander and after living retired for a year established a large modern automobile garage, which he now conducts.

On the 11th of June, 1912, Mr. Gore was married in Alexander to Miss Mabel Burge. By a former marriage he has two sons, Frank Byron and Scott Bruce. The latter now owns and operates a ranch in the Bad Lands south of Alexander and is the champion bronebo buster of North Dakota, having given exhibitions in bronebo busting and in riding wild horses all over the west. He has never been thrown from a horse in any contest that he has entered and at Denver, Colorado, he won a two thousand dollar prize for riding a wild horse. The owner of this horse offered to bet any amount of money that no one could ride or stay on its back. Hearing of this Scott Gore got all the money he could, packed up his saddle and went to Denver, where he bet his two thousand dollars that he could ride the horse. He not only rode it and got the two thousand dollars but also

received one-half of the gate receipts. He has also ridden at Cheyenne, Wyoming; Miles City and Glendive, Montana, and other places.

Mr. Gore of this review is a charter member of Yellowstone Lodge, No. 110, A. F. & A. M. at Alexander, which he helped to organize. He has taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. Politically he affiliates with the republican party and has always taken an active part in public affairs. In November, 1888, he was elected constable of Lawrence county, South Dakota, now Mead county, and served for two years; has served as deputy sheriff of McKenzie county, North Dakota for over three years; and was one of the first county commissioners elected in the latter county, although others had previously been appointed to that position. During the Wounded Knee Indian campaign in South Dakota in 1889 and 1890 he served as a scout for the army, being connected with the Sixth United States Cavalry at Pine Ridge. He has practically witnessed the entire development of this state and is widely and favorably known, having a host of friends in both North and South Dakota.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BERRIER.

Flasher lost one of its valued and representative citizens when William Franklin Berrier passed away August 19, 1915. He was then in the fifty-third year of his age, his birth having occurred in Allamakee county, Iowa, September 8, 1862. His father, Matthew Wilson Berrier, was born in Pennsylvania and in early manhood went to Iowa, becoming one of the early settlers of Allamakee county. After devoting some time to farming he engaged in the meat business at Humboldt, Iowa, and his sons have there succeeded him in that undertaking.

William Franklin Berrier spent his youthful days in his native state and in 1882, when a young man of twenty years, made his way to South Dakota. The following year he homesteaded in Hughes county, there remaining until December, 1891, when he removed to Minneapolis and became associated with the Northwestern Hide & Fur Company, for which he traveled throughout North Dakota, making his headquarters at Fargo. In December, 1902, he brought his family to this state, arriving in Flasher on New Year's day of 1903. Here he had erected a building—the first business building in the town, it being still in use as a general store and postoffice. Mr. Berrier began general merchandising and was appointed postmaster of the village, in which position he continued until his death. From the beginning he was actively and prominently identified with the progress and improvement of his section of the state. He was one of the promoters of the First State Bank of Flasher and became its first president, so continuing until this bank consolidated with the Flasher State Bank some four years later. He was also the promoter and business manager of the Southern Morton County Telephone Company and was prominent and active in every movement for the advancement, improvement and upbuilding of his community. He was looked upon as the father of the town and Flasher indeed largely stands as a monument to his enterprise. Fraternally he was a prominent Mason, attaining that high rank which enabled him to afterward become a member of the Shrine. He also belonged to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. All who knew him entertained for him the highest regard and he enjoyed the warm friendship of many with whom he was brought in contact. He was a loyal citizen, a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father.

On the 16th of March, 1890, Mr. Berrier was married to Miss Fannie Schlosser, of Lodi, Wisconsin, a daughter of Henry and Frederica (Leitz) Schlosser, who were natives of Germany. In the '50s, when twenty-one years of age, the father became a resident of Wisconsin and was a pioneer settler of the district of Lodi. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, Fiftieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served throughout the period of hostilities. He was stationed in North Dakota and other sections of the west in order to quell Indian uprisings, and when the need for this was over he returned to Wisconsin, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1907, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Berrier was the youngest of his seven children. She spent her girlhood in Wisconsin and afterward learned the printing trade at Bunt,

South Dakota, where her brother published the *Blunt Advocate*. Following her marriage in 1890 she spent some time in Minneapolis and thence went to Flasher, where she purchased the local paper, the *Flasher Hustler*, which she conducted for six years, selling out in May, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Berrier were born three children, as follows: Helen, who was the first white child to live in Flasher and is now the wife of Dr. George H. Spielman; Charles, who died at the age of nine years; and Harold, whose natal day was November 1, 1906, and who was the first white child born in Flasher, Morton county, North Dakota.

Mrs. Berrier has always taken a most active part in advance movements in Flasher. She was largely instrumental in promoting the movement that led to the erection of the new high school building, a two-story brick structure containing five rooms. She went around with petitions after others had failed and forced the project through. She also selected the site for the building—a most admirable location, the ground being high and ideally situated. Acting as assistant postmaster, she was always able to relieve her husband in his work in the office. She was the organizer of the first Sunday school in Flasher and secured the services of a missionary, who came from Bismarck in the spring of 1903 to aid her in establishing the school. She belongs to the Ladies Aid Society and in fact takes a most active part in the church work, doing all in her power to advance moral progress in the community. Her residence in this section of the state compasses the period of Indian occupancy and of pioneer development. In the early days the visits of the Indians were common and on one occasion Mrs. Berrier started to take a picture of a number. One of them, however, strenuously objected, but with signs he conveyed to her the information that he would return, which he did in full Indian war costume gotten up for the occasion. He proved to be the famous Sioux chief and warrior, Rain-in-the-Face. Mrs. Berrier is a lady of splendid talents and qualities, honored by all who know her, and her work in behalf of the material, social, intellectual and moral progress of her community has been most beneficial.

JOHN V. N. SUNDBERG.

Prominent among the public officials of Eddy county is John V. N. Sundberg, who is now filling the office of register of deeds with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He was born near Cambridge, in Henry county, Illinois, on the 31st of December, 1871, and is a son of John and Anna S. (Nelson) Sundberg, both natives of Sweden. The father came to America in 1852 and it was six years later that the mother crossed the Atlantic to this country. Locating in Henry county, Illinois, John Sundberg purchased land near Kewanee and engaged in farming there until 1876, when he removed to Webster county, Iowa, where he bought a quarter section for twelve hundred dollars. Upon a part of this tract the town of Callender has since been located. To the cultivation and improvement of his land the father devoted his attention throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in May, 1913. The mother is still living.

John V. N. Sundberg was not five years of age when the family removed to Webster county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood, his early education being acquired in the local schools. Later he attended Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, and then engaged in teaching school in that state and in South Dakota for four years. On the 8th of April, 1898, he arrived in Sheyenne, Eddy county, North Dakota, and taught one term of school at that place. He next engaged in the lumber business in partnership with his brothers and they also operated a feed mill. On selling out he accepted the position of manager for the Federal Elevator Company at Sheyenne and remained with them one season, after which he was with the Northwest Lumber Company for three years. He was subsequently engaged in the manufacture of concrete blocks and did general contract work until his election to the office of register of deeds in 1910, since which time he has devoted his attention to the duties of that position. Mr. Sundberg is a stockholder in the Capital Construction Company of New Rockford and at one time owner of two thousand acres of land in Eddy county but has since disposed of a part of this. However, he still owns twelve hundred acres of land, one half section being in Benson county, North Dakota.

On the 12th of February, 1902, Mr. Sundberg married Miss Augusta Peterson, and they have two children: Carl V. Q., born February 23, 1907; and Milton E., born May 5, 1913. The parents hold membership in the Swedish Lutheran church of Sheyenne but during their residence in New Rockford have attended the Methodist church. Mr. Sundberg is a Royal Arch Mason and also belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. The republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has served as school clerk for two years and has also filled the office of constable besides that of register of deeds of Eddy county. His public duties have always been most efficiently performed and his course in life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of all with whom he is brought in contact. In business affairs he is prompt, energetic and reliable and success has attended his well directed efforts, so that he is now one of the substantial citizens of New Rockford.

OLE K. BRANDVOLD.

The upbuilding of a community does not depend so much upon the machinery of government or even upon the men who occupy public positions as upon the merchants and manufacturers, whose progressive spirit is constantly manifest in efforts to improve and develop a district. To this class belongs Ole K. Brandvold, who is sole proprietor of a dry goods and general merchandise store. He was born April 11, 1867, in Hallingdahl, Norway, a son of Knut Brandvold, also a native of that country, who came to America in 1885 and settled in Edinburg, North Dakota, where he resided to the time of his death, spending his last years in retirement from business. He was a successful farmer and during his residence in Norway took an active part in local politics and in civic affairs. He died in Edinburg in 1910 at the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife passed away in Norway in 1871. She bore the maiden name of Carrie Skar and was the mother of two children, Ole K. and Torkel.

In the public schools of their native country the sons were reared and educated, spending their early life upon the home farm, and when seventeen years of age Ole K. Brandvold started out to make his way in the world. He was first employed as clerk in a general merchandise store in Norway and there became acquainted with all phases of the business. The reports which reached him concerning America led him to the determination to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic and in 1891 he came to the new world and joined his brother Torkel at Edinburg after spending two years in Minnesota. He was employed in that state as a farm hand and following his arrival in North Dakota he spent one summer in the employ of John Jensen, a farmer of Walsh county. He next entered the employ of Edward Field, afterward a member of the firm of Grant & Field, with which firm he continued for several years. On resigning his position he joined C. A. Jeglum in purchasing the Field business, which they conducted successfully for eight years, or until 1908. At that date Mr. Jeglum sold his interest to Anton Johnson and the firm became Brandvold & Johnson. They conducted one of the leading dry goods and general merchandise establishments in Edinburg, developing their business to large and substantial proportions. In 1916 Mr. Brandvold purchased the interest of Mr. Johnson and is today sole proprietor of the store, which is a large and well appointed establishment, bringing to the owner a very substantial income.

Mr. Brandvold has been married twice. In Edinburg, in 1902, he wedded Annie Sunderson, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Sunder Sunderson, an Iowa pioneer, who afterward became one of the early settlers of Walsh county. Mrs. Brandvold passed away when but twenty-one years of age, leaving an infant daughter, Annie. On the 14th of November, 1908, at Edinburg, Mr. Brandvold was joined in wedlock to Miss Christie Braaten, a native of Norway and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anders Braaten. Her mother is still living in Norway but her father has passed away. The children of this marriage are Carl, Gilman, Ellis and Margaret, all born in Edinburg.

Politically Mr. Brandvold is a democrat. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, in which he takes an active and helpful interest. He came to America a poor boy

but recognized the opportunities here offered and through persistent and honorable effort has steadily worked his way upward. His entire life has been one of labor and his career proves that honorable effort will eventually win success.

LOUIS H. LANDRY, M. D.

Dr. Louis H. Landry, a prominent physician and surgeon of Walhalla, North Dakota, is a native of the province of Quebec, Canada, his birth occurring at Three Rivers, November 10, 1879, and he comes of an old and honored French family which was founded in Canada by Colonel Landry, who came from France with a company of soldiers to protect the white settlers from the Indians when that region was largely wild and uninhabited save by the savages. The Doctor's paternal grandfather was also a physician and was one of the first to operate on a cataract of the eye. His medical education was obtained in the hospitals of France and was very thorough, making him a most successful physician and surgeon of his time. For many years he was engaged in practice at Becancour, Quebec, Canada.

Arthur Landry, our subject's father, was born, reared and educated in Canada, and became a captain in the English army, with which he served until 1890, when he removed to Connecticut and was engaged in the hotel business at Waterbury until about 1905. He then returned to Canada and is still living in the province of Quebec at the age of seventy-three years. In early manhood he married Miss Josephine Mailhot, a native of Quebec, who died in 1908, at the age of fifty-four years, while on a visit at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. To them were born four children, of whom Louis H. is the second in order of birth. The others are Mrs. Clara Lynch, a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Ulrie Landry, also of Bridgeport; and Miss Bella Landry, of Seymour, Connecticut. The last named was born in Waterbury, that state, but the others are natives of Canada.

During his boyhood Dr. Landry attended school in Quebec, completing a literary course in the college at Arthabaska, from which he was graduated, and having decided to become a physician he later entered Laval University and on his graduation from that institution in 1904 received the degree of M. D. For two years he was engaged in practice at Manchaug, Massachusetts, and for one year at Fall River, that state. On the 21st of December, 1907, he arrived in Walhalla, North Dakota, and during his residence here has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice for he is recognized as one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of Pembina county. He is an honored member of the District Medical Society, the North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen, and in religious belief is a Roman Catholic, while in politics he is a republican. His success in his chosen profession has been marked and both as a man and a physician he stands high in the community where he now makes his home.

JAY W. BROWN.

Jay W. Brown, engaged in merchandising at Sentinel Butte, is actuated in all of his business affairs and public connections by a spirit of enterprise and progress that produces excellent results in the attainment of success and in the advancement of the welfare of his community. Michigan numbers him among her native sons, his birth having there occurred in 1876. His father, George W. Brown, was born in New York and in 1869 removed to Michigan, while in 1902 he became a resident of North Dakota. He is now living at Medora, this state, where he is engaged in general farming. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah S. Strong, was reared in Michigan and they became the parents of six children.

Jay W. Brown, the second of the family, attended the Michigan schools but experience has largely been his teacher. At the age of nineteen years, or in 1895, he made his way to Medora, North Dakota, and was employed on ranches in that section of the state. He

reached Medora with but ten cents in his pocket and from that time has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, so that the success he has achieved is entirely the result of his personal effort and business ability. For three years he worked on a ranch and in 1898 built a livery barn at Medora. The same year he was appointed deputy sheriff of Billings county and held that office for four years. He next engaged in the livery business until 1902, when he sold out and began raising horses on a ranch, devoting his attention to that interest until 1905, when he disposed of his ranch and removed to Sentinel Butte. There he established a livery business which he conducted for two years, meeting with success in the undertaking. In 1907 he sold out and began dealing in horses, concentrating his efforts upon that interest for two years. In 1909 he purchased the general merchandise store of J. J. Bartley, now of Beach, and has since been engaged in the management of this business. His trade is drawn from a broad territory and something of the volume of his business is indicated in the fact that he now employs five salespeople. He handles a complete line of general merchandise and men's furnishing goods, his stock being valued at between eighteen and twenty thousand dollars. He has a building twenty-four by ninety feet and his store is tastefully arranged, while the business methods of the house win for it a liberal patronage. He is also interested in lands, largely as a speculator, and he owns a most attractive home in Sentinel Butte, valued at eleven thousand dollars.

In 1905 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Grimm, a native of Detroit, Minnesota, and a daughter of Fritz Grimm, who was a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have three children: Bernice, born in 1907; Avis, in 1909; and George, in 1913.

Mr. Brown exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Dickinson and with the Yeomen at Sentinel Butte. He attends and supports the Congregational church and he is interested in all those forces which work for the upbuilding and development of the community. His has been a well spent life in which energy, close application and persistency of purpose have constituted the basic elements of his success. Working his way steadily upward, he has gained a creditable position among the substantial business men of the northwestern part of the state.

ALLEN HOOPLE.

Allen Hoople, register of deeds in Walsh county and a popular and well known resident of Grafton, was born in Ontario, Canada, October 15, 1849, a son of David and Margaret (Hunter) Hoople, natives of Canada and Scotland respectively. They removed to southern Minnesota in 1853, settling at Hastings, where the father engaged in farming for almost three decades. In 1881 he came to North Dakota, taking up his abode in Walsh county, where he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-six years of age. During the period of the Civil war he enlisted as a private in the First Minnesota Regiment. His wife passed away in Calgary, Canada, in 1908, at the advanced age of eighty years.

Allen Hoople was the eldest in their family of seven children and in his youthful days he attended the country schools of Waseca and Dakota counties of Minnesota. He afterward worked upon his father's farm, early becoming familiar with all the labors incident to the cultivation and development of the fields. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Steele county, Minnesota, and there continued to engage in the cultivation of crops until 1880, when he removed to Walsh county, North Dakota, taking up his abode on a tract of land that now includes the town site of Hoople, which was platted by Allen Hoople, being laid off in town lots. He there continued to farm for some time but on the 1st of January, 1913, removed to Grafton following his election to the office of register of deeds. He was reelected in 1914, so that he is serving for the second term, and in 1916 he was the republican candidate for reelection. He has also filled the office of mayor of Hoople and was assistant postmaster for twelve years. He was likewise chairman of the township board and of the first board of education of Hoople. In a word, he has taken an active and helpful interest in matters relating to the public welfare, giving earnest cooperation to all plans and measures



ALLEN HOOPLE

for the general good. He owns a large amount of town property at Hoople and also has farm lands of considerable extent.

In July, 1876, Mr. Hoople was married to Miss Ella Bronson, who died in 1898 and was laid to rest in the Hoople cemetery. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bronson, were well known pioneer people from Steele county, Minnesota. There were six children of that marriage: George H., who was born and now resides in Hoople, is married and has four children—Glenn, Vera, Allen and Earl; Mrs. Myrtle May Aarness, who was born in Hoople and now resides in South Dakota with her husband and little daughter, Marion; Jennie Belle, the wife of Samuel Provan, of Minneapolis, by whom she has a son, Robert; an infant who was born and died in 1877; and twins, who were born in 1879 and also passed away in infancy. In November, 1902, Mr. Hoople was again married, his second union being with Miss Susie Ralsted, who passed away at Hoople in 1904. In December, 1908, he married Mrs. Emma Sidmore.

Mr. Hoople is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and contributes generously to its support. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of lodge and chapter, and he is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His advancement in the business world is attributable entirely to his own efforts and sound judgment. He is a man of high ideals, his broad forehead indicating his intellectual strength, while his eyes meet one fairly and squarely, for in his record there is nothing sinister and nothing to conceal. His entire career has been as an open book which all may read and the course which he has followed may well serve as a source of inspiration in business, while in every other relation it is also worthy of emulation.

JOHN TRACY.

John Tracy, cashier of the First National Bank of Valley City, has that interest in his business which makes it a genuine pleasure to solve intricate business problems and find the answer for complex questions. To his business and his home, therefore, he devotes his attention and has become a substantial resident of the community in which he has lived from his youthful days to the present. He was born in Wethersfield, Connecticut, February 10, 1869, but arrived in Valley City in 1881 with his parents, Michael and Mary J. (Deming) Tracy. The father, a native of Ireland, came to America in his boyhood days and made his way to Connecticut, where he had relatives living. Later his father and his ten-year-old brother also came to the new world, joining the son in Connecticut. With the outbreak of the Civil war Michael Tracy enlisted as a member of Company F, Sixteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and three days after leaving home took part in the battle of Antietam. Later he was captured at Plymouth, North Carolina, and was placed in Andersonville prison, where he remained until the close of the war. A companion in arms and a fellow prisoner, David Deming, was practically killed in the rush for cars when the men were liberated, his weakened condition making him unable to withstand the pressure put upon him. Mr. Tracy returned to Connecticut and later married the widow of his former companion, Mr. Deming, after which he continued his residence in that state until 1881, when he brought his family to North Dakota, continuing his residence in Valley City until his death, which occurred in May, 1903, when he was fifty-nine years of age.

John Tracy acquired a public school education and in the fall of 1888 accepted a position in the office of the county treasurer, there remaining until November 5, 1889, when he entered the employ of the First National Bank as collection clerk. Through intermediate positions he was advanced to that of cashier and so continues. He is today the oldest in continuous connection with the banking business in Barnes county and has seen the deposits of the banks of the county increase from one hundred and thirty thousand to over five million dollars. His ability as a banker is recognized and the wisdom of his judgment in business affairs causes his advice to be often sought. He is conservative and tells people what they should know rather than what they might like to hear, but he does this

without giving offense. He has been very successful in his personal investments and at all times he has concentrated his efforts upon his business affairs.

On the 12th of September, 1892, Mr. Tracy was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Batchelder, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and a daughter of Alonzo J. and Frances A. (Stevens) Batchelder, who were natives of Vermont. Her grandfather, Jeremiah Batchelder of the Green Mountain state, married Eliza Wheeler, who was a daughter of Comfort Wheeler, who enlisted in April, 1780, for service in the Revolutionary war when eighteen years of age. He served for eight months under Captain Samuel Duell and for three months under Captain Keith, and from September 10, 1781, to September 10, 1782, he served under Captain Corbin of Connecticut. He was also a loyal American soldier of the War of 1812 and took part in the invasion of Plattsburg. In 1916 Mrs. Tracy was a delegate to the national convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy have become parents of three children: Leila G., who attended the Valley City State Normal and is now a student in the State University of Minnesota; Neal H. and J. Frank, also in school.

Mr. Tracy has led a quiet life free from ostentation and display and in his career there have been no spectacular phases, but he has those substantial qualities which have made him a worthy and law-abiding citizen, ever ready to uphold the legal and political status and advance the social, intellectual and moral development of the community.

HON. ANDREW J. McFADDEN.

On the roll of North Dakota's legislators appears the name of Hon. Andrew J. McFadden, now a member of the state senate and also well known in Pembina county, where he is extensively engaged in farming. He was born in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, February 5, 1862. His father, William McFadden, a native of Ireland, went to Canada in young manhood, arriving there during the latter part of the '30s. He first settled at Peterborough and in 1864 removed to Bruce county, where he resided until 1882, when he became a resident of Pembina county, North Dakota. There he homesteaded in Neeche township and concentrated his energies upon general agricultural pursuits, in which he actively continued until his death, which occurred in 1906, when he had reached the age of ninety-one years. He was at that time the oldest citizen in his section. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Alice Handbidge, was also born in Ireland and with her parents started for America, but her mother died at sea. It was also in the latter '30s that the Handbidge family was established in Ontario and there William McFadden and Alice Handbidge became acquainted and were married October 10, 1845. The latter died at Neeche in 1911 at the age of eighty-six years. In their family were twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, ten of whom are yet living.

Andrew J. McFadden was the tenth of the family and the youngest son. He spent his youthful days upon his father's farm, devoting the summer months to work in the fields, while the winter seasons were spent in attendance at the common schools. On attaining his majority he started out to provide for his own support. Accompanying his parents to Pembina county, he took up a homestead adjoining his father's land and there began farming, to which he devoted his attention until 1892. He then removed to Neeche, where he began dealing in farm machinery and harness, remaining in active connection with the commercial pursuits of the town until 1910, when he resumed farming operations, in which he is now extensively engaged, cultivating nine quarter sections of land, which he has brought under a very high state of development. His methods are most practical and progressive and from his well cultivated fields he annually gathers rich harvests. He is also connected with Charles H. Dawson in the firm of Dawson & McFadden, conducting a real estate and investment business. He is likewise a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Neeche and one of its directors. What he undertakes he accomplishes. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and his persistency of purpose enables him to advance steadily toward the goal of success. When he started out in the machinery business he had a capital of forty dollars but he built up a trade that approximated one hundred thousand

dollars a year, notwithstanding the fact that when he opened his store he was in competition with three other concerns. He built up the biggest business of the town and after a short time he had but one competitor.

Mr. McFadden has been married twice. In Neche, in 1887, he wedded Mary E. Edger-ton, a native of Canada and a daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Lockwood) Edger-ton, representatives of one of the pioneer Canadian families. Mrs. McFadden passed away in Neche in 1895, when but twenty-five years of age. By that marriage there were four children: Alice, now the wife of Theodore Torgerson, living in Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada; Miles, who died at the age of five years; John Earl, who was graduated from the North Dakota State University with the degrees of B. A. and LL. D. in 1915 and is now a practicing lawyer of Cavalier, Pembina county; and Roscoe, who died at the age of two years. Having lost his first wife, Mr. McFadden was married at Crookston, Minne-sota, to Miss Emma Cunningham, a native of Ontario and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham, who were early residents of Bruce county, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden were schoolmates in Bruce county.

Mr. and Mrs. McFadden hold membership in the Methodist church and their lives are guided by high and honorable principles. He was made a Mason at Bathgate, North Dakota, and he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has held office in several of these organizations and has been grand master workman in North Dakota. The republican party receives his strong political endorsement and he does everything in his power to promote its growth and ensure its success. For twenty years he served as clerk of his township and for ten years was a member of the school board, acting in that capacity until 1912. In 1914 his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, elected him a member of the state senate, so that he is now a member of the upper house. His life has ever been guided by well defined plans and purposes that are the result of a careful consideration of those questions which have been of vital interest to him, questions relative to his business and to his public duties. He has been loyal to every trust reposed in him and his fellow townsmen entertain for him high regard.

PETER M. MATTSON.

Since 1884 Peter M. Mattson has been a resident of Eddy county and he has been prominently identified with its development and upbuilding during that time. During all these years he has been interested in farming and since his removal to New Rockford in 1892 has been connected with various enterprises. He is one of the leading lawyers of the city and is also editor and proprietor of the Eddy County Provost.

Mr. Mattson was born on the 30th of May, 1861, in Sweden, of which country his parents, Matt and Bengta (Fayers) Mattson, were also natives. It was in 1879 that they brought their family to America and located in Red Wing, Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming on rented land until 1884, when he removed to Eddy county, North Dakota, and filed on land near Sheyenne. He continued the improvement and operation of that farm until life's labors were ended in death June 10, 1909. The mother is still living.

Peter M. Mattson attended school in his native land, being a young man of eighteen years when he came with his parents to the United States, and he remained with them in Minnesota until he attained his majority, when he started out in life for himself. In 1883 he came to North Dakota and obtained work as a farm hand at Buffalo, Cass county, but the following year he took up a homestead in Eddy county and devoted his energies to its cultivation and improvement until 1892, in which year he removed to New Rockford. During the following three years he was engaged in the implement business and then entered the State University of Minnesota, where he pursued a law course and was graduated in the spring of 1896. He returned to New Rockford, where he has since practiced, and today he is numbered among the leading members of the legal fraternity in Eddy county. In the spring of 1901 he established the Eddy County Provost, a weekly

newspaper, which he has since edited, and in this venture he has also met with success. His plant is modern in its equipment and the work turned out is of a high grade. Mr. Mattson is still interested in farming and is today the owner of twenty-eight hundred acres of valuable land in Eddy and Wells counties. Two of his farms, one of twelve hundred acres and the other of five hundred, are operated by hired help under his own supervision, and in connection with general farming he has made a specialty of the raising of thoroughbred Yorkshire and mule foot hogs and during the year of 1915 raised seven carloads of those animals, for which he received a good price when placed on the market.

On the 1st of January, 1887, Mr. Mattson was united in marriage to Miss Kate Peterson, and to them have been born three children: T. Evelyn, now the wife of Ralph Naylor of Springfield, Massachusetts; Roger O., who is a student in medicine at the State University of Minnesota; and Edgar P., who is studying law at the State University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

In religious faith Mr. Mattson is a Lutheran, and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Yeomen, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose. He casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has taken quite a prominent and influential part in local politics. In the fall of 1894 he was elected clerk of the courts of Eddy county, in which capacity he served until 1898, and it was during that time that he took up the study of law. On retiring from that position he was elected states attorney and filled that office most acceptably until 1903. He has also been a member of the city council of New Rockford, and his official duties have always been conscientiously and satisfactorily discharged. He occupies an enviable position in both business and professional circles and well merits the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens.

OSCAR H. WILL.

Oscar H. Will is engaged in the nursery, seeds and florist business at Bismarck and stands very high in public regard as an enterprising and progressive business man, his labors being attended with success. He was born at Pompey, New York, September 9, 1855, his parents being Francis A. and Margaret (Barchie) Will, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America when a youth of eighteen years and throughout his remaining days was a resident of the Empire state, devoting his life to the occupation of farming. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

Oscar H. Will was educated in the district schools of New York and in 1881 came to Bismarck, since which time he has been closely identified with the commercial and industrial interests of the city. In 1883 he opened a greenhouse, in connection with which he handles nursery stock, flowers and seeds, and along legitimate lines he has built up a trade that is now the largest west of Minneapolis. He thoroughly understands every phase of the business, is careful and systematic in its conduct and displays sound judgment in its management. Moreover, his commercial integrity is a point which stands unquestioned in his career. The growth of his trade year by year has placed him among the men of affluence in Bismarck, although he came to this city empty-handed. In addition to his nursery business he is president of the Bismarck Building & Loan Association.

On the 20th of December, 1882, in Bismarck, North Dakota, Mr. Will was united in marriage to Miss Elvira Isabelle Bird, by whom he has two children, George Francis and Mabel Margaret. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In politics Mr. Will is independent, nor has he ever sought public office. The positions which he has filled have never been of a political character but have furthered the welfare of city and state. The cause of education found in him a loyal friend when he was a member of the Bismarck school board and he has also done effective public work as a member of the state board of agriculture. Mr. Will deserves much credit for what he has accomplished and his success in business from the beginning of his residence in the

capital has been uniform and rapid. As has been truly remarked, after all that may be done for a man in the way of giving him early opportunities for obtaining the requirements which are sought in the schools and in books, he must essentially formulate, determine and give shape to his own character; and this is what Mr. Will has done. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and has gained a most satisfactory reward.

WILLIAM McKEAN.

William McKean, who has been identified with journalistic interests throughout the entire period of his active business career, has published the Sanborn Enterprise continuously since 1881 and thus perhaps has been connected with one publication longer than any other editor in the state. His birth occurred in Mercer, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of May, 1850, his parents being William and Isabella (Hawthorne) McKean, the former born in the north of Ireland in 1801, while the latter was born near Mercer, Pennsylvania, in 1805. He attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and subsequently entered a printing office, where he received his initial training in the field of labor to which he has devoted his life. In the winter of 1879-80 he came to Dakota territory and secured a position on the old Fargo Argus, being thus employed for a short time. In the latter part of March, 1880, he went to Jamestown as foreman of the Jamestown Alert under the late Marshall McClure, who had just acquired the plant. In 1881 Mr. McKean established the Sanborn Enterprise, which he has edited and published continuously and successfully since, covering a period of three decades. For a period between 1901 and 1913 his oldest son, Ralph H., was a partner in the Enterprise, the latter then retiring and taking up a homestead on Berthold Indian reservation. The paper is devoted to the dissemination of local and general news and is deservedly popular, being accorded a large advertising as well as subscription patronage.

On the 20th of May 1879, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, Mr. McKean was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Minniss, daughter of Thomas S. Minniss. They have become the parents of three children, as follows: Ralph, who wedded Miss Agnes Murphy and has two sons; Josephine, the wife of E. A. Marsh, by whom she has a daughter and two sons; and Thomas M.

Since becoming a citizen of Dakota, Mr. McKean has unfalteringly given his political allegiance to the republican party, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing and appreciating his worth and ability, have called him to a number of public offices. He served as the first treasurer and clerk of the town of Sanborn, North Dakota, and acted as state game warden for one term. He has also been chairman of the school board and the board of trustees, while for the past sixteen years he has been a member of the district school board as treasurer, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. His military record covers service in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, from which he retired with the rank of first lieutenant. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and is now a past master of Sanborn Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M. His residence in the state covers the period of pioneer development and present-day progress and his record is inseparably interwoven with the annals of North Dakota.

FRANK SQUIER TALCOTT.

Frank Squier Talcott, of Bismarck, was appointed warden of the state penitentiary in the year 1913. This was not his first official service, however, for in other connections he had given demonstration of his worth as a citizen and of his loyalty and capability in public office. He is a native son of America's metropolis, his birth having occurred in New York city, July 12, 1863. The family is of Scotch-Irish lineage and in colonial days was founded in America by an emigrant ancestor from England. Representatives of the name served in the Revolutionary war. The great-grandfather was the Rev. Talcott, who devoted

his life to the work of the ministry, while his son, the grandfather of F. S. Talcott, entered the educational field. He was a native of Massachusetts and for a number of years conducted a boys' school in Fitchfield, that state, his death occurring when he was fifty years of age. His son, Frank Platt Talcott, was born in Massachusetts and became one of the partners in the great mercantile firm of H. P. Claffin & Son of New York city, where he passed away in 1863 at a comparatively early age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Gertrude Squier, then returned to the home of her father, Socrates Squier, of Buffalo, New York.

It was in that home that Frank Squier Talcott was reared, remaining a resident of Buffalo until 1881, when at the age of eighteen years he came to North Dakota and settled on land belonging to his maternal grandfather. Later in the same year he continued his education by matriculating in Williams College of Massachusetts, from which he graduated in the class of 1885. He afterward entered upon the study of law, attending a law school of Buffalo, New York, and in 1887 he returned to his farm in Cass county, North Dakota, where he continuously and successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1913, when he disposed of his land.

On the 8th of June, 1893, in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Talcott married Agnes W. Thompson, a daughter of A. Porter Thompson and a representative of an old New York family. They now have four children, namely: Porter T., Frank S. Jr., Esther B. and Ruth. The parents are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Talcott is identified with several fraternal organizations, holding membership with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party and he is one of the active workers in its ranks in North Dakota. In 1900 he was elected to the state senate from the eleventh district and so creditable was his record and such his personal popularity that he was reelected in 1904, in 1908 and again in 1912. At the end of thirteen years' service as a member of the upper house he resigned his position to become warden of the state penitentiary. He left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation of the state through more than a decade, during which time he closely studied the vital questions and issues of the day. He was earnest and purposeful and brought sound judgment to bear upon existing conditions, upon the needs and upon the opportunities of the commonwealth. He has long been recognized as a leader in republican ranks and was chairman of the state central committee in the campaigns of 1910 and 1912, after which he again accepted the position in order to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George Grey, who was then chairman. He is a warm personal friend of Governor Hanna, who speaks of him in terms of the highest praise and appreciation. From him he received the appointment to his present position as warden and took charge of the penitentiary at Bismarck, where his work has proven most acceptable. He has studied the methods followed in other state institutions of similar character and is endeavoring to temper justice with mercy and maintain a system that will call forth the latent manhood and honor of those who have been law breakers, hoping thereby to restore them to a full and worthy citizenship.

ALFRED DEAN, M. D.

Dr. Alfred Dean, actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Grand Forks, was born at Ardoch, North Dakota, March 8, 1883, a son of George A. Dean, whose birth occurred near Toronto, Canada, and who in the spring of 1879 came to Dakota territory. He was a pioneer of Walsh county, where he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits for a considerable period. He spent his last days in Minto, North Dakota, where he passed away in April, 1905, at the age of sixty-four years. The Dean family is of English lineage and the founder of the American branch was one of the Mayflower passengers. In the maternal line Dr. Dean comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His mother, Letitia (Sully) Dean, a native of Canada, is now living at Minot, North Dakota.

Dr. Dean, the sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children, was educated in district schools, in the public schools of Minto and in the State University. He spent two



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years as a medical student in the University of North Dakota and completed his preparation for a professional career in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which conferred upon him the M. D. degree in 1911. His early life had been devoted to farm work and after the death of his father he had conducted the home farm until he entered the university for the study of medicine, believing that he would find that a more congenial vocation. Following his graduation he served as interne in the City Hospital of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, for one year and a half and then returned to North Dakota, settling at Grand Forks, where he entered upon the private practice of his profession. He has since been in continuous and active practice, his labors being attended with gratifying success. He is a member of the Grand Forks Medical Society, the North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 24th of May, 1916, in Negaunee, Michigan, Dr. Dean was married to Miss Helen La Rue Schurtz, a daughter of Orr Schurtz, a native of Michigan. He is now erecting a beautiful home at No. 1123 Belmont avenue.

The Doctor has membership with Phi Chi, a fraternity of the Jefferson Medical College, and he also belongs to the Masonic lodge and chapter at Grand Forks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He is likewise connected with the Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with its efforts for the upbuilding of the city, and he is also a member of Fortnightly club. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His political support is given to the republican party where national issues are involved but at local election he casts an independent ballot. At present he is serving as city health officer of Grand Forks, having been appointed in September, 1914. In a measure he worked his own way through the university, which indicates that at every point in his career he has been actuated by laudable ambition and firm purpose. He is yet a young man but has already attained a success that many an older practitioner might well envy.

JAMES MACLACHLAN.

James MacLachlan, county auditor of Eddy county and a resident of New Rockford, was born in Rockside, Ontario, Canada, March 14, 1868, a son of Malcolm MacLachlan. He acquired a public school education in his native province and also attended the Canadian Business College at Chatham, Ontario. After completing his studies he went to the western coast and for a year was engaged in the grocery and feed business in Seattle, Washington. He then disposed of his interest to his partner and returned to Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed for a year in a wholesale commission house. He afterward returned to Chatham, Ontario, and for eight years was bookkeeper and office man for the Canada Flour Mills Company, which for a portion of the time he represented on the road in the eastern provinces.

In 1900 Mr. MacLachlan came to North Dakota, settling in New Rockford, where he accepted the management of the Lahart grain elevator. He had previously purchased grain in Chatham, Ontario, for a year and was thoroughly familiar with the business. After a year with the Lahart Elevator Company he removed to Calgary, Canada, for the benefit of his wife's health, spending a year there, during which time he was manager of the branch of the Empire Bonding Company of London, Ontario, in the province of Alberta. He returned to New Rockford in 1903 and was made buyer for the Farmers Elevator Company, which position he held for eight years. In 1912 he was elected county auditor and was reelected in 1914, while in 1916 he was again elected to that position.

In 1896 Mr. MacLachlan was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret McGregor, of Chatham, Ontario, by whom he had three children, one of whom survives, Gordon H. Mrs. MacLachlan is now deceased. Fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Century Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M.; Carrington Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M.; Zion Commandery, K. T.; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He also has membership with the Sons of Scotland and the Congregational church. Mr. MacLachlan is now serving as president of the men's Bible class. He is justly accounted one of the pro-

gressive and representative men of Eddy county. In addition to proving a capable and efficient incumbent in office, he has made for himself a creditable place in business circles as the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, seven miles from New Rockford, and as a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, speak of him in terms of high regard, recognizing his worth as both a man and citizen.

JOHN WALKER.

John Walker, of Grandin, Cass county, is one of the early settlers of North Dakota and has played a part in the development of his section both as a farmer and as a business man. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, on the 27th of March, 1854, a son of Robert and Catherine (Currie) Walker, natives respectively of England and Canada. The father devoted his life to farming and both passed away in Ontario.

John Walker was reared at home and received his education in the public schools. He continued to reside in the Dominion until 1881, when he came to North Dakota and located in Grandin, at which time no train had run into the town although the rails were laid. Not long after his arrival he took up a homestead and a tree claim and subsequently preempted the tree claim and has since engaged in farming. In the fall of 1884 he removed to Grandin but continued to operate his farm, to which he returned about 1898 or 1899. He lived there until 1904, when he again removed to Grandin and for the past ten years he has been engaged in the grocery, fruit and cigar business there. He carries a well selected stock and his reasonable prices and fair dealing have secured him a good patronage. He still supervises the cultivation of his land, from which he derives a good return.

In 1882 Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Bella Thirsk, a native of Ontario, Canada. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and furthers its work in every way possible. Mr. Walker belongs to Hillsboro Lodge, No. 511, A. F. & A. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His business interests have demanded the greater part of his time so that he has not taken an active part in public affairs. He is respected by all who come in contact with him and is accounted one of the valued citizens of Grandin and Cass county.

A. A. RUMREICH.

Enterprising business methods are followed by A. A. Rumreich, proprietor of a hardware store at Pisek. He is numbered among the pioneer settlers of the state and is a man of prominence in his community, ranking with the leading merchants of his town. He was born in Moravia, April 16, 1870, and is a son of Frank P. and Marie (Schmedar) Rumreich, who were also natives of that country, where they were reared and married. In 1881 they emigrated to the new world and on the 4th of June arrived in North Dakota. The father then took up a homestead in Walsh county, where he engaged in farming. In 1889 he removed to Pisek and established a hardware business which since 1894 has been conducted by his son, whose name introduces this review. The father also established the first lumber yard in that section and he remained a prominent, influential and respected citizen of Walsh county to the time of his death, which occurred February 6, 1909, when he was sixty-one years of age. His widow survives at the age of seventy-one years.

The first born of their nine children was A. A. Rumreich, who in early youth entered the schools of Moravia, which he attended to the age of ten years. He then accompanied his parents to the new world, after which he pursued his education only in the summer months for two years while employed in various kinds of work on the farm. He continued to assist in the cultivation of his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-two and for four years he engaged in the grain business, buying and selling. While so occupied he realized the need of a thorough business training and attended the Union Commercial College at

Grand Forks for three months in order to further equip himself for a commercial career. It was about this time that he returned to Pisek and purchased his father's interest in the hardware store which he has since successfully conducted. He took over the business on the 1st of November, 1894, and has since managed the store, carrying a large line of shelf and heavy hardware. His reliable business methods secure him a ready sale and throughout his career he has ever realized that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement.

On the 30th of October, 1894, Mr. Rumreich was married at Crookston, Minnesota, to Miss Antonia Patocka, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patocka, also natives of Moravia, and early pioneer settlers of Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Rumreich have six children: Amilian, who was born in 1896 and is now clerking in the Northern State Bank at Grand Forks; Adalbert, born in 1908; Peter, who was born in 1900, and Mary, born in 1903, both attending high school; Rudolph, born in 1906; and Stephen, in 1911. All were born in Pisek. The parents are members of the Bohemian Catholic church and Mr. Rumreich holds membership in the Catholic Union. Politically he is a democrat and he has been called upon to fill a number of public positions of honor and trust. He has served as president of the village board, as town clerk and as a member of the town council. He possesses considerable musical talent and is leader of the First Band of Pisek, in which he plays the cornet, being master of that instrument. His interests are thus broad and varied and have contributed much to the life of the community, advancing its material, political and cultural forces.

RUDOLPH FINGER.

Rudolph Finger, a merchant of South Heart, was born in Davenport, Iowa, January 18, 1857, a son of Bernard and Margaret (Arndt) Finger, who were natives of Germany and in early life came to the United States. The father first settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, and afterward removed to St. Louis, Missouri, finally becoming a resident of Wisconsin. Later he went to northern Illinois and afterward to Davenport, Iowa, where he made his home until 1887, when he took his family to South Heart, North Dakota. He was married near Davenport. Eventually he and his wife became residents of Minneapolis, where they remained until called to their final rest. At the time of the Civil war Bernard Finger responded to the call of his adopted country for aid and enlisted as a member of the Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry, with which he served for two years and ten months. He held the rank of first lieutenant and acting commissary and was ever a brave and loyal soldier, continuing with his command until the close of the war. He then returned to Davenport and after spending three years in the employ of the French & Davis Sawmill Company he embarked in the grocery business in partnership with Jack Malchau. A year later he sold his interest to his partner, after which he became city assessor, remaining in that office for six years. Later he served as justice of the peace and police magistrate, occupying those positions for eight years, and as justice he married eight hundred and forty-nine couples. Later he was book-keeper at the Kimball Hotel of Davenport for a short time and subsequently was book-keeper with other concerns until his removal to North Dakota in 1887. He took over a store that his oldest son had established at South Heart and conducted business at that point until his removal to Minneapolis, where he lived with a daughter until his death. His wife reached an advanced age. In their family were nine children, of whom two have passed away, Bernard and Johanna, the latter dying at the age of eighteen years. The others are Rudolph, Eugene, Thekla, Gustav, Julia, Johanna and Edgar.

Rudolph Finger was educated in Davenport and there resided until 1879, when he left home to look up a location. In 1882 he became a resident of Terry Station, Montana, where he remained for a season, and later he went on a buffalo range for a winter, during which period he killed two hundred and thirty-five buffaloes. In the following spring he took up a homestead near South Heart and proved up the property, which is located adjacent to the town. There he resided until 1889, when he went into the "bad lands" and began raising stock. He devoted his attention to that business until 1911, when he sold out and following the removal of his parents to Minneapolis he took up his abode in South Heart to look after the property interests of the Finger family at that place. At the same time he continued in

the cattle business and he has ranged cattle all over the country in the vicinity of South Heart, formerly grazing about two hundred head. He still has his farm land, much of which is devoted to grazing purposes. In 1911 he erected a business block and opened a general store in South Heart, since which time he has successfully engaged in merchandising.

In 1895 Mr. Finger was united in marriage to Miss Mattie M. Wilson, a native of Harlan, Iowa, and they have become the parents of seven children, Eugene, Fred, Roland, Hester, Bernard, Harold and Helen. The family occupy a pleasant residence in South Heart which Mr. Finger owns. He is also the owner of his store building. He has been a member of the school board on his town for the past fourteen years and was influential in the erection of a new school building of which South Heart has every reason to be proud. Moreover, he is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Stark county and is familiar with every phase of pioneer life with its hardships and its privations. He can relate many interesting tales concerning his experiences of early days and all who know him recognize that he has been a helpful factor in promoting progress and improvement as the years have gone on.

GEORGE W. DELISLE.

George W. Delisle is proprietor of The Cash Store, a general merchandise establishment at Walhalla. He has there resided from the period of pioneer development in Pembina county. His birth occurred in North Hadley, Massachusetts, May 12, 1867, his parents being Peter and Leonora (Welford) Delisle. The father's birth occurred near Montreal, Canada, while the mother was born near Ogdensburg, New York. They remained in New York until 1860 and then removed to Massachusetts, where they resided until 1877. In that year they became residents of Pembina county, North Dakota, and the father passed away in Pembina in 1887 at the age of forty-five years, having during the meantime devoted his attention to general farming. His widow is now a resident of Seattle, Washington, and has reached the age of seventy-three years. In their family were seven sons and two daughters.

George W. Delisle, the third in order of birth, attended the public schools of Massachusetts and of Pembina county, North Dakota, and was but twelve years of age when he made his initial step in connection with mercantile interests. He was a resident of Pembina for nine years and in 1886 he went to Grafton and to Cashel, where he established branch stores in connection with Joseph Deschenes. He continued at Grafton until 1897, when he removed to Walhalla, where he established his present business, starting in a small way but developing the enterprise until it has become one of the leading business concerns of his section. He conducts his interests under the name of The Cash Store and he now enjoys a large and steadily expanding trade. He has been most careful in making his purchases and the fine line of goods which he carries has brought to the store a very desirable class of customers. A general sentiment exists that goods bought in The Cash Store can always be depended upon for quality and satisfactory service as well as price. His establishment is a splendid example of successful merchandising along progressive lines. He has constantly studied the wants of the trade and he early adopted and has maintained the cash system of doing business, conducting his business upon the basis of small profits and quick sales. He has four distinct departments in his store and in addition he owns a chain of similar stores in Saskatchewan, Canada. He handles farm machinery in each of these stores in addition to his other lines of goods and his business has reached extensive and gratifying proportions. Moreover, he has a system perfected by himself by which he is able to ascertain at any time the exact condition of each department of his business. His stock book, the only book which he keeps, shows at all times the amount of each and every kind of stock in the store, the sales and also the profits of each department for each day and the amount of each clerk's sales.

In January, 1891, Mr. Delisle was married to Miss Mary Ella O'Connor, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Burke, of Drayton. They have become the parents of five children. Mary Delvina, born in Cashel, January 16, 1892, is a graduate of the academy at Fargo. Helena Theresa, born in Cashel, November 29, 1893, was graduated with honors from Fargo Academy. George Francis, born in Walhalla, March 3, 1899, is now a high school pupil. Mar-



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cella Leonore, born January 31, 1901, is also attending high school and Lawrence S., born August 29, 1904, completes the family.

Mr. Delisle and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and he holds membership also with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a republican and has served for several years as mayor of Walhalla, giving the city a businesslike administration characterized by the same qualities that have won him success as a merchant. Starting out in life for himself at the age of twelve years, his educational opportunities necessarily curtailed, he has by home study, by broad reading and close observation become a well informed business man, practical and enterprising, possessing both originality and initiative. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. He knows that success can be won through persistent and honorable effort and along that line he has advanced. The word Excelsior is written on his banner and victory has crowned his achievements. It is to such men that the northwest owes its rapid and substantial growth and various sections of North Dakota and of southern Canada have profited by his labors.

R. W. MEADOWS, M. D.

Dr. R. W. Meadows, the leading physician of Shyenno, where he has been actively engaged in practice since 1911, was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada, October 8, 1879, his parents being Reuben and Ellen (Hutchinson) Meadows, both of whom were natives of Ontario, where they spent their entire lives, the father there following the occupation of farming.

After pursuing his early education in the public schools of Brantford, Dr. Meadows continued his studies in the Western University at London, Ontario, there preparing for the practice of medicine. He pursued the regular course and won his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1902. The same year he went abroad and in London, England, attended the clinics held in Guys Hospital for three months. Returning to Ontario, he drove for a few months with the old family physician in Brantford, gaining practical experience as his assistant, but in the fall of the same year removed to Maddock, North Dakota, where he opened an office and remained in successful practice until 1911. He then sought a broader field of labor at Shyenno and in the intervening period of five years has built up an extensive and important practice which is constantly growing as a recognition of his ability on the part of his fellow townsmen.

In 1905 Dr. Meadows was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Teigen, of Davenport, North Dakota, by whom he has two children, Maurice M. and May L. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Meadows belongs also to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Along strictly professional lines he has association with the Tri County Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He holds to high professional standards and keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession, following its extensive and scientific research work. While quick to adopt any new idea which he believes will prove an element in successful practice, he does not hastily discard old and time-tried methods the value of which has been proven. In a word, his sound judgment recognizes that which is most effective and his labors have been fraught with excellent results.

RICHARD F. POWELL.

Richard F. Powell, of Cando, who since 1903 has been actively engaged in the development and management of his farming interests, which embrace three thousand acres of land, and who has become known as one of the leading raisers of purebred stock in Towner county, was born in Ontario, Canada, July 1, 1861, a son of Caleb and Susan (Clerke) Powell, who were also natives of Ontario. The father there followed the occupation of farming until 1883,

when he removed to Devils Lake, North Dakota. After a short time, however, he took up a homestead in Towner county in February, 1884, and gave the cultivation of the place over to the care of his younger son. He then resided in Cando throughout his remaining days, passing away in 1896, while his wife survived him for more than a decade, her death occurring in April, 1908.

Richard F. Powell was reared and educated in Ontario and when fifteen years of age began providing for his own support by work as a farm hand. He also clerked in a store for a few years. It was in 1882 that he became a resident of North Dakota, spending one year as an employe in a lumber yard at Larimore. He next went to Bartlett, where he took charge of a lumber yard for six months, at the end of which time the business was removed to Devils Lake, where he operated until 1883. In the fall of that year he removed to Minnewaukan, the county seat of Benson county, and opened a lumber yard at New Rockford and at Sykeston as well as at Minnewaukan. He acted as manager of the yard at the last named place until 1886. In the meantime—in 1884—he filed on land but did not prove up on it. In 1886 he removed to Churchs Ferry as representative of the same lumber company and there continued until 1890, when he was transferred to Cando, assuming the management of the company's yard at that place. He remained as manager until 1903. In the meantime, however, he had bought land whenever the opportunity offered, carefully saving his earnings in order to make judicious investments in farm property. He now has three separate farms averaging one thousand acres apiece and for the past thirteen years he has been concentrating his attention and energy upon his agricultural and stock raising pursuits. He makes a specialty of handling purebred Percheron horses and shorthorn cattle and now has about one hundred and fifty head of fine cattle. He is also the secretary and treasurer of the Cando Mill & Elevator Company. His business affairs have been most wisely and judiciously managed and controlled and keen sagacity has been manifest in his investments, while his unabating energy has enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles that bar the path of progress in business affairs.

In October, 1887, Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Victoria Barber and they have become the parents of four children: Norman B., who died in November, 1909; Gladys, who is attending the State University; Raymond, who was graduated from the State Agricultural College in June, 1916; and Frank, who is now a student in the State Agricultural College at Fargo.

In 1910 Mr. Powell erected a fine modern residence in Cando. He and his wife belong to the Methodist church and he is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican and has been a member of the city council of Cando, while for six years he served as president of the school board. He takes a deep and helpful interest in all matters pertaining to public progress and improvement and, realizing public needs and opportunities, has been able to direct his efforts along most valuable lines. He can well claim the proud American title of self-made man, for through individual effort and ability he has worked his way upward, laying the foundation for his own success and building thereon wisely and well.

S. GEORGE WHITE, M. D.

Dr. S. George White, an active member of the medical profession, practicing at Ambrose since 1907, although he is called in his professional capacity to many points in the north-western part of the state, was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, February 15, 1882, a son of Samuel and Emelia (Kutschke) White. The father's birth occurred in Ontario and he was educated in Ottawa. He took up horticultural work and landscape gardening and had charge of the capitol grounds at Ottawa, where he spent his entire life, dying there when his son George was an infant. His wife, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, was taken to Canada during her childhood by her parents, who settled at Ottawa, where she still resides.

Dr. White acquired his preliminary education through the public school system of Ottawa, after which he attended the Collegiate Institute of Ottawa and later entered McGill University at Montreal, where he was graduated with the class of 1903 on the completion

of the medical course, winning his professional degree. He then accepted the position of interne in St. Luke's Hospital at Ottawa and afterward became medical superintendent of that institution, occupying that position for two years. In 1905 he removed to Minot, North Dakota, where he continued in active practice until 1907, when he opened an office in Ambrose, which town was then but a year old. There he has practiced medicine continuously since but his work extends over a much wider territory as he is frequently called into various sections of northwestern North Dakota for medical or surgical practice. He had thorough training and his ability is pronounced, enabling him to successfully cope with the involved and intricate problems that confront the physician. While in Minot he filled the position of city health officer and has been county health officer of Divide county for two terms.

On the 2d of November, 1911, at Minot, Dr. White wedded Miss May McEvers, a native of Missouri and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McEvers, who removed to North Dakota in pioneer times, settling at Bowbells, while later they became residents of Lignite. Her father died at Bowbells, December 31, 1914, but her mother is now living at Lignite.

Dr. and Mrs. White are widely and favorably known in Ambrose and throughout this section of the state. Mrs. White is a very active and helpful worker in the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church of Ambrose, of which both she and the Doctor are members. He belongs to Ambrose Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., in which he has passed through all of the chairs, twice serving as master. He is likewise a Knight Templar of Minot Commandery and belongs to Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Politically he follows an independent course. Along professional lines he has membership with the Northwestern District Medical Society of North Dakota and the American Medical Association and through the proceedings of these organizations he keeps in touch with progressive professional thought and methods.

WILLIAM C. BEARDSLEY.

Since 1883 William C. Beardsley has been a resident of Eddy county and in that time has taken an active part in its development, especially along agricultural lines. He was born in Geauga county, Ohio, on the 14th of June, 1854, and is a son of Ervin and Mary J. (Crothers) Beardsley, also natives of the Buckeye state. The father followed farming as a means of livelihood and at the time of the Civil war bought horses for the government. He continued to reside in Ohio throughout life and passed away in 1884, being long survived by his wife, who died in 1910.

In the state of his nativity William C. Beardsley grew to manhood, and his early education, acquired in the public schools, was supplemented by a course at Oberlin College. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and for several years engaged in teaching school in Ohio. On coming to North Dakota in 1882 he located in Grand Forks county, but the following year removed to Eddy county and filed on land three miles from New Rockford. He improved his place and engaged in its cultivation until 1908, when he rented the farm and removed to New Rockford, where he now makes his home.

On taking up his residence there Mr. Beardsley was appointed county judge of Eddy county and was later elected to that office, in which he served most acceptably for four years. For three years he was manager of the Farmers Elevator Company in New Rockford, in the meantime serving one year as city assessor, but at the present time he devotes his attention principally to the operation of a farm of forty acres inside the city limits. He still owns six hundred and eighty acres of land in Eddy county and is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company. In connection with farming he has made a specialty of sheep raising and keeps about eight hundred head upon his place.

Mr. Beardsley was married July 31, 1889, to Miss Emma Schwoebel, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Schwoebel, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of G. J. Schwoebel on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley have three children, Elwin W., who is now serving as cashier of the New Rockford Bank; Lloyd G., who was graduated in pharmacy in 1916 at the University of Minnesota; and Ione E., who will finish a course at University of North Dakota in 1917.

Besides the offices already mentioned, Mr. Beardsley has been called upon to serve on the town council and he has always ably performed any duty devolving upon him. He is a staunch supporter of the republican party and a Congregationalist in religious belief. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

O. L. KERMOTT, D. D. S.

Dr. O. L. Kermott, one of the most capable and successful of the dentists practicing in McHenry county, has a well appointed office in Towner and the extent of his patronage indicates the recognition of his ability on the part of the general public. He is one of North Dakota's native sons, his birth having occurred at St. Thomas on the 9th of January, 1883, his parents being George E. and Ida M. (Atkinson) Kermott, who were natives of Canada but in young manhood and womanhood arrived in this state. The father came to North Dakota in 1880 and filed on a homestead in Pembina county, also becoming identified with commercial pursuits as the owner of a drug store in St. Thomas. He conducted that business for fifteen or sixteen years and subsequently spent five years as a ranchman in Texas. In 1906 he became a resident of Towner, where he opened a drug store and was thus closely associated with the commercial activity of the place for five years. In 1911 he removed to the western coast and opened a drug store at Coronado, California, where he is now located.

Dr. Kermott largely acquired his education in the public schools of Park River, North Dakota, and in 1905 he took up the study of dentistry, matriculating in the State Dental College of Texas at Dallas, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1908. He returned to North Dakota in 1909 and located in Towner, where during the intervening period of eight years he has built up an extensive practice. He keeps in touch with the latest scientific researches and discoveries along the path of his profession and utilizes the most modern methods in his work. He also possesses that mechanical skill and ingenuity which is one of the essentials of successful dental practice and the excellence of his work has resulted in the attainment of notable professional and financial success.

In 1915 Dr. Kermott was married to Miss Ethel Kauffman, of Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Mouse River Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., Mystic Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., Lebanon Council, No. 2, R. & S. M., De Molay Commandery, No. 10, K. T., at Minot, and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist church. In a word he holds to those things which the public recognizes as of standard worth and his life has been guided by high and honorable principles, exemplified in every relation.

WALTER E. BARRINGER.

Walter E. Barringer, cashier of the First National Bank at Streeter, is a representative in North Dakota of Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred in Elroy, that state, June 20, 1870. His father, George R. Barringer, is a native of New York but in early life removed to Reedsburg, Wisconsin, and after attaining his majority married Philena Lyon, who was born in Oshkosh, that state. Their marriage was celebrated in 1866 and they became the parents of seven children, of whom Walter E. is the second. In 1868 the family removed to Elroy, Wisconsin, and there the father spent the greater part of his life, devoting his attention to general farming. In 1914 he was called upon to mourn the death of his wife. He is now a resident of Portland, Oregon, where for the past ten years he has been living retired.

Walter E. Barringer obtained his education in the schools of Elroy and for five years successfully engaged in teaching in and near Mauston, Wisconsin. He afterward was for one year a member of the Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war. With his command he was sent to Porto Rico, where he was on duty

until honorably discharged in 1899. He then entered the street railway service at Minneapolis, spending thirteen months in that connection, and later he resumed the profession of teaching, to which he devoted a year at Clear Lake, Wisconsin. He next entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company in connection with the express department, so spending a year and a half, and in 1903 he centered his interests in North Dakota by taking up a claim on section 12, township 137, range 70, in Stutsman county. The summer months were devoted to breaking the sod, tilling the fields and otherwise developing his farm, while the winter months were given to teaching school. Five years thus spent won him title to his claim and during the following two years he was employed by the North Star Lumber Company at Streeter. He continued with that corporation until 1910, at which time he accepted the position of cashier in the First National Bank of Streeter. This institution was first organized as a state bank but was changed to the First National Bank on the 15th of April, 1915. As its cashier Mr. Barringer is very active in its management and control and does not a little toward shaping the policy of the bank in its relations to its patrons. In October, 1914, Mr. Barringer was made postmaster of Streeter, which position he still fills, and in addition to his other activities he is interested in farm lands from the standpoint of a speculator and has also dealt in other real estate. He now owns a half section of land in Kidder county, also a half section in Logan county and four hundred and eighty acres in Stutsman county and he has other realty, including town property in Streeter. His investments have been judiciously made, his sound judgment being displayed in the profits which have accrued from his purchase and sale of property.

In 1903 Mr. Barringer was married to Miss Martha McMillan, who was born in Mauston, Wisconsin, in 1880, a daughter of Walter and Rebecca McMillan, who were of Scottish and English birth. Coming to America, both settled at Mauston, where the father spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1915. The mother still makes her home at Mauston. Mrs. Barringer was the sixth in order of birth in their family of seven children and by her marriage she has become the mother of one daughter, Ethel, born December 11, 1905. Mr. Barringer is a democrat in politics but has no political aspirations. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Streeter and he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church, their aid and influence being always given on the side of progress, reform and improvement.

JAMES EUGENE McKOANE.

James Eugene McKeane is identified with a number of lines of business in Minot and is one of the important factors in its commercial growth and expansion. He is a man of independent means and is now devoting the greater part of his time to looking after his investments. He was born in Livingston county, Illinois, April 1, 1862, of the marriage of John and Mary (McDevitt) McKeane, both of whom were born in Ireland, the father in County Armagh on the 17th of March, 1840, and the mother in County Donegal on the 22d of June, 1842. They were married, however, in America, to which country the father emigrated when sixteen years old. He settled near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and worked there as a farm hand. He was married in that state and in 1861 removed to Livingston county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming on his own account. He enlisted in Company D, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war and was at the front during the last year of the war. While on board ship on the way from New York to the south he was disabled while assisting to haul in sail. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Livingston county, where he purchased a farm, which he operated until his death on the 20th of October, 1886. His wife, who still survives, makes her home with her children. They were the parents of ten children, of whom nine are still living and of whom the subject of this review is the eldest.

James E. McKeane received his education in the common schools of Livingston county and in the Northern Illinois Normal School and Dixon Business College at Dixon, Illinois, taking both a business course and a teacher's course. He remained at home until he became of age and then went to Streator, Illinois, where he worked for a year as a bookkeeper. At the end of that time he decided to try his fortune in the northwest and accordingly removed

to what is now Edmunds county, South Dakota. He filed on land near Bowdle, using all of his rights, as he took up a homestead, a preemption and tree claim. Subsequently the town of Hosmer was located on his land and he then engaged in general merchandising and in the grain business there. He also owned an elevator in Bowdle but in 1902 disposed of his interests in South Dakota and removed to Minot, North Dakota. He purchased the only abstract business in Ward county, which he is still conducting, and he is also active in the real estate, insurance and loan field. He has the largest city loan business in Minot and also makes farms loans, specializing in assisting people to build homes. He has handled some of the largest loans in Minot and has gained an enviable reputation for fair dealing. He is vice president of the Title Investment Company, which is an abstract company, and in connection with his brother operates the McKeane Grain Company. He believes firmly in the value of real estate as an investment and for a number of years has added constantly to his holdings, which now comprise four thousand acres of excellent farm land, including an entire section in Canada. He has rented all of his land and derives from it a handsome income. He devotes the greater part of his time to looking after his personal interests, which are varied and extensive.

Mr. McKeane was married on the 15th of June, 1887, to Miss Metta A. Babcock, a native of Lanesboro, Minnesota, and a daughter of George and Annette (Newcomb) Babcock, both of whom were born in Massachusetts. The father, who was a carpenter and farmer, was an early settler in Minnesota and also in South Dakota. He resided on a farm near Watertown, that state, and passed away there. He served as county sheriff while living in Minnesota and always took a commendable interest in public affairs. His wife has also passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. McKeane were born three children, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. McKeane is a staunch adherent of the republican party and while living in Edmunds county, South Dakota, served as county superintendent of schools for four years. Since becoming a resident of Minot he has been a member of the school board and Minot city council and he has always done all in his power to promote the advancement of educational interests. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church and in all relations of life he strives to conform his conduct to high standards of ethics. He is one of the foremost citizens of Minot and Ward county and is not only esteemed for his ability but also for his unquestioned integrity.

JOHN LONG.

More than a century ago George Washington said "agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." It is to the work of tilling the soil that John Long has devoted his energies and his careful management and sound business judgment have been the elements in his growing success. He makes his home on section 4, Rich township, Cass county, and is now accounted one of the substantial citizens of the state. His birth occurred in La Salle county, Illinois, January 19, 1871, his parents being James and Hannah (McKeigan) Long, the former a native of Dublin and the latter a native of County Kerry, Ireland. Both crossed the Atlantic in 1866 when in young manhood and womanhood and they were married in La Salle county, Illinois, where they resided until 1881, which year witnessed their arrival in North Dakota. They took up their abode in Rich township, Cass county, homesteading the south half of section 10 and there Mr. Long developed and improved a fine farm, upon which he resided to the time of his death in 1902. In the meantime he had added to his landed possessions until he was the owner of two sections. In politics he was a staunch democrat and while he was never an office seeker he was regarded as an influential worker and his opinions carried weight in the party councils.

John Long was reared at home, becoming a resident of North Dakota when a youth of ten years. He acquired his education in the public schools and on attaining his majority purchased a relinquishment on his present home farm, which he filed on as a homestead, making the necessary improvements that gained him the title. Purchasing other lands from time to time he is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres of the finest land in Cass county and is one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers. He is a stock-



MR. AND MRS. JAMES LONG

holder in the Farmers Elevator & Lumber Company at Page and in all business affairs displays sound judgment and unflinching energy, so that he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In 1898 Mr. Long was married to Miss Mary Byrns, of La Salle county, Illinois, and this union has been blessed with six children: Eugene, Irene, Joseph, Madeline, Catharine and John, Jr.

In politics Mr. Long is a democrat and is the present township treasurer of Rich township, Cass county. In 1913 he was appointed postmaster at Page and his brother Patrick now largely looks after the office. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Long holds membership with the Knights of Columbus. His residence in Cass county covers more than a third of a century, during which he has gained a wide acquaintance and by his business enterprise has won a place among the prosperous farmers of the community, while his labors have contributed to the general progress and development of this part of the state.

PETER R. LONG.

Peter R. Long, a resident farmer of Rich township, was born in La Salle county, Illinois, August 5, 1873, and in the common schools of North Dakota acquired his education. He continued to assist his father in the development and improvement of the old homestead farm in Cass county until he reached his twenty-fifth year, but in 1898 he purchased a relinquishment on a homestead in Lake township and in due time secured ownership to the property. He resided there for five years and in 1903 he built his present residence on land which he had received according to the terms of his father's will. He is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres, all in one body, constituting a very valuable and productive farm, the fields responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He utilizes the most progressive methods and his energy and determination bring good results. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator & Lumber Company at Page.

In 1900 Mr. Long was married to Miss Mary Morris, of Tintah, Minnesota, and they have six children, Lucy, Leo, Margaret, Frances, James and Peter, Jr. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Long has voted with the democratic party and for several years he served as a member of the township board. The parents are members of the Catholic church, loyal to its teachings and generous in its support, and Mr. Long also holds membership with the Knights of Columbus. He represents one of the old pioneer families of this part of the state. Father and sons have been most active in promoting the material progress and upbuilding of Cass county and are numbered among its foremost farmers.

EDWARD L. BEATY.

Edward L. Beaty, who is efficiently serving as clerk of the courts of Foster county, North Dakota, claims Nebraska as his native state, his birth occurring at Tecumseh, November 25, 1872. His parents were Amos and Anna (McGill) Beaty, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. In the '60s the father removed to Nebraska and purchased land, whereon he was engaged in farming until the grasshoppers destroyed his crops. Becoming discouraged, he returned to Illinois, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1889, when he came to North Dakota and bought a tract of railroad land in Foster county, which he operated until 1895. In the latter year he retired from active labor and removed to Carington, where his last years were spent in ease and quiet. He passed away in September, 1907, but his wife is still living.

Edward L. Beaty was educated in the common schools of Illinois, in which state he was practically reared to manhood, being seventeen years of age when the family removed to North Dakota. He remained with his parents most of the time until his marriage. In the

meantime he purchased land and engaged in its cultivation and improvement until 1895, when he sold his farm and bought city property in Carrington. On his removal to that city he and his father purchased a meat market, which they conducted until 1900, and later were engaged in the hotel and restaurant business. In 1908 the property was destroyed by fire and Edward L. Beaty engaged in general merchandising for the following two years. In 1910 he was elected clerk of the courts of Foster county and has since served in that capacity with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. For the past three years he has also conducted a restaurant with good success.

In April, 1901, Mr. Beaty married Miss Laura M. Lingofelt, and to them have been born three children but Irma M., born in 1903, is the only one now living. One, born in August, 1905, died the following October, and the other died in 1907 in infancy. Mrs. Beaty is a faithful member of the German Baptist church, and Mr. Beaty belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Woodmen of the World. In politics he is a stalwart republican and for six years he served on the city council of Carrington. He has also filled the position of deputy state game warden and he has always faithfully discharged any duties devolving upon him.

D. WALLACE McCaul.

D. Wallace McCaul, one of the enterprising young business men of Walhalla, North Dakota, where as a member of the firm of Gibson & Company he is engaged in general merchandising, was born on the 26th of August, 1893, in Alma, Iowa. His parents are Frank and Annie (McGovern) McCaul, the former a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the latter of Waterville, Minnesota. In early life the father removed to Minnesota, where he was married and where he engaged in the livery business for some time, and from that state he went to Iowa, where he practiced as a veterinary. He continued to follow that profession after his removal to Walhalla, North Dakota, but is now living retired at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife has reached the age of forty-eight. In their family are three children, namely: D. Wallace, of this review; Leo, who was born in Waterville, Iowa, in 1895; and Cecil, who was born in Walhalla, North Dakota, in 1903.

D. Wallace McCaul obtained his early education in the public schools of Walhalla and after his graduation from the high school entered Macalester College of St. Paul, Minnesota. After putting aside his textbooks he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, forming a partnership with Messrs. Gibson and Frazier in 1914, and under the firm name of Gibson & Company they have developed a good business which is constantly increasing. They carry a large and well selected stock of general merchandise and as their prices are reasonable they have secured a good patronage.

In politics Mr. McCaul is independent and in religious faith is a Roman Catholic, being a member of that church and the Knights of Columbus. Although still a young man he has already met with good success in his undertakings and is accounted one of the leading merchants of Walhalla.

DONALD NIVEN.

Among the substantial citizens of Eddy county whose prosperity has come through their own well directed efforts is Donald Niven, of New Rockford. He was born in Scotland on the 23d of December, 1857, and is a son of Donald and Margaret (McPhee) Niven, who were also natives of that country. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died in Scotland in 1864, and shortly afterward the mother brought her family to the new world, believing that they would have better opportunities for advancement on this side of the Atlantic. She located in Canada, where she continued to make her home until called from this life in the fall of 1908, when eighty-seven years of age.

Mr. Niven, of this review, began his education in the schools of Scotland and later

attended school in Canada. He remained with his mother until reaching manhood but as a boy he began earning his livelihood by driving cattle. He also did farm work for several years and in 1880 went to Duluth, Minnesota, where he was employed as a butcher's helper for two years and during that time became thoroughly familiar with the meat business. In June, 1882, he took charge of a meat market at Jamestown, North Dakota, where he remained until 1885, when he removed to Minnewaukan, this state, and engaged in the meat business on his own account in partnership with Gregor Schmidt for a short time. Later Mr. Niven carried the mail from Devils Lake to Dunsieith and Bottineau, a distance of ninety miles, being thus employed for eight months. At the end of that time he returned to Minnewaukan, where he continued to reside until the summer of 1887, when he removed to New Rockford, Eddy county, and opened a meat market, which he conducted for seventeen years. In 1888 he filed on land adjoining the town and still owns eighty acres of that tract besides one hundred and sixty acres which he purchased west of New Rockford and an eight hundred acre farm two miles east of town. He has met with success in his undertakings and besides the property already mentioned he is a stockholder in the New Rockford Milling Company and the Farmers Elevator Company.

In June, 1909, Mr. Niven was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Seibert. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and is also a member of the Yeomen. His political support is given the republican party, and in 1900 he was honored by election to the state legislature. On his arrival in North Dakota he had but one dollar in his pocket and put up his trunk for his week's board, but being industrious, economical and enterprising, as well as possessing good business ability, he has steadily worked his way upward to prosperity and is today one of the substantial citizens of New Rockford. His course in life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

HON O. I. HEGGE.

Honored and respected by all, no man occupies a more creditable position in financial and business circles in Minnewaukan and throughout the northern part of the state than O. I. Hegge, who is the president of the First National Bank of Minnewaukan and with his partners owns a controlling interest in various other banking institutions which feature largely as factors in the substantial upbuilding and development of the districts in which they are located. Along well defined lines of labor, actuated by laudable ambition and displaying initiative, enterprise and keen sagacity, Mr. Hegge has won notable success. He was born in Norway, December 11, 1869, a son of Iver and Anna (Seilstad) Hegge, who are still residents of Norway, where the father follows the occupation of farming.

In the public schools of his native country O. I. Hegge pursued his education and in the spring of 1886, before reaching his seventeenth year, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, having determined to try his fortune on this side the Atlantic. He first made his way to Conway, Walsh county, North Dakota, where he was employed as a farm hand, and in 1887 he assisted in building the Northern Pacific Railroad from Grand Forks to Grafton. On the 1st of January, 1888, he began his education in the banking business as a clerk in the Bank of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, where he continued for three years. During the succeeding three years he was connected with the Citizens National Bank of Walpeton and in 1894 removed to Minnewaukan, where he accepted the position of cashier of the Benson County State Bank. That institution was reorganized as the First National Bank in 1900, Mr. Hegge being retained as cashier, while he was also made vice president of the institution. In 1908 he resigned his position as cashier but retained the vice presidency and in 1914 was elected to the presidency. His connection with the Minnewaukan bank was but the initial step in his successful career as a banker, for from time to time he has made investment in other banking institutions until he and his partners now own the controlling interest in a number of the strong moneyed concerns of his part of the state.

In 1891 Mr. Hegge was united in marriage to Miss Ragnild Sware, of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and fraternally he is

a Mason of high rank, belonging to Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., and to El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also connected with Jamestown Lodge, No. 995, B. P. O. E. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party. Under appointment of Governor Sarles in 1907 he entered upon a three years' term as land commissioner. He had previously represented his district in the state senate, to which he was elected in 1898, and he gave careful consideration while a member of the upper house to all the questions which came up for settlement. He has ever fully recognized the obligations and duties as well as the privileges of citizenship and has proven himself a loyal adopted son of America.

CHARLES C. MANNING.

Charles C. Manning, the well known editor of the *Sheyenne Star* and one of the enterprising business men of Sheyenne, was born in Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa, June 13, 1869, and is a son of Rev. George R. and Lucy (Chambers) Manning, the former a native of Quebec, Canada, and the latter of Pennsylvania. As a Methodist Episcopal minister the father had charge of various churches in Iowa for some years. He died in May, 1909, and the mother passed away in July, 1869.

In the state of his nativity Charles C. Manning grew to manhood and after completing his education learned the printer's trade in Wankon, Iowa, having been identified with that pursuit since 1888. For seven years he was in the employ of others and in the meantime came to North Dakota and located at Minnewaukan. In 1894 he started the *Oberon Echo* at Oberon, Benson county, and published the same until 1897, when he removed to *Sheyenne* and has since been editor and proprietor of the *Sheyenne Star*, which now has a circulation of five hundred and fifty. His printing plant is modern and up-to-date in its appointments and the work turned out is first class in every particular. Mr. Manning is a stockholder in the Farmers and Quity Elevator Companies and also in the *Sheyenne Creamery Company* and is doing a successful business as an undertaker and funeral director.

On the 18th of December, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Manning and Miss Camilla Erlaud, and to them have been born three children: Alph, who died in August, 1898; Erland R; and Lillian C. The family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Manning is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. At the polls he casts his ballot with the republican party, and he served as a member of the school board for some time. He has also been notary public since 1897 and has filled the office of justice of the peace. At present he is chairman of the Commercial Club and in that capacity has done much to promote the interests of *Sheyenne* along various lines.

C. D. HALEY.

C. D. Haley, of Devils Lake, is conducting an extensive and profitable implement business. He was born at Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, on the 20th of February, 1875, a son of Peter and Caroline (Patte) Haley. His father settled at Devils Lake in 1899, removing to this state from Austin, Minnesota. He had served throughout the Civil war in defense of the Union cause, enlisting as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth New York Regiment. Following his arrival at Devils Lake he engaged in the implement business, becoming one of the representative merchants of the city. He passed away on the 15th of April, 1915, having for five years survived his wife, who died in 1910.

C. D. Haley was educated in the public and high schools of Austin, Minnesota, and Devils Lake, North Dakota, and after his textbooks were put aside turned his attention to the printing business, learning the trade and following it for twelve years in connection with different papers in various places in North Dakota. He was with the *Free Press* of Devils Lake for two years, at the end of which time he engaged in business with his father, who had become well established in the implement trade. F. H. Hyland and C. D. Haley bought

Mr. Peter Haley out in 1909 and C. D. Haley continued his association with Mr. Hyland until January 1, 1916, when he bought out his partner and became sole owner of the business. This constitutes one of the growing and profitable concerns of the city. He carries a large line of farm implements and machinery, representing the output of the leading manufacturers and he is also engaged in the automobile business, handling the Studebaker car, of which he has sold many in his section of the state.

On the 13th of January, 1896, Mr. Haley was united in marriage to Miss Lena Rudser and they now have a son, Wendell. Mr. Haley is a Methodist in his religious belief and a republican in his political faith. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, has also taken the degrees of the York Rite and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and to the Woodmen of the World and in his life is loyal to the teachings of these different organizations, which are based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. In business life he has made steady progress and advancing step by step, now occupies a creditable and enviable position in mercantile circles in his adopted city.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR R. THOMPSON.

Professor Arthur R. Thompson, superintendent of schools at Pisek and also a well known figure in musical circles, is thus making valuable contribution to those forces which are most effective in advancing the cultural standards of a community. He was born June 27, 1888, on a farm about three miles west of Edinburg, in Tiber township, Walsh county. His father, Ole A. Thompson, a native of Iowa, was a descendant of an old Norwegian family that was founded in America by his father, who on crossing the Atlantic settled in Wisconsin prior to the Civil war. He afterward removed to Iowa and became one of the pioneers of that state. Ole A. Thompson was reared and educated in Iowa and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Walsh county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead, converting the tract of wild land into rich and productive fields. For a long period he successfully engaged in farming but is now living retired at Park River. He has been quite active in his township in political and civic affairs and his influence is always given on the side of reform, improvement and progress. He married Rebecca Knutson, a native of Minnesota and of Norwegian descent, her father being Orin Knutson, a Wisconsin pioneer and one of the early residents of Minnesota. The mother of Professor Thompson is also living and has reared a family of nine children, the record being notable in that the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Professor Thompson, the eldest of the number, was educated in the country schools of Walsh county and did eighth grade work at Edinburg. He afterward spent six years in the Red Wing Seminary at Red Wing, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1912 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He next entered the University of North Dakota, where he spent one year, specializing in history and sociology. During the period of his university work he also taught school in Walsh county and thus met the expenses of his university course. The first school in which Professor Thompson taught was school No. 2 in district 63, ten miles west of Park River, in Vesta township, Walsh county, in 1908. It was a small school but it gave him his initial start and from that point he has gradually advanced until he is regarded as one of the prominent educators in the field of public instruction in North Dakota. In the fall of 1916 he was chosen superintendent of the Pisek school, which was especially erected by the directors of the district with the idea of having Professor Thompson take charge. He is a capable educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired, and he holds to high educational standards, seeking ever to acquaint himself with methods that will render his work more effective.

At Park River, in 1911, Professor Thompson was married to Miss Josephine Johnson, a native of Walsh county and a daughter of K. J. and Anna (Nordhus) Johnson, who are residents of Walsh county and belong to one of the old families of North Dakota. The father is a prominent and successful farmer. Professor and Mrs. Thompson have two chil-

dren: Joseph A., who was born at Park River, April 11, 1913; and Lawrence R., born at Conway, December 13, 1915.

In politics Professor Thompson maintains an independent course, supporting men and measures rather than party. He belongs to the Lutheran church and he is a member of the Walsh County Educational Association and the North Dakota State Educational Association. He is also prominent and active in musical circles and is a director of the Conway Concert Band of thirty pieces and also a director of the Pisek Bohemian Band with thirty-five members. He also organized the high school orchestra of Pisek, of thirty-one pieces, a musical organization that is widely known throughout the state. He was likewise instrumental in establishing the Conway High School Orchestra of twenty-three pieces. He had no musical training but possesses natural talent that has made him one of the foremost figures in musical circles in his section of the state. He has studied broadly without a teacher and his natural love for the art has directed him in all of his work. The organizations under his control have won more than local fame and indicate his wise and careful direction and development.

RILIE R. MORGAN.

Rilie R. Morgan, owner and publisher of the Times of Starkweather, was born at Queenemo, Kansas, on the 24th of November, 1892, a son of E. D. and Sarah (Doty) Morgan. The father is a contractor and has devoted his life to building operations. Both he and his wife are now living retired in Los Angeles, California.

Beginning his education in the public schools of his native state, Rilie R. Morgan afterward attended the University of Kansas and thus became well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. In the meantime he had learned the printing business during his high school days and on putting aside his textbooks he entered upon newspaper work in Montana, devoting four years to that pursuit there. In September, 1914, he removed to North Dakota, settling at Starkweather, Ramsey county, where he purchased the plant of the Times. This paper has a circulation of six hundred and maintains an independent political policy.

On the 5th of August, 1913, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Edith Thomas. He is a zealous champion of the good roads movement and is a public-spirited citizen who takes an active and helpful part in many plans for the upbuilding of the state and the community in which he lives. He is independent in politics, nor has he ever been an office seeker. He has always concentrated his energies upon the business in which he embarked as a young tradesman and his close application is undoubtedly one of the elements of his growing success.

HON. JOSEPH B. AKESSON.

An excellent farm of six hundred and forty acres situated on section 14, Bell township, Cass county, is the property of Hon. Joseph B. Akesson, who not only figures as a leading agriculturist of his community but also as one of the prominent citizens who for two terms represented his district in the state legislature and has acceptably filled other public offices. A native of Sweden, he was born May 26, 1856, his parents being Ake and Bengta (Nelson) Josephson, who were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. They had a family of eight children, six of whom are yet living.

Joseph B. Akesson was reared and educated in his native land and was sixteen years of age when he bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for the new world, making his way to Minnesota, where he arrived in 1872. He resided in that state for six years and in 1878 came to North Dakota, then a part of the territory of Dakota. He gave his attention to steamboating until 1881, in which year he took up his abode upon the farm where he now resides, owning and operating six hundred and forty acres on section 14, Bell township, Cass county. He has wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of this place,

which he has greatly improved not only by the development and cultivation of the fields but also by the erection of fine buildings until the farm is now supplied with all the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. He had a common school and business college education to equip him for life's practical duties and in the school of experience he has also learned many valuable lessons. In addition to his farm interests he is the vice president of the Grandin Farmers Elevator Company.

March 20, 1913, Mr. Akesson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Nonthene, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of John and Kerstine (Tykesson) Nonthene, both of whom were born in Sweden. They emigrated to the United States in 1888, settling in Minnesota, where the father passed away and the mother still makes her home. They had two children. To Mr. and Mrs. Akesson has been born a son, Norman Berndt, whose natal day was June 12, 1914.

The parents hold membership with the Lutheran church and to its teachings attempt to conform their lives. Fraternally Mr. Akesson is connected with the Masons and has attained high rank in the order, having taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite Consistory. He is also a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is perhaps even more widely known, however, as one of the leaders of the republican party in his county. For a number of years he filled the office of chairman of the board of township supervisors. He has been assessor and is now school treasurer and a member of the town board. In 1909 still higher political honors came to him in his election to the state legislature and so ably did he represent his district during the ensuing two years that he was reelected for a second term. He supported much progressive and constructive legislation and gave careful consideration to each question which came up for settlement. His record in business, too, is most creditable, for along the lines of straightforward and honorable dealing he has won substantial success and is now numbered among the prosperous farmers of Cass county.

C. J. McKEAN.

C. J. McKean, cashier of the Pisek State Bank, was selling newspapers at the age of thirteen and at fifteen was working in the postoffice at Wahpeton. However, this did not defer him from continuing his education and at sixteen he was a graduate of the Wahpeton high school. He has since depended entirely upon his own resources and step by step has advanced. Minnesota claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Lake City, October 25, 1877, his parents being Charles A. and Frances (Ambler) McKean, who were natives of New Hampshire and Connecticut respectively. In the early '60s the father arrived in Minnesota, where he homesteaded and engaged in farming in that state until 1880, when he took up his abode upon a homestead claim near Lake Elsie, at Hankinson, North Dakota, and he had reached the age of seventy-one years when in December, 1915, he departed this life. He was but a young lad at the time of the Civil war and in order to enlist he ran away from home, but before he reached the front became ill and his father went and took him home. Twice he joined the army without the consent of his father and for a short period served at the front, after which he received news of his father's death. He was then relieved from duty in order that he might attend his father's funeral, after which it was necessary that he take charge of the business. With his removal to the west he settled at Lake City, Minnesota, and in 1863 he enlisted as a member of the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, with which command he went to the front as sergeant, being stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, until the war was over, when he received an honorable discharge and returned to his Minnesota home. His widow survives and is living in Wahpeton, North Dakota, at the age of seventy-two years, her birth having occurred in April, 1844.

In a family of seven children C. J. McKean was the fifth. His early youth was devoted to the acquirement of a public school education in Wahpeton, where he passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school when a youth of sixteen. Later he took a post graduate course and he has always been a student of the signs of the times and of present day problems and conditions and has ever kept in touch with the trend of modern thought. As stated, he sold papers after school hours when a youth of thirteen and assisted

his father in the postoffice at Wahpeton when sixteen years of age. He afterward became bookkeeper with a machine company at Wahpeton and he made his initial step in connection with the banking business as an employe of the Citizens National Bank of Wahpeton, with which he remained from 1895 until 1899. He then removed to Carrington, North Dakota, and became assistant cashier of the State Bank of Carrington, now the First National Bank. A year later he opened a bank for the Beiseker, Davidson Company in Wells county and for two years acted as its cashier. On the expiration of that period he removed to Pisek and in May, 1902, established the Pisek State Bank, of which he has since been the cashier, the success of the institution being attributed in large measure to his careful management and wise judgment in business affairs. He is also a director of the National Bank of Larimore.

On the 21st of June, 1909, Mr. McKean was married to Miss Lucie Bill, of Carrington, North Dakota, a daughter of Robert Allyn Bill, a descendant of Robert Allyn, of Revolutionary War fame. They now have two children: Dorothy, who was born in Pisek in 1910; and Douglas, in 1911.

The family occupies a prominent social position and Mr. McKean stands very high as a citizen and a banker, being widely known in these connections throughout the state. He has served as clerk of the school board and has been president of the village board of trustees. His military record covers service with the Wahpeton militia company. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a prominent Mason, having taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites. He has membership in Grafton chapter and commandery and with the Scottish Rite bodies of Grand Forks. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, while his political belief is that of the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

ANTON HAAS.

Anton Haas, identified with farming interests in Eddy county and with the business interests of New Rockford as a bank director, was born in Switzerland on the 17th of September, 1861, a son of Letic and Barbara Haas, who came to the United States in 1866 and established their home in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, where the father passed away. The mother afterward came to North Dakota and spent some years at the home of her son, Anton, but died in Wisconsin.

The educational opportunities of Anton Haas were those afforded by the pioneer schools of Wisconsin and his chance of attending was quite limited, for his labors were needed upon the home farm. He was twenty-two years of age when in 1883 he came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead four and one-half miles southeast of the present city of New Rockford, on which he resided for twenty-four years. During that period he wrought a wonderful transformation in the appearance and productiveness of his land, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and continuing his farm work according to progressive modern methods, so that excellent results rewarded his efforts. When almost a quarter of a century had passed he removed to New Rockford and purchased sixty acres adjoining the city, which tract is now within the city limits and is being rapidly converted into a fine residential district, many city homes having already been erected thereon. Mr. Haas has built eight residences since taking up his abode in New Rockford and is now engaged on the construction of two others, thus contributing in substantial measure to the upbuilding and improvement of the place. In the meantime he has made extensive investments in farm property until his holdings now comprise a thousand acres in Eddy county. He was also one of the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of New Rockford and became the first president of the institution but resigned the office two years later, although he still remains on the board of directors.

In 1885 Mr. Haas was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Prader, of Eddy county, by whom he has ten children, namely: Anna Barbara, Dora, Myrta, Lucy, Menga, Frieda, Elizabeth, Bertha, Alfred and Lawrence. The parents are consistent and loyal members of the German Reformed church and Mr. Haas also belongs to the American Yeomen, the Ancient

Order of United Workmen and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. He has always felt that the pursuits of private life, however, are in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and his indefatigable energy and judicious investment have constituted the foundation upon which he has builded his present success. He is today one of the large landowners of Eddy county, having valuable farming properties from which he derives a substantial annual income. His path to success has never been strewn with the wreck of other men's failures but along constructive lines he has worked his way upward and is today one of the prosperous citizens of Eddy county.

LAWRENCE E. SEIDL.

Lawrence E. Seidl, a lumber dealer of Pisek, was born in Montpelier, Wisconsin, November 10, 1870, a son of Wenzel and Mary (Hoffman) Seidl, both of whom were natives of Austria and on leaving that country made their way to Wisconsin, where they arrived in 1866. The father there took up the occupation of farming and continued a resident of that locality for about twenty-one years, when in 1887 he removed to Sumner county in southern Kansas. He carried on farming in that county for a time and afterward took up his abode in Wichita, Kansas, where he lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil until his death, which occurred in 1909, when he had reached the age of sixty-six years. His wife passed away in 1910 at the age of sixty-four years.

Lawrence E. Seidl was the eldest son and the third child in a family of eight children and his school days were spent in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, and in Wichita, Kansas. When his education was completed he entered the employ of the Dold Packing Company of Wichita, there remaining until 1893, when he arrived in North Dakota. For two years he engaged in teaching school at Pisek and then went to Park River, where he was employed by Aslokson & Walstrom for two years. He then returned to Pisek and established a lumber yard, of which he has continuously been the head since 1897. In this connection he has developed a business of substantial and gratifying proportions. He carries a full line of lumber and building supplies and his sales are the result of honorable business methods, progressiveness and thorough reliability. He has made extensive investments in farm property and owns a large amount of land in Walsh county.

On the 9th of November, 1896, Mr. Seidl was united in marriage to Miss Tony Runreich, a member of one of the pioneer families of the county. They have six children: Margaret, born in Park River in 1897 and now a graduate of the high school; Lawrence, who was born in Pisek in 1903; Henrietta, in 1907; Rosie, in 1909; Ferdinand, in 1910; and Alice, in 1913.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Seidl belongs to a Bohemian Catholic order and to the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is somewhat independent but generally votes the democratic ticket. He has served as justice of the peace for the past fifteen years and has been mayor of Pisek. He has also been a member of the school board and is interested in those forces which work for the betterment of the community.

SIMON GILBERTSON.

Simon Gilbertson, a ranchman of Richland county, Montana, living at Mondak and well known in the northwestern part of North Dakota, was born in Norway, April 10, 1868, his parents being Gilbrun and Elizabeth (Johnason) Simonson, who were natives of the same country, where the father followed the occupation of farming until his death.

Simon Gilbertson was educated in Norway to the age of nineteen years and followed farming in that country until 1887, when he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Towner, North Dakota. He was employed on a cattle ranch there for seven years, when he removed to McKenzie county and entered the service of Henry Nohle as a cowboy on the

Nohle ranch near Dare, there continuing until 1899, when he crossed the Missouri river into what was then Dawson county but is now Richland county, Montana. There he filed on a homestead and established the Simon Gilbertson ranch, thus becoming prominently and actively associated with ranching and cattle interests. He afterward joined Andrew Nohle and Ole J. Morken in organizing and incorporating the Nohle & Gilbertson Company. They have an extensive ranch, on which they are raising and dealing in cattle and horses, keeping fine registered Percheron and Shire horses. They have an extensive tract of land in Richland county adjoining Mr. Gilbertson's private property and he is a most prominent figure in promoting the ranching interests of his section. He is vice president of the corporation and general manager of the ranch, acting as ranch boss, making his home upon that place.

On the 22d of March, 1901, Mr. Gilbertson was united in marriage to Miss Martina Krosrud at Storhammer, Norway, and she was born at Ringsokar, that country, a daughter of Peter and Virginia (Hanson) Neilson. Her father was a wealthy farmer who spent his entire life in Norway, after which Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson returned to Norway with their children and brought her mother back to the ranch where she is now living. They have become the parents of three children, Ella Virginia, Inar Edwin and Peter Gilbrun, all born upon the ranch in Richland county.

Politically Mr. Gilbertson is a republican and he and his wife are members of the Synod Lutheran church. His position in business circles is a most creditable one, for he has developed his interests along the most progressive lines and is today one of the most prominent ranchmen of the northwest. He handles shorthorn cattle, Percheron, Belgian and Shire horses and of his ranch of eighteen hundred acres has five hundred acres under cultivation. The town of Nohle is located upon the ranch. He is a most hospitable man, the good cheer of his home being extended to all who come his way. His friends are many and he is a typical representative of the ranchman of the early days, a man who judges his fellowmen by personal worth and not by their accumulations. He is broad-minded, resourceful, capable and those who know him speak of him only in terms of high regard.

EDWARD J. LANDER.

In financial and business circles of Grand Forks, Edward J. Lander is accorded a prominent position by reason of the fact that he is president of the Northern State Bank and president of E. J. Lander & Company, mortgage loans and real estate. He was born in Rockford, Illinois, September 12, 1860, a son of Christopher and Jean (Brown) Lander, both of whom were natives of England, in which country they were reared and married. They came to America in 1852 and retained their residence in Illinois until called to their final rest. The father was born in 1812 and passed away in 1869, while the mother, who was born in 1814, died in 1895.

In the family were eleven children, of whom Edward J. was the youngest. After completing his education as a high school pupil he accepted a clerical position at Rockford, Illinois, and in 1883 arrived in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he has since engaged in the mortgage loan business. He started out along that line in a small way but gradually has developed his interests until he now conducts an extensive first mortgage loan business, making this one of the important enterprises of its character in the state. It has several branches in western North Dakota. His business now extends to Wyoming and Montana and also east to Minnesota. He is likewise president of the Northern State Bank, president of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, a director of the Grand Forks Street Railway Company and a director and secretary of the Grand Forks Building & Loan Association, which has over a half million dollars in loans.

In 1894, in Montreal, Canada, Mr. Lander was united in marriage to Miss Jessie King Krause, her father being U. O. Krause, a Civil war veteran who entered the service of the Union as a private and was mustered out as captain. He is now associated with the Union Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. Lander have one son, Miles K., who was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1895, is a graduate of the Grand Forks schools and the Blake School for Boys at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is at present a junior in the University of Wisconsin.



EDWARD J. LANDER

In politics Mr. Lander is a progressive republican and for three terms held the office of county commissioner. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the York and Scottish Rite degrees. He also has membership in the Country Club and was one of the organizers and the first president of the Commercial Club, his initiative spirit and administrative ability contributing in large measure to the substantial development of the organization. There has at no time been any project advanced for the benefit of Grand Forks and the upbuilding of this section of the country that has not received his endorsement and active support. He takes a leading part in promoting the work of public progress and his labors have indeed been resultant and beneficial.

CHARLES R. JOHNSON.

Charles R. Johnson, manager of the pumping station for Beach, was born and reared in Lac Qui Parle county, Minnesota, where he remained until sixteen years of age. He then went to Roberts county, South Dakota, where he made his home from 1897 to 1904. Later he spent one year in Minneapolis and in 1906 came to North Dakota, taking up a homestead four miles north of Beach in Golden Valley county. For two years he and his brother engaged in plowing, owning an outfit for that purpose. When the water works at Beach were put in operation Mr. Johnson was made manager of the pumping station in May, 1913, and has since filled that position in a most efficient and satisfactory manner, and he is also superintendent of water works. It is a municipal enterprise. There are two wells one hundred and twenty-three feet in depth and the capacity of the pumps is about forty gallons per minute.

In February, 1909, Mr. Johnson married Miss Edith Jordan, a native of Missouri, and to them has been born a son, Orville. They are earnest and consistent members of the Congregational church and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

KNUTE THOMPSON.

Of the sons of Norway or those of Norwegian ancestry who have come to North Dakota and taken a prominent part in its substantial development and upbuilding none is more worthy of mention than Knute Thompson, who has won success through honorable effort and who bears few of the marks and scars of the battle, for he has maintained a genial disposition and kindly spirit through all, and so honorably has his prosperity been won that the most envious cannot grudge him his success. He lives in Cooperstown but still has important farming interests in Griggs county. Mr. Thompson was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, February 2, 1850, his father, Toston Olson, a native of Norway, having settled in that state six years before, at which time he took up his abode in the town of Christiania, Dane county, where he secured land and followed farming. He lived to the advanced age of ninety years, while his wife reached the age of eighty-six. One of their sons, Ole, was born in Norway and enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, having been in business in Decorah, Iowa, at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He participated in many important engagements, taking part for five days in the battle of Vicksburg, and because of the hardships and privations which he experienced while at the front his death occurred soon after the close of the war. The family numbered altogether seven children, of whom Knute was the third.

When his school days were over Knute Thompson left home, being then a youth of sixteen years. The plan was that he should attend school in Madison, Wisconsin, to supplement the knowledge that he had gained in the public schools and in Albion College, but he changed his plans and went instead to Minnesota, residing for a time in Fillmore county, after which he removed to the western part of the state. In 1872 he became a resident of Vermilion, South Dakota, and for a year engaged in clerking in a clothing store, at the end of which time he removed to Minnesota.

It was in December, 1876, that Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Odegard, a native of Norway, and to them were born four children: Theodore, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Thor Adolph, who is now a district judge in Montana; Grace May, the wife of Ernest Seikens, a stock dealer of South St. Paul, Minnesota; and Oscar J., a lawyer of Circle, Montana, who pursued his education in the State University of North Dakota and in the University of Washington, since which time he has successfully practiced his profession.

The work of development and progress had scarcely been started when Knute Thompson became a resident of Griggs county, making his way to the present site of Cooperstown. His was the first family to locate in the town and he opened a store at the place where the firm of John Syverson & Sons is now conducting business. He successfully managed his commercial interests for a period and then sold out to Mr. Syverson. He handled various mercantile lines, including machinery, but during the later part of his residence in Griggs county he has concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of about eighteen hundred acres of land, of which nine hundred and twenty acres is in the home place, four hundred and twenty acres in another tract and three hundred and twenty acres in a third tract. His land is largely devoted to wheat raising. He has been a great trader and in all of his business transactions has manifested keen insight and discriminating judgment. For four years Mr. Thompson filled the office of county treasurer but has never been ambitious to occupy positions of political preferment. He enjoys the game of business and at all times his dealings have measured up to high standards. He has been successful and he is a popular citizen, for he possesses a pleasing personality and looks upon the happy side of life, enjoying the companionship of his friends and taking into little account those things which too many people allow to block progress or mar happiness.

EDWARD P. COSGROVE.

Edward P. Cosgrove has the distinction of being the oldest living settler still residing in Eddy county and it was he who gave to the town of New Rockford its name. He was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1853 and is a son of Patrick and Catherine (McNulty) Cosgrove, natives of Ireland. It was in the late '30s or early '40s that his parents crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel, which was three months in making the voyage, and they first located at Genesee Flats, New York, but after residing there for a time removed to Ontario, Canada, where the father took up government land. He continued to make his home in the Dominion until he passed away in 1910 at the extreme old age of one hundred and six years. The mother of our subject had died in 1878.

Edward P. Cosgrove was reared and educated in Ontario and remained under the parental roof until reaching manhood. In early life he learned the trades of a carpenter and millwright, at which he worked for several years both in Ontario and in Wisconsin. It was in 1879 that he came to Dakota territory and filed on land in what is now Eddy county but at that time was a part of Foster county. He proved up on this in 1883 and continued to follow farming until 1898, when he sold his land and removed to New Rockford. He has seen the erection of every building in the town and as a carpenter has built seventy-two of these. On locating in New Rockford in 1898 he resumed work at his trade but for the past three years has dealt in nursery stock and tombstones. He is the owner of two fine residences in the town.

On the 27th of October, 1913, Mr. Cosgrove was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Moreau. They are Catholics in religious faith and Mr. Cosgrove is non-partisan. He served one term as county commissioner but has never been an aspirant for public office. He probably knows his section of the country better than any other of its residents and he is thoroughly familiar with pioneer conditions here. Three times he has seen the country depopulated, thousands leaving on account of the failure of crops and like disasters, and today he and two other men are the only remaining early settlers. On one occasion it was estimated that he lost seven thousand bushels of wheat. He has assisted in threshing

grain when the snow lay upon the ground to the depth of five feet on the level and this as late as 1890. Undaunted by hardships he persevered in his undertakings and is today in comfortable circumstances. As an honored pioneer and representative citizen he is certainly deserving of prominent mention in the history of Eddy county.

MARTIN C. TILLOTSON.

Martin C. Tillotson, a well known banker and one of the foremost citizens of Maxbass, was born in October, 1874, in Boone county, Illinois, his parents being O. R. and Christine Tillotson, both natives of Norway. The father came to the United States in 1846 on a sailing vessel, which was thirteen weeks in making the trip at that time. He located in Boone county, Illinois, where he secured a tract of government land and also bought property, becoming the owner of a good farm, which he improved and cultivated until called from this life in 1897. Our subject's mother is still living and continues to reside upon the old homestead.

In the county of his nativity Martin C. Tillotson grew to manhood and there acquired his early education, though he later attended school at Beloit, Wisconsin. By assisting his father in the work of the home farm he early gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits and after reaching man's estate had charge of the home place for some time. Later he spent one year on the road, selling farm machinery, and in 1900 went to Europe on a pleasure trip. In 1901 he became a resident of Delavan, Wisconsin, and remained there one year. Since 1905, however, he has made his home in Bottineau county, North Dakota, and has engaged in the banking business at Maxbass. He was one of the first stockholders of the Maxbass Security Bank and served as assistant cashier until the spring of 1916, when he was promoted to the position of cashier in which capacity he is now serving. The other officers are C. L. Newhouse, president, and H. J. Dale, vice president. This bank was organized in 1905 and has a capital of fifteen thousand dollars, a surplus of five thousand dollars, and deposits amounting to one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. The men at its head are good reliable business men of known integrity, it has steadily prospered and ranks high among the financial institutions of that part of the state. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Tillotson has farm lands in Bottineau county.

In November, 1905, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Newhouse, who died on the 2d of October, 1914, leaving many friends as well as her immediate family to mourn her loss. Three children blessed this union, namely: Lester, born in September, 1906; Helen, born in November, 1907; and Eunice, born in May, 1911.

Mr. Tillotson is a republican in politics and takes an active interest in public affairs, especially those calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of his community. For seven years he has served as a member of the school board and he has also filled the office of justice of the peace. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious connection is with the Lutheran church. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens and his course has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social life.

EDWIN BEISSBARTH.

Edwin Beissbarth, president of the First National Bank of Brinsmade, president of the Minnewaukan State Bank, of the Farmers State Bank of Baker and of the North Dakota Realty & Investment Company, resides in Brinsmade and from that point supervises and directs his important and growing business interests. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1869, a son of Andrew and Marie (Thoni) Beissbarth, who were natives of Germany. The family have been connected with the brush manufacturing business in Germany from generation to generation since 1799 and at the plant there about six thousand hands are employed. During the present war, however, the plant has been converted into a

munitions factory. The grandfather and father of Edwin Beissbarth were the inventors of practically all the modern methods of making the fine grades of artists' varnish and brushes of all kinds. The latter came to the United States in 1866, settling in New York, where he became the pioneer brush manufacturer of America in that line. He subsequently removed to Philadelphia, where he started E. Clinton & Sons in the manufacture of fine brushes. Subsequently he returned to New York and there instituted the manufacture of fine brushes for the firm of F. W. Devoe & Company, and later he had charge of the brush exhibit at the Philadelphia Centennial which won the gold medal. He afterward became a dominant spirit in the factory of John L. Whiting & Sons of Boston, Massachusetts. Charles Beissbarth, of New York City, a brother of Edwin, made the brush exhibit for the United Brush Manufactories for the World's Columbian Exposition, and Edwin Beissbarth arranged the exhibit for Gerts, Lombard & Company of Chicago at the fair of 1893.

Edwin Beissbarth learned the business of brush manufacturing under the direction of his father, beginning when a lad of but seven years. His periods of play were indeed limited, for as soon as he would return from school he was put to work and all his spare hours were thus occupied. He became an expert brush maker and in 1886 removed to Chicago to enter the employ of Gerts, Lombard & Company. In 1893 he left that house and went upon the road for the United Brush Manufactories, which in its New York branch is represented by his brother Charles, who is at the head of the business there. Edwin Beissbarth remained with that company for seven years and afterward became associated with the Christianson Sisters, wholesale dress manufacturers, with an annual business amounting to one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

In 1903 Mr. Beissbarth was united in marriage to Miss Anna Christianson, a member of the firm, and the following year they removed to North Dakota. His brother-in-law, G. T. Christianson, had already come to this state in 1901 and founded the Minnewaukan State Bank. He was joined by Mr. Beissbarth and in 1902 the State Bank of Brinsmade was founded. This was converted into the First National Bank in 1905, with Mr. Christianson as president of the two banks. In the spring of 1904 Mr. Beissbarth entered the Brinsmade bank as cashier and upon the death of Mr. Christianson in 1909 succeeded him in the presidency of the two institutions. He also is a heavy holder of farm lands in this state and the North Dakota Realty & Investment Company, of which he is the president, has nine thousand acres and in 1916 had six thousand acres under cultivation. The business interests of Mr. Beissbarth have thus become extensive and important and in their control he displays most capable management, initiative and foresight.

Mr. Beissbarth belongs to Brinsmade Lodge, No. 88, I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are active and helpful members of the Presbyterian church. He is now serving as a member of the finance committee of the North Dakota State Sunday School Association and he does everything in his power to further moral progress of the district in which he lives. In politics he is a republican and, while never an aspirant for public office, has served as a member of the town council and has always taken a deep and helpful interest in civic affairs.

EDWIN L. GOSS, M. D.

Dr. Edwin L. Goss, who is one of the leading physicians of Foster county and a representative citizen of Carrington, was born on the 7th of May, 1865, in Morris, Illinois, his parents being Perry and Mary F. (Spillman) Goss, natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Grundy county, Illinois, in 1854 and purchased a tract of canal land, which he operated during the remainder of his life, passing away there in 1899. The mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Dr. Goss was reared and educated in Grundy county and at Dixon, Illinois, and for three winters he was engaged in teaching school prior to entering upon the study of medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1892. He then located at Sheffield, Iowa, where he was engaged in practice from 1892 until 1901, but in the latter year removed to Carrington, Foster county, North

Dakota, where he has since built up a good practice among the representative people of the county. He is also the owner of farm land in that locality.

On the 14th of June, 1892, Dr. Goss was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Vincent, by whom he had two children: Rollin V., born April 8, 1898; and Robert B., born May 12, 1901. The wife and mother passed away very suddenly soon after the birth of the younger son, and the Doctor was again married January 15, 1905, his second union being with Miss Nellie D. Standish. To them has been born a daughter, Dorothy May, born August 18, 1910.

Dr. and Mrs. Goss are consistent members of the Methodist and Congregational churches, respectively, and are quite prominent socially. The Doctor is a member of the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and Shrine of the Masonic fraternity and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Along the line of his profession he is connected with the Tri-County Medical Society, the North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a republican in politics and is now serving as superintendent of the board of health in Carrington. He stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren and is regarded as one of the foremost physicians of Foster county.

SAMUEL L. LARGE.

Samuel L. Large, a farmer living near Oriska, in Barnes county, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1848, a son of Levi and Nancy (Kennedy) Large, who were also born in the vicinity of Pittsburg. The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Large, was a native of New Jersey and a representative of an old colonial family. He removed to Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the milling and distilling business and also in farming. He was a man of marked business ability and progressive spirit and he took an active part in promoting all public interests tending to the benefit and upbuilding of community and state. He served as a general in the Pennsylvania militia and he was a man whose advice was often sought on many subjects, for it was a recognized fact that his opinions were sound. While he was still conducting business in Pennsylvania he made a trip to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and there built a flouring mill sixty by eighty feet, three stories and basement. Not having water to operate the mill throughout the year, he afterward built another beside it of the same size, equipping the second one with steam power and using one-half of it as a sawmill. He continued to make his home in Pennsylvania and was active in business to the time of his death, which occurred when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-three years. His sons, Levi and Jonathan, became his associates in business and during their father's later years largely relieved him of the management and heavy cares of the business. Levi Large also gave his attention to his farm. The brothers conducted extensive interests and their distilling products won a wide reputation, the output being nearly all sold in Europe. Upon the death of Henry Large, uncle of Samuel L. Large of this review, who had conducted the distillery for a number of years, his widow sold the trademark for thirty-four thousand dollars. Levi and Jonathan Large continued to conduct the mills at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and there the former made his home throughout the greater part of his life, reaching the age of seventy-four years.

Of a family of eight children Samuel L. Large was the second in order of birth. His boyhood was spent in Fond du Lac and after attending the local schools he pursued a course in the university at Madison and a course in a business college at Fond du Lac. He was afterward in the government service for four years in connection with the United States lake survey, with headquarters at Detroit. Starting at Green Bay, the party with which he was connected continued the survey on Lake Michigan, Niagara river, the Falls and and Lake Erie. When this was completed, Mr. Large returned home and continued on the farm until 1881. He then came to North Dakota, settling first at Tower City, Cass county. He immediately took a tree claim embracing his present farm, although he has added to this by purchase from time to time until the place now comprises five hundred and forty acres of land which is rich and productive. He also has four hundred and thirty acres in

Alberta, Canada, which he has cultivated and on which he is raising large quantities of wheat. His Dakota farm is a valuable property, well improved according to twentieth century methods, and in its midst stands a fine residence, so that he has thus provided an attractive home for his family. He is extensively engaged in the cultivation of wheat, oats, barley and corn and he has also taken up the work of stock raising, having a small herd of thoroughbred shorthorns which he intends to increase, making that a feature of his business.

In January, 1888, Mr. Large was married to Miss Jennie M. McInnis, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of Alexander McInnis, who became a resident of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The children of this marriage are Dora M. and Elwin B. Mr. Large has always taken his part in township affairs and for two terms served as chairman of the township board. He has also been a member of the school board and the cause of public education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of progressiveness and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the community, while both he and his wife are numbered among the loyal members of the Congregational church.

NELS WILLIAM SIMON.

Nels William Simon, engaged in merchandising at Tioga, was born at Malmö, Sweden, November 22, 1865, a son of John and Betsy Simon, who were natives of the same country. The father followed farming in Sweden until, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Illinois. Later he removed to Minnesota, settling near Benson, where he took up a homestead in 1871, becoming a pioneer farmer of that locality. Both he and his wife there passed away.

Nels W. Simon was reared on the old home farm near Benson and pursued his education in the district schools of Swift county. His youthful days were largely devoted to farm work for his father and eventually he embarked in farming on his own account, purchasing land which he developed and improved. He also engaged in clerking in a store at Benson for seven years and in 1902 he arrived in Williams county, homesteading three miles north of Tioga. He also purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which the town of Tioga now stands. This he bought from Nick Comford, who had laid out two blocks, and Mr. Simon finished platting the town in 1904, doing the work in a most excellent manner. He then established the first store in the town, opening a stock of general merchandise, and since that time he has developed a large and growing business, making the undertaking a very profitable one. He is also the owner of extensive tracts of farm land which he rents out and which bring to him a gratifying financial return. In his business affairs he displays sound judgment and keen discrimination and along well defined lines of labor has gained notable success. In addition to his Tioga establishment he has a store at McGregor, of which his son acts as manager. He is also a director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Tioga and he was one of the organizers of the creamery company and of the Farmers Elevator Company of Tioga. In fact the town owes its development and progress in large measure to his efforts and enterprise.

In May, 1888, Mr. Simon was united in marriage to Miss Ida Johnson, of Benson, Minnesota, who was born in Sweden and in her girlhood days came to the new world, being reared and educated at Benson, where she passed away in 1892, leaving two children: John, who is now manager of the McGregor store; and Ida. Both were born in Benson. In June, 1894, Mr. Simon was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna Hoverud, of Benson, who was born in Norway and in young womanhood became a resident of Minnesota. To this marriage have been born six children: Oliver, who was born in Benson, Minnesota, and is now a practicing physician connected with a hospital at Erie, Pennsylvania; Clarence, who is assisting his father in the store; Alma, Lillian and Mabel, all born in Benson; and Neva, who was born in Tioga.

In his political views Mr. Simon is an earnest democrat and has always been active in community affairs. He helped organize the village and has served for some time on the school board of Tioga. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to the teachings



NELS W. SIMON

of which he loyally adheres. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and is a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through all the chairs in the local lodge and served as a delegate to the grand lodge. He is likewise a charter member of the Elks lodge at Williston and has filled all of the offices in the Modern Woodmen camp at Tioga and is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His life has been well spent and has been fruitful of good results. He has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes and he has builded wisely and well, placing his dependence upon the substantial qualities of energy, determination and enterprise, and through the utilization of those qualities has gained notable success.

MARTIN OLSEN.

Ramsey county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for on the whole they have been loyal to her best interests and active in supporting those projects which work for her upbuilding. Faithful in promoting law and order is Martin Olsen, the present county sheriff of Ramsey county and a resident of Devils Lake. He was born in Ottertail county, Minnesota, April 14, 1877, and is a representative of an old pioneer family of Wisconsin. His early educational opportunities were supplemented by a course in the Park Region College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and when his textbooks were put aside he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits by homesteading in Cavalier county, North Dakota, where he engaged in the cultivation of his land for five years. He afterward turned his attention to the lumber trade, which he followed for three years in Edmore and ten years at Hampden, and in 1914 he put aside business cares to concentrate his efforts upon official service, having been elected to the office of county sheriff. That he has made a most excellent record in that position is indicated by the fact that he is again his party's candidate and has no opposition. He is prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties and has done much to uphold the law in Ramsey county and lessen the amount of crime.

Mr. Olsen was united in marriage to Mrs. Amanda Thompson and to them have been born two children, Gladys and Florence. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church, while politically Mr. Olsen has always been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and has attained high rank in the order as is indicated by the fact that he is now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Elks and with the Odd Fellows. In matters of citizenship he stands for progress and improvement at all times and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further measures and movements for the general good.

O. P. ROGNLIE.

O. P. Rognlie, county treasurer of Benson county and a resident of Minnewaukan, was born in Norway, January 3, 1856, a son of Peter and Christiana (Ingebritson) Rognlie, who on coming to the United States settled in Houston county, Minnesota. In 1871 they were among the vanguard who began the pioneer development of North Dakota. The father homesteaded in Traill county, securing a quarter section of land on the Red river, twelve miles east of the present site of Hillsboro, but he did not remove his family to the territory until the following year, at which time he settled on his claim and there resided to within a year of his death, when he took up his abode with one of his daughters in Caledonia, there passing away in 1910, at the age of seventy-two years. He had been a resident of this state for almost forty years and had contributed in substantial measure to the work of converting his district from a wild western prairie into a prosperous farming region.

O. P. Rognlie supplemented his public school education by study in the Augsburg Seminary at Minneapolis and in the University of Minnesota. He was graduated from the former

institution in 1881 and after his university course he took up teaching as a vocation. Two years were devoted to that profession, at the end of which time he obtained a position on a Scandinavian newspaper published at Fargo. There he remained for a year and in 1886 removed to Benson county, where he began farming on his own account. The following year he filed on a homestead eight miles southwest of Minnewaukan in Aurora township, which was named in honor of Mr. Rognlie's eldest daughter, who was the first white child brought into the township. During the winter of 1891-2 and 1892-3 he taught school and then terminated his connection with educational work. He continued to engage in farming until the fall of 1914, when he was elected county treasurer. He had brought his land under a high state of cultivation, converting the raw tract into rich and productive fields from which he annually gathered good harvests. He added to the place many modern improvements and converted it into a valuable farm property. On the 1st of January, 1915, he assumed the office of county treasurer and in 1916 was nominated without opposition, so that he will continue in the office for a second term of two years. He has proven a most faithful custodian of the public funds and administers the duties of his office with strict integrity, thoroughness and systematic accuracy. In the meantime he had added to his landed possessions until he had acquired six hundred and forty acres but has recently sold one hundred and sixty acres.

In 1885 Mr. Rognlie was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Maltrud, of Kindred, North Dakota, by whom he has five children, namely: O. Aurora, who lives with her brother Mentor; Adeline J., the wife of A. G. Hallquist, of Flora, Benson county; Mentor P. C., who is cultivating his father's farm; Stella C., who is employed in the county treasurer's office; and Judith W., a teacher in the district schools.

In politics Mr. Rognlie is a republican and has ever been a stalwart champion of the party principles. For twenty-five years he has served as a member of the school board in Benson county and the cause of education has indeed found in him an able champion. Fraternally he is connected with Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, B. P. O. E., with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Homesteaders. He and his family are consistent members of the Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings, so that Mr. Rognlie is known as a most honorable citizen and business man, commanding on every occasion the respect and confidence of those who know him.

M. S. TITUS.

M. S. Titus is the founder of the Bank of Minto, which is recognized as the oldest bank in Walsh county and one of the strongest. He was born in Scott county, Minnesota, October 22, 1858, a son of W. S. and Mary Jane (Lamont) Titus, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Minnesota. The father went to Minnesota as a pioneer of 1840, establishing his home in Scott county, where he engaged in farming, and in that state remained until death called him when he had reached the age of fifty-eight years. His widow died in 1900 at the age of seventy years and of their family of four children M. S. Titus was the third in order of birth.

At the usual age M. S. Titus of this review became a pupil in the public schools of his native county and when his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his energies upon farm work on his father's land. In that connection he remained with his parents until he attained his majority and then came to North Dakota in 1879, making his way to Grand Forks, where he entered the bank of his brother, S. S. Titus, who is the president of the First National Bank of Grand Forks. M. S. Titus started there in a clerical capacity, in which he continued for five years, and in 1885 he removed to Minto, where he established the Bank of Minto, which is now recognized as the oldest banking institution in Walsh county. It has been conducted along a safe conservative policy that has brought to it public confidence and support and its patronage is now liberal, while the profits derived therefrom are substantial.

On the 11th of May, 1887, Mr. Titus was married to Miss Gertrude Viets, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Viets, well known pioneers of Grand Forks county. They were

married in Ashtabula, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Titus have two children. Ann, who is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy of Knoxville, Ohio, is the wife of M. C. Batcheller, of the Northwestern Trust & Loan Company. Frances, who is also a graduate of St. Mary's Academy of Knoxville, Ohio, is the wife of Dr. W. J. Plunkett, a dentist of Minot, North Dakota.

The family are well known in Minto and Mr. and Mrs. Titus occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Titus deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as he started out in life in a humble capacity, but through persistency of purpose and force of character he has worked his way steadily upward and his name is now an honored one in the banking circles of his city.

HANS NELSSON.

Hans Nelsson, a farmer living on section 24, Nogosek township, Stutsman county, was born February 24, 1858, in Sweden, which was also the birthplace of his parents. His father, Nelson Gibson, was born in 1829 and followed carpentering and farming. The mother was born in 1827. Both spent their entire lives in Sweden, where Mr. Gibson passed away in 1902, having for two years survived his wife, who died in 1900.

Hans Nelsson, the younger of two children, was educated in the common schools of his native land and remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he bade adieu to friends and native country and came to the United States in 1880. In the same year he was married to Miss Karna Parson, who was born in Sweden in 1858 and was a daughter of Par and Elsie Parson. The father has now passed away, while the mother is living in Sweden. Of their family of five children Mrs. Nelsson was the second in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelsson were born four children: Carl, born in 1881; Hattie, who was born in 1890 and is the wife of Frank Buzzell; Harry, born in 1895; and Hilfred, in 1899. The wife and mother passed away September 7, 1909.

After coming to the United States Mr. Nelsson spent three years at work in the mines and on the railroads in different parts of the country and thus he learned much of the districts through which he traveled. The opportunities of the growing west led him to seek a home in North Dakota in 1884, at which time he entered a claim on section 24, Nogosek township, becoming one of the first settlers of the district. Those who have arrived in Stutsman county in recent years cannot realize how great were the privations and hardships endured by the early settlers, for their homes were far distant from markets and railroads and none of the modern comforts and conveniences could be secured. The farmers had to depend upon what they raised, with only rare trips to the towns to secure needed supplies. Mr. Nelsson at once began to break the sod and till the fields and in course of time brought his land under a high state of cultivation. He at first used oxen for his farm work but in time began raising horses and later made a specialty of that. His nearest market was Jamestown. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his original holdings until his possessions aggregate three sections of land, most of which he is now renting, although he still cultivates a quarter section himself. He is, however, largely leading a retired life, having put aside many of the burdens, cares and responsibilities which devolved upon him when he cultivated all of his land. He has always engaged in raising Percheron horses and has many head of blooded stock. His home is thoroughly modern in all respects. The buildings are large and substantial and he has an extensive and beautiful grove of trees surrounding his home. The equipments of the farm are thoroughly modern, including the latest improved machinery, and well kept fences divide his farm into fields and pastures of convenient size. Everything about the place indicates his progressive spirit, and that his has been a most active life is shown by the property which he has acquired. He took quite an active part in the bone industry, hauling many loads of buffalo bones to Jamestown, which was his market.

In politics Mr. Nelsson is a republican and has served as township treasurer and school treasurer, while at the present time he is acting on the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Courtenay. In the summer of

1915 he took an extended trip through the United States and Canada, going from Port Arthur in eastern Canada to Victoria and Seattle, also attending the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco and the smaller but beautiful exposition at San Diego. He also toured to Galveston, Texas, and came north through Kansas, Nebraska and St. Paul, thence returning to his home. He thus gained comprehensive knowledge of the west and many of its points of interest.

FREDERICK WILLIAM TURNER.

Frederick William Turner is not only widely known throughout North Dakota but throughout the entire country by reason of his active and helpful connection with the good roads movement. Beginning his work in North Dakota as a promoter and advocate of the Red Trail, he has continued his activities until his influence has been felt in almost every state of the Union. His local interests as a business man of Dickinson are indicated in the fact that he is proprietor of a garage. He was born in Wisconsin, January 14, 1871, the second in order of birth in a family of five children, of whom four are yet living. The parents were David John and Esther (Tanner) Turner. The father, who is a Civil war veteran and a native of Maine, has spent almost his entire life in Wisconsin, and the mother, who was born in that state, is now deceased.

Frederick William Turner pursued his education in schools of Wisconsin and Minnesota, finishing with a high school course in Minnesota. When his textbooks were put aside he went to Missouri, where he learned the horseshoeing trade and later he established a shop at Oxford, Wisconsin, while subsequently he engaged in business along that line in Chicago. He was employed at his trade first in Wisconsin but for only a brief period and then spent two winters in Chicago, where he entered the Horseshoers School of Anatomy. At the end of that time he entered the employ of Ringling Brothers as master mechanic and for six years he was thus engaged, in which connection he visited almost every important city in the United States and British Columbia. He was a thorough master of his trade and did important work along that line in connection with the Ringling Brothers circus. In 1901 he arrived in North Dakota and immediately established his home in Dickinson, where he bought out the business of T. H. Erren and established a horseshoeing and general blacksmith shop, since which time he has actively engaged in business in Dickinson. He is an all around mechanic and does all kinds of work pertaining to blacksmithing. Work of this character still occupies a part of his time, although in 1915 he established a garage known as the F. W. Turner's Red Trail Garage. This has proven a successful enterprise. His plant is equipped in modern manner and he has a two-story building fifty by two hundred feet.

In 1900 Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Schwartz, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz, the former now deceased, while the latter is yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have become parents of two children but the older died in infancy. The surviving child is David George. Mr. Turner is a member of the Golf, Commercial and Automobile Clubs of Dickinson. In all matters of citizenship he is deeply interested and ever displays a public-spirited devotion to the general good. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for six years he filled the office of alderman. He was also elected to represent his district in the state legislature and while thus serving was a member of the committee on taxes, military, city and municipal corporations and appropriations, and was chairman of the committee on educational institutions. He was the promoter and president of the National Parks Highway Association and was the leader in the movement that resulted in the building of the famous and beautiful bridge over the Little Missouri at Medora at a cost of twenty thousand dollars, making possible the continuation of the work on the Red Trail. At the present time he is a member of the executive committee of the Highway Association. He acted as president of the association for eighteen months and during that period appointed its executive officers. He is now actively engaged in improving the Trail and he works untiringly toward the establishment of good roads everywhere. He is also a member of the National

Highway Association of Washington, D. C., and in this connection he has done work in every state in the Union. He was appointed by Governor Hanna a delegate to the Northwestern Road Congress which met in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1915 and was again appointed by the governor a delegate to the Panama Road Congress held in Sacramento, California. Mr. Turner is a Mason and has filled all of the chairs in the lodge, chapter and commandery. He is regarded as a most prominent representative of the order and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In a review of his life we notice that his education was largely acquired in the school of experience and at all times he has been an apt pupil, thoroughly learning the lessons to be gained. He has long preached the gospel of good roads and his efforts in this direction have been far-reaching, effective and beneficial, making him one of the leaders of the movement in the United States—a movement the value of which can scarcely be overestimated, its significance being manifest in the fact of the widespread attention being now given to the subject.

GEORGE GREEN.

George Green, a hardware merchant of Milton, was born in Carver county, near St. Paul, Minnesota, January 9, 1870. His father, John Green, a native of New York, was a son of George Green, who was of German birth and became the founder of this branch of the family in America, arriving in the new world in 1792. John Green successfully followed the occupation of farming in the Empire state but became an early settler of St. Paul, Minnesota, where he took up his abode prior to the Civil war. With the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south he responded to the country's call for troops and with a Minnesota regiment served for two years and six months. He died at Chaska, Minnesota, in 1914 at the age of seventy-six years and his wife passed away in Chaska, January 14, 1916, when eighty-four years of age. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and was of German descent. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children.

George Green, who was the fifth in the family, was educated in the public schools of Waconia, Minnesota, after which he started out to earn his own living at the age of thirteen years. In his boyhood he was apprenticed to the saddlery and harness maker's trade, completing a three years' term, after which he worked at his trade as a journeyman for six years. On the 20th of October, 1890, he arrived in Milton, Cavalier county, North Dakota. He had no acquaintance in the town but soon secured employment with A. Olson, a pioneer harness maker, in whose service he remained for a year. On the expiration of that period he purchased the business and conducted it for two years. In addition to the manufacture of harness he purchased the business of Johnson & Woolie, pioneer hardware merchants, and combined the two lines of trade. He has since been actively and successfully engaged in both and today has the largest business of the kind in his section of the state. He owns his own building, a two story structure twenty-eight by one hundred feet, thoroughly modern in every detail, and he carries a stock valued at about twenty-two thousand dollars. He started out in business on his own account in a very small way but through thrift and good management he has become one of the prominent and representative merchants of his county and state. He closely studies the trade and the demands of the public and has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. He is also a stockholder in the First National Bank and for several years past has been one of its directors. He likewise conducts a farm near Stanley and at all times his actions have been governed by the rules of strict and unswerving integrity. He has never sought success except along constructive lines and his path has never been strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes.

On the 31st of May, 1894, Mr. Green was united in marriage at Audubon, Minnesota, to Miss Josephine Johnson, a native of that state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Johnson, representatives of an old Minnesota family. The father is now deceased but the mother yet resides at Audubon. Mr. and Mrs. Green have three daughters and a son living, Blanche, Marvin, Ruth and Dorothy, and Floyd, deceased, all born in Milton.

Mr. Green served for five years as a member of the board of aldermen of Milton, from 1903 until 1907 inclusive, and in 1908 he was a member of the school board. His aid can be counted upon to further any progressive movement for the benefit of town and county and his own work has been an element in public progress. He has never hesitated to give time, money and effort for the general good and at the same time has so conducted his business affairs that substantial results have accrued.

JOHN O. LOVBERG.

John O. Lovberg, one of the extensive landowners of Cass county, is a native son of Norway and possesses the excellent traits characteristic of his race. He was born on the 12th of August, 1840, a son of Ole and Jennie Lovberg, who were lifelong residents of that country. Two of their six children are still living.

John O. Lovberg attended the public schools of his native land in the acquirement of his education and continued to reside in Norway until 1869, when he came to the United States. For three years he made his home in the vicinity of Northfield, Minnesota, but at the end of that time he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and located on his present home farm on section 29, Barnes township. At that time the county was but thinly settled and conditions of life were those of a frontier district. His first home was a log cabin with a sod roof and that continued to be his residence for twelve years, after which he erected a fine frame house. He has also made many other improvements upon the place, putting up excellent barns and outbuildings and planting a fine grove of trees. His faith in the future of North Dakota is evidenced in the fact that from time to time he has purchased additional land in the state, his holdings now totaling eight hundred and sixty-five acres, all of which is improved.

Mr. Lovberg was married in Norway to Miss Karn Danielson, who passed away in Minnesota in 1871, leaving two children, Julius and Gustaf. In 1879 Mr. Lovberg was again married, Miss Mary Olson becoming his wife. She was likewise born in Norway, whence she emigrated to the United States in 1877. Eight children have been born to this union, as follows: Ole, Henry, John, Martin, Edward, Leroy, Ida, and Minnie the wife of Theodore Ellingson, now a resident of Fargo.

Mr. Lovberg casts his ballot in support of the republican party and has been a member of the township board and a school director for forty years his length of service being the best proof of his ability and conscientiousness. Although he is now a man of independent means, when he crossed the Red river on his way to North Dakota he was without a cent and, moreover, had two small children to provide for. He was quick to recognize the opportunities offered in this new country and at once availed himself thereof, working untiringly in order to secure a start. His business acumen has enabled him to invest wisely, and his enterprise and thorough knowledge of farming have made him one of the most successful farmers of his county.

GEORGE FREDERICK SHAFER.

George Frederick Shafer, living at Shafer, North Dakota, and filling the office of states attorney of McKenzie county, was born at Taylor, Stark county, North Dakota, November 23, 1888, a son of Charles and Eva (Dichm) Shafer. The father arrived in this state in 1870 and is one of its historic characters, being closely identified with its pioneer development and subsequent progress.

George F. Shafer was reared on the old home ranch in McKenzie county and the town of Shafer, which is the county seat, is now on land that was and still is the Shafer ranch headquarters. He was the first white child in McKenzie county and as there were no schools in the county at the time he pursued his education at Williston, where there was a log schoolhouse. Prior to this, however, he received instruction from his father and

mother on the ranch and he was twelve years of age when he started to public school. Passing through consecutive grades, he was graduated from the Williston high school in 1908 and then entered the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated in 1912 on the completion of a law course, winning the LL. B. degree and also the valedictorian honors of his class. He then opened a law office in the town of Shafer on the 1st of January, 1913, and in the fall of 1914 was elected states attorney of McKenzie county, which position he is now filling, and is again a candidate for the office without opposition. While in college he represented the State University in three intercollegiate debates, the first being held in the spring of 1909, when the University of South Dakota was a contestant, the second being held with Hamline University at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the third with the University of South Dakota at Grand Forks. In 1912 he won the debating contest for the University of North Dakota against the University of South Dakota and he also won the Merrifield prize in the oratorical contest of the State University. In the spring of 1912 he was a delegate from the University of North Dakota to the convention of the National Civics Clubs held at Columbia University, New York, and adjourned to Washington, D. C., where the delegates were taken through the various departments of the United States government, thus obtaining an insight into the management of affairs at the capital. Mr. Shafer has every reason to be proud of his college record as a speaker and debater and in this foreshadowed the success of his later life. He has won a creditable position as a member of the bar and his advancement is assured.

On the 1st of September, 1915, Mr. Shafer was married to Miss Frances Kellogg, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Franz S. and Lula (Rockhill) Kellogg. Her father was born at Rockhill, Ashtabula county, Ohio, and became a pioneer settler of Wyoming and of Colorado. He was state engineer of Wyoming and is by profession a civil engineer. He also owned a stock ranch in Wyoming and in 1901 removed to North Dakota, settling in McKenzie county, where he has an extensive ranch property and is regarded as one of the leading stock raisers and citizens of his part of the state. His wife is a native of Ohio. Their daughter, Mrs. Shafer, spent her girlhood in Ohio, Wyoming and North Dakota. By her marriage she has become the mother of one child, George Francis, who was born in Shafer, April 3, 1916.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Shafer is serving on the church board. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge of Shafer, of which he is vice noble grand, and he is also clerk of Shafer Camp, No. 4203, M. W. A. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party but has never been an office seeker, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his professional duties although he is a close and discriminating student of the questions and issues of the day.

ARTHUR R. T. WYLIE, M. D.

Dr. Arthur R. T. Wylie, superintendent of the North Dakota Institution for the Feeble Minded at Grafton, was born November 5, 1871, in Condit, Ohio, a son of Robert Wylie, who was born in the Buckeye state and belonged to one of the old Virginia families of Scotch descent that was founded, however, in Ohio at an early period in the pioneer development of the latter state. He was a Presbyterian minister who devoted many years of his life to the active work of the gospel but is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest at the age of eighty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Jadden, was born in Ohio and is of Pennsylvania Dutch descent.

Dr. Wylie was the eldest in their family of four children and the public schools of his native state afforded him his early educational opportunities. He completed a high school course and later entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He also won the B. A. degree at Wooster University in the class of 1892 and the Ph. D. degree was there conferred upon him in 1894. Later he prepared for the practice of medicine as a student in the University of Minnesota, where he gained his professional degree in 1906. In the meantime, when he had completed his

college course, he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years and from his earnings provided the means for his medical education. Immediately after his graduation he became assistant physician in the Minnesota School for the Feeble Minded at Faribault, where he continued until 1910, when he was appointed by the state board of trustees to the position of superintendent of the North Dakota Institution for the Feeble Minded at Grafton and has since remained in that connection. His position is one of large responsibility and he keeps in touch with the latest scientific methods of treatment, care and instruction. His efforts are being attended with excellent results, the school making substantial progress under his direction. He is a member of the American Association for the Study of the Feeble Minded and he belongs as well to the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

At St. Paul, on the 8th of June, 1899, Dr. Wylie was married to Miss Eugenia Rodcliffe, a native of South Carolina. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his interest in community affairs is shown by his membership in the Commercial Club of Grafton. He was made a Mason at Faribault, Minnesota, and is an exemplary representative of the craft, while his religious belief is manifest in his membership in the Presbyterian church.

GEORGE M. O'CONNOR.

Since 1882 George M. O'Connor has been a resident of Eddy county and has therefore witnessed almost its entire development. As an agriculturist he aided in transforming the wild land into productive farms but is now buyer for the Farmers Elevator Company of New Rockford, where he makes his home. He was born on the 12th of December, 1870, in Venango county, Pennsylvania, which was also the birthplace of his parents, Maurice and Susan (Rhoads) O'Connor. In early life the father followed farming and well drilling, having drilled many wells in the oil regions of Pennsylvania and also artesian wells in Iowa and Wisconsin. In 1882 he came to Eddy county, North Dakota, and filed on land a mile and a half from New Rockford. He was engaged in the improvement and operation of that farm until 1901, when he retired from active labor and returned to his old home in Pennsylvania, where he passed away in 1910. The mother of our subject is still living.

George M. O'Connor spent the first twelve years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Eddy county, North Dakota. There were only eight children in school at New Rockford when he became a pupil. In 1900 he filed on land three miles southeast of the town and engaged in its cultivation for three years but sold out at the end of that time and turned his attention to contracting in New Rockford. He took contracts for grading, moving buildings, etc., for about five years, and then became connected with the Farmers Elevator Company as buyer, in which capacity he is still acting.

In October, 1898, Mr. O'Connor married Miss Marian Broughton, by whom he has six children, namely: Alice, Frank, George, Glenn, Ruth and Harriet. Mrs. O'Connor and the children are members of the Congregational church, and Mr. O'Connor is identified with the Yeomen lodge. His political support is given the republican party. The family are held in high esteem by all who know them.

EDWARD I. DONOVAN, M. D.

Dr. Edward I. Donovan, president of the Citizens Bank of Langdon and one of the best known physicians and business men of Cavalier county, was born on the 25th of December, 1858, in Northumberland county, Ontario, Canada. His parents, Patrick and Ellen (O'Connor) Donovan, were natives of the Emerald isle and on crossing the Atlantic in 1837 located in Canada, where the father followed farming as a life work. He died in 1884 at the age of

sixty-eight years, and the mother, who long survived him, passed away in 1911 at the extreme old age of ninety-three. They had six children, of whom the Doctor is the next to the youngest.

Dr. Donovan grew to manhood in Canada, attending the public schools and also the high school at Campbellford, Ontario. On the completion of his education he engaged in teaching school for four years, and then took up the study of medicine in Queens College at Kingston, Ontario, from which he was graduated with the M. D. Degree in 1886. Soon after his graduation the Doctor located at Neche, North Dakota, where he was engaged in practice with his brother, Dr. P. C. Donovan for one year, but in 1887 he removed to Langdon and has since been identified with the professional and business interests of that place. The Citizens State Bank was established in 1893 and he became its president in 1895, in which capacity he has since served making the bank what it is today—one of the safest financial institutions of North Dakota. The business transacted over its counters has now reached a large volume, due to the confidence the public has in its officials. The Doctor is also president of the State Bank of Hannah and the Bank of Mowbray, North Dakota. In 1887 he established a drug store in Langdon, which he has since conducted with growing success, and he erected the building where he carries on the business.

At Kingston, Canada, Dr. Donovan was married in 1890 to Miss Mary McKenty, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenty. There is one child by this union: Edward J., who was born in Langdon in 1894 and was graduated from the high school of that place, being now a student in the law department of the Catholic University of Washington, D. C.

Politically Dr. Donovan affiliates with the democratic party and religiously he is connected with the Roman Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus. He also holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Dakota Medical Society and the District Medical Society and through these organizations he keeps well posted on the advancement being made in his profession. In business circles he occupies a prominent position, being regarded as one of the leading bankers of his section of the state. On starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances and the success that has come to him is due to his own enterprise, sound judgment and good management, which have made him one of the most substantial as well as one of the most useful citizens of Langdon.

GEORGE M. PRICE.

George M. Price, attorney at law practicing in Langdon, is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Iowa City, December 30, 1874. His father, Benjamin Price, was born in Ohio, a descendant of one of the old families of that state which in previous generations was established in Maryland by Welsh ancestors. The founder of the American branch of the family settled in Calvert county, Maryland, prior to the Revolutionary war, and representatives of the family served with the American army in the struggle for independence. Dr. Benjamin Price is a dentist who graduated from the State University of Iowa, and for many years practised in Iowa City where he was also prominent in political circles and in support of high standards of civic life. He married Priscilla Milnes, a native of England who came to America in 1859 with her parents, George M. and Rosa (Freckingham) Milnes, who settled in Springdale, Iowa, where they spent their remaining days. Dr. and Mrs. Price now reside in Pasadena, California, and he has retired from active connection with his profession. They are parents of four living children: Estella, the widow of Henry Brown, a resident of Covina, California; Louis, a merchant of Monta Vista, California; George M.; and Mildred, who is with her parents.

After attending the public and high schools of Iowa City, George M. Price continued his studies in the collegiate and law departments of the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1899. Later he located for practise in Des Moines, Iowa, where he remained for a year and in April, 1901, arrived in Langdon, North Dakota, where he immediately entered upon the active practise of his profession and also engaged in the loan business with W. A. Laidlow, who was then cashier of the Citizens State bank. Their interests were conducted under the firm name of Laidlow & Price until

1906 when Mr. Price withdrew from that connection and has since concentrated his efforts exclusively upon the practise of law in which he is now accorded a very gratifying and important clientele. He has proven resourceful in handling his cases and strong and logical in presenting his arguments. He still retains banking connections as a director in the Citizens State bank of Langdon.

It was in Langdon on the 12th of January, 1904, that Mr. Price wedded Miss Isabel McKenty, a native of Kingston, Ontario, and a daughter of John and Bethia (Raney) McKenty, both now deceased. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent and the mother came of English and Scotch ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Price have two sons: George R., born in Langdon March 5, 1909, and Robert R., born November 1, 1911.

Mr. Price is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Langdon and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic fraternity. He was made a Mason at Iowa City, Iowa, and has taken the thirteenth degree in the Scottish Rite at Langdon. Politically he is an active and stalwart republican and for several terms was city attorney of Langdon, while from 1901 until January, 1905, he was states attorney, having been reelected to the office. He concentrates his energies upon his professional interests and is a member of the county and state bar associations. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has steadily worked his way upward and has achieved more than local distinction as an able lawyer.

JOSEPH ROGERS, M. D.

Dr. Joseph Rogers, of Alexander, is numbered among the prominent surgeons of the western part of the state. Pronounced ability has brought him to the front and that he has kept in touch with the trend of modern scientific thought, research and investigation is indicated in his most thoroughly equipped hospital. He was born in Cedarville, Ontario, Canada, September 26, 1877, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Cook) Rogers. The father was born in Streetsville, Ontario, and took up the business of milling and farming, which he followed for many years, but is now living retired in Saskatchewan. His wife was born in Clinton, Ontario, and they now make their home at Lloydminster, Saskatchewan.

Dr. Rogers acquired his early education in the public school of Cedarville, Gray county, Ontario, and later attended the high school of Mount Forest, Ontario. Subsequently he entered the Ontario College of Pharmacy in which he won the Ph. M. B. degree. Upon that broad foundation he built the superstructure of medical knowledge. From 1901 until 1903 he was a student in Trinity Medical College, which in the latter year was consolidated with the Toronto Medical College, and there Dr. Rogers remained until he won his M. D. degree in 1905. In June of that year he opened an office at Donnybrook, Ward county, North Dakota, where he followed his profession until 1914, when he sold out his practice there. He was at that time a candidate for state senator on the democratic ticket but lost the election by thirty votes. However, it was a defeat that meant almost a victory, for he carried thirteen out of twenty-five precincts in his district, winning the election in every district in which he made a campaign. In 1914 he removed to Alexander and opened a private hospital. This is a thoroughly modern institution in its equipment, being supplied with every convenience and accessory necessary to the performance of all kinds of major and minor operations. He enjoys a well earned reputation as a surgeon of rare ability and skill and while he yet continues in the practice of general surgery he specializes in abdominal surgery and is well qualified for most important work of that character. The Doctor owns two farms, one in Ward county, near Donnybrook, and the other in Montrail county, near Stanley.

At Donnybrook, North Dakota, on the 24th of April, 1907, Dr. Rogers was married to Miss Edith E. Magoon, who was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and there attended the city schools. After leaving the high school she was graduated from the Nurses' Training School of the Northwestern Hospital of Minneapolis and she has been of great assistance to Dr. Rogers in his work. She has become the mother of a son, Joseph, Jr., who was born in Donnybrook, March 1, 1913, and who is the life and light of the household.



DR. JOSEPH ROGERS

Dr. Rogers maintains an independent course in politics but leans to the democratic party. He is also a strong advocate of prohibition and has always followed the strictest temperance principles. He is now president of the Commercial Club of Alexander and fraternally is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America at Alexander. He likewise has membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he puts forth every effort that tends to place the community upon a higher level of living or introduce loftier standards of thought and purpose. His personal worth as well as his professional skill have gained for him a notable position in public regard.

JAMES F. GORTHY.

James F. Gorthy, who is farming in Courtenay township, Stutsman county, was born in New York in 1861, a son of David and Mary Gorthy, who in 1882 emigrated westward and established their home in Fargo, North Dakota, where they lived for a year and a half. They then took up a homestead west of Cooperstown, where they lived for a number of years, but in 1908 went to the state of Washington.

James F. Gorthy spent about fifteen years of his boyhood and youth in the province of Quebec, Canada, to which he went with his parents, and in 1882, when twenty-one years of age, he made his way to Fargo, where he was joined by his parents the following year. North Dakota was then a frontier region and buffalo were still found in that section of the state, while many other evidences of pioneer life were to be seen and many hardships and privations had to be endured by the early settlers. Mr. Gorthy was employed in the vicinity of Fargo for about a year and a half and in 1883 he took up a homestead west of Cooperstown, where compliance with the law regarding occupancy and improvement brought him title to the property, upon which he lived for sixteen years, transforming the wild tract into a well developed farm. He then removed to Franklin county, Kansas, where he cultivated a rented farm for three years, and on the expiration of that period he established his home at Wimbledon. A year later he purchased a quarter section of land at Spiritwood Lake and when his financial resources had sufficiently increased he added another quarter section, living upon that farm for twelve or thirteen years. In the meantime, however, he went to Oregon, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for three years, after which he returned to North Dakota. He now makes his home in Courtenay township, Stutsman county, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, specializing more and more largely in the raising of blooded stock. He now has twenty head of high grade cattle on his place, fifteen head of Jersey Red hogs and twenty head of Percheron horses. He also operated a threshing machine for a number of years.

Mr. Gorthy was married to Miss Frances O. Shear, who was born in New York, but the marriage was celebrated in Cooperstown, North Dakota. They have six children, Freddie Clinton, Clarence J., Mary O., Ethel D., Robert H. and Frances Janet.

In politics Mr. Gorthy is a democrat and has held some township offices, but his ambition is not in the line of office holding as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and his close application and intelligently directed efforts are winning for him substantial success in his farming operations.

JOSIAH FLATT.

For a considerable period Josiah Flatt was numbered among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Cass county and won success through his earnest, persistent efforts. He was born in England, October 7, 1834, and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth until he crossed the Atlantic to Canada when fourteen years of age. He remained a resident of that country until 1878, which year witnessed his arrival in North Dakota. He took up his abode at Fargo, where he remained for seven years and then purchased the farm that his widow still occupies, becoming the owner of four hundred and eighty acres

of rich and productive land on section 28, Kenyon township, Cass county. He at once began to develop and improve the property and thereon erected a number of fine buildings and added other modern equipments.

Mr. Flatt was twice married. In Canada he wedded Miss Rachel Lyons, who passed away in that country and by whom he had eight children. In 1873 Mr. Flatt was again married, his second union being with Miss Tamar Whitley, a native of Canada and a daughter of William and Abigail (Hughson) Whitley, both of whom passed away in that country. By his second wife Mr. Flatt had thirteen children, of whom the following survive: Thomas G., who follows farming in Cass county; Josiah; Wesley; Walter, at home; Emma G., who is the wife of George Gould; Edna May, who gave her hand in marriage to Warren Collins; and Earl, who is still at home.

The death of the husband and father occurred March 12, 1910, and he was laid to rest in the Rose Valley cemetery, leaving a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. She still gives personal supervision to the operation of the farm and displays good business ability in its management. She belongs to the Free Methodist church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful part, and her well spent life has gained her high regard wherever she is known. Mr. Flatt was also a consistent Christian, belonging to the Free Methodist church, and in his political views he was an earnest democrat but he never sought nor held office. He was much interested in the schools of the community and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion. In his business career his record was one of steady progress resulting from indefatigable energy, persistency of purpose and honorable dealing, and thus it was that he was able to leave his widow in very comfortable financial circumstances.

CAPTAIN CYRUS H. CULVER.

Captain Cyrus H. Culver, who now makes his home in New Rockford, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, in which struggle he won his title. For almost three years he fought for the preservation of the Union and for brave and meritorious service rose from the ranks to captain of his company. He has always been found a loyal and trustworthy citizen and during his residence in North Dakota has done much to promote the interests of the state along various lines.

The Captain was born in Sherman, Chautauqua county, New York, June 5, 1839, a son of Heman and Rhoda Jane (Cornish) Culver. The mother was also a native of Chautauqua county, New York, but the birth of the father occurred in Erie county, Pennsylvania. The latter, who was a farmer by occupation, left New York in the fall of 1844, and with his family removed to Boone county, Illinois, where he took up a homestead and engaged in its operation for ten years. He then went to Chickasaw county, Iowa, where he purchased land and followed farming for many years, but at length retired and made his home with his children in Charles City, Floyd county, Iowa. He died in Osage, Iowa, in 1889 and his wife passed away in 1894.

In the public schools of Illinois and Iowa Captain Culver obtained his education. At the age of nineteen years he left home and secured work at cutting cord wood in Illinois. On leaving there he went to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the oil business until 1862. Feeling that his country needed his services he enlisted on the 12th of August, that year, in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served for two years and eleven months. He was promoted from fifth sergeant to orderly sergeant and at the end of a year and a half was made first lieutenant but after serving with that rank for one month was commissioned captain of his company and as such was mustered out at the close of the war. He participated in many hotly contested battles and was several times wounded but not seriously, although at Cold Harbor he was struck by a piece of shell near the backbone and the injury was very painful. In one engagement his clothes were pierced by twenty-seven bullet holes. He was never in the hospital, however, and was always found in the thickest of the fight.

On leaving the army Captain Culver went to Michigan, where he spent one year, and

then returned to Chickasaw county, Iowa, where he and a brother bought the father's farm and operated it until 1872. The Captain then went to Central America but during the year spent in that country he lost all that he had previously made. On his return to the United States he located in Henry county, Illinois, where he began life anew by working for others for three years. At the end of that time he returned to New Hampton, Iowa, where he remained two years, and then again went to Michigan, where the following three years were passed.

In 1882 Captain Culver came to North Dakota and assisted in organizing Foster county, which at first extended to the Canadian line. He was appointed assessor of the new county and filled that position for seven years. He filed on land and engaged in its cultivation until 1895, in the meantime adding to his property as he found opportunity until he had eight hundred acres which he still owns, this being located twelve miles east of New Rockford. On account of ill health he left the farm in 1895 and went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he resided long enough to educate his son at the State University of Minnesota. Later he and his wife lived with a son, who was a physician in Barron county, Wisconsin, for three years, but at the end of that time the family removed to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where the Doctor is still engaged in practice. After making their home there for three years, Captain Culver and his wife returned to New Rockford, where they now occupy a fine modern residence, surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

It was on the 25th of January, 1865, that the Captain married Miss Alsina Pettit, a daughter of Seth and Nancy (Millin) Pettit, the former a native of Saratoga Springs, New York, and the latter of Erie county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Pettit became a farmer of Erie county, where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1886. His wife died in 1901 at the age of eighty-two years. Captain and Mrs. Culver had three children: Fred D., who was born January 24, 1867, and is now extensively engaged in fruit farming in Washington; Charles E., who was born April 3, 1872, and is practicing medicine in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Fanny, who was born January 6, 1876, and died on the 13th of the following February.

While living on his farm Captain Culver devoted considerable attention to the raising of graded stock. He is now a stockholder in the New Rockford Publishing Company, which publishes the New Rockford State Center, a daily paper, and the Agricultural Northwest, which is a semi-monthly farm paper, and he is also a stockholder in the Equity Cooperative Exchange at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Equity Elevator Company of New Rockford, North Dakota, of which he was one of the organizers. For over half a century he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and is a member of the Shrine. The Captain is also a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic and every year attends the national encampments of that order. As color bearer for North Dakota, he carried the flag in the procession at Washington, D. C., in 1902 and again in 1915. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist and in politics is non-partisan. He is a man in whom the public have the utmost confidence and he is deserving of prominent mention in this volume as one of the loyal defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and as one of the pioneers of North Dakota who bore his part in the early development and upbuilding of the state.

NILS H. RINDE.

Nils H. Rinde, a resident of Grafton and clerk of the district court of Walsh county, was born at Northfield, Minnesota, January 12, 1856. His father, Hans H. Rinde, a native of Norway, came to America in 1851 and took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Wisconsin, where he engaged successfully in farming. In 1853 he removed to Minnesota and established his home in Rice county when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun there. With the outbreak of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops and joined the army as a member of Company H, Fourth Minnesota Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, participating in several important engagements and the march under Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. He was

always loyal to his duty whether upon the firing line or the lonely picket line, and following the close of the war he became a member of the Grand Army post, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old comrades, the "boys in blue." In 1882 he removed to Walsh county, North Dakota, and homesteaded on one hundred and sixty acres of land in Dundee township, remaining thereon for the time required to bring him his title to the property. He then returned to Minnesota, where he resided until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-six years of age. His political support was given to the republican party and he was active in local politics and civic affairs. In Norway he wedded Randi Borlaug, a native of that country, and when they crossed the Atlantic they were thirteen weeks en route. She passed away in 1911, at the age of seventy-six years.

Nils H. Rinde was the third of eleven children born of that marriage. The common schools of Minnesota afforded him his early educational privileges and later he attended college at Northfield, Minnesota. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm and he early took up the task of assisting in the work of the fields and the care of the crops. At the age of twenty-four years he started out independently to earn his living, taking up the profession of teaching, which he followed for two years in Minnesota and in Walsh county, North Dakota, where he settled in 1880. It was on the 21st of April of that year that he arrived in Grand Forks, North Dakota, but soon afterward he took up a preemption in Walsh county and has since engaged in farming. His place comprises three hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land and is now being operated by his sons, while the father gives his attention to his official duties. He is today the oldest official in Walsh county in years of continuous connection with office, for in November, 1898, he was elected clerk of the district court, which position he has since successfully filled, being chosen again and again for that service. In 1903 and again in 1905 he was elected a member of the state legislature, representing the third district in the house of representatives for two terms. He sat on the democratic side of the house, for he has always been a stalwart champion of democratic principles and has been an active worker in political circles and in support of progressive civic matters.

In Rice county, Minnesota, in November, 1879, Mr. Rinde was married to Miss Inga-borg Hove, a native of Norway and a daughter of Sjur and Vrita (Borlang) Hove, the former now deceased, while the latter is still living. Mrs. Rinde departed this life at Grafton in May, 1907, at the age of forty-five years. She had become the mother of twelve children, of whom eleven survive: Hamilton, Samuel, Rosa Bella, Mathilda, Nicholas, Oliver, Joseph, Nels, Edward, Elinora and Leonora. The last named is the wife of Amund Halvorson, of Ward county, North Dakota. One daughter, Anna Marie, has passed away.

Mr. Rinde holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen and his religious belief is evidenced in his membership in the United Lutheran church. He belongs to the Commercial Club and actively cooperates in its work for the benefit and upbuilding of city and district. He is a self-made man and deserves all the credit which that term implies. He left home with a cash capital of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, of which sixty-five dollars was spent to bring his car of goods and supplies to Walsh county. He has since steadily worked his way upward, working earnestly and persistently, his untiring industry and determination gaining for him the success which is his.

CARL KING.

A very small percentage of North Dakota's citizens are native sons of the county in which they reside, but Carl King has that distinction, for he now makes his home near Cuba, in Barnes county, and his birth occurred in Valley City, November 30, 1878. His father, P. O. King, was born at Hamar, Norway, April 3, 1847, pursued his education there and afterward learned the cabinet maker's trade in Christiania, where at the same time he was attending the government schools, being a pupil in the drafting department. He married Karen Iverson and in 1872 crossed the Atlantic to the new world, spending two years in Duluth. He later removed to Menomonie, Wisconsin, where he remained until

1877, being employed during that period at his trade. In April of the latter year he took up his abode at Farmington, now Valley City. Practically no houses had been erected on the town site at the time, although the settlers were flocking in at that period, and thus work became plentiful. He engaged in carpentering and building and erected most of the first houses there constructed, continuing his building operations for eight years. In 1885 he purchased a homestead right six miles south of Valley City and thereon resided until 1907, when he retired and is now living in Eugene, Oregon, while his sons, Henry and Edward, operate his homestead farm in Barnes county of five hundred and sixty acres. He returns frequently to superintend the further development of that place and with the assistance of his sons has recently completed a barn fifty-eight by one hundred feet. The first floor, of cement construction, is arranged for the stabling of horses and cattle, while the immense room above furnishes ample shelter for two hundred tons of hay. This is one of the largest and best barns in the state and in ventilation, arrangement and equipment is thoroughly modern. Mr. King is still an active, energetic man who enjoys good health and is not an infrequent visitor among his old friends in Barnes county. While a resident of Valley City he served as school treasurer and after removing to his farm was school treasurer of his district. He was also elected and served as county commissioner.

Carl King enjoys the distinction of having been the first male child born in Barnes county and was the third in order of birth in a family of six sons and five daughters. The first white female child was Lillian Weiser, who became Mrs. J. W. Nielson and is now deceased, her birth occurring prior to that of Mr. King, but her death left him the first native resident of Barnes county still remaining within its borders, and as a large portion of that section of the state was still unsettled at the time, his claim does not cover Barnes county alone. He spent his school days in Valley City and in vacation periods worked upon the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In 1903 he engaged in farming on his own account, settling a mile west of Cuba, where he has three hundred and twenty acres of farm land. Upon this stands a modern residence tastefully and conveniently arranged, while in the rear are to be seen commodious barns and granaries, with sheds for the shelter of the farm machinery, of which he has the latest improved patterns. Everything about the place, which is one of the neatest and best kept in the state, indicates his progressive spirit and practical methods. In addition to managing his farm he was in charge of the Paulson & Bye elevator at Cuba for four years.

On the 25th of May, 1904, Mr. King was married to Miss Bessie M. Adcock, who was born in Valley City, September 6, 1885, a daughter of the late William Adcock, who was also a pioneer and successful farmer of Barnes county. The children of this marriage are Elsie Elizabeth, Lorne Hugo, Stanley Herbert and Raymond Milton, all now in school. Fraternally Mr. King is connected with the Elks and is popular both within and outside of that organization. He is a good citizen, an enterprising and intelligent young man and is highly respected wherever known.

LAUREAS J. WEHE.

Laureas J. Wehe, an attorney at law, who since 1910 has been engaged in law practice at Devils Lake, North Dakota, was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 5, 1874. He is the son of Charles L. and Paulina E. Wehe, the latter now deceased, of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The father went to Dakota territory in 1882, stopping at Grand Forks part of the spring and summer of that year. He invested quite heavily in Grand Forks real estate at that time. He purchased the "Old Veits Hotel," the "Crockery Store," the "Dick Fadden Saloon" property, a forty acre tract adjoining the town site on the south and other pieces of property. He made a trip to Devils Lake that same year and took up a claim northwest of "Old Devils Lake City," and close to the present city of Devils Lake. He still owned at this time a large shoe store in Chicago, where he had been in business for many years. His claim was afterwards jumped by part of the crowd who were mixed up in the killing of the Ward brothers. He returned to Chicago the same year and disposed of his shoe store in that

city, and in the spring of 1883 he shipped with his family for Bartlett, the end town on the road, west of Grand Forks. Here he entered into the general mercantile and implement business. He was the first implement dealer in Ramsey county. He took up a homestead and tree claim south of Bartlett, which he still owns. When the railroad pushed on he went out of business and devoted his time to farming for several years then, later, while the family were still living on the farm, he went on the road as a traveling salesman. In 1896 he moved with his family to Grand Forks, in order to take advantage of the educational facilities offered at the University.

In the early '80s Laureas J. Wehe attended one of the first schools opened in this county and the next year entered the school opened up by General W. H. Standish in his law office. There being no school in town, the General opened up this school out of pure generosity for the children of the neighborhood. Congressman P. D. Norton was another of the boys who attended General Standish's school with him. Later Laureas J. Wehe entered the high school and collegiate courses at the university and graduated therefrom with the class of 1899, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. One summer he spent on the road as a traveling salesman. The following year he went into the real estate, loan and collection business at Grand Forks, and took up the study of law at the same time at the University, and graduated therefrom in 1902. He was president of his class, and graduated with high honors as a student. The supreme court of the state passed the class of 1902 without examination because of its high rank in scholarship. Mr. Wehe was an active college student in college life; besides being president of his class, he was a member of the board of control of inter-college societies, an active and ready debater, had been president of several societies and was a member of the regular football team for three years.

For a year after his graduation Mr. Wehe practiced law at Grand Forks in association with General Standish. At the end of the year he took up a homestead near Edmore and after proving up same he practiced law at Edmore until the beginning of 1910, when he removed to Devils Lake. He was hired by the board of managers of the state legislature as special attorney to assist George A. Bangs, at Devils Lake, in the preparation of the impeachment case against John F. Cowan. In 1910 he was appointed special assistant attorney general at Devils Lake by Attorney General Andrew Miller. He is building up a nice practice in law.

Fraternally Mr. Wehe is connected with the Woodmen, with the Workmen, with the Independent Order of Foresters, and the Knights of Pythias. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, and his political belief is that of the republican party. He takes quite an active and helpful interest in politics and is chairman of the republican central committee of Ramsey county. His interest in community affairs is deep and sincere and is manifest in tangible support of many plans and measures for the general good. He is serving as a member of the Chautauqua board, having been a director for two years. His entire life has been actuated by a progressive spirit that has been strongly manifest from the time when he began his preparation for the bar, and which in the intervening years has constituted an element not only for professional advancement, but also for the support of many public interests.

FRANK LEROND McVEY, PH. D., LL. D.

Frank LeRond McVey, economist, educator, lecturer and now president of the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, entered upon his work in connection with the State University in 1909 but spent his early years in Ohio and Iowa. His birth occurred in Wilmington, Ohio, November 10, 1869, his parents being Alfred Henry and Anna (Holmes) McVey. His lineage is traced from Scotch-Irish ancestors, the founder of the American branch of the family being John Jason McVey, who was born in 1759 and came to the new world in 1780. He was a farmer by occupation and participated in the Revolutionary war, while later representatives of the family aided the American cause in the War of 1812. Alfred Henry McVey, a native of Ohio, graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University. He responded to the country's call for troops at the outbreak of the Civil war and served as a private



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for one year with an Ohio regiment of infantry. He became a member of the Ohio bar in 1869 and in 1883 he removed to Des Moines, Iowa, where he has served as judge of the district court and is recognized as a distinguished and able lawyer, having in later years specialized in the field of insurance and corporation law. He wedded Anna Holmes, a native of Ohio and a representative of the Holmes family, of English and Scotch lineage, that was established in Massachusetts in 1638. Judge and Mrs. McVey have become the parents of five children, of whom Dr. McVey, of Grand Forks, is the oldest. The others are: Edwin H., an attorney at law practicing in Kansas City, Missouri; William P., a pastor of the endowed Methodist church at Watseka, Illinois; Kate, the wife of John G. Park, of Kansas City; and the Rev. Charles H. McVey, a Congregational minister at Honolulu, Hawaii.

In the pursuit of his education Dr. McVey attended the public schools of Toledo, Ohio, and Des Moines, Iowa, and subsequently entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1893. He afterward became a graduate student at Yale and in 1895 the Ph. D. degree was conferred upon him, while later his alma mater honored him with the LL. D. degree. His life has been given over to educational and social problems. He was principal of the schools at Orient, Iowa, in 1891 and became instructor in history at the Teachers' College of Columbia University in 1895-6. For eleven years he was connected with the University of Minnesota as instructor and as assistant professor and professor of economics, there remaining from 1896 until 1907, and in 1909 he accepted the presidency of the University of North Dakota. In 1914 he became chairman of the committee on economy of time in education of the National Association of State Universities and he is a member of the National Education Association.

In 1900 Dr. McVey acted as special agent in connection with the United States census and in 1910 he was chosen first vice president of the American Economic Association. From 1907 until 1909 he was the first chairman of the Minnesota tax commission and his work as an economist and his understanding of many of the complex problems of taxation assisted the Commission in establishing a broad foundation for its work in Minnesota. While a resident of Minneapolis he acted as president of the Associated Charities of that city from 1898 until 1907. In the latter year he became secretary of the Minnesota Academy of Social Sciences and so continued for two years. In 1904 he was a director of the Twin City exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and a member of the International Jury of Awards at St. Louis. He has served as a member of the executive committee of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections and from 1914 to 1917 was chairman of the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits. In 1914 he was a member of the advisory committee on agriculture of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations and he holds membership with the American Academy for the Advancement of Science and the American Statistical Association.

Among the books Dr. McVey has written are: "The Populist Movement," published in 1896; "History and Government of Minnesota," 1900; "Modern Industrialism," 1904; "Transportation," 1910; and "The Makings of a Town," 1913. He was an editorial writer in New York in 1895 and assistant editor of *The Economic Bulletin* in 1909. He was also editor of the proceedings of the Minnesota Academy of Social Sciences from 1907 until 1909 and he is engaged in editing the National Social Sciences Series of books on social and economic subjects. His services as a lecturer have been in frequent demand. In 1912 he was a guest of Royal Frederik University of Christiania, Norway, and lectured before the students and faculty of that university. He has also been heard at various colleges and universities, among which are the Ohio Wesleyan University, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois, the University of Missouri and Washington University of St. Louis. His lecture on "The Making of a Town," has been delivered more than a hundred times. It is an analysis of the situation of the town, showing where the various movements for civic sanitation which are transforming the larger cities are leaving the town untouched, and suggesting a practical method of applying the principles of civic health to the smaller units in American life. The lecturer traverses the whole life of the community and shows how by the cooperation of business men and the best planning of the educational, moral and governmental features of the town, public-spirited citizens can put a new cooperative spirit at work within their communities, with the inevitable result of transforming living

conditions. The whole program presented by the lecturer is not a Utopian dream, but a practical and immediate possibility. Under the title of "The New Schoolmaster" he presents the work of the modern trained teacher, his relations to the community, the school equipment, what the school can do to raise standards and the needs of the new education before it can do its full work as a great national factor. One of his interesting lectures treats of the boy as the storm center of progress, the responsibility of parents, the share of the community in this responsibility and the fundamental points of the boy problem. He has also lectured on the subject of "Agriculture and Cooperation" and under the subject "The Nation Yesterday and Today," he discusses the great national problems, presenting some suggestions for their solution.

On the 21st of September, 1898, Dr. McVey was married to Miss Mabel M. Sawyer, of Minnesota, a daughter of J. M. and Jennie (Wilson) Sawyer. They have three children: Virginia, born in Minneapolis, February 23, 1903; Frank, December 29, 1905; and Janet, October 30, 1907.

Dr. and Mrs. McVey hold membership in the First Presbyterian church of Grand Forks, in which he is serving as a trustee. He belongs to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and in politics is a republican where national issues are involved.

BRYNJOLF PROM.

Brynjolf Prom, president of the State Bank of Milton, is numbered among the sons of Norway, who, recognizing the opportunities of the new world, have sought the success which they believed to be more quickly secured on this side the Atlantic than in the land of the midnight sun. That his faith was justified is shown by the position which Mr. Prom now occupies. He was born in Bergen, Norway, March 19, 1857. His father, Jacob Prom, always remained in Norway and was a man of much natural ability and talent. He became an actor and was on the stage at the time of Ole Bull, the distinguished violinist, and Henrik Ibsen and Björn Björnson, the well known authors. It was these latter who established the national stage of Norway during the early '50s. Mr. Prom became an actor of great power, his ability placing him on a par with Booth, Barrett, McCullough and other distinguished celebrities of the American stage, but death terminated his career in 1865, when he was but thirty-three years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Helen Wiese, was a native of Norway and a representative of one of the old families of that country. She died in 1862 at the age of thirty years, leaving three sons and a daughter. The eldest, Hjalmar Prom, was a sailor and died of yellow fever while en route to Cuba. The others are: Halfdan, now a resident of Florida; Brynjolf; and Bergliot, now the wife of Thomas Fernley, of Christiania, Norway.

Brynjolf Prom attended the public schools of his native country and continued his education at Munich, Bavaria, Germany. He was graduated from the Polytechnic University at Munich in 1880 and after completing his course there returned to Norway, but in 1881 crossed the Atlantic to America, first settling in Pennsylvania. He took up his abode at Middletown and unfortunate circumstances forced him to seek immediate employment, which he found in a gas pipe manufacturing plant. In that connection hard labor was his lot notwithstanding the fact that he was qualified by education and training for a much more responsible position. While in New York he had been assured of a position as a draughtsman in a large manufacturing plant at Middletown, but on his arrival found that another had already been started in the position. He spent three months in the gas manufacturing plant and then removed to Menomonie, Wisconsin, where he spent the succeeding winter. During that period he attended the public schools in order to familiarize himself with the English language. While he began in the lower grades during the winter he worked his way upward until he was graduated with the high school class of that year. This brought him knowledge not only of the English tongue but of the American system of education.

In April, 1882, Mr. Prom arrived at Fargo, North Dakota, an absolute stranger and there met Karl J. Farup, a North Dakota pioneer, who at that time was in the service of the government as a surveyor. Through Mr. Farup he secured a government position in

the surveying department and during the two years that he spent in that connection his duties took him into all of the various counties of the northwestern part of the state. When he completed his work as a surveyor in the service of the government he located at Park River and in 1885 secured employment in the First National Bank, becoming book-keeper and remaining an employe of the bank until 1888. He then removed to Milton and accepted the cashiership of the State Bank of Milton, which had been established only a few months before. He has continued as an active officer of the bank until the present time, having been elected in 1915 to the presidency of the institution. He displays sound judgment and unflinching enterprise in controlling the interests of the bank and his activities at all times measure up to the highest standards of the banking business.

On the 18th of February, 1887, Mr. Prom was married at Park River to Miss Anna Oslakson, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Björn Oslakson, a pioneer of that state and a Civil war veteran. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Prom have three children. Hazel, born in Park River, June 27, 1888, is the wife of Dr. Tom Smith, a dentist of Langdon, Cavalier county. Rolf H., born July 11, 1892, is connected with the State Bank of Milton. Paul F., the youngest of the family, was born in Milton, March 11, 1902.

In politics Mr. Prom is a progressive republican, active in the party, and was a delegate to the republican national convention held in Chicago when Roosevelt was nominated. He has filled every official position in Milton, including that of mayor, in which capacity he served for several terms, giving to the town a businesslike and progressive administration that brought about various needed reforms and improvements. He has also been a valued member of the school board and has been active in civic and political affairs. He cooperates in efforts for the upbuilding of his city as a member of the Commercial Club, of which he has been president, and there is no project of public importance that seeks his aid in vain. He was made a Mason at Park River and has now attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while of the Mystic Shrine he is also a member. He came to America a poor boy and instead of capital possessed courage, determination and laudable ambition. After leaving Germany he was employed for six months at Copenhagen, Denmark, as a mechanical draughtsman and then had to go to Norway to perform military duties, but on his arrival there was too late as the drawing for the army had already been made. He then secured exemption from military service and came to the new world. He has since embraced every opportunity to further his success along legitimate lines and his course has at all times been such as may be commended to those who seek honorable success. Capability and persistency of purpose have been crowning points in his career and have gained for him the creditable place which he now fills in business circles and in public regard.

EUGENE D. BOOKER.

Eugene D. Booker, a hardware merchant of Pembina, has long been identified with the business interests and development of that town, his activities reaching out along various lines that have had direct effect in promoting the progress and prosperity of his community. He was born in Richmond county, Virginia, March 17, 1869, and is a son of Rasmus D. Booker, who was of English descent, although the family was founded in America at an early period in the colonization of the new world. Rasmus D. Booker became a prominent physician of Richmond county, Virginia, after graduating from the State University. During the Civil war he served as commissary officer with the rank of captain in Lee's army, and he passed away at his old home in Virginia in 1897, at the age of seventy-two years. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Eubank, a native of the Old Dominion, and she, too, was of English lineage. She died in 1900, at the age of fifty years.

In the family were two children but Eugene D. Booker is now the only survivor of the second marriage. He pursued his education in Aberdeen Academy and at Richmond College and when he had reached man's estate started out in life independently. He studied medicine in the University of Maryland for a year and then on account of ill health made his way westward, going direct to Pembina, North Dakota, where he arrived in August,

1890. His choice of a location was influenced by the solicitation of L. E. Booker, a cousin, who was a prominent banker of Pembina and was at that time state treasurer of North Dakota. For four months Eugene D. Booker devoted his time to rest and recreation and then entered his uncle's bank in the position of bookkeeper. He continued in that connection for seven years and after brief connection with the bank was made assistant cashier. In 1899 he joined George W. Ryan and Frank M. King in organizing the firm of King & Company for the conduct of a hardware and machinery business. Theirs was the first combination store to handle both lines, and the partnership continued for six years, at the end of which time Mr. Booker and Mr. King purchased the interest of Mr. Ryan and the firm style of King & Booker was then assumed. The business was carried on under that name until the spring of 1916, when Mr. King retired and Mr. Booker now continues in the hardware trade under his own name, having a large and liberal patronage. He is also the secretary of the Pembina Building & Loan Association, which office he has filled for twenty years, and he is likewise one of the directors of the company. The hardware and machinery business of which he is now sole proprietor was begun in a comparatively small way on borrowed capital, but the business has been developed along substantial lines until it is now one of the largest of its kind in Pembina county.

On the 28th of March, 1893, Mr. Booker was married in Richmond county, Virginia, to Miss Emily Simonson, a native of Virginia and a daughter of John and Mary Simonson, the latter now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Booker became parents of ten children: John, Elizabeth, Ryan, Ada, Dorothy, Robert, Emily, James, Neil and Louise. All were born in Pembina except Ryan, whose birth occurred in Newport News, Virginia, in 1898.

Mr. Booker exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He was made a Mason in Pembina Lodge and he belongs also to the Brotherhood of Yeomen. His interest in community affairs is shown by his membership in the Commercial Club and his cooperation in its plans and purposes for the upbuilding of the city. In religious faith he is a Methodist and for the past ten years has been superintendent of the Sunday school. His work is proving an effective force in the moral development of the community and at the same time his interests are a factor in the material development of Pembina, for the growth of a city does not depend so much upon the machinery of government, or even upon the men who occupy its offices, as it does upon the business enterprises which keep it in touch with the outside world.

ANDREW I. KOEHNSTEDT.

Andrew I. Koehnstedt, who is now serving as postmaster of Langdon and is also proprietor of the Courier-Democrat, one of the leading newspapers of Cavalier county, was born in Waterloo county, Ontario, Canada, July 3, 1860, and is a son of Francis and Katherine (Montag) Koehnstedt, natives of Germany, who emigrated to Canada in 1848. There the father engaged in farming but also worked at the stone mason's and brick-layer's trade, and he continued to reside in Canada up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1899 when he was seventy-eight years of age. The mother died in 1901 at the age of seventy-six. They were the parents of eight children.

Andrew I. Koehnstedt is the third in order of birth in this family. His early education, obtained in the public schools of Canada, was supplemented by a course at St. Jerome's College in Berlin, Ontario, and after laying aside his textbooks he learned the printer's trade, at which he worked in Canada until 1882. The following year he came to North Dakota and took up a homestead in Cavalier county, twelve miles north of Langdon. He continued to follow his trade, however, and was in the employ of others for some time. In December, 1887, he removed to Langdon, where he has since resided, and on the 13th of January, 1888, established the Langdon Democrat, which he conducted for some time. On the 6th of February, 1891, he bought the Cavalier County Courier and consolidated the two papers under the name of the Courier-Democrat, which is today the leading Democratic organ in Cavalier county. The Courier was started in 1885 by C. B. C. Doherty. The

paper now has a circulation of fifteen hundred copies and is thoroughly up-to-date, its editorials well written and its news reliable.

On the 29th of April, 1889, Mr. Koehmstedt was married in Langdon to Miss Cecelia Fischer, a daughter of Casper and Mary Fischer, and to this union ten children have been born, namely: Lorraine; Eleanor; Fred S., who is now with the Eighth United States Cavalry on the Mexican border, being a member of the band stationed at El Paso, Texas; George, who is in the office with his father; Leo; Lillian; Ado; Dorothy; Harry; and Helen, who died in February, 1916, at the age of nine years. The two oldest daughters are graduates of the Langdon schools and Eleanor has attended the Valley City Normal; Leo and Lillian are now in high school; and the younger children are attending the graded schools.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Koehmstedt is also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is a stalwart democrat and since April, 1913, has most efficiently served as postmaster of Langdon. Both personally and through his paper he exerts a wide influence and he is justly regarded as one of the leading citizens of the community. He has been identified with Cavalier county since pioneer days and has done much to promote its interests and prosperity, taking a deep and commendable interest in public affairs as every true American citizen should do, although he was born across the border in Canada.

GEORGE W. MILLHOUSE.

On the list of honored dead of McKenzie county appears the name of George W. Millhouse, who, as a public official and a business man occupied a high place in the regard of the community in which he lived. He had many admirable characteristics, and his life was at all times guided by high and honorable principles. A native of Minnesota Mr. Millhouse was born near Oronoco, Olmsted county, on the 14th of August, 1858, his parents being Christian and Hannah (Rogers) Millhouse. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, was reared to manhood in that state and became a shoe merchant of Tomoqua. In the early '50s he removed to Oronoco, Minnesota, and opened one of the pioneer shoe houses of that state, there continuing in business for many years. Later he removed to Laverne, Minnesota, in order to be with his son George, and there passed away in 1886. His wife was born in Truro, England, and when a little maiden of seven summers was brought to America, spending the remainder of her girlhood in Tomoqua, Pennsylvania. After the death of her husband she made her home with her son George, who was living in Alexander, North Dakota, after removing from Laverne, Minnesota. She passed away at Minneapolis in March, 1916.

George W. Millhouse pursued his education in the schools of Oronoco and after his text books were put aside began learning the drug trade. In 1882 he established a drug store at Laverne where he remained until 1900 when he removed to McKenzie county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead on the old Fort Buford military reservation. There he engaged in raising cattle and horses, remaining upon his ranch until elected the first treasurer of McKenzie county in 1905, serving by reelection until 1909. In that year he removed to Alexander and became president of the Alexander State Bank, in which he remained to the time of his death which occurred October 3, 1914, just five weeks after he and his wife returned from an extended European tour.

It was on the 18th of August, 1882, that Mr. Millhouse was united in marriage to Miss Annie L. Baker, of Medford, Walsh county, North Dakota, a daughter of Grant B. and Laura (Worthing) Baker, the father a native of New York, the mother of New Hampshire. Both came to Minnesota with their parents, and were married in Red Wing, Minnesota. Mrs. Millhouse was born in Red Wing, Minnesota, and was educated at Pine Island, that state. With her parents she removed to Walsh county in 1881 and was there married. The family were pioneers of that county and Mr. and Mrs. Millhouse were the first couple married in Medford township. They became the parents of two children: Roland B., who was born in Laverne, Minnesota, October 31, 1884, married Miss May Major, a daughter of John and Aurelia (McMillan) Major, of Wisconsin, who became residents of North Dakota. Her

father has passed away, but the mother is now living in Montana. To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Millhouse have been born two children, Ruth and Jean. Milton M. Millhouse, the younger son, was born in Luverne, June 23, 1887, and wedded Miss Jane Cartwright, daughter of Samuel G. and Louise Cartwright, natives of New York and Wisconsin respectively. In the latter state they were married and came to Dakota in its territorial days. They are now residents of Alberta, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Millhouse have a daughter, Marion. The sons occupy and conduct the old Millhouse ranch on the Fort Buford reservation.

In politics Mr. Millhouse was a progressive republican. He served as school treasurer and the cause of education ever found in him a stalwart friend. The family are Episcopalians. Mr. Millhouse attended the Episcopal church and belonged to the Masonic fraternity associations which indicate much of the nature of the rules that governed his conduct. He was a man of sterling character, a loving and devoted husband and faithful friend, and a patriotic, progressive citizen. In all of his business relations he was found strictly honorable and reliable, and his efforts constituted a valuable contribution to the upbuilding of the community, so that his loss was deeply felt throughout McKenzie county as well as in his immediate family.

JOHN EMMETT BURKE.

John Emmett Burke is connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of every community and as a member of the bar has reached a creditable position, displaying unflinching industry in the preparation of his cases, while a keen, analytical mind enables him to make correct application of the points in law to the points in litigation. North Dakota claims him as a native son. He was born in Fargo on the 30th of March, 1877, a son of John H. and Elizabeth B. (Boyle) Burke, who were natives of Ireland, the former born in 1847 and the latter in 1849. They were married, however in the United States, the father having been brought to the new world when less than a year old. He was reared in Iowa, engaged in railroad construction work and came to North Dakota about the year 1871. He afterward turned his attention to railroad contracting and subsequently removed to Highland township, Cass county, where he took up his abode upon a farm. In connection with general agricultural pursuits he engaged in newspaper publication at Sheldon and became a prominent factor in the development and progress of that community. He served as county commissioner and filled other public offices, in which he acceptably served until about the time of his retirement from business life in the year 1912. He is now residing in Minnewaukon, where he is living retired. He filled the office of county judge as well as county commissioner and yet he was never an aspirant for political positions and regarded the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts.

John Emmett Burke was the second in a family of five children. His brother, Edward T., is at the present time a member of the supreme court of North Dakota and is regarded as a most eminent and distinguished jurist in the northwest. Thomas Henry, also a member of the bar, is serving as state's attorney of Benson county. Emma J. is a teacher in Columbia University of New York, and Viola is the wife of Roy C. Ellis, an extensive farmer and the owner of a line of elevators in Saskatchewan, Canada, making his home at Rosetown, Saskatchewan.

The other member of the family is John Emmett Burke, who pursued his early education in the common schools of Sheldon, North Dakota, also attended the agricultural college at Fargo and the normal school at Valley City. He pursued his law studies in the University of Tennessee at Nashville and in the Southern University at Huntingdon, Tennessee, and he has moreover learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience, of which he has made wise use, for he possesses an observing eye and retentive memory. He began teaching school when but sixteen years of age and during vacation periods worked upon the home farm for about two years. He afterward learned the printer's trade and was employed along that line at Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck and also in his father's office. He afterward established the Kindred Mirror but a year later sold out. In 1900 he resumed his education but again entered the newspaper field, purchasing the Houston County News at Erin, Ten-

nessee. He conducted that paper for a number of months, after which he sold to Congressman Hobbs. He then entered the employ of the Deering Harvester Company, with which he was connected for a year. He then went to Velva, where he engaged in practicing law in partnership with Judge Palda, an association that was maintained until 1908, when Mr. Burke turned his attention to farming and for three years cultivated his lands. He then rented his farms and resumed law practice, during which period he has practiced independently. He is accorded a good clientele that connects him with much important litigation and his ability at the bar is widely recognized. He is very industrious and careful in preparing his cases and his cause is always presented in the strong, clear light of reason. His application of a legal principle is correct and judges and juries listen to him with attention. He is now a stockholder in and the attorney for the Minot Automobile Company. He is also an extensive landowner of North Dakota and he owns a fruit ranch at the foot of Mount Adams, Washington, and also a forty-acre tract of irrigated land in Texas. His investments have been wisely made and return to him a gratifying income.

On the 18th of September, 1913, Mr. Burke was united in marriage to Miss Emma W. Kottka, a native of Stillwater, Minnesota, and a daughter of Frederick and Augusta (Thiel) Kottka, both of whom were born in Germany and have passed away. They were numbered among the early residents of the Gopher state, Mr. Kottka becoming very wealthy there.

Mr. Burke is a prominent figure in fraternal circles. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is a member of El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He is also identified with the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, the Moose and the Eagles. He is the vice president of the Humane Society of Minot and he is interested in all those affairs which have to do with the welfare and upbuilding of the city. In politics he is a republican and is the present city judge of Minot, serving for the fourth year. He also presides over the juvenile court in the eighth judicial district, which was established July 1, 1915. Contrary to the ofttimes accepted opinion that the lawyer, accustomed to weighing evidence and meting out justice, possesses a cold nature, Mr. Burke is known as a most sympathetic man, ever ready to extend a helping hand and believing that there is good in every individual if it can be reached. He is well qualified to preside over the juvenile court, as he has the faculty of winning the confidence and arousing the better nature of the young delinquents who come under his jurisdiction.

JOHN R. GIBSON.

John R. Gibson, a hardware merchant of St. Thomas, was born at Cobden, Ontario, Canada, August 6, 1860, a son of Edward Gibson, a native of Ireland, who on coming to Canada settled at Gouldburn, Perth county, where he engaged in farming. He afterward became a resident of Renfrew county, Ontario, where he took up his abode in pioneer times and there met with substantial profit in carrying on farming interests. He died about 1885, at the age of fifty-five years. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Mary Rankin, was born in New Brunswick, Canada, and was of Scotch descent, representing one of the early families of New Brunswick. She died in 1872. Her family numbered three daughters and two sons, of whom John R. Gibson was the second.

In the country schools of Renfrew county John R. Gibson acquired his education and his youthful experiences were those of the farm-bred boy. On attaining his majority he left home and came to North Dakota, settling in St. Thomas, where he arrived in May, 1881. The work of initial development and upbuilding had just begun and he secured a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres in St. Thomas township prior to the time when the regular survey was made. After cultivating that land for four years he sold his farm and with a yoke of oxen drove to Benson county, where he secured a preemption claim. For two years he resided there and then disposed of his farm, after which he returned to St. Thomas and for thirteen years thereafter was engaged in the grain business. In 1903, in connection with Arthur Childerhose, he established a general merchandise store which was conducted under the firm name of Childerhose & Gibson until 1906, during which time they enjoyed a large and growing trade, developing one of the leading

establishments of the kind in the town. At the end of that period their store was destroyed by fire, after which Mr. Childerhose removed to Winnipeg and Mr. Gibson turned his attention to the hardware trade, opening the second exclusive hardware store in St. Thomas. His trade has steadily grown until it is today the leading establishment of the kind in the town. Unflinching enterprise and determination are factors in the success which has attended Mr. Gibson throughout the greater part of his business career. He has wisely used his time, talents and opportunities and his course proves that success is not a matter of genius or of fortunate circumstances, as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and indefatigable energy. In addition to his mercantile pursuits he is engaged in farming, having a quarter section of land in Midland township, Pembina county.

In Cobden, Ontario, Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Sarah Jane Childerhose, a native of Canada and a daughter of Henry and Jane (Ross) Childerhose, who became early settlers of Renfrew county, Ontario. The father was of Irish and the mother of Scotch descent and both have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson became the parents of two children: Irene, a domestic science teacher in the Park River Extension School in Walsh county; and Harry, who is attending school in Minneapolis.

Mr. Gibson is a republican in his political views, active in support of the party. He served as county treasurer for two terms, from May, 1911, until 1915, proving a faithful custodian of the public funds, and in 1906 he entered upon a two years' term as railroad commissioner of the state. In 1916 he was chairman of the republican county central committee of Pembina county and he does everything in his power to promote the success and insure the continued growth of the party. Of the Commercial Club he was one of the organizers and is still a helpful member. He is a Mason of high rank and a prominent Odd Fellow, having served for one year as grand master of the Odd Fellows lodge of North Dakota. He likewise has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Foresters and he is a member of the First Presbyterian church. His career is creditable inasmuch as his success is attributable entirely to his persistent and honorable effort. Coming to North Dakota, he reached Grand Forks with a capital of but twenty-five cents and is today numbered among the most substantial citizens of St. Thomas, a fact which has won for him the proud American title of "a self-made man."

JOHN WESTBERG.

John Westberg, an enterprising merchant of Milton, proprietor of a well equipped variety store and also engaged in the sale of clothing and groceries, has in fact one of the leading general mercantile establishments of Cavalier county. He was born May 17, 1866, in Malmo, Sweden, a son of Andrew Westberg, who on leaving Sweden in 1873 established his home near Moline, Illinois, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits to the time of his death, which occurred in 1882, when he was fifty-seven years of age. His wife, Mrs. Anna Westberg, also a native of Sweden, accompanied by her family, joined her husband in America in 1879 and passed away at Moline in 1888, at the age of sixty-one years.

Of the two sons and two daughters in that family John Westberg is the youngest. He passed through consecutive grades to the high school in Moline and when fifteen years of age put aside his textbooks to provide for his own support. He was apprenticed to the molder's trade, which he followed for three years but did not find that pursuit congenial and turned his attention to merchandising. He secured employment as a salesman in the Famous clothing store of Moline and was connected with clothing lines until 1904. For seven years of that period he was engaged in business on his own account at West Pullman, Illinois, at the end of which time he disposed of his interest and located at Valley City, North Dakota. There he was employed by Adolph Sternberg, a clothing merchant with whom he remained for four years. He afterward spent a short time at Aberdeen and subsequently took charge of the advertising and window trimming departments of the business of H. F. W. Shaller, of Watertown, with whom he remained for three years, when he became secretary of the Elks at Watertown, continuing in that connection for three years. In 1911 he arrived in

Milton and accepted the position of manager of the Cavalier County Farmers Cooperative Company, continuing in control of the business for five years or until May, 1916, when he resigned and embarked in business on his own account, establishing the first complete variety store in Cavalier county. He handles many of the same lines of goods kept in the Woolworth stores of the country and he has a large and varied assortment of merchandise, including clothing and groceries. The business has proven profitable from the beginning and is today one of the leading general merchandise establishments of the county. The store covers a floor space of twenty-five by one hundred feet and is modern in every detail.

On the 19th of March, 1897, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. Westberg was married to Miss Georgia C. Hackston, a daughter of Dr. Hackston, of Grand Forks, and they have become parents of two children but both are now deceased. In politics Mr. Westberg is a democrat and fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Grand Forks. He belongs to the Commercial Club of Milton and, believing firmly in the principle of cooperation, gives active aid to all those plans and projects which are looking toward the betterment of the community and the substantial upbuilding of the city.

ALBERT J. CLURE.

Albert J. Clure, formerly actively identified with the business interests of Bremen as a banker, was a member of the Tallman Investment Company, which owns and controls a line of ten banks, and is now assistant cashier of the Devils Lake State Bank. On the 1st of September, 1916, he disposed of his banking interests in Bremen. Through the steps of an orderly progression he has reached his present enviable position in financial and business circles in Wells county. He was born in Hastings, Minnesota, August 17, 1870, a son of Charles Clure, a native of New York, who after spending about eight years in Vermont removed to Illinois, where he remained until nineteen years of age. At that date, or in 1854, he became a resident of Hastings, Minnesota. He was a stone mason by trade and erected the Gardner flour mill and many other prominent buildings in Hastings and vicinity. He had the reputation of laying the largest stone in Minnesota and following this exploit he became well known in connection with his chosen vocation. After a time he homesteaded a quarter section of land about eleven miles south of Hastings, in Dakota county. He continued to work at his trade until the outbreak of the Civil war, at which time he joined a Minnesota regiment, going to the front as a mechanic. He served in that capacity for a period of four years, or the entire duration of the war, and following his return he proved up on his homestead and also continued to engage in work as a stone mason. He and his eldest son broke one hundred acres of his claim in 1867 and on that tract raised one thousand bushels of wheat, which sold for three dollars a bushel. St. Paul was at that time their market. They purchased machinery in St. Paul which was taken to the Mississippi river and from that point taken to Hastings. Mr. Clure remained in Hastings until 1901, at which time he removed to Long Beach, California, where he spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest from labor until called to the home beyond on the 17th of August, 1916. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Scheffer, was a native of Vermont, and they were married in Aurora, Illinois, in 1852, each having gone with their respective parents to that state about the same time. Mrs. Clure passed away December 19, 1895. Their family numbered four children. Charles Edward, the eldest, after residing in Washington, Oregon and other western states went to Alaska in 1912 and is now a banker at Petersburg, Alaska. James F. is a ranchman of Cambridge, Idaho, having one thousand acres, on which he is extensively engaged in raising cattle. Frank L. is the owner of the old homestead at Hastings, Minnesota, and is also the proprietor of a garage and is an automobile salesman.

The youngest of the family is Albert J. Clure, who attended the schools of Hastings and afterward pursued a business course at Red Wing, Minnesota. He organized the State Bank at Reynolds in 1889, when nineteen years of age, and became acting cashier of the institution, his brother taking the position of cashier in the fall of 1890, while Albert J. Clure went to Grand Forks and accepted the position of teller in the Union Bank of that

city, where he remained until 1893. At that time he became a victim of the typhoid fever epidemic which visited Grand Forks and returned to his home in Hastings, Minnesota. Upon his recovery he was advised by his physician to take outside work and became a professional baseball player, connected with the Des Moines (Iowa) team. He was also connected with the Grand Forks team for a time and with the Stewart team, a member of the Southern League. Through this outdoor life he fully recuperated and in the fall of 1897 he went to New Rockford, North Dakota, where he embarked in the implement business, carrying on his store there for eleven years, or until March, 1908. He spent the succeeding four months in rest and travel, after which he went upon the road for the La Crosse Implement Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, his territory covering the north half of North Dakota. His duties in that connection occupied his attention until December, 1909. On the 20th of that month, in connection with D. N. Tallman, of Minnesota, he entered the field of banking and organized ten different banks, including the State Bank at Luverne, North Dakota, the Sutton State Bank, the Juanita State Bank, the Brantford State Bank, the State Bank at Bremen and the State Banks at Heimdal, Selz, Aylmer, Guthrie and Simcoe. The syndicate at one time had a line of thirty-seven banks in the state. These banks are capitalized at ten thousand dollars each and the business is conducted under the name of the Tallman Investment Company. Mr. Clure is also interested in farm lands and in everything that he does he displays a spirit of marked enterprise, keenly alert to the business opportunities which are developed in a growing country. He is never afraid to venture where favoring opportunity leads the way and his progressiveness has accomplished splendid results.

On the 21st of December, 1898, Mr. Clure was married to Miss Winifred E. Fowler, a native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, born March 5, 1882, and a daughter of Eaton and Nellie Fowler, the latter a native of Minnesota. She is now living at Long Beach, California, but Mr. Fowler passed away at Oakland, that state. To Mr. and Mrs. Clure have been born three children: Albert E., who was born June 1, 1901; Dorothea E., born December 1, 1903; and Mary E., born August 1, 1916.

Mr. Clure votes with the republican party but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has membership in New Rockford Camp, No. 2214, M. W. A., and he and his family are members of the Baptist church. Fortunate in possessing character and ability that inspire confidence in others, the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important business relations, and through his banking operations he has contributed much to the development and upbuilding of the state.

W. E. HOCKING, D. D. S.

Dr. W. E. Hocking, the senior partner in the well known firm of Hocking & Hocking, dental surgeons at Devils Lake, exemplifies in his practice the most progressive methods of the profession and at all times keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and scientific investigation in the field of dental practice. Dr. Hocking has been a lifelong resident of North Dakota. He was born in Wheatland, Cass county, on the 17th of September, 1882, a son of J. S. and Mary J. (Matters) Hocking. The father came to Dakota territory in the '70s and homesteaded in Cass county before the building of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He aided much in the pioneer development of the district and for a long period was there identified with agricultural pursuits. He passed away in 1915 and is still survived by his widow.

W. E. Hocking supplemented his public school training by study in the normal school at Mayville and afterward taught for a year as principal of the high school at Bisbee, but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor. He determined to make the practice of dentistry his life work and with that end in view entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906. Immediately afterward he came to Devils Lake, where he has since remained covering a period of more than a decade and in the interim he has built up a gratifying and steadily growing practice. His high professional attainments are indicated in the fact that he has been



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made secretary of the state board of dental examiners, in which capacity he is now serving and he is also a member of the North Dakota State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

In March, 1909, Dr. Hocking was united in marriage to Miss Lee Anna Fitzgerald. They are members of the Episcopal church and Dr. Hocking belongs also to the Masonic fraternity, passing upward through both routes so that he is now a Knight Templar and a consistory Mason. In politics he is a stalwart republican and is serving as a member of the city commission, having charge of the police and fire departments. For a number of years he was secretary of the Chautauqua Association at Devils Lake and did much to furnish to the city attractive and instructive entertainment, making the Chautauqua an element of cultural value in Ramsey county. It is a recognized fact that Dr. Hocking always follows the better part and that his influence and aid are given to the side of progress and improvement at all times.

HON. JOHN L. CASHEL.

John L. Cashel of Grafton, North Dakota, has filled and is filling a prominent position in the business world. A native of New York city, he was born June 24, 1848, and was the youngest of the four children of Andrew and Mary Ann (Lyons) Cashel, who were natives of Ireland, as were their three eldest children. Coming to America in 1847, they settled in New York city but after a brief period removed to Ohio, where the father carried on farming until 1857. He then established his home in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits to the time of his death. The district in which he settled was a western wilderness at that period and he aided largely in converting it into a productive farming region. He was a very practical man in all that he accomplished and his labors brought substantial results. He was a democrat in his political views and he passed away November 1, 1892, at the age of eighty-one years, in the faith of the Roman Catholic church. His wife had departed this life in 1859. Of their children but two are now living. A daughter, Catherine T. Cashel, is a resident of Enid, Oklahoma.

John L. Cashel, the surviving son, was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin, in the Wayland University at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and in the State University, also pursuing a commercial course at La Crosse, Wisconsin. His early experiences were those of the farm bred boy and when he started out independently he taught in the public schools of Buffalo county, Wisconsin, for four years. In 1871 he became principal of the La Crosse Business College, in which he purchased a half interest and with which he was successfully identified for five years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to merchandising at Rochester, Minnesota, where he remained for two years and afterward engaged in the real estate and abstract business at Faribault, Minnesota, for three years. On the 31st of August, 1881, he arrived in Grafton, territory of Dakota, when the city contained a population of less than one hundred and before the advent of the railroad. However, he had the prescience to discern something of what the future had in store for this growing western district; he organized and established the first bank in the county, called the Walsh County Bank, continuing the business under that name until it was merged into the First National Bank on the first of January, 1883. Mr. Cashel at that time became cashier and so continued for twenty-eight years, after which he occupied the presidency for three years. In 1906 he was elected president of the State Bankers Association. He organized the Scandinavian-American Bank on the 14th of November, 1913, and has continuously served as its president. He still remains a large stockholder in the First National Bank, he also has investments in various corporate interests, while his land holdings are extensive. He has shown keen discernment in extending his business relations and his interests today make him one of the prominent factors in the material development and upbuilding of the district in which he lives.

At La Crosse, Wisconsin, on the 1st of September, 1874, Mr. Cashel was married to Miss Margaret Morris, a native of that place and a descendant of one of its old families, her father, Thomas Morris, being a prominent pioneer merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs.

Cashel have two sons. Morris J., who was born November 4, 1884, the day of President Cleveland's first election, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and is now assistant cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Grafton. John L., who was born June 19, 1886, and was graduated from the law department of Yale University with the LL. B. degree, is engaged in active law practice at Grafton, North Dakota.

Mr. Cashel is a strong believer in education and has given to his sons excellent opportunities along that line. For seventeen years he was president of the board of education of Grafton and a member of the board for nineteen years. He served for six years as a member of the city council and has always exercised his official prerogatives in support of measures for the public good. His first presidential vote was cast for U. S. Grant in 1872 and he supported the republican party until 1893, since which time he has been a staunch democrat. For twenty years he was in the state senate and has left the impress of his individuality and ability in large measure upon North Dakota legislation. He is the author of many important laws on the statute books. He was chairman of the democratic state central committee from 1906 until 1910 and in 1908 he was a candidate at the primary for the United States senate, carrying more than forty-four counties in the state. He was one of the three delegates, with the governor, from this state, to attend the conference of the governors of the states called by the president at the White House, Washington, D. C., May 13, 14 and 15, 1908, to consider the "Conservation of Natural Resources." He was a delegate to the democratic national convention at St. Louis in 1916. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church and has taken the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus. For five years he filled the office of president of the Commercial Club of Grafton, of which he is still a member, and for five years he was president of the Red River Valley Drainage League. All these associations and activities prove how broad are his interests and how important has been his service to the public. He has ever recognized the possibilities of the country and has labored to realize these to the fullest, his efforts at all times being an element in the advancement of the material, intellectual, social, political and moral welfare of Walsh county, in particular, and North Dakota in general.

THOMAS M. MURPHY.

Thomas M. Murphy, a well known resident of Sanborn, now living retired, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, November 10, 1845, and of that county his parents, Michael and Catherine (Campbell) Murphy, and his grandfather, Thomas Murphy, were also natives. The family were farming people and to that pursuit the father devoted his energies until called to his final rest in November, 1879, when seventy-four years of age.

Thomas M. Murphy, the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, spent his youthful days in Ireland to the age of sixteen years, when in 1861 he and his eldest brother came to America, to which country the eldest sister had previously emigrated in 1852, making her home with her uncle, William Murphy, at Michigan City, Indiana. She was married in La Fayette, Indiana, to John McNicholas and later removed to Wyandotte county, Kansas, where she lived for some time and then went with her husband to Denver, Colorado, where she passed away in March, 1882, while Mr. McNicholas died in 1884. When Thomas M. Murphy and his brother came to the United States in 1861 they settled in Queens county, Long Island, where both worked on a farm from the 16th of June until the 17th of August. Not having definite information concerning their sister, they went to Indiana but remained for only a few weeks, learning that their sister had gone to Wyandotte, Kansas, whither they also proceeded. The brother of Thomas M. Murphy afterward removed to Missouri, where he engaged in farming until 1872, when he became a resident of Ottertail county, Minnesota, making his home in that state until his death, which occurred in May, 1908.

Thomas M. Murphy remained for two years in Kansas and then went to Illinois, where he spent a year. In September, 1870, he removed to Minnesota, having entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. He ran a work train and kept along the line as construction continued, remaining in the employ of the railroad until 1897. He won

advancement from time to time and was in charge of track and trains of the Dakota division, while for some time he served as conductor, also as a track foreman and as road master. While thus employed he met all the prominent men of the early days, including General George A. Custer and many others of note. In May, 1883, he removed to Sanborn, where he has since made his home.

On the 5th of November, 1875, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Catherine O'Gorman, who was born in Dakota county, Minnesota, in January, 1858, a daughter of John and Mary O'Gorman. She passed away in 1893. The children of that marriage were nine in number but five died in infancy. William, born in Hobart, Minnesota, September 28, 1878, was educated in the public schools and the State Normal School at Valley City, from which he was graduated in 1895, being the youngest to complete the course in that institution from its opening to the present time. He is now president of its alumni society for the year 1916-17. After his graduation he taught school at Buffalo and at Litchville, North Dakota, until his marriage on the 30th of October, 1903, to Miss Anna Bertha Riedman, of Batavia, New York, a daughter of Frederick Riedman, who came to Dakota in 1884. The children of this marriage are Maria, Gordon and James. After his marriage William Murphy engaged in farming for some time and in 1906 established an implement business in Sanborn, carrying a large line of general farm machinery and representing various leading firms of manufacturers. He has taken an active part in political affairs as a supporter of the republican party and is a brilliant, clever and genial man. For several years he has been justice of the peace and chairman of the board of trustees of the town of Sanborn. He was chief of the fire department for four years and is a life member of the North Dakota Firemen's Association. John, the next of the family, is secretary of the state prison at Bismarck. Henry T. is engaged in the insurance business at Bismarck in partnership with C. B. Little, president of the First National Bank there. Both John and Henry were members of Company G, North Dakota National Guard, and saw active service in the Philippines at the time of the Spanish-American war. Michael Bernard is now in the employ of the government at Point Fermin, California.

Mr. Murphy has a complete record of his ancestry back to 1798. His great-grandfather, James Murphy, whose wife was Bridget Murphy, and his maternal grandfather, Patrick Campbell, both took part in the rebellion of 1798. Mr. Murphy has always been a wide reader and student of history and is a man of much more than ordinary intelligence. He discusses in interesting manner all the leading and vital questions and issues of the day when appealed to for his opinion and his sons seem to have inherited his splendid mental traits.

ALBERT HENRY MAKEE.

Albert Henry Makee, cashier of the First International Bank at Noonan, was born in Laporte City, Iowa, October 11, 1873, a son of William H. and Mary A. (Perry) Makee. The father was born at Rochester, New York, August 16, 1840, and when but five years of age was taken to Watertown, Wisconsin, where he was reared to the age of twelve. In 1852 he became a resident of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and in the schools of that state pursued his education. In 1861 he enlisted in the Mechanics Fusiliers under Captain Bates of Company D and with that command remained for six months, being on duty at Camp Douglas in Chicago, where he was honorably discharged at the end of a half year, although his term of enlistment was for but ninety days. He then returned to Manitowoc and once more offered his services to the country, joining Company D of the Twenty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and eleven months, participating in the siege of Vicksburg and the fighting along the Mississippi river. He was at Jenkins Ferry, also at Saline River, Arkansas, and at Little Rock. He was promoted to the rank of corporal, sergeant and first sergeant and was offered the commission of captain in one of the negro regiments but did not accept.

After the war William H. Makee returned to Laporte City, Iowa, where he engaged in merchandising as a dealer in groceries, boots and shoes and drugs. At length he sold

out all but the drug department and concentrated his energies upon the further upbuilding of that business until 1878, when he disposed of his store and removed to Fargo, North Dakota. There he engaged in the wholesale grocery business as manager of Raymond & Kingman, with whom he remained for three years. He afterward established a large general store at Devils Lake, North Dakota, in 1881, continuing in business there until 1884, when he removed to the Turtle mountains of North Dakota, in which district he opened a general store in what is now the town of Dunseith. He was a pioneer of that country when it was a wilderness, its inhabitants being the Indians and the few cowboys who rode the range. There he continued until 1893, when he was appointed collector of customs at the town of Portal, North Dakota,—a port of entry on the Canadian line. In 1895 he removed to Kenmare, Ward county, and established the first business house there—a drug store which he conducted until August, 1916, when he closed out and retired from active life, still making his home, however, in Kenmare. While at Dunseith in the Turtle mountains, in the early days, there was so much disturbance by the Indians and the border ruffians "shooting up the town" that he organized two troops of cavalry, known as Troops A and B of the Dakota Territory National Guard, and was appointed major, commanding these troops, who did service in keeping down the outlaws and quelling the Indian uprisings. He is known as Major Makee to all the pioneer residents of North Dakota and in this and other connections became widely known throughout the state. While at Dunseith a man robbed the bank in daylight, forced the cashier at the point of a gun to give up the money, thanked him for it and rode away. He afterward returned, robbed a store, shot a clerk and left town with most of the villagers chasing him, but he gave his pursuers the slip and doubled back to town, riding up to the door of Major Makee's store. The Major picked up his old reliable army carbine, which the robber ordered him to drop. The order had no effect; on the contrary he fired at the desperado, who also fired at him. The two shots were simultaneous, but the Major's bullet hit the robber in the arm and his rifle fell to the floor. He fled and hid in a log shack. Major Makee and a few others went in pursuit. The man still had two pistols and a pistol battle took place in which the culprit was slain. Major Makee was appointed a colonel on the staff of Governor Shortridge and also served as colonel on the staff of Governor John Burke for six years. In his official capacity he took part in the launching of the battleship North Dakota. In his political views he was a republican in early manhood, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, but since the Civil war has been a democrat.

Major Makee was united in marriage to Miss Mary Alice Perry, who was born in Bangor, Maine, and pursued her education in the schools of that state. She is a direct descendant of Commodore Perry and her father bore the name of Oliver Hazard Perry. The marriage of Major and Mrs. Makee was celebrated at Laporte City, Iowa, and they have become parents of four children: Galen Perry, Francis, Albert H. and Lendal R.

Albert H. Makee began his education in the schools of Laporte City, Iowa, and continued his studies in Fargo, in the high school at Dunseith and in the State Normal School at Valley City. He engaged in farming and stock raising on his father's ranch in the Turtle mountains and entered commercial circles in 1900, when he and his brother, under the firm style of Makee Brothers, established a lumberyard at Portal. There he remained until 1906, when he sold out and went to Kermit, where he was cashier of the First International Bank until 1907. In that year he organized the First International Bank at Noonan, and has since been its cashier, contributing in large measure to its success. He is a wide-awake business man, always ready to meet an emergency in a business situation and devise plans toward the development of the interests entrusted to his care. He carefully safeguards the depositors by his business policy and at the same time does not hamper progressiveness by an undue conservatism. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Makee has operated largely in land and sold thirty-six quarter sections in 1915. His efforts in this direction have also been an element in the development of the county.

In 1897 Mr. Makee was married to Miss Ida Carlson, of Oxbow, Saskatchewan, Canada, who was born in Winnipeg, Canada, and was left an orphan during her early girlhood. Her education was acquired at Minot, North Dakota, and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children: William Perry, born at Portal; Lendal Billings; Fayette Albert; and Esther May.

In politics Mr. Makee is a republican and for two years, under appointment of Governor Burke, filled the office of county commissioner of Divide county following the organization of the county. He is now president of the school board of Noonan. Fraternally he is connected with Crosby Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M., and has taken the Scottish Rite degrees at Grand Forks, where he also has membership in Ken Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Fraternally he is connected with Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. He is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Divide county, his business ability, his enterprise and his public spirit making him widely and favorably known.

THOMAS DEVANEY.

• Thomas Devaney, practicing law at Langdon, was born March 14, 1875, at Kimball, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Mary Jane (Bowell) Devaney, who were natives of Ireland and England respectively. The former came to America about 1860 and settled at Kimball, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1880 he arrived in North Dakota, establishing his home at Carlisle, Pembina county, in the month of March as one of the pioneer settlers there. He was a stone cutter by trade but homesteaded on one hundred and sixty acres in Carlisle township where he carried on farming until 1905. After retiring from active business life he removed to Boise, Idaho, where he enjoyed the fruits of his former toil until he passed away August 11, 1915, at the age of seventy years. He was a strong democrat and took an active part in politics and upbuilding civic standards, but never sought nor desired political office. During the Civil war he proffered his services to the government but could not pass the necessary physical examination. In religious faith he was a devout Roman Catholic. His wife, a native of England, came with her parents to America in 1845, spending six weeks en route on a sailing vessel. Her father became a farmer in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death, and in that county his daughter Mary Jane became acquainted with John Devaney who sought her hand in marriage. She died at Eugene, Oregon, November 4, 1916, and was buried at Boise, Idaho, beside her husband.

In their family were fourteen children of whom seven are living. Thomas Devaney being the second of this number. He was but five years of age when his parents came to North Dakota so that he was reared on the western frontier. He attended the district schools of Pembina county and the high school at Neche through two winter seasons. During the spring term of 1895 he attended Hamilton high school and in January 1896 entered the State University of North Dakota from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in June 1901. With the broad literary education to serve as a foundation on which to build professional knowledge, he took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar December 11, 1909. In the meantime, after leaving the State University, he entered upon the profession of teaching at Langdon in the fall of 1901 and taught school for a year. He then took up a homestead in Henderson township, Cavalier county, and engaged in farming thereon for fourteen months, thus winning his title to the property. In 1903 he removed to Langdon and secured a position in the office of the register of deeds. He also spent three and one-half years as office deputy to the sheriff and while thus engaged pursued his studies in law under the direction of W. D. Dickson. After passing the state examination he entered into partnership with his former preceptor under the firm style of Dickson & Devaney, which relation continued until June 1, 1915, since which time Mr. Devaney has remained alone in the practice of law and has built up a very gratifying practice that has connected him with much important litigation. He is a member of both the county and state bar associations and believes in maintaining a high professional standard.

On July 14, 1903, Mr. Devaney was married to Miss Maude S. Sanford, a native of Toledo, Ohio. Her father was a native of New York and of Irish descent. Her mother was born in Canada. She attended the university of North Dakota and graduated in June 1902 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. and Mrs. Devaney have a son, Thomas Edwin, born in Langdon October 1, 1910. Mr. Devaney belongs also to the Knights of Pythias lodge in which he has passed all the chairs becoming chancellor commander. He had a military training covering three years' cadet service at the University of North Dakota and became

captain of Company "B" of university cadets. He joined his company as a private, the second year was made corporal and later he worked his way upward through various promotions to the rank of captain. He belongs to the Commercial Club and in politics is an active, stalwart republican. He has served as justice of the peace in Cavalier county since 1909 and is also city attorney of Langdon, having been appointed in June 1915 to succeed his former partner who is now registrar of the United States Land Office at Dickinson, North Dakota. Practically his entire life has been spent in this state, his residence here covering more than thirty-six years. He has, therefore, witnessed much of its growth and transformation and at all times he has been actively interested in maintaining the highest standards for the commonwealth.

C. E. HARDING.

C. E. Harding, owner and publisher of the Sun at Churchs Ferry, was born in Sibley, Iowa, in December, 1877, a son of O. B. and Emma (Moyer) Harding, both of whom are now living. He acquired a public school education in Iowa, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, while later he became a student in Morningside College at Sioux City, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the Ph. B. degree in June, 1905. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for six years, and for three years was superintendent of schools at Churchs Ferry. He has been engaged in the newspaper business for the past three years, owning and publishing the Sun, which is an independent journal.

On the 24th of May, 1906, Mr. Harding was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Van Horne and they have become the parents of three children, Genevieve, Charles and Cedric. Mr. Harding is a Methodist in religious faith and fraternally is connected with the Masonic lodge, with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. In politics he is a republican, but votes for men and measures rather than party. By President Wilson he was appointed postmaster of Churchs Ferry and is now occupying that position. He is interested in farm lands and is a believer in the future of North Dakota, recognizing the fact that modern scientific methods are rapidly developing her resources and promoting the progress of the state. In all plans for the general good he is interested and he is particularly staunch in his championship of the good roads movement.

HENDRICK A. RYGH.

Hendrick A. Rygh, president of the First National Bank of Cavalier, has through a progressive policy, tempered by safe conservatism, built up one of the leading financial institutions of the northeastern part of the state. He was born in Ottertail, Minnesota, August 8, 1868, a son of Taral and Inger Rygh, who were natives of Norway. Coming to America in 1864, they settled near Decorah, Iowa, and in 1867 removed to Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming. Subsequently he turned his attention to merchandising in Ottertail, Minnesota, where he remained in business up to the time of his death, when he was sixty-four years of age. For eight years he was survived by his wife, who died at the age of eighty-four years.

Hendrick A. Rygh, their only surviving child, acquired a public school education in Minnesota and then entered the Chicago University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1891. He afterward took up the study of law in the University of Chicago and also pursued his reading in night schools. After leaving school he entered mercantile circles at Litchfield, Minnesota, where he remained in business for seven years and then turned his attention to the loan brokerage business in that state. Three years later, or in 1907, he removed to Cavalier, North Dakota, and bought out the State Bank, which he reorganized and converted into the First National Bank, of which he has since been the president. This is one of the leading banks of the northeastern part of the state. It has a paid-up capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and has large deposits. The business



HENDRICK A. RYGH

is conducted according to the most modern methods of banking and yet its policy allows of no unwarranted risks. Mr. Rygh is also a director of the Mountain State Bank at Mountain, North Dakota, and he is extensively engaged in farming, having large tracts of land which he has brought under a high state of development and improvement. In business affairs his judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his enterprise unflinching.

In September, 1895, at Lake Park, Minnesota, Mr. Rygh was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Olsen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olsen, pioneer settlers of North Dakota. There are two sons by this marriage: Milton, who was born in Dalton, Minnesota, in 1899 and is now a senior in the high school of Cavalier; and Clarence, who was born in Litchfield, Minnesota, in 1901 and is also attending school.

Fraternally Mr. Rygh is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church. He is fond of literature and one of the attractive features of his pleasant home is his fine library. In the Rygh home hospitality reigns supreme and its good cheer is greatly enjoyed by the many friends of the family. Mr. Rygh is justly accounted one of the foremost business men of Cavalier and his section of the state, and while promoting individual interests he has always maintained an attitude in public affairs that has rendered his labors an element in general progress and prosperity.

MRS. ISABELLA CAVILEER.

No history of northern North Dakota would be complete and satisfactory without mention of Mrs. Isabella Cavileer, whose identification with that part of the country dates from its earliest pioneer development. She was born August 7, 1840, in the Selkirk settlement in Frog Plain parish of Manitoba. Her father, Donald Murray, was a native of Scotland and in 1812 went to Winnipeg, Canada, with his parents and their family, which numbered six children. His parents were Alexander and Isabella (Murray) Murray, who, though of the same name, were not related. Mr. Murray, the grandfather of Mrs. Cavileer, did not come to the northwest as a colonist. Donald Murray became one of the merchants and importers of Winnipeg and spent his entire life in that locality, passing away in 1889 at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Mary Heron, was a daughter of Charles Francis Heron, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years, passing away March 29, 1885.

Mrs. Cavileer was the eldest of their twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. She was educated in private schools of Winnipeg, her instructor being a descendant of Sir Isaac Richard Prichard, grandfather of the present archbishop of Manitoba, the Rev. Samuel Matheson. It was on the 13th of March, 1856, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, that Isabella Murray became the wife of Charles T. Cavileer, a native of Springfield, Ohio, and of French descent. He was one of six brothers, two of whom became residents of England and two of Canada, while two remained in the United States. Charles T. Cavileer was born March 6, 1818, in Springfield, Ohio, and was reared as one of a large family of sons and daughters in a spacious and lovely home that stood in the fashionable part of Springfield until just two years prior to the death of Mr. Cavileer, when it was torn down.

When seventeen years of age he left the parental roof and went to the home of his uncle, Charles Constable, a lawyer of Mount Carmel, Illinois. There he entered upon an apprenticeship to the saddlery trade, which he thoroughly mastered, becoming an expert workman in that line. Times were hard and he wrote home: "To be serious, father, prospects here are blacker than midnight. Our bank here is about winding up. The state has no credit at hand, and fifty per cent worse abroad. We are in a squall, breakers ahead, behind, and all around us, and a 'loco foco' legislature at the helm, and my staying here is quite out of the question." Making his way northward to Red Rock, near St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. Cavileer then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land there but lost it through the dishonesty of another. Later he invested in other property and became the owner of twelve hundred acres, including the site of the Merchants Hotel and the Union depot of St. Paul. He also owned the first harness shop in St. Paul and in association with Dr. Dewey

established the first drug store there. While associated with the Doctor he studied medicine and became the possessor of the best collection of medical books in the northwest. In 1849 he was appointed the first territorial librarian of Minnesota by Governor Ramsey and was also corresponding librarian of Madison, Wisconsin, in 1854. During his time in St. Paul he roamed about the Great Lakes and around Duluth and became largely familiar with the northwest and its opportunities. It was while he was in St. Paul that his father's death occurred and his appreciation of his father is shown in a letter which he wrote to his sister, in which he spoke of receiving letters and clippings "containing the afflicting intelligence of father's death, and however long I may have been from home, you may well believe it was sad and distressing news. In the short period of my existence, I have seen something of human nature, probably more of the bad than good, and in my comparison of men, I have always placed father with the good and best. Nor do I believe that I judged him with partial eyes because he was my father, but from my notions of men's duties to their God and fellow-beings, from their usefulness as good and upright citizens, have I considered him an example worthy to pattern after, and it has always been my highest ambition to be just like him, and to live as he has lived and die as he has died is my first prayer."

In 1851 Mr. Cavileer removed to Pembina, North Dakota, to accept the position of collector of customs for the United States government. At that time his wife and a clerk were the only English-speaking people of the place. Mr. Cavileer continued in the government service until 1884 but in 1864 was postmaster. In the early period of his residence at Pembina he entered into an agreement with William H. Forbes and Norman W. Kittson, of the firm of Forbes & Kittson of St. Paul, Minnesota, to carry on a trade at Pembina, then in Minnesota territory, and through the Red River Settlements, British possessions, with the Indians, halfbreeds and whites, for the Minnesota firm, and the agreement furthermore states that he was to have one-half of the profits or be equally responsible for one-half of the losses, should such be incurred. Even prior to that time, for perhaps a period of three years, Mr. Cavileer had been connected with the firm. In 1851, because of high waters, Mr. Kittson had been forced to remove the store, taking his goods on barges borrowed from the Hudson's Bay Company, with another barge for the household goods and the family. The Red River and all its tributaries were at their highest flood. At length they reached Point Michael, now Hyde Park, and four miles from there were met by carts which conveyed them to Wallhalla, then known as St. Joseph. There a store of hewn oak logs had been erected, a story and a half high. There was a large room in front for the merchandise, with an ample room at the back for the storage of pemmican, dried meats, buffalo robes and all articles of provision. Near by was a commodious log house for the family.

It was after Mr. Kittson left there in June, 1853, that Mr. Cavileer was appointed to take charge, and with all of his effects he left Pembina for St. Joseph, where he prepared for the conveying of furs and other supplies from St. Joseph to St. Paul. They traveled with a "brigade" of from eighty to ninety carts, starting between the 20th and the 25th of June. No such trip was ever completed in less than twenty-two days, while the longest covered thirty-six days—occasioned by the high waters. One man would have charge of four teams, and ten packs or about one thousand pounds were loaded in each cart. Ten buffalo robes, five hundred muskrat or five hundred miuk skins made a pack. Buffalo robes sold at that time for twelve dollars a skin. The highest number of lynx taken in one season was four thousand and of martens seven hundred, and fishers four hundred. From two to four thousand wolves, mostly of the prairie variety, were killed each year, together with a few timber wolves. Mr. Cavileer saw as many as three hundred prairie wolves in one pack on the outskirts of a herd of buffalo. Black, brown and grizzly bears were killed to the number of from twenty-five to fifty in a season. The furs were sold to a New York buyer who met the carts in St. Paul, and the amount of the annual sale reached about sixty thousand dollars. Although the trip, viewed from the standpoint of modern rapid travel, might now seem irksome, it yet had many charms, for sometimes the air was black with ducks, affording excellent hunting, and all the streams were filled with fine fish. They traveled in the cool of the morning and evening and rested in the heat of the day. The men pitched their tents at night, going into camp between six and seven o'clock. They breakfasted at two o'clock in the morning and then started about their packing. The experiences were indeed many, sometimes hard and oftentimes pleasant. In those days the red men were far more numerous

than the white settlers and great indeed have been the changes which have occurred, bringing about modern development and progressiveness.

Mr. Cavileer passed away in Pembina in 1902, at the age of about eighty-five years, and thus was called from this life one who had long been a prominent and honored figure in North Dakota, contributing in large measure to its upbuilding and settlement. While in Mount Carmel, Illinois, he had been a warm personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and in the long winter evenings they frequently whiled away the hours with a game of euchre.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cavileer were born five children: Sarah Jane, who was born in Winnipeg and is now deceased; Edmond K., who was born in 1858 and passed away in 1915; William McMurray, who was born February 12, 1859, and died in St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul, June 6, 1896; Albert Donald, who was born at Winnipeg, October 4, 1861, and is now postmaster of Pembina; and Lulah Belle, to whom we are indebted for the material concerning her parents. The wedding journey of her parents consisted of a trip from St. Joseph to St. Paul, beginning on the 10th of June, 1856, while on the 4th of July they reached their destination. While en route they met three hundred Chippewas who were starting out to fight the Sioux. There was no phase of life on the western frontier with which Mr. Cavileer was not familiar. His memory compassed the period of the early days when the Hudson's Bay traders ruled this section of the country down to the period of modern-day progress and development. He was a man of many splendid traits of character and among his admirable qualities was his friendship for the poor. They could always rely upon him and at every possible opportunity he extended to them a helping hand, ever feeling that it was more blessed to give than receive. He was singularly free from greed and never looked for it in his fellowmen.

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'this was a man.'"

HENRY TRUELSEN.

Henry Truelsen, a mine owner residing at Zenith, was born in Schleswig, Germany, October 20, 1844, a son of John F. and Magdalena (Dienhoff) Truelsen, who were also natives of the fatherland, where they spent their entire lives. Mr. Truelsen was a blacksmith by trade. In their family were four children.

Henry Truelsen attended the schools of his native town and was confirmed in the Lutheran church at the age of fifteen years. He earned his first money as waiter and shoe boy in a hotel in his native village when fourteen years of age, working mornings and evenings, while during the daytime he attended school. He received twelve dollars and his board as his wage for the year. The next five years were spent as an apprentice in a grocery store, where he received his board but no salary. He suffered many hardships during that period, working from daylight until dark, and becoming convinced that he would have better opportunities in the new world, he sailed for the United States in 1866, settling first at Eagle River, Michigan, where he was employed as bookkeeper by John H. Hanson. Three years later he removed to Duluth, Minnesota, which town had an assured future as the result of the authorized construction of the Lake Superior & Mississippi River Railroad. At the time that Mr. Truelsen first saw it, on the 8th of May, 1869, however, it was a small hamlet. He had neither friends nor capital when he arrived in Duluth and he accepted the first job which he could secure, that of mixing mortar for a plastering firm. Later he went to work on the railroad and subsequently was employed in a stone quarry. He next entered into partnership with Michael Pastoret in the grocery business in June, 1870, which partnership was dissolved in the winter, 1871. Later Mr. Truelsen added a stock of general merchandise, conducting business alone for a number of years until 1885. In 1880 he secured an interest in the Duluth Fish Company and did a big business in that connection until 1886, when the company sold out to A. Booth & Son. Not only did Mr. Truelsen become one of the prominent and representative business men of Duluth but was also a

prominent and active factor in political circles. He was for four terms alderman of Duluth and in 1886 was chosen sheriff of St. Louis county. From 1891 to 1894 he was president of the board of public works of Duluth. In 1896 he was elected mayor of the city, having a majority of seven hundred and seventy-nine votes over the republican candidate after one of the hottest campaigns ever witnessed in the city. All of the daily papers were out against him, but the public recognized his ability and popular suffrage put him in office. He continued as chief executive of Duluth from 1896 until 1900 and later was twice again a candidate for mayor, being defeated by only four votes each time. Three years ago he returned to Duluth, where he did active campaign work for some of his friends in that city. He was a well known and prominent figure in politics in Duluth for seventeen years. He is a natural leader of men, which was shown in the fact that he was successful in his effort to obtain for Duluth a splendid waterworks system, although he was opposed in this field by all the daily papers of the city as well as the machine politics then controlling Duluth. This fight Duluth will not soon forget nor the man who made it and the city will profit by his efforts for years to come.

Having heard that North Dakota lands were selling for a dollar and a quarter per acre and knowing of the mining and coal possibilities of the state, Mr. Truelsen started an investigation in connection with other Duluth citizens, the result of which was that he and Hansen E. Smith, of Duluth, opened the Zenith coal mine. On the 1st of April, 1914, their interests were consolidated with those of the Dakota Fuel Company, with headquarters in Dickinson, W. L. Richards being president of that company. Mr. Truelsen has been a stockholder and manager for that company for the past fourteen years and is regarded as an expert in connection with mining interests. He is a healthy, robust man of seventy-two years and says that his excellent health is due to the busy life that he has led. He became one of the two town site owners of Zenith, which was laid out in 1910, and he is also president of the Farmers Elevator of Zenith.

In 1866 Mr. Truelsen was united in marriage to Miss Henriette Hansen, of Eagle River, Michigan, who died May 26, 1895. They became the parents of nine children, of whom five are yet living, Magdalena, Henry, Ida, August and Mary.

Mr. Truelsen is a man of marked determination who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and his course is always the result of earnest deliberation. Every community in which he has lived has profited by his efforts and his cooperation is now a strong force in the development of the lignite coal interests of the state.

RICHARD S. JOHNSTONE.

Richard S. Johnstone, vice president of the First National Bank of Ashley, North Dakota, was born in St. Marys, Elk county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1868, and is a son of Charles S. and Ellen (Simpson) Johnstone, natives of Scotland, where they were reared and married. After the birth of two of their children they came to the United States in January, 1867, and located in Barclay, Bradford county, Pennsylvania. In Scotland the father was employed as a miner and he continued to follow that occupation for a number of years after his emigration to America. In the spring of 1885 he came to North Dakota and preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land in McIntosh county, but in 1887 he went to Birmingham, Alabama, where he spent fourteen months. He took up a quarter section in McIntosh county, North Dakota, as a tree claim and continued to reside upon his farm for seventeen years, successfully engaging in its operation. In 1902 he removed to Ashley and had charge of the Ashley Milling Company from 1906 to 1909. He remained in Ashley until September, 1916, when he removed to Mandan, where he now makes his home. He is vice president and general manager of the Merchants National Bank there. He became a heavy holder of farm lands, much of which he still owns, and since making his home in this state he has steadily prospered, becoming one of the well-to-do and substantial men of his community.

In the state of his nativity Richard S. Johnstone was practically reared and educated in much the usual manner, and in 1885 accompanied his parents on their removal to North

Dakota. In 1911, in connection with his father and brother Thomas S., he bought the Union State Bank of Ashley, which was founded in 1906 by R. R. Hedtke and G. E. Gross. When it came into possession of the Johnstones, Thomas S. was made president; Charles S., the father, vice president; and Richard S., cashier. On the 17th of June, 1916, it was converted into the First National Bank of Ashley and is today one of the most reliable moneyed institutions of that section of the state. The first published statement of the bank's resources after its purchase by the present firm showed a total business of ninety-two thousand, four hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-one cents, while the last statement showed a total business of three hundred and sixty-eight thousand, six hundred dollars. Its progress has been steady and reliable and the men at the head of the institution are among the most substantial business men of McIntosh county.

On the 26th of October, 1894, Richard S. Johnstone was united in marriage to Miss Bertha I. Cottrell, of Ashley, who is a native of Ohio, and they have become the parents of seven children, those still living being: Edgar C., assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank at Mandan; and Richie A., Ambrose, Valentina, Bruce and Irene, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone are prominent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Ashley and he is a member of its official board. In politics he is a republican and has served for two years on the village board and for the same length of time on the school board. He is one of the leading and representative citizens of Ashley, occupying a prominent position in business and financial circles, and his genuine worth is widely recognized. Besides his interest in the First National Bank he is also vice president of the German American State Bank of Linton, North Dakota, and vice president and manager of the Merchants National at Mandan.

H. G. HALVERSON.

H. G. Halverson, who has filled the important position of cashier of the First National Bank of Milton since 1903 and is one of the leading business men of the town, was born in Norway on the 22d of October, 1868, his parents being Gulbrand and Ingeborg Halverson. He was only a year old, however, when the family came to the United States, the voyage being made on a sailing vessel in 1869, and they located at Rushford, Fillmore county, Minnesota, where the father engaged in business as a carpenter and builder and also as a wagon manufacturer. In 1881 he removed to Mayville, North Dakota, and erected the first building in that town, making his home there until his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was sixty-seven years of age. The mother of our subject is still living and has now reached the age of seventy-three. In the family were ten children but only four survive, H. G. Halverson being the second in order of birth. The others are Mrs. M. M. Elken and Mrs. G. F. Morey, both residents of Mayville; and Ben Halverson, of Hatton, North Dakota.

As soon as he attained a sufficient age, H. G. Halverson entered the public schools of Rushford, Minnesota, and after the removal of the family to Mayville, North Dakota, he attended school there. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in clerking in the latter city for several years, and subsequently went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was employed as bookkeeper for a time. On his return to North Dakota, he entered a bank at Mayville, where he remained until his removal to Milton in 1903. He has since served as cashier of the First National Bank at that place and today occupies a foremost position among the bankers of Cavalier county.

In June, 1901, Mr. Halverson was married in Mayville to Miss Emily Carhart, a daughter of Joseph Carhart, who was president of the State Normal School at that place. Mr. Carhart came originally from Indiana and was one of the pioneers of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Halverson have five children, the first two born in Mayville and the others in Milton. In order of birth they are as follows: Alice, who was born in 1902 and is now attending high school; Helen, born in 1903; Emily Louise, in 1906; Harlan Grant, in 1911; and Marcus Lynn, in 1914.

Mr. Halverson is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is a member of the Lutheran church. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party. He is one

of the self-made men of his community as well as one of the leading citizens, having worked his way upward to a position of affluence with no outside aid or encouragement. He possesses good business and executive ability and usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

W. H. WITHERSTINE, M. D.

Dr. W. H. Witherstine, physician and surgeon of Grand Forks, was born in Dover, Minnesota, November 7, 1882, a son of Dr. Horace H. and Amelia (Hatfield) Witherstine. The family is of German lineage, the ancestry being traced back to Henry Wiederstein, who came from Germany in 1727 and who changed the name to Witherstine. His son, John Witherstine, was born in Herkimer, New York, in 1762. His wife was scalped by the Indians in the Mohawk valley but lived for twenty years thereafter. They were the parents of David Witherstine, who was born in Herkimer in 1803 and married Margaret Petrie. Both died in New York, the latter passing away in 1901 at the age of eighty-five years. Their son, Horace H. Witherstine, is a native of Herkimer, born in 1850, and after removing to Dover, Minnesota, took up the profession of teaching at an early day. It was there he met and married Miss Hatfield, who was a native of Dover and whose parents were among the earliest settlers of southern Minnesota. The grandfather, Henry Hatfield, removed from Iowa to Minnesota when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun in that state and there he spent his remaining days, following the occupation of farming for many years, although during the latter period of his life he lived retired from business. He died in 1915 at the age of eighty-five years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Martha Thompson, was born in the state of New York and is now living in Minnesota at the age of seventy-nine years.

Dr. Horace H. Witherstine went to Minnesota to engage in teaching school and at one time was a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools but was defeated in the election. He then decided to study medicine and entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1886. He afterward returned to Minnesota, settling at Rochester, where he has now practiced for many years, and his ability is widely known. He has also been a prominent factor in political circles there and his patriotic loyalty to the best interests of his city is indicated in the fact that frequent reelections kept him in the office of mayor for ten years. He was also state senator for two terms, or from 1904 until 1912, and later when he became a candidate for congress he met his first political defeat, his opponent being Hon. Sidney Anderson, who was the republican candidate. To Dr. Horace H. Witherstine and his wife were born four children, of whom Dr. W. H. Witherstine is the eldest. The others are Vernon, Glenn and Lela, all living in Rochester.

In early life Dr. W. H. Witherstine attended the public schools of Rochester and the high school of that city. He afterward studied at the University of Chicago and in Rush Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1904. He became interne and house physician and surgeon in the Cook County Hospital at Chicago, where he remained for two years, gaining that broad and valuable experience which is never as quickly secured in any other way as in hospital practice. He afterward returned to Rochester and entered into partnership with his father but a year later removed to Grand Forks, where he has made his home since 1907. He is today at the head of a large and important practice and his ability is widely recognized by his colleagues in the profession as well as those who seek his services as a practitioner.

On the 1st of June, 1906, Dr. Witherstine was united in marriage to Miss Ida Dahlem, of Joliet, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlem. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living. Dr. and Mrs. Witherstine have had four children: Ruth, who was born in Rochester, Minnesota, in 1907 and died in infancy; Elizabeth, born in 1908; Margaret, born in 1911; and John, born in 1913. The three last named were born in Grand Forks.

Dr. Witherstine and his wife are members of the Congregational church, in which he



DR. W. H. WITHESEN

is serving as a trustee. He is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, to the Knights of Pythias and to the Yeomen. Along more strictly social lines he is connected with the Country Club and his interest in the welfare and advancement of the city is manifest in his membership in the Commercial Club, but at all times his professional duties are given paramount attention and he belongs to the Minnesota Medical Society, the Grand Forks Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Clinical Congress of American Surgeons. He is likewise a lecturer in the medical department of the University of North Dakota. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has worked his way steadily upward and at all times he has reached out in helpful spirit to his fellowmen, giving his time and energy in aid of many who have been unfortunate. At the same time he gained the patronage of many of the leading families of the city and his ability finds expression in the splendid results which attend his professional services.

ADOLPH SCHULKE.

Langdon has profited by the enterprising spirit of Adolph Schulke, the builder of one of its substantial business blocks and a progressive merchant, conducting a department store. He was born in Bromberg, in West Prussia, Germany, November 12, 1867. His father, Frederick Schulke, a native of Germany, was a real estate dealer who successfully conducted business in that country until his death, which occurred in 1904, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Henrietta, or "Hettie" Kollmer, also spent her entire life in the fatherland, passing away in 1914 at the age of seventy-eight years. She had a family of ten children, of whom Adolph was the sixth in order of birth.

In the public and high schools of his native city Adolph Schulke pursued his education and then started out in life on his own account when seventeen years of age. He was apprenticed to learn the grocer's trade and followed that business in Germany for several years, or until 1884, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, becoming a resident of Chicago. After clerking in that city for a year he spent two years in Wisconsin and on the 10th of June, 1887, arrived at Bathgate, Pembina county, North Dakota. He was an entire stranger there but he believed that the northwest held opportunities for an ambitious, energetic young man and he came to this state with the full intention of winning success if it could be attained through persistent, earnest effort. After six months he removed to Langdon and took up a homestead in Langdon township, Cavalier county, whereon he engaged in farming until 1892. On the 17th of March of that year he established a retail grocery and confectionery business in Langdon with a capital of about fifteen hundred dollars and from that humble start he has built up a business of extensive and gratifying proportions, having now the largest enterprise of the kind in his section of the state. He has increased his stock to include a large line of dry goods and in fact has a well equipped department store. In 1892 he erected the Schulke block, a two story building fifty by one hundred and forty feet, the upper floor of which is used for office purposes, while the remainder is devoted to the business. Something of the growth and success of his establishment is indicated in the fact that he now employs on an average from fifteen to eighteen people, while his annual sales reach from one hundred and fifteen to one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. His store is thoroughly modern in its equipment and accessories and the line of goods carried is most attractive, while his methods are thoroughly progressive and his prices at all times reasonable. Mr. Schulke also conducts a branch store at Nekoma and another at Dresden and thus he is extending his efforts over a broad field.

On the 13th of November, 1891, in Langdon, Mr. Schulke was married to Miss Minnie Irwin, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of James and Sarah (Reid) Irwin, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schulke have become the parents of four children: Alma, who was born in Langdon and is the wife of Raymond Fabel, manager of the

Schulke store at Dresden, by whom she has one child, Eileen; Fred, who is assisting his father in the store at Langdon; Herbert; and Walter.

Politically Mr. Schulke is a republican and about 1901 served as alderman of Langdon but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, having been identified with the craft since he was received as an entered apprentice in the lodge at Langdon in 1894. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Commercial Club. He has membership in the First Presbyterian church, of which he was formerly a trustee, serving in that position for twelve years. He takes an active interest in the work of the church, to the support of which he has been a generous contributor, and he is a public-spirited citizen, at all times interested in every plan and project for advancing the welfare and upbuilding the interests of city, county and state.

F. H. HAVERLAND.

F. H. Haverland, manager of the Dakota Auto Company at Grand Forks, was born in Menomonie, Wisconsin, in June, 1867, a son of C. H. and Emily (Bailey) Haverland, natives of Iowa and Missouri respectively. Both became residents of Wisconsin at an early day and there Mr. Haverland engaged in general farming and in raising horses and mules. Later he removed to Grand Forks and afterward to Washington, where he turned his attention to fruit growing, and he now makes his home in Walla Walla, Washington, at the age of seventy years, while his wife has reached the age of sixty-eight years.

F. H. Haverland, the eldest in a family of six children, attended school in Wisconsin in his early boyhood and in 1881 accompanied his parents to Grand Forks, where he continued his education. When his textbooks were put aside he continued for some time to assist his father in the work of the home farm but in 1893 entered the employ of the Minneapolis & Northern Elevator Company as a grain buyer. After ten years spent in that connection he went upon the road for the same company, with which he remained until 1910, or for seventeen years, a fact which stands in incontrovertible proof of his ability and fidelity. At the end of that period he resigned and started in business on his own account by establishing the Dakota Auto Company at Grand Forks, under which name he now handles the Cadillac, Studebaker and Maxwell cars. He has built up one of the largest agencies in Grand Forks county. He also has an extensive garage and does general repair work on automobiles. His business has grown steadily and has now reached very gratifying proportions.

In December, 1891, at Durand, Wisconsin, Mr. Haverland was married to Miss Jennie A. Thompson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thompson. The mother is now deceased but the father is still living. The children of this marriage are: Edna, who was born in Grand Forks in 1904; Leslie, born in 1906; and Kenneth, born in 1909. All are attending school in Grand Forks.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Haverland belongs also to the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. In the business world he has steadily worked his way upward and has won success and also gained popularity by reason of his geniality, his uniform courtesy and upright life.

CHARLES O. RUSSELL.

The automobile business, perhaps the most rapidly developing industry of the past quarter of a century, finds a substantial representative at Devils Lake in Charles O. Russell, proprietor of the Russell Garage. He was born in Rockford, Illinois, January 10, 1868, and is a son of George W. and Elizabeth A. (Bate) Russell. The father is a veteran

of the Civil war, serving in the Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. In 1875 he removed to Iowa, where he took up the occupation of farming, and he now makes his home in Greene, Iowa.

Charles O. Russell was a lad of but seven years at the time of the removal of the family to Iowa and in the public and high schools of Greene, he pursued his education, supplemented by a course in a business college. He was afterward employed as a book-keeper in that state, spending one year in a drug store, one year in the lumber business and one year in a bank. It was in 1891 that he arrived in North Dakota and for three years he was in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company. He afterward spent a year in the employ of the McCormick Harvester Company and in 1897 he embarked in the dray business, in which he continued until 1898. He next turned his attention to the agricultural implement business which he carried on for ten years, and during that time he extended the scope of his activities by also establishing a garage. He then continued both lines until 1913, when he closed out his agricultural implement business and has since concentrated his attention upon his automobile trade. He has a splendidly equipped garage and repair shop, handles all kinds of automobile supplies and accessories and fair dealing, reasonable prices and prompt attention to the wishes of his customers have brought to him a constantly growing trade.

On the 31st of March, 1897, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Hills. They hold membership in the Methodist church and Mr. Russell belongs also to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has been prominent in public affairs and civic interests in his town. For ten years he served as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many well defined plans and measures for the general good. For fifteen years he served as chief of the fire department and did splendid work for Devils Lake in that connection. He is greatly interested in the state and its development, recognizing its natural resources and opportunities, and at all times is a most public-spirited man. He belongs to the International Fire Chiefs Association, has been president of the State Volunteer Fire Association and was one of the three men who drafted the present fire marshals' law of North Dakota. He is a champion of the good roads movement and does everything in his power to promote the interests of the public highways, recognizing their marked value as factors in the development of the state.

WILLIAM E. DAHL.

North Dakota is indeed indebted to Norway for her contribution to the citizenship of the state, for the substantial qualities of untiring industry and reliability which characterize the Norwegian race have been a strong element in the development of this section of the country. A representative of this class is William E. Dahl, blacksmith, implement dealer, farmer and land owner of Milton, who was born at Christiansa, Norway, December 13, 1859, but reared at Kongsberg. His father, Evan P. Dahl, was a blacksmith and live stock dealer who successfully conducted business in his native country. He there wedded Marn Furley, who was born in 1830, while his birth occurred in 1820. They became parents of fourteen children, of whom William E. was the sixth. Both parents spent their entire lives in Norway, the father reaching the advanced age of eighty-seven years ere death called him in 1907, while his wife passed away in 1878, at the comparatively early age of forty-eight years.

William E. Dahl acquired his education in the public schools of Kongsberg to the age of seventeen years, when he started out in the business world on his own account, taking up the task of learning the blacksmith's trade under the direction of his father. During the succeeding three years he was employed by the National Railway as a fire-man and as a shop worker. The line was known as the East Boundary Railway and was the first railway built in Norway. Resigning his position at the end of three years, Mr. Dahl then emigrated to the new world, leaving Christiania on the 1st of May, 1880, and arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, on the 17th of that month. He immediately made his way to

Morris, Minnesota, where he remained for a year, engaging in blacksmithing and in running a threshing engine. Removing to Ashby, Minnesota, he opened a blacksmith shop and there conducted business for eight months, on the expiration of which period he sold out. He next took up his abode at Rothsay, Minnesota, where he was employed by his older brother, Peter Dahl, who had come to America in 1872 and was also a blacksmith. William E. Dahl there remained for about eighteen months and in 1884 removed to North Dakota, arriving in Grafton on the 1st of November of that year. He there remained for seven months, when he removed to Gardar, where he spent two and one-half years and on the expiration of that period he established a blacksmith shop in Milton, where he has since been actively engaged in business. He is today the oldest settler of the town in years of continuous connection therewith, having arrived in August, 1887, at which time the city had a population of but six. His was the first dwelling in the town and for many years the largest. He also began the sale of farm machinery and in that line has been quite successful. In fact in both branches his business has steadily increased, bringing to him a substantial financial return. He is likewise extensively and successfully engaged in farming, conducting one farm of two hundred and twenty acres and another of one hundred and sixty acres in his section of the county. His business affairs are well managed and his success has been built upon the foundation of earnest, persistent effort.

Mr. Dahl was married near Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to Miss Mary Snabakken, a native of that state and a daughter of Gabriel and Sarla Snabakken, who were pioneer farming people of Minnesota but both are now deceased. Mrs. Dahl passed away in Milton, at the age of twenty-seven years, and Mr. Dahl subsequently wedded Miss Augusta Ekram, a native of Trondhjem, Norway. They have become parents of seven children: Edith A., the wife of Karl Anderson, of Milton; Mabel G., who died June 29, 1916, at the age of twenty-two years; Portis; Harriett; Ruth and Ruby, twins; and Lillian.

Mr. Dahl gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is one of its active local workers. He has been a member of the town board for a number of years, serving now for the third consecutive term, and for the past four years he has been a member of the school board. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and was chancellor commander at Milton in 1900. He belongs to the Commercial Club and to the Lutheran church and in the latter has been trustee for a number of years. The rules which govern his conduct are those which measure up to high standards of manhood and citizenship. Coming to America in early manhood, he has ever manifested the utmost loyalty to the country and its principles and as the years have advanced he has made his work of worth to the district in which he lives, commanding the respect of his fellow townsmen by an upright and well spent life.

REV. O. S. HOUKOM.

Rev. O. S. Houkom was for eighteen years a minister of the Lutheran church but since 1902 has devoted his attention to farming. He is operating a good farm on section 29, Barnes township, Cass county, and also owns land in Grand Forks county. A native of Norway, his birth occurred on the 31st of May, 1850. His parents, Svenung and Mary Houkom, who were both born in that country, came to the United States and continued to make their home here until called by death. They were the parents of eight children who grew to maturity, and six are still living.

Rev. O. S. Houkom was reared in Norway and there received his general education. In 1870, when twenty years of age, he came to America and, making his way to the middle west, located in Vernon county, Wisconsin. He remained there, however, only a short time, after which he went to Minnesota. In both states he worked as a laborer through the summer months, while during the winter he attended the common schools. In 1875 he pursued a course in the La Crosse Business College and the following year entered Augsburg Seminary at Minneapolis, where he pursued the regular college course for four years and the theological course for three years, graduating with the class of 1884. After his graduation from the seminary he began preaching and followed that profession for eighteen years,

holding various pastorates in North Dakota. In 1902 he retired from the ministry and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, operating his farm in Grand Forks county. In 1912 he bought the place in Barnes township where he now lives and which comprises eighty-three and a half acres. He still holds title to his place in Grand Forks county and both farms are well improved.

In 1888 Mr. Houkom was united in marriage to Miss Anna Marie Glerum, who was born in Norway and came to the United States in her girlhood. They became the parents of two children: John A., who is studying for the ministry; and S. Merius, who is now studying architecture at the Agricultural College of North Dakota. The wife and mother died in 1891 and was buried in Grand Forks county. In 1893 Rev. Houkom was again married, Miss Anna Dahlum, a native of Michigan, becoming his wife. They have eight children: Magnus, Marie, Alohilda, Agnes, Hans, Carl, Harold and Margaret.

Rev. Houkom is a republican and for many years has served on the school board. He takes the keenest interest in the welfare of the public schools and has done much to further their advancement. He is a progressive and successful farmer and since coming to this country has gained gratifying prosperity. During the years of his service in the ministry he was instrumental in building up the Lutheran church in this state, and he still does all in his power to advance the cause of Christianity. In territorial days he was very active in the cause of temperance and has always taken a deep interest in the prohibition movement. He assisted in organizing the Grand Forks Deaconess Hospital and was its secretary for twelve years and is still a member of the hospital association.

HERBERT E. WHEELER.

Herbert E. Wheeler, of Minot, is devoting his time to the discharge of his duties as city assessor and as clerk of the park board, but is connected with business circles of Minot as the owner of an amusement park, the management of which he leaves to others. His birth occurred at Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1865, and he is a son of Orville C. and Ella (Wallace) Wheeler, born respectively in Jamestown, New York, and in Riverside, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather was a man of fine appearance, being tall in stature, very erect and of a military bearing. The father was a carpenter in early manhood but at the time of his marriage was a foreman in a large sash and blind factory, which position he held until his death, which occurred in 1908 when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. His widow, who still survives, is living in Minneapolis with a daughter. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry and was made first lieutenant. He served throughout the war but escaped being wounded, although he contracted a disease which confined him to a hospital for some time. He rode a splendid horse, which was known as Black Jack, and was so high spirited that it took two men to hold it when it was being mounted. Lieutenant Wheeler was attended by a negro valet, who became so attached to his master that he did not wish to leave him at the close of the war. Our subject has his father's saber and he also has a spur which was worn by the wife of General Reno when she visited her husband at the front.

Herbert E. Wheeler, who is the oldest in a family of eight children, attended school at Red Wing, Minnesota, and Ortonville, Minnesota, receiving a good education. When seventeen years of age he began clerking in a store at Ortonville, where he remained for about two years, after which he engaged in general merchandising in partnership with A. Johnson. Not long afterward, however, the latter died and Mr. Wheeler then sold out the business and went to Seattle, his father having advised him to go west. He secured a position as clerk in a dry goods store known as the Bon Marche, where he remained for two years. At the end of that time he returned home on a visit and then in 1893 removed to Minot, North Dakota. The proprietor of the Seattle store where he had been employed happened to pass through Minot, called on Mr. Wheeler and induced him to return to Seattle and take charge of the department in which he had worked. He remained in that city until 1897, when he again took up his residence in Minot. Following his marriage in that year he removed to Devils Lake, North Dakota, where he became manager of the

Devils Lake Cooperative Association, a position which he held for two years, at the end of which time he removed the stock to Minot and engaged in business there. Together with a partner he also established a dry goods store at Granville, the first store in that town, which had not then been reached by a railroad. His partner managed the Granville store, while Mr. Wheeler had charge of the store at Minot. After about eight years he sold the business and established the first amusement park in Minot on six acres of wooded land a little west of the city. After conducting the place for about two years he rented it until the fall of 1914, when he again took charge of the place. He tore down the old buildings and in the spring of 1915 erected a new building sixty-five by seventy-five feet in dimensions, provided with a good stage, a fine dancing floor, check room and refreshment stands, and adapted for all kinds of entertainments. He also erected fifty new bath houses of the most approved construction and in the fall of 1915 added fifty more. He has also placed a carload of fine white sand from Denby on the bathing beach and is sparing no expense in making the amusement park one of the best in the state. He has placed a competent man in charge of the park, while he himself devotes his time to the discharge of his official duties. He is serving as city assessor and as a member of the park board and is making a most creditable record in those capacities.

When Mr. Wheeler was first clerking in Minot a lady, Miss Mary McKinley, who lived in Seattle, came in to the store and the proprietor told her that he had a clerk who had previously been employed in Seattle and introduced her to Mr. Wheeler. Later when he had returned to Seattle the same lady was shopping in the store in which he was employed and was told that there was a clerk who had worked in Minot and was again introduced to Mr. Wheeler. His second introduction led to their marriage, which was celebrated in Minot in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have become the parents of two children: Gladys M., the wife of Hart Svalstad, a jeweler of Minot; and Neil E., who is at home and is learning the jeweler's trade.

Mr. Wheeler is a stalwart republican and does all in his power to further the success of his party at the polls. He is an influential member of the Presbyterian church, of which he is serving as trustee, and his wife is active in the work of the Ladies Aid Society. She is also a member of the Women's Relief Corps. Mr. Wheeler is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a director of the Minot Humane Society. He is treasurer of the Burns Club of Minot, is one of the directors of the Fortnightly Club, which was organized to debate prominent subjects during the winter months, and was president of the State Tax Association until the election of the State Tax Commission in 1914. Nothing affecting the welfare of his city or state is a matter of indifference to him and he has done much toward promoting progress along many lines of activity.

C. I. HARTSON.

C. I. Hartson, manager of the Equity Elevator Company of New Rockford, North Dakota, was born in Adams county, Wisconsin, May 19, 1860, and is a son of Isaac and Lydia (Bloss) Hartson, both natives of New York. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Illinois at an early day when Chicago was a mere village, and in 1856 became a resident of Wisconsin, where he preempted land and engaged in its cultivation until 1888. It was in the latter year that he came to North Dakota and filed on land in Eddy county, where he engaged in farming until 1904, when he sold his place, spending the remainder of his life in retirement at New Rockford. He passed away May 23, 1908, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife died May 29, 1902.

C. I. Hartson was reared and educated in Wisconsin and on leaving home went to Minnesota, where he entered the service of the Great Northern Railroad Company as a timber inspector, remaining in their employ for two years. In June, 1882, he arrived in Eddy county, North Dakota, and secured a homestead on which he lived until 1893, when he rented the place and removed to New Rockford. He continued to own his farm until 1900, when he sold it. On taking up his abode in New Rockford, Mr. Hartson embarked in the livery business, which he carried on for six years, but disposed of it in 1899 and

became connected with an elevator at Tappen, North Dakota, remaining there one year. He was next engaged in the grain business in southern Minnesota for six years, and in 1906 took charge of an elevator at Towner, McHenry county, North Dakota, where the following six years were spent. Since then Mr. Hartson has made his home in New Rockford and has had the management of the Equity Elevator Company, of which he is a stockholder. He is also a stockholder of the New Rockford State Center, a daily paper, and is the owner of farm land in Minnesota and residence and business property in New Rockford, which he rents. In 1885 he took a preemption in Eddy county but has sold that farm.

On the 24th of February, 1884, Mr. Hartson was united in marriage to Miss Lenora Hyatt, and they have become the parents of five children: Fred, who is now with E. J. Lander & Company, land and loan agents at Grand Forks; Mildred, the wife of William Ritchie, of New Rockford; Ruby, the wife of Roy Stetzel, of New Rockford; Alice, the wife of Charles Roseeranz, of Towner; and Harley, who is pursuing a course in forestry engineering at the State University of Montana.

By his ballot Mr. Hartson supports the men and measures of the republican party. He is identified with the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity and also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In religious faith he is a Methodist and his course in life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens. He is widely and favorably known and as one of the pioneers of the state is deserving of prominent mention in its history.

HALVOR P. HAMMER.

Halvor P. Hammer, a capitalist of Cooperstown, belongs to that class of representative and progressive men that Norway has furnished to North Dakota. The state has every reason to be proud of her citizens of Norwegian birth, for their energies and enterprise have constituted valuable factors in the development, promotion and upbuilding of the state. Mr. Hammer was born at Solör, Norway, in 1857, a son of Peter Christopher Hammer, who was a farmer in the land of the midnight sun.

Having spent the period of his minority in his native country, Halvor P. Hammer came to the United States in 1879, arriving at Northfield, Minnesota, on the memorable day when the Younger brothers held up the bank and shot up the town. He reached there almost immediately after the affair took place. He spent two years in the vicinity of Northfield engaged in farming, having obtained his elementary knowledge of farming and stock raising on his father's place in Norway, which was largely devoted to the raising of cattle and horses.

In 1881 Mr. Hammer came to North Dakota and secured a homestead in Nelson county, but after two years sold his farm and removed to Cooperstown, where he purchased and for a year conducted a meat market. He afterward bought a livery barn, which he afterward sold, and later established an implement business where his present warehouse now stands. The warehouse, a concrete iron structure one hundred by one hundred and forty feet, was built in 1900. In the fall of 1888 Mr. Hammer purchased the general merchandise business of Lawrence Brothers and opened his store for business on the 10th of August. On the 17th of the same month there was a heavy frost which injured the crops and brought on hard times. On January 1, 1901, he sold the merchandise business to Thompson Brothers, after which he devoted his attention to live stock, real estate and the implement trade for some time. In 1906 he sold an interest in the implement business to Butler & Hamilton, since which time the business has been carried on under the name of the Hammer-Condry Company. When he sold he accepted land in part payment and since that time has dealt extensively in real estate. He owns six hundred and forty acres of land adjoining Cooperstown on the north, which is the home ranch, and he is a partner in a company which owns about thirty thousands acres of farm land.

From the beginning of his residence in this city Mr. Hammer has engaged in stock raising and about 1909 he began buying and importing high grade Percheron and Belgian stock, which has constituted an important branch of his business and a most gratifying

source of income. At present he has about sixty head of horses. The leading sire, Vonmore, a Percheron, weighing twenty-one hundred pounds, as a three year old won the grand championship at Chicago, Illinois, and the same in South Dakota in 1911 and was proclaimed grand champion at the State Fair of North Dakota each year from 1912 until 1916 inclusive. The leading Belgian sire, Minus, weight twenty-one hundred pounds, won the grand championship in Manitoba, in South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, and he has a Percheron mare, weight over two thousand pounds, which carried off the grand championship for three successive years in North Dakota in both state and interstate fairs. Another mare on his ranch, a Belgian weighing two thousand pounds, has won the grand championship in five states. He owns the Percheron mare, Corinne, a full daughter of Carnot, and a half interest in the latter was sold for twenty thousand dollars. Corinne won second place at the international fair as a yearling, first place at the South Dakota State Fair and first place at the Minnesota State Fair in 1915. Mr. Hammer has given the control of his stock over to his three sons, who conduct the business under the firm name of Hammer Brothers. Aside from his other interests Mr. Hammer is president of the First National Bank at Cooperstown, is president of the H. S. Halverson Company, real estate dealers of McHenry county, North Dakota, president of the Halverson-Thompson Land Company of Cooperstown and president of the Hammer-Halverson-Beyer Elevator Company, owning elevators at Cooperstown, McHenry, Carrington and Esmond. He is likewise president of the First State Bank of Sinton, the State Bank of Glenfield, the Hammer-Condy Company, conducting an implement business at Cooperstown, the Hammer-Thinglestad Company at Binford, with warehouses in Binford and Sutton, and the Hammer-Carlson Company, dealers in hardware and implements at Finley, North Dakota.

In 1881 Mr. Hammer was united in marriage to Miss Clara Anderson, a native of Norway and they have nine children: Helga, the wife of Theodore G. Thompson, of the Halverson-Thompson Land Company; Annie, the wife of B. C. Phipps, cashier of the First National Bank of McHenry, North Dakota; Emma, the wife of Dr. Grangard, a resident of North Dakota; Josephine, the wife of O. J. Melgard, cashier of a bank at Madelia, Minnesota; Clara, the wife of Edwin Erickson, a farmer and stockman of the Sheyenne river; Ida, at home; William P., who is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign and is now senior member of the firm of Hammer Brothers; and Ralph and Henry, who are still attending school but are members of the firm of Hammer Brothers.

Mr. Hammer is a member of the Masonic fraternity but has always avoided public office. His has been a busy and useful life, in which he has proven a good citizen as well as a most progressive and enterprising business man. The course which he has followed has won him high respect, for in the attainment of success he has never won his advancement at the price of another's failure nor taken advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction. He has always followed constructive methods, recognizing and utilizing opportunities, and he has established such business enterprises as the settlement of the district and conditions have warranted and demanded. Meeting public needs, his business interests have constantly broadened and expanded, bringing to him an increasing revenue which now makes him one of the most substantial residents of Griggs county.

SIMON SCHEFTER.

Simon Schefter, proprietor of one of the leading mercantile establishments of Langdon and also the owner of two other stores in Cavalier county—one at Milton and the other at Hamal—was born September 20, 1881, in Mildmay, Bruce county, Ontario, Canada, his parents being Anthony and Caroline (Kuneman) Schefter, also natives of Lower Canada. Throughout his active business life the father engaged in farming and he passed away at the old home in Canada in 1911 at the age of sixty-five years. The mother is still living in Mildmay at the age of sixty-six. Twelve children were born to them, and Simon, who is the fifth in order of birth, is one of twins.

During his boyhood and youth Simon Schefter aided in the work of the home farm and attended the public schools of Canada, completing his education by a high school course.

Before leaving the Dominion he worked in a dry goods store, where he gained his first knowledge of mercantile pursuits, and after his removal to Langdon, North Dakota, in 1904, he was employed in the store of Mr. Boyd for two years. Since that time he has engaged in merchandising on his own account and is today at the head of a large establishment. He carries a well selected stock and has built up an excellent patronage as he is courteous to his customers and is a man of reliable business methods. He now has branch stores at Milton and Hannah, which have also proved quite profitable.

Mr. Scheffter was married in Langdon, July 17, 1907, to Miss Margaret Herricks, a daughter of William and Louisa Herricks, who were among the pioneers of Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Scheffter now have three children: Louise, born in 1908; Margaret, born in 1909; and Richard, born in 1911. The daughters are now in school. The family attend the Roman Catholic church, to which the parents belong, and Mr. Scheffter is also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party. He devotes his undivided attention to his business interests and by his own industry, enterprise and sound judgment has won success in his undertakings, so that he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of Cavalier county though he came here in limited circumstances.

JUDGE JAMES VASS BROOKE.

Among the prominent representatives of the North Dakota bar is numbered Judge James Vass Brooke of Cando, who is now serving as county judge of Towner county. He was born in Warrenton, Virginia, on the 16th of January, 1853, and belongs to an honored old family of that state, being a son of James Vass and Mary (Norris) Brooke. His father was a leader in public affairs, exerting a great influence in his community. At the early age of nineteen years he was licensed to practice law and being an eloquent speaker took an active part in campaign work for the whig party, being a most ardent supporter of Henry Clay, a lock of whose silver hair was sent him in recognition of his support. At one time he was commonwealth attorney for Fauquier county and was secretary of the whig party. In 1861 he was elected to succeed Captain J. Q. Marr, whose blood was the first shed in the Civil war, as a delegate to the secession convention and his name appears as one of the signers of the ordinance of secession. In March, 1862, he organized and took to the war what was known as Brooke's Battery attached to Poague's Battalion of Artillery, Jackson's Corps. That spring while stationed at Belle Isle Captain Brooke was placed in command of the well known prison camp at that place. In 1863, having been disabled in the service, he was made a member of the Virginia house of delegates, where he served until the fall of Richmond. He took an active part in the conduct of the war and was a member of the secret committee which advised with the generals in the field. At the close of the war Mr. Brooke formed a law copartnership with the Hon. R. Taylor Scott, afterward attorney general of Virginia, and for thirty years the firm of Brooke & Scott was one of the most prominent at the Virginia bar. Mr. Brooke practiced for fifty-five years in Fauquier county and was one of the most conspicuous lawyers of the Old Dominion. He served repeatedly in the senate and in the house. In the late '70s he was chairman of the judiciary committee and had a leading hand in the extensive revision of the code of Virginia made at that time.

James Vass Brooke, Jr., was educated at the Hampden Sidney College of Virginia and was first honor student in the class of 1873, the degrees of A. B. and A. M. being conferred upon him by that institution. Later he took up the study of law in the University of Virginia and was graduated in 1875 with B. L. degree. The following year he opened an office in Staunton, Virginia, where he practiced for three years, but on the death of his mother he returned home. He took an active part in public affairs and for two terms served as mayor of Warrenton.

It was in October, 1882, that Mr. Brooke came to North Dakota and located in Fargo, where he engaged in newspaper work and the real estate business for a time. In the spring of 1883 he went to Devils Lake as agent for a town site company and assisted in

plating the town. He served as the first superintendent of schools of Ramsey county, filling that position for two terms, and he represented the county in the state legislature in the session of 1891. On the election of W. N. Roach to the United States senate, Mr. Brooke accompanied him to Washington as his private secretary, and in 1894 he was appointed register of the United States land office at Grand Forks, in which capacity he served until the expiration of his term of four years.

After his retirement from that position, Mr. Brooke removed to Cando and in the fall of the same year was elected states attorney of Towner county, being reelected in 1900. In 1907 he was appointed a member of the board of regents of the University of North Dakota. He was admitted to practice in the supreme courts of the United States in 1910 and is today one of the best known attorneys of northwestern North Dakota. In 1914 he was elected to his present office of county judge of Towner county and has filled that position with distinction.

On the 22d of October, 1894, Mr. Brooke married Miss Annabel Bailey, of Canton, South Dakota, and to them have been born four children, three of whom are living, namely: Richard Norris, now in his senior year in the State University of North Dakota; Jeannie Morrison, who is attending the Valley City Normal School; and Francis Calvert, who is attending the graded schools of Cando.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooke hold membership in the Presbyterian church and the latter takes a very prominent part in church and club work, being librarian of the Fleur de Lis Club at the present time. Fraternally Mr. Brooke is a member of Cando Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., and of the American Yeomen. In politics he is an ardent democrat and he occupies an influential position in his party ranks. In 1890 he was nominated for attorney general of the state but declined the honor, preferring to run for the legislature. He served as private secretary to the only three democratic senators from this state, these being Senators Roach, Thompson and Purcell. During the failure of crops in the late '80s Mr. Brooke organized a Chamber of Commerce in Devils Lake to aid in taking care of the poor people throughout that section. He was one of the most prominent figures in the early development of North Dakota and assisted in framing the educational system of the state. For several years he was identified with newspaper work in Devils Lake but his time has been principally devoted to the legal profession.

JESSE G. DITSWORTH.

The new, enterprising town of Charbonneau, McKenzie county, owes its development largely to Jesse G. Ditsworth, who hauled the lumber to build the first store. That was in 1913 and in the intervening period he has done much to advance the interests of the town, where he is now successfully engaged in merchandising. He was born near Independence, Iowa, April 9, 1883, a son of Ephraim and Angeline (Cosier) Ditsworth. The father was born in Pennsylvania but in his childhood days was taken to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he was reared and educated. In pioneer times he became a resident of Iowa, settling near Independence, where he followed farming for five years. He next took up his abode near Washington Springs, in Jerauld county, South Dakota, where he secured a homestead, to the development of which he devoted seven years. He next removed to Kossuth county, Iowa, and purchased land near Baneroff, where he carried on farming until he retired from active business. He has a rich and valuable tract of land, from which he derives a very substantial income, and he now makes his home at Lucedale, Mississippi. His wife, a native of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, also survives.

Jesse G. Ditsworth was taken to Wessington Springs, South Dakota, during his infancy and there remained for seven years. He afterward became a pupil in the district schools near Baneroff, in Kossuth county, Iowa, and when his textbooks were put aside became the assistant of his father in farm work, being thus engaged until he reached the age of twenty-three years. In 1907 he removed to McKenzie county, North Dakota, and homesteaded six miles north of the present site of Charbonneau. After proving up on that property he engaged in the gasoline engine business as a representative of the International



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Harvester Company and in 1913, when the town of Charbonneau was laid out, he purchased lots and hauled lumber overland from Mondak, Montana, with which to build a store, establishing the first store in the new town. In this undertaking he was associated with G. W. Ritter under the firm style of Ditsworth & Ritter, but later he purchased the interest of the junior partner and is now alone in business. He became the pioneer merchant of Charbonneau, his store and the bank building being erected about the same time. From the beginning he has taken an active interest in the development of the region and his labors have brought forth good results. He still has his homestead, which he rents, and he is actively identified with the work of improvement in the western part of the state. He is a stockholder of the Provident Insurance Company of Bismarck.

On the 16th of October, 1913, Mr. Ditsworth was married to Miss Willma Newman, of Buford, North Dakota, who was born and educated near Schoolcraft, Michigan, and in early womanhood became a teacher in the schools of Williams county, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Ditsworth have one child, Elizabeth Angeline, whose birth occurred August 21, 1914, and who was the first child born in Charbonneau.

Fraternally Mr. Ditsworth is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Charbonneau, of which he is a charter member. He was president of the Fraternity Hall Association and is now its vice president. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as a director of the Charbon school district. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and their many sterling traits of character have won for them the admiration and high regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

CHARLES ERB.

Charles Erb, conducting a meat market in Milton since 1908 and thus actively connected with the business development of the town, was born in Brooklyn, New York, September 29, 1870. His father, Jacob Erb, a native of Germany, came to the United States during the '50s and settled in Brooklyn, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1879, when he was fifty-eight years of age, for he was born in 1821. He was a stone mason by trade and had always followed that pursuit in order to provide for his family. Before leaving Germany he married Margaret Keicher, who was there born in 1829, while her death occurred in Brooklyn in 1883. They were the parents of fourteen children, eight of whom reached adult age.

Charles Erb was next to the youngest in the family and the public schools of Brooklyn afforded him his educational privileges, but he was a lad of only nine years at the time of his father's death and from that age had to aid in supporting the family. He was first employed in a rope factory in Brooklyn at a salary of three dollars per week and during his second year's service he received three and one-half dollars per week. His next promotion brought him a salary of a dollar per day and he remained in the factory for two and one-half years. Later he was apprenticed to learn the butcher's trade, which he followed as a journeyman until 1908. In the spring of 1901 he came to North Dakota from Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, where he lived for fourteen years. On reaching this state he settled in Willow City, where he resided for eight years and during the last year of that period was engaged in business on his own account. On the 16th of November, 1908, he removed to Milton, where he established his present business becoming the pioneer butcher of the town. He started in a small way with limited capital but has gradually developed his trade along substantial lines until his business is equal to that of any meat market in the county. He slaughters all of his own meat and handles about one hundred and sixty bees, two hundred and forty hogs, one hundred and thirty calves and fifty sheep annually. He also manufactures all of the sausage which he sells and he employs a skilled butcher to assist him. His entire attention is devoted to the business and to the sale and shipment of live stock.

In July, 1890, at Moorhead, Minnesota, Mr. Erb was married to Miss Magdalene Damschen, a native of Carver county, Minnesota, who was reared at Pelican Rapids, that state, spending her girlhood in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Damschen, who are representatives of an old Minnesota family. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Erb; Frank, Annie, Edna, Florence, Alice, Frederick, Margaret, Raymond and Howard.

The son Frank married Emma Crompt and resides at Overly, North Dakota. Ammie is the widow of John McLaurin and they have a daughter, Fern Edmond, born August 25, 1916. Mrs. McLaurin makes her home with her parents since her husband's death.

The family attend the First Presbyterian church, although Mr. Erb was reared in the Lutheran faith. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He belongs to the Commercial Club, being in hearty sympathy with its purposes, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He served as a member of the town board in 1913, but while interested in all matters pertaining to the general welfare, he concentrates his efforts upon his business. He owns the building in which he conducts his market, also his home and other city property, which constitutes the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift. His success is attributable in large measure to the fact that he has never dissipated his energies over a broad field but has always concentrated his efforts upon the line in which he embarked as a young tradesman.

JAMES FAULKNER McQUEEN, D. D. S.

Dr. James Faulkner McQueen, actively engaged in the practice of dentistry at Pembina, was born in Wellington county, Ontario, Canada, April 7, 1860. A record of his family is given in connection with the sketch of Dr. W. W. McQueen which appears on another page of this work. Dr. McQueen of this review acquired his early education in the public and high schools of his native county and afterward was graduated from the Ottawa Normal School with the class of 1886. He then began teaching in Canada and devoted seven years to that profession. With the desire of becoming a practitioner of dentistry he then entered the dental department of the Detroit College of Medicine and won his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1900.

Dr. McQueen located for practice in Milton, North Dakota, where he remained for six years, and then removed to Pembina, where he has been located since 1907. He became the successor of Dr. Falloon, who was the only resident dentist of Pembina and had practiced there for about six years before the arrival of Dr. McQueen. The latter has built up a large practice and his professional work indicates that he has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of the profession, combined with mechanical skill and ingenuity, which are so necessary as an asset in dental surgery.

In Ontario, Canada, on the 4th of September, 1900, Dr. McQueen was married to Miss Agnes E. Hood, a native of Canada and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hood. The mother, who was of Irish birth, is now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. McQueen have two sons: Thomas Craig, who was born August 10, 1903, and is now attending high school; and James Donald, born October 17, 1906.

Dr. and Mrs. McQueen hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take a most active and helpful part. He is serving as elder and treasurer of the church and as a member of the board of managers and his wife is equally active for the moral development of the community, holding membership in the Ladies Aid and in the Civic League. Dr. McQueen maintains an independent political course yet is not neglectful of his duties of citizenship. He was one of the organizers of the Commercial Club and has filled the office of justice of the peace and he stands at all times for law and order, for progress and improvement, for righteousness and advancement.

HENRY E. CLOSE.

Henry E. Close, a pharmacist of Langdon, is today one of the oldest representatives of that line of business in Cavalier county, having established his present drug store in September, 1906. Through the intervening period he has built up a trade of large and gratifying proportions and underlying his success is a comprehensive knowledge of the scientific principles that constitute the basic element of the drug business. A native of

Ontario, he was born at Goldstone, October 14, 1874. His father, Mark Close, was a native of England and a son of William Close, who became the founder of the family in the new world, crossing the Atlantic about 1847, at which time his son Mark was a little lad of six years. The family settled at Goldstone, so that Mark Close was there reared and educated, and when his textbooks were put aside he took up agricultural pursuits. Eventually he became a resident of North Dakota, making his way to Milton in 1890. He then purchased land and for a quarter of a century thereafter was connected with agricultural pursuits in that district, his death there occurring October 20, 1915, when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. He married Elizabeth Bettison, a native of Canada, whose father, William Bettison, was a pioneer of Wellington county, where he followed agricultural pursuits. It was in Canada that Mr. and Mrs. Close were married and to them were born four children: John, now a resident of Seattle, Washington; Henry E.; Arthur, who has departed this life; and Melburn, living in Milton, North Dakota.

Henry E. Close largely acquired his education in the public schools of Milton, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. His youthful experiences were those of the farm bred boy, but deciding not to follow agricultural pursuits as a life work, he became a student in Drew's Pharmaceutical College at Minneapolis. He was first employed in the pharmacy of John F. Anderson, a pioneer druggist of Milton, with whom he remained for five years. He then joined Frank Briggs in purchasing the Anderson store, which they conducted under the firm style of Close & Company for two years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Close purchased his partner's interest and carried on the business alone for seven years, enjoying a good trade during that interval. He then sold the business and removed to Langdon, where in September, 1906, he opened his present store. He is today one of the oldest pharmacists in Cavalier county and has always maintained a foremost position among the leading representatives of that line of trade. He carries a large and well selected line of drugs and druggists' sundries and is most careful in preparing prescriptions and in fact is regarded as a most reliable as well as a most progressive and enterprising merchant.

At Hoople, North Dakota, on the 17th of August, 1899, Mr. Close was married to Miss Anna V. Ferguson, a native of Canada and a daughter of William and Mary (Wendell) Ferguson, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Close have a daughter, Alice Muriel, who was born at Milton, June 19, 1906.

The parents are members of the First Presbyterian church of Langdon and Mr. Close is also a prominent Mason, having been initiated into the order at Milton. He has since attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is likewise a member of the Mystie Shrine. He is also connected with the Odd Fellows, holding membership in both the subordinate lodge and encampment, and with the Knights of Pythias. He likewise has membership in the Commercial Club. The wonderful growth of the northwest is attributable in considerable measure to the fact that its citizens have cooperated in efforts for the general good and have been actuated by a most public-spirited devotion to the welfare and upbuilding of their respective districts. Thus have come into existence the commercial clubs, which have been most important factors in promoting general progress, and Mr. Close is an interested and helpful member of the organization at Langdon.

JEHIEL H. STEELE.

Jehiel H. Steele, who owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Nogosek township, Stutsman county, is following progressive methods in the further development and improvement of his farm, which he secured in pioneer times as a homestead and as a tree claim. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1859, a son of John A. and Elizabeth (Davis) Steele, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. The father, who was born in Huntington county, July 10, 1830, was a woolen manufacturer of Pennsylvania until 1882, when he came to the northwest, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Stutsman county, where he homesteaded a quarter of section 24, Lyon township, southwest of Nogosek. He remained thereon for a period of twelve years, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, where he spent his remaining days, his death there

occurring April 24, 1899. His wife, who was born August 27, 1830, died on the 15th of August, 1871, and of their family of eight children only four are now living.

Jehiel H. Steele was the fourth child in that family and after obtaining his education in the district schools of Pennsylvania and spending the period of his minority there he came to North Dakota in 1884, when a young man of about twenty-five years, and for one year assisted his father in the development of the claim which he had entered. Later he lived with his brother on section 32, Nogosek township, Stutsman county, which place they homesteaded in 1886. In connection with that property Jehiel H. Steele secured a tree claim on the same section, thus becoming the owner of one-half of section 32. He at once concentrated his energies upon the development and improvement of that property and his interests have since centered upon his farm, which he has converted into a valuable and productive place. He was one of the first settlers of his locality and at that time Pingree, fourteen miles distant, was his nearest market. He employs the most modern and scientific methods in the cultivation of his farm and he occupies a home that is most attractive by reason of its many conveniences and its splendid modern equipment. It is a nine-room house and he has his own lighting, water and heating plants. He divided his place into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and he secured the latest improved machinery to promote his farm work. His is indeed an excellent property, constituting one of the attractive features of the landscape.

On the 6th of May, 1880, Mr. Steele was married to Miss Louemma Riden, who was born in Pennsylvania, April 29, 1861, a daughter of Mitchel and Mary (Henry) Riden, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where they spent their entire lives, the father devoting his energies to general farming. Mr. and Mrs. Steele have become the parents of twelve children: Mrs. Ellie S. Hayes, born October 24, 1881; Mrs. Jennie M. Powers, born January 7, 1883; Grover C., May 24, 1885; Mrs. Mary E. Cook, March 12, 1887; Mrs. Hester M. Cook, August 27, 1889; John H., August 29, 1891; Lewis C., May 28, 1894; Mrs. Harriet H. Niel, May 9, 1896; Mrs. Bertha B. Niel, June 15, 1898; Etta L., January 4, 1900; one who died in infancy; and Alice Queen, born February 11, 1913.

Mr. Steele exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and formerly served as township clerk, also as treasurer and as school clerk in Nogosek township. By appointment he served for two years and a half as a director of the Corinne township district school. He has always preferred, however, to concentrate his energies upon his private business affairs and the result of his labors is seen in his success and in his fine farm. He has planted ten hundred and thirty trees around his dwelling and he has an orchard of one hundred fruit trees. His is indeed a beautiful place and one which indicates the progressive spirit of the owner. Having rented his farm to his son John, Mr. Steele is now living practically retired but still gives supervision to the further development of his land.

OLE J. MORKEN.

Ole J. Morken, a well known banker and business man of Buford, serving as cashier of the First State Bank, was born in Norway, September 30, 1881, a son of John and Anna (Sveen) Morken, who were also natives of that country, where they were reared and educated. In 1890 they crossed the Atlantic, establishing their home at Brainerd, Minnesota, where the father engaged in the lumber business until 1900. He then removed to Baypoint, California, where he is still connected with the lumber trade.

Ole J. Morken obtained his education in Norway to the age of thirteen years and afterward continued his studies in the public schools of Brainerd, Minnesota, and in the Brainerd Business College, where his training equipped him for the position which he soon afterward secured, that of bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Northwood, North Dakota. He remained there as bookkeeper and teller from 1901 until 1907, when he removed to Buford and became assistant cashier of the First State Bank. A few months later he was advanced to the position of cashier and has since acted in that capacity. He is also the secretary and treasurer and one of the stockholders of the Nohle-Gilbertson Company, Incorporated. He

assisted in organizing that company, which is operating a large horse and cattle ranch in Richland county, Montana, handling Percheron and Shire horses and keeping only registered stock. This ranch is located on the south side of the Missouri river in Montana and is a splendidly equipped property. They are raising horses on an extensive scale, their business being one of the important interests of the kind in that section. Mr. Morken is also secretary and treasurer of Nohle Brothers, Inc., who are large landowners and cattle raisers, having an extensive ranch property in McKenzie county, North Dakota. He is likewise the treasurer of the Buford Mercantile Company and thus his activities have extended into various lines, all of which have profited by his enterprise and progressiveness.

On the 15th of January, 1908, Mr. Morken was united in marriage to Miss Della A. Amess, of Reynolds, North Dakota, where she was born and reared. After attending the high school there she continued her education in the North Dakota Normal and afterward successfully engaged in teaching, while later she was secretary and treasurer of the Red River Valley Telephone Company at Northwood.

Fraternally Mr. Morken is a Mason, having taken the Scottish Rite degrees at Grand Forks, and is a member of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a man of fine business and personal qualities, capable of managing extensive interests, and at all times is resourceful, progressive and sagacious. He has been prominently connected with many of the most important activities of the western part of Williams county, North Dakota, and of eastern Montana, and his work is ever of a character that contributes to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success.

D. C. MOORE.

An honorable record is that of D. C. Moore of Grafton, who as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well, while at all times he has commanded public confidence and respect by reason of his honorable methods. Through determined effort, ability and strength of character he has reached his present position as president of the Grafton National Bank. He was born in Lewis county, New York, June 9, 1851, a son of James Duane and Emily (Arthur) Moore, who were natives of Massachusetts. In early life the father engaged in farming. He spent practically all of his days in New York and there passed away at the age of seventy-two years. His wife died in the same year, at the age of seventy-one.

Of their family of nine children D. C. Moore was the sixth in order of birth and until he attained his majority he remained a resident of the Empire state. He then removed to Iowa, where he engaged in the real estate business and also took up the practice of law, being admitted to the bar in 1879. His fellow citizens, appreciative of his worth and public spirit, elected him to the office of sheriff of Winneshiek county, Iowa, and in 1881 he was reelected to that position but declined to serve and removed to Grafton, North Dakota. He became identified with its business interests as a banker in that year, being elected cashier of the Bank of Grafton, in which capacity he continued until 1883. The bank was then reorganized under the name of the Grafton National Bank and Mr. Moore was again chosen cashier, in which connection he continued until 1914, when he was advanced to the presidency and has since been the chief executive officer. He has always directed the interests of the bank and largely controlled its policy.

On the 18th of October, 1882, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Ella J. Heivly, of Decorah, Iowa, and to them have been born two children. Frederick A., born in Grafton in 1885, is the assistant cashier of the Grafton National Bank and at the present writing, in November, 1916, is second lieutenant, Company M, First North Dakota Infantry, stationed in Texas to defend the border against Mexican attack. He is married and has two children, Dewitt Charles and Mary Louise. The younger son in the family of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Moore was Dewitt C. Moore, who died in Grafton in 1902, at the age of twelve years.

Mr. Moore gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has always been an active member of the Masonic fraternity, being past grand commander of the Knights Templar of North Dakota, past grand high priest, Royal Arch Masons, past grand patron, Order of the Eastern Star, and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, while with the

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the hot sands of the desert. He is widely known and his substantial qualities have won him favor with the public and warm friendship among those with whom he is most closely associated. For thirty-six years he has been actively identified with banking interests in Grafton and throughout the entire period his upright, honorable course has been acknowledged by all.

JUDGE JOHN S. WALLACE.

Judge John S. Wallace, of Burlington, passed away September 15, 1916, and in his death the community in which he resided lost one of its valued and representative citizens. He was largely connected with mining interests and enjoyed the distinction of being the only mine inspector employed by the United States government. Moreover, he was one whose activities proved of material benefit to the localities in which he resided, for his diligence and determination brought results in business and his patriotic and progressive spirit was a factor in promoting civic progress. He made his home in Burlington and was closely associated with the development of the mining industry in that part of the state. He was born in Coatbridge, Scotland, May 16, 1851, a son of William Wallace. Between the ages of seven and twelve years he attended school in his native town and then started out to learn a trade in accordance with the customs of the times. His grandmother decided that he was to become a boilermaker and therefore at the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to that trade, in connection with which he was to receive the munificent salary of twelve cents a day for the first year! His first work was heating rivets in a small forge, after which he would run into the boiler and poke the hot rivet through the hole for the riveters. He remained at that work for only a brief period and at the age of thirteen was employed as engineer on a small steamboat on a ship canal in Scotland, known as the Firth and Clyde. In this way he made trips between Coatbridge, Glasgow, Grangemouth and Bowling. He spent the time in that way until he reached the age of seventeen, when remaining for two years, after which he went upon the road as a locomotive engineer. He he secured work in the locomotive shops of the North British Railway Company, there continued in that position for two years, after which his father induced him to come to the United States, and in 1874 he crossed the Atlantic, settling in the Hocking valley of Ohio, where he worked in different capacities in the coal mines. In 1877 he accepted a position as locomotive engineer, resigning two years later in order to install equipment for the first mine in Ohio to operate with modern mining machinery. On the completion of this contract he was retained as mine machinist and afterward installed three other plants in the neighborhood, also, in 1889, superintending the equipment of four mines near Nelsonville, Ohio. When that work was done he continued in his original position as mine manager for a period of eight years.

While thus engaged he was closely studying the needs and possibilities for future development in mine machinery, and, as the result of his investigations took out, in the course of his lifetime, no less than nine deeds of patent including an originally designed automatic pump and a device for converting the automobile into a source of power for farming operations. He was engaged in perfecting details of the latter named invention during the closing years of his life and left a secondary application still pending.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Mr. Wallace was gradually acquiring the technical knowledge necessary to the conduct of large operations and in 1888 he became a member of the firm of Wallace & Brooks, mining and shipping coal in the Hocking Valley district until 1891, when he sold his interest and accepted a position as mine superintendent in Belmont county, Ohio.

When the mine closed three years later he entered the Scranton School of Mines, where he pursued a full mining course, including mine surveying, and when he finished his studies in 1896 was employed by the Birwind-White Coal Company to open and equip two mines for a capacity of two thousand tons per day. When he had completed the first plant he was asked to come to Burlington, North Dakota, and take charge of the company's mine at that place, and put in the equipment for mining machinery, cable, haulage and brick



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plant. In January, 1898, he reached Burlington, having been appointed to the position of superintendent of the mine, which was then owned by the Soo Railroad Company. When that property was sold he opened a mine on his own account and continued the business to the time of his death. He was forceful and resourceful, was familiar with every phase of mining operation through practical experience and scientific study and so directed his efforts that each step in his business career was a forward one. Several years prior to his demise he was requested by the secretary of the interior to enter the United States reclamation service and go to Williston, North Dakota, there to take charge of the opening of a coal mine for an irrigation project. This he did and the mine was operated with Mr. Wallace as mine inspector, in which connection he enjoyed the rather unique distinction of being the only mine inspector employed by the United States government. In connection with Daniel W. Bowker he owned and conducted the largest wholesale and retail coal business in his section of the state and he also owned and operated the Wallace elevator and mills at Burlington. In a word, his activities were of a character that contributed in substantial measure to the business development and substantial progress and improvement of the district in which he lived.

In 1872 Mr. Wallace was married to Miss Barbara Macaulay and they became the parents of seven children: William, who died in 1914; Alexander, deceased; Jeannie, the wife of Edgar Devol, a druggist of Huntington, West Virginia; Alvin, who resides in Burlington; John, who is superintending a mine at Taskar, North Dakota; Sylvia, deceased; and Earle, superintendent of the Wallace mine at Burlington, North Dakota.

Mr. Wallace was well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in Star in the West Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., at Minot; Tyrian Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M.; and the Knights of Pythias at Nelsonville, Ohio, of which he was a past chancellor. When he passed away the fraternal organizations of which he was a representative attended his funeral services in a body, paying a last tribute of respect to his memory. He always took a very active and helpful interest in community affairs and his influence was an effective force in carrying forward to successful completion many plans and projects for the general good. He assisted in the organization of Burlington township and while a member of the school board called the election for the purpose of bonding the district for a school at Burlington, resulting in the erection of a ten thousand dollar school building in the city. He served continuously as justice of the peace from the time of the organization of Burlington township and was usually called by the title of judge. He it was who surveyed and laid out the town and there is no important element of its substantial growth and improvement which has not profited by his cooperation. His was a strenuous life, fruitful of results, and at the same time he was a genial gentleman whose unfeigned cordiality easily won and held friendship.

FREDERICK HENRY ERTEL.

Frederick Henry Ertel, manager of the Chicago office of the F. B. Collins Investment Company of Oklahoma City, is well known in North Dakota. He was born in Hamburg, Germany, December 28, 1851, a son of Frederiek H. and Lucie (Quakolinski) Ertel, the former a wealthy cotton merchant of Hamburg.

F. H. Ertel attended commercial schools of Hamburg and at the age of sixteen years entered his father's office, where he remained until 1869. He later went to Liverpool, England, where he continued until the Franco-Prussian war, when he returned to his native country and entered the German army, remaining in active service until the close of hostilities in 1871.

The following year Mr. Ertel crossed the Atlantic to the new world and made his way to St. Louis, where for four years he was bookkeeper in the office of a lumber company. He afterward became associated with the St. Louis Dispatch and two years later went to St. Paul, where he engaged in newspaper work for two years. In 1881 he removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, and established the Jamestown Herald, with which he was associated for a year. Believing Mandan offered better opportunities, he removed to that place in 1882 and established the Mandan Pioneer, which he continued to publish until 1884.

On selling out he took up a claim at Belfield, North Dakota, and proved up on that property. In 1885 he again went to St. Louis, where he published a cartoon paper called *The Whip*, there remaining for five years, when he sold the business and removed to New York city, becoming associated with the *New York Morning Journal*, in which connection he continued for several years. He was afterward identified with financial journalism for several years and in 1896 he established a monthly publication called *Bonds and Mortgages*. He was thus engaged in business for seventeen years or until 1913, when he sold that publication. In the same year he became general western manager for the *Financial World* of New York, with which he was identified until November 1, 1916. He has since become associated with the F. B. Collins Investment Company of Oklahoma City as manager of the Chicago office, a company interested in the sale of farm mortgages.

In 1890 Mr. Ertel was married to Miss Mathilda Paquet, of Quebec, Canada. He belongs to the Press Club of Chicago and is widely known in journalistic and business circles in various centers of the country, particularly in New York and Chicago. He is yet deeply interested in North Dakota and her welfare and has in this state many friends.

EDGAR LOUIS RICHTER.

Edgar Louis Richter, editor and manager of the *Larimore Pioneer* and one of the prominent figures in journalistic circles in North Dakota, is one of Ohio's contributions to the citizenship of the northwest, for his birth occurred at Harrison, Hamilton county, that state, April 27, 1862. His father, Rev. Louis Richter, was a Presbyterian minister who descended from an old Ohio family. The grandfather, Louis Richter, who founded the American branch of the family, was of German birth and on coming to the United States in 1841 settled in the Buckeye state, where he continued to reside, devoting his life to the ministry until called to the home beyond. His son, the Rev. Louis Richter, pursued his education in the schools of that state and afterward entered the ministry, in which he continued until his demise, which occurred in Minneapolis in 1905, when he was seventy-five years of age, for he was born on the 22d of May, 1830. At the time of the Civil war he put aside other considerations and interests and enlisted for service at the front but was rejected on account of defective eyesight. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Sarah Jane Schroyer, was a native of Pennsylvania and a representative of one of the old families of that state. She was born November 24, 1836, and during her girlhood accompanied her parents to Ohio. She passed away January 1, 1915.

Edgar L. Richter was the eldest of a family of two sons and two daughters, the others being: Martha, the wife of Charles L. Foote, of Hoquiam, Washington; Daniel E., an attorney at law of Minneapolis; and Ellen, the wife of A. E. Foote, of Royalton, Minnesota. Mr. Richter of this review acquired his education in the schools of Ohio and when only ten years of age started out to earn his living, being first employed as a messenger boy by the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad at Ada, Ohio. He afterward went to Ellinwood, Kansas, whither his parents had removed, and there he learned telegraphy in connection with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. When he had mastered the business he started out to see the world and worked for twenty-four different railroad companies, during which time he developed expert skill as a telegraph operator. He was with the Western Union Telegraph Company in all parts of the United States and was able to hold important positions along that line, but he felt himself handicapped by the lack of a liberal education and determined to broaden his knowledge. This he did by studying in night schools for several years, becoming a well informed man. He also studied law during that period but on account of a death in his family he could not continue his law studies. He arrived in Larimore, North Dakota, on the 31st of December, 1894, and for two years thereafter was telegraph operator for the Great Northern Railroad Company. At the end of that period he turned his attention to newspaper publication and has been identified with the *Larimore Pioneer* up to the present time. He is a well known, valued and honored member of the North Dakota Press Association, which has called him to its various offices. He has served as its secretary, as the third, second and first vice president and in 1915 was unanimously elected to

the presidency, while in 1916 he was made a member of the advisory board and chairman of one of the most important committees. It has been a rule of the Press Association that in order to be elected president a man must work up and make good all along the line. That Mr. Richter did so is evidenced by the unanimous support which he received when a candidate for the presidency. During his first term he conducted successfully what is known as North Dakota Appreciation Week, a work which was considered by the best advertising authority to have been the most gigantic and far-reaching advertisement that was ever promoted by any state in the Union. Another successful undertaking which he promoted was what is nationally known as the Larimore, North Dakota, Baked Potato Day, which became one of the features of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, California, April 25, 1915. In every possible way he has put forth his efforts to benefit his town and at the present time he is serving for the second term as president of the Larimore Fire Department.

On the 25th of February, 1896, Mr. Richter was united in marriage to Miss Addie L. Arnold, a daughter of Ellery C. and Adeline A. (Steere) Arnold, the former a representative of an old pioneer family of Larimore township, Grand Forks county. Both were natives of Rhode Island and the father came of Irish ancestry, while on the maternal side the lineage is French. Mr. Arnold passed away on the 1st of September, 1916, and was laid to rest with Masonic honors in the Larimore cemetery. He had been a charter member of the Masonic lodge of Larimore and was always a most exemplary representative of the craft. He was also a veteran of the Civil war, serving as a member of the Fifth Minnesota Infantry, and for more than twelve years he was postmaster of Larimore. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Richter: Edgar D., who was born at Ashland, Wisconsin, September 27, 1888, and is now an artist living at Boston, Massachusetts; and Alice Carey, who was born May 24, 1891, and is now the wife of Otto A. Ekroth, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The parents are members of the First Methodist church of Larimore, of which Mr. Richter is serving as a steward. He belongs to the Commercial Club and actively co-operates in many of its plans and measures for the upbuilding of his city. He is a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Yeomen, the Eagles and the Rebekahs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has been very active as a member of the state central committee. In 1916 he was made the candidate of his party for the office of state senator in the fifth district, consenting to this step after receiving a petition from a large number of his friends urging him to become a candidate. The nomination came to him without effort on his part from those who believed that he would carefully guard the interests of the district and promote the welfare of the commonwealth. In this connection a Minot paper said: "He is a man of splendid legislative ability, experienced in public affairs, and has a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the public questions which must be met and solved by the next legislature. He has an acquaintance throughout the state that will be a valuable asset to his district and that will enable him to take a commanding position among the members of the senate. He can see big things without becoming a fanatic and do big things without becoming a crank. His election will be a decided benefit not only to the district which elects him but to the entire state." There is no doubt as to the high opinion entertained for him by his fellow townsmen and it is a recognized fact that no one has done more to advertise and make public the interests of Larimore than he.

JUDD H. KIRKHAM, M. D.

The medical fraternity in Cavalier county has a worthy representative in Dr. Judd H. Kirkham, who is now successfully engaged in general practice in Langdon. He is a native of Wisconsin, born in Juneau, Dodge county, May 18, 1889, and is a son of Eugene Elias and Nellie (Jones) Kirkham, natives of New York and Wisconsin respectively. Before the Civil war the father removed with five of his brothers to Wisconsin and when the south attempted to secede he and four brothers enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer

Infantry. He went to the front as a private but one of his brothers was made sergeant of his company. When hostilities ceased he returned to Wisconsin and for several years was engaged in the marble and granite business at Beaver Dam. He was an active factor in local politics and was called upon to serve as county clerk for many years. After a useful and well spent life he died in Wisconsin in 1912 at the age of sixty-four years. His widow is still living in Juneau, Wisconsin, at the age of fifty-eight. In their family were five children, namely: Jessie, now Mrs. H. A. Henning of Juneau; Dean Bessel, a newspaper man of Milwaukee; Mrs. A. E. Justman, of Juneau; Judd H., of this review; and B. O., also a newspaper man connected with the Free Press of Milwaukee.

Dr. Kirkham attended the common and high schools of Juneau, Wisconsin, and later entered Marquette University, from which he was graduated, being granted the degree of A. B. in 1908 and the M. D. degree in 1912. For one year he served as interne in Trinity Hospital at Milwaukee, and from 1913 to 1915 was one of twelve house officers at the Milwaukee County Hospital, thus adding to his theoretical knowledge practical experience that is of great value to him in his private practice. In 1916 he took five months' post-graduate course in the Milwaukee County Hospital, and on return to Langdon admitted Dr. John W. Powey to a partnership. In 1915 he located in Langdon, North Dakota, and although he has been here but a short time, he has already built up a good practice which is constantly increasing as his skill and ability in his chosen profession become recognized.

On the 13th of September, 1914, in Minot, North Dakota, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Kirkham and Miss Ora Edith Burrell, a daughter of William and Esther Ann (Mack) Burrell. Her mother is deceased. The Doctor and his wife have a little son, Judd Burrell, born November 10, 1915.

In politics Dr. Kirkham is a progressive republican and in his fraternal relations is identified with the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of Cavalier County Medical Society, North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association and although still a young man he is already recognized as an able physician and is held in high esteem by his professional brethren as well as the general public.

HENRY AMERLAND.

Thirty-three years have come and gone since Henry Amerland arrived in Fargo and through the intervening period he has been closely identified with its business interests, largely operating in the field of real estate, his activities being now conducted under the name of The Amerland Company. He has lived to see remarkable changes here as the state has become thickly settled, and within his memory there has been a marked rise in real estate values, which is indicative of the general prosperity that has accompanied all lines of business endeavor.

Mr. Amerland is a native of Minnesota. He was the second white child born in Wabasha county, where his birth occurred upon a farm on the 8th of November, 1854, his parents being Herman J. and Catherine (Buttke) Amerland. The father was a carpenter by occupation and also followed farming, devoting his life to those two pursuits. He established his home in Wabasha county and there Henry Amerland was reared and educated, attending the public schools. He continued his residence in that district until 1876, when he removed to Plainview, Minnesota, where he remained until 1882, during which time he was engaged in the banking business. He was also prominent in public affairs of the community and for three years served as treasurer of the board of education. He then removed to Minto, North Dakota, where for two years he was connected with banking, and while there was elected the first president of the board of trustees of the city and also served as a member of the board of education. In 1884 he removed to Fargo and for three years thereafter concentrated his attention upon banking and then for three years engaged in merchandising. Later he found there a profitable field for real estate activity and turned his attention to that business, in which he has been engaged for a number of years. He has watched his opportunity for judicious investment and is now the owner of large real estate holdings in Cass and other

counties in North Dakota. He has likewise made investments in Canada and from his property holdings he derives a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Amerland was married in 1881 to Miss Cora Nunamaker, and this union has been blessed with two daughters, Nina F. and Blanch L. Mr. Amerland exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart champion. He served as deputy county auditor when in Wabasha county, Minnesota, and for a number of years was a member of the board of education, doing all in his power to further the interests of the public schools. For nine years he served as a member of the city council of Fargo and his efforts in that connection proved an element in maintaining those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and guides his life according to its teachings, being ever honorable and upright in all his dealings and in every relation. He belongs to the Fargo Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with its plans to extend its business connections and improve the trade relations of the city. Fargo numbers him among her valued residents, for he is one who not only in a business but also in a social way has given tone to the city. He has attractive qualities which render him popular wherever he is known and his sterling traits of character are those which make regard once given him an enduring feature. Those who know him best esteem him most and he has a very extensive circle of friends in this part of the state.

FRANK J. FISCHER.

Frank J. Fischer, actively engaged in the grain business at Wales, was born November 25, 1888, in Mount Carmel township, Cavalier county, North Dakota. His father, Joseph J. Fischer, a pioneer of that county, was a native of Canada and belonged to an old Canadian family of German descent. The father, Casper Fischer, settled in Bruce county, Canada, in 1820 and was one of the first residents of that section. He took up the occupation of farming and remained a resident of that country to the time of his death, which occurred in 1863, when he was fifty-four years of age. His son, Joseph J. Fischer, was reared and educated in Canada and devoted his early life to farming. Crossing the border into the United States in 1886, he took up a homestead in Cavalier county, North Dakota, and there followed agricultural pursuits until 1913, when he retired from active life. While he has disposed of his old homestead farm he still has large landed interests, possessing fourteen quarter sections in Cavalier county, and from his holdings he derives a gratifying annual income. In 1899 he entered extensively into the grain business, having at first a small warehouse in Wales but since then developing and enlarging his interests until he is one of the leading grain merchants in his part of the state. In 1904 he built an elevator at Wales with a capacity of fifty thousand bushels and for some years he also conducted a branch elevator at Kaleida, Manitoba. He also owns considerable realty in Wales, including the opera house and other properties, and he has been one of the prime factors in the development, improvement and upbuilding of the town. He is today one of the oldest as well as one of the most successful of its residents and is respected and honored wherever known. In politics he is a staunch democrat and has always taken an active part in local affairs. Since 1904 he has served as president of the school board of Wales and is entering upon his thirteenth consecutive year in that position. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church and he belongs also to the Catholic Order of Foresters. In 1887, at the old home in Bruce county, Canada, Joseph J. Fischer wedded Miss Emma Scheffer, a native of Canada and of German descent. They became the parents of the following named children: Frank J.; Nellie, the wife of John Hotton, residing in Wales; Olive, the wife of W. W. Lynch, also of Wales; William; Edward J.; Joseph; Leo; and Alvin.

Frank J. Fischer began his education in the public schools of Wales and continued his studies in St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1908 on the completion of a commercial course. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm and in 1909 he started out in business on his own account, entering the grain trade, in which he continued alone until 1908, when he became a member of the Fischer

Elevator Company, of which he is now manager, buyer and part owner. In this connection he controls a business of large and growing proportions, making it an excellent market for the local grain raisers. He is also cultivating four hundred and eighty acres of land and in his farming methods displays a spirit of undaunted enterprise and progressiveness.

On the 19th of July, 1910, Mr. Fischer was married in Wales to Miss Edith B. Davidson, a native of Toronto, Ontario, and a daughter of W. J. and Ida Davidson. They now have three children, Richard Dale, Marc and Louise Jeannette.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Fischer is identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a democrat and is now serving as treasurer of Dresden township, Cavalier county. He has been a lifelong resident of the county in which he now makes his home and throughout the entire period has been identified with agriculture or some of its kindred industries. As a grain merchant he occupies a creditable position among the business men of the district, carefully and wisely directing his interests and allowing no obstacle to bar his progress if it can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort.

P. G. MILLER.

P. G. Miller, an automobile dealer of Devils Lake, progressive, alert and enterprising, is also proprietor of the Aberdeen Hotel located on Third street. He is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in that state January 3, 1869. His parents, J. C. and J. F. (Howard) Miller, have both passed away. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof P. G. Miller attended the public schools near his father's home and when his text books were put aside turned his attention to general merchandising, with which business he was connected in his old home town for two years. He then secured a clerkship in Des Moines, Iowa, where he remained for two years, after which he devoted his attention to farming in Iowa for several years. It was in 1902 that he arrived in North Dakota, making his way to Devils Lake, where he took up the business of contracting and building. He was thus actively identified with the improvement of the city until May 1, 1916, when he turned his attention to the automobile business at 311 Third street, establishing a service and repair department and handling the Reo and Maxwell cars. He has already built up a business of considerable proportions which promises future success. He employs four men in his shop and two in his office and his business is steadily growing.

On November 5, 1890, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Anna Lavender and they have become parents of a son and a daughter, Robert and Helen, the former now in business with his father.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Miller is an Odd Fellow and politically is identified with the socialist party. He served on the city council and when a candidate on the socialistic ticket for the office of mayor he failed of election by only thirty-nine votes, receiving the support of men of other parties by reason of their belief in his political integrity and public-spirited citizenship and his ability to faithfully perform the duties of the office. He stands for good roads and all public improvements and is an advocate and supporter of high standards of civic virtue and civic progress.

MARTIN SELLIE.

One of the most prosperous and successful farmers of Mountrail county is Martin Sellie, who is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits and is also identified with the commercial interests of Powers Lake. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born on the 17th of September, 1867, near Trondhjem, Norway, in which country his parents, Hans and Margaret (Olsen) Sellie, spent their entire lives. By occupation the father was also a farmer.

In his native land Martin Sellie grew to manhood and had the usual educational advantages of a farmer boy in that country. Believing that America offered better opportunities to the ambitious young man than the older countries of Europe, he crossed the Atlantic in 1885, when eighteen years of age, and made his way westward to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand for five years. During that time he saved his earnings and was able to purchase a farm in Wilkin county, that state, which he successfully operated from 1892 to 1903. On selling out there he removed to Powers Lake, North Dakota, and took up a homestead in Burke county. As the years have passed he has steadily prospered in his undertakings until he is now the owner of six quarter sections, on which he is now engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the raising of Percheron horses and shorthorn cattle. In 1909 when the town of Powers Lake was started, he formed a partnership with Ole Breeding and established a hardware and implement business, which they are still conducting, although Mr. Sellie continues to live on his farm.

He was married in Wilkin county, Minnesota, May 8, 1890, to Miss Lena Olsen, and on their twenty-fifth anniversary in 1915 they celebrated their silver wedding, at which time they received the congratulations of many friends. Mrs. Sellie was also born near Trondhjem, Norway, and was a young lady when she came to the United States and settled in Wilkin county, Minnesota. Her father, Bardo Olsen, better known as Bardo Breeding, was a native of Norway and one of the early settlers of Wilkin county, where he followed farming for some years, but later came to North Dakota and took up a homestead near Powers Lake, where he died. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sellie have six children living: Clara, now the wife of Benjamin Peterson, a farmer living near Powers Lake; Hulda, the wife of Olaf Johnson, also a farmer near Powers Lake; Arthur, Esther, Ernest and Earl Walter, all at home. They also had one son Marvin, who died when he was eighteen years old. The first four children were born in Wilkin county, Minnesota, and the others in Mountrail county, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellie are members of the Baptist church and are most estimable people, having a host of warm friends who hold them in the highest regard. Mr. Sellie votes with the republican party and has been called upon to serve in township offices and also as a member of the town board of Powers Lake. He has served on the school board of his district and has done much to promote the educational interests of his locality.

ADOLPHUS C. KOTCHIAN.

Adolphus C. Kotchian, cashier of the First State Bank of Kermit, North Dakota, was born near Lidgerwood, in Richland county, North Dakota, July 25, 1887. His father, Joseph Kotechian, was a native of Wisconsin, who in 1880 removed to North Dakota, settling in Richland county, where he filed on a homestead and engaged in farming in the vicinity of Lidgerwood. He wedded Mary Riba, who was born near Vienna, in eastern Hungary, but in her girlhood was brought to the new world, the family home being established in Wisconsin, where she was reared. She still occupies the old home farm near Lidgerwood but has been a widow for twenty-one years, her husband having died in 1895.

Adolphus C. Kotchian spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farm bred boys. The work of the fields claimed his attention through the summer months and in the winter seasons he attended school, becoming a high school student in Lidgerwood. His start in the business world was made as a clerk in a general store there and afterward he was employed in the Lidgerwood State Bank as a bookkeeper, occupying that position for seven years. In 1910 he removed to Kermit and purchased stock in the First State Bank, of which he was elected cashier, since which time his attention and energies have been devoted to the management, control and upbuilding of the bank. He also owns farm lands in Divide county and rents this property to good advantage.

On the 7th of December, 1911, Mr. Kotchian was united in marriage to Miss May Bouzer at Kermit. She was born in Lidgerwood, a daughter of Alexander F. and Anna (Dinger) Bouzer. Her father was born, reared and educated in Illinois and later homesteaded in South Dakota, while subsequently he became the proprietor of a meat market

and general merchandise establishment in Lidgerwood. He is now engaged in the banking and real estate business there and is a director of the Farmers National Bank. He is also state senator from his district and is one of the most prominent and influential residents of that part of the state. His daughter, Mrs. Kotchian, was reared in Richland county and completed her education by graduation from the high school at Lidgerwood. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Archibald Carlyle, who was born in Kermit, July 17, 1914.

Mr. Kotchian exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has filled various local offices. He has been both clerk and treasurer of the town board of Kermit and was clerk of the school board in the Mentor district. Fraternally he has wide connections, belonging to Crosby Lodge, No. 108, A. F. & A. M., while at Grand Forks he has taken the Scottish Rite degrees and become a Noble of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His York Rite connection is with Minot Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., and he also belongs to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., and to the Modern Woodmen camp at Kermit, of which he is clerk. His has been an active and useful life and his efforts have been so directed as to count for the utmost in the attainment of success. His ideals are high and a career of usefulness, integrity and honor has brought to him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

J. H. COLLINSON.

J. H. Collinson, a locomotive foreman for the Great Northern Railroad, residing at Devils Lake, was born in Manchester, England, in 1854, a son of Alfred and Lucy (Booth) Collinson. He was but ten years of age when his father died and from that time forward has had to depend upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed is attributable entirely to his persistent, earnest effort. Leaving England in 1881, when a young man of about twenty-seven years, he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Minneapolis, where he was connected with the St. Louis Railroad. In 1882 he removed to Barnesville, Minnesota, whence he came to Devils Lake, North Dakota, May 1, 1888. Throughout more than a third of a century he has been in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad, now holding the position of locomotive foreman, with about seventy men under his direction. He has worked his way steadily upward in railroad circles and his success is well merited.

In 1877 Mr. Collinson was married to Miss Mary J. Willan and they became the parents of two sons, James E. and R. C., and a daughter, Mary, who married Brooks Hoskins, of Bismarck, and who died on the 1st of July, 1914.

Mr. Collinson belongs to the Episcopal church and in Masonry he has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter and commandery and belongs to the Masonic Veterans Association. In politics he is a republican, and while never an office seeker, has served on the school board. He is now a veteran in the Great Northern railway service, recognized as a most faithful and trusted employe, enjoying the full confidence of those whom he serves and the respect of those who serve under him. He is well known all along the entire line of the Great Northern and there are few who have been longer in the employ of the company.

JUDGE F. W. BLEAKLEY.

One of Langdon's most distinguished citizens is F. W. Bleakley, now serving as county judge of Cavalier county. He is a native of Canada, his birth occurring in Oxford county, August 14, 1859, but since 1898 has made his home in Langdon, North Dakota, and has been prominently identified with business affairs and political interests. His father George Bleakley was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and on crossing the Atlantic in 1843 located in Canada, where he subsequently married Miss Mary Hand, who was born in Wellington, Somersetshire, England, and was taken to Canada during her childhood.

She lived for a time in New Brunswick and from there removed to Quebec and later to Oxford county, Canada. She died in 1899 at the age of seventy years and Mr. Bleakley passed away in 1904 when seventy-five years of age. Throughout his active business life he was engaged in the furniture business in Canada, where his death occurred. In the family were five children, of whom the Judge is the second in order of birth, and he has two brothers still living, namely: George, a resident of Ontario, Canada; and Walter, of Wisconsin.

In early life Judge Bleakley attended the public schools of Canada and also learned the cabinet maker's trade under the direction of his father. For some time he engaged in cabinet making and contracting. Desiring a university education he pursued a private course of study and was granted a license to practice law but never availed himself of that privilege. In 1898 he removed to Langdon, North Dakota, where he was engaged in the contracting business for two years, and then turned his attention to the abstract business, which he has since followed with good results.

On the 23d of May, 1887, Judge Bleakley was married in Manitoba, Canada, to Miss Rebecca Olver, a daughter of Edwin and Ann Olver, and to this union three children were born: Alma, who was born in Manitoba, in May, 1888, and attended the University of North Dakota; Ida, who was born in 1890 and is a graduate of the high school of Langdon; and Ella, who was born in 1892 and is a graduate of Wesley Conservatory of Music at Grand Forks, North Dakota, and also of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She is now teaching music in Wesley Conservatory of Music in Grand Forks. Mrs. Bleakley was killed in a cyclone May 29, 1909, and left many friends as well as her immediate family to mourn her death.

Judge Bleakley is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Foresters, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Brotherhood of America, being identified with the Grand Lodge of the first named order. His fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability elected him district judge in 1910 and he filled that office in 1911 and 1912. He was reelected in 1914 and is still serving as judge of Cavalier county. In the fall of 1916 he was again the republican candidate for reelection. His decisions have always been fair and impartial and he commands the respect of the entire community. His upright, honorable life has won for him a host of friends and admirers who have the utmost confidence in him and he has never been known to take advantage of others in any transaction.

JOHN L. HULTENG.

John L. Hulteng, active in the plumbing business of Grand Forks as the head of the John L. Hulteng Company, Incorporated, was born at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, September 28, 1889, a son of A. J. and Maria (Jensen) Hulteng, the former a native of Sweden and the latter of Norway. When twenty-two years of age the father came to America, settling in Minnesota, where he cast in his lot with the pioneers. He became a well known minister, devoting his life to the work of preaching the gospel. In 1894 he arrived in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he is still active in the ministry at the age of fifty-four years. In their family were six children, of whom John L. Hulteng is the eldest.

After spending the first five years of his life in his native state John L. Hulteng was taken by his parents to Grand Forks. When six years old he entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he reached the high school, in which he studied for three years. He engaged in bookkeeping for the B. O. Paulsness Plumbing Company and for seven years was manager of that business. In 1913 he established the John L. Hulteng Plumbing Company, Incorporated, and in the intervening period of three years this business has grown to large proportions. He has received patronage from the best families of Grand Forks and vicinity, doing work in nearly all the fine homes and in many of the important business blocks of Grand Forks. His patronage is now extensive and his success is assured.

On the 5th of October, 1915, in Grand Forks; Mr. Hulteng was married to Miss Ragnbild

Anderson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arne Anderson, the former now deceased while the latter is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Hulteng hold membership in the United Lutheran church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in 1914 was elected alderman, in which position he is now serving for the second term. He has proved a capable official, laboring for the best interests of the city, and his work in the council results in civic improvement and betterment. He is one of the best known young business men of Grand Forks and has made for himself a very creditable position, building up a trade that has now reached large and gratifying proportions.

FRANK H. SPRAGUE.

Frank H. Sprague, president of the First National Bank of Grafton, displays in his business career keen insight and discriminating judgment that produce substantial and gratifying results. He is thoroughly conversant with every phase of the banking business and has made the First National Bank one of the strong moneyed concerns of that part of the state, extending to the community liberal credit to a point that will not impair the safety of the institution or endanger the deposits.

A native of New York, Mr. Sprague was born at Chenango Bridge, Broome county, March 16, 1857, his parents being Barnabas and Mary Jane (Tower) Sprague, who were also natives of the Empire state and were there reared, educated and married. The Sprague family was founded in America in 1623, when Francis Sprague crossed the Atlantic and settled at Duxbury, Massachusetts. His ancestors had emigrated from Holland to England in the fifteenth century. In tracing the ancestral line it is found that the ancestor in the third generation was Lieutenant John Sprague, of Lebanon, Connecticut, who was born about 1656 and died July 11, 1725. Captain Silas Sprague, who commanded a company during the Revolutionary war, was born January 30, 1727. His son, Silas Sprague, Jr., was born at Lebanon, Connecticut, February 18, 1762, and departed this life May 8, 1840. He was the father of Charles Sprague, who was born at Barnstable, Massachusetts, December 13, 1791, and devoted his life to farming and milling, passing away November 30, 1871. He was the grandfather of Frank H. Sprague. In the maternal line the ancestry is traced back to John Tower, who came from England in 1637. His son, John Tower, born May 12, 1609, wedded Mary Book on the 13th of February, 1638, and passed away at Hingham, Massachusetts, February 13, 1701. Both the paternal and maternal ancestors of Frank H. Sprague took active part in the struggle for independence, serving with distinction in defense of the rights of the colonists against England. Barnabas Sprague, father of Frank H. Sprague, was born at Chenango Bridge, Broome county, New York, April 22, 1819, and passed away at the home of his son in Grafton, North Dakota, November 23, 1895. His remains were taken back to Binghamton, New York, for interment in Spring Forest cemetery. In his early life he engaged in farming and in 1852, accompanied by his brother Charles and his brother-in-law, Elkanah Hinkley, went to California by way of the Isthmus. For three years he followed various pursuits in the vicinity of Marysville, California, and then returned to New York in 1855. There he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres near his birthplace and resided until 1892. He was one of the prominent and influential men of his town and was highly regarded for his sterling qualities. On the 29th of April, 1856, he wedded Mrs. Mary Jane (Tower) Dyer, a daughter of Daniel and Thirza (Whitmarsh) Tower. She was born September 3, 1817, and died October 1, 1891. They became the parents of a son and daughter, Frank H. and Carrie L. The latter was born October 13, 1860, and died at Waterville, New York, September 19, 1875, her remains being interred in Spring Forest cemetery at Binghamton, New York.

In early life Frank H. Sprague pursued his studies in the little red schoolhouse in the county of his birth and afterward became a pupil in the high school at Binghamton, New York. Later he worked upon his father's farm until he reached man's estate and then went to Illinois, where he followed teaching for a year. Later he began the sale of farm implements and from 1879 until 1882 was upon the road as a traveling salesman in that line in the Mississippi valley and in the Dakotas. In June of the latter year he took up his



FRANK H. SPRAGUE

abode in Grafton, where he has now made his home for more than a third of a century. There he established a farm loan business which he conducted along successful lines, and it was a logical step from that field of activity to the banking business, which he entered in 1910 by purchasing a controlling interest in the First National Bank of Grafton, of which he has since been vice president or president. He has instituted a most progressive policy in the conduct of the bank, his efforts, however, being tempered by a safe conservatism that prevents all unwarranted risk.

On the 2d of January, 1883, Mr. Sprague was married to Miss Nellie May Ash, of Albert Lea, Minnesota, who was born January 15, 1861, a daughter of Eli and Lura (Hodgkins) Ash. Three children have been born of this marriage. Manville Hewitt was born at Grafton, January 29, 1884, and after graduating from the high school entered the Leland Stanford, Jr., University of California, where he won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1905. He resides in Grafton and is a captain of the North Dakota National Guard, while in business circles he is well known as cashier of the First National Bank. On the 24th of October, 1907, he married Miss Edna Blake Knatvold, of Albert Lea, Minnesota, a daughter of Thorvold V. and Anna (Blake) Knatvold, of Albert Lea. The children of this marriage are Ruth Lucile, born January 2, 1909; and Dorothy May, born August 12, 1911. Carrie Lucile Sprague, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Sprague, was born in Grafton, November 11, 1888, and was educated at Stout Institute at Menominee, Wisconsin, and at Vassar College. Leonard Tower Sprague, the younger son, born in Grafton, January 9, 1895, is a graduate of the Harvard Military School of Los Angeles, California, and is now a senior in the Leland Stanford, Jr., University of California.

Mr. Sprague is a member of the Masonic fraternity and one of its most prominent representatives in the state. He served as grand master of the Grand Lodge in 1915, was grand high priest of the Grand Chapter in 1908 and grand commander of the Grand Commandery in 1905. He is a thirty-second degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, belongs to the Red Cross of Constantine and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a prominent figure in political circles and in 1914 was chairman of the republican state central committee, in which connection he put forth most earnest efforts in the development of party work for the best interests of the commonwealth. In a word, he is a most progressive citizen, standing as a high type of American manhood and chivalry.

VERNON E. GRANT.

Vernon E. Grant, proprietor of the Plum Grove Stock and Poultry Farm near Cuba, in Barnes county, is not only active along the lines indicated in the title of his place but was also one of the first to introduce the growing of alfalfa in his section of the state. He was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, December 24, 1886, a son of Samuel C. and Eunice C. (Wright) Grant. The father was born at Bridgeport, Jackson county, Iowa, and was a son of William Grant, who settled in that state in pioneer times and there engaged in farming. Samuel C. Grant learned the miller's trade and in 1892 came to North Dakota, spending the following winter in Valley City. In 1893 he took charge of the Marsh mill on the Sheyenne river and afterward purchased a farm a mile northeast of Cuba, concentrating his energies upon general agricultural pursuits. For four years prior to his death, which occurred December 12, 1903, when he was fifty-seven years of age, he was also engaged in the grain business as a buyer at Cuba. His county found him a valued citizen and he took active and helpful part in advancing township affairs and in supporting a progressive school system as a member of the school board. His widow, who was born in Michigan, still resides upon the home farm. Their family numbered four sons, of whom two died in infancy, while two are yet living. Burt S. being now a resident of Maquoketa, Iowa.

Vernon E. Grant, the other member of the family, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools, continued his education in the State Normal School at Valley City and afterward in the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso, Indiana. He then returned to the home farm and upon his father's death in 1903 assumed its active

management, successfully developing and controlling the property since that time. He quickly branched out into the live stock business and is today the owner of a large herd of red polled cattle, many of which are thoroughbreds. He is developing the herd up to the highest standard. He also raises thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs and fine poultry, keeping several hundred high class buff Wyandotte chickens. He is fast winning a well deserved reputation as a breeder of high grade cattle, hogs and poultry and thus it is that his place has become well known as the Plum Grove Stock and Poultry Farm. He is also a successful grower of alfalfa, being among the first to attempt to produce that crop in his district. His farm buildings are well arranged and he has a fine grove to the north and west of his property. He has also planted some fruit trees which have come or are coming into bearing and he has many of the smaller fruits upon his place. He has recently completed a fine modern residence containing nine rooms with a full basement underneath. There are large porches across the front of the house, the upper ones being arranged for sleeping purposes, while the lower porches are used for reading and lounging. The house is supplied with furnace heat, hot and cold water, electric light and all the modern conveniences usually found in the best city homes.

Mr. Grant is identified with several lodges, being a Mason, Knight of Pythias and Modern Woodman of America. He is a student and book lover who has read extensively, enriching his mind with the best thought of all ages. He possesses ambition and ability, qualities which are always essential to success, and already he has gained a most creditable position among the representative agriculturists of Barnes county.

J. W. WARREN, M. D.

Dr. J. W. Warren, physician and surgeon at Leeds, was born in Harper, Ontario, Canada, March 25, 1882, a son of Joseph and Christina (Brownlee) Warren. The father was a native of Ontario, Canada, and was of Irish and Scotch descent. He engaged in merchandising for a considerable period at Harper and also filled the position of postmaster for thirty-nine years. His business and official activities thus made him widely known and the sterling worth of his character gained him high regard. At his death his son, Dr. Warren, assumed the duties of postmaster and continued to serve for two years. It was in August, 1904, that Joseph Warren passed away at the age of sixty-eight years. His widow is still living in Harper at the age of seventy-five years and in 1915 she traveled four thousand miles alone, being a remarkably well preserved woman.

In the acquirement of his education Dr. Warren attended the Perth Collegiate Institute of Ontario, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901, and thus having gained good literary education to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, he entered the Queens Medical College at Kingston, Ontario, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. The same year he located for practice in Leeds, North Dakota, where he has since remained. His brother, John F. Warren, also a physician, had become a resident of Leeds in 1897 and practiced there until his death, which occurred in 1906. Dr. J. W. Warren is recognized as an able physician and there is much demand made upon him for professional service. He carefully diagnoses his cases and in predicting the outcome of disease is seldom at fault, his judgment being sound, while his ability is pronounced.

On the 3d of June, 1908, Dr. Warren was married to Miss Nellie Wardrope and to them has been born a son, Ralph Kenneth, whose natal day was February 5, 1911. For six years Dr. Warren has served as county coroner of Benson county and is now a candidate for reelection. He has also been city health officer of Leeds and is local surgeon for the Great Northern Railroad and the Northern Pacific Railroad. He belongs to the Devils Lake District Medical Society, to the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and through the proceedings of those bodies keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and investigation. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks and with the Masons. He belongs to both the blue lodge and the chapter and for two years has served as high priest in the latter, having but recently retired from that

position. He is also connected with the Yeomen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, while of the Episcopal church he is a communicant. His has been an active and well spent life fraught with good results for the benefit of his fellowmen, while at the same time he has won a substantial measure of success in the conduct of his professional interests.

E. V. GUSTUSON, M. D.

Dr. E. V. Gustuson, a prominent physician of Milton, North Dakota, was born on the 4th of July, 1879, in Chariton, Iowa, a son of G. P. and Eva (Johnson) Gustuson, natives of Sweden. The mother came to America with her parents on a sailing vessel during her childhood, the family locating in Michigan. The father also came to the United States in early life and after their marriage the young people settled in Illinois, where Mr. Gustuson engaged in farming until 1866, when he removed to Iowa, becoming a pioneer of Lucas county. While living there he engaged in railroad work. From 1900 to 1912 he was a resident of Chicago, Illinois, but his last days were spent in California, where he passed away in 1912 at the age of seventy-six years. His widow is still a resident of Los Angeles and has attained the age of seventy years. In their family were nine children, the Doctor being the fifth in order of birth.

At the usual age Dr. Gustuson entered the public schools of Iowa, where he acquired his literary education, and having determined to become a physician he later attended the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1909. For a year he was connected with the Norwegian Deaconess Hospital in Chicago, but at the end of that time he came to Milton, North Dakota, and opened an office. In the six years that have since elapsed he has built up a lucrative practice, which is constantly increasing, and he is now regarded as one of the leading physicians of Cavalier county.

Dr. Gustuson was married in Waterville, Iowa, September 18, 1909, to Miss Oline Doloris Gronlid, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Gronlid, of that place, who later removed to North Dakota. The Doctor and his wife have two children, both born in Milton: Muriel Oline, born in 1910; and Evelyn Virginia, born in 1912. The family is identified with the Lutheran church and are quite prominent, being held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Dr. Gustuson has served as health officer and in the ranks of his professional brethren occupies an enviable position, his skill and ability being widely recognized.

EDWARD R. LANGTON.

One of the progressive business men of Pembina is Edward R. Langton, who is engaged in the sale of hardware, automobiles and farm implements and machinery. He was born in Peterborough, Canada, August 6, 1869, a son of Joseph Langton, a native of England, who came to America and at length settled in Pembina township, Pembina county, North Dakota. Although a plasterer by trade he followed farming during the period of his residence in this state. He died in Peterborough, Canada, in 1888 at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Bishop, was a native of England and passed away in Peterborough in 1887.

Edward R. Langton, the youngest in their family of ten children, was educated in the public schools of Neche, Pembina county, and his early life to the age of twenty-two years was spent upon the home farm. However, when a youth of twelve years he began working for his uncle, James Langton, an early settler of Pembina county and one of the county commissioners in pioneer times, taking an active part in the work of the republican party. Edward R. Langton remained in the employ of his uncle until he reached the age of about twenty years and it was after that time that his education was acquired. When he left

his uncle's service his father gave him a forty acre tract of land, upon which he engaged in farming from 1892 until 1910, but in the meantime whenever the opportunity offered he added to his land until he became the owner of a tract of seven hundred and sixty acres, which is still in his possession. During the past five years he has leased this farm, receiving a crop share for the rental thereof. In 1910, wishing to give his children broader educational opportunities, he removed to Pembina, where he purchased a home and established his family. He then entered into the hardware and implement business and has developed a very extensive trade in that connection. He represents the Moline and Acme Harvester Companies and is also general agent and distributor for the Ford and Buick automobiles. He is likewise financially interested in the Farmers Elevators at Neche and at Pembina and his business has been developed along substantial lines, making it one of the profitable commercial concerns of the county.

On November 17, 1894, Mr. Langton was married in Pembina to Miss Malissa Gillies, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of Joseph and Susanna Gillies, who were natives of Scotland but have now passed away. They became early settlers of Pembina county, North Dakota, arriving in 1882, and for a long period thereafter Mr. Gillies was successfully engaged in farming within the borders of the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Langton have been born five children, Maude Beatrice, Mabel Evelyn, Warren, York and May. Two of the children are now students in the University of North Dakota and it is the purpose of the parents to afford their children the best possible educational opportunities.

Mr. Langton has ever been a stalwart champion of the public schools and for several terms served as a member of the school board of Pembina township. He has never sought nor desired political office, however, but has always given his allegiance to the republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Modern Woodmen of America and he belongs to the Commercial Club and the family attend the Methodist church. These associations indicate the principles that govern his conduct and make him a man of genuine personal worth. He maintains a helpful attitude in all civic matters and charitable work and he and his wife occupy a very enviable position in the social circles in which they move.

GEORGE H. HEBERT.

George H. Hebert, a resident of the city of Bottineau, filling the position of auditor of Bottineau county, was born in Addison county, Vermont, July 29, 1866, a son of Oliver A. and Susan A. (Sloan) Hebert, both of whom were natives of Quebec, Canada, where they were reared and married. About 1852 they crossed the border into the United States, settling in Vermont. The father was a contractor and builder, carrying on business along that line in the Green Mountain state until 1879, when he removed to the west, settling in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There the mother passed away in 1908, since which time Mr. Hebert has made his home among his children, being now with his son, E. J. Hebert, at Delhi, Minnesota.

George H. Hebert was a youth of thirteen years when the family left New England and he supplemented his education, acquired in the public schools of Vermont, by further study in Sioux Falls, being there graduated from the high school with the class of 1883. Following the completion of his course he earned his first dollar in the office of the first newspaper of Sioux Falls and spent the summer months in that connection, after which he became identified with railroad work, accepting a position with the Omaha Railroad Company, in the employ of which road he continued for ten years. From his seventeenth to his twenty-third year he was occupying the position of cashier in the Sioux Falls station. In the autumn of 1893 he became connected with the Great Northern system and was made the first station agent at Yankton after the road was built into that city. He continued in the employ of the Great Northern for twenty years, filling various positions in the general offices and at various points along the road.

Mr. Hebert's connection with North Dakota dates from 1899, in which year he spent four months as relief agent along the line of the Great Northern, while in 1901 he was made station agent at Rugby. The same year he filed on a homestead near the town and in

1905 he was transferred to Bottineau as station agent, continuing in that position up to the time of his election in 1912 to the office of county auditor. He made so excellent a record in that position that he was reelected in 1914 and again in 1916 was nominated for the office. His political allegiance is always given to the democratic party and it is upon that ticket that he has been called to the position which he is now filling.

Mr. Hebert was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Hayes and their family numbers a son and a daughter: Leonard A., who is a railroad man; and Florence M., a trained nurse located in Havre, Montana. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Hebert also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He has made judicious investment in land and is now the owner of three quarter sections of valuable farm land in Pierce county, having filed on one of these quarters as a homestead in the spring of 1901 when he was station agent at Rugby. He has witnessed many changes in this part of the state as the work of progress and development has been carried steadily forward and he has contributed to the upbuilding of the community in every possible way. He is a man of very genial nature and has a host of warm friends not only among his political constituents but among all with whom he has been brought in contact regardless of party affiliation, his unfeigned cordiality and kindly spirit winning him wide popularity.

CHARLES P. PETERSON.

Charles P. Peterson, proprietor of a general store at Dawson, is one of those who in the establishment of a commercial enterprise furnishes facilities for a vast agricultural region and thus contributes in substantial measure to its development. Mr. Peterson was born in Jackson county, Wisconsin, in 1874, a son of Even Peterson, a native of Norway, who wedded Sarah Christianson, also a native of that country. They came to the United States about 1857, settling at La Crosse, Wisconsin, where the father worked at the trade of upholstering. He afterward entered a government claim in Jackson county and there followed farming for about six years, when he removed to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he resumed work at his trade, continuing at that place up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1896. His widow survived him for about thirteen years, passing away in 1909.

Charles P. Peterson was the youngest in a family of nine children, four of whom are now living. He is indebted to the public school system of Eau Claire for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and he received his initial business training as a clerk in a general store at that place. In 1889 he went to Duluth, where he was employed in a general store, spending five years in that position. He next removed to Hawley, Clay county, Minnesota, where he acted as clerk for two years, and upon his return to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, he again engaged in clerking in that city, remaining there until the death of his father.

In 1898 Mr. Peterson became a resident of Fargo, North Dakota, where he entered the clothing business, with which he was connected for fourteen years, interested in the house of Alex Stern & Company. In the spring of 1912 he removed to Dawson and purchased the general store of Raymond Kepler, after which he established himself in business and has met with excellent success in the conduct of the store, to which he gives his personal attention and at the same time employs three clerks. He carries a large line of general merchandise and puts forth earnest and effective effort to advance the interests of the establishment. His methods at all times will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and his sound judgment enabled him to overcome all obstacles and difficulties in his path. In addition to his commercial interests Mr. Peterson is connected with farming, having three-quarters of a section of land in Kidder county, from which he derives a good rental.

In January, 1900, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Everson, who was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, a daughter of Lewis and Louise Everson, who were natives of Norway and became pioneer settlers of the Badger state. The father is now leading a retired life in Eau Claire but the mother passed away about 1894. Mr. and Mrs.

Peterson have become the parents of two children: Clifford, who was born in 1901; and Mahalah, born in 1908.

In his political views Mr. Peterson is a republican and has served as treasurer of Sibley township but is not a politician in the sense of being an aspirant for office. He holds membership with the Knights of the Maccabees at Fargo and the Yeomen at Dawson and he is foreman in the local organization of the latter order. He is also a member of the Lutheran church and his life is guided by its teachings. His activities have been directed along lines which not only lead to substantial results in business but which also win respect and high regard. He is ever straightforward and honorable and Dawson secured a valuable addition to its citizenship when Mr. Peterson resolved to cast in his fortunes with the town.

WILLIAM J. EDWARDS.

William J. Edwards, an architect of pronounced ability residing in Grand Forks, has designed and superintended many public buildings in North Dakota and other states, and many of the structures represent the highest types of architectural skill and beauty. Constantly expanding powers have brought him to his present position as a foremost architect of the northwest.

Mr. Edwards is a native of Rankin, Renfrew county, Ontario, and is a son of William P. Edwards, who was born in Canada, September 26, 1825, and was of English, Welsh and Dutch descent. The founder of the family on this side of the Atlantic was Evan Edwards, who settled in Canada about 1823 and was a pioneer of that country. He afterward, about 1829, removed to Buffalo, New York, where he remained about two years and then returned to Canada, where he died in 1863. William P. Edwards, the son of Evan Edwards, became a successful farmer, and throughout his entire life, except while in Buffalo, New York, was a resident of Canada, where he passed away at the age of sixty-two years. He belonged to the conservative party and was active in political affairs. He filled various public offices, serving for eight years as postmaster of his town, as a member of the school board for many years, and in other positions of honor and trust. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church. In early manhood he wedded Frances James, a native of Canada, born January 20, 1826, and a daughter of John and Amelia (Thorpe) James, who were pioneer residents of Ramsey, Lanark county. Mrs. Edwards passed away in 1889 at the age of sixty-three years. Of the four sons of William P. Edwards and Frances (James) Edwards, three are living: William J., the subject of this sketch; John E., formerly a resident of Park River, North Dakota, but now a real estate dealer of Winnipeg, Canada; and Isaac P., a contractor of Park River, North Dakota. The other son, Enoch Wesley, died at the age of twenty-four years at Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada.

William J. Edwards pursued his education in the common schools of Rankin and the high school at Pembroke, Renfrew county, Canada, and spent his early life upon the home farm with the usual experiences that fall to the farm bred boy. When a boy of sixteen years, he chopped and hauled cordwood twelve miles to market to obtain money with which to buy books. He started out independently on attaining his majority, but from the age of seventeen years had been earning practically all the money he spent, most of which went for artist's materials and books. When a lad of only thirteen he displayed talent in the line of his present profession by remodeling the old log house, which he converted into a modern and comfortable home. While still in school he worked in vacations at the builders trade, and studied architecture for several years. He later secured a position with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as superintendent of their water service, building water tanks and other such structures for the company. He was also with the engineers and surveyors' corps and had a number of men under his charge. He continued with the railway company for two and one-half years, and though he entered its service as a mere youth, his ability won him promotion to a superintendency, which brought him large responsibilities.

In early life he had taken up the study of architecture and in 1894 concentrated his



WILLIAM J. EDWARDS

energies upon that profession. On the 20th of April, 1892, he became a resident of North Dakota, and about six months later he established himself in business at Park River, Walsh county, and designed and superintended many fine structures in that locality. In the fall of 1902 he removed to Grand Forks, since which time he has perfected and executed plans for the erection of many public buildings in North Dakota, Montana and other states of the west. There are examples of his work in all the principal cities and many of the larger towns of North Dakota, schools, hospitals, churches, bank buildings and other public structures. He planned the State Sanitarium at Dunseith, many of the schools in Grand Forks, and is the architect of the new high school building, which, under his supervision, is now being erected at an approximate cost of six hundred thousand dollars and will be the finest school building in the west. Utility, convenience and beauty are all features of his work, and he embodies in his buildings the highest ideals of architecture. His son, Charles P. Edwards, is now associated with him in business.

On the 21st of June, 1887, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage at Easton's Corners, Ontario, to Miss Theodora Georgiana Hunt, a native of Canada and a daughter of Edward A. and Rebecca (Bates) Hunt, the former of English and Irish, and the latter of Irish lineage. The mother of Mrs. Edwards is a resident of Canada, and formerly resided on a farm near Park River, North Dakota, and will be remembered by many of the old residents there. At the present time she makes her home at Duval, Saskatchewan, but Mr. Hunt has passed away.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were born eight children, of whom seven are living: Nellie R., a student of music and art, and Charles P., architectural draughtsman, residents of Grand Forks; Frances Blair, formerly a teacher but now married to Frederick L. Langton, of Ross, North Dakota; John Stanly, a corporal, and Heber L., at nineteen years of age a sergeant, both in Company M, First North Dakota Regiment, stationed on the Mexican border in 1916; William W., a high school student, and Wallace Evan, in the sixth grade, both of Grand Forks. The family residence is in Riverside Park, where Mr. Edwards owns an attractive home. In 1914, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was born November 18, 1862, and passed away in Grand Forks on the 30th of June, 1914, at the age of fifty-one years.

Mr. Edwards comes of a family in which there is a military strain, for in both the paternal and maternal lines were ancestors who were officers in the British army. William Edwards, the great-grandfather of William J. Edwards, was a surgeon general.

In his political views Mr. Edwards is a republican. At one time he was city engineer of Park River and was formerly a member of the Grand Forks park board. He has always taken a deep interest in civic affairs and stands loyally in support of those interests which promise improvement and progress in the municipal life. As a member of the Commercial Club he cooperates heartily in all plans which are working for the betterment of his city and its trade relations. He is a member of the First Methodist church, of which he is one of the trustees. He belongs to Acacia Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all of Grand Forks.

Those who know aught of Mr. Edwards' career recognize the fact that his course has been marked by steady progress. The exercise of effort has given him strength and promoted his capability, while discriminating study has added to his knowledge and efficiency. Experience, too, has been to him an excellent teacher and has found in him an apt pupil, so that he ranks today among the most capable and best known architects of North Dakota and the surrounding states, with a patronage that has made him widely known.

MARTIN E. JOHNSON

Martin E. Johnson gained such a measure of success as a farmer that he now has sufficient capital to enable him to retire from active life and is enjoying a period of rest and leisure, making his home in Fargo. He was born on the 22d of February, 1860, of the marriage of Evan and Olena (Christianson) Johnson, who brought their family to the United States in 1867. They located in Winnebago Valley, Houston county, Minnesota,

where they remained for four years, but in 1871 they came to North Dakota, the father taking up a squatter's claim in Stanley township, near Wild Rice, Cass county. In July of that year they left that place and removed to a claim on the Sheyenne river in Normanna township, which the father operated until 1898, when he removed to Moorhead, Minnesota, his demise occurring there in February, 1913. For many years he had survived his wife, who died in 1872.

Martin E. Johnson passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and attended the common schools and the Moorhead (Minn.) high school in the pursuit of an education. In 1885 he began his independent career, renting land in Normanna township which he cultivated for three years. At the end of that time he had saved sufficient money to purchase a farm comprising a half section in Stanley township, to the improvement and operation of which he gave his time and energy until 1913. He carefully conserved the fertility of the soil, used up-to-date methods and improved machinery in carrying on his farm work and was rewarded by excellent crops. He is now living retired in Fargo, where he is well known and highly esteemed. In addition to his farm he owns stock in the Farmers Elevator at Warren and in the Scandinavian-American Bank at Fargo, of which he is a director.

In 1885 occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Gina R. Anderson, of Belmont, Traill county, this state, by whom he has eight children: Olena C., now Mrs. Henry Perhus, of Normanna township; Mabel, the wife of Martin Martinson, of Dunn county, Wisconsin; Alfred, who is operating our subject's homestead; Ella R., the wife of Robert Clemenson, of Stanley township; and Cora M., Hilda G., Nelius F. and George M., all of whom are at home.

Mr. Johnson supports the democratic party at the polls and has been called to local office, serving as township treasurer for seven or eight years and as a member of the school board for about fifteen years, his retention in those offices being evidence of his ability and conscientiousness. He belongs to the Norse Society and the Sons of Norway and his religious allegiance is given to the Norwegian Lutheran church. He is a public-spirited citizen and personally is popular, his salient characteristics being such as invariably inspire respect and win regard.

HUGH GIBSON.

Hugh Gibson, county treasurer of Pembina county and a resident of Cavalier, was born in Ontario, Canada, February 8, 1868, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Currie) Gibson, both of whom were natives of Ontario, from which place they removed to Manitoba in 1879. After five years' residence there they came to North Dakota in 1884, settling in Pembina county, where the father engaged in farming until his death in 1888, when he had reached the age of sixty-three years. His wife passed away in 1896, when she had reached the age of seventy-two years. In their family were eleven children, of whom Hugh Gibson is the youngest.

At the usual age Hugh Gibson became a pupil in the public schools of Manitoba and later continued his studies in North Dakota. After putting aside his textbooks he concentrated his energies upon farming for a time and later engaged in merchandising. He worked in a general store at Langdon before the railway reached there and later at Bay Centre and Neche, and in 1899 engaged in merchandising at Leroy. In 1908 he sold out his business and took the management of the Farmers Cooperative store at Walhalla, and later formed a partnership with Frank Fraser and D. W. McCaul and bought the Farmers' interests in the store, managing the business until 1914. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, called upon him for public service and in 1914 he was elected county treasurer of Pembina county and in 1916 was reelected. He has served as township treasurer and also as school treasurer of St. Joe township, Pembina county, and thus he has been actively identified with public affairs as well as with the business interests of the community. He has worked his way upward entirely through his earnest labors and close application and in addition to his other interests he has engaged in farming on an

extensive scale. He owns a half section of land near Bathgate, North Dakota, which constitutes one of the finest farms in Pembina county. This he has brought under a high state of cultivation, carrying on farm work according to the most scientific methods, and it is also equipped with the latest improved farm machinery and modern buildings for the storage of the immense crops which he harvests. He is likewise a director and stockholder of the Citizens Telephone Company of Bathgate.

On the 8th of November, 1899, Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Margaret Boyd Patterson, a native of Bay Centre and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Patterson, who were pioneers of Pembina county. Fraternally Mr. Gibson is a Mason of high rank, having taken the Scottish Rite degrees in Grand Forks, where he also became a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters, to the Modern Brotherhood of America and both he and his wife are identified with the Eastern Star. They are also members of the Presbyterian church. His entire life has been characterized by high and honorable principles and worthy purposes and he has so directed his efforts in a business way as to win success and has also gained the proud American title of a "self-made man."

SAMUEL O. TOLLEFSON.

Samuel O. Tollefson, manager for the Farmers Elevator Company at Milton and secretary and treasurer of the Pioneer Machine & Hardware Company, doing business at Milton and Osnabrock, Cavalier county, was born in Moscow, Freeborn county, Minnesota, April 16, 1867, and comes of Norwegian ancestry. His father, Ole Tollefson, was a native of Illinois, but the grandfather, Tollef Tollefson, was born in Norway and came to the new world in the '40s, thus founding the American branch of the family. He became a pioneer settler at Rock Prairie, Illinois, near the Wisconsin line, and there he engaged in farming until 1854, when he removed to Minnesota, being one of the first to settle in Freeborn county. With the work of pioneer development and improvement he was closely associated, the family experiencing all of the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier, and there he passed away in 1896, at the very venerable age of ninety-eight years. His son, Ole Tollefson, reared and educated in Freeborn county, took up the occupation of farming as a life work but passed away in 1869, when but thirty-four years of age. His wife, Eunice Olson, a native of Norway, was brought to the new world by her father, Severt Olson, in the early '50s, the family home being established first in Illinois and afterward in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where she met and married Mr. Tollefson, whom she survived until 1887, passing away at the age of fifty-two years. In the family were six children: Carrie, the wife of Gunder Nelson, of Osnabrock, North Dakota; Marguerite, the wife of Martin Nelson, of Shevlin, Minnesota; Theodore, living on the old homestead; Lena, the deceased wife of Edward Soronsen, a farmer residing near St. Paul, Minnesota; Samuel O., of this review; and Ole, now deceased.

Samuel O. Tollefson acquired a public school education in Moscow and spent his youthful days upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with all departments of farm work. When twenty years of age he started out in life on his own account, arriving in Park River, North Dakota, in the fall of 1887. There he was employed in the machine shop of his brother-in-law, Gunder Nelson, for eight months and in the spring of 1888 he removed to Milton, where he engaged in the machinery business with Mr. Nelson for two years. He next became connected with the grain and elevator business, being employed as grain buyer and manager at Milton for the Minneapolis & Northern Elevator Company of Minneapolis for ten years. He then resigned his position and with others formed a cooperative company and established a machinery and hardware business at Milton and at Osnabrock, these two establishments being conducted under the name of the Pioneer Machine & Hardware Company, Incorporated, of which Mr. Tollefson is the secretary and treasurer. This is one of the leading firms of its kind in Cavalier county and the business has been developed to substantial proportions. Mr. Tollefson is also manager of the Farmers Elevator Company and one of its stockholders.

In 1897 Mr. Tollefson was married at Ashby, Minnesota, to Miss Caroline Black, a

native of that state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black, of Ottertail county, where they settled in 1860. The father was a Civil war veteran and both he and his wife are now deceased. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Tollefson are five children: Karl Orland, Gordon V., Hulbert C., Bernice and Gladys, all born in Milton. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Tollefson is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. He became an entered apprentice at Milton in 1896 and since that time has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also connected with the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Commercial Club and there is no phase of the city's interest and development with which he is not closely associated. In politics he is a republican. He has served on the board of education for the past twelve years, serving in that connection at the present time, and he is also a member of the village board. He has never allowed business affairs to so monopolize his time that he cannot find opportunity to aid in promoting the development and upbuilding of his district.

FRED COMPTON UPTON.

Fred Compton Upton, president of the Minot Motor Sales Company and recognized as a valuable addition to the business life of the fast growing young city in which he resides, was born in New Sharon, Iowa, March 24, 1872, a son of David and Lucy Ann (Bangham) Upton. The father, a native of Plattsburg, New York, was reared and educated in that state and became a farmer and building contractor there. In 1855 he removed to New Sharon, Iowa, where he continued in the same lines of business. He made the journey across the country, walking part of the way, and he reached his destination with but twenty-five cents as his sole capital upon which to begin life in the west. He possessed, however, energy and determination and these constituted the foundation upon which he built his success. Some years afterward he engaged in the hardware and furniture business in Tobias, Nebraska, removing to that place in 1890 and there continuing his residence until his death, which occurred in 1914. David Upton enlisted in 1862 in Company B, Fortieth Iowa Infantry, served three years and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. He took part in several battles, served as special messenger to General Steele and for part of the time was mail agent. It was in Montezuma, Iowa, that he wedded Lucy Ann Bangham, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and was there reared and educated but in young womanhood removed to Montezuma, Iowa, where she arrived in 1855. She now divides her time among her children and at present is with her son in Minot.

Fred Compton Upton was a pupil in the schools of New Sharon, Iowa, and afterward attended college at Burlington, that state. Following his graduation he became connected with the machine business as a salesman for the Plano Manufacturing Company of Plano, Illinois, handling harvesting machinery which he sold over nine states. Subsequently he was proprietor of a hardware and furniture business at Belvidere, Nebraska, for two years and then entered the banking business at Mahaska, Washington county, Kansas, where he remained for seven years. He went to Minot, North Dakota, as general collection agent for the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company of Racine, Wisconsin, in 1911 and so continued until 1916, when he incorporated the Minot Motor Sales Company, of which he is the president. This company deals in Oldsmobiles and the Simplex gas tractor, having charge of the northwestern district for both. Their building is the most modern in its equipment of those used for like purpose in Minot and such has been the growth of their business that they intend to enlarge the building soon. They bought the building and remodeled it to better serve their purpose for display rooms and garage. As is well known, the Oldsmobile is one of the best motor cars upon the market and for it the firm finds a ready sale owing to their enterprise and the reliability of their business methods. Their garage is splendidly equipped for doing all kinds of repair work on motor cars and they carry an extensive line of automobile supplies and accessories. They have every reason to be proud of their undertaking, which although one of the newly organized enterprises of the city has already become one of its foremost commercial interests.

On the 2d of September, 1896, Mr. Upton was married to Miss Ollie Hanson at Tobias,



MR. AND MRS. FRED C. UPTON

Saline county, Nebraska. She was born in Dallas, Iowa, and was educated in Mahaska county. She afterwards taught school in Tobias, Nebraska, for a number of years. By her marriage she became the mother of two children: Aneta, who was born in Belvidere, Nebraska, August 5, 1903; and Florence, born in Minot, September 12, 1912.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Upton has been actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progress. He was the leader of the movement to incorporate the city of Mahaska, Kansas, and served as a member of its first city council. He was a candidate for president of the city commission of Minot in 1914 but was defeated by seven votes. Throughout almost the entire campaign he was absent from the city on business, else he would probably have been elected. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a firm believer in its principles. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and for the past five years he has been Sunday school superintendent of the Vincent Methodist church at Minot, while in other branches of the church work he takes an equally helpful interest. He is popular in fraternal circles and in the Masonic organization has attained high rank, as is indicated by his membership in the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Sons of Veterans and the United Commercial Travelers but would never accept office in any of these. He is now erecting a fine modern residence at No. 419 First street, Southeast, and he is regarded as one of the most public-spirited residents of Minot, being always in the lead in any movement for the betterment of the city. His ideas are practical as well as progressive and throughout his entire life he has been a man of action rather than of theory.

WILLIAM S. WHITMAN.

William S. Whitman, owner of the American Bottling Works at Grand Forks, became a resident of North Dakota when a youth of sixteen years. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1867, a son of Edward and Rose (Herrmann) Whitman. The father, a native of Germany, came to America in young manhood and settled at Erie, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in carpentering throughout his remaining days, his death occurring January 9, 1881, when he was forty-one years of age. His widow still resides at Erie, Pennsylvania, and is now seventy-three years of age. Their family numbered seven children, two of whom have passed away.

William S. Whitman, the eldest in the family, attended school in Erie and was also a student in a business college there. He was sixteen years of age when he left his native city and removed to Erie, North Dakota. The following year he returned to Erie, Pennsylvania, but the next spring again took up his abode in Erie, North Dakota. He was only fourteen when he entered the employ of Warner Brothers, dealers in dry goods and carpets, in the capacity of cash boy, and while working in the day time he attended night school. Gradually he worked his way upward with that firm, remaining with them until 1891, when he purchased a section of land in Cass county and began farming. He continued active in farm work until 1904, when he rented his land. His previous experience along mercantile lines enabled him to secure the position of manager in the general store of W. T. Hunter at Erie, North Dakota. He remained in that connection for three and one-half years, after which he opened a drug store on his own account in Erie, carrying on the business for two years. On selling out to L. B. Hanna he was induced by George Moss, of Fargo, to open the American Bottling Works at Grand Forks. He placed this business on a substantial basis, and after two years bought out the interest of the others and has enlarged his plant, which is now thoroughly equipped and modern in every respect. He has the latest improved machinery for use in putting up his product, and his is today the leading bottling works in Grand Forks. He is represented on the road by two men who cover a large territory, including Minnesota and North and South Dakota. His trade is extensive and the business has become one of the important and profitable productive industries of the city. In addition to his interests along that line Mr. Whitman is the owner of two of the finest farms in the state, one of six hundred and forty acres near Erie and another of three hundred and twenty acres near Drayton, North Dakota. The land was wild when it came into his possession but he has converted these places into modern farms with all modern im-

provements, including fine barns and every facility for the shelter of grain and stock. He has recently completed a barn for stock at a cost of three thousand dollars.

In 1890 Mr. Whitman was united in marriage at Wheatland, North Dakota, to Miss Elizabeth, a daughter of Andrew Beith, and they have one child, Edith E., born in Erie, North Dakota, in 1895. She is a graduate of both the high school and the conservatory of music. The wife and mother passed away in 1895 and on January 7, 1906, Mr. Whitman was married to Miss Elmina Dows, of Portland, Oregon, a daughter of E. L. Dows, of Erie, North Dakota.

Politically Mr. Whitman is a republican and is now serving for the first term as alderman. In Masonry he has attained high rank and has become a Mystic Shriner. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has membership in the Commercial Club and gives valuable aid to all measures and plans for the upbuilding of the city, and its advancement. He is a man of progressive spirit and in his business career has advanced step by step until he occupies a creditable and commanding position in commercial circles. His worth makes him one of the highly respected citizens of Grand Forks.

ADAM BOLLINGER.

Russia has furnished a substantial percentage of citizens to Stutsman county and among the number is Adam Bollinger, now successfully engaged in merchandising in Medina. He was born in South Russia, near Odessa, March 2, 1875, a son of Jacob and Barbara Bollinger, who in 1887 resolved to establish their home in America and perfected arrangements whereby they brought their family to the new world. They did not tarry on the Atlantic seaboard but made their way at once into the interior, settling in Campbell county, South Dakota, where Mr. Bollinger took up a homestead claim. Upon that place the mother passed away but the father is still living there and has been actively associated with the pioneer development and later progress of his locality, especially along agricultural lines.

After coming to the new world Adam Bollinger continued his education in the schools of South Dakota and remained upon the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Wells county, North Dakota, meeting the laws' requirements as to occupancy and improvement, so that he secured title thereto. He lived upon that place for about five years and then disposed of the land, after which he removed to Medina in 1900 and opened a general mercantile establishment, becoming a member of the firm of Olson-Preszler & Bollinger. They conducted a store near the site of Mr. Bollinger's present store and the business was thus continued until February, 1916, when the partnership was dissolved and the stock divided, Mr. Bollinger taking the furniture, hardware and farm machinery. He is now conducting business under his own name. He has a large and carefully selected stock and the reliability of his business methods, combined with his indefatigable enterprise, has secured to him a growing trade. He owns the building in which his store is located and he is also the owner of valuable farm property, having between four and five hundred acres, from which he derives a gratifying annual income.

In February, 1896, Mr. Bollinger was married to Miss Margaret Wohl, who is of German-Russian birth, and when quite young came to the United States, settling in North Dakota. They have become the parents of seven children, John, Rose, Adam, Albert, Otilda, Elizabeth and William Howard. The eldest son is manager of the Powers Elevator at Pompeys Pillar, Montana, and the others are all in school. The son Albert was the first baby boy born in Medina and because of this received as a gift a city lot, which is lot 18, block 5.

The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and Mr. Bollinger belongs to the Elks lodge at Jamestown. His political views accord with the principles of the republican party and when in Wells county he served as deputy county assessor. He served for four years as president of the village of Medina, has also been village treasurer, and in 1912 was elected to represent his district in the house of representatives, becoming a member of the thirteenth general assembly. So excellent a record did he make during that session

that he was reelected to the fifteenth assembly. His legislative course won him high commendation, for he was loyal to the interests of the state and was connected with much constructive legislation, which he strongly favored. He is a self-made man, for from his youth he has been dependent upon his own resources and has worked his way upward through an orderly progression that has brought him to a place among the substantial and respected merchants and business men of Stutsman county.

JOHN HOPPERSTAD.

John Hopperstad, proprietor of the City Market in Grafton, has developed a business in the sale of home dressed meats to large and profitable proportions and is entirely a self-made man, his success being attributable solely to his own efforts. It was the desire to benefit his financial condition that led him to come to the new world from his native country, Norway, where he was born January 10, 1889, his parents being Guturn and Christine (Brien) Hopperstad, who were also natives of Norway. For many years the father engaged in the live stock business as a buyer and shipper and spent his entire life in Norway, where he passed away in 1914 at the age of fifty-two years. His widow survives and is now in her fifty-eighth year.

Their only child, John Hopperstad, entered the schools of Norway at the usual age and later was apprenticed to the meat trade. He came to America in 1907, when a youth of eighteen years, and made his way at once to Grafton, thus following the example of many of his fellow countrymen, who had already become residents of North Dakota. In Grafton he established himself in the meat business, opening the City Market, which has since grown and developed to large proportions. He has always made a specialty of handling home dressed meats and he has built up a large trade, being most careful in the selection of the meats which he carries.

On the 31st of March, 1914, Mr. Hopperstad was united in marriage to Miss Talette Rod, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Rod, of Grafton, and they have one child, Orton R., who was born in Grafton, December 23, 1914.

In politics Mr. Hopperstad maintains an independent course, not caring to ally himself with any party. He has taken the Royal Arch degree in Masonry and he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit upon which those orders are based. Coming to the new world when a young man imbued with the hope of winning success on this side the Atlantic, he has steadily and persistently put forth earnest effort in his business career and is today at the head of one of the successful commercial enterprises of Grafton.

PETER O. C. JOHNSON, M. D.

Dr. Peter O. C. Johnson, practicing at Watford City, McKenzie county, has been well qualified for onerous professional duties by thorough training in Rush Medical College of Chicago, which conferred upon him his degree in 1915. He was born in Glenwood, Minnesota, January 10, 1883, a son of George and Maria (Munter) Johnson. The father, a native of Norway, was there reared and educated and in young manhood became a resident of Pope county, Minnesota. He followed farming near Glenwood and there married and established his home. He was somewhat prominent in community affairs, serving in township offices and as school director, and he passed away in Pope county in 1888. His wife, who was born in Sweden, was brought to America by her parents when twelve years of age and is now a resident of Glenwood, Minnesota. Her father was a wealthy resident of Gottenburg, Sweden, but met with financial reverses and in the early '60s came to America for the purpose of enlisting in the Union army for service in the Civil war. He joined the army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and was on active duty in the northwest in Montana and North Dakota, participating in the Indian campaigns, which involved very hard service. After

being honorably discharged he returned to North Dakota and before 1870 engaged in trading in horses with the Indians. Later he returned to Pope county, Minnesota, where he took a homestead and followed farming until his demise.

Dr. Johnson spent his youthful days on his father's farm in Minnesota and supplemented his district school training by a course in the Glenwood Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. Later he attended Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and won his Bachelor of Arts degree by graduation with the class of 1906. For three years he taught school in McHenry and Walsh counties and in 1910 he entered the medical department of the University of North Dakota, where in 1913 he received his B. S. degree. He afterward spent two years in the Rush Medical College of Chicago and won his professional degree at the end of that time. He served as house physician in the Deaconess Hospital at Minneapolis, where he was associated with Drs. Sheldrup and Severtson. When his term as house physician was over he opened an office in Watford City, where he has since remained in the general practice of medicine. He is in close touch with the most modern methods and already he has become well established professionally since taking up his abode in McKenzie county.

On the 8th of September, 1907, at Glenwood, Minnesota, Dr. Johnson wedded Miss Hannah Dalager, who was born in that locality, a daughter of Hans S. and Ingeborg (Larson) Dalager, who were natives of Norway and became early settlers of Pope county, Minnesota, where her father became the largest farmer of that locality. He died in 1910 and his widow now resides at Glenwood. It was in the district schools of that county that Mrs. Johnson began her education, and after completing the high school course in Glenwood she attended the normal school at St. Cloud, Minnesota, subsequent to which time she successfully engaged in teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have three children: Philip O. C.; and Maxwell and Maxine, twins. All were born in McHenry county, North Dakota.

Dr. Johnson is a republican but has never sought or desired office. He and his wife belong to the Synod Lutheran church and take a most active and helpful part in the church work. He is a charter member of the United Workmen lodge at Watford City and he belongs to the Kotana Medical Association, the North Dakota Medical Association and the American Medical Association, thus keeping in close touch with the trend of modern thought and investigation in the line of his profession. He is indeed a deep student of the science of medicine and has broad and comprehensive knowledge of those principles upon which the laws of health are based. His ability is now being recognized in a growing practice and his success is well deserved.

GUSTAVUS E. STROMBERG, M. D.

Dr. Gustavus E. Stromberg, a prominent physician and surgeon of Langdon, was born in Gottenburg, Sweden, on the 7th of May, 1884, a son of John A. and Charlotte (Anderson) Stromberg, who brought their family to America in 1887 and located in Chicago, Illinois. The father has now reached the age of sixty-three years and still resides in Chicago. The mother is fifty years of age. In order of birth their children are as follows: Joseph, who is a physician of Chicago; Gustavus E., of this review; Bertha, of Chicago; Benjamin, who is now attending the medical department of the University of Illinois; and Morris, also of Chicago.

In the public schools of that city Gustavus E. Stromberg acquired his early education and later entered the Harvey College of Applied Sciences, from which he was graduated in 1904. Having determined to engage in the practice of medicine he next matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, where he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of M. D., and then became interne in Covenant Hospital at Chicago, Illinois. Since then he has engaged in private practice and is today one of the leading representatives of the medical profession in Cavalier county, having become a resident of Langdon in February, 1911. He owns and operates the Langdon Hospital, which he established and which he conducts on a high plane. It is equipped with all modern appliances for medical and surgical work and also for the comfort of the patients.

On the 22d of October, 1908, in Chicago, Dr. Stromberg married Miss Celia Verena Gage, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gage, of Michigan, and they now have two children; both born in Langdon, namely: Murray Gage, born July 20, 1913; and Charlotte Margaret, born November 16, 1914.

Dr. Stromberg keeps thoroughly up-to-date in his profession and on three different occasions has taken post graduate courses in Chicago. Although engaged in general practice he gives considerable attention to surgery and ranks among the best surgeons in his part of the state. He is still a member of the Chicago Medical Society and also belongs to the American Medical Association. On the republican ticket he was elected coroner of Cavalier county and has ably filled that office. Socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is practically a self-made man who worked his way through medical college and the prominence he has attained in his profession is therefore the more creditable. In every relation of life has been found honorable and upright and he has made a host of warm friends since coming to North Dakota.

F. A. L. WANNER.

F. A. L. Wanner, now successfully engaged in the real estate business in Dickinson, has for several years been prominently identified with the colonization of different portions of the state and in this way has done much for its development and upbuilding. He is a native of Canada, born March 2, 1890, and is a son of F. X. and Appolina (Aman) Wanner, who are still living in Canada, where the father carries on operations as a rancher and mill owner.

F. A. L. Wanner obtained his education in the public and high schools of Canada and for a time managed the business of his father. Subsequently he taught school for three years and for six months was in charge of the normal course in the high school of Regina, Canada. During the following two years he was engaged in the general merchandise business in Prussia, Canada, and then engaged in the colonization of that district, his colony being known as the St. Francis colony. He took an active part in organizing the Canadian Grain Growers Associations and the Volksverein. For one year he was interested in the real estate business in Regina and later engaged in the same business at St. Paul, Minnesota, before coming to Dickinson, North Dakota, in 1916. Here his attention is also devoted to real estate operations and he is taking an active interest in colonizing Stark county. At the present time Mr. Wanner is organizing the Northwest Co-Operative Realty Company, establishing real estate agencies in every progressive town and training efficient real estate men to handle this business in a profitable way. He is a very progressive, far-sighted business man and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. Mr. Wanner is an ardent republican in politics and is a consistent member of the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus.

FREDERICK OLAF LARSON.

Frederick Olaf Larson, manager and editor of the *Souris Messenger* of *Souris*, was born at Decorah, Iowa, February 1, 1886, a son of Henry N. and Hilda N. Larson. The father, who was of Norwegian descent, died at the age of sixty years, and his father passed away at the age of eighty-six and his mother when seventy-four years of age. Mrs. Hilda Larson yet survives at the age of sixty-six. Her father died when he was ninety years of age and her mother is still living at the age of more than ninety. Frederick O. Larson has five sisters who survive.

In the public schools of Decorah, Frederick O. Larson pursued his education and then entered upon his business career in the line in which he has always continued. He made his start as platen-press feeder with the Standard Printing Company of Decorah and remained in that office for about three months, after which he secured a better position

with the Lucheran Publishing House, there continuing for a year, feeding platen and cylinder presses. Upon the removal of the Standard Printing Company to Moline, Illinois, he reentered their employ but continued for only four months. He was then offered and accepted a position with the Decorah Posten, remaining for nearly four years, working on platen, cylinder and Goss presses and also at the type cases to some extent. From Decorah he removed to Starbuck, Minnesota, where he had charge of the mechanical end of the Times and later he leased the paper, which he continued to publish for one year. He was afterward engaged in the land and insurance business for a year and then removed to Havana, North Dakota, where he took charge of the Union, spending about five months in that position. He was then called home on account of the serious illness of his father, who passed away a few days later.

Mr. Larson then returned to Havana, closed out his affairs there and again took up his abode at Decorah, entering the office of the Public Opinion. While thus engaged he set up most of the advertisements, running from eight to twenty pages and occasionally did some job work. He was afterward foreman on the Decorah Journal until August 6, 1914, when he arrived in Souris to take charge of the office of which he has since had charge. In this connection he has developed one of the best printing offices of Bottineau county. At first his business was hardly enough to pay his wages, but he has developed the interests of the office until work is now secured from all surrounding towns. He has done work for the Rev. J. L. Redal, of Souris; Rev. Fr. T. J. Eagleston, of Westhope, North Dakota; Cashier P. B. Peterson, of Landa, North Dakota; Postmaster Charnholm, of Roth, North Dakota; Cashier N. B. Arveson, of Carbury, North Dakota; County Auditor Hebert; County Treasurer Glomseth; Register of Deeds Joseph Quamme; Sheriff McLean, of Bottineau, North Dakota; Attorney John E. Martin, of Maxbass, North Dakota; Butcher George Butz, of Kramer, North Dakota; and N. Magnuson, secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Fire and Telephone Companies of Souris, Bottineau county, North Dakota. The nature of this patronage indicates that the work done in the office is first-class in every particular and the development of the business is attributable largely to the efforts, ability and enterprise of Mr. Larson.

In religious faith Mr. Larson is connected with the United Lutheran church and at Starbuck, Minnesota, served for a year and a half as deacon. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of Yeomen and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. A young man of enterprise, perseverance and determination, he has gradually advanced in his chosen field of labor, his success being the legitimate outcome of his efforts.

CHARLES MACLACHLAN, M. D.

New Rockford has no more distinguished citizen than Dr. Charles MacLachlan, who has not only gained high rank in his profession but has also been prominently identified with business and public affairs. He was born in Erin, Ontario, Canada, July 13, 1861, and is a son of Malcolm and Christina (MacDonald) MacLachlan, both natives of Scotland, who as children removed to Canada with their respective parents and were married in the Dominion. They located on a farm which the father operated until called from this life in 1884 at the age of sixty-six years. The mother is still living and makes her home in Chatham, Ontario.

During his boyhood and youth Dr. MacLachlan attended the public and high schools of Ontario, and having determined to become a physician he entered the medical department of the University of Toronto in the fall of 1885 and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1889, the degree of M. B. being conferred upon him. Immediately following his graduation he came to New Rockford, North Dakota, having previously visited this section of the state in 1883, when it was still a territory. At that time the land had not been surveyed and he took a squatter's claim near the present town of Brinsmade, Benson county, but that summer the survey was made and Dr. MacLachlan filed on his claim as a preemption, subsequently proving up on it. He held that property until about 1904.

After locating in New Rockford he entered upon the practice of his profession and is today one of the leading practitioners of the state. About 1897 he became identified with the banking business, buying an interest in the Bank of New Rockford, and he was made vice president of the institution, but in 1904 he sold his stock and two years later was the prime factor in the organization of the Farmers & Merchants Bank. For certain reasons he did not care to serve in an official capacity until two years later, when he was chosen president of the bank and has since filled that responsible position. He is a heavy holder of farm lands in Eddy, Foster and Kidder counties, owning at the present time more than two thousand acres.

In 1902 Dr. MacLachlan was united in marriage to Miss Etta Patterson of Wahpeton, North Dakota, and to them have been born four children, of whom three survive, namely: Kathryn, Marjorie and Jean. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Congregational church and he is affiliated with Century Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is now treasurer. He is a life member of Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; is a noble of El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine; and also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Yeomen. In politics he is an ardent republican. His skill and ability as a physician and surgeon are widely recognized and he occupies a foremost position among his professional brethren. He was called upon to serve as a member of the first state board of medical examiners and filled that position for four years, while for the same length of time he was vice president of the state board of health. About 1897 he was appointed to the board of trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane and served in that capacity one term. He also represented his district in the state legislature in 1895-6, and for sixteen years was surgeon general of the National Guard. Dr. MacLachlan is one of the leading members of the Tri-County Medical Society, of which he was the first president, and is one of the most prominent members of the North Dakota State Medical Society, of which he was elected president in 1911. He was a delegate to the American Medical Association in 1916 and has served as surgeon for the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railroads since locating in New Rockford. He has always been a foremost figure in civic affairs and for four years he served as president of the Commercial Club of New Rockford, while at the present time he is president of the State Capital Removal Association. His support and cooperation can always be depended upon to further any enterprise for the public good and Eddy county has no more public-spirited or progressive citizen than Dr. MacLachlan.

FREDERICK F. WALZ.

Frederick F. Walz, cashier of the State Bank of Egeland, North Dakota, and one of the leading citizens of that place, was born on the 2d of September, 1880, in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and is a son of Michael and Margaret (Merkler) Walz, both natives of Germany. When a young man the father came to the United States and located near Chicago, Illinois, where he purchased land, which subsequently advanced rapidly in value. On selling out he removed to Stearns county, Minnesota, where he homesteaded and also bought land, becoming a heavy landholder in that state. There he died at the advanced age of ninety years.

Frederick F. Walz completed his education at St. John's College in Collegeville, Minnesota, and at the St. Cloud Normal School. As early as his sixteenth year he began teaching school, being required, however, to secure a special permit to teach before the age of eighteen. As the compensation was not great in that profession, he resolved to turn his attention to some other line of endeavor and in 1898 he entered the State Bank of Perham, Minnesota, where he worked the first six months for his board in order to learn something of the business, and for seven years was an employe in the State Bank of Perham.

In the fall of 1904, Mr. Walz resigned as assistant cashier of that institution and removed to Valley City, North Dakota, where he served the American National Bank in a similar capacity for about a year. In the fall of 1905 he became a resident of Egeland and assisted in organizing the State Bank of Egeland, of which he was made cashier, since serving in that important position. At the present time he and his wife own ninety per cent of the stock, which they purchased within three years after the organization of the

bank. Mr. Walz is a most able financier, a man of sound judgment and good business ability and to these attributes may be attributed his success in his chosen field of labor. He is an enthusiastic horticulturist, having a fine orchard of crabapples, plums, cherries, etc., and also flowers upon his place, which covers about an acre in Egeland. He is also raising white Wyandotte chickens and takes great interest in his home and its surroundings.

On the 17th of February, 1908, Mr. Walz was united in marriage to Miss Agnes G. Panratz, of Perham, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of four children, three of whom are living: Genevieve A., Margaret B. and Helen E. He is one of the representative business men of his town and is widely and favorably known throughout Towner county.

ARTHUR GILBERT JACOBSON.

Sincere regret was felt throughout Lisbon and Ransom county when the news of the death of Arthur Gilbert Jacobson was received, for he had been a substantial citizen and business man, highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. He was born in Hickson, North Dakota, January 23, 1884, a son of George and Mary (Blilie) Jacobson, both of whom were of American birth, and throughout the period of his active business life the father has resided in Hickson, devoting his attention to farming and real estate dealing. His wife passed away in 1913.

In a family of eight children Arthur Gilbert Jacobson was the third in order of birth. He was reared in his native town and pursued his education in its public schools and at Aakers Business College in Fargo. Following his marriage he removed to Fort Ransom, where he arrived on the 25th of August, 1907. He was at that time made cashier of the Fort Ransom State Bank, having previously had two years' experience along that line as assistant cashier of a bank in Hickson. He remained as cashier until his death, which occurred on the 2d of March, 1914, when he was but thirty years of age. His business ability and his enterprise had been large contributing factors to the success of the bank and he was widely recognized as a progressive and popular business man.

Mr. Jacobson was married August 14, 1907, to Miss Lena Nelson, who was born in Comstock, Minnesota, March 25, 1885, and there obtained her education and made her home until her marriage. She was a daughter of Ole and Ingabore (Bernhardson) Nelson, who are still living at Comstock, the father devoting his attention and energies to general agricultural pursuits. Their family numbered eight children, of whom Mrs. Jacobson is the eldest, and by her marriage she became the mother of two children, namely: Olive Gladys, born July 25, 1908; and Iola Margaret, whose birth occurred July 23, 1909. At the death of her husband Mrs. Jacobson was elected vice president of the bank and still occupies that position. For seven years Mr. Jacobson was actively connected with the business interests of Fort Ransom and during that period gained the warm friendship and regard of all with whom he had dealings, for he possessed many sterling traits of character and was always considerate of the rights and feelings of others.

GUSTAVE BRECKE.

The business interests of Cavalier county have a worthy representative in Gustave Brecke, who is today one of the leading citizens of Milton. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Norway, August 27, 1852, and in that country his parents, Ole G. and Boel (Hoff) Brecke, continued to reside throughout life. The father, who was a carpenter and farmer by occupation, died in 1897 at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother passed away in 1870 at the age of forty-four years. The father was married a second time.

By the first union there were eight children, of whom Gustave Brecke is the oldest. As a boy he attended school in Norway and also took private instruction in languages and commercial pursuits, after which he was engaged in office work and in the timber and shipping

business. It was in 1880 that he crossed the ocean to the new world and located in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in merchandising for four years. The year 1884 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, stopping first at Thief River Falls, where he traded with the Indians, but in 1885 he located at Park River, where he clerked in a store until his removal to Milton in 1887. He has since made his home at that place and has been identified with various enterprises. Mr. Brecke is now successfully engaged in the real estate and loan business, is president of the Farmers Elevator Company of Milton, is vice president of the State Bank at that place, and director of the Bank of Fairdale, North Dakota. His business interests have been most carefully managed and prosperity has come to him as the years have gone by, making him one of the well-to-do men of his community.

Mr. Brecke was married at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, February 23, 1882, to Miss Carrie Lee, who was born in Norway in 1863 but was only seven years of age when brought to this country by her parents, John and Carrie Lee, the family locating in Renville county, Minnesota. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brecke only one is living, Olga Marie, who was born in Milton, January 11, 1901, and is now attending high school. Oscar Lee, died in 1888 at the age of five and a half years; Nora Johanna, died in 1891 at the age of two years; and Nora Johanna, the second of that name, died in 1899 at the age of eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Brecke are earnest and consistent members of the Lutheran church and he is now serving as secretary of the congregation. The democratic party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles and in the early days of Milton he served on the town board, while at the present time he is president of the board of education. His varied business interests, however, leave him but little time for outside interests. He is the owner of considerable farm property and the success that has come to him is due entirely to his own unaided efforts. Being an enterprising business man of far more than ordinary ability, he has steadily worked his way upward to affluence and today ranks with the substantial citizens of Cavalier county.

CARL I. ROLLEFSON, M. D.

Dr. Carl I. Rollefson, the pioneer physician of Ambrose, was born at Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, November 30, 1878, a son of I. K. and Enni (Erickson) Rollefson. The father was a native of Norway and when but seven years of age was brought to America by his parents, who settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and afterward removed to Yellow Medicine county, where the father engaged in farming in the vicinity of Granite Falls. There he carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. He was also a merchant at Granite Falls but in 1909 retired from active business life and removed to Washington, where he passed away December 25, 1913. His wife is a native of Wisconsin but went to Minnesota prior to her marriage, which was celebrated in Fillmore county, that state. She survives her husband and is now living in Everett, Washington.

Dr. Rollefson obtained his preliminary education in the district schools near Granite Falls and afterward attended St. Olaf's College at Northfield, Minnesota, completing the work of the freshman year. Later he entered the State University as a medical student and was there graduated in 1903 with the degree of M. D. He afterward filled the position of interne in the Norwegian Deaconess Hospital at Chicago, Illinois, and in 1904 he removed to Portal, North Dakota, where he engaged in the practice of his profession for a year and a half. With the establishment of the town of Ambrose in 1906 he removed there, becoming its pioneer physician, and in the intervening period he has enjoyed a liberal practice as the town has grown rapidly owing to the development of this section of the country. He keeps in close touch with the onward march of progress made by the medical profession and he has done considerable post graduate work in Chicago clinics. He practices both medicine and surgery and his marked ability is indicated in the liberal patronage accorded him. He is most conscientious in the performance of his professional duties and broad reading and investigation keep him in close touch with all that modern research is bringing to light.

On the 8th of January, 1908, at Ambrose, Dr. Rollefson was united in marriage to Miss Marie Thompson, who was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and was there reared. Her parents, Andrew and Sophia (Swenson) Thompson, were early settlers of Minnesota.

Dr. and Mrs. Rollefson hold membership in the Lutheran church and he also has membership with the Sons of Norway at Ambrose. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but he does not seek nor desire office for he prefers to give his undivided attention to his professional interests, which are now extensive and make heavy demands upon his time and energies.

CHARLES A. JACOBSON.

Charles A. Jacobson has not only been an important factor in the development and improvement of McKenzie county but has also been prominently identified with public affairs, having been called upon to serve in several official positions of honor and trust. He now makes his home in Alexander and is at the head of the firm of C. A. Jacobson & Sons, dealers in farm implements, machinery and hardware.

Mr. Jacobson was born in Scandinavia, Waupaca county, Wisconsin, October 23, 1861, and is a son of Andrew and Anna (Olstad) Jacobson, natives of Norway. The father was twenty years of age when he came to this country with his parents and located near Scandinavia, Wisconsin, the family being very early settlers of Waupaca county. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Forty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and took part in many hotly contested engagements. On receiving his discharge from the army he returned to Scandinavia, where he died at the age of forty years from disease contracted in the service, thus laying down his life for his adopted country. His wife was sixteen years of age when she emigrated to America and became a resident of Waupaca county Wisconsin, where they were married. After his death she continued to live on the old home farm in that county until 1882, when she took her family to Grafton, North Dakota, and settled on a farm, where she passed away in 1885.

In the county of his nativity Charles A. Jacobson grew to manhood and was educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys. He accompanied the family on their removal to Grafton, North Dakota, in 1882 and preempted land near what is now Pekin in Nelson county but at that time formed a part of Walsh county. He was appointed deputy sheriff of the latter county by Gunder Olson, then sheriff of the county, and served in that capacity from 1886 to 1892. Mr. Jacobson was then elected sheriff and filled that office for two terms of two years each, his former service as deputy well fitting him for that position. He also served as chief of police in the city of Grafton for a time.

In the meantime Mr. Jacobson had become interested in cattle ranching in McKenzie county and in 1890 moved his family to the old Fort Buford military reservation, where he took up a homestead. He engaged in cattle raising on an extensive scale, his ranch being located on the Yellowstone river, and he continued to give the business his personal supervision until 1906, when he was elected sheriff of McKenzie county, serving in that capacity for two terms. Later he was appointed deputy warden of the state penitentiary at Bismarck and discharged the duties of that position until February, 1915, when he resigned in order to engage in business at Alexander, McKenzie county, in partnership with his two sons under the name of C. A. Jacobson & Sons. They deal in hardware and farm implements and have already built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing. Mr. Jacobson still owns his homestead and other land in McKenzie county and is vice president of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Alexander.

At Decorah, Iowa, March 18, 1890, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jacobson and Miss Caroline Gullickson, who was born and reared on a farm near Ridgeway in Winneshiek county, Iowa. Her parents, Gulliek Mogen and Aase Olson Oien, were natives of Norway but became early settlers of Winneshiek county, Iowa, where they grew to manhood and womanhood and were married. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have two children, both born in Grafton, North Dakota, and now in business with their father. The



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elder son, Elmer G., was born December 3, 1892, and married Miss Bessie George of Princeton, Minnesota. Walter F., the younger son, was born November 12, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson hold membership in the United Lutheran church, and he is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Foresters. In politics he is an ardent republican, and in addition to the offices already mentioned he served as game warden of Walsh county. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed and he has proved a very popular public official as well as an efficient one. He is widely known and has many staunch and admiring friends in McKenzie and Walsh counties.

GUDMUND J. GISLASON, B. A., M. D.

Dr. Gudmund J. Gislason, specializing in his practice in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was born in the northern part of Iceland, January 21, 1877, a son of Jon and Siun Gislason. The parents came to North Dakota in 1883, and the father engaged in farming in Pembina county, where he remained until his death in 1892, when he was sixty-two years of age. His wife passed away in the same county in 1915 at the age of seventy-three years. In their family were five children; three sons, Thorsteinn, Gudmund and John Magnus; and two daughters, Odny and Mrs. J. S. Gillis.

Dr. Gislason supplemented his public school education, acquired in North Dakota, by study in the University of Manitoba and later in the University of North Dakota, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He pursued a course in medicine in Chicago and in 1904 located at Grand Forks, where he has since practiced his profession. He went abroad for post graduate work in London, Edinburgh, Copenhagen and Vienna, studying in Europe for three years, during which time he specialized in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, to which his practice is now limited. He has received a liberal patronage from an extensive territory both within and outside the state.

Fraternally Dr. Gislason has attained high rank in the Masonic order and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Norway. He belongs to the Grand Forks District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and several other medical societies.

FREDERICK J. REHER.

Frederick J. Reher, who is now filling the position of county superintendent of schools in Cavalier county and makes his home in Langdon, was born on the 8th of April, 1888, in Geneseo, Illinois, his parents being George and Henrietta (Tehn) Reher, both natives of what is now Germany but originally was a part of Denmark. About 1871 they came to the United States and located in Illinois. For some years the father followed farming and then turned his attention to the milling business. He is still living at the age of seventy years and the mother has reached the age of sixty-eight.

Frederick J. Reher is next to the youngest in a family of seven children and in the common schools of his native state he began his education. After coming to North Dakota he attended the Valley City Normal, from which he was graduated in 1907. In the meantime, however, he had taught in the rural schools of Cavalier county and then returned to the normal to complete his course. Subsequently he taught for three years in Dickey, North Dakota, but at the end of that time he returned to Cavalier county and was engaged in the hardware and implement business at Alsen for a year and a half. Mr. Reher was then elected county superintendent of schools in 1914 and removed to Langdon, the county seat, to enter upon the duties of that office. So acceptably has he filled that position that in the fall of 1916 he was reelected without opposition. Through his untiring efforts he has greatly promoted the efficiency of the schools, placing them on a par with any in the state.

On the 6th of July, 1911, in Alsen, North Dakota, Mr. Reher was united in marriage

to Miss Marie Graber, a daughter of Jacob J. Graber, who was one of the pioneers of Cavalier county and is now vice president of the Farmers State Bank of Alsen. Mr. and Mrs. Reher have two children: Arnold Albert, born in Dickey in 1912; and Erwin Paul, born in Langdon in 1915.

Mr. Reher is a republican in politics and is a member of the Menonite church. He has been one of the most popular teachers of his section of the state and stands high in educational circles. He is progressive in his methods, yet practical in all that he does, and the people of Cavalier county now have just reason to be proud of their schools.

HON. GEORGE M. YOUNG.

Hon. George M. Young, a lawmaker whose record in the state legislature as representative and senator and in congress reflects credit and honor upon the district which has honored him, is today accounted one of the foremost citizens of Barnes county, making his home in Valley City. He is of American and Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was born at Lakelet, Huron county, Ontario, December 11, 1870, a son of Richard Young, who was engaged in the lumber business, and Jane (Eaton) Young, who was a member of the old Eaton family of St. Lawrence county, New York. Following the death of her husband she removed with her family to Michigan and passed away in 1896.

George M. Young received his education in the public and high schools at St. Charles, Michigan. In 1888 he removed to Minnesota and engaged in newspaper work in Minneapolis and in 1889 moved to Casselton, North Dakota. Later he became a student in the University of Minnesota and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1894. He then returned to North Dakota, opening a law office in Valley City. In 1906 he erected the Young block in Valley City, and he also owns one of Barnes county's good farms.

Mr. Young was elected to represent his district in the general assembly in 1898 and was reelected to the house in 1900. Two years later he was made state senator and then retired from office at the close of his term but in 1912 his fellow townsmen again sought his service and he was sent to congress. His personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him are indicated in the fact that he was reelected in 1914, receiving a majority of eleven thousand six hundred votes, and was again reelected in 1916 by a majority of thirteen thousand nine hundred votes.

In January, 1899, Mr. Young was married to Miss Augusta L. Freeman, of St. Charles, Michigan, a daughter of Jared and Caroline M. (Adams) Freeman, the latter a representative of the Adams family of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Young have one child, Katherine Adams, seven years old.

WILLIAM T. WASSON.

William T. Wasson, who in February, 1916, established the *Kensal Progress*, which paper he is now publishing, has been identified with the interests of Stutsman county from pioneer times, being among those who, coming at an early day, were able to secure government land. For a considerable period thereafter he was identified with farming interests. He was born in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, in 1878, a son of J. B. and Jennie B. (Grimmer) Wasson, the former a native of New York and the latter of Wisconsin. The father was a blacksmith by trade and followed that business for many years but is now deceased. He became a pioneer settler of Minnesota and his wife was one of the first students in the Mankato Normal School and afterward became a successful teacher.

William T. Wasson was educated in rural and city schools of Minnesota, finishing his course at Breck College at Wilder, Minnesota. When a youth of but fourteen years he entered the printing office of F. G. Tuttle, in Echo, Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, and for three years remained in that office, learning the trade under the direction of Mr. Tuttle, who was a prominent politician of that period and locality. Later Mr. Wasson

came to North Dakota, settling first at Goodrich, where he published the Flickertail Flicker for a period of a year. He also filed on a homestead in township 147, range 78, McLean county, and performed the arduous task of breaking the sod with eight head of steers. He was occupied with his farming interests until 1911, when he removed to Pingree, North Dakota, where for one year he managed a paper, and on the expiration of that period he removed to Jamestown, where he was employed as a member of the reportorial staffs of both the Capital and the Alert for a period of three years. Ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account, he came to Kensal in February, 1916, and established the Kensal Progress. The growth of the paper has been remarkable, having already a list of eight hundred subscribers which will probably reach a round thousand by fall. This fact speaks for itself in regard to the value of the paper, which is a strong advocate of the interest of the farmers and an equally staunch supporter of the Non Partisan League of North Dakota.

In 1907 Mr. Wasson was married to Miss Annabelle Ployhar, a native of Wahpeton, North Dakota, and they have become parents of three children: Helen, Willabelle and Howard. Mr. Wasson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, identified with McChusky Lodge, No. 68, F. & A. M., the beneficent spirit of which he exemplifies in his relations with his fellowmen. He is a very progressive man, a student of the times and keeps abreast with the questions of the age. He stands for cooperation and is doing everything to promote such a spirit among the people of the community. Well informed concerning the vital and significant problems of the age, his well pointed editorials, clear and forcefully written, have done not a little to mold public thought and opinion.

GEORGE H. SPIELMAN, M. D.

Dr. George H. Spielman, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Flasher, was born in Shakopee, Minnesota, July 16, 1881, a son of Henry and Margaret (Huth) Spielman. The father, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1853, was a son of John Spielman, a native of Bavaria, Germany, who in young manhood came to America, settling in Boston, where he engaged in business as a butcher and meat packer. In 1857 he removed to Minnesota, where he had previously purchased land, and became one of the pioneer farmers of that state. He won success in his agricultural pursuits and continued a resident of the vicinity of Shakopee until his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His son, Henry Spielman, became proprietor of a hotel at Shakopee and continued in that business until the death of his wife in 1904, after which he retired from business. He was active in public affairs and for eighteen years was county commissioner in Minnesota. In 1906 he removed to Garrison, McLean county, North Dakota, where he homesteaded and proved up on his property but still continues to reside in Shakopee, where he owns a residence and other real estate.

In a family of five sons and five daughters Dr. Spielman was the third. His brothers, Richard and Alois, went together to Flasher. The latter was a pharmacist and the former took up the study of pharmacy, being graduated on the completion of a pharmaceutical course. Together they established the Flasher Drug Store, which is now managed by Richard Spielman, and later they organized the Mott Drug Company, of which Alois Spielman is manager, and subsequently established a third business under the name of the New England Drug Company. These three stores are thoroughly modern, containing a complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries, and are equipped in most splendid manner. Dr. Spielman acquired his elementary education in the public schools and after leaving high school attended the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, Illinois. He next entered the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1908, and in 1909 he went to Flasher, where he began practice. In 1913 he went to Vienna, Austria, for post-graduate work and received instruction under some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of the old world. He has built up a large general practice and won a notable and well deserved reputation for skill in surgery. In his practice he has also given special attention to obstetrics and to diseases of the lungs and in those departments of practice has displayed

ability of superior order. He keeps in touch with the latest theories and discoveries bearing upon medical and surgical practice, visiting the leading clinics, reading the latest medical journals and professional literature and equipping his office with the most highly improved instruments. He is now local surgeon for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and is county physician of Morton county. He likewise figures in financial circles as vice president of the Raleigh State Bank and as a director of the Flasher State Bank and the Timmer State Bank, but the greater part of his time and attention is concentrated upon his professional interests and activities.

In August, 1910, Dr. Spielman was married to Miss Helen Berrier, a daughter of William F. Berrier, deceased, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. They have become parents of two sons, Lloyd and Byron. The Doctor's home is a thoroughly modern residence lighted by electricity, while a private water plant supplies not only the house with running water but also his barn and garage. Fraternally Dr. Spielman is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and professionally has membership in the Sixth District Medical Association, the North Dakota Medical Association and the American Medical Association, through the proceedings of which he keeps in close touch with the latest scientific researches and discoveries.

J. H. BAIN.

J. H. Bain, cashier of the First National Bank of Langdon, comes from the land of hills and heather. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, August 13, 1868, and his parents, Joseph and Agnes (Hamilton) Bain, spent their entire lives in that country, both being now deceased. There were four children in the family and J. H. Bain is the second in order of birth. In his native land he attended school to a limited extent but at the early age of ten years began earning his own livelihood, since which time he has been entirely dependent upon his own resources. During his residence in Scotland he was variously employed.

It was in 1896 that Mr. Bain crossed the ocean and came to North Dakota, since which time he has made his home in Langdon. He worked for C. W. Clark and in the machine business for J. McPhail until 1902 but has since been identified with the First National Bank, serving as bookkeeper until 1910, when he was elected cashier.

Mr. Bain was married in Langdon, November 11, 1904, to Miss Mabel Aldritt, whose parents were residents of St. James, Minnesota. To this union has been born a daughter, Frances, whose birth occurred in Langdon in 1906. Mr. Bain is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Canadian Forresters and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Since becoming a naturalized citizen he has voted with the republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs.

MAJOR JOHN G. HAMILTON.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in public regard in North Dakota than Major John G. Hamilton. It was he who established the graded school system of Grand Forks and served as secretary of the constitutional convention of the state, while in many other public offices he has discharged his duties with such signal honor, capability and fidelity as to win the highest esteem of all. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, October 22, 1846, a son of James and Jennie (Doran) Hamilton, natives of Scotland and Ireland respectively. The father came to America in 1846 and settled in New York city, where he became secretary for a steamship company. He had become entangled in the Irish revolt and fled from that country to avoid arrest, seeking then a home in a land of liberty. Following his connection with the steamship company he became connected with iron works of New York city, with which he remained until his death in 1864, when he was fifty-nine years of age. His wife was reared and educated in Ireland and died

in New York city in 1857, at the age of thirty-six years. In the family were three children, two sons and a daughter. George, born in New York city in 1848, was connected with a steamship company and was drowned at Buffalo, New York, in 1899. The daughter, Mrs. Mary Foller, was born in New York city and died there July 3, 1902.

Major Hamilton was the second of the family and in his youthful days attended the public schools of New York until 1858, when he suffered an injury that resulted in blood poisoning, causing the amputation of his left arm between the elbow and wrist. In 1863 he went to Oberlin, Ohio, where he attended college and was graduated in 1867 with the Bachelor of Arts degree, while in 1870 the Master degree was conferred upon him. Following his graduation he went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he taught school, becoming principal. In the following July he suffered an attack of typhoid fever and on the 4th of July, 1868, went to the home of his brother at Corona, New York. There he recuperated and in September of that year returned to Lexington, Kentucky, where he resumed teaching, becoming principal of schools in that city, where he continued to reside until 1873. While there he studied law and was graduated from the law department of the University of Kentucky in 1872. In September of the following year he returned to Ohio and taught school near Cleveland until April, 1875, when he was appointed United States Indian agent at the Sisseton Indian agency, then in the territory of Dakota, now South Dakota. After filling that position for three years he resigned and went to St. Paul, Minnesota, afterward spending a year as representative of a school book publishing house of that city, traveling over Minnesota and North and South Dakota. In the spring of 1878 he made his way to Grand Forks and in September of that year took up his permanent abode in the city. Opening a law office, he continued in active practice until 1900, when he went to Washington as an officer of the senate, there remaining until June, 1913, when he returned to North Dakota and has since lived retired.

Major Hamilton has been prominently and actively identified with interests of moment to Grand Forks and has done much to further its development. He established the splendid graded school system of the city and was president of the board of education for four years. He also served as city attorney for a year and then resigned, and he was states attorney for five years, having been appointed to that office in 1892 to fill out the unexpired term of Tracy R. Bangs, while later he was twice elected to the office. He was assistant chief clerk of the territorial legislature at Bismarck from 1885 until 1887 and chief clerk in 1889. He was also secretary of the constitutional convention of North Dakota and was chief clerk of the general assembly during the first, second and third sessions and again in 1898. His official service has been characterized by marked devotion to the public good and his efforts have been strongly resultant factors in promoting public progress. From 1889 until 1892 he served as secretary of the board of regents of the State University. He was chairman of the compilation commission appointed by Andrew H. Burke in 1891 to compile, classify and arrange the codes of North Dakota and make them consistent with the constitution of the state. The other members of the commission were P. H. Rourke, of Lisbon, and R. M. Pollock, of Fargo. They completed the compilation and drafted some fifty original bills and amended about one hundred and fifty other statutes that came down from territorial days. They reported the work to the legislature and all of the original bills prepared were accepted by them. Major Hamilton was also a member of the commission which prepared the revised codes of 1895. Another revision of the codes was authorized by the legislature of 1899 to be made under the direction of the secretary of state. That compilation was made by Jewel, R. N. Stevens and Major Hamilton. Again in 1905 the legislature authorized the preparation of a new code which should be annotated, all the decisions of the supreme court of South Dakota and North Dakota to be properly placed under different sections of the code. This was under the direction also of the secretary of state, while Mr. Jewel, R. N. Stevens and Major Hamilton did the work. The compiling of the statutes which were passed from 1899 to 1905 was done by Major Hamilton and Mr. Jewel, and the annotation of the South Dakota supreme court reports and thirteen volumes of North Dakota reports and six of the territorial reports of Dakota were prepared by Major Hamilton and R. N. Stevens.

³ Colonel Lounsberry regarded Major Hamilton the most competent person in the state to furnish the historical facts relative to the division of the territory, the constitutional

convention, the compilation of the laws, the administrations of the several governors and the bar association, and these several chapters in the present history of North Dakota were in the main prepared by him and indicate the extreme care and painstaking methods in which he prepares matters of this kind.

In Cleveland, Ohio, in February, 1871, Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Melissa Lavayea, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Lavayea of that city, who later removed to North Dakota in 1882, settling on a farm in Grace township, Grand Forks county. Major and Mrs. Hamilton have two children. Helen N., born in Lexington, Kentucky, is a graduate of the law department of the University of North Dakota and is a member of the law firm of Bangs, Hamilton & Bangs. Hastings H., born in Cleveland, Ohio, has for some years been district manager at Jamestown, North Dakota, for the Northwestern Telephone Company and is now first lieutenant and adjutant of the Third Battalion on the Mexican border. He served in the Philippines with the First North Dakota Regiment during the Spanish-American war.

Fraternally Major Hamilton is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of Grand Forks and North Dakota, being known throughout the state in earlier days as one of its ablest lawyers, while his connection with the public life has done much to shape the history, establish the policy and mold the destiny of the commonwealth.

A. GODFREY ENGD AHL.

A. Godfrey Engdahl, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Kenmare, was born in Cambridge, Minnesota, August 12, 1877, a son of the Rev. Andrew and Mary A. (Ecklund) Engdahl, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father obtained his early education in the city schools of Stockholm, Sweden, and entered college to prepare for the ministry, but low finances prohibited him from further continuing his education and he took up the profession of teaching. Crossing the Atlantic to America, he settled in Galesburg, Illinois, and later entered Augustana College, completing his theological course there. He was then ordained to the ministry of the Swedish Lutheran church and assigned to a pastorate in Cambridge, Minnesota, in 1874, that being a missionary field. He became one of the pioneer missionary ministers of his part of the state at a time when the Indians were still in the country. He made long trips across the plains in order to preach the gospel among the pioneer settlers. He drove a team of white horses and was known for many miles around by his white team. In 1884 he was assigned to a church at Milbank, South Dakota, where he remained for eight years, during which time he not only acted as pastor at that place but also established eighteen mission churches. In 1892 he accepted a call from the church at Ortonville, Bigstone county, Minnesota, where he continued until 1902, when he obtained a leave of absence and removed to Ward county, North Dakota, where he secured a homestead, which he proved up in two years. While thus engaged he also did missionary work among the homesteaders of the locality. In 1904 he returned to his church at Ortonville, where he remained until August, 1916, when he retired from the active work of the ministry, but still makes his home in Ortonville. He was born in 1842 and is therefore seventy-four years of age. He gave forty-two years of his life to continuous service in the church. His wife was also a native of Sweden and in her girlhood came to America with her parents, who settled at Taylor Falls, Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming. She became the wife of Rev. Engdahl at Forest Lake, Minnesota, and of this marriage nine children were born, four sons and five daughters, of whom one son and three daughters are deceased. Mrs. Engdahl shared in the good work done by her husband and there are now many substantial churches which stand today as a monument to his religious faith and service. He was an earnest speaker, his words carrying conviction to the minds of his hearers, and his influence was widely felt as a force for good in every community in which he lived and labored, for he was not denied the full harvest of his efforts nor the aftermath. There are many who have reason to thank him for his kindly words of wisdom, sympathy and encouragement, enabling them to choose the better things of life. Such a career should well serve to inspire others.

Adolph G. Engdahl began his education in the Swedish school at Cambridge, Minnesota, and when a lad of seven years accompanied his parents to Milbank, South Dakota, where he attended school. He was also a student in the College of Gustavus Adolphus at St. Peter, Minnesota, and afterward in a school at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He then turned his attention to general merchandising, which he followed in Minnesota until 1900, when he removed to Kenmare, North Dakota, and entered the employ of J. A. Englund, a general merchant, with whom he continued until 1905. He was afterward employed with the Security Bank of Kenmare and when it was consolidated with the First National Bank he entered the service of the Farmers & Merchants Bank as cashier and has since continued in that position, making an excellent record as a courteous, obliging and capable official who extends every possible aid to the patrons of the bank and at the same time carefully safeguards the interests of the institution which he represents. He is also a director in the Farmers Elevator Company at Kenaston, North Dakota.

In 1905 Mr. Engdahl was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Swanson, who was born at Brandon, Minnesota, and there remained until her marriage. Her parents were born in Sweden and on coming to the new world cast in their lot with the farming population of Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Engdahl have two children: Alfred G., born in Kenmare, July 23, 1906; and Mildred C., born December 12, 1913.

In politics Mr. Engdahl is a democrat and under three administrations has served as city auditor of Kenmare. He has taken high rank in Masonry, belonging to the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks, and also has membership in the Odd Fellows lodge and the Knights of Pythias. He is likewise connected with the Elks lodge at Minot and both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Swedish Lutheran church, finding in its teachings the rules which govern their conduct. They are highly esteemed by all who know them and most of all where they are best known.

WARREN H. NYE.

Warren H. Nye, publisher and editor of the Medina Citizen of Medina, Stutsman county, North Dakota, was born in Mount Sterling, Illinois, April 2, 1875, a son of Stephen and Mary R. (Pigman) Nye, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Iowa, both becoming early residents of Illinois, where the father engaged in business as a merchant and insurance man, but both he and his wife have now passed away. In their family were five children, four of whom are yet living.

Warren H. Nye, the youngest of the family, began his education in the graded schools of Mount Sterling, Illinois, and completed a high school course there. Starting out in the business world, he became an employee in the printing office of the Democrat Message of Mount Sterling in 1893 and there learned the printer's trade. He worked in his native city and in neighboring towns in connection with the business until 1900, when he became a traveling printer, working at various places until 1904. In that year he arrived in North Dakota, going first to Valley City and later to Kensal. In the fall of 1906 he settled at Medina and took over the Medina Citizen, which had been established in the spring of 1904 by W. J. Dwyer, from whom he purchased the paper September 1, 1906. On taking charge he bent every energy toward developing the business and now publishes an attractive country journal which has a good circulation, there being now seven hundred and fifty subscribers. He has a well equipped printing establishment and is prepared to do excellent job work. There is no trace of yellow journalism in his publication, which is such a paper as can be read in any home, given over to the dissemination of local and general news.

In the fall of 1911 Mr. Nye was married to Miss Clara Kirkeby, who was born in Naples, South Dakota, in 1884, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Kirkeby, who are natives of Norway and became pioneer settlers of South Dakota. Their daughter, Mrs. Nye, is the eldest of their four children, of whom three are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Nye have been born three children: Irene, who was born in June, 1912; Warren, in January, 1914; and Orville, born in October, 1916.

Mr. Nye votes with the republican party and has held several local offices, serving as village

treasurer and as clerk for five years. He belongs to Jamestown Lodge, No. 995, B. P. O. E.; Jamestown Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; and is also a member of Medina Lodge, No. 1437, B. Y. A., to the teachings and purposes of which he is ever loyal. Whatever success he has achieved is attributable to his own efforts and to the fact that he has always continued in the same line of occupation in which he embarked as a young tradesman.

JUDGE A. M. CHRISTIANSON.

Judge A. M. Christianson, who took his place upon the supreme court bench of North Dakota in 1915, is a native of Norway, born August 11, 1877. He located at Towner, in McHenry county, in March, 1900, was elected to the office of states attorney at the general election held in November, 1900, and filled that position until the 1st of January, 1905. Public opinion bears testimony to the ability which he displayed in law practice. Along with those qualities indispensable to the successful attorney—a keen, logical mind, plus the business sense and a ready capacity for hard work, he brought to the starting point of his legal career certain rare gifts. An excellent presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and accuracy in the application of its principles to the points in litigation have been the chief factors in his effectiveness as an advocate. Gradually he worked his way upward and in 1914 was named as one of the candidates for the supreme bench.

On the 14th of May, 1906, Judge Christianson was married to Miss Edith Baldwin. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has taken the degrees of the Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, but his activity and interests center in his profession, in which he has made steady progress. His colleagues and contemporaries speak of him as a man of well rounded character, finely balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice. Possessing these qualities, he justly merits the high honor which was conferred upon him by his elevation to the court of appeals.

CHARLES MAHONEY.

Charles Mahoney, a hardware and implement dealer of Spiritwood, is numbered among the native sons of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Hudson, September 9, 1860. He is the second of a family of eleven children whose parents were Dennis and Margaret (Coffin) Mahoney, the former a native of Maine and the latter of Ireland. The father was a plasterer by trade and on leaving the east settled in Wisconsin about 1856, making his home at New Richmond for a period of ten years. He then removed to Kinnick-Kinnick, Wisconsin, where he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1884, having for eight years survived his wife, who died in 1876.

After mastering the elementary branches of learning taught in the schools of New Richmond, Charles Mahoney continued his education at River Falls, Wisconsin, and later began learning the blacksmith's trade at Duluth, Minnesota. He came to North Dakota in 1882 and was one of the pioneer settlers of Stutsman county, establishing his home there when the work of development and progress seemed scarcely begun. In 1894 he purchased a farm near Jamestown and divided his time between the cultivation of the fields and the conduct of a blacksmith shop for seven years. Up to the time when he purchased his land he had followed blacksmithing and had also cultivated a rented farm. While thus engaged he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property. His farm was located four and a half miles northwest of Jamestown and he remained thereon until 1901, at which time he sold the place and removed to Spiritwood, where he established a blacksmith shop, which he successfully conducted for a period of seven years. His excellent work secured for him a very liberal patronage and in that way he won the capital that enabled him to embark in the hardware

business in 1908. His was the only hardware store in the town save one owned by Roundsville & Doty, of St. Peter, Minnesota. The latter firm went out of business soon after Mr. Mahoney established his store, so that all of the trade went to him, and in the conduct of his growing business he employs on an average three men. He carries a very complete line of hardware and farm implements and his trade has assumed substantial and gratifying proportions. He is also a partner of R. E. Dresser, Sr., in the Spiritwood Machine Company, which carries a complete line of farm implements. This company was established February 17, 1913, and from the beginning their business has prospered.

In 1889 Mr. Mahoney was married to Miss Carrie Bowman, who was born in Renville county, Minnesota, December 15, 1876, and who came with her parents to North Dakota in 1878, the family home being established a mile and a half north of Jamestown. Her parents were William and Jane (Sidmore) Bowman, both of whom were natives of New York and became early pioneers of Stutsman county, after which they were closely associated with its development and improvement as the years went by. Both are now deceased. The family numbered four children, of whom Mrs. Mahoney is the second. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney: Alfred D., who was born January 20, 1895, and is now acting as bookkeeper in his father's store; Charley, born May 19, 1899; Elmer, August 18, 1901; Margaret, September 9, 1902; John, January 5, 1906; and Daniel, February 16, 1910.

Mr. Mahoney has no political aspirations. He has experienced all of the privations incident to pioneer life and knows every phase of the county's development, bearing his full share in the work of progress and improvement. Present day conditions have been brought about only through hard labor on the part of the pioneers and Mr. Mahoney deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in this connection

JOHN J. POWER.

John J. Power, mayor of Langdon, took up his abode in that city in the fall of 1892, an entire stranger, but the years of his residence have proven his worth and ability until his fellow townsmen have honored him with the highest office within their power to bestow. He has also made for himself a creditable position in agricultural and grain trade circles. His birth occurred at Pieton, Ontario, Canada, January 16, 1863, and he was the eldest in a family of eight children, six of whom are yet living. The parents, Michael and Jane (Shannon) Power, were natives of Ireland and Canada respectively. The father was three years of age when taken by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Power, to Canada. The grandfather there followed the occupation of farming to the time of his death. Michael Power was reared and educated in Canada and became a prosperous farmer, also taking an active and influential part in local affairs, both civic and political. He filled various offices in the locality and passed away in 1906 at the age of seventy-one years. His widow survived until 1914 and died on the old homestead when seventy-six years of age.

John J. Power was educated in the public schools of Pieton and in the Ontario Business College at Belleville, and through the period of his boyhood and youth remained upon the home farm, and after his education was completed continued to assist with its development until he reached the age of twenty-nine years. He came to North Dakota in the fall of 1892, settling at Langdon, where he became connected with farm and elevator work and in 1894 filed on a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Perry township, Cavalier county, which he continued to cultivate and improve until 1914, when he sold that property. In the meantime he had become a resident of Langdon in 1901 and entered the grain business at that place. He had previously been engaged in buying grain for seven years at Osabrook, North Dakota, and was grain buyer for the National Elevator Company of Minneapolis at Langdon, North Dakota, for eleven years or until 1913, when he became manager and grain buyer for the Langdon Farmers Elevator Company. He also owns and cultivates one thousand, six hundred and sixty acres of land all in Cavalier county, and his business affairs are wisely, carefully and successfully conducted.

On the 6th of June, 1906, at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, Mr. Power was married to Miss May Blanche Sorsoleil, a native of St. Hilaire, Minnesota, and a daughter of William

Sorsoleil, now living at Snohomish, Washington. The five children of this marriage are: Marcus; Mary Genevieve; Neil Francis; Jane Kathleen; and Paul Ambrose.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Power belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is connected with the Commercial Club, and in politics he is an active republican. For four years he served as a member of the city council of Langdon, and in the spring of 1916 was elected mayor, the position he is now filling. When he arrived in North Dakota he had to work for a dollar a day and was very glad to secure employment at that rate. But laudable ambition has enabled him to work his way upward, and he is now a well known figure in business and political circles in Cavalier county, controlling important commercial interests while at the same time directing the civic affairs of Langdon.

J. HARVEY JOHNSON.

J. Harvey Johnson is president and manager of The Hart-Johnson Company of New Rockford, engaged in the abstract, real estate and loan business. He was born in Streator, Illinois, on the 10th of February, 1882, and is a son of George F. and Cora A. (Long) Johnson, natives of New York and Illinois respectively. For the past thirty-five years the father has resided in Streator, where he is now engaged in the transfer and storage business, but the mother died in May, 1910.

Mr. Johnson of this review spent his boyhood and youth in Streator, Illinois, and after completing his education in the schools of that city he was engaged in the music business there for several years and was also in charge of an orchestra. In 1906 he removed to New Rockford, Eddy county, North Dakota, where he taught music for three years, and then turned his attention to the real estate, loan, insurance and abstract business. The company of which he is now president and manager was incorporated in 1909 under the name of The Hart-Johnson Company and is now at the head of a good business which is constantly increasing. They are proprietors of the New Rockford Improvement Company, of which Mr. Johnson is also president, and in 1915 erected a large flat building, which is three stories in height with a basement and contains fourteen flats. In addition to his other business he is secretary and treasurer of the Equity Elevator Company of New Rockford.

In June, 1915, Mr. Johnson married Miss Katharine Maddux, who is a most estimable lady and a member of the Catholic church. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Carrington Chapter, R. A. M., and he is also connected with the Elks lodge at Jamestown. In politics he is a republican, and he takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He has been particularly active in the development of New Rockford and is regarded as one of the leading business men of the city as well as one of its representative citizens.

GUSTAV BRANDT.

Gustav Brandt, a clothing merchant of Park River, is a representative of the large quota that Norway has furnished to the citizenship of North Dakota. He was born at Valdres, March 11, 1858, a son of John and Beatta (Odnes) Brandt, who were natives of that country and there spent their entire lives. The father was a merchant and farmer until his death. He died in 1880, at the age of fifty-six years, while his wife survived until 1890, passing away at the age of sixty-three. In their family were ten children.

Gustav Brandt, the fourth in order of birth, spent his early life in the schools of Norway, after which he began working in stores in Christiania. He was a young man of about twenty-seven years when he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world. Arriving in 1885, he returned to Norway in 1886 but again came to the United States in 1887, at which time he made his way to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he spent three years in the consul's office. In 1891 he became a resident of Park River, North Dakota, and was employed in connection with mercantile lines until 1897, when he embarked

in business on his own account. He has since conducted his store and has developed a trade of gratifying proportions. He closely studies the wishes of the public in order to make his purchases accordingly and at all times he follows thoroughly reliable as well as progressive business methods.

At Grand Forks, on the 22d of February, 1902, Mr. Brandt was married to Miss Lena Koppeng, and they are now parents of seven children: John, who was born at Park River in 1904 and is now attending school; Beatta, born in 1906; Olaf, in 1908; Sophie, in 1912; Karen, in 1914; Christian, in 1915; and Signe, in 1916. The other child of the family, Karen, who was born in 1910, passed away in the same year.

Mr. Brandt has never allied himself with any political party, preferring to maintain an independent course in the exercise of his right of franchise. He is a Master Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft which recognizes the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations thereby imposed. He has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man, working his way upward through persistent, earnest effort, and never has he had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world. Here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has made steady progress.

HUGH PEOPLES.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of North Dakota is Hugh Peoples, of New Rockford, who has taken a very active part in the development of Eddy county as a representative of her farming and commercial interests. He was born in Londonderry, Ireland, December 28, 1857. His father, Hugh Peoples, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Woods, were of Scotch-Irish descent and Hugh Peoples, Jr., was the second in order of birth in their family of seven children. In his native country he received an academic education and then entered the service of the Belfast branch of the Bank of Ireland, with which institution he remained for six years. In 1880 he came to the United States for a three months' visit and in 1881 returned to this country, settling in Boston, Massachusetts, where he resided for a time.

In the spring of 1882 Mr. Peoples came to Eddy county and located on land adjoining what is now New Rockford. At that time there were only two other settlers in what is now Eddy county and they were located on Sheyenne river fifteen miles from Mr. Peoples. In 1883 he established a general merchandise and farm implement business, his being the first business house in the county. He was also for a number of years engaged in the banking business in New Rockford and adjoining towns and is still connected with a number of business enterprises. He has been identified with farming operations on quite an extensive scale and labors earnestly for the best interests of the community, especially in the development of the farming interests. At the present time he owns eighteen thousand acres of the finest improved farm land in the county.

In religious faith Mr. Peoples is an Episcopalian and in politics he is an ardent republican. He served as a delegate to the national convention when Theodore Roosevelt was nominated for the presidency for the first time. On his party ticket he was elected to the state legislature in 1896. Before leaving his native land Mr. Peoples was made a Master Mason in Ireland in 1879. In the United States he has attained the other degrees up to and including the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and he is also a member of the Shrine, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Yeomen.

WILLIAM H. PADDEN.

William H. Padden, an attorney of Courtenay practicing at the bar of Stutsman county, was born at Hudson, Wisconsin, on the 28th of July, 1884, but was reared in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to which city he went with his parents in his early boyhood. He is a son of Michael and Mary (Cashman) Padden, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Minne-

sota. Both are still living and the father is a traveling boiler inspector for the Soo Railroad Company. From Minneapolis he removed to Glenwood, Minnesota, in 1895 and in 1908 established his home at Enderlin, North Dakota, where he still resides. In the family were six children, of whom one died in infancy, the others being: William H., Anastasia, the wife of John Hogenson, an engineer living at Enderlin; Walter, who makes his home in Glenwood, Minnesota, and is employed on the Soo Line Railroad; Florence, deceased; and Ethel, at home.

William H. Padden acquired his education in the schools of Minneapolis and of Glenwood, being graduated from the high school of the latter place with the class of 1902. He afterward pursued an academic course in the University of Minnesota and from 1903 until 1905 inclusive, pursued a law course in that institution. Later he entered the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906, winning the LL. D. degree. He began practice at Towner, the county seat of McHenry county, and for about a year was in partnership with Charles Donnelly. He then went to Conrad, Montana, and while in that state he took up a homestead, and complying with the law's requirements as to occupancy and improvements, at length won his title to the property. He has been a resident of Courtenay since 1912, entering upon active practice there in July. In the intervening period he has secured a good clientele and he is most careful in the conduct of the litigated interests entrusted to his care. With the financial interests of the locality he is also identified as a stockholder of the Stutsman County Bank.

On the 5th of May, 1914, Mr. Padden was married to Miss Marie Wallsmith, who was born in Illinois, and with her parents went to Madison, Minnesota, where her father and mother still reside. In his political views Mr. Padden is a republican but not an office holder. He belongs to the Catholic church of Courtenay and is a member of Fargo Council of the Knights of Columbus. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen camp at Glenwood, Minnesota. His time and attention, however, are chiefly concentrated upon his professional interests and his increasing ability is evidenced in his growing practice.

STEPHEN EYOLFSON.

Stephen Eyolfson, a dealer in farm implements and also engaged in repair work of that character in Edinburg, is a representative of that substantial class of citizens that Iceland has furnished to North Dakota. He was born December 25, 1849, a son of Eyolfur Magnuson, a native of Iceland, who in 1876 came to America and settled at New Iceland, Manitoba. There he took up the occupation of farming and made his home at that place until his death, which occurred in 1911, when he had reached the very venerable age of eighty-five years. In his native country he had been recognized as a prominent and progressive agriculturist and in Canada received from Lord Dufferin a silver medal in recognition of his progressive and advanced ideas in regard to farming. He married Stephana Steimm, who passed away in Iceland in 1864. She was the mother of five children.

Stephen Eyolfson, the second in order of birth, pursued his education in the common schools of his native country and his early life was spent upon the home farm. He was twenty-seven years of age when he came to the new world, first making his way to New Iceland with his father, for whom he worked for five years, assisting him in the development and improvement of his farm there. In 1881 Mr. Eyolfson came to North Dakota, establishing his home in Pembina county. There he secured three hundred and twenty acres of land through the preemption and homestead acts and at once began the arduous task of converting the wild prairie into productive fields. His labors were attended with excellent results and there was soon a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, which became a valuable and productive tract of land. He still owns that farm, which is now being cultivated by his sons. In 1909 Mr. Eyolfson established a farm implement business at Edinburg, where he today has the largest business of the kind in his section of Walsh county, his sales reaching an extensive figure annually. He carries the best products of the farm implement manufacturing establishments of the country. He is also a director and



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stockholder of the Edinburg & Gardar Telephone Company. In all that he attempts he is actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progressiveness and his labors have been an element in public progress as well as improvement.

In 1883, at Gardar, Mr. Eyolfson was married to Miss Gudrun Bjorison, a native of Iceland and a daughter of Thorloe and Thordis Bjorison. Mr. and Mrs. Eyolfson have become the parents of seven children, Cecelia, Thorloe, Margaret, Thordis, Magnus, Pearl and Bjorn.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Eyolfson is president of the congregation at Gardar. Fraternaly he is a Mason and is also connected with the Independent Order of Foresters. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1896 he was elected on the populist ticket to the state legislature. He has served as school director for twenty years and has filled every township office, while for three years he was county commissioner of Pembina county. He has always taken an active interest in politics and was the recognized leader of the populist party in Pembina county during its existence. He stands for progress and improvement in public affairs and believes thoroughly in the true American spirit of democracy. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the business opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has made steady advancement, winning a place among the substantial residents of Edinburg.

OLE T. FOSHOLDT.

Ole T. Fosholdt is a pioneer merchant of Courtenay and though he has twice suffered heavy losses by fire he has through persistent energy continued his business interests and his wise direction and able management are bringing to him a measure of success that is not only gratifying personally but also constitutes an element in the commercial development of his town. He was born in Hedalen, Norway, December 13, 1867, a son of T. J. and Ronang Fosholdt, who in the year 1881 brought their family to the United States, crossing the Atlantic to Quebec, whence they removed to Iowa, settling in Mitchell county. In the spring of 1882, however, they came to North Dakota, where the father took up government land, securing a claim ten miles north of Cooperstown, in Griggs county. He at once began to develop that tract and convert it into rich and productive fields, which he continued to cultivate until he retired from active business life. He is now living in Cooperstown, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. His wife died upon the home farm near Cooperstown in 1888 and her death was the occasion of deep regret to many friends.

Ole T. Fosholdt began his education in the schools of Norway and continued his studies in the schools of North Dakota. He was early trained in the work of the fields and soon knew the best methods of tilling the soil and earing for the crops, but in the fall of 1888 he left the farm to become a clerk for Hammer & Condy of Cooperstown. In the winter of 1899-90 he pursued a course in the Normal Business College at Portland, North Dakota, and upon its completion returned to the firm of Hammer & Condy in the capacity of bookkeeper, thus serving until the fall of 1892, when he removed to Courtenay, to open a general mercantile establishment on his own account. He erected a building and started a general store, at which time there was a depot and elevator at Courtenay but no one was in charge of the depot. His store at that time was located a block northwest of its present site and the building was a one story structure twenty-four by thirty-six feet. There he remained until the following spring, when he purchased two lots where he now conducts his business and erected thereon a larger building. There he remained until 1895, when the building was destroyed by fire although he was able to save much of his stock. He next erected a two story frame building, the second floor being used as a hall. That store stood until 1901, when he again suffered a heavy loss through fire, not only the building but his stock this time being destroyed. He then erected a fireproof brick building one story in height and fifty-three by seventy feet. He carries a full line of general merchandise, including dry goods, groceries and men's and women's furnishing goods, and his attrac-

tive stock and honorable methods are the chief sources of his growing success. In addition to his commercial interests he is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Stutsman County Bank.

In 1894 Mr. Fosholdt was married to Miss Emma Haggberg, who died in 1903, leaving a son, Clarence, who is a graduate of the Minneapolis Business College and is now connected with the Stutsman County Bank. In 1905 Mr. Fosholdt was married again, his second union being with Miss Minnie Haggberg, who was born in Cokato, Minnesota. They now have one son, Howard, who is attending school.

Politically Mr. Fosholdt is a republican and has served in local offices, including that of village treasurer. He has also been officially connected with the schools, serving as school treasurer, and he has been a member of the town board. He belongs to the Lutheran church of Courtenay and its teachings guide him in his life's relations, for he is an honorable as well as successful merchant, a loyal citizen, a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father.

GEORGE W. WILSON.

The town of Stanley, Ward county, North Dakota, owes much to George W. Wilson, who owns the local hotel, the telephone exchange and the Stanley Sun and who, moreover, platted the town itself. He has been very successful in the management of his various business interests, carrying out all of his plans, and he is justly recognized as one of the leading citizens of his county. A native of Maryland, he was born in Baltimore on the 28th of January, 1858, of the marriage of Samuel E. and Martha D. (Davis) Wilson, the former born in Harford county, Maryland, on the 7th of June, 1833, and the latter in Baltimore on the 1st of April, 1831. The father learned the miller's trade in early life and in 1862 removed to Maysville, Kentucky, where he engaged in milling for a time. Subsequently he followed his trade in Cincinnati, Ohio, for several years, after which he operated mills in various places in that state until 1871, when he removed to Liberty, Indiana, where he followed the same business until 1875. He then took up his residence upon a farm in Delaware county, Indiana, where he lived until his death in 1901. During the Civil war he was twice drafted but as he furnished substitutes both times he was never in the military service. His wife passed away in 1879. They were the parents of six children, of whom George W. is the eldest.

Mr. Wilson of this review attended school in Kentucky and in Ohio and received his high school education in Liberty, Indiana. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and then began farming in the Hoosier state, so continuing until 1880. In that year he entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad and worked on the construction of that road into Bismarek. Later he was employed on a government telegraph line for two years but at the end of that time took up a homestead south of Bismarek, on which he proved up in 1887. He then became a resident of Minot and was employed there as operator by the Great Northern Railroad for a short time. He next worked at carpentering until the fall of 1887, when he entered the journalistic field as a partner of L. D. McGahan. They established the Williston Beacon, buying out W. W. Maybee, who had published the paper under the name of The Little Muddy Optic. On going to Williston the partners erected a log shack, in which they installed their printing plant and which also served as their home. They had very limited capital and in order to save money boarded themselves and Mr. Wilson remembers that their first meal consisted of bread and liver, the latter being given them. They published the Williston Beacon for about eighteen months, after which they went to Minot and established the Minot Journal, the first issue of which appeared on the 26th of April, 1889. Subsequently Mr. Wilson purchased the interest of his partner and remained sole proprietor of the Journal until 1893, when he disposed of the paper and removed to Towner, where he engaged in the newspaper business for eighteen months. In 1895 he returned to Minot and founded the Minot Mirror, which he discontinued the following year. He then purchased the Minot Reporter and for ten years successfully conducted that paper, selling out in 1906 on receiv-

ing the appointment as register of the land office at Williston. Six years previously, in 1900, he had filed on a homestead in Ward county and in 1902 he platted the town of Stanley on his land and sold a part of his homestead as town lots. He still owns a large portion of the town site and he has been connected with its upbuilding along many lines of endeavor. In 1902, with a partner, he established the Stanley Sun, of which he has been the sole owner since 1903. In 1910 he took up his residence in Stanley and in 1908 he established the local telephone exchange which he still owns. In that year he also built the Wilson Hotel, which is one of the finest buildings in Stanley, and he is also conducting a dairy on his farm. He holds title to two hundred and fifty acres of land and has made his place one of the best improved properties of the county. He concentrates his energies upon the management of his various interests and receives a handsome income from his investments.

Mr. Wilson was married on the 12th of October, 1888, to Miss Clara J. Corbett, a native of Corbett, Ontario, and a daughter of John C. and Marjory (Good) Corbett, both natives of the province of Ontario, Canada. The father owned land there and engaged in farming in the Dominion until 1887, when he came to the United States and entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad, with which he remained for several years. He then returned to his farm in Ontario but a number of years later came to North Dakota and assumed the management of Mr. Wilson's large farm at Stanley. He is now, however, connected with the Wilson Hotel. His wife is also living and they own a comfortable home in Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have two children: Florence M., the wife of G. E. Beemis, who is president of the College of Commerce at Minot and further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Edna H., who is the wife of R. G. Moore, editor of the Stanley Sun, and has two children, Clarice D. and Robert W.

Mr. Wilson supports the republican party at the polls and for years has taken an active part in public affairs. He was register of the land office at Williston from 1906 until 1910, served as justice of the peace at Towner, has been president of the school board of Stanley for three years and has served as president of the board of township trustees for one year. While living in Minot he was one of a committee appointed by its citizens for the purpose of securing the building of the Soo Line into Minot and rendered efficient service in that connection. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic order and in the four branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he was a grand master in 1910 and 1911 and representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1911 and 1912. Throughout his life he has manifested a genuine regard for the rights of others, sterling integrity and unusual energy and determination and has gained not only financial independence but also the sincere respect and the warm regard of those with whom he has been associated.

FRED A. REDETZKE.

Fred A. Redetzke, a representative of mercantile interests in Stark county, is engaged in business at Antelope, where he conducts a general store. He was born in Wisconsin in 1882, a son of Fred A. and Ernestine (Nothnagle) Redetzke, both of whom were of German birth. The father came to the United States about 1865 and settled in Wisconsin but afterward removed with his family to Minnesota. In both states he carried on general farming, devoting his energies to that pursuit until called to his final rest.

Fred A. Redetzke was but a young lad when the family home was established in Minnesota, where he pursued a public school education while spending his youthful days upon his father's farm. He continued to assist in the development of the fields upon the old homestead until he attained his majority, when in 1903 he removed to Hebron, North Dakota, where he secured a homestead claim. He proved up on that property in 1906 and afterward turned his attention to merchandising, securing a clerkship with the Urbin Mercantile Company of Hebron, with which he remained for a period of four years. He next entered the garage business and was thus engaged at Hebron for two years, on the

expiration of which period he sold out. On the 5th of April, 1915, he removed to Antelope, where he purchased the general store of which he is now proprietor. This was established in 1905 by E. F. Hill. The elevator had been opened at Antelope about 1900, which year witnessed the beginning of the town. The mercantile enterprise of which Mr. Redetzke is now proprietor was one of the pioneer business establishments of Antelope and is today one of the foremost commercial concerns there. Mr. Redetzke is a wide-awake, alert and energetic man who is carefully and wisely controlling his interests and has built up a good trade which he draws from a wide territory. He now carries a complete line of hardware and general merchandise and puts forth every effort to please his patrons.

In 1906 Mr. Redetzke was married to Miss Ella Urbin, a native of Hebron, North Dakota, and a daughter of his former employer, John Urbin. Mr. and Mrs. Redetzke have become parents of three children, Lillian, Esther and Doris. They occupy an attractive residence at Antelope which Mr. Redetzke owns. In politics he is a stalwart republican and on the 7th of July, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of Antelope, which position he is now filling. He belongs to the Evangelical church of Hebron and guides his life according to its teachings. He owes his prosperity absolutely to his own energy and ability. He started out with a homestead on which he filed and from that point has worked his way upward to his present success, being now numbered among the men of affluence in his community.

HUGH OSBORNE.

Hugh Osborne, actively identified with newspaper publication in Cleveland, Stutsman county, was born near Cassopolis, Michigan, August 25, 1880, a son of Arthur S. and Frances (McMonagle) Osborne, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of New York. Following their marriage they established their home in the Wolverine state, where they lived until 1881 and then removed to the territory of Dakota, settling near Columbia, in what is now the state of South Dakota. The father there engaged in the retail lumber business for a considerable period and following the death of his wife he removed to North Dakota, establishing his home in Cleveland. He now lives in Portland, Oregon.

Hugh Osborne was taken to South Dakota during his infancy and at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools of Columbia, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. Later he pursued a year's course in the Aberdeen Business College and for one year was a student in the Archibald Business College of Minneapolis, from which he was graduated upon the completion of a commercial course. In 1901 he went upon the road and traveled in the southwestern part of the country for a year, but in 1902 came to North Dakota and in 1903 secured a homestead claim nine miles north of Cleveland. He settled upon the property, establishing ownership thereto by close conformity to the land laws of the country. He afterward took up his abode in the town of Cleveland and purchased the Stutsman County Leader on the 8th of October, 1908, since which time he has continued active in newspaper publication. The present paper is the result of the fusion of the Cleveland Herald, the publication of which was begun November 5, 1903, and the Stutsman County Leader, which was started January 15, 1904. These papers were consolidated in 1905 under the latter name and Mr. Osborne has since given his close attention to journalistic interests, making his paper one of credit to the community. He also does considerable job work and has a splendidly equipped office, to which he has recently added a new Campbell press.

On the 19th of June, 1909, Mr. Osborne was married to Miss Arline Decker, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to North Dakota with her parents and settled in Grand Forks. Two children have been born of this marriage, Frances and John.

Mr. Osborne owns his home and also has other property in Cleveland, including the building which houses his newspaper office, and he is also interested in farming. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for the past five years he has served as village clerk and in 1908 was elected to assess the fourth district. He has also been the treasurer of the school district for several years and is a progressive citizen,

interested in all that pertains to the civic welfare and betterment of the community. He is affiliated with the Congregational church and seeks to promote the moral progress of his town, while in all things his influence is on the side of right and of advancement.

DR. A. F. ELLIOTT.

Dr. A. F. Elliott, one of the most prominent veterinarians of North Dakota, engaged in practice at Milton, was born on the 28th of February, 1874, in Ontario, Canada, and is a son of James and Mary (Curry) Elliott. The father was a native of Ireland but in early life removed to Canada, where he followed farming as a means of livelihood. He died there in 1875, but the mother, who was a native of Canada, passed away in North Dakota in December, 1915, at the age of eighty-two years.

In their family were nine children, of whom the Doctor is the youngest. He began his education in the public schools of Canada, and later attended high school at Clinton, Ontario, and the Veterinary College at Toronto, from which he was graduated in 1896. In April of that year he located at Milton, North Dakota, where he has since engaged in practice with remarkable success, and he now owns and conducts one of the finest veterinary hospitals in the state. He is also engaged in farming on quite an extensive scale, owning six hundred and eighty acres of land in Cavalier county and in its operation uses the latest improved machinery. Besides this property he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Vancouver, British Columbia.

On the 15th of November, 1899, in Milton, Dr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Laura M. Thompson, a daughter of William Thompson, one of the pioneers of this state. To them were born two children: Mary Dorothy, who was born in 1902 and is now attending high school; and Margaret Louise, who died in 1908 at the age of eighteen months.

As a recreation Dr. Elliott enjoys motoring and is the owner of a fine Buick of the 1917 model, the first of the kind in Milton. He is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Foresters. In politics he is a republican. In his chosen profession he has won a foremost position among the leading veterinarians of America. For six years he served as district veterinarian and assistant state veterinarian since 1907 and has been president of the state veterinary examining board. He is a member of both the American and North Dakota Veterinary Associations and the high esteem in which he is held is certainly well merited.

C. W. PLAIN.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Montrose township, Cavalier county, adjoining Milton, North Dakota, is C. W. Plain. He was born in Aurora, Illinois, March 10, 1858, and is a son of Jacob and Angela (Berg) Plain, natives of Orenhofen, Germany, where they were reared, educated and married. It was in 1852 that the family came to America and located in Illinois, where the father engaged in farming throughout his active business life. His death occurred in Aurora in 1899 when he was seventy years of age, and his wife passed away in 1905 at about the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom C. W. is the fourth in order of birth.

Mr. Plain of this review attended the country schools near his boyhood home in Illinois and after completing his education served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, which he followed for several years. For a time he was also upon the road traveling for the William Deering Company. In 1887 he came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Cavalier county, which he later proved up as a preemption and still owns. In 1888 he removed to Milton, where he formed a partnership with C. K. McEwan and J. J. Dougherty as dealers in farm machinery, under the firm name of McEwan, Dougherty & Plain, being thus engaged until 1899, when he bought out his partners and thereafter ran the business alone until 1901, when he sold out to the McMillan Machine Company. In 1914 he resumed

this business which he is still conducting. In the meantime Mr. Plain had become interested in agricultural pursuits. In 1901, shortly after his marriage, he located on his farm two miles from Milton where he now resides and is engaged in active farming. In 1906 he established a lumberyard in Milton which he is still conducting, having built up a large and profitable trade as a lumber dealer, for his patronage comes from a wide territory.

On the 14th of November, 1900, Mr. Plain was married in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Miss Agnes McGinnis, a daughter of Thomas and Mary McGinnis. The children born of this union are: Karl, who was born November 12, 1901, and is now attending high school; Margaret, born April 6, 1903, who died at the age of two years and seven months; Urban, born November 21, 1904; Thomas, born February 16, 1907; Robert, born February 5, 1909, who died at the age of one year and seven months; and Dorothy, born July 24, 1915.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Plain is a republican who has taken a very prominent part in political affairs. He has served as president of the town board of Milton. In 1893 he was elected to the house of representatives and in 1895 to the state senate, of which he was an honored member for the long period of sixteen years. He fully justified the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens and could always be relied upon to support every worthy measure for the benefit of his county and state. His public and private life are both above reproach and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

SEYMOUR S. TITUS.

Recognizing the opportunities for the expansion of banking interests in Grand Forks, Seymour S. Titus, founder and promoter of the first banking institution of the city and the second in the state of North Dakota, is today chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Grand Forks and as such occupies a most prominent position in financial circles in the northwest. His achievements represent the fit utilization of his time, talents and opportunities. He was born at Oak Grove, Hennepin county, Minnesota, June 3, 1851, and is a son of Moses S. and Jane L. Titus the father removing from Connecticut to Minnesota in 1844, where he engaged in farming for many years.

The son obtained his education in the rural winter schools of his native state, where he was reared to manhood upon the home farm in Scott county. In the fall of 1872 he entered the First National Bank of Shakopee Minnesota, as general helper, without wages, and so continued until the fall of 1874, this constituting the initial step toward his present position, giving him some experience in banking. During the succeeding five years he was employed as a bookkeeper and clerk by Andrew J. Smith a private banker of Sauk Centre, Minnesota, and in June, 1879, with a view toward selecting a location for a permanent settlement, he visited Grand Forks, and on the 29th of August of that year in association with J. Walker Smith he opened the Bank of Grand Forks which was the second bank opened in what is now the state of North Dakota. Mr. Titus became cashier of the new institution. With the settlement and development of the city and county the business of the bank steadily expanded, and at the close of business on the 31st of October, 1881, the deposits amounted to two hundred thirty-four thousand, two hundred thirty-three dollars. On November 1, 1881, the Bank of Grand Forks was converted into the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Titus remained its cashier, while Jacob S. Eshelman became the president and J. Walker Smith vice president. In January, 1884, the stock was increased to one hundred thousand dollars. On the 1st of July, 1890, the bank assumed the title of the First National Bank and in August, 1896, removed to its present quarters occupying nearly the entire first floor of the First National Bank building its quarters then being as fine as those of any bank in the northwest. At the beginning the bank entered upon an era of successful growth, its course being one of continuous expansion, and on September 18, 1912, the consolidation of the First National and the Union National Banks was announced, marking the consummation of one of the most important financial deals ever carried out in the state, resulting in Grand Forks being given one of the strongest banking institutions in the northwest. The bank is today capitalized for two hundred thousand dollars and has a



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surplus of fifty thousand dollars. Among its officers and stockholders are some of the most wealthy and influential men of North Dakota and their high standing and well known business integrity give the institution prominent and safe connection with the larger financial centers of the country. The strength of the First National Bank is indicated in the fact that in times of general financial depression, when other banks have been forced to the wall, the First National has emerged strong and safe from the storm and stress. Its management has always been characterized by a conservatism that has constituted the safeguard of its deposits and all of its manifold interests. Its business has constantly broadened in scope and importance, and it has ever remained an institution of the greatest usefulness to the community and state. From the inception of the private bank, of which he was the principal founder, through all the subsequent changes, Mr. Titus remained as cashier until September 16, 1912, a period of thirty-three years, when he was elected president, and so continued until August 1, 1916, when he retired from the presidency and was elected chairman of the board of directors. Under the careful, conservative and wise management of the farsighted men at the head of this institution its growth has been almost phenomenal, and it has come to be recognized as one of the strongest banks not only of North Dakota but of the northwest. From the beginning Mr. Titus has had an active part in its management and control, and his initiative spirit and sound judgment have contributed in substantial measure to its success.

On the 5th of April, 1880, Mr. Titus married Miss Annie L. Stabler of Sauk Centre, Minnesota, and three children were born to them but Marion E. alone survives. She became the wife of W. R. Vanderhoof, the owner of a book, stationery, lens and kodak store in Grand Forks. They now have two children: Lois Gould, born May 21, 1913; and Dean Titus, born June 15, 1915.

Mr. Titus is a member of the First Presbyterian church, Masonic orders and the Commercial Club. He is now, and has been for many years, treasurer of the University of North Dakota, which is located at Grand Forks. He is also financially interested in some of the leading industries and enterprises of Grand Forks. In fact, his broadening interests and activities have constituted a source of material development and progress in city and state, and thus he has taken an active part in the upbuilding of Grand Forks and of North Dakota. In his career are no spectacular phases. He has not reached his present position of prominence by leaps and bounds, but through that steady progression which results from the wise and careful utilization of each day's opportunities, resulting from a recognition of present day conditions. Thus his interests have constantly broadened and the bank of which he has continuously been one of the active managers has become a most potent force in the development and progress of the state. Moreover, in all the years of his connection with Grand Forks Mr. Titus has displayed a spirit of progressive citizenship that has made him an active cooperant and generous supporter of every plan and measure for the public good, and the value of his example as well as his generous support has been incalculable.

DANIEL PRESZLER.

Daniel Preszler, general merchant of Medina, was born in Russia, December 20, 1871, and his parents, George A. and Christina (Mehlhof) Preszler, were also natives of the same country. The mother died when her son was but a year and a half old, and in the fall of 1885 the father came to the United States accompanied by his three sons. Crossing the country they settled about eight miles east of Eureka, South Dakota, where the father engaged in farming until 1898, at which time he removed to the town of Eureka, where he is now living retired. For many years he carried on general farming and stock raising and carefully managed his business affairs until success in large measure crowned his efforts, bringing him the confidence that now enables him to rest from further labors.

Daniel Preszler, the youngest in a family of four children, obtained a district school education in Russia, while his training in the United States has been largely received in the school of experience. He remained upon his father's farm until twenty years of age and

then began farming on his own account. He purchased land and also filed on a homestead, thus securing altogether four hundred acres of good farm land in McPherson county, South Dakota. With characteristic energy he began the further development and improvement of his property, devoting his undivided time and attention to general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. In this way he obtained a substantial measure of success. Upon leaving his farm he removed to Eureka, South Dakota, where he opened a furniture store, which he conducted for two years. He then sold out in 1900 and removed to Medina, North Dakota, where he opened a general store as a partner of Mr. Olson and Mr. Bollinger. That partnership lasted until the winter of 1915 and in January, 1916, Mr. Preszler purchased the interests of his associates and has since been the sole proprietor of the general mercantile establishment which he now owns. He employs either four or five clerks and he carries an extensive and attractive line of general merchandise, being able to supply the varied needs of his townspeople and those of the surrounding country. He is also a director in the First National Bank of Medina and he owns land in Stutsman county, his holdings comprising a half section in township 138, range 68; two hundred and forty acres in township 140, range 68, and one-half quarter in township 141 of the same range. He now leases this land and the rental therefrom largely enhances his income.

In 1893 Mr. Preszler was married to Miss Elizabeth Bollinger, also a native of Russia. When she came to the new world with her parents, Jacob and Barbara (Schnaible) Bollinger, who were likewise born in the land of the Czar, they cast in their lot with the early settlers of Campbell county, South Dakota, and there they reared their family of nine children: Eva, Martha, Adam, Rose, Emma, Daniel, Elizabeth, Leah and Rachel. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Mr. Preszler is interested in community affairs and cooperates in many movements that are planned to promote public welfare and benefit. He is a republican and is now serving as president of the county board of Medina and is also treasurer of the republican committee of Stutsman county. His religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the Medina Reformed church, of which he is one of the elders. His life measures up to high and honorable standards, for he has ever been straightforward in his relations with his fellowmen and in his business dealings has followed a course which conforms to the highest standards.

GEORGE J. SCHWOEBEL.

George J. Schwoebel, mayor of New Rockford and a member of the firm of Rodenberg & Schwoebel, owning the leading mercantile establishment of the town, was born near Fountain City, Wisconsin, April 21, 1860, a son of George and Elizabeth (Bohri) Schwoebel, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Switzerland. In young manhood George Schwoebel, Sr., crossed the Atlantic, while his wife was brought to the new world by her parents during her early girlhood. Both became residents of Buffalo county, Wisconsin, where they were afterward married and took up their abode upon a farm there which they occupied for a number of years. Subsequently they removed to Fountain City, where for several years the father engaged in the insurance business. In 1904 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 28th of February of that year, while he survived until December 14, 1912.

George J. Schwoebel was educated in the district schools near his father's home and in Fountain City. In May, 1882, he left home and entered upon an independent career, going first to Vancouver, Washington, where he remained for two years. He was afterward located for a time in Spokane, Washington, and in 1884 he arrived in Eddy county, North Dakota, where he filed on a homestead three and one-half miles southeast of New Rockford. In 1892 he took up his abode in the town, where for a period he was employed as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. In 1901 he purchased a half interest in the general mercantile business of Rodenberg Brothers, after which the interests were reorganized under the firm name of Rodenberg & Schwoebel. Since then he has been actively connected with the management and control of this business, which is one of the leading commercial enterprises

of Eddy county. Believing firmly in North Dakota and its future, he has made large investments in farm lands.

On the 16th of March, 1905, Mr. Schwoebel was united in marriage to Miss Marion Kasson, of Tacoma, Washington, and while three children have been born to them, all are now deceased. Mr. Schwoebel is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in Century Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M.; Carrington Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M.; Zion Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Modern Woodmen of America. A recognized leader in political affairs in his community, Mr. Schwoebel has always given his allegiance to the democratic party and in 1889 was elected to the board of county commissioners, serving continuously in that office for seven years, when he resigned to assume the duties of county treasurer, to which position he had been elected in 1896. In 1898 he was reelected and served altogether for four years, proving an able custodian of the public funds. In 1915 he was elected to the mayoralty of New Rockford, in which capacity he is now serving, actuated in all that he does by a marked devotion to the public good and to high civic standards. For a third of a century he has lived in Eddy county and throughout the entire period has given his aid and influence in support of all those plans and projects which work for the general welfare and promote public progress.

WILLIAM W. McQUEEN, M. D.

Liberal collegiate training and post graduate work have well qualified Dr. William W. McQueen for the onerous and responsible professional duties which now devolve upon him in connection with the practice of medicine and surgery at Langdon. He was born at Elora, Ontario, Canada, November 17, 1863, a son of Malcolm McQueen, a native of Toronto and a son of James McQueen, who was the founder of the Canadian branch of the family. Crossing the Atlantic, he settled first in New York city and later removed with his wife to Lockport, New York, about 1826. Subsequently he became a resident of Toronto, Canada, then known as Little York, and concentrated his efforts upon blacksmithing, but later took up land and with his family settled in Wellington county. His death occurred about 1880, when he had reached the very venerable age of ninety years. His son, Malcolm McQueen, was reared and educated in Toronto, Canada, and accompanied his parents to Wellington county, where he, too, took up a homestead and followed farming until he departed this life in 1901 at the age of seventy years. In early manhood he wedded Elizabeth Faulkner, a native of the north of Ireland and a daughter of John Faulkner, who went with his family to Canada in 1845, settling at Guelph, where soon afterward he passed away. His widow later removed from Guelph to land opened for settlement in Wellington county, some twenty miles from Guelph, where she took up a homestead, and it was there that her daughter Elizabeth met and married Malcolm McQueen. She passed away in 1902 at the age of seventy-two years. By her marriage she had become the mother of eight children, seven of whom are yet living.

Dr. McQueen, the fourth in this family, was educated in the public schools of Wellington county and high school at Essex, Ontario, and afterward matriculated in Queen's University at Kingston, thus acquiring a broad and liberal professional knowledge. Determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he entered Trinity Medical College of Toronto and at his graduation won the degree of M. D. C. M. Immediately afterward he removed to North Dakota, arriving at Milton on the 5th of October, 1894. For a period of nine years he remained in active practice there, after which he took post graduate work in Chicago and on again coming to this state settled at Langdon, where he has since remained in active practice. He is today one of the oldest physicians of Cavalier county and his ability places him in the front rank of those who are devoting their attention to the general practice of medicine and surgery. He studies broadly, thinks deeply, is careful in diagnosis and accurate in his judgment. He belongs to the Cavalier County Medical Society, the North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association and through their proceedings gains a comprehensive knowledge of modern methods of practice. He also has other business

interests, being president of the First National Bank for a number of years, while at the present writing he is serving as vice president. He is also the vice president of the Milton Land & Loan Company and has large landed interests in Canada, but the greater part of his time and attention is devoted to his professional interests and in addition to his private practice he is associated with Dr. G. E. Stromberg in the conduct of a modern hospital, which is carried on under the name of the Langdon Hospital and has accommodations for ten patients. This was opened in February, 1916, and already has been accorded a liberal patronage.

It was in Milton on the 20th of June, 1902, that Dr. McQueen was married to Miss Bertha Ferguson, who is a graduate nurse of the Kingston (Ont.) Training School and at the time of her marriage was practicing her profession in Fargo. She is a native of Toronto, Canada, and a daughter of William and Mary (Windell) Ferguson, who were of Irish descent. Dr. and Mrs. McQueen have a son, Allan, born in Langdon, January 27, 1907.

The Doctor is a republican in his political views and is the present health officer of the city of Langdon and of Cavalier county. While at Milton he served as a member of the school board and has ever been deeply interested in the cause of education. After leaving college he devoted some time to teaching before entering upon preparation for the practice of medicine and he was also in that interval a bookkeeper in Detroit, Michigan. He belongs to the First Presbyterian church and takes an active and helpful interest in its work, doing everything in his power to promote its progress and extend its influence. During his residence at Langdon he has served as one of the trustees of the church. He also belongs to the Commercial Club and thus his activities and interests reach out over a broad field, seeking ever the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of the community. He keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day and the spirit of enterprise is manifest in all that he does, causing him to put forth earnest and effective effort toward bringing his community to higher levels of living and larger reaches of thought.

OLE ENGBRETSON.

Ole Engbretson, one of the organizers and the cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Voltaire, is a representative of that large quota of citizens that Norway has furnished to North Dakota—men of worth, of industry and of enterprise who have been a most important and dominant factor in the development and upbuilding of the state. He was born in Norway in December, 1871, a son of Henry and Bertha (Olson) Engbretson, who are also natives of that country. The father was a shoemaker by trade and worked along that line until 1875, when he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed with his family for America. He made his way to Grant county, South Dakota, where he secured a homestead which he developed and improved, and, adding to his original tract, he is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land, upon which he still resides at the age of eighty years, while his wife is now eighty-two years of age.

Ole Engbretson was a little lad of but four summers when brought by his parents to the United States and therefore the greater part of his youth was spent in South Dakota. He supplemented his public school training by a course in Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. The following year he went to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he took up telegraphy and afterward was in the service of the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Soo Railroad Companies as station agent and operator. He was thus engaged until 1906, when he removed to Lemmon, South Dakota, and took a homestead adjoining the city. This he proved up and afterward platted one hundred and twelve lots, all of which he sold as well as the other land, which was sold as acreage property. In 1910 he was instrumental in organizing a bank at Buttzville, of which he was cashier until the following year, when he removed to Voltaire and organized the Farmers State Bank, which was capitalized for ten thousand dollars and which now has deposits amounting to seventy-five thousand dollars. The officers are Ole Dahle, president; John Martinson, vice president; and Ole Engbretson, cashier. The bank has entered upon an era of profitable existence, having already

built up the business to gratifying proportions. Mr. Engebretson is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Voltaire and until a recent date was interested in a general store and lumberyard. He still has extensive land holdings, embracing eight hundred and eighty-three acres, all of which he rents save a tract of two hundred and eighty acres, which is cultivated under his personal supervision by hired men. This tract adjoins the town limits and all his land is situated within nine miles of Voltaire.

Mr. Engebretson was married to Miss Blanche Charrier, a daughter of Felix and Rose (Boughe) Charrier, who were natives of France but have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Engebretson have become parents of two children: Frederick W., born in October, 1901; and Emil O., born November 21, 1915.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Lutheran church and Mr. Engebretson is connected also with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Politically he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and at all times keeps in touch with the questions and issues of the day but has had no ambition to hold office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have constantly broadened in scope and importance as he has utilized the opportunities which have come to him. He has, however, served as a member and treasurer of the school board of Voltaire.

NELS JOHNSON.

Nels Johnson, devoting his energies to general farming on section 26, township 144, range 63, in Stutsman county, was born near Helsingborg, Sweden, April 22, 1866, and pursued his education in that country, there remaining until he reached the age of nineteen years, when, attracted by the reports which he had heard concerning opportunities in America, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1885, landing in New York city. From that point he proceeded to Jamestown, North Dakota, and from there to the home of his brother, Charles Johnson, a farmer of Stutsman county. Through that year he worked for his brother and afterward was employed by different farmers until 1889, when he went to Montana, spending two years at work on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads. In 1891 he returned to North Dakota, where he was employed in the harvest fields, and in the fall of that year he went to Minneapolis, where he spent the winter. He afterward visited the Sisseton reservation in South Dakota but did not get any land and in 1892 he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, township 144, range 63, in Stutsman county. That summer he was employed at grading on the Soo Railroad near his claim, after which he went to Chicago and worked on the exposition grounds, there remaining until April, 1893, when he returned to his farm. Purchasing another team of horses, he worked on the railroad through the summer and then went to Sweden in the fall of 1893 and spent the winter. On returning to his homestead he began the development of his place, breaking one hundred acres, which he farmed. For a number of years he engaged in threshing. He proved up on his homestead and in 1896 purchased eighty acres, the following year another tract of eighty acres and still later a half section of land. In 1905 he bought a half section of school land and in 1909 made further investment in an eighty-acre tract, while in the spring of 1916 he acquired another half section. He has altogether two and a quarter sections in Stutsman county, together with a section of land in Canada which he purchased in 1908. He has thus made extensive and judicious investment in farm land and his holdings are now large and important. He continued to live upon his farm for some time but has purchased a home in Courtenay, which he now occupies. He erected all of the buildings upon his place and planted ten acres to trees, making his farm one of the most attractive in the county. He has kept all of the buildings in good repair and when in November, 1914, his barn was destroyed by fire, causing the loss of horses and grain as well, he built a large barn thirty-six by eighty feet. In fact his is one of the model farm properties and the enterprise that he has displayed may well serve as an example for others to follow. He keeps in touch with the latest improved methods and is now farming with a tractor. He has high grade stock upon his place, including ninety-nine head of cattle, twelve horses and forty-three hogs. There is a schoolhouse upon his land.

On the 5th of March, 1902, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Betty Anderson, who was born in Sweden, near Lund, the wedding taking place on Mr. Johnson's second return trip to Sweden. Mrs. Johnson, whose birth occurred May 24, 1873, is a daughter of Ole and Ella (Knutson) Anderson, both natives of Sweden, who came to the United States in 1890, the year following the arrival of their daughter. They, too, settled in Stutsman county, where the father turned his attention to farming. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become parents of three children: Esther, Walter and Helen.

Mr. Johnson has traveled quite extensively. Not only has he made two trips back to his native country since establishing his home in the new world but also visited the Paris Exposition and spent the winter of 1907 in Florida. He does not believe in uselessly hoarding his money but believes rather in enjoying life and making his success count for the utmost in benefiting himself and his family. His record, too, indicates most clearly the opportunities that are offered in America to the ambitious young man whose honorable purpose and indefatigable energy have been the salient features in gaining his enviable success.

H. E. VANCE.

H. E. Vance, a well known business man of Wales, Cavalier county, is one of North Dakota's native sons, his birth having occurred in Ransom county, December 27, 1884, and he is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this state. His father, John Vance, was born in Norway, where he spent the first sixteen years of his life, and then came to the new world to try his fortune. He first located at Prairie Farm, Wisconsin, and continued to reside there until 1881, when he came to North Dakota, taking up a homestead in Ransom county, on which he still resides. In that county he wedded Miss Mary Anderson, also a native of Norway, who was but two years old, however, when brought to America by her parents, the family becoming pioneers of North Dakota. They too became residents of Ransom county in 1881. Mr. Vance is now fifty-seven years of age and his wife is one year his junior. To them have been born ten children.

In this family H. E. Vance is the second in order of birth. He is indebted to the common schools of Ransom county for the education he acquired during his boyhood, and on leaving that county in 1908 went to Slope county, where he secured a homestead and developed the tract into a fine farm. He is still the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land and while residing thereon engaged in buying and selling grain. In 1916 he removed to Wales, Cavalier county, and embarked in the hardware, furniture and harness business, which he is now carrying on with good results, having already built up a profitable trade which is constantly increasing.

Mr. Vance was married at Fort Ransom, June 17, 1908, to Miss Thora C. Kvalness, and they have become the parents of two children: Morris, born May 17, 1912; and Doris, born June 28, 1914. Fraternally Mr. Vance is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Yeomen. He is one of the representative young business men of Cavalier county and is highly respected wherever known.

SKULI G. SKULASON.

Skuli G. Skulason, attorney at law practicing at Lakota, was born October 20, 1877, at Lundy, Manitoba, Canada. His father, Gudmundur Skulason, was a native of Iceland and in 1876 became a resident of Canada, settling at Lundy, near Lake Winnipeg, but owing to unsatisfactory conditions there the colony remained for only a short time and afterward removed to Pembina county, North Dakota. There Mr. Skulason took up a homestead, upon which he resided until 1909, when he retired from active business, enjoying a well earned rest up to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1914. His wife was also a native of Iceland, where she was reared and married. She survives her husband and is now

a resident of Pembina county. By her marriage she became the mother of fourteen children.

Skuli G. Skulason was the twelfth in order of birth and was educated in the common schools of Mountain, Pembina county, and in the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated in 1901. He entered that institution in 1895, devoting six years to preparatory and college work there, and in 1903 his alma mater conferred upon him the LL. B. degree, following the completion of the law course. After his graduation he located for the practice of law in Grand Forks, where he remained until the fall of 1908, when he removed to Washington, D. C., to become secretary to the late Senator M. M. Johnson. In April, 1910, he returned to Petersburg, North Dakota, and in the fall of that year opened an office in Lakota, where he has since remained in active and successful practice. He represents a profession in which advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability and his close application and untiring devotion to the interests of his clients have been salient factors in his growing success. For four years he filled the office of states attorney, to which he was elected in the fall of 1910.

On the 14th of December, 1903, Mr. Skulason was married in Petersburg, Nelson county, North Dakota, to Miss Edith H. Johnson, a native of Iowa and a daughter of the late Senator M. M. and Stella W. (White) Johnson. The mother is still living and is a resident of California. Mr. and Mrs. Skulason have become the parents of three children: Stella Lucille, who was born in Grand Forks, June 4, 1905; Dorothy, October 4, 1906; and Ethel May, June 14, 1911.

In politics Mr. Skulason is an active republican, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and ensure the success of his party. His interest in community affairs is shown in his membership in the Commercial Club of Lakota, of which he is the secretary, and in this connection he puts forth a strenuous effort to rebuild the city, to extend its trade relations and to advance civic standards. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Mr. Skulason had but thirty-three dollars on leaving home and upon that slender foundation he has reared the superstructure of his success. He worked his way through college and through the university, actuated by laudable ambition. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and the strong purpose which prompted him to gain a college education has been manifest in all of his subsequent career, making for him a place among the leading lawyers of his section of the state.

ANDERS ALBERT WESTEEN, M. D.

Dr. Anders Albert Westeen, a physician and surgeon of Grand Forks, was born in Sweden and came to this country with his parents, who settled in Iowa. Dr. Westeen was a young lad when the family home was established in Webster county, Iowa, where he pursued his education in the public school for a time and afterward attended the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota. Later he was graduated from Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, with the class of 1888, when the Bachelor of Science degree was conferred upon him. His early experience and training were those of the farm but his tastes and inclination led him to turn his interests in other directions and after his graduation from Augustana College he entered the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and later was graduated from the State University of Minnesota with the class of 1892, on which occasion the M. D. degree was conferred upon him. His initial professional service was that of interne in Bethesda Hospital at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained for a year. He then removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he arrived in June, 1893, and entered upon the private practice of medicine and surgery. He has always kept in close touch with the advancement in his profession and has spent various periods abroad in research and study, doing post-graduate work in Berlin, Germany, in 1897-8, and in London and Vienna in 1907-8. In his studies he has largely specialized in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and in surgery and to those branches of the profession has devoted his energies since 1908.

In 1890, in Marinette, Wisconsin, Dr. Westeen was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma

Hedgren, a native of that state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Verner, who were of Swedish birth. Dr. and Mrs. Westeen have become the parents of two daughters, Esther and Iva.

In addition to his professional interests Dr. Westeen has become a director of the Scandinavian-American Bank and also of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, both of Grand Forks. He belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church and he holds membership in the Commercial Club, thus cooperating in movements which seek the upbuilding and further development and progress of his adopted city. In politics he is a republican, and while he has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking, he served for nine years as a member of the school board of Grand Forks. He also became health officer of the city and in 1909 was again chosen to that position, which he filled until 1913. He belongs to the Grand Forks District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

JOSEPH C. MEYER.

Joseph C. Meyer, a retired rancher living at Hebron, owes his success to those qualities which all may cultivate and which never fail to bring their reward—industry, perseverance and intelligently directed effort. He was born in Aurora, Illinois, in 1862, a son of Joseph Meyer, a native of Germany, who on coming to the United States in 1846 settled in Illinois after residing for a brief period in Iowa. He became connected with the firm of Brown & Company, wagon manufacturers of Aurora, Illinois, and remained in that association for a long period. Retiring from the business, he removed to Dakota territory in 1883 and proved up on a homestead, after which he returned to Illinois, where he has since resided. He is now living retired and has reached the age of eighty-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Wilhelmina Dietrich, is also a native of Germany and by sailing vessel reached the United States. Her parents were a year in reaching their destination from the time when they left their old home in Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyer were born four children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Joseph C. Meyer, the second of the number, was educated in the public schools of Illinois and afterward went to Nebraska and still later to Denver, Colorado, where he remained until March, 1878. He then entered the employ of a man who handled horses and cattle but after a brief period he went north on a hunting trip with the son of an English lord. In return for saving the life of the man he was given the hunting outfit. Eventually Mr. Meyer reached Dakota territory, taking up his abode in what is now South Dakota in 1879. He made a business of hunting and trapping and followed that pursuit until 1883, when he turned his attention to the live stock business, establishing a ranch about fifteen miles from Medora. There, in connection with a Mr. Tracy, he began raising cattle, ranging his cattle in the same country with Theodore Roosevelt, with whom he has slept many a night. He remained upon the place until the spring of 1887 and then took up his abode upon a ranch twenty-five miles southeast of Glen Ullin, where he began raising horses, keeping on an average about one thousand head. He also made cattle raising a side line of that business and upon that place continued until 1897. He afterward engaged in buying and selling horses, covering almost every state in the Union. After four years devoted to that interest he removed to a ranch about thirty miles southwest of Medora. On his second ranch he turned his attention to cattle raising, keeping on an average six hundred head, and when he sold out he had nine hundred head of cattle and two hundred head of horses. Upon his place he also has a modern home and all necessary ranch buildings. In fact his place was as modern in all of its equipments as could be found near the Little Missouri river. At length, however, he sold his stock and leased his ranch, taking up his abode in Hebron, where he is now living retired. He is the owner of the Hebron Hotel and also of a beautiful residence in Hebron, together with his ranch, comprising six thousand acres of valuable North Dakota land.

In 1901 Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Eberhart, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1864, a daughter of Peter Eberhart, who was an early resident of

Iowa but was born in Germany, whence he came to the United States when fourteen years of age. He married Leopoltine Toborsky, a native of Austria, who came to the United States when eleven years of age and is now living at the age of seventy-three years, her home being in Elkader, Iowa. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart were seven children, of whom two sons and two daughters are yet living. The sons are jewelers of Iowa and the sister of Mrs. Meyer is Mrs. Ernst, who is living on Mr. Meyer's ranch. To Mr. and Mrs. Meyer has been born a daughter, Josephine Leopoltine, who was born on her father's ranch.

In his political views Mr. Meyer is a republican but while he has had many political positions offered him would accept none, preferring to do his public duty as a private citizen. There is no phase of the pioneer development of North Dakota with which Mr. Meyer is not familiar. He was early inured to the hardships and privations of pioneer life incident to the development of land for farming and stock raising purposes and even prior to that time he roamed over the great prairies and along the rivers of the state in search of fur-bearing animals. His life history if told in detail would present many a thrilling incident and no one is better informed concerning the progress and upbuilding of the state than he. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way and his success is the merited reward of his earnest, persistent effort.

GEORGE W. NOHLE.

George W. Nohle, a ranchman residing at Charbonneau, McKenzie county, was born at Lowville, Lewis county, New York, March 12, 1866, a son of Charles A. and Minnie (Smith) Nohle. The parents were natives of Germany, where both were reared and educated. The father there learned the baker's trade and following his marriage he came with his wife to the new world prior to the Civil war, settling in Lewis county, New York, where he took up the occupation of farming and maintained his residence for many years, both he and his wife passing away there.

While spending his youthful days on his father's farm George W. Nohle attended the district schools of Lewis county and afterward gave his undivided attention to the work of the fields until he attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account in Lewis county. Two years later he left the Empire state and came to the northwest, arriving in McHenry county, North Dakota, in 1891. He made his way to the home of his brother, Andrew F. Nohle, who had previously removed to this state and was the owner of a cattle ranch near Towner. For two years he was in his brother's employ and then established a cattle and horse ranch of his own near Towner, in McHenry county. In 1894 he sold his stock and drove overland in a wagon to McKenzie county, where he arrived before the county had been surveyed or organized. He took up his abode upon a ranch near Williston, in what is now Williams county. While driving from Towner to McKenzie county he was the victim of an accident, a shotgun being accidentally discharged while he was getting out of the wagon and so severely injuring him that he had to have his left arm amputated. This handicapped him for a time, yet he established his ranch near the present site of Charbonneau and began its development. Thereon he has since remained, raising cattle, sheep and horses, and he is today one of the most prominent and best known ranchmen in the western part of the state. He has been joined in his business interests by his brother, Andrew F. Nohle, and their business has been incorporated under the style of the Nohle Brothers, a name which is known far and wide. They handle land and also engage in raising and selling cattle, horses and sheep in McKenzie county. Andrew F. Nohle is the president of the company, with George W. Nohle as vice president and Ole J. Morken, mentioned elsewhere in this work, as the secretary and treasurer. This company owns twenty-five sections of land near Charbonneau and also leases many other sections. Upon their cattle they have a brand formed of the letters W and O, upon the horses another brand formed of the letters P and L, and upon their sheep is the brand N enclosed in a circle and upon their ranch are found hundreds of head of stock. George W. Nohle is also a member of the firm of Nohle & Martell, owning cattle ranches in McKenzie county, and

for the stock raised thereon they have still another brand. This firm is composed of Mr. Nohle and his two nephews, C. F. and E. J. Martell. He is also the vice president of The Dakota Trading Company, engaged in merchandising at Alexander, McKenzie county, and he assisted in organizing and is one of the stockholders of the Alexander State Bank at Alexander, which was the first bank organized in McKenzie county. Thus his business interests have become of large volume and importance and he ranks with the most progressive business men of his section of the state.

Mr. Noble is a republican in his political views but has never held political office, although he has served as an official in connection with the schools, being one of the school directors of Charbon township, McKenzie county, where he assisted in organizing three different school districts. He became a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Sidney, Montana, and when a new lodge was instituted at Buford, North Dakota, near his home, he transferred his membership thereto, becoming one of its charter members. When another Odd Fellows lodge was started in the new town of Charbonneau he became one of its charter members and he has held all of the offices in the Odd Fellows lodge save that of noble grand. Mr. Nohle's home is on his ranch four miles south of Charbonneau, which town was established and developed long after he took up his abode in McKenzie county. In fact he is one of the pioneer cattle ranchers of the western part of the state—a typical and picturesque figure of the western plains. The free, open life makes strong appeal to him and he knows every phase of cattle ranching and is thoroughly acquainted with every part of the work. He is a progressive business man of sound judgment who has recognized and improved his opportunities, working his way steadily upward. Starting out empty-handed, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. Obstacles and difficulties have not been allowed to bar his path or impede his progress toward success. He has surmounted these with the same spirit of dash and determination that he has displayed when riding over the ranch in search of troublesome cattle. In the management of his employes his has never been the command of the tyrant to go but the call of the leader to come. He is generous, hospitable and progressive, a splendid specimen of the western ranchman, whose interests are as broad as his own acres and his spirit as free as the air around him. He stands among the most prosperous and successful ranchmen of his section of the state and the name of George W. Nohle is indeed well known throughout North Dakota.

WALTER BYRON SCOTT, M. D.

Dr. Walter Byron Scott is actively engaged in medical and surgical practice at Ray, where he owns and conducts a private hospital with thoroughly modern equipment. He has at all times kept in close touch with the trend of modern professional thought, research and investigation and his ability is widely acknowledged by fellow practitioners as well as by the laity. Dr. Scott was born at Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, July 5, 1873, a son of Leslie and Mary Jane (Williamson) Scott. The father, a native of Canada, was there reared and educated and became one of the first operators in the oil fields of Texas but spent the greater part of his life in Toronto, Canada, where he died during the boyhood of his son, Dr. Scott. His wife was born at Blackstock, Ontario, and spent her entire life in Canada.

Dr. Scott attended the district schools at Blackstock and continued his education in the high school at Port Hope, Canada, after which he became a student in the University of Toronto, from which he received the Ph. G. degree upon the completion of a course in pharmacy, while later the degree of Ph. M. B. was conferred upon him. He prepared for the practice of medicine at Kingston University at Kingston, Canada, where he won the M.D.C.M. degree and the degree of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. After doing post-graduate work at Kingston he removed to Crystal, North Dakota, in 1897 and there engaged in the practice of medicine until 1902, when he removed to Ray. He was the thirteenth man to come to what was then a new town on the western frontier and was the only physician between Williston and Stanley, a distance of over sixty miles. It was not an unusual thing for him in the early days to take a drive of thirty or forty miles to



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see a patient. He is today the oldest practicing physician in Williams county and has always maintained a position in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity in north-western North Dakota. Broad reading and study have kept him in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and he has done extensive post-graduate work in Seattle and in San Francisco. He built a private hospital at Ray supplied with the most modern equipment, and his patients are there under the care of five graduate nurses, for he employs no other nurses than those who are graduated from some training school of high standing. He brought to North Dakota the first X-ray static electric machine in the state and he has the largest set of X-ray tubes in North Dakota. He also has a very complete medical library, one of the finest in the state, and with its contents is largely familiar. In addition to an extensive private practice in his hospital work and as a visiting physician, he has also been surgeon for the Great Northern Railroad Company for the past eight years. He belongs to the Kotana Medical Association, the Northwestern District Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

His practice, however, is but one phase of his activity, for he has important business interests along various lines. He owns a drug store conducted under the name of the Ray Drug Company, employing a registered pharmacist to carry on the business, and he is owner of one-half of the town site of Ray, where he has seen the rise in land values from fifty to fifteen hundred dollars per lot. He owns over two thousand acres of land in Williams county, of which he farms one thousand acres himself, and he has nine silos on his farms. He has built a large potato warehouse in Ray and produces enormous crops of potatoes annually. Upon his land he also keeps a great herd of registered Holstein cattle and is engaged in breeding that stock. He owned five teams of the best driving horses when he used that method in going about the country before the introduction of the automobile. Through his important and extensive business interests he has done much to develop this section of the state, contributing in very large measure to its upbuilding and progress. The Doctor is also interested in the Provident Insurance Company of Bismarck and is a heavy stockholder in the Cream of Rice Company of Chicago and the Havre Oil & Gas Company of Havre, Montana. He, with two others, owns twenty acres of valuable city property within a mile and a half of the University of Washington at Seattle and has a summer home on Bainbridge island opposite Seattle.

On the 23d of April, 1901, at New Richmond, Wisconsin, Dr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss May Kane who was there born and reared a daughter of Patsy and Mary Kane, who were natives of Ireland, where they spent their youthful days and were married. Crossing the Atlantic, they became early settlers of Cylon, Wisconsin where Mr. Kane followed farming, but both he and his wife have now passed away. They had a family of nine children, all of whom were liberally educated and became college students and all entered professional life. Mrs. Scott supplemented her early education by study in the University of Wisconsin, from which she was graduated, and later she became a teacher at Crystal, North Dakota, where Dr. Scott first located on coming to this state. She won the Wisconsin state medal for debating and oratory at the University of Wisconsin and later coached her brother while he was a student there and he won the same medal five years after she had carried off that honor. Mrs. Scott passed away at Ray, February 27, 1913, leaving two children: Mary Genevieve, who was born at Ray February 17, 1908; and Walter Kane, born at Ray, May 14, 1910. Both are now attending school in Seattle, where they are living with their aunt, Jennie Kane, a graduate nurse, and two other sisters, who are principals of schools in that city.

In politics Dr. Scott is a stalwart republican, and while not a politician in the sense of office seeking, he has always been active in any movement for the advancement of the welfare of the city and has been an advocate of the adoption of the commission form of government for Ray. In fact he was instrumental in bringing this about, after which he was elected mayor of the city and presided over the first city commission. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Roman Catholic church. He is also identified with several fraternal organizations, including the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Royal Neighbors, the Degree of Honor, the Foresters and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He organized the first Commercial Club of Ray and was its first president. His activities have been

extensive and have been wisely directed for the benefit and upbuilding of the district in which he lives. His important business interests have made him one of the leading factors in the material development of Williams county, but most of all, his work as a pioneer physician and as a practitioner of modern times, familiar with all the latest scientific researches and discoveries, has established him as one of the leading, most honored and most valued citizens of Williams county.

HERMAN L. STENSETH.

Herman L. Stenseth, clerk of the district court in Ramsey county and well known in Devils Lake and that section of the state, was born in Waseca county, Minnesota, July 24, 1874, a son of L. L. and Annie Stenseth. It was subsequent to the Civil war that the father removed to Minnesota and there he reared his family.

Herman L. Stenseth pursued his education in the public schools of his native county and after his textbooks were put aside engaged in clerking and in railroading. Later he was called to the position of deputy sheriff of Devils Lake, in which capacity he served for six years. He became a resident of North Dakota on the 11th of July, 1885, then a lad of eleven years. He was appointed to his present position as clerk of the district court on the 10th of February, 1910, was reelected to the office in 1912 and was again chosen for the position in 1914, so that he is now serving for the third time, a fact which indicates his capability and fidelity.

On the 3d of October, 1901, Mr. Stenseth was united in marriage to Miss Lena B. Lee and they now have two sons, Harold E. and Leonard B. Mr. Stenseth belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge, to the Modern Woodmen of America, to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and to the Sons of Norway. His political faith is that of the republican party and his religious belief that of the Lutheran church. His life has been actuated by high and honorable principles and measures up to lofty standards of manhood and citizenship.

E. B. PAGE.

E. B. Page, residing at Leeds, Benson county, is prominently identified with the financial interests of that town as president of the Security Bank which he organized, but his varied enterprises connect him with many sections of North Dakota and of Canada. He was born in Greene county, Illinois, a son of Elisha W. and Anna M. (Williams) Page, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of their son, J. L. Page.

E. B. Page acquired his general education in the public schools and prepared for his entrance into business circles by taking a course in a business college in Boston, Massachusetts. For two years he was shipping clerk in a wholesale feed house in St. Louis, and in 1888 he came to North Dakota, taking up a homestead in Benson county seven miles northeast of Leeds. For many years, or until 1901, he engaged in farming but in that year took up his residence in Leeds and founded the Farmers Bank, of which he became cashier. Fourteen months later it was converted into the First National Bank and Mr. Page became president of the institution, whose policy he directed until 1909, when he sold his interest in the bank and severed his official connection therewith. After six months he purchased the controlling interest in the Devils Lake State Bank and for two years served as president thereof, but at the end of that time sold his stock in the institution and bought an interest in the Union National Bank of Grand Forks, serving as its cashier until it was merged into the First National Bank. Not long afterward he severed his connection with that bank and spent the following summer upon his farm. In September, 1915, however, he again became a factor in the financial world, organizing the Security Bank of Leeds, of which he is the principal owner and president. Although the bank has only been in existence for a

little over a year it has already gained the confidence of the public and its business has shown a steady and rapid growth.

Mr. Page has firm faith in the future that awaits North Dakota as an agricultural state and has invested heavily in farm lands, owning about two thousand acres in Benson county and one thousand acres in Wells county near Carrington. He also holds the title to one thousand acres of land near Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, conditions there being similar to those of North Dakota. He is likewise proprietor of a grain elevator at Nile, North Dakota, a store at Reeder and at De Sarte, North Dakota, and an elevator at New Dayton, Alberta, and in addition he is president of the Planet Elevator Company at Winnipeg, Manitoba, which operates a line of elevators in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Mr. Page was married October 19, 1891, to Miss Birdie Atkins of Cando, North Dakota, and they have four children: Laura W., the wife of J. L. Knudson of Verndale, Minnesota; E. Howard, who is operating a farm belonging to his father; and Walter S. and Barbara, attending the West high school in Minneapolis.

Mr. Page is one of the prominent democrats of North Dakota and served as alternate to the national convention of the party held in St. Louis and as delegate to the convention held in Denver. He is identified with Leeds Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M.; the Leeds Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M.; Cyrene Commandery, K. T.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He exemplifies in his life the beneficent teachings of the craft and the principles which govern his life are still further indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. The record of his achievements is in itself proof of his business acumen and the high esteem in which he is held testifies to his unswerving integrity.

VAUGHAN G. MORRIS, M. D.

Dr. Vaughan G. Morris, engaged in the practice of medicine at Watford City, McKenzie county, was born May 5, 1879, in Warwick, Ontario, Canada. His parents were Thomas G. and Marion (Digles) Morris, the former a native of Glenrafon, Wales, where he acquired his education. He accompanied his parents to Canada and afterward removed to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he became a resident of Warwick, Ontario, and there engaged in the grocery business to the time of his demise. His wife, who was born in England, was but two years of age when brought to the new world by her parents, who established the family home in Seattle, Washington. Her parents there passed away and she was adopted by a physician. She, too, is now deceased, her death having occurred at Warwick in August, 1915.

In the city schools of Watford, Ontario, Dr. Morris pursued his education until he became a high school pupil. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he afterward entered the Detroit College of Medicine and won his professional degree in 1905. Later he spent two years in hospital work, gaining that broad and valuable experience which is never as quickly acquired in any other way as in hospital practice. He afterward went to Milo, North Dakota, where he practiced for a year, and in 1906 arrived in Schafer, McKenzie county, being the first physician to locate within the borders of the county, at which time Schafer was forty-five miles from a railroad. He practiced among the ranchmen and in 1914, when a new town was started west of Schafer, he removed to that place and was instrumental in naming the town Watford City for his old home in Ontario. He has since practiced medicine there and his ability is pronounced. He is also interested in agricultural pursuits, having two farms in McKenzie county which he has rented.

On the 17th of June, 1908, Dr. Morris was married to Miss Gertrude Scott, of Williston, North Dakota, who was born at Elk River, Minnesota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott. Her father was a lumberman of Elk River and both he and his wife are now deceased. Their daughter Mrs. Morris was reared and educated at Elk River and after completing the high school course there was graduated from the St. Cloud Normal School. She then took up the profession of teaching, which she followed at St. Cloud and at Minot,

North Dakota. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, Lucile and Walter Vaughan, both born in Schafer.

In politics Dr. Morris is a republican and when McKenzie county was organized he was appointed county coroner and later was elected the first county coroner. Since 1906 he has been president of the McKenzie county board of health. He is the vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and is actively interested in all those forces which work for the betterment of the community and the uplift of the people. He belongs to the Canadian Order of Foresters and is a charter member of the Elks lodge No. 1214. He is also a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Forest, Ontario, and he is connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Schafer. Identified with McKenzie county from pioneer times, he has lived to witness notable changes here as the work of development and progress has been carried steadily forward. He rejoices in what has been accomplished and at all times has lent his aid and influence to measures for the general good.

FREDERICK HOESLEY.

Frederick Hoesley, the well known and popular manager of the Farmers Cooperative Store at Crystal, North Dakota, was born on the 25th of January, 1875, in Temple county, Wisconsin, of which state his parents, Frederick and Rose (Jannywoski) Hoesley, were also natives. In early life the father engaged in farming but later turned his attention to the hotel business, which he followed for some years. He is still living at the age of sixty-six years, but the mother died in 1913, at the age of sixty-two. In their family were ten children, one of whom is now deceased. Those living are Mrs. Rose Schultz, a resident of Arcadia, Wisconsin; Frederick, of this review; Andrew, of Dodge, Wisconsin; John, of Crystal, North Dakota; Frank, of Dodge, Wisconsin; Henry, of Crystal, North Dakota; Mrs. Carrie Brinkman, of Appleton, Wisconsin; and Miss Mary Hoesley and Robert, both of Dodge, Wisconsin.

At the usual age Frederick Hoesley, Jr., entered the public schools of Wisconsin, and after completing his education was engaged in the farm machinery business for three years. In the fall of 1897 he located in Minto, North Dakota, and conducted a general store at that place for eight years, after which he was engaged in merchandising at Hamilton, this state for five years. It was in 1910 that he became a resident of Crystal and accepted the position of manager of the Farmers Cooperative Store, which has steadily prospered under his control. He now requires the assistance of four others in conducting the store and it has become a paying enterprise.

In Minto, North Dakota, Mr. Hoesley was married June 25, 1907, to Miss Mary M. Kline, a daughter of Thomas Kline, one of the pioneers of this state, and they now have a little daughter, Isabelle, born in Crystal, November 28, 1913. They are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Hoesley also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He votes with the democratic party and takes an active interest in public affairs, having served as councilman in Crystal and as assessor of Dodge township. He is a director of the First National Bank of Crystal and is a most progressive, enterprising business man in whom his fellow citizens have the utmost confidence.

JOHN A. CARLSON.

John A. Carlson, who is the chief stockholder in the Minot Roofing & Cornice Company, Inc., a contracting concern, has gained the success which he now enjoys by well directed industry and the wise management of his affairs. A native of Minnesota, his birth occurred in Meeker county on the 3d of January, 1873, and he is a son of Elias and Marie (Ahlstrom) Carlson, both of whom were born in Sweden. They were married, however, in this country, to which the father emigrated when he was twenty-one years of age. He engaged in

wagon making and in farming in Wisconsin until 1863, when he removed to Minnesota, where he resided until called to his final reward on the 4th of May, 1915. He had survived his wife for a number of years as her demise took place on the 12th of June, 1901. He held a number of local offices but never sought to figure more prominently in political affairs. To him and his wife were born fifteen children, of whom John A. is the seventh in order of birth and of whom thirteen are still living. The first death in the family occurred when one of the daughters passed beyond at the age of twenty-four years, a record which is very unusual.

John A. Carlson received a good education, attending high school at Litchfield, Minnesota, and he remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age, when he became a resident of Minot, North Dakota. He engaged in the general hardware business until 1907 and until 1911 conducted a cattle ranch, meeting with success in both undertakings. In 1906 he and a brother-in-law, T. T. Jacobson, organized the Minot Roofing & Cornice Company, Inc., which does general contract work in this line. Mr. Jacobson has since disposed of his interest in the business, and Mr. Carlson now owns practically the entire stock of the concern. Its success has been in the main due to his foresight and business acumen, and he is recognized as a factor in the commercial development of the community. He likewise holds title to valuable land in this state and to residence and business property in Minot, and he receives a gratifying addition to his income from his real estate holdings.

Mr. Carlson was married on the 7th of June, 1898, to Miss Anna Clambey, who was born in Sweden of the marriage of N. A. and Katherine (Peterson) Clambey, also natives of that country. In 1889 they came to the United States and took up their residence in Ottertail county, Minnesota, where Mr. Clambey is still farming. In 1913 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson have five children: Bessie Marie, Harriet Louisa, Stella Lucile, Genevieve Katherine and Hamphen Clambey.

Mr. Carlson is an independent republican and has been content to perform his civic duties as a private citizen. In building up the Minot Roofing & Cornice Company he has not only gained financial prosperity but has also contributed to the business growth of Minot. His fair dealing and honesty have had a part in maintaining a high standard of business ethics. As the years have passed the business of the firm has grown in importance, and the management of its interests leaves Mr. Carlson little time for further activity.

THEODORE S. HENRY.

Theodore S. Henry, a well known and respected young business man of Valley City conducting a real estate, abstract and loan business, was born at Brainerd, Minnesota, June 7, 1881, a son of Alfred J. Henry, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. His education was acquired in the public schools, completed with a high school course, and after the outbreak of the war with Spain he enlisted as a member of Company G of the First Regiment of North Dakota Volunteer Infantry under Captain C. F. Mudgett and Lieutenant Colonel W. C. Truman. He was mustered in at Fargo, April 26, 1898, and went with the company to the Philippines, participating in all of the battles and skirmishes in which his command engaged. At length he returned with his company and was mustered out at San Francisco, September 25, 1899. With the company he returned to Valley City and then in further preparation for a business career entered the Archibald Business College, where he pursued a commercial course.

Mr. Henry next secured a position with the firm of Lockerby & White, attorneys, with whom he remained until the summer of 1902, when he became associated with Major John D. Black in the abstract business, while eventually he became a partner in the John D. Black Abstract Company. That partnership was dissolved in 1910 by the withdrawal of Mr. Black and Mr. Henry subsequently organized the Barnes County Abstract Company, which was later incorporated, having in the meantime purchased the business of the firm of Warner & Pierce. Mr. Henry has always been the active head of this company and he is also a member of the firm of Henry & Henry, conducting a real estate, insurance and loan

business. His interests are carefully managed and he closely studies every phase of every situation bearing upon his specific interests.

On the 26th of December, 1908, Mr. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude E. Healy. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine and in the order he has been honored with various offices, being now a past master of the lodge, past high priest of the chapter and past eminent commander of the commandery. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has always maintained a deep interest in military affairs and in rifle shooting and he was a member of the rifle team of the first North Dakota National Guard that participated in the national and international matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. He still retains membership with the National Guard and is now captain and adjutant of the First Infantry Regiment. He went to Texas with Company G of the First Regiment of North Dakota Volunteer Infantry following President Wilson's call for troops and is at present at Mercedes, Texas. He is thoroughly trained in military tactics and no one who knows Mr. Henry questions his patriotic loyalty to his country.

HENRY B. JOHNSON.

Thirty years have come and gone since Henry B. Johnson of New Rockford arrived in North Dakota, here to become identified with the pioneer agricultural development of Eddy county. Through the intervening period he has worked his way steadily upward and, winning a substantial measure of success, is now living retired. He was born in Otsego, Columbia county, Wisconsin, April 13, 1865, and is a son of Bord and Ingeborg Johnson, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. In 1859 they made the long voyage across the ocean to the new world on a sailing vessel which was eighteen weeks in reaching the American port. They continued across the country to Columbia county, Wisconsin, becoming pioneers of that section, where the father spent his remaining days, his death there occurring in 1913, when he was eighty-six years of age. His widow still occupies the old home place and is now in her ninety-third year. In their family there were seven children: J. B., O. B. and O. N., who were born in Norway; C. B., M. B., H. B. and T. R., who were born in Wisconsin. All are living except James B., who died near Farmington, Idaho.

Henry B. Johnson was reared under the parental roof with the usual experiences of the farm-bred boy and was educated in the Norwegian public schools of his native state. The few schools of that district were largely Norwegian at that period and he supplemented the limited training therein received by study at his mother's knee by the light of a tallow candle. In the spring of 1886, just after attaining his majority, he came to North Dakota and for two years was employed on a farm two and one-half miles north of Buffalo. In 1887 he filed on a homestead and a tree claim in Eddy county, twelve miles southeast of the present city of New Rockford, and in 1888 took up his abode thereon, remaining there continuously until the fall of 1916, when he retired from active business life and established his home in the city of New Rockford. The farm upon which he lived for twenty-eight years had become a very valuable property. He had extended its boundaries from time to time by additional purchase until he was the owner of eleven hundred and twenty acres in that place and he had brought the fields under a very high state of cultivation. Moreover, he has added to his holdings until he has six other quarter sections in Eddy county and all of this has been achieved since his arrival in North Dakota. On coming to Eddy county he brought with him a span of mules, on which he owed three hundred dollars, and his cash capital at that period was seventy-five cents. Today he is one of the substantial and prosperous citizens of the county, attributable entirely to his persistent, earnest and intelligently directed efforts. For thirty years he engaged in threshing, during which period he wore out three threshing rigs. He is a man of indefatigable energy and his persistency of purpose has enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way upward to success.

On the 3d of January, 1893, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Caroline

Johnson, who was a native of Norway and came to North Dakota in the spring of 1888, locating in Buffalo. She passed away in 1905 and two years later Mr. Johnson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. H. O. Knudson, who bore the maiden name of Betsy Peterson and is a native of Jackson, Wisconsin. Her parents, however, came from Norway. By his second wife Mr. Johnson had five children, four of whom survive, namely: Louis Barnhart, Evelyn Idella, Annie Mary and Raymond Bernet.

Politically Mr. Johnson is a republican and has filled various township offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He is a member of the American Yeomen and he and his wife hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, guiding their lives by its teachings. His business activities and his social nature have brought him a wide acquaintance and he is regarded as one of the influential citizens of Eddy county.

FREDERICK B. STRAUSS, M. D.

Dr. Frederick B. Strauss, who has engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in Bismarck since 1909, was one of the first white children born there, his birth occurring September 28, 1878. His parents were Ernest L. and Marie Theresa (Walter) Strauss, the former born in Germany in 1837 and the latter in Ohio. During the pioneer epoch in the history of this state Ernest L. Strauss came to the northwest, arriving in the early '70s. From that period until his demise he was closely associated with interests that led to the substantial development and improvement of the state. He passed away in Bismarck, June 7, 1892, while his wife survived until 1910.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his native city Dr. Strauss entered St. John's University near St. Cloud, Minnesota, and was there graduated in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His more specifically professional training was received in Rush Medical College at Chicago, where he completed his course in 1901. He did post-graduate work in that city through the eighteen months following, after which he located for practice at Glen Ullin, North Dakota, where he remained until he returned to Bismarck in 1909. Here he has since given his attention to professional duties and his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance.

On the 24th of February, 1908, in Chicago, Dr. Strauss was united in marriage to Miss Marie E. Ball, by whom he has three children, namely: Frederick B., Jr., Ernest Edward; and Cora Marie.

Dr. Strauss gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is also a devout communicant of the Catholic church. Dr. Strauss has filled the position of county health officer and county physician for Morton county and at present is serving as city health officer of Bismarck. He is also surgeon for the Soo Railroad and a member of the staff of St. Alexis' Hospital and lecturer at the Training School for Nurses. He is a member of the United States Medical Reserve Corps. His life record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in the city of his birth, in which the greater part of his life has been passed, he has worked his way steadily upward and is now accorded a prominent and gratifying position among Bismarck's able physicians. He studies closely along the line of his profession and keeps in touch with advanced scientific methods.

LEWIS O. LARSON.

The progressive town of Courtenay finds a worthy representative of its business interests in Lewis O. Larson, a dealer in hardware, implements and furniture. It is a well known fact that the upbuilding and prosperity of a community do not depend so much upon the machinery of government or even upon those who occupy public office as upon the merchants, manufacturers and professional men who constitute the guiding spirit in the

substantial development of the community. To this class belongs Mr. Larson, who was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, March 2, 1856, a son of Ole Larson, who was born in Norway and in 1844 came to the United States, establishing his home in Columbia county, Wisconsin. Ere leaving his native land he was married, his wife, Mrs. Susanna Larson, also being a native of Norway. They had eight children, of whom Lewis O. is the fifth in order of birth, and four of the number are now living. The father followed the occupation of general farming in Columbia county for some time and afterward removed to Jackson county, Wisconsin, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1870. His widow long survived him, passing away in 1910.

In the district schools of Wisconsin Lewis O. Larson pursued his education, his time being divided between the duties of the school room, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He continued to assist in the cultivation of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty years, when he removed to Port Gamble, Washington, where he was employed in a sawmill for three years. He then returned to his native state, where he spent another year, and in the spring of 1882 he came to North Dakota, taking up a claim. He homesteaded the southeast quarter of section 29, township 149, range 59, in Nelson county, and remained upon that place for seven years, carefully and persistently breaking the sod and developing the fields until he had wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place. In 1889 he removed to Cooperstown, where he spent a year, and then became a resident of Courtenay, where he established a mercantile business as a dealer in implements, hardware and furniture. From the beginning he has enjoyed a liberal patronage and his trade has steadily grown as his fellow townsmen have come to recognize the integrity of his business methods and his earnest desire to please his customers. He also became one of the organizers and original stockholders of the Stutsman County Bank and in February, 1915, he was elected president of that institution, of which he had formerly been a director. He thus divides his attention between his mercantile and banking interests and both are capably and profitably managed. In his store he carries a complete stock in the various lines which he handles and his trade is growing most satisfactorily. He owns the building which he occupies, a two story structure fifty by one hundred and thirty-two feet, the second story of which is used as an opera house. Until 1914 he was also extensively interested in farming and was the owner of ten hundred and forty acres of land in Stutsman county, but has since disposed of all of his property save two farms. He has likewise made judicious investment in town property, owning considerable real estate in Courtenay, and in addition to his other business investments he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator and in the Twin City Fire Insurance Company. His judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his careful control of his interests has led to the attainment of gratifying success.

In 1895 Mr. Larson was joined in wedlock to Miss Caroline Pierson, who was born in Iowa in 1864, a daughter of Joseph and Kerrie (Larson) Pierson. Her mother is now deceased but her father is still living, making his home in Iowa. In 1916 Mr. Larson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in the month of April, her death being the occasion of deep regret to many friends as well as her relatives.

In his political views Mr. Larson is a democrat and is now serving as a member of the city council of Courtenay. He belongs to Liberty Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F., and he attends the Lutheran church at Courtenay. His life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles and he has proven a substantial and valued citizen of Courtenay.

A. G. HOLSTROM.

A. G. Holstrom is superintendent of the Grandin Farm No. 1, comprising thirty-three hundred acres of land, all that remains of the original forty-thousand-acre farm, the remainder having been sold off in smaller farm tracts. That Mr. Holstrom occupies this responsible position is indicative of his business ability and executive force.

Mr. Holstrom was born in Sweden, May 10, 1868, a son of Gustaf P. and Stena (Jones) Holstrom, who came to the United States in 1881 and settled near Beloit, in Mitchell

county, Kansas. There the father formed a partnership with a brother who had preceded him to the new world, having crossed the Atlantic twenty years before. The two brothers carried on their farming interests together for eleven years but in 1894 Gustaf P. Holstrom removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he resided to the time of his death.

A. G. Holmstrom was a lad of thirteen years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. After pursuing a course in the public schools he attended the Campbell University at Holton, Kansas, being graduated on the completion of the commercial course and practically completing the normal course in 1889. He afterward taught two terms of school in Gage county, Nebraska, and in 1890 removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he obtained a position in a furniture establishment, spending eight months as salesman. He afterward attended the Miss Hess School of Stenography, in which he mastered shorthand. During the course of his studies he was employed by A. R. Dalrymple, the superintendent of the Grandin Farm, which then comprised eighteen thousand acres, to fill the position of assistant bookkeeper and stenographer and on the 12th of August, 1892, assumed his new duties. He continued to act in that capacity for two seasons, after which he was promoted to the position of financial agent for the Grandins and remained in that connection for seven years, serving from 1894 until 1901. In the latter year he was made general superintendent of the farm and has now continued in that position for fourteen years, controlling one of the most extensive farm properties of the state, comprising thirty-three hundred acres of rich and valuable land which is being carefully cultivated and improved under his direction. He is thoroughly acquainted with all modern agricultural methods, knows the scientific as well as the practical phases of the business and so wisely directs the interests under his care that excellent results accrue. Moreover, he is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the California & Western Land Company, holding three thousand acres in Placer county, California, acquired with the object of later subdividing it. He is likewise a stockholder in the Minnesota Clover Land Company, of which he is treasurer and a member of the board of directors.

In 1889 Mr. Holstrom was united in marriage to Miss Rachael Holmes, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fraternaly he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the following branches of Masonry: Hillsboro Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M.; Hillsboro Lodge of Perfection, No. 6; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and Osman Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of St. Paul, Minnesota. He is ever loyal to the teachings of the craft and exemplifies in his life its beneficent spirit. His business interests, however, are foremost in his life and that he has ever been most faithful to the interests entrusted to his care is shown in his promotion to the responsible position which he now fills.

C. H. ANHEIER.

C. H. Anheier, of Fargo, national bank examiner, was born in St. Croix county, Wisconsin, on the 11th of March, 1858, a son of William and Margaret (Moskop) Anheier, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to the new world in young manhood and womanhood respectively. Both settled in Illinois, near St. Louis, and there they were afterward married. A year or more later they removed to St. Croix county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Anheier engaged in farming until 1864, when he established his home in Minneapolis, where he conducted a flour and feed business for many years, becoming a prominent merchant in that line in his adopted city. There he passed away in 1906, but his widow still resides in Minneapolis.

C. H. Anheier was a little lad of six years at the time of the removal to Minneapolis, so that his education was acquired in the public schools of that city. After his textbooks were put aside he became an assistant of his father in business and so continued until 1880, when he removed to North Dakota, settling at Grand Forks, where he represented the Pillsbury interests in the buying of wheat. In 1881, however, he removed his headquarters to Fargo and the following year resigned his position, accepting the position of engineer at the Fargo water works. In 1883 he again associated himself with the Pillsbury interests and so continued until January, 1887. In the previous fall, however, he was elected to the

office of county auditor and entered upon his duties in March of the succeeding year. He served for one term and during the succeeding term acted as deputy auditor, after which he was reelected in 1891 and in 1893 was again chosen for the position, being the only democrat elected on the ticket—a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen, who felt that he had been most capable, systematic and faithful in the discharge of his duties. He continued as the incumbent in the office until March, 1896. In January of that year he was appointed national bank examiner, in which capacity he served for four years, when he resigned to take up the duties of receiver of the Citizens National Bank, to which he had previously been appointed. He closed up the business of the bank in 1901 and in the meantime had established himself in the fire insurance business, to which he gave his entire attention after severing his connection with the bank. In June, 1913, he was again appointed national bank examiner and has since continued in that position, making a most creditable record by the able and prompt manner in which he meets the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him.

In 1886 Mr. Anheier was united in marriage to Miss Kate M. Schulte, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, by whom he had five children, three of whom still survive, namely: Harry W., a musician residing in Fargo, North Dakota; Carl F., who is employed in his father's office; and Clarence M., twin brother of Carl, who is a civil engineer of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Anheier are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Anheier is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He belongs to the Fargo Commercial Club, which he aided in organizing, and from the time of its inception until his appointment as bank examiner he was a member of its board of trustees. He served for two terms as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many plans and measures for the general good. For five or six years he was a member of the special assessment committee and for a period he served as treasurer of the agricultural college. All this indicates the extent and breath of his interests and shows that his activities have been put forth along lines which contribute to the welfare of city and state. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance in Fargo and his many admirable traits have won him personal popularity.

HENRY CORNELIUS NELSON.

Henry Cornelius Nelson, a resident of Crosby now filling the position of sheriff of Divide county for the second term, was born near Sturgeon Bay, in Door county, Wisconsin, January 29, 1876, a son of Ole and Gertrude (Larson) Nelson. The father was also a native of Wisconsin, born near Manitowoc, and was the son of an early pioneer settler of that state. He followed the occupation of farming in Door county for some time and in 1889 removed to Minnesota, settling in Polk county, where he carried on farming. His last days were spent upon a farm near Detroit, Becker county, Minnesota, where he passed away in 1896. His wife, who was born in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, was there reared, educated and married, and following the death of Mr. Nelson she married again and is now living near Medicine Hat in Alberta, Canada.

Henry C. Nelson spent his youthful days in Door county to the age of thirteen years and then went to Polk county, Minnesota, where he attended the common schools, later becoming a pupil in the high school at Minneapolis. He was married in that state and afterward took up his abode upon a farm near Detroit, Minnesota, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1902, when he sold that property and went to Williams county, now Divide county, North Dakota. There he filed on a homestead which he occupied and improved until 1907, when he rented his land and turned his attention to the implement business at Noonan, Divide county. He managed his store until the fall of 1910, when he was appointed sheriff upon the organization of Divide county, and in the fall of 1914 he was elected to that position and is again a nominee for the office. It was in 1914 that he removed to Crosby, where he has since made his home, and in the discharge of his duties he is prompt, faithful and fearless, making an excellent record.

In Minneapolis, on the 12th of June, 1898, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Amanda

Stroschein, who was born in Yellow Medicine county, near Woodlake, Minnesota, where she remained until sixteen years of age and then became a high school pupil in Minneapolis. She is a daughter of August and Amelia Stroschein. Her father, a native of Germany, came to America when a young man and settled in Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, where he followed farming for some time but eventually retired to Minneapolis, where he now makes his home with his wife, who is a native of Wabasha county, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have become the parents of four children: George, Melvin, Lyle and Lola. The first named was born in Becker county, Minnesota, and the other three in Divide county.

Mr. Nelson has always given his political support to the democratic party. He organized the first township in the county and was chairman of its board of supervisors when living on the farm. He has also served as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Minot and he became a member of the Yeomen of Rock Island, Illinois, and a charter member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Noonan. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is interested in everything that pertains to the material, political, intellectual and moral progress of the community, in the upbuilding of which he is taking a most prominent and helpful part.

RALPH J. LYNCH.

Business enterprises in Grand Forks find a worthy representative in Ralph J. Lynch, who is president of the Grand Forks Ice & Fuel Company, in which connection he is building up a business of large and substantial proportions. The city numbers him among its native sons, his birth having there occurred July 19, 1892. His parents were John and Katherine (Agen) Lynch, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Wisconsin. The father came to North Dakota in 1877, settling at Grand Forks when that place was a tiny hamlet. He engaged in the livery business and also in the ice business, and as the years passed by his trade grew and developed. He worked diligently, and his application and industry brought to him the success which he enjoyed. He died in Grand Forks in 1912 at the age of sixty-four years, but his widow is still living there at the age of fifty-seven years. They were parents of three children, the two daughters being Helen Louise and Josephine.

The only son, Ralph J. Lynch, pursued his education in the Grand Forks schools until he left the high school to become a student in the University of North Dakota. He won the Bachelor of Arts degree and left the institution when a junior in the law department. His father had established the Grand Forks Ice Company in 1877, and after his death Ralph J. Lynch carried on the business successfully. In February, 1916, he also began dealing in fuel, in which connection he has built up a trade of large proportions. He is now president of the Grand Forks Ice & Fuel Company and his trade is substantial and gratifying.

In politics Mr. Lynch is a democrat. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church, and he belongs also to the Knights of Columbus. He likewise has membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Sigma Phi, a fraternity of the University of North Dakota. His entire life has been spent in Grand Forks, where the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance, and in the various relations of life he has won high regard, while in business his advancement has been continuous.

ERICK M. OLMSTAD.

An excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres situated on section 26, Weiser township, is the property of Erick M. Olmstad and he derives therefrom a substantial annual income as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. A native of Norway, he was born August 10, 1862, and is a son of Mons and Christina Olmstad, who were also natives of the same country, in which they remained until 1874, when they came

with their family to the new world, making their way to Minnesota, where they resided until 1885. In that year they arrived in North Dakota, settling on a farm in Cass county, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of eleven children, of whom eight still survive.

Erick M. Olmstad was a little lad of twelve summers when he came with his parents to the United States. He remained at home and assisted his father in the operation of the farm until he attained his majority. He then removed to North Dakota and took up the work of digging wells, which he has now followed for about thirty years, putting down many wells in this part of the state. As his financial resources increased he purchased the farm whereon he now resides, becoming owner of two hundred and forty acres on section 26, Weiser township. With characteristic energy he began its development and improvement and upon it has placed fine buildings which furnish ample shelter to grain and stock. He also has an attractive residence there and his land is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences. The latest improved machinery facilitates the farm work and there is every evidence of progressiveness in all departments of the farm.

In 1900 Mr. Olmstad was united in marriage to Miss Olina Bondly, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Peter and Anna Bondly, who were natives of Norway and emigrated to the United States in an early day. They settled first in Minnesota but subsequently came to North Dakota and here the father is still living. The mother, however, has passed away. Mrs. Olmstad is one of twelve children born to her parents and by her marriage has become the mother of nine children, namely: Carl M., Annetta C., Guy A., Ella I., Oliver J., Roy M., Alice R., Ernest B. and Mabel E.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and are consistent Christian people. Mr. Olmstad is a republican in his political views but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is serving, however, as a school director and believes in having good schools that will supply the young with practical educational training. From a humble position in the business world Mr. Olmstad has worked his way steadily upward and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. His work has been carefully directed and his sound judgment and business ability attest his worth.

CHARLES WILLARD HURD.

Charles Willard Hurd was one of the pioneer bankers of Alexander and since the organization of the town has been one of its foremost business men. He was born in Spearsville, Indiana, August 7, 1880, his parents being James W. and Lydia (Way) Hurd, now residents of Bow Island, Alberta, Canada. The ancestry of the family is traced back to John Hurd, who settled at Stratford as early as 1648 and was one of the prominent men of his town. His son, John Hurd, was married December 16, 1662, to Anna Judson and became one of the first settlers of Woodbury, Connecticut, where he built a grist and sawmill about 1681. His death occurred about a decade later. Of his six children Benjamin Hurd, the third son, died in 1754. He had nine children, of whom Benjamin, the second son, died in 1783. His family numbered thirteen children, the ninth being Daniel Hurd, who was born October 24, 1723. After losing his first wife, Mrs. Experience Hurd, he was married in 1766 to Aner Castle and his third wife was Dorcas Sabage. He had thirteen children and after the birth of his ninth child he removed with his family to Sandgate, Vermont, where the graves of himself and his wife, Dorcas, are to be seen. The fifth child of Daniel Hurd, Sr., was Daniel Hurd, Jr., the representative of the family in the sixth generation in direct line to Charles Willard Hurd. Daniel Hurd, Jr., married Lucinda Hamilton and established his home at Tinmouth, Vermont. He had eleven children, including Lyman Hurd, who was born at Tinmouth, Vermont, and died in Ohio. He married Orra Willard, by whom he had three children, and his second wife was Nancy Harkness, by whom he had one son. Charles Willard Hurd, the oldest child of Lyman and Orra (Willard) Hurd, was married twice. On the 11th of April, 1844, he wedded Mary Ann Casner and for his second wife chose Mary Methemey. He had three children and the only child of the second marriage was James William Hurd, the father of Charles Willard Hurd.



CHARLES W. HURD

James William Hurd was born and reared in Ohio and on leaving that state removed to Brown county, Indiana, where he was married. He followed farming near Spearsville for some years but came to North Dakota in 1887 and took up a homestead near Dawson, in Kidder county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1896. In that year he established a store at Leeds, North Dakota, and conducted it until his removal to Bow Island, Alberta, Canada, in 1910. In the last named place he is also engaged in general merchandising.

Charles W. Hurd was only seven years of age when the family settled in Kidder county, North Dakota, and he grew to manhood upon his father's ranch, which was located on the boundary line between Kidder and Wells counties, near the present town of Hurdsfield. His early education was acquired in the district schools near his home and he later attended the high school in Jamestown for a year. He afterward clerked in a general store at Leeds and in 1901 he filed on a claim twenty-five miles north of Minot, on which he proved up in the spring of 1903. In the fall of the latter year he engaged in the grain business in Ray, Williams county, North Dakota, building the first elevator in the town, and there remained until the spring of 1905.

On the 15th of May, 1905, Mr. Hurd, accompanied by H. C. Delaney, removed to Alexander, when the town site was first laid out, and before any buildings were erected they selected a lot on which to build a bank. They organized the Alexander State Bank, which was the first state bank in McKenzie county, and erected a red stone bank building, which was the first structure erected in the town. This was opened for business on the 15th of August, 1905, with Mr. Hurd as assistant cashier. In April, 1907, he was elected cashier of the bank and held that position until July 1, 1916, when he resigned and purchased an automobile garage, which he is now conducting. This does not represent the entire scope of his activities, however, for he is also engaged in the grain business and at the same time is publishing the McKenzie Chronicle.

At Ray, North Dakota, on the 6th of September, 1904, Mr. Hurd was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Stevens who was born in Plymouth, Iowa, but was reared in Crary, North Dakota. She completed her education at the Mayville Normal School and afterward engaged in teaching in Leeds and Ray. Her parents, Horace E. and Jennie (Holden) Stevens, are also natives of Iowa and early settlers of Crary, North Dakota. They now live near Epping, in Williams county, where Mr. Stevens follows farming. Mr. and Mrs. Hurd have four children: Mildred Jessie, the first child born in Alexander, her birth occurring October 20, 1906; Ethel May, born September 14, 1908; Horace James, July 8, 1912; and Edith Jennette, November 5, 1914.

The republican party finds in Mr. Hurd a staunch supporter of its principles and he has served as chairman of the village board of Alexander since its organization. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church to which he belongs, and he is a charter member and treasurer of Yellowstone Lodge, No. 110, A. F. & A. M., of Alexander, and is also a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at that place. He has borne his share in the development and upbuilding of the town and as one of its representative and prominent citizens he is certainly deserving of mention in this volume. Many of Alexander's prosperous men owe much to Mr. Hurd for his financial help to them individually. He has sought to further in every way the growth of the community and the prosperity of his fellow townsmen and in all that he does has been actuated by a most admirable and commendable public spirit that is indeed worthy of emulation.

JAMES L. McRAE.

James L. McRae, a pioneer banker of Charbonneau, now cashier of the Farmers State Bank, has back of him long experience in the banking business, so that he is well qualified to direct and safeguard the interests of the institution of which he is now an official representative. Moreover, the spirit of progress actuates him in all that he does and has been one of the strong elements in the success that has already been achieved. Mr. McRae was born at Bothwell, in Ontario, Canada, July 20, 1882, a son of Alexander and Maggie

(Anderson) McRae. The father was born in Ontario, Canada, and acquired his education in the schools of that country, where he spent many years. He is a carpenter by trade and he and his wife are now living in British Columbia.

James L. McRae pursued his education in the public schools of Glencoe and of London, Ontario, and after completing the high school course entered the Forest City Business College at London, thus preparing and qualifying for the onerous duties of an active business career. In 1902 he became bookkeeper and teller in the First National Bank of Breckenridge, Minnesota, there remaining for three and one-half years, and in 1905 he accepted the position of assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Hampden, North Dakota, where he remained until July 1, 1912. He next was appointed assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Munich, North Dakota, and in 1913 he removed to Charbonneau, McKenzie county, which town was just being established. He organized the Farmers State Bank, becoming its cashier, and has since occupied that position. While the bank building was being erected another business building was also in course of construction, these being the first two buildings in the town. The bank has constituted a most important source of business development in Charbonneau and the surrounding country and Mr. McRae has proven himself thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the banking business, his previous experience and training well qualifying him for the responsibilities which he assumed as the directing head of the institution.

On the 22d of August, 1906, at Hampden, North Dakota, Mr. McRae was married to Miss Ida Hanson, who was born and educated in Milan, Minnesota. They have become parents of two sons: Courtney, born in Hampden, April 4, 1908; and Leonard, born in Hampden, December 13, 1910. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which Mrs. McRae takes an active and helpful part. Mr. McRae is a republican and has served as township treasurer and as school treasurer in Charbon township. Fraternaly he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Calvin and is a charter member of Charbonneau Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he is now noble grand. He became a member of the Knights of Pythias in Breckenridge, Minnesota, and filled the office of master at arms. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known, occupying a prominent position in the social circles in which they move, and he is a dignified and popular gentleman who as a pioneer banker of the town has contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding and development of his district.

T. H. BURKE.

T. H. Burke, states attorney of Benson county and a resident of Minnewaukan, was born February 7, 1886, in North Dakota, a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Boyle) Burke, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came with their parents to the United States in childhood days and were married at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where they resided until 1870, when they came to North Dakota, being among the earliest pioneer settlers of the state. The work of development and progress had scarcely been begun in all the great prairie now comprised within the two states of North and South Dakota. There were only eight or ten families in Fargo at that time and the most far-sighted could not have dreamed of the rapid growth which was to lead to the present change. Mr. Burke homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining what are now the state fair grounds on the north and later sold that property for sixty-five dollars per acre. He became one of the contractors in bridge building in connection with the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad from Fargo to Bismarck and subsequently he carried on farming most successfully for several years. In 1894 he removed to Sheldon and purchased the Sheldon Enterprise, which he published until 1905, while at the present time he is living retired in Sheldon, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in a rest that he has justly won and richly merits. He has long been recognized as an influential member of the republican party in North Dakota. He has served as county commissioner, has frequently been a delegate to county and state conventions and his opinions carry weight in party councils.

T. H. Burke supplemented his early educational training by study in the Valley City

Normal School and in the North Dakota State University. In the latter he took up the study of law and there won his professional degree as a graduate of the class of 1908. Following the completion of his course he began the practice of his profession in Minnewaukan, where he has since remained, and in 1912 he was elected to the office of states attorney of Benson county. Endorsement of his first term's service came to him in his reelection to that office in 1914 and he is now capably serving in that capacity, making a most excellent record owing to his conscientious discharge of his duties and his comprehensive understanding of legal principles.

In 1910 Mr. Burke was united in marriage to Miss Effie Lindstrom, of Minnewaukan, who was graduated from the North Dakota State University in 1910 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. She is a member of the Episcopal church and has attractive social qualities. Mr. Burke belongs to Minnewaukan Lodge, F. & A. M., and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. The major part of his attention, however, is concentrated upon his professional duties and he is now accounted one of the leading attorneys of Benson county.

WILLIAM PRUETZ.

With the financial interests of Logan county William Pruetz is prominently identified, being cashier of the First State Bank of Fredonia. Like many of the leading citizens of North Dakota, he is of foreign birth, for he was born in Germany, April 2, 1864, a son of Christ and Caroline (Mueller) Pruetz. His parents came to the new world in 1897, being brought to this country by their son Charles, who resides in Kulm, North Dakota. In that city they also made their home until called from this life, the father dying in 1907 and the mother in 1909.

Reared under the parental roof, William Pruetz acquired his education in the middle schools of Germany and he remained in his native land until 1886, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, landing in New York city on the 22d of April. The first three years in America were spent in Henderson and St. Paul, Minnesota, and at the end of that time he went to the Pacific coast, remaining for one year in Tacoma and for four years and a half in Spokane, Washington. He then returned to Minnesota and for ten years lived at Buffalo Lake, but in 1905 he came to North Dakota, taking up his residence in Kulm. In 1907 when the First State Bank of Fredonia was established, he removed to that city and has since served as its cashier. Being a man of good business and financial ability, he has done much to promote the interests of the bank and it is now one of the most reliable financial institutions in that part of the state.

Mr. Pruetz is independent in politics, voting for the men whom he believes best calculated to fill the offices and never withholding his support from any worthy enterprise. For some years he has served on the school board, and he exerts a beneficial influence on everything with which he is connected.

HON. MARTIN ANDERSON.

Hon. Martin Anderson, deceased, was at one time a member of the state senate of North Dakota and was prominent in business circles as a landowner and merchant of Mountrail county. He was born at Skåne, Sweden, January 31, 1855. His father died during the infancy of his son Martin, and the mother passed away in Sweden in 1901. Having spent the first fourteen years of his life in that country, Martin Anderson then came alone to America, reaching St. Paul, Minnesota, in the summer of 1869. He spent a few months at work as a farm hand and in the succeeding winter entered a grocery store, where he was employed for four years. On leaving St. Paul he removed to Ottertail county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming until the spring of 1882, when he established an implement and grain business at Battle Lake, Minnesota, there remaining for twenty years or until 1902, when he removed to Stanley, North Dakota, and erected the

first building of the town aside from those built by the railroad company. He then opened a hardware and general merchandise store and he also filed on a quarter section of land a mile from Stanley, which farm is still owned and cultivated by his widow. From that time forward until his death he was closely associated with the commercial and agricultural development of his county and was also prominent in public affairs. In 1904 he was appointed postmaster of Stanley, which position he filled for about five years or until he became a candidate for the office of state senator and was elected a member of the forty-fourth general assembly, representing Ward county in the upper house. He was ever a stalwart republican in politics and his opinions carried considerable weight in the local councils of his party. While living in Minnesota he had filled several township, village and school offices.

On the 8th of November, 1890, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Larson, a daughter of Solomon and Carrie (Johnson) Larson. Her father was born in Sweden, August 11, 1835, and her mother December 17, 1830. It was in 1869 that Solomon Larson came to the United States, settling at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained for a number of years. He afterward removed to Ottertail county, that state, and there filed on a homestead which was about eighty miles from a town. For many years he successfully engaged in farming and in 1912 purchased a residence in Battle Lake, Minnesota, where he continued to make his home until his death on the 16th of January, 1915. His widow survives and yet resides at Battle Lake. After removing to Ottertail county the town of Anor was founded near his farm and while there residing he served as a member of the school board. As his financial resources increased he invested largely in property and became the owner of considerable land at Battle Lake, Minnesota, and at Stanley, North Dakota, his holdings embracing altogether about eight hundred acres. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of six children: L. A., a grain buyer at Karlstad, Minnesota; Joseph N., who is attending the University of Denver as a dental student; Esther C., who is a graduate of the Stanley high school; Irene M., a high school pupil; and Ruth M. and Clifford A., who are also attending school in Stanley.

Mr. Anderson was a loyal member of the Elks lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He belonged to the Swedish Lutheran church and guided his life according to its teachings. He was an upright, honorable man, respected by all who knew him, for throughout his entire life he held closely to high ideals of manhood and citizenship.

JUDGE EMIL LEONHARDY.

It was on the 29th of March, 1911, that the earthly record of Judge Emil Leonhardy closed, rounding out an earthly life of sixty-four years. A modern philosopher has said: "Not the good that comes to us, but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success," and judged by this standard the life of Emil Leonhardy was a most successful one. He was honored, loved and respected by his community but he did not seek that prominence which brings the individual in large measure before the public. He made his neighborhood the scene of his activities and his community the beneficiary of his bounty. His kindly spirit was continually reaching out in helpfulness toward those around him and without invidious distinction it may be said that no man in Williams county was better loved than Judge Leonhardy. He was born in Switzerland, August 16, 1847, and in the schools of that country pursued his education while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, John and Anna Leonhardy, who were also natives of the land of the Alps and who came to the United States in 1861, at which time they settled at Alma, Wisconsin. There the father secured land and developed and improved a farm, but both he and his wife have now passed away.

Judge Leonhardy was a youth of but fourteen years at the time of the emigration to the new world. He early became familiar with farm work in Wisconsin, devoting the summer months to the cultivation of the fields, while in the winter seasons he engaged in teaching. It was in the year 1890 that Judge Leonhardy arrived in North Dakota,



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establishing his home at Williston. He was prominently identified with the interests of his city in many ways. He entered into partnership with Bruegger Brothers, general merchants, who were brothers of Mrs. Leonhardy. When Williams county was organized he was elected the first county judge and continued upon the bench for several years, his decisions being characterized by marked fairness and impartiality. He possessed an innate sense of justice and right that governed him in all of his judicial relations and he continued to serve for several terms. He was also engaged in the insurance business, having the agency at Williston for several companies. In fact he was one of the pioneers in the insurance field and built up a business of gratifying proportions in that connection.

In November, 1872, Judge Leonhardy was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bruegger, of Watertown, Wisconsin, a daughter of Lucius and Margaret (Brüsch) Bruegger, of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of George Bruegger which appears elsewhere in this work. To Judge and Mrs. Leonhardy were born the following, named: Anna, who became the wife of L. D. Bayrell, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Paul J., now a partner in the Bruegger Brothers' store; Clara, the wife of D. E. Plier, of Alexander, North Dakota; Lydia, at home; Evelyn, the wife of T. V. Settle, of Williston; Arabella, at home; George, connected with the Bruegger Brothers' store; Waldo, serving as postmaster of Williston; and Ralph, deceased.

The family circle was again broken by the hand of death when on the 29th of March, 1911, Judge Leonhardy was called to the home beyond. He had been a devoted and consistent member of the Reformed Lutheran church and he was also an exemplary representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. It was said of him that he was ever "a helper of men." His kindly spirit prompted him to assist any who needed aid. Patiently and heroically he lived a life that was often fraught with pain. He suffered long from ill health but bore all of his sufferings courageously and uncomplainingly.

"Not unto all is God's good gift
Of simple tenderness allowed."

But Judge Leonhardy possessed this in large measure. He was gentle in spirit and in every possible way avoided hurting the feelings of others. He loved little children and naturally they were attracted to him. At his passing there were many who mourned the loss of one whom they had learned to rely upon as a friend. It was said of him: "The lonely soul went instinctively to him for advice and comfort. He never struck a discordant note. Kindly, affable and uncomplaining, he lived a life of usefulness and won the affection of many people." His acquaintance was perhaps wider than that of any other man in his section of the state. He had the faculty of remembering all whom he met and his greeting was ever cheery and warm. Thus it was that the circle of his friends was coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance and the news of his demise carried with it a sense of personal bereavement into many of the homes of Williams county. It seems that for him Shakespeare might have penned the words:

"His life was gentle. And the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world 'this was a man.'"

WILLIAM HENRY STUTSMAN.

William Henry Stutsman is a well known attorney practicing at the Mandan bar and is also prominent in public relations. His course has been marked by steady progress and yet he has never concentrated his energies upon his individual interests to the exclusion of activity in public affairs where is demanded the loyalty and support of progressive citizens. Mr. Stutsman is a native of Keokuk, Iowa, born March 2, 1866, his parents being Dr. Samuel H. and Elizabeth (Mooney) Stutsman, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The

father served as a surgeon of the Forty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the early part of the Civil war and later was in charge of various hospitals, thus giving valued aid to his country during the darkest hour in her history. He died in the year 1891, while his wife, surviving for seven years, passed away in 1898.

In the schools of Burlington, Iowa, William Henry Stutsman acquired his early education and afterward entered the State University at Iowa City, in which he completed his more specifically literary course with the class of 1887. He then continued for the study of law and was graduated from the law department in 1889. He located for practice in Burlington, where he remained until 1898 and then removed to St. Paul, becoming a member of the editorial staff of the West Publishing Company, with which he was thus associated for four years. In 1902 he arrived in Mandan, where he opened a law office and as the years have gone by his practice has constantly increased in volume and importance. To an understanding of uncommon acuteness and vigor he added a thorough and conscientious preparatory training. His fidelity to the interests of his clients is proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. His diligence and energy in the preparation of his cases, as well as the earnestness, tenacity and courage with which he defends the right, as he understands it, challenges the highest admiration of his associates. He has also extended his efforts into financial fields and is now vice president of the Merchants National Bank.

On the 16th of September, 1891, in Iowa City, Iowa, Mr. Stutsman was united in marriage to Miss Ada Sharpless, by whom he has three children, namely: Charlotte, Jean and William. Fraternaly he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and as a candidate on its ticket he was elected in 1909 to the office of railroad commissioner, was chosen president of the commission and was reelected to the position for three terms. Over the record of his public career and private life there falls no shadow of wrong, for he has ever been most loyal to the ties of friendship and citizenship and his record well deserves a place in the annals of his adopted state.

HON. FRED MARX.

Fred Marx, of Fredonia, is one of the foremost citizens of Logan county and is prominently identified with the business interests and public affairs of that section of the state, now representing his district in the legislature. He was born in the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth occurring in Wabasha, June 21, 1863. His parents, Matthias and Margaret (Thies) Marx, were born, reared and married in Luxemburg and came to the United States in 1860, locating in Wabasha county, Minnesota, where the father purchased the relinquishment on a homestead. He resided upon that place until 1908, successfully engaged in farming, and then retired, since which time he has made his home in the city of Wabasha.

During his boyhood and youth Fred Marx pursued his studies in the district school near his home and aided his father in the operation of the farm. After leaving school he devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits and gave his father the benefit of his services up to his twenty-sixth year, although he became a wage earner on attaining his majority. During the winter months he also bought and sold grain and stock, which he shipped to the city markets. Subsequently he engaged in the butcher business in Wabasha, Minnesota, and was prominently identified with the interests of that city for a number of years.

It was in 1902 that Mr. Marx came west and located in Fredonia, North Dakota, where for the following eight years he was engaged in the grain business. He has bought and sold land for the past six years and is today quite extensively engaged in the real estate and farm loan business. He is the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of good land in Logan county and a butcher shop in Fredonia. Although his meat market is conducted by hired help he oversees the business and in all his operations he is meeting with most excellent success.

In 1900 Mr. Marx was united in marriage to Catherine Bieber, of Lake Benton, Minnesota, who died in 1906, and two years later he married Elizabeth Kuster. To them has been born one child, Agatha, and by her former marriage Mrs. Marx has a daughter, Mary Margaret.

The democratic party finds in Mr. Marx a staunch supporter of its principles and he has taken a very active and influential part in public affairs. His fellow citizens, recognizing his ability, elected him to represent his district in the state legislature in 1915, and he has proved an efficient member of that body. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and he is a member of St. Joseph's Society and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is wide-awake, energetic business man and a citizen of whom any community might be justly proud.

ANDREW THOMPSON.

Andrew Thompson, now living retired in Kensal, was the pioneer tow manufacturer of North Dakota, building the first mill of the kind in the state in 1900 and thus instituting an industry which has become an important contributor to business growth and prosperity. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1844 and has therefore now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. His parents were Andrew and Mary L. (Penny) Thompson, also natives of the Emerald isle, and the father, who was a flax dresser by trade, worked along that line in Ireland until 1872, when he emigrated to the new world, accompanied by his family. He settled at Manchester, New Hampshire, and there continued to work at his trade until his death. His wife passed away in 1878 but he survived until 1909.

Andrew Thompson, the second in order of birth in their family of twelve children, was educated in Ireland and there learned the trade of flax dressing in the mills of Belfast under the supervision of his father. He continued a resident of the Emerald isle until about twenty-two years of age, when he came to the United States and secured a situation in a mill at Stark, New Hampshire, where he remained for a period of five years. In 1878 he removed to Greenville, Ohio, where he established a tow mill, continuing business there for nine years, when he removed to Winchester, Indiana. At the latter point he also established a tow mill and conducted the business for four years, after which he built and operated a mill at Paullina, Iowa, where he continued for six years. His next place of residence was at Buffalo Center, Iowa, where he also built a tow mill, carrying on business there for six years, when he removed his machinery to Courtenay, North Dakota, and built the first tow mill in this state. A short time afterward he built the tow mill which he now owns at Kensal and for a period he operated both plants, but after ten years sold his Courtenay mill and concentrated all of his efforts upon the management and development of his business at Kensal. He has been successful from the start. His market is confined mostly to the large eastern upholstering concerns. His is one of the important productive industries of the southeastern part of the state and the business is being gradually developed to include the manufacture of paper articles and also the manufacture of a substitute for leather. Many new uses are being found for flax tow and the business at Kensal is today enjoying its most prosperous year, the trade having steadily increased. Mr. Thompson is regarded as one of the best flax tow manufacturers in the United States as well as one of the oldest and he deserves much credit for introducing this industry into North Dakota.

In 1873 occurred the marriage of Mr. Thompson and Miss Sarah Courtenay, a native of Belfast, Ireland, born in 1844. In 1873 she came to the United States in company with her mother, who is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been born ten children: John, born in 1875; Sarah, who has passed away; Mary; Clara; Maggie, also deceased; George; Gladys, who is acting as postmistress of Kensal; Andrew; Agnes; and Charley, deceased.

Politically Mr. Thompson is a republican and fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, his identification with the latter organization covering a period of forty-seven years, during which time he has passed through all the chairs of the local lodge. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith but attends the Methodist church in Kensal. His has been a most active and useful life, fraught with good results and prompted by honorable and worthy ambitions and purposes. One element of his success

is undoubtedly the fact that he has always continued in the line of business in which he embarked as a young tradesman, thoroughly mastering every phase of the work and keeping in touch with the latest improvements in the processes of manufacture. His life of continuous activity has been accorded due recognition in success and by perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overcome the obstacles which have barred his path and has reached the goal of prosperity.

HON. JOHN SATTERLUND.

No man in the western part of the state has played a more prominent part in the political and economical development of North Dakota than the Hon. John Satterlund, ex-receiver of the United States land office at Bismarck, which position he held for twelve years and a half, retiring in 1911. He is a resident of Washburn and owner and publisher of the Washburn Leader and Garrison Times. He was formerly a member of the legislature and is one of the leading republicans of the state. In the Missouri slope country, where Mr. Satterlund's activities have been generally exercised, he is a man of standing and influence, and his domination in the political field has been so complete that he is affectionately called "King John." He is one of those astute popular leaders who live very close to the people and he probably knows more people by name than any of his contemporaries in his section of the state and is by the same token more familiar with the inside political history of his party than any man who has had to do with the making of the history. His genius does not lie in politics alone for he was the confidential advisor of Ex-United States Senator W. D. Washburn in the construction of the Bismarck, Washburn & Great Falls Railroad, now the Soo line, through the Missouri valley, was a director of the company and acquired the right of way for the road, caused it to be built into Bismarck and contributed very largely to the opening up of the rich territory that was almost wholly unproductive before the advent of the railroad. His energy and achievements entitle Mr. Satterlund to the highest consideration at the hands of his fellow citizens and he should be thought well of by posterity.

A native of Sweden, he was born in Carlstad, May 3, 1851, a son of Erick and Mary Satterlund, who came to the United States and settled in Traverse county, Minnesota, in 1869. He had been given a good education in the land of his birth and had in him the elements needful for the pioneering of a new country. To this he turned his attention when twenty-two years of age, when he left Minnesota and made his way into the Missouri river valley ahead of the railroad engineering interests at the Canadian head of the Great Lakes. Mr. Satterlund left Bismarck and went to Port Arthur. There he developed constructive ability and engaged in the building of the railroad between Port Arthur and Fort William. He made money fast and when he returned to Bismarck in 1878, after four years spent in Canada, he was a man of substance, unlike most of those who came early into the territory. He purchased a large tract of land in Burleigh county and engaged in farming and stock raising, being a pioneer in that branch of industry in a large way.

In 1882 Mr. Satterlund came to the realization of the importance of the resources of the country which was erected into McLean county a year later and, going to Washburn, he laid out the townsite and proceeded to develop the town and county. He started and carried through the movement for the organization of McLean county and was appointed the first sheriff of the new county, to which office he was reelected in 1884. He had been county commissioner in Burleigh county and from 1883 he was for four years a deputy United States marshal. In 1890 he was elected to the legislature and reelected two years later. As a natural political leader Mr. Satterlund found his strength rather in the election of other men to office than holding office himself and he was for some years before his election to the legislature an important factor in shaping the policies and successes of the republican party. His political genius has been proven not only in his local successes but in the larger affairs involving the state's representation in the United States congress. So effective has been his influence with the representatives of his party that he has been accorded first honors in many a hard fought battle for the election of a United

States senator. He declined political preferment for himself more than once, deliberately giving away the United States marshalship upon one occasion. In 1898 he accepted the receivership of the Bismarck land office, which position he held until 1911. As publisher of the Washburn Leader, which is edited by Mr. Satterlund's gifted daughter, Miss Lulu, he exercises a wide influence throughout the state and continued until his retirement to maintain the prominence in his party which was officially and regularly manifested by his election to all county and state conventions, of which he did not miss one while active in politics and since North Dakota was a state. A congenial companion with a great fund of anecdotes concerning men and affairs with which he had to do, Mr. Satterlund is very popular personally.

In 1877 he was married at Duluth, Minnesota, to Miss Charlotte Peterson, and they have four children: Hilda, Lulu, Florence and Floyd. Mr. Satterlund is now practically living retired in Washburn, surrounded by his family and many friends. He has been prominently identified with many enterprises which have aided in the development of McLean county and is still connected with a number of these. In 1883 he began the publication of the Washburn Leader, which was the first newspaper of the county and is still in successful operation, having a circulation of nine hundred. He is interested in farm lands, both from the farming standpoint and speculation; is a director of the First National Bank of Washburn; and is the owner of coal mines located five miles northwest of the city, which are proving a great success. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to the commandery at Bismarck. It will thus be seen that he is today one of the most prominent men of his section of the state and the part that he has taken in its upbuilding and development can hardly be appreciated.

CHARLES W. WALTERS.

Farming interests of Cass county find a worthy representative in Charles W. Walters, who is concentrating his energies upon the further development and improvement of his place, his efforts being attended with good results. He has one of the fine farms in the Red River valley, its neat and thrifty appearance bearing evidence of the care and cultivation of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Walters is a native of Illinois. He was born July 17, 1859, of the marriage of Charles W. and Carolina (Haas) Walters, both of whom were born in Germany, whence they came to America in 1852, establishing their home in Illinois, where they resided for twenty-two years. They became residents of North Dakota in 1874 and took up a homestead in Noble township, Cass county, where their remaining days were spent. Of their family of five children four reached adult age. Their first home was a little log cabin, with board roof and floor and from the door hung the latch string, allowing any one to enter, for the spirit of old time hospitality there reigned supreme. After several years this little cabin was replaced by a more modern and commodious residence, for success attended the efforts of the family as the years went on.

Charles W. Walters was a youth of fifteen years when the family left Illinois and came to this state and upon the home farm he remained until he reached the age of thirty. He was then married to Miss Anna Paulina Grob, who was born in Switzerland, a daughter of Henry and Angelina (Sprecher) Grob. At an early day the parents emigrated to the new world and located in Cass county. Later they took up their abode in Jamestown, where the mother passed away. Subsequently the father went to Idaho and still later took up his abode in California, his death occurring in the latter state. Following his marriage Mr. Walters devoted considerable time to steamboating on the Red River between Fargo and Winnipeg, being employed as an engineer for thirteen seasons. Later he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, having an excellent tract of land of two hundred and thirty-eight acres on section 11, Noble township. Here he has lived continuously since, save for a period of three years which the family spent in Montana, Idaho and Washington, much of the time being passed on a fruit farm at Dalton, Idaho. On the expiration of that period they returned to North Dakota, satisfied that there were no better opportunities to be secured anywhere than in Cass county. Mr. Walters expects

to spend his remaining days here and he is concentrating his efforts upon the farm, which is a valuable property well equipped with modern improvements. He owned the first steam thrasher in the northern part of the county and he has secured other highly improved agricultural machinery and implements to facilitate the work of the fields. He has raised sixty-two bushels of wheat to the acre and has demonstrated the productiveness of the soil in this part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters have become parents of six children, Wesley W., Margery M., Charles A., Angeline C., Lawrence O. and George L., all at home. In his political views Mr. Walters is an earnest democrat and has served as a member of the town board of supervisors and also as justice of the peace. He has likewise been a member of the school board and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further any progressive measure for the benefit and upbuilding of the community in which he now makes his home. Wherever he is known his worth is recognized, for he is an active and progressive business man, determined and energetic in whatever he undertakes and carrying forward to successful completion well defined plans and purposes.

GEORGE SATTLER.

George Sattler, a grain dealer and owner of an elevator at McClusky, was born in Russia in 1879, a son of Henry and Magdalena Sattler, who were also natives of that country. The father followed the occupation of farming until his death, which occurred in 1897, while the mother passed away in 1902. Their entire lives were spent in Russia.

George Sattler is the youngest of five children, all of whom are yet living, and two of his sisters have also emigrated to the United States. In the schools of his native country George Sattler pursued his education and remained on his father's farm until 1898, when he came to the United States and made his way to South Dakota, where he remained for a year, during which period he was employed as a farm hand. In 1899 he arrived in North Dakota, settling at Anamoose, and during the following year he was employed at farm labor. He also filed on a homestead situated near Anamoose, North Dakota, proved up on the place inside of fourteen months and afterward sold that property, subsequent to which time he bought a half section located just south of McClusky on which he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a period of two years. In 1904 he took up his abode in McClusky. His farm was situated two miles east of the town and he was the first man to establish his home in McClusky and his son Emil was the first child born in the town. Mr. Sattler operated a dray line for a period of two months and then embarked in the implement business, in which he continued actively until 1915. In the meantime he became one of the members of the company that built an elevator which was situated away from the railroad. This they operated for eight years and at the end of that time Mr. Sattler purchased the elevator which was formerly owned by Mr. McClusky. He has since been actively engaged in the grain trade and his business constitutes an excellent market for the grain raisers of the district. He keeps in close touch with conditions relative to the business and his success is the direct result of careful and able management, of keen discrimination and marked enterprise. Before becoming interested in the elevator he was one of a company that operated under the name of Sattler, Winter & Company but which passed out of existence in 1915. In that year Mr. Sattler sold out his implement business and purchased the controlling interest in the old McClusky & Son elevator, which in 1915 handled two hundred and eleven thousand bushels of wheat, while his business has averaged ninety thousand bushels annually. He is one of the foremost grain merchants of his part of the state, building up and controlling a business of large and profitable proportions. He is also interested in general farming and has a tract of land located near McClusky and also another farm near Regan, North Dakota. His possessions aggregate altogether about five hundred acres under cultivation. His business affairs are most carefully and wisely managed and his success is the direct and merited result of earnest, persistent effort.

In 1901 Mr. Sattler was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Schafer, a native of South Dakota and a daughter of Henry and Margaret Schafer. The father passed away in 1898,



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SATTLER

but the mother still survives. Mrs. Sattler was reared in Oregon and by her marriage has become the mother of four children, namely: Henry, Emil, Eno and Raymond.

Mr. Sattler is a member of the Mennonite Brethren church of McClusky and has held office therein. Politically he is a republican. At the present time he is serving as school treasurer and has occupied the position for six years. His interest in everything relating to the welfare of the community is deep and sincere and his cooperation is given to many plans which are working effectively for the benefit of town and county.

PETER REGAN.

Peter Regan, a farmer living at Webster, Ramsey county, was born in Ireland in March, 1839, and has therefore almost reached the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. He is a son of Dan and Mary Regan, both of whom have long since passed away. In their family were eight sons and five daughters. t

The schools of his native country afforded Peter Regan his educational opportunities save for the lessons which he has learned in the school of experience. He left home at the age of seventeen years and crossed the Atlantic to Canada, after which he came to the United States at the time of the Civil war. He made his way to the western frontier, going to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he remained until four years after the war, when he removed to Ramsey county, where land had been taken up by his son, Daniel Regan. The family of six then broke the sod and developed the fields and adding to their possessions from time to time, they now own and control about five thousand acres. They have been prominently, actively and successfully connected with agricultural interests and their close application and unremitting energy have won a very creditable measure of prosperity.

Peter Regan was married at the age of seventeen years to Miss Honora Fern and to them have been born three sons, Daniel, John and Edward, who are yet living, but the daughters have passed away. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Regan belongs to the Knights of Columbus, his membership being in Devils Lake Council. In politics he is a republican and has done active service on the school board. For six years he was county commissioner and he exercised his official prerogatives in support of various plans and measures for the general good. He is interested in the state and its development and is largely familiar with its history. Indeed there are few within its borders who can claim a longer residence here. Through six decades he has made his home in North Dakota and has witnessed every phase of its transformation as it has been converted from a wild, unsettled and unbroken prairie district into rich farms, in the midst of which have sprung up enterprising villages that have developed into fine towns and cities. His reminiscences of the early days are most interesting and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

JOSEPH O. BLOUIN.

Joseph O. Blouin, living in De Lamere, is actively identified with agricultural interests in Sargent county, his time and attention being occupied with the care and cultivation of a good farm. He was born in Quebec, Canada, May 15, 1859, and is a son of Maegloure Blouin, whose birth occurred in Canada on the 5th of May, 1838, and who devoted his entire life to general farming. He married Camille Farenet, who was born in Canada in 1859, and their family numbered ten children, of whom Joseph O. is the eldest. Six of the number are yet living. The father passed away in April, 1910, while the mother's death occurred in 1907.

Joseph O. Blouin was educated in the schools of Canada and afterward spent a year in Michigan, subsequent to which time he returned home. He next went to Fergus

Falls, Minnesota, where he was employed on the first railroad that passed through the town. There he remained for six months, after which he returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he resided for three years, devoting his time to teaming and other business interests.

In 1880 Mr. Blouin came to North Dakota and was employed on a railroad during the summer season and in the woods near Duluth, Minnesota, during the winter months. It was in this way that he gained his financial start and in 1884 he bought a half section in section 17, township 132, range 53. He continued to engage in railroading until July, 1888, however, at which time he settled on his Dakota farm and has since been identified with general agricultural pursuits. For a few years he gave the greater part of his attention to the growing of wheat but since then has devoted his time and energies to general farming and stock raising. In 1899 he joined a company known as the Idaho Cereal Company and was a stockholder in that concern until the mill was destroyed by fire in 1902, acting as president of the company during the greater part of the time. Later Mr. Blouin built an elevator and feed mill, which he owned and controlled until 1909, when he sold out. He now does threshing in the harvesting season and throughout the remainder of the year devotes his energies to general agricultural pursuits.

In 1904 Mr. Blouin was united in marriage to Miss May M. Durgen, who was born in or near Lisbon, North Dakota, in 1884, a daughter of Sullivan S. and Gardo Durgen, who were pioneer residents of this state, where they reared their family of eight children, of whom Mrs. Blouin is the third in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Blouin have been born four children: Joseph, whose birth occurred in 1906; Sullivan, born in 1907; Elvirda, in 1909; and Clarence, in 1911.

Mr. Blouin gives his political indorsement to the democratic party and the regard in which he is held by his fellow townsmen is indicated in the fact that he filled the office of township supervisor for twenty years. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at De Lamere, in which he is now filling the office of banker. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and to them is extended warm-hearted hospitality throughout the community in which they make their home. Persistent purpose, well defined plans, close application and indefatigable energy have been the salient features in winning business advancement for Mr. Blouin, whose success should inspire and encourage others to follow his example.

JAMES W. NIELSON.

James W. Nielson, who is successfully engaged in the abstract and insurance business in Valley City, was born in Jackson, Michigan, July 27, 1875, a son of Wylie and Mary (Stewart) Nielson, the former a native of Edinburgh and the latter of Glasgow, Scotland. He acquired a public school education and after completing his studies entered the Valley City high school, after which he attended the State Normal School at Valley City, while later he pursued a business course in the Highland Park Commercial College. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company but in the meantime before attending business college he had spent three years in West Virginia, where he managed the Parish Institute from the fall of 1896 until 1899. At the time of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the First West Virginia Regiment under command of Captain Humphrey of Company M, serving from the 26th of April, 1898, until the 4th of February, 1899, when he was mustered out with the rank of sergeant major. It was after this that he pursued his studies in the commercial college and then entered the employ of the Northern Pacific, which he represented in various positions. In 1902 he returned to Valley City and accepted a position with the Right Price Mercantile Company, with which he remained for four years. In January, 1907, he became deputy sheriff of Barnes county under Casper Winkler, with whom he continued for four years. He then established an abstract business and has gained a large clientage in that connection. He also became associated with General A. P. Peake in the insurance business and along both lines has won success.

On the 20th of June, 1906, Mr. Nielson was united in marriage to Miss Lillian A

Weiser, of Valley City, North Dakota, now deceased. She was a daughter of Joel S. Weiser, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. She was the first white child born in Barnes county, her natal day being April 12, 1878.

Mr. Nielson is a Royal Arch Mason and is a past master of the lodge. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Episcopal church. He is identified with the Commercial Club of Valley City, of which he served as secretary for several years. He is recognized as a man of ability and good habits whose attention is given strictly to his business and whose sterling worth in every relation has won him high and enduring regard.

REV. JOHN KLEIDON.

Rev. John Kleidon, a priest of the Catholic faith located at Sanborn, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1877, a son of James and Val (Block) Kleidon, the former also a native of Philadelphia, while the latter was born in Germany. The Kleidon family is of German lineage and was founded in America by August Kleidon, the grandfather of the subject of this review, who when a young man left Germany and settled in Hull, England, being engaged in commerce between Germany, England and the United States. It was this that led him afterward to establish his home in Philadelphia, where he continued to ship and import goods. He passed away at the age of sixty years and his son, James Kleidon, continued the business until it in turn was taken over by his children.

Rev. John Kleidon was the third in a family of six children and the only one who took up the work of the church. He pursued his education in the parochial schools of Philadelphia, afterward attending a Catholic high school and later became a student of German at Overbrook, a private school of Pittsburgh. He then attended the Philadelphia Theological Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in 1907, after which he was sent as assistant priest to Mandan, North Dakota, where he remained for fifteen months, when he was made parish priest consultant of Litchville, Barnes county, there continuing for two years. In 1900 he was transferred to Sanborn, where he has since remained. The brick chapel and manse at that place were erected under the pastorate of Father Bruenagel and since taking charge Father Kleidon has made numerous improvements in the property and during this period the districts of St. Mary's, Dazey and Courtenay have been added to his parish. There is one church in Sanborn and another three and a half miles out from the town and because of the extent of his parish and the amount of work involved he has been allowed an assistant, Father John Greimer. Formerly the parish was made of Sanborn, Jessie, McHenry and other small towns. Father Kleidon is also a member of the bishop's staff and is putting forth most earnest and effective effort to advance the cause of the church in the district in which he lives.

RICHARD C. KITTEL.

Richard C. Kittel, who is president of the First National Bank of Casselton, has also been connected with other business interests in Cass county and owns a large amount of real estate in the county. He was born in Germany on the 20th of May, 1877, a son of H. William and Ida (Scheel) Kittel. The parents were natives of Germany, as were the grandparents. Both the paternal grandfather, Casper Kittel, and the maternal grandfather were farmers. A grand uncle of our subject, Frank Kittel, emigrated to the United States in his youth and served throughout both the Mexican and Civil wars and in each was wounded. Following the Civil war he became a naturalized American citizen and he passed his last days in the Soldiers' Home at Fort Snelling, dying at the advanced age of ninety-three years. H. William Kittel and Ida Scheel were married in Germany and later emigrated to the United States. The father was an engineer and resided at various times in a number of states. His political belief was that of the democratic party and his religious faith was

that of the Catholic church, although his wife was a German Lutheran. He returned to Germany on a visit and while there his death occurred. His wife passed away in Casselton. They were the parents of four children, namely: Richard C.; Martin, who is vice president of the Frank Lynch Company of Casselton; Paula N., who is professor of English and German at the Valley City State Normal School; and William F., cashier of the First National Bank of Casselton.

Richard C. Kittel attended the common schools in Germany and when quite young began work as an office boy. However, he was desirous of acquiring a better education and while so employed attended night school and after his removal to this country he studied law for one term at the State University of Minnesota. In 1895, when eighteen years of age, he went to Fargo, North Dakota, and entered the employ of a wholesale farm machinery firm. For a time he was employed in the office and later represented the company on the road. He continued with that concern until 1898, when he removed to Casselton and became manager of the farm machinery and farm loan business owned by Frank Lynch. He continued in that capacity for a considerable time and became one of the incorporators of the Frank Lynch Company. In 1902 he purchased an interest in the First State Bank of Binford, North Dakota, of which he served as president until he sold his interest therein in 1903. On the 1st of January of that year he severed his active connection with the Frank Lynch Company and bought a large interest in the First National Bank of Casselton, of which he was elected president. He has since held that position and much of the success of the bank is due to his wide knowledge of business conditions and practice and his sound judgment. The institution had a capital of thirty-five thousand dollars and a surplus of two thousand dollars, but in the intervening years its capital has been increased to fifty thousand dollars from profits alone and its surplus is now ten thousand dollars, while the average deposits are four hundred thousand dollars. The high standing in which Mr. Kittel is held by the bankers of the state is indicated in the fact that for one year he served as president of the North Dakota Bankers Association and for a similar length of time was chairman of the executive committee of that association. He was also honored by being chosen as vice president for North Dakota of the American Bankers Association. He owns a great deal of land and deals extensively in farm loans and farm mortgages and these interests have made him keenly interested in everything that tends toward increasing the efficiency of farmers and toward making rural life more attractive. He was one of the organizers of the North Dakota Better Farmers Association and has since served as a director of the organization and as a member of the executive committee thereof.

On the 17th of August, 1903, Mr. Kittel was married at San Francisco to Miss Florence Eva Goodrich, a native of Minneapolis. Mr. Kittel is a republican and has served as mayor of Casselton. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, the commandery and the Shrine, and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the order. He deserves great credit for the success which he has achieved, for he not only had to provide for his own support as a boy but also assisted in meeting the family expenses and in educating his younger brothers and sister. His energy, aggressiveness and business astuteness have made him an important factor in business circles of his part of the state, and his integrity has gained him the full confidence and the high esteem of all who have had dealings with him.

MAJOR FRANK WHITE.

Major Frank White, whose title was won in service in the Philippines, who has been chief executive of North Dakota and is now president of the Middlewest Loan & Trust Company of Valley City, is a man whose record has been an honor to the state which has honored him. He was born at Stillman Valley, Illinois, December 12, 1856, a son of the Hon. Joshua and Lucy Ann (Brown) White. In the paternal line he comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry although the family has long been represented on American soil. His great grandfather, John White, who was born in the north of Ireland, became the progenitor of the family in the United States, arriving in the early part of the eighteenth century, when this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. Before leaving

the Emerald Isle he had wedded Miss Isabelle McCracken and about 1754 their home was established in Virginia, Mr. White becoming a planter of Loudoun county. His son, James White, grandfather of Frank White, was born in that county and was the youngest of a family of eleven children. He made Virginia his home throughout his entire life and at the time of the Revolutionary war aided the colonists in the struggle which won national independence. His son, the Hon. Joshua White, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1814 and was the fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children. He married Lucy Ann Brown, who was born in Brimfield, Massachusetts, October 13, 1817, and who passed away on the sixty-eighth anniversary of her birth, while Mr. White survived until 1890. She was a daughter of Dauphin Brown, whose ancestry can be traced back to George Brown, who was born at Salisbury, England, in the sixteenth century and died in 1633. It was his son and namesake who became the founder of the family in the new world. He was born in Salisbury, England, in 1615 and in 1641 became a resident of Salisbury, Massachusetts, where he was granted land in 1640 and again in 1641. He was the head of the colony that left Salisbury, England, for the new world and through him the colonists received their land grants in Massachusetts, settling at a place which they named in honor of their old home. The death of George Brown II occurred in Salisbury, Massachusetts, in 1701. His son, Henry Brown, who was born in Salisbury in 1659, married Hannah Putnam, of the same family as General Israel Putnam, and passed away at Salem, Massachusetts, April 25, 1708. His son, John Brown, who was born in Salisbury, Massachusetts, April 15, 1683, died in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1738. He was the father of Jonathan Brown, who was born at Salem in 1716 and died in 1799. He removed to Brimfield, Massachusetts. During the period of the Revolutionary war he served under three enlistments and rose to the rank of first lieutenant. He participated in the battles of both Lexington and Concord. His son, Bartholomew Brown, great-grandfather of Major White, was born in Brimfield, Massachusetts, in 1752 and departed this life in 1829. He, too, was a Revolutionary war soldier on active duty in the two opening engagements of the conflict. Bartholomew Brown's son, Dauphin Brown, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Brimfield, Massachusetts, in 1792. He migrated to Illinois in 1836, located at Stillman Valley and then became prominent in affairs of the community. His daughter, Lucy Ann Brown, as previously stated, became the wife of the Hon. Joshua White, who in 1838, when twenty-four years of age, had removed from Virginia to northern Illinois. He was married at Byron, Illinois, in 1840, after which he went to Chicago and engaged in mercantile business near the corner of Dearborn and Lake streets, becoming associated with his brother-in-law. In 1842 he removed to the lead mining district of southwestern Wisconsin, where he engaged in merchandising. He was closely associated not only with the early business development of that district but also with the public life of the community and became a member of the first constitutional convention of the state. In 1848 he returned to Illinois, settling at Stillman Valley, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. His business affairs were most wisely and capably conducted and judicious investment made him the owner of one thousand acres of Illinois farm land. Appreciation of his ability and loyalty on the part of his fellowmen led to his election to the state senate, where he served from 1854 until 1858. In other ways he took an active part in public affairs and his influence was ever on the side of progress and improvement. For twenty years he was chairman of the county board of supervisors and during the Civil war he was active in recruiting troops for the service. His eldest son, James D. White, enlisted in the Ninety-Second Illinois Infantry and served at the front with the rank of first lieutenant, for although in command of his company he was not entitled to the rank of captain owing to the reduced numbers of the company. He continued with the army until the close of the war and is now a successful farmer of McLean county, North Dakota.

Major White, now of Valley City, acquired his education in Illinois, supplementing his district school training by study in Mount Morris Academy, while later he entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated on the completion of a civil engineering course in the class of 1880. For two years thereafter he was employed on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in a professional capacity and in the spring of 1882 arrived in North Dakota, after which he purchased railroad land near Valley City, making his home thereon until 1898. In the meantime he had extended the boundaries of his farm

until he became the owner of eight hundred acres and also had an interest in other valuable farm lands on Getchell Prairie.

Interested in those questions which affect state and national welfare and standing at all times in support of those projects which he believed to be for the public good, Major White in 1890 was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and in 1892 was chosen state senator, to which position he was reelected in 1896. In 1898 he resigned his position in the state senate and was commissioned major of the First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry for service in the Spanish-American War. He had had military training in the University of Illinois and afterward became a member of the National Guard of North Dakota, with which he served for ten years, first holding the rank of captain of Company G of Valley City. Following the outbreak of the war with Spain he was mustered in at Fargo in May, 1898, and was sent to San Francisco, sailing from the Golden Gate on the 27th of June for the Philippines, where the troops arrived on the 30th of July. They participated in the capture of Manila on the 13th of August and this was their only engagement with the Spaniards. Subsequent to that time they were assigned to guard duty in the city of Manila and continued there until the Filipino insurrection, Major White participating with his regiment in more than twenty engagements with the Filipinos. The record made by this regiment is given at length in the general history prepared by Colonel Lounsberry. Major White took an active part in all the engagements in which his regiment participated and was never off duty for a single day during the time spent in the service. Discipline was always maintained among the troops and the extreme care in sanitary matters was no doubt largely the cause of the good health that existed among the men. Returning with his regiment from the Philippines, he arrived in San Francisco about the 1st of September, 1899, and was mustered out on the 25th of that month.

After again reaching Valley City, Major White purchased land at Litchville and in 1900 he opened a real estate and insurance office. The same year he received the republican nomination for governor of the state and the election showed him the people's choice for that high office. He was inaugurated in 1901 and reelected in 1902, serving as chief executive for four years, his administration being notable in the fact that he placed the state upon a sound financial footing. He was an efficient, capable and popular executive and he brought about various needed reforms and improvements. At that time a large amount of the school funds were not drawing interest but under Governor White's direction these were advantageously invested in bonds and farm loans, bringing a good financial return to the state. It was also during his administration that the first state bonds were redeemed. In January, 1905, Major White retired from the capital and spent the summer on his farm at Litchville. In the latter part of that year he promoted and organized the Middlewest Fire Insurance Company, of which he became the president and which in 1913 was merged with the Twin City Fire Insurance Company, its headquarters being then removed to Minneapolis. He next organized the Middlewest Loan & Trust Company, which began business on the 2d of January, 1915, in its present quarters in the Gray building in Valley City and under his direction as president the business has had a steady growth, proving one of the successful undertakings of this character in the state, being now upon a substantial dividend paying basis. Major White has also been general agent for the Northwestern National Fire Insurance Company of Milwaukee for the states of North Dakota and Montana for the past five years. His interest in public affairs is further indicated in the fact that he is a member of the state board of regents, having control of the educational institutions of North Dakota.

On the 19th of September, 1894, at Indianapolis, Indiana, Major White was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Hadley, of that city, a daughter of A. N. and Elizabeth Hadley, who removed from Ohio to Indiana during the infancy of their daughter, Mrs. White. She has become the mother of a son, Edwin Lee, who after attending the public schools was graduated from the Valley City Normal School and spent one year at Earlham College in Indiana, while he is now attending the North Dakota State University at Grand Forks. She also has an adopted son, Richard, who is also in school.

Major White is a Congregationalist in religious faith. His wife was reared in the Society of Friends but has since become affiliated with the Congregational church. Fraternally he is a Mason, prominent in the order in this state, belonging to Valley City Lodge, F. & A. M., Shyenne Chapter, R. A. M., of Valley City, St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., at Valley City and

El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. At the present writing he is grand commander of the Knights Templar of the state. Well descended and well bred, liberally educated, congenial, capable, courteous and honorable in every relation of life, he is highly respected and has an unlimited circle of friends. Mrs. White, who is a graduate of Earlham College and the University of Michigan, came to North Dakota in 1893 as a teacher in the Normal School at Valley City. She is a member of the Woman's Club in that city and very active in civic affairs. She was president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs one year and auditor of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and was a director of that organization two terms. This is the largest women's organization in the world.

LAWSON ARMSTRONG SOLEY, M. D.

Dr. Lawson Armstrong Soley, who since August, 1909, has been in the continuous and active practice of medicine and surgery at Neehe, was born in Economy, Nova Scotia, October 26, 1883. His parents, Charles William and Mary (Mason) Soley, were also natives of Nova Scotia and the latter was of Irish descent. The father belonged to one of the old families of that country of English and Scotch lineage. He became a shipbuilder by trade and followed that pursuit throughout the entire period of his active life. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

After mastering the elementary branches of learning in the public schools of his native city, Dr. Soley continued his education in the Phillips Academy of Andover, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. His more specifically literary course thus completed, he then took up the study of medicine in McGill University at Montreal, Canada, where he won the degrees of M. D. and C. M. in 1908. His excellent scholarship secured him appointment to the position of interne in the Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal and later he entered upon the private practice of medicine in Neehe in August, 1909. Since that time he has there continued in active general practice, employing the most modern methods which have resulted from scientific research and investigation. His labors have been fraught with good results and the efficacy of his methods is attested by the fact that his practice is steadily growing.

On the 12th of October, 1910, Dr. Soley was married to Miss Myrie Woodman, a native of Nova Scotia and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Woodman. Dr. Soley and his wife are Episcopalians and his political belief is that of the republican party. He was made a Mason at Parrsborough, Nova Scotia, and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, has also taken the chapter degrees of the York Rite and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and in his life displays the beneficent spirit upon which these orders are founded. He never regards life's duties lightly but recognizes the obligations imposed upon him in his professional relations and in citizenship and at all times seeks to uphold higher standards of living for the individual and for the community.

GEORGE A. WELCH.

In a history of the business enterprise of Bismarek it is imperative that mention be made of George A. Welch, one of the partners in the hardware firm of French & Welch and as such owners of one of the leading commercial undertakings of the capital city. He was born upon a farm in Olmsted county, Minnesota, March 14, 1866, and comes of a family of Scotch-Irish extraction. His father, George Welch, was born in the state of New York in 1833 and was there married in the year 1852, after which he removed westward to Wisconsin, where he settled in the late '50s. He became a resident of Minnesota in 1864 and in the spring of 1882 arrived in North Dakota, taking up his abode upon a farm in Burleigh county, where he devoted a considerable period to general agricultural pursuits, his labors contributing to the development and substantial upbuilding of that region. His last

days were spent in Bismarck, where he passed away in 1914, and his widow, surviving, now makes her home in that city.

George A. Welch pursued his education at Pleasant Grove, Minnesota, but at the age of fifteen years put aside his textbooks and in 1881 came to North Dakota, where he secured employment on a ranch. He worked in that way and at freighting until he attained his majority, when he embraced his opportunity for securing land by entering one hundred and sixty acres in Burleigh county. He resided thereon until he obtained his patent and is still the owner of the property. In the fall of 1902 he was elected to the office of sheriff of Burleigh county and removed to Bismarck, entering upon the duties of the position in December. He was prompt and fearless in executing the work of the office and his capable service during his first term led to his reelection, so that he was the incumbent in that position for four years. Upon his retirement he joined with J. P. French in forming the French & Welch Hardware Company and has since been active in that line of business. They have a large and well appointed store, carrying an extensive line of shelf and heavy hardware, and their trade has now reached gratifying proportions, their success being based upon close application, indefatigable energy and earnest desire to please.

On the 4th of July, 1889, in Burleigh county, North Dakota, Mr. Welch was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Jones, her father being John F. Jones, a native of Wisconsin. To them have been born four children, namely: Margaret, Catharine, Josephine and Gwendolin.

Fraternally Mr. Welch is identified with the York Rite Masons, the Mystic Shrine and the Knights of Pythias. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and he has been a prominent worker in its ranks for a long period. For nine years he was county commissioner of Burleigh county and in 1908 he was elected a member of the state senate, in which he served for four years. His official record shows that in the offices which he has filled he has usually been called upon to serve for two or more terms—indicative of his faithfulness, capability and loyalty. He has done much to mold public thought and action in his community and in the state. At the present time, however, he is largely concentrating his efforts upon his commercial interests and in mercantile circles is recognized as a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, while his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he is associated a large degree of success.

JOHN B. CHAUSSEE.

John B. Chaussee, a representative of the business interests of Watford City, where he is engaged in dealing in farm machinery and implements as a member of the firm of Martin & Chaussee, was born in Deadwood, South Dakota, October 27, 1882, his parents being Mr and Mrs. Alfred J. Chaussee. The father, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, was but nine years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Jefferson, South Dakota, where he remained until he went to Deadwood. There he was foreman of the famous Homestake gold mine in the Black Hills and continued in that district until he reached the age of forty-two years. He next went to Elk Point, South Dakota, on the Sioux river, where he continued until 1904 and then became a resident of Bottineau county, North Dakota, where he lived in honorable retirement from further business up to the time of his death, which occurred June 30, 1916. His wife was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, and was fourteen years of age when she came to the new world, going first to Montreal, Canada. She was nineteen years of age when she accompanied her parents to Jefferson, South Dakota, where she was married, and she is now residing in Omamee, Bottineau county.

John B. Chaussee was reared in Deadwood to the age of fifteen years, at which time that place was a wild western town that placed him in an environment such as is usually found with the early settlement of a pioneer district. He attended the city schools and afterward went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he was employed in the clothing store of Davidson Brothers until he attained his majority. He then removed to Omamee, North Dakota, and entered the employ of Albert Kurtz, proprietor of a drug store, with whom he

continued for four years. He next became a resident of Kramer, North Dakota, and in 1906 he arrived in Schafer, North Dakota, where he entered the employ of the Bruegger Mercantile Company at its branch store. Later he became a member of the firm of Banks & Chaussee at Schafer, conducting a general store, but the enterprise did not prove a success. In October, 1914, he joined John Martin in establishing the farm machinery and implement business at Watford City of which he is now one of the proprietors, and at this point their trade has steadily grown, having now reached gratifying proportions.

On the 28th of May, 1908, Mr. Chaussee was united in marriage to Miss T. M. Mangold, of Omeme, who was born in Stewart, Minnesota, and there pursued a high school education, after which she was graduated from the South Dakota Normal School at Aberdeen and later taught school in Omeme. Mr. Chaussee has two children, Alfred and Dorothy, both of whom were born in Schafer.

Mr. Chaussee is a republican and served as public administrator of McKenzie county from 1907 until 1911. He is known all over the county as "Jack" Chaussee. A nickname always indicates good fellowship. It is a sign of warm friendship, and it is well known that Mr. Chaussee is held in high regard wherever he is known.

JACOB HERR, JR.

Remarkable has been the success of many who have come to this country from foreign lands and through their own efforts have risen to positions of prominence both in business and public life. Among the most substantial citizens of Wishek at the present time is Jacob Herr, Jr., who is now successfully farming over two thousand acres of land in McIntosh and Logan counties and is also interested in merchandising as a member of the firm of Herr Brothers & Company. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born March 6, 1873, in the village of Kassel in southern Russia. He was only two years old, however, when brought to the United States by his parents, Jacob and Margaret (Kreen) Herr, the family locating in Scotland, Hutchinson county, South Dakota, where the father homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land and also took up a tree claim. He wondered, however, what he could do with so much land and only proved up on the homestead. After living in South Dakota for twelve years, he removed to McIntosh county, North Dakota, in 1887, and here he has since made his home. He has bought and sold land extensively and is now the owner of twelve hundred and eighty acres in McIntosh county and has holdings in Saskatchewan, Canada. For the past eight years he has resided in Wishek and is one of the highly respected citizens of the place.

Jacob Herr, Jr., was reared to manhood in the Dakotas but his educational advantages were limited as he was only able to attend the district schools about eight or ten months. He has, however, become a well informed man and has always made the most of his opportunities. As a young man he began his career as a farmer. In 1894 he married Miss Christine Orth, of Emmons county, North Dakota, and to them have been born ten children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Lydia, now the wife of George Rohm, of Wishek; Martha, Sophia, Arthur, Solomon, Joshua and Orville, all at home.

About the time of his marriage, Mr. Herr's father gave him a quarter section of land and one year later he bought another quarter section, on which he resided for three years. In connection with the operation of his own farm he also had charge of his father's place which adjoined his land. In 1897 he removed to Wishek, where he conducted both a livery stable and restaurant for about a year and a half. He then sold his three hundred and twenty acre farm and took up a homestead eight miles southwest of Wishek, on which he resided for five years. He next bought a section of land and returned to Wishek, where he engaged in merchandising in partnership with his father and brother A. W. Herr, buying out the business of Michael Kline. They organized the firm of Herr Brothers & Company and built up an extensive trade as general merchants. Mr. Herr of this review was identified with the management of the business until March, 1916, when he sold much of his stock in the enterprise and is now giving his attention largely to his farming interests. He has over two thousand acres of land under cultivation and is the owner of twenty-

seven hundred and twenty acres in McIntosh and Logan counties. He is a man of good business ability and sound judgment, is enterprising and progressive, and to these characteristics may be attributed his wonderful success.

The republican party finds in Mr. Herr a staunch supporter of its principles, and for three terms he has served as a member of the town board of Wishek and as school treasurer for three terms. In religious faith he is a Baptist and his life is guided by the teachings of that church, of which he is a faithful member.

MAJOR H. M. CREEL.

Major General H. M. Creel, of Devils Lake, whose name is inseparably interwoven with the military records of North Dakota and whose efforts have been an element in progressive development in the northwest, was born on a farm in Lafayette county, Missouri, November 30, 1855, and is a representative of one of the old families of Virginia, established in that state in 1620. His grandfather served with the rank of colonel in the War of 1812 and his uncle, George Creel, was killed in the Mexican war. His grandmother was a sister of the mother of General "Stonewall" Jackson, and his grandfather, Dr. David Creel, acted as foreman of the grand jury which heard the trial of Aaron Burr for high treason. Various prominent names appear upon the family records, including that of Larry T. Neal, of Ohio, and Hon. George W. Mannapenny, ex-commissioner of Indian affairs, who was a member of the commission that made the treaty with the Utes. Enrique C. Creel, son-in-law of General Louis Terrazas, formerly ambassador from Mexico to the United States, also governor of Chihuahua, late special ambassador from Mexico in the Venezuelan trouble and later minister of foreign relations in Diaz's last cabinet, is a cousin of General Creel.

Reared upon his father's farm, General Creel acquired his elementary education under private tutorship and afterward became a student in Kemper's academy at Boonville, Missouri. He spent a year in that school and also in Cooper Institute and next entered the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia, where he remained for two years, when through appointment of General John B. Clark of the seventh congressional district he became a student at the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he was graduated with the class of June, 1877. He received commission as second lieutenant in the Eighth United States Cavalry and the same year was promoted to higher rank in the Seventh Cavalry, his service in that connection bringing him to Dakota territory. After serving for five years he resigned in July, 1882. During his military experience he gained intimate knowledge of the state and its pioneer conditions and development. He had charge of the government property and steamboat "Dr. Burleigh" when Fort Rice was abandoned and the property moved to Fort Yates in 1878. In that year Lieutenant General P. H. Sheridan, commanding the Division of Missouri with headquarters at Chicago, asked for a volunteer from the officers of the regular army to take charge of the relief steamer to New Orleans for the yellow fever sufferers. Lieutenant Creel volunteered and was informed by General Sheridan that Lieutenant Benner had already offered his services and had been accepted, also that he, Lieutenant Creel had been detailed to perform very important work on detached service under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant General, as he was to accompany the Northern Cheyennes to the Indiana Territory, to write a dictionary and grammar of their language and otherwise aid in keeping these Indians in the Territory. Lieutenant Benner died in the performance of his mission from yellow fever, which no doubt would have been the fate of Lieutenant Creel. He was one of the expedition that located Fort Meade and in 1880 he surveyed Devils Lake and also made a topographic survey of the Fort Totten military reservation. In 1881 he participated in the Sitting Bull campaign and afterward accompanied that noted Indian chieftain and his band to Standing Rock. As engineering officer he built the military telegraph line from Fort Totten to Larimore. In July, 1882, he located the town site of Devils Lake, which was first called Creel City but assumed its present name in 1884. His familiarity with the entire country and his credibility on all questions relating to it made him authority upon



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the subject and led him to be called as a witness before congress in 1882 regarding a tract of land lying north and west of Devils Lake and comprising nine million five hundred thousand acres, which was claimed by the Chippewas but was recognized by the interior department as the property of the United States. His testimony and letters to Messrs. Windom, Plumb, Cox, Cockerell and Pettigrew elicited from Hiram Price, commissioner of Indian affairs, a lengthy answer. The bill for the opening of this land to settlement was too far down on the calendar to receive attention during that session of congress. Shortly afterward Secretary Kirkwood was succeeded by Senator Teller, who with the legal department sustained General Creel in his position and the land was thrown open by executive proclamation. His military record covers service as second lieutenant of the Eighth United States Cavalry from June 15, 1877, to September 30, 1877; second lieutenant of the Seventh United States Cavalry from the latter date until July, 1882, while in the meantime he participated in the Dull Knife campaign in 1878 and the Sitting Bull campaign in 1881. He was engineer officer of the Fort Totten district from 1880 until 1882, was inspector and judge advocate general, with the rank of colonel, in the North Dakota National Guard from April 2, 1891, until June 29, 1905, and was then made adjutant general. Later he was appointed supervisor at large of the Indians of the United States. In this connection it will be interesting to quote from the executive order issued from the governor's office at Bismarck January 7, 1907, and which reads as follows: "At his own request, Brigadier General H. M. Creel, adjutant general, is hereby promoted to the rank of major general and placed upon the retired list of the North Dakota National Guard pursuant to law, to date from January 7, 1907. In the promotion and retirement of Major General H. M. Creel I desire to attest to the faithful and highly efficient services rendered by him during his term of office as adjutant general. When appointed adjutant general it was decided by the honorable secretary of war that the efficiency of the national guard of this state was at such a low ebb that the state was not entitled to the appropriation from the federal government under the act of January 21, 1903. Only a few months elapsed before the standard of efficiency had been raised by General Creel to the extent that the secretary of war rescinded his adverse decision. General Creel continued along these lines and brought the guard to that state of efficiency which impelled Lieutenant Colonel George A. Dudd, Tenth United States Cavalry chief instructor at the camp of instruction near Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, to report to the honorable secretary of war that fully ninety per cent of the national guard of this state could be placed immediately on an equal footing with the regular army in the field of active service, thus giving to the national guard of this state a position seldom attained by the guard of any other state."

General Creel has been a resident of Devils Lake almost from its founding and for a number of years engaged extensively in farming, owning and conducting a fine estate. He has also dealt largely in real estate and loans and has engaged in the grain business. In public affairs, too, he has borne his part. A contemporary writer has said: "Mr. Creel was chairman of the board of county commissioners in Ramsey county in 1885-1886 and register of deeds from January, 1889, to January, 1897, and was acting county surveyor from 1889 to 1895, and city engineer: He was elected to the state senate in the fall of 1896 and completed serving a four year term. He was elected as an independent republican and was a nominee for congress in 1898 on the fusion ticket. While a member of the state senate he introduced the bill requiring all applicants for marriage licenses to be previously examined by a board of physicians as to their mental and physical fitness for the marriage state. His bill was freely commented upon by prominent men and newspapers in the United States and England. The following were Mr. Creel's committee assignments: chairman of committees on appropriations and immigration, member of committees on Indians and Indian affairs, cities and municipalities, military, public land and ways and means, chairman committee on military affairs. He has served as chairman of the county republican central committee and was a member of the state central and executive republican committees. He was a member of the national committee for the silver republicans of North Dakota for eight years, being chosen to this office in 1897. In 1878, Colonel Creel, then a lieutenant in the Seventh United States Cavalry, was detailed by General Sheridan to escort the Northern Cheyenne Indians from the Black Hills to Fort Reno, Indian Territory, later held at Sidney Barracks, Nebraska. He accompanied the

Thornberg expedition four hundred miles in the Sand Hills of Nebraska, after Dull Knife with eight hundred Northern Cheyennes. He wrote a grammar and dictionary of the Cheyenne or Tsistos language, also a work on the sign language of the North American Indians, which was published by the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

When in Indian territory General Creel was married to Miss Alice H. LaRue, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Richard LaRue, whose farm was at one time a part of the city of Richmond. She is a niece of the Hon. William Holman, who secured an amendment to an appropriation bill which obliged the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to pay the cost of surveying the land granted to them. Her grandfather, Joseph Holman, was one of the framers of the state constitution of Indiana.

General Creel is identified with several fraternal organizations, including the Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Throughout his life he has displayed his military training in the precision with which he executes orders and carries out his plans. Alert and prompt, he is ever ready for an emergency, thinks quickly, decides intelligently and in relation to affairs of public importance looks beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities of the future.

THE WASHBURN LIGNITE COAL COMPANY.

The Washburn Lignite Coal Company of Wilton is today operating the largest coal mines in the state of North Dakota, with general offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The company was founded by Senator W. D. Washburn, who on coming to this region recognized the value of its coal deposits and opened up the mine. The business was incorporated on the 24th of December, 1902, and its charter was secured on the 6th of the following January. Prior to this the mine had been operated by Senator Washburn. The capital stock of the new company was five hundred thousand dollars and its officers are B. W. Stephenson, president; Stanley Washburn, vice president; W. H. Keller, secretary and treasurer; and W. P. Macomber, general manager. With the exception of the last named, who makes his home in Wilton, the other officers are residents of Minneapolis.

The mine at Wilton has been steadily developed and a shaft has already been sunk to a depth of sixty feet. During the winter of 1916-7 a second one is to be put in operation with the expectation of mining three hundred and fifty thousand tons annually, while the present capacity is something over two hundred thousand tons. Every precaution possible has been made to safeguard the miners while at work, and the company has erected many houses for the accommodation of their employes and also a hotel. They have endeavored to make everything neat and sanitary and are untiring in their efforts to promote the interests of those who serve them. At the present time about four hundred men are employed during the busy season. Their mine is up-to-date in its appointments and the new shaft will have all modern equipments for handling coal.

HERBERT W. SIMS.

Herbert W. Sims has developed the largest automobile business in North Dakota and certainly has every reason to be proud of this fact. Along well defined business lines he has built up his trade and since 1908, when the Sims Automobile Company of Grand Forks was incorporated, he has been its president. His residence in the state dates from 1886, at which time he removed from Iowa to North Dakota. He is, however, a native of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Fillmore county, October 10, 1867. In the paternal line he is descended from a wealthy and prominent family of Huddersfield, England, whose ancestry may be traced back for many generations. His father, John Sims, a native of England, came to America about 1848 and was a pioneer settler of Fillmore county, Minnesota. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, serving in a Minnesota regiment in defense of the Union cause. Throughout the greater

part of his life he followed agricultural pursuits and is now living retired in Cresco, Iowa. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party. He married Elizabeth Woodward, a native of Vermont and a representative of one of the old families of that state. She passed away at Cresco, Iowa, May 12, 1909.

Herbert W. Sims, the second of a family of five children, was educated in the public schools of Granger and Cresco, Iowa, and also attended college at Decorah, Iowa, and the Breckenridge Business College. When eighteen years of age he started out to earn his own livelihood, being first employed as a farm hand. The following year he came to North Dakota, settling in Walsh county on the 7th of March, 1886. His father provided a farm for him there and for twenty years he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits, bringing his land under a high state of cultivation and adding to it many modern improvements. He still retains a part of his farm interests in that county. In the fall of 1905, however, he turned his attention to the automobile business, entering into a contract with the Buick Motor Company, becoming its first representative in Walsh county. He first carried a small and unimportant stock of automobile accessories and cars but developed the largest business in the state, becoming the representative of other standard lines. The Sims Automobile Company was established at Grand Forks in 1908 and following its incorporation Mr. Sims became president, with C. D. Lord as vice president, J. P. Reiton treasurer, Frank Lord secretary, and Earl F. Sims assistant secretary. The office and plant are located at No. 221 North Third street and from this point the company controls an extensive trade which is the direct and logical outcome of the enterprising efforts, close application and business ability of the founder.

On the 16th of October, 1889, at Florenceville, Iowa, Mr. Sims was united in marriage to Miss Nettie M. Reid, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Reid of that place, both of whom are now deceased. The children of this marriage are: Earl F., who was born at Inkster, North Dakota, September 12, 1890, and is now associated with his father in business; Claude J., born in Crookston; and Esther B., who was born in Inkster and is the wife of Clement Woods, of Winnipeg.

The family are members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Sims belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Elks lodge, the Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Grand Forks Commercial Club. In politics he is a republican but takes no active part as a worker nor has he sought public office. While living in Walsh county he served as treasurer of the school district for twenty years. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and cooperates in plans and measures for the general good, while at the same time he wisely and carefully manages and directs his constantly growing business affairs until today he has an establishment which sets the standard for activity in that field.

W. R. HALL.

W. R. Hall, publisher of the Glen Ullin News and a well known resident of Morton county, was born in Wabasha county, Minnesota, in 1874. His father, George Hall, was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and in 1848 came to the United States, settling first in Illinois, whence he afterward removed to Minnesota, where he died in 1890. He married Cordelia Drinkwater, a native of Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and now a resident of Montana, where she took up a homestead in the spring of 1915, residing thereon at the age of seventy-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. George Hall were born fifteen children.

W. R. Hall, the seventh in that family, was educated in the schools of Minnesota, where his parents had located in pioneer times, taking up their residence in the state in 1856 and there experiencing all of the hardships and trials incident to settlement upon the frontier. W. R. Hall was reared on the old homestead and at the age of sixteen years entered the printing office of the Mazeppa Journal, published at Mazeppa, Minnesota. After a brief period, however, he became an employe in the office of the Winona (Minn.) Leader and there practically learned his trade, remaining in that office for about a year. He next followed the life of a journeyman printer until he finally settled at Glen Ullin in 1902. In December of that year he established the Glen Ullin News, bringing out the first issue of the paper on the

26th of December. The enterprise has proven a growing one and the paper now has a circulation of one thousand. It is published as an independent republican sheet and is circulated over a wide territory. It was the first paper published in the county outside of Mandan and it has proven a welcome weekly visitor in many homes. His plant is equipped in accordance with ideas of modern newspaper publication and in addition to his office Mr. Hall owns considerable city real estate, having made judicious investment in property.

In 1905 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Irma Lechtlegner, a native of Ohio, who when six years of age was taken to Glen Ullin by her parents, who were pioneers of that locality. That was in 1885. By that marriage there were three children but the eldest died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away December 16, 1914, leaving two daughters, Lucille and Irma. In the spring of 1916 Mr. Hall was again married, his second union being with Anna Lechtlegner, a sister of his first wife. Her father is still living at the age of seventy-five years and makes his home in Hebron.

Fraternally Mr. Hall is a Mason, belonging to the lodge and chapter at Mandan, also to the Elks lodge at Mandan and to the Modern Woodmen camp at Glen Ullin. He became a charter member of the last named, in which he has passed through all of the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he is a firm believer in its principles he is not an active party worker. However, he is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of his community and personally and editorially supports every plan or measure that he believes to be for the general good.

JULIUS E. SOMMERFELD.

Julius E. Sommerfeld is a resident farmer of Arthur township, Cass county, his home being on section 18, where he owns and cultivates a good tract of land that in its neat and thrifty appearance bears evidence of his careful supervision and practical methods. A native of Wisconsin, he was born in Marquette county, March 25, 1874, a son of Edward and Henrietta (Schwank) Sommerfeld, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America when a young man and the mother crossed the Atlantic in her girlhood days with her parents. They were married in Wisconsin and there settled upon a farm in 1887, after which they removed to North Dakota, where Mr. Sommerfeld purchased three hundred and twenty acres, constituting the north half of section 35, Arthur township, Cass county. For a long period he very carefully, systematically and energetically carried on general agricultural pursuits but in 1906 purchased a tract of land adjoining Arthur on the east and removed thereto, making his home upon that place until his death, which occurred March 15, 1904. His widow still survives and yet occupies the farm, the residence being in the town limits of Arthur. Mr. Sommerfeld was a soldier in the Austrian-Prussian war of 1866. He became a loyal American citizen of his adopted country in every way and he gained many warm friends during the period of his residence in this state.

Spending his youthful days in his parents' home, Julius E. Sommerfeld attended the common schools but as early as his ninth year was making a hand in the fields. He was a youth of thirteen when his parents removed to North Dakota, after which he continued to assist his father in the development and improvement of the home farm until his twenty-fourth year. In 1900 he began farming on his own account on a quarter section of land which was purchased for him by his father, whom he afterward reimbursed for the purchase price. Julius E. Sommerfeld then continued to cultivate and develop his own land and also other land which he rented. He has devoted his entire life to general farming, which he has carried on extensively and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his holdings until he now owns six hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Cass county, constituting one of the fine farms of that part of the state. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Arthur and has served on its board of directors from its organization, while for the past five years he has been its president, in which connection he has wisely directed its interests.

In 1900 Mr. Sommerfeld was united in marriage to Miss Martha Schmidt, of Traill

county, North Dakota. To this marriage have been born two children, William A. and Edna E.

Politically Mr. Sommerfeld is a republican, recognized as one of the local leaders of the party in Cass county. For many years he has served as a member of the township board of trustees and for a decade has been chairman of the board. He stands at all times for progress and improvement in public affairs and his efforts, directed by sound judgment, and a recognition of the public needs result beneficially to the community in which he resides. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church and to them the hospitality of the best homes of their part of the county is extended. Mr. Sommerfeld is recognized as one of the foremost citizens of Arthur township and has been prominent in every movement for the welfare and advancement of the district.

CARL J. SORLIEN.

Carl J. Sorlien, president of The Farmers Mercantile Company of Rawson, is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred at Bode, Humboldt county, on the 23d of February, 1887, his parents being John H. and Bertha (Knudsen) Sorlien. The father, a native of Norway, acquired his education in that country and in young manhood made his way to the new world, settling in Iowa, where he secured employment as a farm hand. Later he engaged in farming and stock buying on his own account and became one of the prosperous agriculturists of Humboldt county. His land, which he purchased many years ago, constitutes today one of the most highly improved farms near Bode and is now being carried on by his sons. Upon that place he reared a large family and there passed away in 1907. His wife was also born in Norway and in young womanhood came to the United States, their marriage being celebrated in Bode, Iowa, where she still resides. The Sorlien Brothers baseball team, a well known and famous team of Bode, is composed of nine sons of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sorlien. To this team Carl J. Sorlien belongs and they play all over the country, especially with college teams.

Carl J. Sorlien, after attending the district schools, became a student in the Bode high school and later attended the Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, the Humboldt Business College and the Mankato (Minn.) Business College. Early in his business career he was employed as field man by the Iowa Sugar Company of Iowa and later he secured the position of book-keeper and assistant cashier in the Farmers Savings Bank at Ottosen, Iowa. Later he was connected with the First State Bank at Bergen, McHenry county, North Dakota, entering that institution as assistant cashier in 1911, his brother being cashier of the bank. After two years Carl J. Sorlien became one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank at Rawson just after the town was laid out in September, 1913. He was chosen cashier of the new institution and so continued until February, 1916, when he resigned to become president of The Farmers Mercantile Company, a corporation which was formed for the purpose of conducting a general merchandise business. They built a fine modern store building, own their electric light plant and have a splendidly equipped establishment. They today enjoy a most extensive trade, their business having now reached most gratifying proportions. Mr. Sorlien remains active in the conduct of the business and in fact its prosperity is attributable in no small measure to his efforts, enterprise, keen discernment and initiative spirit.

On the 23d of March, 1911, at Bode, Iowa, Mr. Sorlien was united in marriage to Miss Inga Kinseth, who was born at Bode and there pursued a high school course, after which she attended Humboldt College. Later she engaged in teaching in Humboldt county, Iowa. She is a daughter of Lars and Bertha Kinseth, natives of Norway, who became farming people of Humboldt county, Iowa, where the father passed away, while the mother is now living in Bode. Mr. and Mrs. Sorlien have two children: Inez, who was born in Bergen, December 25, 1911; and Carl C. J., born October 18, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Sorlien are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which she takes an active interest. In politics he is a republican and fraternally is connected with the Elks lodge at Williston. He realized at the outset of his career that "there is no excellence without labor" and, moreover, thoroughly understood the fact that one must be willing to pay the price of success—the price

of earnest, self-denying labor. His persistent effort and unflinching purpose have brought him to his present position and under his guidance the mercantile company has become a most potent factor in the commercial development of the town.

JOHN KITTLESEN.

John Kittlesen, who follows farming on section 17, Dows township, Cass county, was born in Dodge county, Minnesota, April 3, 1866, a son of Kittel and Anna Osmonsens (Wilson) Kittlesen, both of whom were natives of Norway. They came to the United States in childhood, the father arriving when fourteen years of age and the mother when a little maiden of nine summers. The voyage was made with their respective parents and the two families settled at Rio, Long Prairie, Wisconsin, where the young people became acquainted and were married. Subsequently they removed to Dodge county, Minnesota, where they resided until called to their final home.

John Kittlesen was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. When seventeen years of age he became a wage earner, working as a farm hand in Dodge county, Minnesota, for three years. In 1886 he arrived in North Dakota, making his way first to Hunter, Cass county, where he secured employment as a farm hand, spending two years in that connection. In 1888 he purchased from another man his right to a preemption claim in Nelson county but never proved up on it. In 1890 he rented a farm west of Hunter and took up his abode thereon, concentrating his energies upon the development and cultivation of the fields. He continued farming as a renter until 1895, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase four hundred and eighty acres of land where he now resides on section 17, Dows township, Cass county. The following year he purchased three hundred and twenty acres additional; in 1899 bought one hundred and sixty acres more and in 1911 purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Traill county, making his present holdings eleven hundred and twenty acres, so that he is now one of the extensive land owners in this part of the state. He is also a stockholder in the Galesburg Farmers Elevator Company and a stockholder in the Galesburg Cooperative Creamery Company.

Mr. Kittlesen was married January 13, 1887, to Miss Sarah Alden, of Goodhue county, Minnesota, and to this union have been born five children, but only four survive, Elmer, Emma, Tilda and Sedna. In his political views Mr. Kittlesen is independent. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church and contributes generously to its support. By well directed efforts and unflinching industry he has become one of the wealthy farmers of Cass county and has taken an active part in transforming the pioneer state of North Dakota into which he made his way in 1886, into one of the great agricultural states of the Union.

M. R. KEITH.

Mr. R. Keith, attorney at law at Kenmare, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 15, 1884, a son of M. C. and Eliza A. (Messenger) Keith. The father was born in Augusta, Maine, September 16, 1836, and the mother's birth occurred in Huntington, Lorain county, Ohio, June 23, 1843. The father was in the naval service in the war of the rebellion and saw active duty at Fortress Monroe, where he was wounded. He was a Mason in good standing. On the maternal side the ancestry is traced back to the Pitt family of England, to which belonged William Pitt, who proved the friend of the American colonists at the time of and prior to the Revolutionary war. The great-great-grandfather of M. R. Keith in the maternal line was named Elijah Inmphyrey. He saw service in the Revolution, enlisting at Dudley, Worcester county, Massachusetts, January 2, 1781, for a three years' term. He had previously enlisted in the Sixth Regiment, Connecticut, and became captain on the 1st of January, 1777. On the Keith side the ancestry can be traced back to an early period

in Massachusetts. The first American ancestor of that name came from Scotland and was ordained a minister in the colony of Massachusetts. In Scotland the Keiths were earls marshal of Scotland for five generations and were the owners of Castle Dunnotar, which was razed by the English in their attempt to obtain crown jewels which were then in possession of the Keith family by reason of the office filled by the head of the family.

Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools of his native city, M. R. Keith eventually became a student in the Central high school and later in preparation for a professional career entered the law department of the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1905. He was afterward employed in the banking department of the Minnesota Loan & Trust Company but early in 1907 removed to Kenmare, where he opened a law office and has since engaged in practice, being accorded a good clientele that has connected him with much important litigation. He has also extended his activities into other fields and is a stockholder and official in several corporations, being now a director of the National Briquetting Company of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, which has its plant in Kenmare; the president and one of the directors of the Western Credit Inspection Company of Minot; a director of the Keith-Jensen Mortgage Company, having its headquarters at Kenmare; and president and a director of the Farmers State Bank at Wolf Point, Montana. He possesses sound business judgment and keen discrimination and his investments have been wisely and judiciously made.

In September, 1907, occurred the marriage of Mr. Keith and Miss Anna Belle Van Eman, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was born in Delano, Minnesota, and was largely reared and educated in Faribault, that state. She pursued a teacher's preparatory course in Minneapolis and for a time taught school, while later she took a business college course and was appointed stenographer of the Minnesota supreme court, occupying that position of responsibility up to the time of her marriage.

Fraternally Mr. Keith is connected with the Masonic lodge at Kenmare, in which he has served as senior deacon. In politics he is a republican and several times has been a member of the Ward county executive committee, while at different times he has been called upon to fill local offices. While an active worker in support of party principles, he is not ambitious to hold office, considering the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts.

GEORGE E. BOUER.

Coming to North Dakota in 1898 for the benefit of his health, George E. Bouer was so pleased with the state, its conditions and its possibilities that he became a permanent resident and is now actively and successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Courtenay. A native of Michigan, he was born in Detroit, February 2, 1873, and is a son of William A. and Margaret Bouer, the former a native of Alsace-Lorraine, while the latter was born in Quebec, Canada. When quite young William A. Bouer was brought by his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Pennsylvania. He afterward removed westward to Michigan, where he spent the greater part of his life. He became a shoe manufacturer, owning and operating a factory in Detroit which became an important productive industry of that city. He died in the year 1884, while his wife passed away in 1873. In their family were four children.

George E. Bouer acquired his early education in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and continued his studies in the schools of Denver, Colorado. He afterward learned the printer's trade and worked on the Rocky Mountain News of Denver for a period of three years and subsequently he entered the employ of the Denver Water Company, with which he remained until that business was consolidated with the Citizens Water Company after he had been in the service of the former corporation for four or five years. Mr. Bouer then removed to Milwaukee and became city salesman for the Milwaukee Blank Book Manufacturing Company, with which he continued for two years. Failing health caused him to change his occupation upon the advice of his physician, who told him that he had better live in the country for a time. Accordingly he arrived in North Dakota in 1898 and settled near

Courtenay, working on the farm of E. H. Horn, with whom he remained for sixteen months. He afterward filed on a quarter section located a mile and a half from the town of Courtenay and in the course of time received his title to the property. For five years he lived upon that place, but being a city bred man he did not make much of a success at farming, for his experience and training had all been along other lines. In 1905 he opened an office in Courtenay and established a collection agency, which proved a profitable undertaking from the beginning. Later he extended the scope of his business to include insurance and he subsequently began dealing in real estate. From the beginning he has met with success and now has a large clientele which has resulted in his negotiation of many important realty transfers. He is likewise a stockholder in the garage of Courtenay and also in the Farmers Elevator.

In 1899 Mr. Bouer married Miss Anna B. Milne, who was born in Scotland in 1880 but left the land of hills and heather in 1886, when brought by her parents, William and Margaret S. Milne, to the new world. They settled on a farm near Courtenay, where they remained until the death of the father in November, 1896. The mother still survives and makes her home in Courtenay. The family numbered seven children, of whom Mrs. Bouer is the second. To Mr. and Mrs. Bouer have been born three children, William A., Ernest R. and Morris M.

Mr. Bouer is a stalwart republican and has supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is at present justice of the peace in Courtenay, which position he has occupied for the past fifteen years, and his long continuance in office plainly indicates that his decisions have been fair and impartial, being based upon the law and the equity in the case. He is a member of Liberty Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F., and of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Wimbledon. In the former he has passed through all of the chairs and is the present grand master. He belongs to the Courtenay Presbyterian church and of the volunteer fire department of Courtenay he is a member. The various interests and activities of his life are well balanced. He is neglectful of none of the duties of citizenship, is ever ready to uphold the legal and moral status of the community and in his business affairs has manifested a spirit of enterprise which is the basis of honorable success.

GEORGE J. BOHRER.

George J. Bohrer is conducting a hardware and implement business at Cathay and is at the head of one of the large and important commercial enterprises of Wells county. He draws his trade from a wide territory and the volume of business which he annually transacts would be a credit to a city of much greater size. Mr. Bohrer was born in St. Paul in 1876, his parents being J. H. and Elizabeth (Miller) Bohrer, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. The father was a hardware dealer who spent the greater part of his active business life in St. Paul, where he is now living retired, but his wife passed away in March, 1908. All their six children, of whom George J. Bohrer is the eldest, are still living.

George J. Bohrer was a city bred boy and the public school system of St. Paul afforded him his educational privileges. He received his business training under his father's direction, working in the store at St. Paul until about twenty years of age. He then entered the employ of Farwell, Ozmun & Kirk, wholesale hardware dealers of St. Paul. In 1898, he came to North Dakota, representing the credit department of the above house, with which he remained until 1904. The following year he removed to Cathay, where he embarked in the hardware and implement business on his own account, and from the beginning his trade has steadily grown until it is now of large volume, necessitating the employment of five clerks. He has enlarged the store building which he occupies, also has two warehouses and is constantly increasing his stock to meet the growing demands of the patronage. His interest centers entirely in his present business, which is now one of the most important commercial concerns of Wells county. He is, however, the owner of farm property and of property at Portal, North Dakota, from which he secures a good rental.

In 1899 Mr. Bohrer was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Lotza, who was born in Iowa in 1877, a daughter of Joseph and Emily Lotza, both early residents of that state, where they still make their home, the father being engaged in general farming. Mr. and Mrs. Bohrer have become parents of four children: Charles, born in 1900; Caroline, in 1901; Arthur, in 1906; and George, in 1908.

Mr. Bohrer gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for nine years he was a faithful and able member of the town board. He also served on the school board for a period of nine years. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge of Cathay, in which he has filled all the chairs, and he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees at Cathay and to the Lutheran church. In a word, he is interested in all those forces which work for the development of town and county along material, intellectual, social, political and moral lines and his activities have been productive of good results not only in the attainment of business success but also in the accomplishment of those purposes which work for the uplift of the individual and the community.

W. H. MANN.

W. H. Mann, actively identified with business interests at New Salem as a merchant, banker and real estate dealer, was born in Germany in 1857, a son of George F. and Christina Mann, who spent their entire lives in their native country, both having now passed away.

W. H. Mann, who was one of a family of seven children, was the only one who came to the United States. After acquiring his education in Germany he crossed the Atlantic in 1881, making his way to Chicago, where he again attended school in order to acquaint himself with the English language and with the customs of the people. He had previously learned the cabinet maker's trade and he followed that pursuit in Chicago until 1883, when he came to Dakota territory. He settled at once in New Salem, Morton county, and assisted in building the first house in the town. He continued to follow carpentering until 1888 and his home was the third building erected in New Salem. He opened a furniture store in the town in 1883 and then devoted his attention to his store and to carpentering as well. With the development of the community his trade grew and in 1888 he added a stock of general merchandise, so that he is now proprietor of a general store. His mercantile establishment was one of the first stores opened in the town. Between forty and fifty families settled in New Salem on the 7th of April, 1883, and on the Sunday following their arrival a side track was put in and the town was started. There were but three farmers in that band of colonists, the rest being professional men and merchants, but they made good in farming and have become wealthy. In 1889 Mr. Mann established the first creamery in North Dakota west of the Missouri and managed it for a period of two years. Four years later a corporation of business men of New Salem established another creamery, which has since been a paying proposition. In 1889 there was an uprising among the Standing Rock Indians which caused much excitement in New Salem. The government sent both rifles and ammunition to the soldiers with which they might defend themselves. The scare, however, lasted for a period of only three months, when New Salem again took up its regular life. In the town were about forty men who had been trained as soldiers in the German army and there was as well a cavalry troop of about twelve members which patrolled the town until the Indians had been repelled.

In 1883 they established a Lutheran church and school, which was the first in New Salem. An entrance fee of twenty dollars was charged and thus the buildings were paid for. The Rev. Henry Gyr was the first minister and the townspeople carefully met their obligations in relation to the church.

In 1880 Mr. Mann was married in Chicago to Miss Anna Lange, a native of Germany, and to them were born seven children: Henry, now proprietor of a hotel at Ellendale, North Dakota; Otto, a resident of Wesby, Montana; Mrs. Anna Grauer, living at Cleveland, North Dakota; Paul, a banker of Hebron, North Dakota; Lena, who is teacher of music and drawing in the New Salem schools; and Fritz and Ella, who are assisting their father in the store.

In 1896 Mr. Mann, in connection with John Bloodwood, established the town of Mann Haven and in connection they built a steamboat which made trips from the new town to Bismarck. At the same time Mr. Mann turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he has since engaged. In 1908 he was appointed railroad commissioner, which office he is now holding. His life has been one of continuous activity, constantly reaching out along lines which have to do with the upbuilding and development of this section of the state. In 1903, in connection with a Mr. Bacon, of Minneapolis, and A. D. Clarke, he organized the First National Bank of New Salem, which was capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1910 he took a leading part in establishing the Farmers & Merchants Bank of New Salem, which is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, and a thing of which New Salem has every reason to be proud is the fact that the town has the record of having the largest per capita bank account of any town in the state. Mr. Mann was also one of those who established the Provident Life Insurance Company of Bismarck and in 1900 he was among those who organized the Mercer County Land Company, which purchased fifty-three thousand acres of Mercer county land. His business affairs have always been of a nature which have contributed to public progress and improvement as well as to individual success.

In politics Mr. Mann is a republican and he has held practically all of the offices in his town. During the '90s he served for two terms as mayor of New Salem and he is directly responsible for one of North Dakota's parks, having planted trees and set aside a plot of ground in the center of New Salem for park purposes. For sixteen years he has served on the school board and was one of its members when the new schoolhouse was erected at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars. In fact there is no feature of the town's development and progress with which he has not been deeply concerned and his work has been a most potent element in advancing the general welfare and promoting the public good.

G. H. COFFIN, M. D.

Dr. G. H. Coffin, physician and surgeon and also proprietor of Drake Hospital at Drake, McHenry county, has, throughout his professional career held to high standards and closely adhered to professional ethics. He was born at Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, on the 1st of October, 1879, a son of Frank S. and Jennima (Brandon) Coffin, the latter also a native of Lake Minnetonka, where the father operated a creamery and conducted a general store for more than forty years. He was, however, a native of Indiana. In 1904 he retired from active business and removed to Seattle, where he died of heart failure while delivering a Memorial day address before the Dwamish school of Seattle on the 29th of May, 1916. He was a Civil war veteran and went through North Dakota with General Sibley of the Sixth Minnesota during the Indian uprising, serving for a year on the western frontier and then going to the south, where he further aided in the defense of the country. His widow still survives and is now living in Seattle.

At the usual age Dr. Coffin became a pupil in the public schools near his home and afterward attended high school at Delano, Minnesota. Still later he took a preparatory course in Pillsbury Academy at Minneapolis and upon the broad foundation of liberal literary culture he began building the superstructure of professional knowledge. He took up the study of medicine in 1900, at which time he became a student in the medical department of Hamline University, now the medical department of the University of Minnesota. He was graduated from that institution with the class of 1904 and afterward served as interne in St. Mary's Hospital for a year. In 1905 he went to Seattle, looking for a favorable location in the northwest, but afterward he returned to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where he was placed in charge of a railroad construction hospital for the Spokane International Railroad. He remained in that position for about a year and in 1906 he became a resident of Dogden, where he remained in successful practice until April, 1914, when he opened an office in Drake. On the 1st of June, 1916, he established the Drake Hospital with eight beds and in the intervening period to the present time he has built up an enviable reputation which places him in the front rank of medical practitioners in the northwestern part of the state. He studies closely everything bearing upon professional interests and activities and is much interested

in everything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life.

In June, 1907, Dr. Coffin was married to Miss Carrie Yackel, of St. Charles, Missouri, and they have become the parents of a son, Frank H. Dr. Coffin is an exemplary representative of Dogden Lodge, No. 109, F. & A. M., and also belongs to Drake Lodge, No. 108, I. O. O. F., and to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. His connections along strictly professional lines are with the Northwestern District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is railway surgeon for the Soo Line and his ability in both medical and surgical practice is pronounced. He has not only closely studied the great scientific principles underlying his work but he has discriminating judgment and ready tact and, moreover, he carries into the sick room a spirit of helpfulness and good cheer, which always constitutes an encouraging feature in the treatment of a patient.

M. R. MAYER.

M. R. Mayer, proprietor of the Great Northern Hotel at Devils Lake and therefore well known, has in the conduct of his business displayed an initiative spirit and unflinching enterprise productive of most substantial results. He has made the hotel an institution of which the city has every reason to be proud, conducting it according to the most modern methods of hotel keeping. Mr. Mayer was born in Illinois, October 21, 1877, his parents being M. M. and Elizabeth Mayer. The father has now passed away but the mother is living.

At the usual age M. R. Mayer became a pupil in the public schools of Illinois, and passed through consecutive grades to the high school. He also made preparation for West Point but turned his attention in other lines, becoming connected with the hotel business. He was, as it were, "to the manner born" for his father and grandfather were hotel men and inherited tendency as well as natural predilection may therefore have had much to do with shaping his choice of a business career. He came to North Dakota in 1909 and in March, 1911, arrived at Devils Lake. The Great Northern Hotel, of which he is now proprietor, was then in course of construction. It covers an entire floor and is one of the finest hostleries of the state. On the 1st of January, 1914, he took over the management of the hotel, in which he employs forty people. The hotel contains one hundred and forty-five rooms attractively furnished and is famous for its excellent cuisine and for its unrelaxing attention to the comforts and wishes of patrons. Every effort is put forth to render the best service possible and under the guidance of Mr. Mayer the Great Northern has become one of the finest and most liberally patronized hotels of the northwest.

In 1900 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mayer and Miss Cleo Skinner, by whom he has one daughter, Dorothy. He is a Protestant in religious faith and a republican in his political views, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. In Masonry he has attained high rank, as is indicated by his connection with the Mystic Shrine, and he also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Mayer is a man of genial, jovial disposition, popular with all. He has a very extensive acquaintance and those who come in contact with him find him thoroughly reliable and progressive in all that he undertakes. He stands for progress and improvement in public affairs and can be counted upon to support any movement for the benefit and upbuilding of his city.

PETER G. ANDERSON.

Peter G. Anderson, since 1904 a resident of North Dakota and now cashier of the Citizens Bank of Ambrose, was born in Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, near Granite Falls, February 6, 1873, a son of Gustave and Mary (Matson) Anderson. The father, a native of Norway, came to America with his parents when a lad of six years, settling in Iowa county, Wisconsin, where he was reared and attended district school. He afterward took up the occupation of farming and in Wisconsin he wedded Mary Matson, who was also a native of

Norway and became a resident of the United States in her early girlhood. In 1872 they removed to Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, where Mr. Anderson preempted land and began the development of a farm, converting the raw prairie into productive fields. Thereon he resided until 1915, when he and his wife took up their abode in Granite Falls, where they now reside, Mr. Anderson having retired from active business.

Upon the old homestead farm Peter G. Anderson spent the days of his boyhood and youth, attending the district schools through the winter seasons. He afterward became a high school pupil at Granite Falls and subsequently entered Wilmer Seminary at Wilmer, Minnesota, from which he was graduated. He next became a student in the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon and after completing his course there by graduation he began teaching in Minnesota and for three years was one of the instructors in the normal school at Madison, that state. The year 1904 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he became connected with banking interests at Underwood, McLean county, where he remained until 1906, when he removed to Ambrose, Williams county, and established the First International Bank, of which he remained cashier until 1913. In that year he and others purchased the Citizens Bank of Ambrose, of which he has since been cashier, managing the business and developing its interests along substantial lines. The policy of the bank is a thoroughly safe and conservative one, which, however, does not hamper progressive business methods. Business is carried on in a fine modern bank building thoroughly up-to-date in every respect.

On the 21st of September, 1905, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Olive Larson, who was born in Norway and in her girlhood was brought to America. Her parents, however, died in Norway during her infancy. She was reared in Yellow Medicine county and there pursued her education in the district and high schools. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have become the parents of a daughter and son: Mildred and Archibald.

The Norwegian Lutheran church finds in Mr. and Mrs. Anderson earnest and loyal members. Politically he is a republican and for the last six years he has served as president of the school board and previous to that time was a member of the board. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen, the Woodmen and the Sons of Norway. There is no feature of public life that has to do with the upbuilding and progress of his community in which he is not deeply and helpfully interested. It was Mr. Anderson who bought the first lot in Ambrose, erected the first building—the bank—in 1906 when the town was laid out and built one of the first residences. Since that date he has been closely and actively associated with its continued progress and improvement and the town owes much to his efforts in its behalf.

CHARLES N. MORWOOD.

Prominent in business circles in Westhope is Charles N. Morwood, who is at the head of the Morwood Department Store and is also connected with the Morwood Hardware Company. He was born in Missouri in September, 1876, a son of William and Mary J. (Harris) Morwood, the former a native of England and the latter of Illinois. When but seven years of age the father accompanied his parents to Canada and there he eventually took up the occupation of farming. In 1878 he removed to the Red river valley of North Dakota and was engaged in farming in Walsh county until 1897. He made the journey to this state in a prairie schooner, driving across the country, and was actively identified with the pioneer development of the Red river valley. He witnessed many changes as the years passed and bore his full share in the work of general progress and improvement. In 1897 he removed to southern Texas, where he purchased land and there he still makes his home, but his wife passed away in January, 1905.

Charles N. Morwood was reared and educated in Walsh county, North Dakota, having been less than two years of age when brought to this state. He completed his studies in the State University and for two years engaged in teaching in country schools, but was attracted to commercial pursuits and for three years engaged in clerking in a store. He then left that place and began keeping books for the Robertson Lumber Company at their

general offices in Grand Forks. In two years he had been advanced to the position of head bookkeeper and two years later, or in 1903, he removed to Westhope, where he embarked in general merchandising on his own account, opening business at this point before the railroad was completed. He has since been closely and prominently associated with the commercial development of the town and is today the proprietor of one of the largest stores in the state, called the Morwood Department Store. It would be a credit to any of the metropolitan centers of the country by reason of its well selected line of goods, its neat, tasteful and artistic arrangement, its thoroughly reliable methods and the uniform courtesy extended its patrons. In the development of this business Mr. Morwood has proven himself a forceful and resourceful man, readily discriminating between the essential and the nonessential in business management. In 1900 he filed on a homestead near Bantry, in McHenry county, and developed and cultivated that place until his removal to Westhope.

In June, 1898, occurred the marriage of Mr. Morwood and Miss Mabel Scott, by whom he has four children: Erkle, born November 23, 1899, and Arthur, born May 29, 1901, both of whom are attending high school; Lawrence, born October 8, 1906; and Charles, born February 8, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Morwood hold membership in the Methodist church and he is also a faithful representative of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and from 1904 until 1911 filled the office of village clerk. Throughout his entire career he has been actuated by laudable ambition that has led to the accomplishment of substantial results and his business has at all times been of a character which has contributed to public progress and improvement as well as to individual prosperity. His ramifying trade interests now cover a broad territory and his store is a visible evidence of that spirit of western enterprise which has led to the rapid development of North Dakota.

WILLIAM H. BROWN.

William H. Brown, general manager for the Red River Light & Power Company at Grand Forks, was born in Ashland, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1871, a son of A. W. and Mary (Umlaul) Brown, who were natives of England and Germany respectively. In early girlhood the mother came to America, settling in Pennsylvania, and when a young man A. W. Brown arrived in the new world. In early life he engaged in merchandising at Ashland, Pennsylvania, where he still makes his home, having reached the age of seventy-two years. His wife survives at the age of seventy-four years. In their family were eleven children, of whom William H. is the third in order of birth.

In his youthful days William H. Brown was a pupil in the public schools of Ashland, Pennsylvania, and after leaving high school continued his studies in Pierce College at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then started out in the business world as an employe of the American Wheel Company of Chicago and afterward became connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, with which he was associated from 1892 until 1903. In the latter year he removed to Springfield, Illinois, and was secretary and treasurer of the Railway, Gas & Steam Heating Company. He also became the secretary of the Peoria Gas & Electric Company and was thus identified with business interests of Illinois until July, 1910, when he came to Grand Forks. Here he accepted the position of manager of the Red River Power & Electric Company and his previous experience along these lines made him well qualified to take up work of that character.

In June, 1896, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Hancy, of Strasburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of D. M. and Lucinda Hancy, the latter now deceased. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Leon H., who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1897, and is a student of the University of North Dakota, but at present is with the army on the Mexican border. E. Harold, born in October, 1898, at Buffalo, New York,

is attending high school. Katherine Ruth, born in Buffalo in 1900, is also a high school pupil. Mildred May, born in Buffalo in 1902, is attending high school. Kenneth Wheeler and Elizabeth Ann were born in Grand Forks, the former in 1911 and the latter in 1915.

Mr. Brown is a prominent Mason, having taken the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites, and he is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His interest in the moral and material development of the city is indicated in the fact that he is president of the Young Men's Christian Association and a director of the Commercial Club. His business career is one well worthy of emulation. Starting out to earn his own living when but nine years of age, he was employed until his seventeenth year and then used the money which he had saved to pay his expenses while attending high school. He afterward worked and saved enough to pay his tuition in college and thus became qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. He has occupied important positions and his present place is one of responsibility. Throughout his entire career his life has been actuated by principles and guided by motives that have commanded for him confidence, respect and honor and he is today widely and favorably known in Grand Forks, where his salient characteristics make for personal popularity.

HENRY WEIDMAN.

The history of Henry Weidman is largely the story of pioneer life in western North Dakota. He has hunted buffalo upon the plains, has met the Indians in their native haunts and in fact has passed through all of the experiences of the frontier. Today he is still extensively engaged in herding live stock on the range, his interests in that connection being extensive. He was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, September 1, 1848, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weidman, who were also natives of that place. They came to America during the early childhood of Henry Weidman, leaving him with relatives in Germany, and settled near Syracuse, New York, where they spent the remainder of their days.

Henry Weidman continued to attend school in Germany until he reached the age of fifteen years. When a youth of sixteen he came to the new world, landing in New York city, after which he made his way to the home of his parents, who were then living at Oswego, New York. There he remained for about three months. He had learned the machinist's trade, after which he worked as a journeyman in various places in the state until near the close of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Thirty-first Regiment of the regular army at Buffalo, New York. This command was later consolidated with the Twenty-second Regiment, which was sent to North Dakota. Mr. Weidman served for three years and was mustered out at Fort Stevenson in this state. He then entered the employ of the government as a blacksmith, working at the different forts and with the troops, shoeing the horses and attending to the duties of his department. During the Indian troubles he was placed in charge of the transportation of troops from one fort to another. His work was often of a most hazardous nature, but he possessed a courageous spirit and never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him. He continued in the service of the government for thirty-five years. He has always believed the Indians were in the right in protecting their interests and asserts that even in hostile times he has always found them peaceably disposed. He has always had a strong influence over them and has been successful in pacifying them on numerous occasions. He studied their natures and knew how to handle them and found that square treatment on his part won the same from them. He assisted in laying out the mail routes for the government to Helena and other points in Montana at a period when because of the hostility of the red men he and his comrades were compelled to travel at night and remain in hiding during the daytime.

About the time that Mr. Weidman left the employ of the government he engaged in the live-stock business, handling horses and cattle on the original Fort Peck reservation, now the Poplar reservation in Montana. There he carried on ranching extensively and later removed his herds to the Fort Berthold reservation in North Dakota. He settled in

the big bend of the Missouri river and is still engaged in ranching, having at this time about five hundred head of horses and approximately twelve hundred head of cattle. When he became a resident of North Dakota, Yankton was the nearest settlement, but Fort Benton was established soon afterward and later Forts Totten and Sully. Buffaloes were so numerous that it was necessary to guard the freighting teams as they traveled across the country. At the beginning of the Black Hills excitement Mr. Weidman was in Montana and with a party of prospectors went down the Missouri river on a steamboat, which at one time was compelled to stop for two or more hours to allow a herd of buffaloes to cross the river. He frequently indulged in the sport of killing buffaloes, on which occasions he would be followed by Indians, who had nothing but bows and arrows and who would take the game after Mr. Weidman had shot it. Because of the friendship which the Indians always had for him, he has frequently carried dispatches for the government when no other man could get through or would even dare to leave the protection of the forts. When the English lords came to the plains of North Dakota about 1877 or 1878 for a hunting trip, Mr. Weidman outfitted them for the hunt, shod their horses, made their camp, secured their stores and acted as escort and guide during the hunt. He has frequently hunted deer and buffalo on the hills where Minot now stands and also where the city of Bismarek is located.

In 1872 Mr. Weidman married an Indian maiden of the Grovender tribe, who was born on the old Berthold reservation, and they became the parents of two children but both are now deceased. Mr. Weidman is a member of the Elks lodge at Minot and in politics is a democrat. There is no phase of frontier life in the northwest with which he is not familiar and he deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in reclaiming this section of the country and converting it into a habitable and productive district. The story of his daily life through the thirty-five years of his connection with the government service, if told in detail, would prove more interesting than any fiction and would contain many a thrilling chapter. His reminiscences of the early times are most interesting and there is no one better qualified to speak upon the subject than Mr. Weidman, whose personal experiences have acquainted him with every phase of pioneer life.

OLUF T. LEE.

Oluf T. Lee, who became a resident of McKenzie county in 1907, is now engaged in the implement and farm machinery business in Watford City. He became a resident of Hillsboro, Traill county, when a youth of eighteen years, at which time he began work as a farm hand in Traill county. Since then he has owned much land and has been actively identified with the upbuilding of the districts in which he has lived. He was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, May 31, 1870, a son of Torger and Mattie (Lovling) Lee, who were natives of Norway. On coming to America the father settled in Vernon county, Wisconsin, prior to the Civil war and for many years resided upon the same farm, in fact there continuing to the time of his demise. His widow still occupies the old homestead, which has been in possession of the family for more than sixty years and which is now being cultivated by one of her sons.

Oluf T. Lee attended school in his native county although his home was a long distance from the nearest schoolhouse, so that his training was received under difficulties. When eighteen years of age he left the parental roof and removed to Traill county, North Dakota, where for five years he was employed on the farm of Al Pease. He then rented a farm for three years and his economy and industry during that period enabled him then to purchase the property. After a year he sold that place at an advance of two thousand dollars. Removing to Canada, he purchased five hundred and forty acres of raw prairie land near Winnipeg and brought a portion of it under cultivation. He remained in Canada about eighteen months and then sold the property, for which he paid five dollars per acre, for ten dollars per acre. Returning to Traill county, he next rented a farm of sixteen hundred acres near Hillsboro and was engaged in general agricultural pursuits on a very extensive scale for two years, again meeting with substantial success. He purchased the

finest business block in the city of Hillshoro and afterward disposed of it. For two years he engaged in buying and shipping horses. In 1907 he removed to McKenzie county, settling on a homestead near Schafer and engaged in the business of breaking the raw prairie land for homesteaders at four dollars per acre. He also operated a freight line between Schafer and Williston, a distance of forty-five miles, and during all of this time lived upon his homestead claim. He purchased two hundred and forty acres adjoining his homestead, which made him a four hundred acre farm. He also purchased one hundred and sixty acres two miles west of Watford City, having altogether seven hundred acres of land in McKenzie county, which he has now disposed of. In the spring of 1916 he removed to Watford City, where he opened his present store, dealing in implements and farm machinery. Already he has built up a good trade that promises well for the success of the enterprise in the future.

On the 29th of March, 1895, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Ida McKenzie, who was born in Johnsonburg, New York, and there remained to the age of sixteen years, when she became a resident of Hillsboro, North Dakota. They have one child, Doris, who was born in Winnipeg, Canada, July 2, 1901.

Mr. Lee is a republican and he belongs to the Synod Lutheran church, while of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Watford City he is a charter member. It was through his efforts that that lodge was organized. He is a past master Workman and his efforts in the upbuilding of the society have been most effective. Mr. Lee is a man of very progressive spirit, readily recognizing and utilizing opportunities, and his life on the whole has been a most successful one. He has gradually worked his way upward and is accounted one of the progressive business men of McKenzie county.

JOSEPH B. BOYD.

For almost thirty years Joseph B. Boyd has been one of the foremost business men of Langdon and is still actively engaged in merchandising though he is now seriously thinking of turning the business over to his sons in order that he may spend the remainder of his life in ease. A native of Canada he was born in Peterboro, Ontario, October 7, 1854, and is a son of John and Nora (Condon) Boyd, who were born in Ireland and emigrated to Canada in 1830. There the father followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1882 when he was sixty-nine years of age, and the mother, who survived him for three years, passed away in 1885 at the age of sixty-eight. Joseph B. is the older of their two children, the other being Mrs. James Cranley, of Scottville, Michigan.

In the acquirement of his education Mr. Boyd of this review attended the public schools of Ontario and also the high school of Peterboro. After putting aside his textbooks he assisted his father in the labors of the farm until twenty years of age, and the following five years were spent in Peterboro, where he was employed in mercantile establishments. At the end of that time, however, he returned to the home farm and remained with his parents until they were called to the world beyond. In the fall of 1885 Mr. Boyd removed to Scottville, Michigan, where he lived for a year and a half, and then came to North Dakota, locating first at Devils Lake. He was engaged in mercantile business there and at Minnewaukan, North Dakota, until August, 1887, when he became a resident of Langdon and erected the first building in the new town, where he started in business as a member of the firm of Boyd & Cairns, merchants of both Langdon and Osnabrock. He is still carrying on business at the former place and today not only has the oldest but also the largest mercantile establishment in Cavalier county, furnishing employment to eleven people. The firm carry a stock valued at forty-five thousand dollars and their trade covers a large territory around Langdon. In addition to general merchandise they also handle grain and farm produce on an extensive scale. In 1902 Mr. Boyd erected the Boyd block, which is one of the most up-to-date buildings in this state.

Mr. Boyd was married in 1884 at Peterboro, Canada, to Miss Emma Kelly, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly of Camelford, Ontario, but Mrs. Boyd died in Peterboro in 1885 leaving an infant son, John, who is now assisting his father in business. The son married



JOSEPH B. BOYD

Miss Charlotte Conroy, of Wisconsin, and they have two children: Joseph Henry, born in Langdon, North Dakota, in 1913; and Mary Margaret, born in Langdon in 1914. Mr. Boyd of this review was again married in Berlin, Wisconsin, in 1891, his second wife being Miss Gertrude G. Gogin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gogin. By this union there is also a son, Richard D., who was born in 1892 in Langdon and is also with his father in business.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Boyd is also connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The democratic party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has become a recognized leader in its ranks in Cavalier county. Twice he has been called upon to serve as mayor of Langdon, and in 1896-7 he represented his district in the state legislature. He started out in life for himself as a poor boy but being ambitious and industrious he gradually worked his way upward until he became one of the leading business men of his county as well as one of its most highly esteemed citizens. His large establishment in Langdon testifies to his good business and executive ability, it being a model of its kind in every department, but Mr. Boyd is now contemplating retiring from business, knowing that his sons are well qualified to carry on the work he has inaugurated, and he expects to spend his winters in the delightful climate of southern California. He is deserving of a well earned rest and his many friends wish him a long and happy life, free from all care and responsibility. He is one of the most genial gentlemen one would want to meet and he commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

J. HOLLIS GALE.

J. Hollis Gale, a prominent business man of Hunter, Cass county, was born at Ausable, Clinton county, New York, July 20, 1849, and is a son of E. R. and Charlotte (Flint) Gale, who were natives of New Hampshire and Vermont respectively, and both passed away in 1903.

J. Hollis Gale came to the Red River valley in May, 1880, settling first near Grandin, but after a few months went to Casselton, where he spent the winter of 1880-1. In the spring of the latter year he entered into partnership with Peter Duffany and opened a general store and lumberyard at Hunter, Cass county. In 1895 they bought out the lumber business of Wallace Grosvenor at Arthur and also the general store of Hall & Larson at that place and carried on the business there under the firm name of the Arthur Mercantile Company, incorporating their interests under that name in 1900, when Mr. Gale was elected president and Fred Williams secretary and treasurer. In 1893 they purchased a general store at Amenia, Cass county, and incorporated the business under the name of the Amenia Mercantile Company but sold out at the end of eleven years. In 1897 they purchased the store and lumberyard owned by the Beidler & Robinson Lumber Company at Blanchard and incorporated that interest under the name of the Blanchard Mercantile Company, Mr. Gale being elected president and H. H. Carr secretary and treasurer. That business is still continued by them and Mr. Gale yet remains president of the corporation.

That Mr. Gale is a man of resourceful business ability is indicated by his many and varied interests. He became one of the principal stockholders and incorporators of the Hunter Telephone Company in 1905, was made its president and has occupied the office for years. In the spring of 1903 Mr. Duffany retired from business and with the incorporation of the business Mr. Gale was elected president and H. H. Carr secretary and treasurer. In 1891 Mr. Gale and others bought the Hunter branch of the Cass County Bank at Casselton and organized it as the Hunter State Bank. In 1903 it was made a national bank with a paid in capital of thirty thousand dollars. Mr. Gale, being the heaviest stockholder in the institution, was made president and has since occupied the office. When the Kindred State Bank was organized at Kindred, Mr. Gale was made vice president and so continues. In 1910 he and some of his business associates bought out the State Bank at Davenport, of which he was elected vice president and so continues to serve. In 1911, associated with two others, he organized the Farmers Land & Loan Company of Hunter, Cass county, of

which he is the secretary and treasurer. This company was organized mainly to sell their own lands, having about twelve sections, mostly in the Red River valley.

On the 20th of July, 1881, Mr. Gale was married to Miss Jennie P. Simmons, of Sacramento, California, and they have a son, Harry F., who is married and lives at Hunter, where he is assistant cashier of the First National Bank, and two daughters, Ruth C. and Jennie. In the summer of 1882, when the Presbyterian church of Hunter was organized, Mr. Gale was made chairman of the board of trustees and also chorister and has since held both offices. The different lines of business in which he has been engaged have prospered, and while he now has a substantial competency, he prefers the activity of business to a quiet retired life. He is still strong and active in business and at the same time he takes a helpful interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the people and of the community. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the commandery at Fargo and also to the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance is given to the republican party.

GUST REISER.

Among the foreign-born citizens who have proven their worth as substantial factors in the upbuilding of Lamoure county is Gust Reiser, a farmer residing on section 24, Banner township. He was born in Russia, January 10, 1875, a son of Henry and Caroline (Seifert) Reiser, both of whom were natives of Russia, the father being, however, of German parentage. In 1892 he came with his family to the United States and made his way to Arkansas, where he lived until 1897, when he came to North Dakota. After a year spent in Lamoure county he removed to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where his death occurred about 1900 or 1901. His wife had died in Arkansas.

Gust Reiser was educated in the public schools of his native land to the age of seventeen years and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. He remained in Arkansas for four years and in the fall of 1896 arrived in North Dakota, establishing his home in Lamoure county, where he filed on a homestead three miles north of Adrian. Thereon he remained for nine years, when he sold that property and bought his present home farm of one hundred and forty-six acres one mile south of Adrian, on which he has since resided. He has recently erected a fine modern and commodious residence, and his labors have converted his place into one of the well improved farm properties of the county, complete in all of its equipment.

In politics Mr. Reiser is a democrat, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is truly a self-made man, for he started out in the business world empty-handed and it has been through hard work and earnest effort that he has acquired the valuable property which he holds and which is today a rich and productive farm, responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it.

THOMAS BERGE.

Indefatigable activity and laudable ambition displayed in his business career have made Thomas Berge one of the representative citizens of Grand Forks, where he is now well known as president of the Northern Construction Company, Inc. He was born at Walters, Norway, September 26, 1872, a son of Carl and Rondhilda Berge, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun. The mother there passed away in 1874 at the age of thirty years, while the father died in Christiania, Norway, in June, 1915, at the age of seventy-six years. Throughout his active life he had followed the occupation of farming. In their family were three children: Knute, a resident of Manitowoc county, Wisconsin; Thomas; and Mrs. Segried Korglien, living at Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Thomas Berge spent his early school days in Norway and in 1890, when a youth of sixteen years, came to America, settling first at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where he resided

for nine years. When a youth of but thirteen he had taken up the printing business, which for three years he followed in Norway, but abandoned it on account of his health. After coming to the new world he began sailing on the Great Lakes and subsequently he entered the employ of his uncle, who was a builder of Manitowoc. There he became acquainted with the construction business. He afterward removed to Fergus Falls, where he resided for eight years, and in 1897 arrived in Grand Forks, where he organized the Northern Construction Company, Inc. Under that title he has since done much work in North Dakota. He built the plants of the International Harvester Company at both Bismarck and Grand Forks and has erected many of the buildings of the University of North Dakota, including the School of Mines, Woolworth Hall, the gymnasium, the library and the club house. He also erected the Wellesley College building and many of the finest structures in Grand Forks and other sections of the state stand as monuments to his notable ability in the line of his chosen vocation. He understands not only every practical phase of building but also the scientific phases of the business and displays keen appreciation of architectural beauty, which ever constitutes a feature of his buildings as well as utility and convenience. He takes much interest in educational affairs and owns and operates a quarter section of fine farm land in Grand Forks county.

On the 18th of May, 1900, Mr. Berge was united in marriage to Miss Alice Ward, of Fergus Falls, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, of that place. They now have two children, Byron and Russell, natives of Fergus Falls, the former born in 1905 and the latter in 1907. Both are now in school.

Mr. Berge is a Mason and served as master of the lodge at Fergus Falls. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, to the Commercial Club and to the Congregational church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. In politics he is a republican, but while he is a firm believer in the principles of the party he has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have been of constantly growing volume and importance. Thoroughness and reliability have ever characterized his work and have won for him the enviable reputation which he now bears.

MICHAEL G. HELM.

The record of Michael G. Helm illustrates the opportunities offered in the new world to enterprising young men of foreign birth. Laudable ambition has actuated him at every point in his career and steadily he has worked his way upward, serving now as assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He is yet a young man and his friends do not hesitate to predict that further success lies before him in the future. He was born near Odessa, in southern Russia, on the 20th of June, 1892, and in that country his parents spent their entire lives. He pursued his education in the schools of his native land and almost immediately after his textbooks were put aside came to the United States, sailing from Bremen and landing at New York. He accompanied an uncle and they made their way direct to South Dakota, where Mr. Helm attended school for seven months in order to acquire a knowledge of the English language. He was afterward employed at farm labor for two months and then went to Streeter, after which he again worked at farm labor for three months. He next attended school for a short period and at Marion Junction, South Dakota, was employed in a store for a short time.

Returning to Streeter, Mr. Helm secured a situation in the general store of Silverman Brothers and later was employed in the Streeter Creamery, thoroughly learning the business during the six months which he spent in that way. He afterward became identified with banking in the position of teller in the Citizens State Bank and in 1914 he was advanced to the position of assistant cashier, in which capacity he is now serving. This bank was organized in 1910 with Judge N. C. Young as president and K. N. Wylie as cashier. Judge Young still remains in the office, with Laura Spaulding as vice president, C. W. Spaulding, Jr., as cashier and M. G. Helm, assistant cashier. The bank was capitalized for ten thousand dollars, which was increased to twenty thousand dollars, and it has a surplus

and undivided profits amounting to twenty-five hundred dollars. A real estate and insurance department is conducted and a good business is carried on along those lines. The patronage of the bank has also steadily increased and in its conduct a safe conservative policy is followed. Mr. Helm closely applies himself to the duties that devolve upon him in this connection and he is also interested in farm lands.

On the 15th of November, 1915, Mr. Helm was married to Miss Dora R. Graf, who was born on a farm near Streeter. They hold membership in the Lutheran church of Streeter and Mr. Helm gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Those who know him, and he already has a wide and growing acquaintance, esteem him as a young man of sterling worth and believe that his salient qualities are such as will win for him constant advancement along business lines.

H. L. RAMSTAD.

Success is not a matter of genius as held by some but is the result of earnest labor and perseverance intelligently directed. It has been along this line that H. L. Ramstad has won a place among the representative agriculturists of Cass county, owning a farm on section 10, Pleasant township. He was born in Norway, December 13, 1848, and mention of his parents is found in the sketch of A. L. Ramstad on another page of this work. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent in his native country and when a young man of twenty-one years he came to the United States, making his way to Houston county, Minnesota, where he found employment upon a farm. He worked in the fields through the summer months and then, ambitious to secure a better education and gain a knowledge of the English language, he attended school in the winter seasons. He continued to work in Houston county for five years and then became a pioneer of the west, arriving in Cass county, North Dakota, in 1874. That this district was still largely wild and undeveloped is indicated in the fact that much of the land was still in possession of the government and he secured a part of his present farm through the homestead act. Subsequently he acquired other land, making additional purchases as his financial resources permitted and opportunity presented. He is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land, which is rich and productive and under his guidance the farm has been brought under a high state of cultivation, so that he annually garners good crops as the result of his efforts.

Mr. Ramstad has never married and has had a renter upon his farm for many years. In addition to owning this property he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Hickson. In politics he is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment and his conscience without regard to party ties. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church and guides his life according to its teachings. He is a representative of one of the old families of the county, a family well known and highly honored, for the work of its members has been of sterling worth in the development and upbuilding of this section of the state.

B. WAMSTAD.

B. Wamstad, manager for the Cargill Elevator Company at Clifford, is a well known representative of the grain trade in North Dakota, handling extensive and important interests in this connection. He is a representative of that large class of North Dakota's citizenship that has come from Norway and that constitute so important an element in the substantial development and upbuilding of the state. He was born September 21, 1856, in the land of the midnight sun, his parents being Ole and Bertha (Gagnum) Wamstad, who lived and died in Norway. His youthful days were spent at home and his education was acquired in Hamar Seminary, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. He then took up the profession of teaching and for nine years was identified with educational work but the opportunities of the new world proved alluring and in 1887 he came to the United States,

first making his way to Osage, Iowa, where he had two brothers living. There he remained for fifteen months, working at farm labor and teaching in the parochial school. In the fall of 1888 he went to South Dakota, settling at Madison, where he attended the State Normal School and gained knowledge in farm work and in teaching. It was his desire to make the utmost progress along educational lines, realizing how valuable is mental training and discipline as a preparation for activity and the attainment of success in the commercial world.

In 1891 Mr. Wamstad was married at Madison to Miss Christine Olson, a native of Norway, and the following year he cultivated his father-in-law's farm but in the fall identified himself with the grain business as second man in an elevator at Madison. The following year he was placed in charge of an elevator at Ramona, South Dakota, and in 1894 went to Clifford, North Dakota, as manager of the Cargill Elevator, in which connection he has since continued, carefully, wisely and successfully directing the business at this point. He controls important interests in this center of grain raising and manages the affairs of the company in a way highly satisfactory to those whom he represents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wamstad have had no children of their own but have reared and educated an adopted daughter, Laura Gilbertson, who is now the wife of Dr. W. K. Taylor, of Hannaford, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Wamstad attend the Norwegian Lutheran church and he holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a republican and has served as justice of the peace but is not active as an office seeker, as his business affairs make full demand upon his time and energies. He has become well known during his residence in Clifford and is prominently connected with a business that ranks among the foremost in this part of the state.

MALCOLM D. PATTERSON.

Malcolm D. Patterson is now living retired at Courtenay but for a considerable period was actively identified with the agricultural interests of Stutsman county and through the careful direction of his business affairs won the success that now enables him to live retired from further labor. He was born at Stayner, Simcoe county, Ontario, Canada, September 6, 1861, and is a son of Duncan and Marion Patterson, who were natives of Scotland. Prior to their marriage they became residents of Canada, where their wedding was celebrated, after which the father turned his attention to farming. In 1879, however, he left Ontario and crossed the border into the United States, establishing his home at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, where he remained until 1882. He followed farming there during that period but eventually came to North Dakota and entered government land two miles north of Spiritwood Lake. His goods were unloaded at Fargo and he drove across the country to his claim, having to travel through fourteen miles of water to reach his destination. He then concentrated his efforts upon the development and improvement of his farm, which he converted into an arable and productive tract of land, upon which he lived until his death. To him and his wife were born five children: Isabella, a resident of Superior, Wisconsin; John, living at Saskatchewan, Canada; Daniel, whose home is in Hibbing, Minnesota; Malcolm D.; and Christina, who has passed away. All were reared upon the old homestead farm and for many years lived in Stutsman county.

Malcolm D. Patterson was educated in Canada and continued under the parental roof until after he attained his majority, when he left home and took up a government claim in Wells county, upon which he resided from 1896 until 1905. He had purchased a half section but in the year mentioned he sold all of his land and returned to Stutsman county. In the meantime, while residing in Wells county, he had purchased his brother's homestead and when he again became a resident of Stutsman county he turned his attention to the improvement and development of his quarter section, on which he lived for four years. In 1907 he sold that property and bought a half section at the edge of the village of Courtenay, there devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits until 1912, when he disposed of his farm and stock and took up his abode in the town. For many years he wisely and care-

fully managed his farming interests and thereby gained a measure of success which placed him in comfortable financial circumstances and relieved him of the necessity of further labor.

In 1902 Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Mary Bradford, who was born in Bruce county, in the province of Ontario, Canada, in 1862 and in 1885 accompanied her parents on their removal to North Dakota. They now have a daughter, Catherine, born September 2, 1903.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested, Mr. Patterson serving as an elder of the church in Courtenay for six years. He was previously identified with the Knights of the Maccabees and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. For six years he served as township supervisor of Courtenay and at the present writing is serving as village marshal. He has also been engineer for the Courtenay Milling Company since 1912. When he became a resident of North Dakota there were only six or seven settlers between Jamestown and Courtenay and all of the conditions of frontier life existed. Game was plentiful, including antelope and various kinds of wild birds and the hunter had no difficulty in supplying his table. One could ride for miles over the country without coming to a fence to impede his progress and the most far-sighted would scarcely have dreamed of the changes which were soon to be wrought and which would transform this district into a populous and prosperous region. In this work Mr. Patterson has borne his full share and his labors have been productive of good results. He has traveled quite extensively and thereby has gained broad knowledge, while in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons. He is today a citizen of worth in his community and in many ways he has contributed to the development and progress of the region in which he lives.

WILLIAM M. HOTCHKISS, M. D.

Dr. William M. Hotchkiss has held the office of superintendent of the State Insane Asylum at Jamestown since 1911 and has made a highly creditable record in that connection, doing much to increase the efficiency of the institution and to advance the standard of treatment. He was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, on March 5, 1872, of the marriage of H. C. and Sarah L. (Minniss) Hotchkiss, who in 1880 removed with their family to Jamestown, North Dakota. The father, who was a contractor and builder, erected five of the buildings of the State Insane Asylum and was also the contractor for most of the early brick buildings in the city of Jamestown. He has lived retired in San Diego, California, for a period of ten years and his wife also survives.

William M. Hotchkiss graduated from the local high school and subsequently attended Jamestown College for two years, after which he entered the Detroit College of Medicine at Detroit, Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1907. He located for practice in New Rockford, North Dakota, and after remaining there for four years was appointed superintendent of the State Insane Asylum by Governor Burke on the 11th of April, 1911. He has since served in that capacity and is giving unsparingly of his time, thought and energy to the advancement of the interests of the institution. He is thoroughly informed as to the latest and most successful methods of treating mental diseases, is familiar with the plans of administration which have been worked out in similar institutions throughout the country and is constantly striving to make the North Dakota State Asylum measure up as well as possible to the standards set by the best asylums of the east. He has been greatly handicapped in his work because of the comparatively small appropriation per capita for the support of the institution and he has sought earnestly to make the legislature and the people of the state realize that insanity is a form of disease and can in many cases be cured if the proper living conditions are provided and if the needed medical treatment is given. He believes that when the situation is properly understood the institution will receive a sufficiently liberal support to make it possible to do away with over-crowding, to install all necessary equipment for the use of the most efficient methods of treatment and to secure the services of the best trained and highest class of attendants. In the meantime improvements are being constantly made and Dr. Hotchkiss and his

assistants are making a record highly creditable to their ability and their devotion to their work. The value of amusement and recreation as therapeutic agents has been recognized and a moving picture show has been provided for the inmates once a week. Dances and local talent plays have been given and they have been taken to the circus and carnival and to ball games between the employes and town teams. Many of the patients work with the farm hands and this occupation has been found of value in keeping them in good health and spirits. Discipline is maintained by restricting the privileges of a patient as the result of bad behavior and every liberty possible is given to those who conduct themselves properly. No greater misfortune could happen to a patient than to be deprived of the privileges which he especially values. In every way possible the administration considers the well-being and comfort of the inmates.

Dr. Hotchkiss was married on the 15th of October, 1902, to Miss Margaret M. McGinnis, a daughter of John McGinnis, an old settler of North Dakota. The Doctor is a republican and while he takes the interest of a good citizen in the affairs of government he has been too much engrossed with his professional work to take an active part in politics. He is well known fraternally, belonging to the Masonic order, the Mystic Shrine, the Maccabees, the Woodmen, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias and he is popular in all these organizations. At the time of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company H, First North Dakota Infantry, and saw about two years' service. He held the rank of quartermaster sergeant of his company and proved very efficient in that capacity. He is very fond of all forms of outdoor life but takes especial pleasure in hunting and fishing and finds in these sports the needed balance to his strenuous professional work. He belongs to the county and state medical societies, to the American Medical Association, the Medico-Psychological Society, and the American Hospital Association, and is constantly studying along the lines of the treatment of mental diseases.

JOHN E. COOLEY.

John E. Cooley, now living retired at Grand Forks, was born August 29, 1854, at Modena, Ulster county, New York, a son of Charles E. Cooley, who was born in Ulster county, that state. The grandfather, Justus Cooley, was a clergyman of the Society of Friends and was of English lineage. The founder of the family in the new world was among the early residents of New York and there representatives of the family have since been found. Charles E. Cooley became a successful farmer of Ulster county, where he spent his entire life, ranking among the prominent and influential residents of his part of the state. He was of Quaker faith, a man of high ideals and religious sentiment and of upright life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Ann Esterly, was born in Ulster county, New York, on a farm adjoining the Cooley homestead. She was a daughter of Abram Esterly, whose ancestors were among the first residents of the Empire state and were of English and Dutch descent.

John E. Cooley pursued his education in Claverick Academy at Claverick, New York, and in the public schools of his native county. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm, in the development of which he continued to assist until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when he was married and came to North Dakota. It was on the 13th of August, 1879, that he arrived in this state, then a part of Dakota territory, the removal being made on account of ill health. Establishing his home at Grand Forks, he became impressed with the future possibilities of the state and immediately made extensive investments in town property and in farm lands in Grand Forks county. Since that time he has been continuously connected with the agricultural development of the district, employing competent men to supervise and cultivate his lands. He maintains his residence at his city home at No. 611 South Third street, Grand Forks, which stands on land that constituted his first purchase on coming to the state. The tract at that time was twelve acres in extent and was bounded on the west by Third street and on the north by Reeves avenue and extended to the river. Soon after making the purchase he sold eight acres of the tract to two intimate friends, who remained his life neighbors, and one of them, Major John G. Hamilton,

erected a very beautiful home directly opposite the home of Mr. Cooley. There both have since resided and this friendship of a lifetime still continues. In the selection of his land Mr. Cooley displayed rare judgment, for it remains today one of the beauty spots of Grand Forks and constitutes one of the most exclusive and attractive residential districts of the city. The river forms the eastern boundary and there are no streets intersecting to the west until one reaches Third street, one of the principal thoroughfares of Grand Forks. To the south of his property and adjoining it is Central park, one of the city's most beautiful recreation places, embracing twenty acres of splendidly wooded land, the entire tract being adorned with stately forest trees. In making his purchases of farm lands Mr. Cooley was advised to some extent by the late James J. Hill, the president of the Great Northern Railroad Company, who was thoroughly familiar with the entire country and accompanied Mr. Cooley on his tours of inspection, for they remained throughout the life of Mr. Hill intimate and close friends. The properties which he thus purchased have constantly increased in value and are still in his possession, bringing to him a most gratifying annual revenue. One of his farms embraces an entire section.

Mr. Cooley was married to Miss Rachel Caroline Elting, a daughter of the late David and Rachel Elting and also a representative of one of the earliest New York families of English descent. They became parents of two sons and two daughters: Mrs. George B. Clifford, deceased, whose husband is now a resident and capitalist of St. Paul and also has extensive realty and land holdings in Grand Forks and North Dakota. The other daughter is also deceased. The sons, Edwin and Alfred, are residents of Grand Forks and are married, making their home with their father. The former is general manager for the George B. Clifford Company of Grand Forks. Mrs. Cooley passed away in this city.

For thirty-seven years John E. Cooley has been one of the most prominent, respected and honored residents of Grand Forks. The west with its freedom and its limitless possibilities made strong appeal to him when in young manhood he sought health upon the broad prairies of North Dakota. His sound judgment and keen insight recognized the advantages here to be enjoyed and wise investment, followed by later careful management in business affairs, made him one of the most prosperous citizens of the locality. His life, active, honorable and resultant, well entitles him to the high respect in which he is uniformly held and no history of Grand Forks would be complete without extended reference to him and the part which he has played in its upbuilding and progress, for at all times he has stood for public improvement, giving active aid, support and cooperation to movements for the general good. Mr. Cooley gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge, the commandery and the Shrine. He joined the order in Modena, New York, and organized the first lodge of Knights Templar in Grand Forks.

WILLIAM H. ROSS.

William H. Ross, an architect practicing his profession in Grand Forks, was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, December 17, 1889. His father, John W. Ross, born in Germany, April 9, 1848, was brought to America by his parents when a lad of but four summers. The family home was established at La Crosse, where they were among the earliest settlers, and there John W. Ross was reared and educated. In early manhood he took up the study of architecture with the late Charles Ross, then one of the leading architects of La Crosse. In 1879 he removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and in the spring of 1880 was joined by his family. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession, but owing to a scarcity of work in architectural lines, he also began contracting and built one of the first elevators erected in his section of the state. He also built some of the first homes and public buildings of Grand Forks. During his later years he confined his attention and activity exclusively to architectural lines and planned and designed many of the most prominent buildings of the state, including schoolhouses, courthouses, city halls and other public structures, remaining up to the time of his death the leading architect of the northwest. Throughout North Dakota and other sections of the country are seen buildings which

stand as monuments to his skill and handiwork. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and for many years he held the office of city building inspector. His religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic church and he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Royal Arcanum. In early manhood he wedded Caroline Schoenheinz, a native of La Crosse, Wisconsin, whose father was a pioneer settler of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Ross became the parents of three children: William H., of this review; Caroline, the wife of Abe McMahon, who is with the Great Northern Railway Company at Grand Forks; and Sophia, the wife of O. F. Rustad, living at Bismarck, North Dakota. The father passed away in Grand Forks, December 13, 1914, while the mother is yet living.

William H. Ross was educated in the public schools of Grand Forks and in 1906 entered the office of his father in order to study architecture. In 1908 he was admitted to a partnership in the business under the firm name of J. W. Ross & Son and since the father's death William H. Ross has successfully conducted the business alone, maintaining, as his father had before him, a most creditable position in professional circles. He is today accorded a liberal patronage and his success is assured.

On the 11th of December, 1915, Mr. Ross was married in Ardoch, North Dakota, to Miss Charlotte Ferris, a native of Ardoch and a daughter of Henry and Jane Ferris, who were early settlers of the state. Mr. Ross was reared in the Roman Catholic faith and is a communicant of that church. In politics he is a democrat and his interest in community affairs is indicated by his membership in the Commercial Club, for he is in hearty sympathy with its plans and purposes to develop and upbuild the city, extend its trade relations and uphold its civic standards.

PETER D. PODHOLA.

Peter D. Podhola, of Max, McLean county, has a multiplicity of business interests and is meeting with success in signal measure in all that he has undertaken. His labors have not only brought him financial independence but have also been largely instrumental in promoting the material and civic progress of his town and county. He owns and supervises the operation of about sixteen hundred acres of land and is engaged in the machinery business, giving especial attention to the introduction of the Campbell subsurface packer, which has done so much to make farming profitable in this section. He is likewise secretary and treasurer of the Podhola-Langbell Land & Loan Company, one of the leading organizations of the kind in this section of the state.

Mr. Podhola was born in Highland, Iowa county, Wisconsin, February 19, 1876, a son of Frank and Martha Podhola. The father was born in Prague, Bohemia, but when about ten years of age accompanied his parents to the United States, settlement being made in Grant county, Wisconsin. He remained in that state until 1900, when he removed to Lidgerwood, North Dakota, and purchased a relinquishment in that locality. He now owns six hundred acres of land and concentrates his energies upon agricultural pursuits. He was married in Wisconsin. His wife was born twenty-eight miles from Berlin, Germany, and when eight years of age was brought by her parents to the United States, the family home being established near Highland, in Iowa county, Wisconsin. She is also living upon the home farm near Lidgerwood. There are five children in their family, namely: Peter D.; Charlie, who is living in Lidgerwood; Mamie, the wife of C. T. Fronta, a resident of Max; Katherine, of Lidgerwood; and Frank, Jr., also of that town.

Peter D. Podhola completed his high school course at Highland and subsequently attended the Marinette Business College at Marinette, Wisconsin, after which, in 1894, he removed to Wahpeton, North Dakota. For about a half year he was in the employ of Dr. Moody a veterinarian of that place, and then went to work for a Mr. Maksehe, the proprietor of a store in Wahpeton. After remaining in that connection for six months he secured a position in the postoffice and general store at Lidgerwood, his employer being Mathew Lynch. For six years he continued in Lidgerwood, after which he removed to Sawyer, Ward county, where he engaged in the lumber business on his own account. He not only supplied

the early settlers of the district with their lumber but also did considerable building for them. In addition to conducting his lumbyard he dealt in lands, being quick to recognize the opportunities which that new and rapidly developing country offered. He still owns his homestead of forty-five acres there. After residing in Sawyer for about four years he sold his interests there and took up his residence in Max, where he has since remained. At that time this section of the country was considered of little value, but he thought otherwise and promoted its development in various ways, with the result that others also recognized the possibilities of the district and at the present time this is a productive and prosperous section. It was he who secured the introduction of flax and he has also rendered great service to the farmers by bringing to their attention the merits of the Campbell subsurface packer. This implement is of great value, making possible the production of much larger crops than could otherwise be obtained in this section. Mr. Podhola has been engaged in the machinery business since 1914, handling in addition to the Campbell packer, corn cultivators and planters, manure spreaders and practically all other kinds of farm implements. He is a practical agriculturist himself, cultivating about sixteen hundred acres of land, and in addition to growing grain he raises about one hundred head of cattle. He is grading up his herd into blooded shorthorns. In addition to his other interests Mr. Podhola is secretary-treasurer of the Podhola-Langbell Land & Loan Company, a twenty-five thousand dollar corporation, which was organized in Max in 1912. Previous to that he had engaged in the real estate business here independently and his thorough knowledge of the business and of farm values, together with his fine judgment and enterprise, have been important factors in the success of the concern. The other officers are: P. N. Langbell, president; and M. H. Podhola, vice president. He not only has extensive property interests in North Dakota both individually and as a member of the company, but he also owns raw land in Nebraska.

In 1903 Mr. Podhola was married at Lidgerwood to Miss Mary Haveline, who was born near Prague, Bohemia, December 8, 1882, and was brought to the United States in her infancy, the greater part of her life before her marriage being spent at Lidgerwood. To this union four children have been born, namely: Ernie R., Irene, Martha and Mary.

Mr. Podhola is a republican and is unswerving in his loyalty to that party. He holds membership in the Immaculate Conception Catholic church, belongs to the Knights of Columbus at Minot, in which he has taken the Forester's degree, to the Woodmen, the Royal Neighbors and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He has been among the first in the county to secure the various implements for facilitating farm work which from time to time are placed on the market and in fact was the first man in the territory to buy a gas tractor. The engine has given thorough satisfaction and is still in use. He believes that twentieth century conveniences should be used in the home as well as in the work of the farm and is installing in his residence in Max an electric light plant and a steam heating plant. Although he has always given the closest attention to his private business interests he has not allowed his own affairs to monopolize his time but has given most generously of his energy and thought to the advancement of the community welfare. He has served as clerk of the school board for many years and his constructive effort has been felt along many lines of progress.

PETER SCOTT.

Peter Scott, clerk of the county court in Bottineau county, was born at Lesje, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, June 16, 1874, a son of Paul P. and Gertrude (Nyhus) Scott, who were also natives of that country. The father was an officer of the Norwegian army, in which capacity he served for forty-four years, and he is now living retired at the age of seventy-two. His wife passed away in 1880. Upon the father's retirement from the army he was awarded a gold medal by King Oscar, only four other men of his grade having ever received this recognition, for during forty-four years' service he had never asked for leave of absence and his record was a splendid example of loyal military duty.

Peter Scott spent the period of his minority in his native country and in 1893 landed in New York city. He had been connected with mercantile interests in Norway and during

the first year after his arrival in the new world was employed at different jobs, spending some time as a farm hand at six dollars per month. He made his way into the pineries of Wisconsin, where he was employed for two winter seasons at twelve dollars per month. In the spring of 1895 he removed to Bottineau county, North Dakota, and during the following summer was employed as a farm hand. He then secured a position with W. H. McIntosh & Company, general merchants, with whom he remained until the fall of 1899, at which time he was appointed register of deeds by the board of county commissioners, filling out an unexpired term. He was then reelected to the office and acted in that capacity until 1905. Upon his retirement he turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business, in which he was engaged until 1908, when he entered the First National Bank of Overly, North Dakota, as cashier. A year later, however, he returned to Bottineau and in the summer of 1910 was appointed clerk of the county court under Judge John H. Kirk, since which time he has occupied that position, Judge I. R. Barkway being now on the bench.

In the fall of 1899 Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss L. King and they have become the parents of five children, Gertrude M., Helen M., Geraldine T., Paul J., and Margaret L. The Presbyterian church finds in Mr. and Mrs. Scott consistent and faithful members and he is equally loyal to his vows as a representative of the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges. Politically he is a republican and for the past two years has filled the office of city auditor as well as that of clerk of the county court. His official record is free from the slightest taint of dishonor or inefficiency. On the contrary he has been most loyal to his duties and all who know aught of him speak of his public work in terms of high praise.

OLE M. KNUDSON.

Ole M. Knudson, who during almost seventeen years' connection with the Minot waterworks in the capacity of engineer has never lost a single day, was born in Gudbrandsdal, Norway, January 6, 1860, a son of Knudt and Ragnhild (Olson) Knudson, who were also natives of that country, where the father conducted business as a contractor and builder, both passing away in Norway.

Ole M. Knudson was one of twins, the youngest children in a family of ten. He attended school in Norway and at the age of twelve years began earning his own living by working in a livery stable, where he was employed for four years. His mother being a widow, he contributed to her support and at the end of that time he returned home and assisted his mother on the farm, his father having died when Ole M. Knudson was but six years of age. He continued at home until he reached the age of eighteen, after which he was employed by a farmer of Norway for two years. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he then came to America, making his way to La Crosse, Wisconsin, at which time he was totally unacquainted with the English language. He was first employed in piling lumber, working in that way through the summer, after which he secured a job on a tug deck, spending two summers in that way. He was next employed on a carriage in a sawmill for seven seasons, at the end of which time he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he secured a position as stationary engineer. He had learned the trade when a young lad and he followed that business in St. Paul for seventeen years, continually promoting his energy and efficiency through his wide experience. In 1899 he took up his abode on a claim near Minot and for one year he was employed as engineer at the Leland Hotel, after which he took charge of the Minot waterworks, continuing as engineer in that city for almost seventeen years. During the entire time he has never been off duty for a single day and frequently he has worked both day and night. He assisted in the installation of all the machinery of the plant and he keeps everything in excellent condition. He is still a large landowner in North Dakota, renting his land, from which he derives a good annual income, and in 1906 he completed his present home at the corner of Second street, South-west, and Third avenue. He likewise owns other valuable city property near the State Normal School and his realty holdings are the visible evidence of a life of well directed

energy and thrift His entire attention, however, is devoted to the waterworks plant and it is the consensus of public opinion that it would be impossible for Minot to secure a more competent and faithful official.

In 1894 Mr. Knudson was married to Miss Emma Bloom, who was born at White Bear, Minnesota, a daughter of Casper and Margaret (Elmer) Bloom, the former a native of Germany. The mother, who was born in this country, died during the early girlhood of Mrs. Knudson. Her father was brought to the United States during his infancy and was reared to manhood at Blooming Grove, Wisconsin. He devoted his life to farming but at the time of the Civil war enlisted in defense of the Union cause as a member of the First Wisconsin Regiment. He was never wounded but on account of illness was confined in a hospital for nine months. When the war was over he returned to the farm and after several years' connection with agricultural interests in Wisconsin removed to Minnesota, where he still resides, although he has now retired from active business life. Wherever known he is held in high respect, for he possesses many sterling traits of character and in matters of citizenship has ever been as true and loyal to his country in times of peace as when he followed the nation's starry banner on the battlefields of the south. His daughter, Mrs. Knudson, was the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children and was educated in the schools of Minnesota. To Mr. and Mrs. Knudson have been born four children: Edith, the wife of C. T. Enger, an engineer residing in Minot, by whom she has one child, Evelyn Irene; Stanley and Ruth, who are attending school; and Esther, four years of age.

Mr. Knudson is a member of the Association of Commerce at Minot and belongs to the Lutheran church. In politics he is independent but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his duties as superintendent of the waterworks, in which connection his record has ever been most creditable.

THOR MOELLER, M. D.

Dr. Thor Moeller, a physician and surgeon of Perth, Towner county, was born in Christiania, Norway, on the 20th of June, 1863, a son of Jens and Olena (Arnesen) Moeller. The mother died in Norway and about ten years prior to his death the father came to the United States, spending his remaining days among his children. He passed away about 1900.

Dr. Moeller became a high school pupil in Christiania, Norway, and was graduated therefrom before reaching the age of fourteen years. His intention was to enter the Government Military Academy but his youth prevented his acceptance in the school at that time and he therefore made his initial step in the business world by securing a position in a wholesale millinery establishment in Christiania. The reports which reached him concerning the opportunities of the new world led him to try his fortune on this side the Atlantic and in 1885 he arrived in New York city, having in his pocket only a few dollars, which constituted his entire capital, and this sum was taken from him by a pickpocket. His first year's experiences in New York city were hard but after a year there spent he was joined by his brother, Dr. J. O. L. Moeller, who had been serving as a physician on one of the Danish transatlantic steamers. In company the two brothers started for the middle west and the Doctor opened an office in Chicago, where his younger brother, Thor Moeller, secured a position as clerk in a dry goods store. A year later the Doctor removed to Manistee, Michigan, and Thor Moeller went with him. It was while there that he took up the study of medicine, reading under the direction of his brother, and in 1889 he entered Rush Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. He had to pay his own way through college and while pursuing his studies he acted as instrument entodian in the Cook County Hospital, and while thus engaged saw many of the noted surgical operations performed in that institution. He was also fortunate in winning the warm friendship of Dr. Ludvig Hektoen, the noted pathologist, who was then a member of the faculty of Rush Medical College and was the first coroner's physician appointed in the city of Chicago. Dr. Moeller accompanied him in all of his post-mortem work and following his graduation he opened an office in the Masonic Temple in Chicago, in which city he practiced for two years. He then came to North Dakota to visit a brother who lived in Hillsboro and while there he

decided to locate in Fargo. For eighteen months he practiced in the latter city and then removed to Fertile, Minnesota, after which he became a resident of Thief River Falls. His object in making this move was to look for a homestead on which he might later establish a sanitarium. Not finding what he wanted, he again removed, this time going to Hillsboro, North Dakota, to take over the practice of his brother, J. O. L. Moeller. In 1900 he made his way to the Turtle Mountains in Rolette county and filed on a homestead on one of the Fish lakes, which he named Lake Ipselon. He proved up on that property and for two years thereafter practiced in Rolla but through the influence of his brother, Dr. Henry Moeller, he went to Devils Lake to join him in practice there. The partnership was continued for two years, after which Dr. Thor Moeller went to Minot. In 1915 he removed to Perth but is living there only temporarily, expecting to locate in Devils Lake in the near future.

Dr. Moeller is a skilled surgeon, possessing notable ability in that direction. Broad study has kept him in touch with the latest scientific researches and discoveries since leaving college and experience has also promoted his efficiency. He is ever most conscientious in the discharge of his duties and his efforts have been attended with excellent results. In Masonic circles Dr. Moeller has attained high rank and is now a member of El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine, while in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the order.

HORACE G. SPRAGUE.

Commercial enterprise in Grafton finds a worthy representative in Horace G. Sprague, who is proprietor of one of the pioneer grocery houses of the city. He was born at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, May 13, 1859, a son of Horatio J. and Debbie (Rockwell) Sprague, the former a native of Binghamton, New York. On removing westward they settled first in Wisconsin, while at a later date they became residents of Brownsdale, Minnesota, where the father died in 1887 at the age of fifty-five years. In early life he had devoted his attention to the lumber business and later had become a hardware merchant of Minnesota. For about a year he survived his wife, who died in 1886 at the age of fifty-four years. They were laid to rest in Lakewood cemetery at Brownsdale, Minnesota. In their family were two sons and two daughters, of whom the daughters are now deceased, Lena having passed away in Bellevue, Iowa, in 1868 at the age of thirteen years, while Cena L. died in Brownsville, Minnesota, in 1885 at the age of twenty-six years. The surviving sons are Horace G. and Quincy S. The latter was born in Bellevue, Iowa, in 1869, and is now president of the Sprague Commission Company of Minneapolis.

Horace G. Sprague largely acquired his education in the schools of Brownsdale, Minnesota, and afterward took up the occupation of farming. Later he followed other pursuits and in 1882 came to North Dakota, settling at Grafton, where he was first employed as a clerk in the Chandler store. In 1884 he joined his brother in the grocery business, the partnership continuing for eight years, at the end of which time Horace G. Sprague bought out his brother's interest and has since continued alone. He has developed his trade to large and profitable proportions and ranks with the leading and progressive as well as the pioneer grocery merchants of his section of the state. He now carries a very large and carefully selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and the tasteful arrangement of his store, its neat and attractive appearance, his reasonable prices and honorable business methods have all contributed to his success. He displays most methodical qualities in the conduct of his store and his careful systematization of the work has also constituted an element in his advancement.

On the 14th of June, 1884, Mr. Sprague was united in marriage to Miss Florence Haynes, of Grafton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Haynes, pioneer settlers of Rochester, Minnesota, Mrs. Sprague being their only child. A daughter and son have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprague. Cena M., who was born in 1891, is a graduate of the Grafton high school, of the University of North Dakota and the University of Illinois, while for two years she pursued a library course in the University of Iowa. Vernon, who was born in Grafton in 1893, was graduated from the high school and subsequently entered upon a course

in civil engineering in the University of North Dakota, which he completed by graduation with the class of 1915. He is now superintendent of paving at Minot and also at Bismarck.

Mr. Sprague has attained high rank in Masonic circles, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and after serving as alderman of Grafton he was elected mayor of the city in 1900. Throughout his entire life he has displayed a deep interest in all those things which are considered most worth while for the individual and the community and he has given active aid and assistance to the efforts which have been put forth to advance the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his city. Grafton has long numbered him among her valued residents and the most envious do not grudge him his success, so honorably has it been won and so worthily used.

P. F. MEHARRY.

P. F. Meharry, a druggist engaged in business at Starkweather, was born in Ontario on the 1st of October, 1874, a son of H. B. and Anna (Fletcher) Meharry. The father is now deceased but the mother survives.

P. F. Meharry pursued his education in the schools of his native country and after leaving high school received his professional training for the drug business in Canada, where he pursued his studies for a year and a half. He finished his course in North Dakota and won his certificate of practice in 1897. He located first at St. Thomas, this state, where he remained from 1893 until the fall of 1897, when he removed to Devils Lake. There he resided for five years, on the expiration of which period he took up his abode in Starkweather, where he has now resided for about fifteen years. He established a store in that town and has since conducted a growing and profitable business, having now a well appointed establishment containing a large line of drugs and druggists' sundries.

On the 30th of November, 1905, Mr. Meharry was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Barry, who passed away July 6, 1916. Mr. Meharry belongs to the Presbyterian church and is a third degree Mason. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and in 1905 he was appointed by President Roosevelt to the position of postmaster, while re-appointment came to him from President Wilson. He is interested in the state and its development and lends active aid and cooperation to plans and movements for the good of his community. From early manhood he has resided in North Dakota and the spirit of western enterprise and progress which has led to the upbuilding of this section of the state has characterized him in all that he has undertaken.

THOMAS A. CURTIS.

Thomas A. Curtis, a well known and successful member of the Ransom county bar, practicing at Lisbon, was born on the 27th day of January, 1862, in Magnolia, Wisconsin, a son of Israel and Elizabeth (Fitzpatrick) Curtis. The father was also born in that state and became a sailor on the great lakes, devoting his life to that occupation until the outbreak of the Civil war, at which time he joined a Michigan regiment for service at the front. He went south and was never heard from again. His wife was born and reared in Ireland and at the age of eighteen years came to the United States, settling first in New York city, whence she afterward went to Wisconsin, where she met and married Mr. Curtis. She died June 9, 1882, and is survived by three of her four children, the eldest having passed away.

Thomas A. Curtis, who was the youngest, was educated in the schools of a little Wisconsin village and early learned the printer's trade, which he followed for four years, but he regarded this merely as an initial step to other business activity, for at the same time he was studying law. On the 7th of May, 1883, he arrived in Lisbon, North Dakota,

and on every possible occasion availed himself of the opportunity for further law study, being admitted to the bar March 23, 1885, since which time he has won a most creditable place as a prominent attorney of Lisbon.

On the 8th of August, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Curtis and Miss Phebe A. Forward, a native of New York, born February 25, 1870, a daughter of George and Sara (Richmond) Forward, who removed from New York to Minnesota in the fall of 1882. Throughout his life he followed the occupation of carpentering. Both he and his wife have now passed away but are survived by their two children, of whom Mrs. Curtis is the elder. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children: Loren B., who was born July 12, 1887, and is now engaged in the furniture business at Halladay, North Dakota; Walter G., who was born March 1, 1889, and was admitted to the bar December 6, 1910, since which time he has been associated with his father in law practice; Rollo A., who was born September 29, 1890, and follows carpentering in Lisbon; Elsie S., who was born March 26, 1895, and is a student in the college at Fargo, North Dakota; and Alice L., born April 25, 1898. The second son is a very prominent Mason, belonging to Fargo Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is secretary, also to the Royal Arch chapter and commandery at Lisbon, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert.

In his political allegiance Mr. Curtis is a republican, recognized as one of the party leaders in his section of the state. He was mayor of Lisbon from 1892 until 1894, was states attorney during the years 1900 and 1901 and again from 1908 until 1912, was city clerk in 1885 and 1886 and at the present time is serving on the city board of education and as president of the public library board. He is much interested in all that pertains to the general welfare and his aid can be counted upon to further any practical plan or movement for the public good. Fraternally he is connected with Lisbon Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed through all of the chairs and has been grand representative, attending the Grand Lodge in Seattle, Washington, in 1909. He also belongs to Lisbon Lodge, No. 69, K. P., and to the Knights of the Macabees, filling all of the offices in both of the local organizations. His membership extends to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Elks and the Modern Brotherhood of America and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of these organizations. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is serving on its board of trustees. Since 1885 he has continuously practiced law in Lisbon and his ability in that connection has brought him prominently to the front, while his wisely directed interest in those other things which feature as worth while in life has constituted an important element in public progress in Lisbon.

JOHN W. GOODALL.

John W. Goodall, a ranchman of McKenzie county well acquainted with every phase of ranch life in the northwest, was born in Oregon, September 30, 1856, a son of O. P. Goodall, a native of Missouri, who became one of the pioneer settlers of Oregon. John W. Goodall was educated in the schools of his native state and afterward went to Wyoming, where he entered the employ of Mason & Lovell, prominent cattle ranchmen of the early days in Wyoming, their ranch including the present site of the city of Thermopolis. He was a cowboy on this outfit in the early days of ranching in Wyoming and in 1878 he went to Medora, North Dakota, where he took charge of the cattle ranch of the Marquis de Mores, a French nobleman, who owned the largest ranch in North Dakota, having his own packing plant at Medora. Mr. Goodall was selected as foreman of this big ranch outfit and remained as ranch boss there until 1884, having under his charge the largest cow outfit of the state. It was customary for him to have charge of all the roundups, in which all of the ranchmen took part, separating each man's cattle from the other herds. At that period Theodore Roosevelt was connected with the ranch life of the state and worked under Mr. Goodall during the roundup. They became old-time friends during their life on the plains and their acquaintanceship has continued through the years. In 1884, when the Marquis de Mores' outfit broke up, Mr. Goodall was made foreman of the Mason & Lovell outfit again, which at that time was established on the Little Missouri river, south of Dickinson, and

which subsequently sold out to the Custer Cattle Company. Mr. Goodall then became foreman of the latter ranch, so continuing until 1896, when the settlers coming into the country crowded out the big ranchmen. Mr. Goodall then established his own ranch upon land formerly occupied by the Custer Cattle Company south of Dickinson and adopted as his brand the letter V crossed by a line. This had formerly been the brand of the Marquis de Mores. After two years spent at that location Mr. Goodall removed to a point on the Little Missouri river twenty-five miles south of Medora and there remained until 1900, when he was elected sheriff of Stark county, North Dakota, which position he filled for four years, or until 1904, having been reelected in 1902. When he was first called to the office he removed his ranch to the northeast corner of McKenzie county, on the Big Missouri river, and since that time has engaged in ranching. His cattle pasture is on the Fort Berthold Indian reservation. For three years Mr. Goodall was United States inspector of live stock on the Indian reservation and in the performance of his duties traveled all over the United States visiting the various reservations in many parts of the country. He was appointed to this position by President Taft through the influence of Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Goodall was united in marriage to Miss Mary Coleman, a native of McGregor county, Iowa, and a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Cochran) Coleman. Her father went to Medora, North Dakota, as an employe in connection with the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, while subsequently he became foreman of the packing plant of the Marquis de Mores at Medora. Both he and his wife are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Goodall were born five children. Winfield J., who was born in Medora, is a ranchman on the Fort Berthold Indian reservation. He married Margaret Keogh, of Alexander, North Dakota, and they have one child, Francis Kenneth. Mary is deceased. Louisa is the wife of D. M. Phillips, a farmer of McKenzie county. Margaret has also passed away. Oliver Perry, the youngest, is at home.

Mr. Goodall gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He understands thoroughly what it has meant to develop and improve North Dakota's great, broad, sweeping prairies and as a plainsman of the early days he is familiar with all of the pioneer history that has led to the later progress and improvement. He is still an active man, conducting a large ranch, and can do as much work as the young men on the ranch, still riding a horse with all the old-time skill.

CHARLES B. HARRIS, M. D.

Dr. Charles B. Harris, well known in Pembina and the northeastern part of the state, is there engaged in the practice of medicine. He was born in Charlestown, Jefferson county, West Virginia, November 6, 1857, and comes of English ancestry, the family having been founded in Maryland at an early period in the colonization of the new world. His father, Jeremiah Harris, was born in Virginia and there followed merchandising and farming, cultivating his land with the aid of a large number of slaves whom he owned. His business affairs were carefully and profitably conducted. At the time of the Civil war he joined the Confederate army as a member of Ashby's Cavalry, with which he served for about six months, when ill health forced him to leave the army. He married Susan Martha Boarman, a native of Virginia, and a representative of one of the old families of that state, of English origin. The founder of the family in America came to the new world with Lord Baltimore and first settled in Charles county, Maryland. Her father was Charles Boarman, an admiral of the United States Navy, who fought in the War of 1812 against England. The death of Jeremiah Harris occurred in 1881, when he was sixty-two years of age, after which Mrs. Harris came with her family of four children to North Dakota. She is still living at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Dr. Harris pursued his education in the schools of Charlestown, West Virginia, and of Baltimore, Maryland, preparing in the latter city for his professional career as a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was graduated therefrom March 3, 1880, with the M. D. degree and following his graduation he practiced for eighteen months at



DR. CHARLES B. HARRIS

Martinsburg, West Virginia. On the 11th of January, 1883, he arrived in Pembina and is today the oldest physician in years of continuous practice in Pembina county. His position professionally has ever been among the foremost and his comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine well qualified him for the onerous duties which devolve upon him. He is a member of the Grand Forks District Medical Society and the North Dakota State Medical Society and broad reading and study keep him informed concerning the truths brought to light by modern scientific research and investigation. Since 1911 he has been president of the Merchants Bank of Pembina. He also owns and cultivates a large amount of farm land in Pembina county and his agricultural interests contribute materially to his income.

On the 29th of September, 1886, in Pembina, Dr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Katherine J. Abrams, a native of Canada and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Abrams, who resided near Kingston, Canada, but both have now passed away. Dr. and Mrs. Harris have six children, Gladys, Kathryn J., Pauline, Janette, George and Mary Margaret.

Dr. Harris belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Yeomen and the Degree of Honor. He is also a Mason. Politically he is a democrat and for many years was superintendent of health in Pembina county and for thirty years was one of the commissioners on the board of this county for the examination of cases of insanity. He has also served for twelve years on the local school board but at the present time is filling only the position of health officer of his city. He has always been loyal to every trust reposed in him and has proven a competent, faithful official, discharging every public and professional duty with a sense of conscientious obligation.

JOHN B. WAGNER.

John B. Wagner, who formerly devoted the greater part of his time to merchandising, has now disposed of his store and is looking after a number of business interests. He was born in Canada on the 2d of March, 1863, a son of Charles and Mary Ann (Kennedy) Wagner, also natives of the Dominion. Our subject's grandparents were of Irish descent but removed to Canada many years ago. His mother's father, John Kennedy, taught school in Ireland for some time. The marriage of Charles Wagner and Mary Ann Kennedy was solemnized in Canada in 1860 and they continued to reside in that country until 1893, when they removed to Richland county, North Dakota. The father proved up on a homestead in Sargent county and then removed to the vicinity of Lidgerwood, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1912. He was born in 1825. He was energetic and possessed good judgment and at the time of his death his estate was worth thirty thousand dollars. He was a democrat in his political belief, in religious faith was an Episcopalian, and fraternally was identified with the Masonic order. His wife passed away in 1895. They were the parents of four children, three of whom survive, namely: Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, of New York city, whose husband is a civil engineer; John B.; and Mrs. J. H. Movius, the wife of a prominent banker of Lidgerwood.

John B. Wagner obtained his education in the common schools of Canada and grew to manhood under the parental roof. In 1880 he went to Detroit, Michigan, and entered the employ of a wholesale tobacco company but later he became connected with a sewing machine concern. He then worked in the lumber woods of Canada for five years but in 1887 became a resident of Lidgerwood, North Dakota. He established a hardware business there and for twenty-five years successfully engaged in merchandising, selling out, however, in May, 1914. He has since devoted much time to supervising the operation of a half section of land which he owns and he has met with gratifying success in his agricultural operations. He sold thirty-six hundred bushels of 1915 wheat at a dollar and twelve cents per bushel and his grain seldom fails to command a high price, as it is always of excellent quality and as he watches the markets closely. He is also manager of the opera house at Lidgerwood and is agent for the Standard Oil Company. In addition to these interests he owns good business property in Lidgerwood.

In 1904 occurred the marriage of Mr. Wagner and Miss Anna Huppeler, of Wahpeton. She is a devout communicant of the Catholic church, and he holds membership in the Prot-

estant Episcopal church. He is also affiliated with the Masonic blue lodge, of which he is past master, the Royal Arch chapter, of which he is now serving as high priest, the commandery and the Shrine; and holds membership in the Workmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political belief accords with the principles of the democratic party, and he works loyally for the success of that party at the polls. For a number of years he served as deputy sheriff and for a considerable period he held the office of chief of police of Lidgerwood. He has also served on the state board of science for eight years and for four years was secretary of that body. He has always been true to all trusts reposed in him and gives the same care and thought to the discharge of his official duties as he does to the management of his private interests.

FRANK X. WANNER.

Frank X. Wanner, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Dickinson, was born in Odessa, Russia, on the 8th of August, 1875, and is a son of Philip and Margaret Wanner, who brought their family to the United States in May, 1889, and first located at Hebron, North Dakota, but afterward removed to Dickinson. There the father, who was a blacksmith and machinist by trade, conducted a shop for two months, but at the end of that time took up a homestead and turned his attention to farming.

Frank X. Wanner began his education in the schools of Russia, being about fourteen years of age on the emigration of the family to the new world. Here he continued his studies, attending business college and a night school in Dickinson and also pursuing a course with a correspondence college. He finally took up the study of law in the office of Senator McBride and is now awaiting his admission to the bar so that he may enter upon the practice of the legal profession. For the past six years he has successfully engaged in farming and while studying law also devoted considerable attention to the real estate and insurance business and made collections for different parties. He is the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of very valuable and productive land and is interested in the raising of fancy stock.

On the 4th of November, 1896, Mr. Wanner was united in marriage to Miss Beata Kupper and the children born to them are John F., Fred, Mary A., Frank, Joseph P., Marguerite, Frances and Pauline. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, and Mr. Wanner is also a member of the Yeomen. As a republican he has taken quite an active and influential part in local politics and represented the thirty-first district in the general assembly for two years. He has also served as alderman of Dickinson for the same length of time and is regarded as one of the most public-spirited and enterprising citizens of the town in which he now makes his home.

NELS G. JOHNSON.

Nels G. Johnson has resided in Cass county since early pioneer times and has been active in various lines of activity. He is now living in Horace and is rural mail carrier on route No. 1. He still owns four hundred acres of excellent land in the county, which he rents to others and from which he derives a good income. He was born in Sweden on the 25th of March, 1864, a son of John and Mary (Larson) Johnson. The mother died in Sweden. The father came to the United States with two of his children in 1882 and in the following year was joined by two sons and a daughter. He located in Grant county, Minnesota, where he resided until his death.

Nels G. Johnson was nineteen years of age when, in 1883, he came to the United States and for three years he resided in Grant county, Minnesota, where he was variously employed. In the fall of 1886 he came to North Dakota and located at Horace, Cass county. He was a brick and stone mason by trade, having begun his apprenticeship in Sweden, and after arriving in Horace secured employment in those lines. In 1894 he became interested in the

grain trade, taking charge of the Great Western elevator at Horace, of which he was manager for eight years. In the meantime he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land on section 8, Stanley township, and subsequently added to his holdings, his farm now comprising four hundred acres of rich and arable land. From 1898 until 1911 he was actively engaged in farming and as the years have passed his resources have increased until he is today a man of independent means. For the last four years he has rented his land and made his home in Horace, and since October, 1910, he has served as rural mail carrier. He also owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Horace.

In 1898 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Mary Holman, a native of Cass county, North Dakota, and a daughter of Ole Holman, one of the pioneers of Stanley township. She passed away in 1904, leaving a daughter, Nellie.

Mr. Johnson has always taken the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. During the many years that he has resided in Cass county he has made many sincere friends who hold him in high regard because of his excellent qualities.

FRED EWING, M. D.

Dr. Fred Ewing, who in his practice has largely specialized in surgery and is one of the proprietors of the Lakeside Hospital at Kenmare, was born near Arcola, Illinois, October 23, 1880, a son of James H. and Anna (McDonald) Ewing. The father is a native of Coles county, Illinois, and after attending the district schools continued his education in an academy at Lerna that county. He later followed the occupation of farming and in 1861 responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company E, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and later to first lieutenant and served throughout the period of hostilities with a most creditable military record. He then returned to Coles county, where he continued to engage in farming, and he also took an active part in public affairs. In 1874 he was nominated and elected to represent his district in the state legislature and was twice reelected, serving from 1874 until 1880. He introduced and succeeded in securing the passage of a bill which became the first law in the United States to govern commerce. Many years afterward congress enacted a similar law which established the Interstate Commerce Commission. Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, who put through the Interstate Commerce Commission law, was a member of the Illinois legislature at the time the Ewing bill was passed and assisted Mr. Ewing in promoting and supporting it. It was known as the state railway and warehouse commission bill and its provisions governed the railroads of Illinois. Mr. Ewing continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1900, when he retired from active business life and removed to Arcola, where he and his wife, who was born near Lerna, Coles county, now make their home. Mrs. Ewing, after completing her education in her native county, became a teacher in the Loxa Academy at Loxa, Illinois.

Dr. Ewing, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools, attended the high school at Arcola, Illinois, and Knox College at Galesburg, from which institution he was graduated in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered Fargo College at Fargo, North Dakota, as athletic instructor but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional interests and in 1903 entered Rush Medical College at Chicago, where he completed the four years' course by graduation in 1907, at which time the M. D. degree was conferred upon him. Later he had the benefit of broad practical experience as interne in the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago for two years, and for three years he was connected with the Galesburg (Ill.) Hospital. In the fall of 1912 he came to North Dakota and established himself in practice at Kenmare, where in the fall of 1913 he was joined by his brother, Dr. John Ewing, at which time they took over the management of St. John's Hospital, which they conducted until 1915. The two brothers then established and incorporated the Lakeside Hospital and erected a thoroughly modern hospital building in the city of Kenmare with a capacity of forty beds. They traveled over the United States, visiting various hospitals in order to gain new ideas concerning construction and equipment of their thoroughly modern establishment, which contains everything that is

of value in connection with scientific surgical treatment. Dr. Ewing's medical education and all of his hospital experience and training prepared him for surgical work, in which he specializes. He has attained eminence in his field as the result of his marked ability and patients now come to him from Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming and Canada as well as North Dakota and he has performed many notable operations.

On the 1st of June, 1909, at Arcola, Illinois, Dr. Ewing was married to Miss Maud Orcutt, who was there born June 8, 1880, a daughter of Samuel H. and Cordelia (Chapman) Orcutt, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York. The father became a farmer of Illinois and for many years followed that occupation but is now living retired in Arcola. It was there that Mrs. Ewing was educated and later she taught in the schools of Arcola to the time of her marriage. Fraternally Dr. Ewing is connected with the Masonic lodge at Kenmare and his political support is given to the republican party, but he has little time for public work, his efforts being demanded by his profession. In 1913 he was appointed surgeon for the Soo Railroad Line. He belongs to the Northwestern District Medical Society, of which he was elected vice president in 1916, the North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and broad reading, study and investigation keep him abreast with the best thinking men of the age and in close touch with the most modern scientific investigation.

CHARLES COLVA.

Charles Colva, manager of the Anselm Farmers Elevator Company at Anselm and owner of the Atlantic Elevator, was born in Pennsylvania, fifteen miles northeast of Harrisburg, on the 1st of February, 1869, and is a son of Jacob and Fannie Colva, who were natives of the Keystone state and spent their entire lives there, the father following the occupation of farming. Their family numbered seven children.

Charles Colva, the second in order of birth, is indebted to the public school system of his native state for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, and when his textbooks were put aside he began working for others, being thus employed between the ages of nineteen and thirty years. He then removed westward to Minnesota and was employed on farms in the vicinity of Mankato for about two years. In 1901 he came to North Dakota, settling in Cass county, where he secured a situation in connection with an elevator, spending six years with the Amenia-Sharon Land Company. On the expiration of that period he removed to Woods, North Dakota, and was made buyer for the Monarch Elevator at that place, where he spent a year and a half. On the 2d of August, 1909, he arrived in Anselm and took charge of the interests of the Anselm Farmers Elevator Company, which he still manages. This elevator was built in 1908 and has become the center of the grain trade of Ransom county. In April, 1916, Mr. Colva purchased the Atlantic Elevator at Anselm and has had it in operation since the 1st of July.

In November, 1902, occurred the marriage of Mr. Colva and Miss Clara Isme, who was born in Cass county, this state, and they now have three children, Lydia, Ray and Benjamin. Mr. Colva is a republican and in the year 1914 was elected treasurer of Shenford township, Ransom county. He is always loyal in his duties of citizenship but he makes office holding subservient to his business affairs, feeling that his first duty is to the company which he represents. He is anxious also to build up a business on his own account and is now well known as a grain merchant of the southeastern part of the state.

HELMER E. SWENSON.

Helmer E. Swenson, a banker of Kensal, is a representative of that large and substantial class of Scandinavians who have played so important a part in the settlement of the northwest, reclaiming a wild and unimproved district for the purpose of civilization and planting a great empire through the utilization of the natural resources of the country. He was born

in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 29, 1894, a son of Louis E. and Hannah (Larson) Swenson. The father was born in Dalsland, Sweden, while the mother's birth occurred near Wermland. In early life they came to the United States and each settled in Minneapolis, where they were married. The father was employed as a shipping clerk by C. A. Smith for many years and through the economy and industry which he practiced acquired sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account. He then opened a furniture store as junior partner in the firm of Pearson & Swenson at No. 907 Twentieth avenue, north, in Minneapolis and there he is still actively and successfully engaged in business, having won a place among the representative merchants of that city. His wife also survives and their family circle, which includes four sons and three daughters, is yet unbroken by the hand of death, the children being Clarence, Helmer E., Alice V., Myrtle C., Richard W., Esther L. and Louis W.

Rearred in his native city, Helmer E. Swenson obtained his education in the public schools of Minneapolis, devoting a year and a half to study in high school. When sixteen years of age, however, he started out in the business world as an employe of the Merchants & Manufacturers State Bank of that city and three months later he entered the Camden Park State Bank as assistant cashier, remaining in that institution for four years. In 1914 he became connected with the Security State Bank of Kensal as assistant cashier and still occupies that position. He has made a creditable record for one of his years and his course in business has been marked by steady progress.

On the 2d of March, 1916, Mr. Swenson was married to Miss Mabel G. Kloster, who was born in Aneta, North Dakota, December 9, 1892, a daughter of Nels A. and Julia Kloster, who are now living retired in Aneta.

Mr. Swenson votes with the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Wimbledon. Both he and his wife are members of the Swedish Lutheran church. They are young people of many sterling qualities and the hospitality of the best homes of Kensal and throughout the surrounding country is cordially extended them.

COLONEL C. R. MEREDITH.

Colonel C. R. Meredith has taken a leading part in various lines of activity in North Dakota. He has served as lieutenant colonel in the National Guard, was one of the organizers of the State Pharmaceutical Association, of which he has served as president, and is one of the most influential men in the state organization of the republican party. He is identified with business interests of Casselton, Cass county, as a druggist and has gained a gratifying measure of success in that connection. In 1881 he took up his permanent residence in Casselton. He was born in New Bremen, Lewis county, New York, on the 4th of September, 1860, a son of Charles D. and Clarissa A. (Miner) Meredith, the former also a native of New York, while the latter was born in Connecticut and is a representative of an old and honored New England family. In 1867 the family removed to Iowa and settled in Howard county, where the father spent his remaining days.

Colonel Meredith was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to Iowa and there acquired his education, attending the local public schools. In his fifteenth year he began the study of pharmacy in a drug store at Lime Springs, Iowa, and in 1875 he with two other youths came to Dakota territory on a pleasure trip, camping on the Sioux river, on the present site of the town of Egan, near Flandreau, at which point there was then a trading post. They spent the summer in the territory, hunting and fishing, but in the fall returned to Iowa. In February, 1881, Colonel Meredith again made his way to Dakota territory and on Washington's birthday arrived at Casselton, Cass county, where he found employment in a drug store conducted by Wood & Houghton, with whom he remained for four years. In 1885 he engaged in business on his own account and has since successfully conducted a drug store in Casselton. He understands the business thoroughly and displays sound judgment in the management of his store, which is one of the leading establishments of its kind in Cass county. For forty years he has been connected with the drug business and his state certificate as a pharmacist is one of the oldest in North Dakota, its number

being 8. He is one of the three organizers of the State Pharmaceutical Association who are still living and his high standing among his professional brethren is indicated by the fact that he has served as president of that association.

In 1897 Colonel Meredith was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Ditmore, of Verudale, Minnesota, and they became the parents of a daughter, Margaret, who graduated from the Casselton high school with the class of 1914 and is now in her sophomore year at the State University of North Dakota. The wife and mother died in 1906 and her demise was deeply regretted by her many friends.

Colonel Meredith has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for many years he has been a dominant figure in public affairs in North Dakota. For a number of years he served as chairman of the republican county committee and in 1908 was chosen as delegate to the national convention at Chicago which nominated Taft for president. When elected a delegate he made the unusual record of carrying every precinct in the county, which is indisputable evidence of the confidence in which he is held. He has served repeatedly as delegate to state conventions and his advice is often sought on organization work. Although as a rule he has refused office for himself he was for four years mayor of Casselton in the late '50s and was the only mayor of the town ever elected to the office without opposition. He has served as a member of the penitentiary board and belonged to that body at the time that the twine plant was installed in the penitentiary.

Colonel Meredith was for a number of years a member of the North Dakota State Militia and advanced from the rank of lieutenant of Company K to lieutenant colonel of his regiment. He has also had the honor of serving on the military staff of practically every republican governor since the admission of the state into the Union. Fraternally he is affiliated with Casselton Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., Casselton Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; Fargo Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Fargo Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Casselton Chapter, O. E. S., to which his daughter also belongs. From the foregoing record it is evident that Colonel Meredith is one of the foremost men in his county.

ALBERT SOLBERG.

North Dakota is indebted to Albert Solberg, of York, for effective effort toward producing better farming. He is giving both time and money to educational work along the line of improved agricultural methods and is father of the movement to secure legislation that will provide for the establishment of a board of immigration in each county throughout the state. He has studied the question of improved farming from both the practical and scientific standpoints and has gained expert knowledge concerning the opportunities of the state in the way of crop production. This is an expression of patriotic loyalty to the welfare of the country that cannot be surpassed. Mr. Solberg is of Norwegian birth but no native-born son of America is more faithful to the interests of the country. He was born on the 4th of September, 1872, a son of Frederick and Mary (Bjerk) Solberg, who came to the United States when their son Albert was a child. They settled at Red Wing, Minnesota, and about 1887 came to North Dakota, taking up their abode on a homestead near Churchs Ferry. He passed away about 1904, while his wife survived until 1907.

Albert Solberg was educated in the common schools and in 1887 came to North Dakota with his father and his brother John. Soon after his arrival he began work on a cattle ranch and for some years was employed at ranching. Subsequently he engaged in buying and selling horses and eventually drifted into the land business, with which he has now been prominently identified for many years. In the early days he bought and sold relinquishments and in later years he has been one of the dominant factors among the real estate dealers of North Dakota who have been most active in bringing settlers into the state and locating them on farms. In recent years he has carried on a campaign of advertising through the eastern states, showing moving pictures of North Dakota illustrating its possibilities and also using other modern methods of advertising which indicate the wonderful advantages that may be enjoyed by North Dakota's residents. He is today one of the best

known among the real estate dealers in this section of the country. He is now operating as a member of the firm of Solberg & Studness, whose land holdings embrace twelve thousand acres. In 1898 he removed to York and from that place has since directed his activities, which are scarcely second to those of any land dealer in North Dakota.

In 1897 Mr. Solberg was united in marriage to Miss Anna Rude, who is a native of Norway and by whom he has three children--Myrtle, Lillian and Evelyn, all at home. Fraternally Mr. Solberg is connected with Leeds Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; Ken Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks; York Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F.; Grand Forks Lodge, No. 255, B. P. O. E.; the Knights of the Maccabees; and the Sons of Norway. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and they give their aid and influence to all plans and measures that tend to promote the moral as well as the material progress of the district.

JOHN C. THORESON.

Business enterprise in Sherwood finds a well known and worthy representative in John C. Thoreson, a hardware merchant of that town. Throughout his life laudable ambition has prompted him to put forth unflinching effort and his success is the logical and merited reward of persistent, earnest labor. He was born in Douglas county, Minnesota, October 30, 1880, and is a son of Christian Thoreson, who is one of the pioneer business men of Mohall, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

John C. Thoreson supplemented his public school training by a course in a commercial college in St. Paul and following the completion of his studies he removed to Oberon, North Dakota, where he became grain buyer for the P. V. Elevator Company. He acted as manager of the Oberon Elevator for five years and subsequently bought grain in Kenmare for a year, on the expiration of which period he established his home in Mohall and became a partner of his father in the hardware, furniture and implement business, in which connection they developed a substantial and gratifying trade. In the fall of 1904, in advance of the railroad, John C. Thoreson came to Sherwood and, hauling lumber from Mohall, erected a store building and established the first hardware store in the town. Since then he has been continuously connected with commercial interests here and year by year his trade has grown until it has now assumed gratifying proportions. He is likewise the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of excellent farm land a half mile west of Sherwood, which he personally cultivates, and he also rents other land, being now engaged in farming on a very extensive scale.

Mr. Thoreson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a deinitiated member of the Knights of Pythias. He likewise belongs to the Lutheran church and has never allowed business cares to so monopolize his time as to preclude his active aid of measures for moral uplift. Sherwood has counted him one of its valued citizens almost from the time the town site was platted.

EDWIN MORRIS.

Edwin Morris is one of the largest land owners of Cass county, his possessions aggregating over twenty-five hundred acres, constituting one of the extensive and splendidly equipped farms of this section of the state. He has always made a specialty of wheat raising and the careful management of his business affairs has gained for him substantial success. Mr. Morris was born in Canada, January 19, 1832, and his parents, James and Anna (Current) Morris, were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. They had a family of four children, of whom three are yet living.

Edwin Morris spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native country and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and

which qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. He came to North Dakota in 1874, settling in Cass county, and purchased five sections of land, which he secured with Northern Pacific Railroad bonds. At once he began the development and improvement of his property, for at that time Cass county was upon the western frontier. He has since wrought many changes as he has converted wild prairie into productive fields and added to his farms all of the modern improvements and accessories of the model farm property of the twentieth century. He has erected many substantial buildings and everything upon his land indicates his careful supervision and his practical and progressive methods. He has now sold some of his land but still owns over twenty-five hundred acres and is one of the extensive wheat raisers of this part of the state. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Mapleton.

In 1865 Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia Roek, a native of Canada and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roek, who were also born in that country, where their entire lives were passed. Mr. and Mrs. Morris became the parents of four children: Gordon W., a resident farmer of Cass county; Curtis H., now deceased; Leslie Sherman, who operates the home farm and is also engaged in the raising of Hereford cattle; and Edwin B., a resident farmer of Cass county. The wife and mother passed away in 1904 and was laid to rest at her old home in Canada. She left a husband and three children to mourn her death and many friends also deeply regretted her passing.

Mr. Morris has now reached the venerable age of eighty-three years but still gives personal supervision to the active work of his farm and displays marked business judgment in the control of his interests. His life has been an active and useful one and his labors have been attended with a most gratifying measure of prosperity.

CLARENCE H. PARKER.

Clarence H. Parker, one of the best known hotel men of his section of the state, owning the Leland Hotel and also proprietor of the Parker Hotel, one of the fine hostelrys of the northwest, was born at East Tawas, Iosco county, Michigan, March 12, 1873, a son of William H. and Elizabeth D. (Delila) Parker, natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively. In early life the father engaged in railroad contracting and assisted in the building of the Northern Pacific. The lumber was unloaded at Devils Lake before the town was built in 1882. He went from there to what is now known as Query, below Odessa, and settled on a farm. The following year, however, he removed to Devils Lake and there engaged in the hotel business. When the work of railroad construction was completed beyond that point he left Devils Lake in 1886. He did contract work all along the line on the Great Northern to Minot, where he arrived in the spring of 1887. He built the first hotel in Minot in 1886, known as the Parker House, and this he conducted until 1888, when the hotel was destroyed by fire. The following year he continued on his westward way with the extension of the railroad. While his attention was devoted to contract work his wife superintended the construction of the hotel at Minot and afterward conducted it until its destruction by fire. Making his way to Washington Mr. Parker, operating along the Columbia river, purchased horses from the Indians and shipped them to the east, being thus occupied for a short time. In the fall of 1887, however, the family returned to Pennsylvania and in the year 1888 again came to Minot. In 1889 the parents and their son Clarence once more went to the east, there continuing until 1895, when they again came to Minot. Here the father engaged in dealing in horses, continuing in that business for a number of years, but he is now located on a farm two miles northeast of Minot, which is the property of his son Clarence. He acts as manager of the farm and is still a most enterprising and energetic business man. For several winters he has hunted in British Columbia and Saskatchewan. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and his wife is connected with the Eastern Star.

Clarence H. Parker is the younger of the two living children in the family of William H. and Elizabeth D. Parker. He completed his education in the high school at Saegertown, Pennsylvania. When about thirteen or fourteen years of age he conducted a cigar

stand in his mother's hotel until the building was destroyed by fire. He then engaged in dealing in horses in the east in connection with his father and to that undertaking devoted his energies until 1895, when he engaged in the hotel business at Minot, leasing the Leland Hotel. This he conducted for about two years, after which he purchased the property, also purchased adjoining property, adding a frontage of seventy-five feet, giving the hotel a frontage of one hundred and twenty-five feet on Main street and a depth of one hundred and forty feet. He is at this time engaged in building a hotel across the alley to the east. The structure will be fifty by one hundred feet and four stories in height. It will be fireproof and is to be known as the Parker. This hotel Mr. Parker will personally conduct. He takes a justifiable pride in making it one of the finest hostelrys of the northwest. The rooms are large, light and well ventilated. The lobby is particularly attractive with its beautiful decorations, the wood work being of mission oak and the floor of tile, while the handsome ceiling is an added attractive feature. The hotel contains one hundred and seventy-five rooms, with twelve sample rooms on the fourth floor, and the hotel is conducted exclusively on the European plan. Mr. Parker is a popular hotel proprietor, for in addition to being an excellent business man he is a genial and courteous host, ever studying the needs, wishes and comforts of his guests. In addition to his hotel business he has other important interests, for he is connected with Mr. McCoy in the ownership of a store, carrying a large line of ladies' ready-to-wear clothing and dry goods. He is also connected with two drug stores in Minot and with a jewelry establishment and he owns considerable land in North Dakota, together with farm property in Texas. He operates a farm two miles from Minot, which is superintended by his father, and in all of his business affairs he displays sound judgment, keen discrimination and unfaltering energy. He has always used his opportunities wisely and well, has recognized advantages that others have passed heedlessly by and in the conduct of his interests has displayed keen discrimination as well as unfaltering energy.

On the 1st of September, 1897, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Gordon, a native of Berry, Illinois, and a daughter of James and Mary (Wike) Gordon, who were born in Missouri and Illinois respectively. On coming to North Dakota they located on a farm near Casselton. James Gordon is now a resident of Fowler, Montana, but his wife passed away on a farm south of Minot. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have a daughter, Esther, now the wife of Ralph Morehead, of the Morehead Inspection Bureau of Minneapolis.

Fraternally Mr. Parker is connected with the Elks and with the Masons. In politics he is an independent republican. For six years he filled the office of alderman in Minot but has never aspired to political preferment, though he recognizes his duties as a citizen and when in office exercised his official prerogatives in support of many progressive measures which have been of the greatest value to the community. As a business man, too, his efforts have been of sterling worth in advancing material prosperity. He has a wide acquaintance and his attributes of reliability, courtesy and affability have gained for him a constantly increasing circle of friends.

LOUIS L. EVJE.

Louis L. Evje, who is now efficiently serving as cashier of the First State Bank of Ross, North Dakota, claims Minnesota as his native state, his birth occurring at Nielsville, November 2, 1885. His parents, Lars K. and Gurine (Amodt) Evje, were both born in Norway and in early life emigrated to the new world, locating in Polk county, Minnesota. The father took up a homestead near Nielsville and to its improvement and cultivation devoted his time and attention until called from this life in 1915. He is survived by the mother, who is still living on the old home farm in Minnesota.

Louis L. Evje began his education in the district schools of Polk county, Minnesota, and later attended the Dakota Business College at Fargo, North Dakota. In the spring of 1907 he became a resident of Ross county, Mountrail county, this state, and accepted the position of bookkeeper in the First State Bank of Ross, with which institution he has

since been connected, now holding the important position of cashier. He is also interested in farming and stock raising and owns a good farm in Mountrail county.

At Twin Valley, Minnesota, December 26, 1912, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Evje and Miss Ellen Benson, who was born and reared at that place. She is a graduate of the State University of North Dakota at Grand Forks and prior to her marriage engaged in teaching school in Norman county, Minnesota, and at Devils Lake, this state. Her father, Henry Benson, is a native of Norway and was one of the early settlers of Norman county, Minnesota, now making his home at Twin Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Evje have two children: Ellen Louise, born in Ross, North Dakota, October 16, 1913; and Laurel Jennette, May 7, 1915.

Politically Mr. Evje is a republican, and he has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board and as township treasurer. He is a member of the United Lutheran church and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Stanley, North Dakota, and Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He is also a member of the Elks Lodge, No. 1214, at Williston. He is a broad minded man and deep thinker, who takes a commendable interest in public affairs, and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

HON. ALFRED WHITE.

Hon. Alfred White, mayor of Dickinson and president of the Dakota National Bank, is closely associated with those interests and activities which have direct and important bearing upon the civic welfare and material progress of his city. He was born in Faversham, Kent, England, in February, 1857, and remained a resident of that land until he reached the age of twenty years, having in the meantime acquired a high school education. He came alone to the United States, making his way at first to Galveston, Texas, where he remained for a brief period. He afterward went to Palestine, that state, and later was connected with the Santa Fe Railroad during the period of its construction work in New Mexico. He afterward went to Colorado and Wyoming, being employed in a similar way. He had been engaged in engineering in England and when twenty-one years of age he was appointed to the position of engineer on the Santa Fe construction work. In 1883 he arrived in Dickinson, North Dakota, and secured the position of engineer on the Northern Pacific. Soon afterward he was advanced to the position of superintendent of the shops in Dickinson. In 1890 he turned his attention to cattle raising, having a large ranch and grazing extensive herds of cattle and horses on his place, which was situated southwest of Dickinson. There he continued until 1915. He is still interested in cattle raising, which has always been an important branch of his business, although he has extended his efforts into other fields, becoming closely connected with the commercial and financial interests of his town. About 1897 he organized the firm of White & Company for the conduct of a drug store, of which he was proprietor until 1905, when he sold out to the Benzie Drug Company. Mr. White was one of the organizers of the Dakota National Bank and from the beginning has been an officer and director, occupying the position of president since 1913. He now directs the policy of this institution, which is one of the strong financial concerns of that section of the state. Various other interests have claimed the time and profited by the cooperation of Mr. White, whose versatility has been one of the elements in his success and who at all times is found to be a forceful and resourceful business man. He invented and for years has manufactured a boiler compound and he is president of the Dakota Petroleum Company, which has big prospects. In fact he is interested in many progressive enterprises of the state and a spirit of progress has actuated him at every point in his career. He is still interested in considerable measure in farm lands, although he has sold much of his farm property. He also has city property in Dickinson which he rents, and his judicious investments in real estate have brought to him a gratifying financial return.

Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Annie J. Wood, who was born at Bishop Stortford, Herts, England, and they have one daughter, now Mrs. A. G. Sanders, of Dickinson.

Mr. White is one of the republican leaders of North Dakota. He has filled various local offices, has been alderman of Dickinson for years and is serving for the second term as mayor. In 1897 he was a member of the state legislature. He became chairman of the water works committee when a member of the board of aldermen and was largely instrumental in installing the present city system of water works. He has been a member of both the state and national republican central committees and his opinions have carried considerable weight in party councils. He is a member and the president of the Commercial Club, of which he was one of the organizers, and his efforts in that connection have done much to develop and upbuild the city, to extend its trade relations and to promote those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. Mr. White also ranks high in Masonry, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery at Dickinson and the Scottish Rite bodies and the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He is also identified with the Elks and Odd Fellows lodges in Dickinson and for years was state council for the Modern Woodmen. He was one of the promoters of the fine building which has been erected by the Masons, the Elks and the Odd Fellows and served on the building committee during its construction. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. Honored and respected by all, no citizen of Dickinson occupies a more prominent position in public regard than Alfred White, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he has ever followed and to his marked devotion to the public good. The subjective and objective forces of life are in him well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capabilities and powers, while at the same time he thoroughly understands his opportunities and his obligations. To make his native talents subserve the demands which conditions of society impose at the present time is the purpose of his life, and by reason of the mature judgment which characterizes his efforts at all times, he stands today as a splendid representative of the prominent banker and capitalist to whom business is but one phase of life and does not exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

REV. HANS BAAGOR THORGRIMSEN.

Rev. Hans Baagor Thorgrimsen, pastor of the First Lutheran church at Grand Forks, is one of the valued citizens that Iceland has furnished to North Dakota. He was there born August 21, 1853, a son of Gudmund Thorgrimsen, who was descended from old families of Denmark and of Iceland. The father spent his entire life in the latter country, where he successfully engaged in merchandising, and he was instrumental in inducing many of his fellow countrymen to emigrate to the United States. He realized the advantages here offered and his colonists were the first citizens of Iceland to become residents of Wisconsin. He married Sylvia Neilsen, who, like her husband, was descended from Danish and Icelandic families. Mr. Thorgrimsen passed away at the age of eighty years, while his wife died at the old home in Iceland at the age of eighty-six. In the family were eight children, two sons and six daughters, four of the sisters being older than the Rev. Thorgrimsen while two were younger. Of these, Solveig Dorothea died in 1913. Jorgine was the wife of Chief Justice S. W. Sveinbjornsson and died in 1915. Mrs. Eugenia Nelson passed away July 9, 1916. Her husband took over the business of his father-in-law in Iceland at the time of the latter's death. Mrs. Sylvian Ljunge was a resident of Copenhagen at the time of her death, which occurred July 23, 1910. Asta is the deceased wife of Dr. Thomas Hallgrimsen. Torfi died at the age of two years.

Rev. H. B. Thorgrimsen pursued his education in the schools of Copenhagen, Denmark, and of Reykjavik, Iceland, and also in the Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1879. He also studied theology for two years in Madison, Wisconsin, and one year in Concordia College at St. Louis, Missouri, thus qualifying for the ministry. His first pastorate was at Mountain, Pembina county, North Dakota, and later he accepted the pastorate of the Lutheran church at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he remained for twelve years. His next charge was at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after which he returned to Pembina county, North Dakota, where he also spent

twelve years. On the expiration of that period he went to Grand Forks, where he has continued for the past five years, doing splendid work as pastor of the Lutheran church in that city. He is a member of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America and he has been untiring in his efforts to promote the work of the church, his zeal and consecration resulting largely in the advancement and upbuilding of the cause for which he labors.

Rev. Thorgrimsen has been married twice. In 1884, at Decorah, Iowa, he wedded Miss Mathilda Stub, who was born in Iowa of Norwegian parentage, a daughter of H. A. Stub, an early settler of Iowa and a minister of the Lutheran church. The children of this marriage are: Sylvia, now the wife of the Rev. G. Storaasli, now of Warren, Minnesota; Esther, a teacher at Thompson, North Dakota; Sigerd, living in Grand Forks; Astrid, who is connected with the immigration department at St. Paul; Gudmund, a graduate of Luther College at Decorah, Iowa; and Margaret Ingabred, who is engaged in teaching near Hatton, in Traill county, North Dakota. Having lost his first wife, Rev. Thorgrimsen was married June 3, 1902, in Wisconsin, to Miss Dora Halversen, a native of that state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Halversen, the former now deceased, while the latter is living. There are two children of this marriage, Hans Andrew and Alein Marie, both attending the city schools.

Rev. Thorgrimsen has always been deeply interested in the cause of education and during the greater part of his residence at Mountain, North Dakota, served as chairman of the school board. In every community in which he has lived his labors have been an effective force for upbuilding and progress along all lines which work for public betterment and improvement and for the uplift of the individual. As pastor he has done excellent work in the development of his church, for he is an earnest and logical speaker and deep thinker whose words of wisdom have taken root in many hearts.

J. W. RICHTER.

J. W. Richter may well be termed the father of Sheyenne, having been the founder and promoter of the town, which was laid out on his farm. He was one of the first of the pioneers to settle in Eddy county and with its early development and improvement was closely associated. He was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, May 31, 1851, a son of Ferdinand and Catherine (Riley) Richter, the former a native of Hamburg, Germany, while the latter was born in the city of Cork, Ireland. The paternal grandfather was secretary to the German ambassador at Rome and there Ferdinand Richter met and married his wife, who was at that time traveling through Europe. Soon after their marriage they came to the United States and settled in Ripon, Wisconsin, where J. W. Richter was born and reared, the family residing at that place until he reached his sixteenth year, when the parents removed to Dodge Center, Minnesota. There he attained his majority and after his father's death he took charge of and operated the home farm, thus early assuming heavy responsibilities. In 1882 he came to North Dakota and settled at Grand Forks, where he met and married Mrs. George E. Lange, who in her maidenhood was Miss Adaline Bradley, of Rochester, Minnesota, the wedding being celebrated on the 11th of January, 1883.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Richter accepted the management of a grain elevator at Niagara, North Dakota, and was there located for four years. In the fall of 1886 he removed to Eddy county and purchased a half section of land which had been filed and proved up on by Captain C. E. Bennett and his son, the former a captain in the regular army, being stationed at that time at Fort Totten. On that half section Mr. Richter located his family and proceeded to develop the farm. Soon afterward he platted and laid out the town site of Sheyenne and there built the first elevator erected in that section of the county. He also conducted the first mercantile house of the town and established the first lumber yard, and up to the time of his death he was the most active factor in the upbuilding, development and substantial improvement of Sheyenne. He continued to add to his landed possessions until within the boundaries of his home farm were comprised eleven hundred acres, in addition to which he had other farm holdings in Eddy county, totaling two thousand

acres or more. In business affairs he displayed sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise and his success was the merited and legitimate outcome of his labors and keen discernment.

Mr. Richter was a loyal member of the Knights of Pythias and had many warm friends among his brethren of that organization. In politics he was a staunch republican, but while he always took an active part in furthering the success of its candidates and its measures, he was never an aspirant for public office.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richter were born two daughters, Floy and Jett, the latter the wife of J. P. Wilke, of Wellsburg, North Dakota. Both daughters were educated at Stanley Hall, in Minneapolis, and as Mrs. Richter has many interests in Minneapolis, she and her daughter, Miss Floy, spend much of their time in that city, while the winter months are passed in southern California. The death of Mr. Richter occurred on the 5th of November, 1913, and his remains were interred in Rochester, Minnesota. His demise was a matter of deep regret in Sheyenne and wherever he was known, for his sterling worth of character endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. The town of Sheyenne stands as a monument to his enterprise, ability and progressive spirit and thus his name is inseparably interwoven with the history of North Dakota.

EDWARD F. KENNEDY, M. D.

Dr. Edward F. Kennedy, practicing at White Earth since June 24, 1909, his developing powers bringing him steadily forward in professional circles, was born in Lawrence, Essex county, Massachusetts, February 11, 1886, a son of Dr. John P. and Theresa (Asch) Kennedy. The father, a native of Manchester, New Hampshire, acquired his education at Baltimore, Maryland, and was graduated from the Baltimore Medical College, after which he removed to Minneapolis in 1888. He has since been a representative of the medical profession in that city, where he is recognized as a physician of marked prominence. His wife, who was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, was educated in Baltimore, Maryland, and by her marriage has become the mother of four sons, all of whom are physicians.

Dr. Edward F. Kennedy, reared in Minneapolis, attended the city schools and after leaving the Central high school spent two years as a student in the University of Minnesota. He completed his professional preparation by graduation from Hamline University at Minneapolis with the class of 1908 and through the succeeding year was house surgeon in St. Mary's Hospital at Minneapolis, thus gaining the broad practical experience which only hospital service can bring. On the 24th of June, 1909, he removed to White Earth, where he has since remained, and his ability has brought him prominently to the front as a successful practitioner. Broad reading keeps him in touch with the most modern professional thought and his efforts are attended with most excellent results.

Dr. Kennedy holds membership in the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Minot and he belongs to the Northwestern District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, through the proceedings of which bodies he keeps abreast with modern thought, theory and discovery concerning all professional problems.

SYDNEY T. PARKE.

Sydney T. Parke, a hardware dealer and general merchant of Sterling, comes to North Dakota from Massachusetts, in which state his birth occurred in 1878. His father, Thomas Parke, also a native of Massachusetts, devoted his life to general farming and in the year 1880 he came to this state, settling in Dickey county, where he homesteaded. For many years he actively and successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits but is now living retired, spending a part of his time on the old homestead and the remainder in Minot among his relatives. He was one of the earliest settlers of Dickey county and contributed much

to its pioneer development and later progress. His wife died in 1910. Their family numbered four children, all of whom are yet living.

Sydney T. Parke was the second in order of birth and was but two years of age when the family left New England and came to this state. He pursued his education in the schools of Fullerton, North Dakota, and when his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the Soo Railroad, running from Cullen to Minneapolis. He remained in that connection from 1894 until 1900, after which he spent two years in the service of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. He worked at various points along the Soo Line and this gave him a broad knowledge of the country throughout the northwest. In 1902 he settled in Sterling, where he established a general merchandise store, and with the commercial development of the town he has since been connected. At that time he bought out a grocery store, which was the only store in the town, and he added to his stock of general merchandise lumber and machinery. His business is now gratifying and he employs three clerks on an average. He is also postmaster of the town, having been appointed to that position in August, 1902.

In 1901 Mr. Parke was married to Miss Grace Kiser, a native of Pennsylvania, who, however, spent her girlhood in Roger and in Sanborn, North Dakota, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Kiser, who were early residents of this state, arriving about 1886, ere the division of the territory. They were pioneers in the locality of Roger and they are still living in North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Parke have become the parents of four children, Nellie, Thomas, Miles and Helen.

In his political views Mr. Parke is an earnest republican and while not an office seeker he has served for fourteen years as postmaster of his town and has also been officially connected with the schools. In Masonry he has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter and commandery and in the Odd Fellows Society he belongs to the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the Rebekahs, being connected with these bodies at Sterling, while his Masonic connections are at Bismarck. He belongs to the Episcopal church and has ever endeavored to conform his life to its teachings.

RICHARD DAELEY.

Richard Daeley, a member of the firm of Cockburn & Daeley, conducting a real estate and insurance business at Devils Lake, was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 16th of August, 1858, a son of William and Bridget (Hayes) Daeley. The father has now passed away but the mother is living at the age of eighty-two years.

In the schools of Canada Richard Daeley pursued his education but in 1879, when a young man, crossed the border into the United States and made his way to Colorado, where he remained until January, 1881, when he removed to Dakota territory, settling in Elk valley before the town of Larimore was founded. There he preempted land, on which he remained until the spring of 1882, when he sold that property and removed to Ramsey county, where he homesteaded and engaged in farming for ten years, during which period he converted a tract of wild prairie land into rich and productive fields. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Devils Lake, where he established a grain business, which he carried on for six years. He was then appointed postmaster of the city and occupied that position for seventeen years, his long service being indisputable proof of his fidelity and capability. He is now concentrating his energies upon the real estate and insurance business as a member of the firm of Cockburn & Daeley and is accorded a liberal clientele in that connection.

Mr. Daeley has been married twice. In September, 1883, he wedded Miss Anna Welsh, who died in 1889, leaving two daughters and a son. On the 2d of February, 1898, Mr. Daeley was again married, his second union being with Minnie Kilday, by whom he has two daughters.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Daeley holds membership in the Catholic Order of Foresters and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is a republican. He is a progressive and respected citizen and one who

has intimate and accurate knowledge of the development and upbuilding of the county. His was one of the pioneer families in Ramsey county and from Larimore he hauled the lumber to erect the first house upon his farm. He is, moreover, one of the oldest post-masters of the state. There are few phases of North Dakota's development and improvement with which he is not familiar. He has seen it converted from what was a broad and largely unsettled prairie region into a great commonwealth, its land reclaimed for the purposes of civilization, its natural resources utilized for the benefit of the settlers. He rejoices in what has been accomplished and in Ramsey county he has borne his share in the work of general development.

JENS CHRISTIAN OLSEN.

A respected and valued representative of the Danish element in the citizenship of Kenmare is Jens Christian Olsen, who was born near Holbek, Denmark, June 7, 1879, his parents being Nels and Katherine (Hansen) Olsen, who are also natives of that country. The father was a common laborer for many years but now at the age of eighty-nine is living retired in the same house in which his son, Jens C., was born. His wife also survives and has reached the age of eighty-three years.

Jens C. Olsen acquired his education in the schools of Holbek, but as he was one of twelve children and his father's income was quite limited, he had comparatively little opportunity to attend school. He began to provide for his own support when but seven years of age, working at such tasks as his strength permitted. He served an apprenticeship to the wagon maker's trade, for which privilege he had to pay one hundred dollars in cash to his employer. His term of indenture being over after five years and his diploma asserting that he had completed his apprenticeship being secured, he then began working for others and was thus employed for four years, at the end of which time he bade adieu to family, friends and native land and sailed for America in 1893 in company with his brother Ole, who had previously come to the new world but had returned to Denmark for a visit.

Jens C. Olsen became a resident of Gayville, South Dakota. It was his intention to go to San Francisco, California, where he had a brother living, but when he reached Gayville his funds were exhausted and necessity prompted him to become a resident of that town, in which he had not a single acquaintance. He immediately sought employment, however, and obtained work at wagon repairing in a blacksmith shop. He there spent six months' and in the fall of that year removed to Powers Lake, Ward county, now Burke county, North Dakota. There he secured a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, filed on his claim and broke the sod. He then went to San Francisco, California, to visit his brother but after eight months returned to his homestead, upon which he lived for eight months. He secured title to his property by paying a dollar and a quarter per acre for it, after which he removed to Kenmare and began wagon making for the firm of J. M. Rohe & Company, with whom he continued for four years. At the end of that time, or in 1908, he purchased the shop in which he had been employed and thus began business on his own account, renting the Rohe building for five years. In 1912, however, he bought a lot and erected the building which he still occupies. He also built a fine two-story residence in Kenmare in 1909, and when he sold his homestead in 1915 he bought a half section of land eight miles north of Kenmare, constituting one of the well improved farms of Ward county. This he rents as he does another farm comprising a quarter section in Montana, and his rental of these properties adds materially to his income. He is still engaged in the wagon making business, manufacturing and repairing farm wagons, his patronage coming to him from many miles around. He now has a completely equipped shop of modern construction and is conducting a business of gratifying proportions. He has never forgotten his old home in Denmark and regularly sends money to his aged father and mother there to assist in their support.

On the 2d of August, 1909, Mr. Olsen was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Hanson, who was born in Diamond Bluff, Wisconsin, where the wedding was celebrated. They have become parents of two children: Ruth, five years of age; and Katherine, two years old.

In politics Mr. Olsen maintains an independent attitude, supporting men and measures rather than party. He belongs to the Danish Lutheran church, while his wife is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Kenmare and also became a charter member of the Danish Brotherhood, No. 198. His life has been a busy and useful one and he has become an important factor in promoting the industrial development of his adopted city.

HON. ROBERT NORHEIM.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Alexander, North Dakota, is Robert Norheim, a leading attorney of McKenzie county, who was born in Norway on the 28th of June, 1877, and is a son of Gnerius and Nella (Nodahl) Kne. His parents are still living in Norway, where the father is engaged in farming. Robert Norheim was sixteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic in 1893 and became a resident of Cresco, Iowa, where he secured work on a farm. Feeling the need of a better education than he had secured in his native land, he attended high school during the winter months while employed on a farm during the summer season, hoping some day to be able to study law. He managed a general store at Dalton, Minnesota, for six years, during which time he saved his money and in 1901 entered the law department of the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of LL. B. Later the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him.

Mr. Norheim began the practice of law at Fargo, North Dakota, where he remained until 1906, when he was appointed United States commissioner and removed to Alexander. On the organization of McKenzie county he was also appointed states attorney. There had been a bitter county seat fight and also the legality of the organization of the county was questioned. In this litigation in the supreme court of North Dakota Mr. Norheim took a prominent part. His term as states attorney having expired, he was elected to that office in 1906 and served in all two terms. In 1910 he was elected to the state legislature and reelected in 1912. While a member of the house he served on the judiciary committee and during the session of 1911 was appointed chairman of the legislative committee to investigate the state treasury and was made one of the five managers to prosecute the impeachment of Judge Cowan. Mr. Norheim was one of the leaders of the progressives in the house of representatives and introduced and had passed the first state budget bill for the systematic estimation of the state budget. He prepared and read a paper entitled "Preparation of the appropriation bills in New York and North Dakota" at the fourth annual meeting of the North Dakota Tax Association at Fargo, January 31, 1912. This was circulated and used effectively in the campaign for a more extended budget system, but especially so during the legislative session of 1913, at which Mr. Norheim secured the passage of the first state budget bill.

Mr. Norheim retired from the legislature in 1914 and has since continued in the practice of law at Alexander. He has a large law library and is regarded as one of the leading representatives of the legal profession in McKenzie county. He is also interested in farming, having large landholdings, and is vice president of the Alexander State Bank, which is the oldest institution of the kind in the county. He is likewise interested in the McKenzie County Chronicle published at Alexander.

At Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Norheim was married November 24, 1910, to Miss Ida E. Moore, who was born in Wisconsin but was reared and educated in Omaha. Coming to McKenzie county, North Dakota, she took up a homestead and for a time served as postmistress of Alexander. Her parents, Alexander and Margaret Moore, were also natives of Wisconsin, and her father, who is now deceased, was a farmer by occupation. Her mother continues to reside in Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Norheim have one child, Margaret Nella, born in Alexander.

By his ballot Mr. Norheim supports the men and measures of the republican party and he is a recognized leader in its ranks. He is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Alexander and is also identified with the United Lutheran church. He occupies an enviable position in professional circles and has made steady progress since starting out upon the practice of law. The thoroughness and care with which he prepares his cases is one of the



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elements of his success. His arguments are characterized by keen insight, careful analysis clear and cogent reasoning and logical deductions.

Mr. Norheim has been identified with practically every movement of recent years directed toward the betterment of social and industrial conditions of his county and section of the state. He led in the movement of securing for his county the services to the agriculturists of a county agent and the benefits of the Liver bill. He has been one of the prime movers in the establishment of rural mail routes and in the building of an extensive farmers telephone system in the western part of the county. Hailing as he does from a country where the cooperative spirit is exceedingly strong he has been found to be in thorough sympathy with the recent aggressive efforts for cooperation among the farmers of the northwest. Always a busy man Mr. Norheim has nevertheless found time to devote to literary interests and has a very fine private library, said to be one of the best in western North Dakota. He has contributed articles of a political and literary nature to American and Scandinavian newspapers, and it is said that he has even written poems. He has traveled quite extensively both in this and foreign countries, and during the past six years has made two trips to Europe. His most recent trip was made in 1914, at which time, accompanied by Mrs. Norheim, he traveled in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, England and Ireland. They returned just as the great European war broke out and the voyage across the Atlantic by the steamer *Cedric* was an exciting one. While on the trip Mr. and Mrs. Norheim were eye witnesses to the now famous "battle on Bachelor's walk" in Dublin, July 26, 1914, which might have been the outbreak of civil war in Ireland. They witnessed the firing by the Scottish Borders, and saw the killed and wounded being picked up in the street. They also attended the presentation to Norway by the state of North Dakota of the Lincoln monument in Christiania on July 4, 1914, Mr. Norheim being a member of the committee which during the legislative session of 1913 started and organized the movement for the state to be thus remembered at Norway's Centennial in 1914.

SAMUEL RHOADES.

The ranching interests of McKenzie county are fast converting western North Dakota from an unsettled, uninhabited district to a region where effort is bringing prosperity and where the advantages and opportunities of modern civilization are fast being introduced. Among those prominently connected with ranch life in the district is Samuel Rhoades, who was born in Tennessee, March 6, 1872. His father Ozias Denton Rhoades, also a native of that state, went to the Staked Plains of Texas at an early day and became a ranchman there.

Samuel Rhoades spent a portion of his early youth at San Angelo, Texas, and in early life was a cowboy on the Swenson ranch in Jones county, Texas, being there employed until 1892. In that year he was one of the cow punchers that drove a large herd of cattle from Texas to the Bad Lands of North Dakota, in McKenzie county, taking them to the A. H. A. ranch. He worked as a cowboy on that outfit until 1898, when he established his own ranch in McKenzie county in connection with Frank Poe, an old-time Texas cowboy, as his partner. This ranch broke up in four years and Mr. Rhoades became connected with the S. B. Zimmerman ranch south of Dickinson. There he remained for five years, at the end of which time he established another ranch of his own in McKenzie county near the postoffice of Mary. His place is known as the T 5 outfit and his brand is made by placing the horizontal stroke of the T at the top of the figure 5. He owns a very large property and his ranching interests are extensive and important, making him one of the leading representatives of that business in the western part of the state. He is also vice president of the First State Bank of Grassy Butte, North Dakota, and was one of the organizers of that bank.

On the 16th of December, 1900, Mr. Rhoades was married to Miss Kitty Mott, of Dickinson, North Dakota, who was born in Iowa but was educated at Dickinson, where her father, Frank Mott, removed with his family during her girlhood days. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades have become the parents of five children, Florence, Ira, Albert, Samuel and Grace.

Politically Mr. Rhoades is a republican and has served in several township offices in Rhoades township, McKenzie county, which township he assisted in organizing and which was named in his honor. He has also been officially connected with the schools of his locality. Success in very substantial measure has come to him as the result of his ranching interests, which he wisely and capably directs, and his large herds of cattle bring him a substantial financial return annually. He is a progressive, enterprising business man, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, having worked his way upward by determined effort and the wise utilization of the opportunities which have come to him.

THORVAL THORSGARD.

Thorval Thorsgard, a representative of the agricultural interests of Corrine township, Stutsman county, his home being on section 16, not far from Courtenay, was born in Norway, October 22, 1875, and when eighteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but made his way at once into the interior of the country, with Cooperstown, North Dakota, as his destination. For five or six years he was employed as a farm hand in Griggs county, this state, after which he cultivated rented land there for seven years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase in 1908 a half section of land on section 16, Corrine township. He then located upon the place and began its further development and improvement, converting it into one of the excellent farms of the locality. He keeps the buildings and everything on his place in good repair and he has sixteen head of high grade cattle, six horses and twenty head of Chester White hogs. He is regarded as one of the representative agriculturists of the county. After coming to the new world he attended the public schools through two winters and also pursued a course in the Mimeoapolis Business College, so that he was well qualified for the conduct of his interests at a later period. He has always manifested unflinching diligence and determination in carrying on his work and his success is the merited reward of his labors.

In 1906 Mr. Thorsgard was married to Miss Lena Lund, who was born in Norway and came alone to the United States, making her way to Griggs county, North Dakota. Four children have been born of this marriage: Anna, Maude, Roy and Arnold, all yet at home. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and loyally follow its teachings. For many years Mr. Thorsgard has served on the school board and has thus manifested his deep interest in the cause of education. In politics he is a democrat and has been treasurer of his township for the past six years, making a creditable record by the prompt and able manner in which he discharges his duties. Thoroughness has characterized him at every point in his career and his business ability and enterprise are widely recognized by those with whom he has come in contact.

DANIEL SIMON HOLLENGA.

Daniel Simon Hollenga, serving for the second year as president and secretary of the Minot Association of Commerce, is well qualified for his present position because of broad business experience and because of his powers as a linguist. He has studied six different languages and is able to converse with many representatives of foreign lands. His birth occurred in Veendam, in the Netherlands, September 23, 1878, his parents being Hans Daniel and Rien Boon Hollenga, who were also natives of Veendam, the former born November 21, 1845, and the latter on the 17th of February, 1848. They never came to the new world. The father was connected with one of the most extensive manufacturing plants of Holland, operating one of the largest factories in the Netherlands. Both he and his wife still survive.

Daniel S. Hollenga was the only son and the eldest of three children. Liberal educational opportunities were accorded him. He studied in Zutphen College, from which he

was graduated with the class of 1893, and afterward he attended the University at Osna-bruck, completing his course by graduation with the class of 1898. He also had private instructors and the wise direction of his educational development made him master of six different languages. When eighteen years of age he assumed the management of his own affairs and has made steady progress through all the intervening years. He conducted an office as adviser to chambers of commerce and commercial associations, wrote articles for papers and magazines and otherwise employed his time until 1906, when he came to the United States, landing at New York, where he was associated with the Holland-American Steamship Company. He afterward made his way to Seattle, Washington, where he was employed in the capacity of advertising manager for the Seattle Taxicab Company for a year. Later he was connected with the emigration department of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, having charge of the western division for a year and later he was in the same capacity with the Canadian Northern Railroad Company for eighteen months. On the expiration of that period he took charge of the publicity department of the Western Realty Company at Portage La Prairie and on the 15th of February, 1914, he went to Minot and accepted his present position as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He has since acted in that capacity and is doing excellent work for the improvement of the city, the extension of its trade relations and the development of its civic pride. He is also the secretary of the Builders and Traders Exchange and is general secretary of the World's Permanent Peace Association of Minot. He is likewise an owner of land in Canada and in Holland. His business interests are wisely and carefully directed. His work has largely been of a public nature that has had much to do with general welfare and progress and his labors have at all times been resultant.

Mr. Hollenga attends the Presbyterian church, although he is not a member and in politics he is an independent republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and he has gained many warm friends in that organization and in other connections. He is at all times prompted in all that he does by the spirit of progress and development and his activities have sought an ever widening scope.

JOSEPH SAYER.

Joseph Sayer, vice president of the First National Bank of Hunter and one of the extensive landowners of Cass county, has valuable farming property of five hundred and sixty acres from which he derives a gratifying annual income. He was born in England in September, 1825, and having now reached the ninetieth milestone on life's journey, he does not continue active in the management of his business affairs, but his property makes his financial resources of such avail that he can enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life without further recourse to labor. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rober Sayer, were also natives of England and there remained until called to the home beyond. They had a family of ten children, four of whom survive and reside in America.

Joseph Sayer pursued his education in the school of his native land, where he continued to make his home until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when in 1847 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States on one of the old-time sailing vessels. He first took up his abode upon a farm in Wisconsin and there remained for three decades or until 1879, when he came to North Dakota, establishing his home upon a farm in Cass county. He devoted a number of years to the development and improvement of that property and then removed to Hunter, where he now makes his home. He is still the owner of valuable land, however, his holdings in Cass county comprising five hundred and sixty acres. In addition he is the vice president of the First National Bank and one of its large stockholders.

While a resident of Wisconsin Mr. Sayer was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Hitchcock, a native of Ohio. She passed away leaving three children, namely: F. Sayer; Sophia, who is the wife of Martin B. Erb and now resides in southern California; and Robert A. Sayer, who is engaged in farming in Cass county, North Dakota.

Mr. Sayer votes with the democratic party and has filled the office of assessor for three

years. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has guided his life according to the teachings of that organization. He has never had occasion to regret coming to America. For sixty-eight years he has made his home on this side the Atlantic and has enjoyed and benefited by the business opportunities here offered, working his way steadily upward to success through determined effort, unflinching industry and perseverance. He is now one of the venerable residents of Hunter, highly esteemed by all because of a well spent life.

AUGUST W. HERR.

As an agriculturist August W. Herr has been prominently identified with the development of McIntosh and Logan counties and as a merchant and stock dealer he has been connected with the business interests of Wishek, where he now makes his home. His entire life has been passed in this section of the country for he was born in Hutchinson county, South Dakota, October 15, 1880, and he is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Kreen) Herr, of whom further mention is made in the sketch of Jacob Herr, Jr., on another page of this work.

August W. Herr is indebted to the district schools for the educational advantages he enjoyed during his boyhood and he early became familiar with all kinds of farm work. In 1902 he homesteaded a quarter section of land in Logan county, North Dakota, on which he lived for three years, and then sold his relinquishment and purchased the Doyle elevator in Wishek, turning his attention to the grain trade. In 1905 in partnership with his father and brother Jacob he purchased the mercantile business of Mike Kline and conducted business under the firm name of Herr Brothers & Company for ten years, at the end of which time August W. Herr sold his interest in the store, and has since given his entire attention to farming and the buying and shipping of cattle. He is now operating about six hundred acres of land but is the owner of twelve hundred acres, six hundred and seventy acres being in McIntosh county and the remainder in Logan county. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer, is systematic and methodical in his work and is also a man of good business ability. To these characteristics may be attributed his success and he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of Wishek.

In 1905 Mr. Herr was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Pudwill, of McIntosh county, and to them have been born three children: Agnes, Margaret and Clifton. Mr. and Mrs. Herr hold membership in the Baptist church and are highly esteemed by all who know them. In politics Mr. Herr is a republican and he is now serving as a member of the Wishek school board.

CHARLES VOGHT.

Charles Voght, a pioneer farmer of Stutsman county, living on section 12, Nogosok township, is a representative of that large foreign population which, thoroughly Americanized, has built up a great commonwealth in the northwest, keeping the state abreast with all the other sections of the country in the manner and processes of its development. He was born in Germany, May 3, 1873, his birthplace being about twenty miles from Berlin. His parents were William and Christine (Beanstock) Voght, the latter of English descent. The father served in the Franco-Prussian war of 1871 and in days of peace was foreman on a large farm in Germany. In 1884 he brought his family to the United States and for four years was a resident of Wisconsin, arriving in North Dakota in 1888. He entered a homestead claim three miles east of Wimbledon and lived there throughout the remainder of his active life, passing away on the 15th of January, 1914.

Charles Voght was a lad of eleven years at the time of the emigration to the new world and through the period of his boyhood worked on his father's farm. He afterward became night watch at the Jamestown Insane Asylum and spent one summer in Fargo

engaged on the building of the Masonic temple. In 1893 he, too, entered a tract of government land, securing his homestead in the Red Lake reservation of Minnesota, but afterward relinquished the claim.

In 1901 Mr. Voght was married to Mrs. Lillian Robinson, a native of Maine, and they have an adopted son, Bernard Carl. At the time of his marriage Mr. Voght rented the farm upon which he now resides, and in 1902 he made purchase of the property, which was owned by N. L. Redman of Fargo and comprised a tract of land of three hundred and twenty acres, to which he has since added three hundred and twenty acres more. He is thus extensively engaged in farming and diligence, determination and enterprise have made him one of the prosperous agriculturists of his locality. He carries on general farming and stock raising and has upon his place forty-five head of graded red polled cattle, fifty head of Poland China hogs and thirty-eight head of Percheron horses. He erected the buildings upon his place and has added all the modern equipments and accessories found upon a model farm of the twentieth century. The methods which he follows both in the cultivation of his fields and in raising his stock measure up to high standards of scientific farming and his labors are therefore productive of excellent results. Mr. Voght was also one of the builders of the Soo Railroad and for the past eight years he has operated a threshing outfit.

His political endorsement is given to the republican party and for one term he served as supervisor but has had little desire to fill political positions. He is identified with the Salvation Army and he is interested in all those forces which make for the uplift of mankind. A pioneer resident of Stutsman county, he has witnessed practically its entire development and improvement and as the years have gone on he has borne his full share in promoting the upbuilding of his district, especially along lines of agricultural progress.

I. O. STENSRUD.

I. O. Stensrud, residing on section 7, Pleasant township, where he has made his home continuously during the past forty-four years, owns two hundred and seventy-four acres of productive land and has long been numbered among the representative and substantial agriculturists of Cass county. His birth occurred in Norway on the 18th of September, 1841, his parents being Ole and Mary (Dyra) Stensrud, who emigrated to the United States in 1868 and established their home in Houston county, Minnesota. Three years later they came to North Dakota with our subject and on the 3d of July, 1871, located on the farm which has since been his home.

I. O. Stensrud was a young man of twenty-seven years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. In the land of the midnight sun he had learned the tailor's trade and on settling in Minnesota opened a tailor shop in Spring Grove, that state. As above stated, the family came to North Dakota in 1871 and took up their abode in Pleasant township, Cass county, on a tract of one hundred and eighty-five acres of railroad land which I. O. Stensrud purchased for five dollars an acre, which was at that time considered a big price. Subsequently he bought eighty-nine acres of land adjoining, so that his farm comprises two hundred and seventy-four acres. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a most gratifying and well merited measure of success, his well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Hickson and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the enterprising and respected citizens of his county.

In 1869 Mr. Stensrud was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Johnson, who is also a native of Norway and came to this country in the year of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Stensrud have become the parents of two sons and two daughters, as follows: George and John, who are residents of Saskatchewan, Canada; Minnie, the wife of the Rev. R. J. Wisnaes, a well known minister of the Norwegian Lutheran church residing in Cass county; and Emma, who is deceased.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Stensrud has given his political

allegiance to the republican party. He has ably served as a member of the town board for four years and also furthered the interests of education during his eight or ten years' connection with the school board. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily conduct. Coming to the new world in young manhood, he wisely utilized the opportunities here afforded and through industry and determination reached the desired goal. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

HON. USHER LLOYD BURDICK.

An enumeration of the men of the present generation who have won distinction and honor for themselves and whose record has at the same time reflected credit upon the state that has honored them includes Usher Lloyd Burdick, formerly lieutenant governor of North Dakota and member of the state senate. He makes his home in Williston and in the community where he is best known is most highly esteemed. His birth occurred in Owatonna, Minnesota, February 21, 1879, his parents being Ozias Warren and Lucy (Farnham) Burdick. The father was born near Montpelier, Vermont, in 1831 and after acquiring his education there learned the millwright's trade. Subsequently he removed to Sparta, Wisconsin, and eventually became a resident of Plainview, Minnesota, in 1862. In 1863 he enlisted as a member of the First Minnesota Artillery, participated in the siege of Vicksburg and in the Shenandoah campaign of 1865. After the war he returned to Plainview, Minnesota, to find that his mill had been partially destroyed during his absence. He traded what was left of it for a farm near Owatonna and there engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he removed to Carrington, North Dakota, and preempted land. Later he went to Grahams Island, where he homesteaded, after which he engaged in farming and stock raising upon that place until 1901, when his buildings were destroyed by fire. He then retired from his farm and removed to Port Angeles, Washington, where he passed away in 1913. His wife, a native of St. Lawrence county, New York, went to Sparta, Wisconsin, with her parents in her girlhood days and was there married.

U. L. Burdick was but three years of age at the time of the removal of the family from Owatonna to Carrington. After attending the district schools he became a student in the State Normal at Mayville, North Dakota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900. Later he filled the office of deputy county superintendent of schools in Benson county for a year and was then nominated county superintendent of schools at Minnewaukan, North Dakota, but declined the nomination. Instead he matriculated in the University of Minnesota in 1901 for the study of law and was graduated with the class of 1904 on the completion of his law course, winning the LL. B. degree. He then went to Munich, where he commenced the practice of law and acted as credit man for the First National Bank. In 1909 he located in Williston for the practice of law which he continued until 1916, when his stock raising interests became so extensive that he sold his practice. He has a cattle ranch in Williams county, near the county seat and now devotes his entire attention to his ranch. He has the finest full blooded Percheron horses in North Dakota and his standing in this line of business is indicated by the fact that he is one of the eleven directors of the Percheron Society of America and represents North Dakota and Montana on the board. He was also president of the North Dakota Live Stock Association until March, 1916. He is today the most extensive breeder of Percheron horses in the state and is widely known as a prominent stockman and rancher. His place adjoins the city of Williston and is most thoroughly equipped with large barns and all the accessories necessary for the successful conduct of his business.

On the 5th of September, 1901, Mr. Burdick was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Robertson at Park River, Walsh county, North Dakota. She was born in Northwood, Iowa, a daughter of Hans and Evalina (Anderson) Rasmussen. Her father was born in Denmark and in early manhood came to America, after which he followed farming at Park River but is now retired and makes his home at Munich, North Dakota. He changed his name to Robert-



HON. USHER L. BURDICK

son from the fact that there was another of the name of Rasmussen on the same mail route. His wife was born in Sweden, came to the United States in her girlhood and is now living in Munich. Their daughter, Mrs. Burdick, was born at Northwood, Iowa, and pursued her education at Park River until she had completed the high school course. She afterward entered the State Normal at Mayville and the University of Minnesota, which conferred upon her the Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick have become parents of two children: Quentin Northrup, born in Munich, June 19, 1905; and Eugene Allen, born in Williston, October 15, 1912.

Fraternally Mr. Burdick is connected with the Masonic lodge at Williston, the Royal Arch chapter at Minot, the Scottish Rite bodies at Grand Forks and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also connected with Williston Lodge, No. 1214, B. P. O. E., and with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Williston. While a student in the University of Minnesota he was prominent in athletic circles and played right end on the championship football team of 1903, a record of which appears in the American Intercollegiate Football Game. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. In 1906 he was elected to represent Cavalier county in the state legislature from the eighteenth district of North Dakota and was reelected in 1908. He served on the committees on judiciary, public printing and county boundaries during the session of 1906 and in 1908 was chosen speaker of the eleventh session of the house of representatives, making a most fair and impartial presiding officer. In 1910 he was elected lieutenant governor of the state and took office January 1, 1911, in which capacity he became president of the senate and as such was the presiding officer and judge during the John F. Cowan impeachment trial, which occurred in the session of 1911. In 1912 he was elected states attorney of Williams county and filled the office for one term. In 1914 and again in 1916 he was a candidate for governor but met defeat in both years. He was a member of the first state educational commission which was organized in 1911, serving on that body until 1913. With the growth of the state his business affairs have become increasingly important and success has attended his efforts. In official circles he has made a creditable record as one who has ever been faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

PHILIP GRAHAM REEDY, M. D.

Dr. Philip Graham Reedy, a well known physician and surgeon now practicing in Regan and the surrounding country, is a native of North Dakota, born at Fort Totten on the 23d of December, 1882, when there were few white men in this region and the country was wild and unimproved. His father, Thomas J. Reedy, was born in Boston, Massachusetts about 1848, and is of Irish descent, his parents having come to America from County Tipperary, Ireland. After living for a time in the east they removed to Rockford, Illinois, where the Doctor's grandfather engaged in railroad construction work. The father was also similarly employed after reaching manhood both in Illinois and Minnesota, his home being near Faribault in the latter state. In 1868 he removed to Fort Totten, North Dakota, and there he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes B. Wells, a native of Minnesota, born near Lake Pepin. Her father, James A. Wells, was one of the first territorial congressmen of Minnesota and one of the early school teachers of Fort Totten. Coming to this state in pioneer days, Thomas J. Reedy experienced all of the hardships and privations of frontier life and he participated in a number of fights with the Indians. He became familiar with their language and was intimately acquainted with their chiefs. From Fort Totten he removed to Fort Yates and was also actively identified with Indian affairs in that locality. He is still living.

Dr. Reedy is the younger of the two children born to his parents, the older being a daughter. He was five years of age when the family left Fort Totten and removed to the Pine Ridge Indian agency, where he lived until 1890, in the meantime attending school to some extent. The following year was spent with his parents in Faribault, Minnesota, but in 1891 the family returned to North Dakota, locating at Fort Yates, where the Doctor was instructed by a private tutor until 1895. That year he entered Johns

University near St. Cloud, Minnesota, and after his graduation from that institution in 1899 attended the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, graduating from the medical department. Later he spent a year and a half at the University of Chicago, where he pursued a course in banking and higher accounting, and in 1905 he took an elementary course in chemistry at the National Medical University of Chicago, then the medical department of the Northwestern University. In 1908 he entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated June 7, 1910, with high honors, and then became an interne at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, where he remained until May, 1911, when illness compelled him to leave for the Black Hills. There he took up work with the state board of health and also engaged in the private practice of his profession. He became heavily interested in land in that locality. Subsequently he spent one year at McLaughlin, North Dakota, and from there removed to Regan, where he is now located. By thorough training he is especially well fitted for the practice of his chosen profession and today enjoys a good practice which is constantly increasing. He has received licenses from the state board in Illinois, South Dakota and North Dakota, and has won merited success in both medicine and surgery.

On the 21st of October, 1912, Dr. Reedy was united in marriage to Miss Rachel N. O'Neill, who was born in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in November, 1891. Her father went to the Black Hills of South Dakota at an early day and participated in the development of that region. The Doctor and his wife made a host of friends during their residence in Burleigh county and wherever known are held in high regard.

BENJAMIN O. MUNSON.

Benjamin O. Munson, a well known merchant and prominent citizen of Powers Lake, North Dakota, was born near Cannon Falls in Goodhue county, Minnesota, on the 19th of April, 1875, his parents being Oliver and Rose (Lee) Munson. The father was a native of Norway but was only eight years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America in 1846, the family locating in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he attended the common schools. On reaching manhood he followed farming there until 1881, when he removed to Bradley, South Dakota, and engaged in the same occupation in that locality for many years. He finally retired from farming and made his home in the town of Bradley until his death, which occurred in 1914. His wife was a child of two years when brought by her parents from the old home in Norway to the United States, and the Lee family settled upon a farm near Kenyon in Goodhue county, Minnesota. It was in that county that Mr. and Mrs. Munson were married, and since the death of the former Mrs. Munson continues to reside in Bradley, South Dakota.

In the district schools near that town Benjamin O. Munson obtained his education and on starting out in life for himself engaged in the furniture business in Bradley for a year and a half. Subsequently he conducted a general store at that place for eight years, but in 1909 he came to North Dakota and took up his abode in the new town of Powers Lake, Burke county, where he has since engaged in general merchandising, having an up-to-date establishment. He is one of the pioneer merchants of the town and enjoys a good trade, drawn from a large territory, for he is a conscientious and progressive business man who holds the customers once secured because of their faith in his square dealing and reliable business methods. On coming to Burke county he obtained a homestead and is still interested in farming.

At Bradley, South Dakota, Mr. Munson was married June 25, 1901, to Miss Mary Olsen, who was born, reared and educated in Norway and was twenty years of age when she came to this country. They have become the parents of four children: Theodore Roosevelt, born in Bradley, June 30, 1902; Dorothy Genevieve, born in Bradley, July 22, 1908; Powers Stone, born at Powers Lake, North Dakota, June 11, 1911; and Josephine June, who was born June 11, 1915, and died on the 22d of the same month. The second son was named for two pioneer ranchmen of Burke county living near Powers Lake, which town was also named in honor of Mr. Powers.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Munson has affiliated with the republican party and

for five years he has served as a school director, being a member of the board at the present time. He is a member of the United Lutheran church and is also identified with the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He occupies a prominent position in commercial circles and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

CARL CARLSON.

The newspaper has been called both the mirror and the molder of public opinion and it is a well known fact that the work of development and progress is largely conserved through the efforts of the enterprising newspaper, which sends its message abroad and makes known to the world the opportunities and advantages of a given locality. An exponent of modern journalism is the Grano Tribune, owned and published by Carl Carlson.

He was born in Larvik, Norway, September 16, 1892, a son of Olaf and Anna (Jacobson) Carlson, who were also natives of that country. The father was a blacksmith by trade, following that pursuit in the land of the midnight sun and also for about eighteen years after he came to America. It was in 1894 that he crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Waukon, Iowa, where he resided for five years. After living at several other points he arrived in Renville county, North Dakota, in 1902 and took up a homestead claim, which he developed and improved, continuously cultivating and operating that land until the spring of 1916. He then sold his original holdings and bought three quarter sections a mile and a half from Grano, being now busily engaged in the further development and improvement of the property. His wife was called to the home beyond in 1909.

Carl Carlson was reared and educated in Minnesota and in North Dakota, remaining with his parents until he attained his majority although he had in the meantime worked to a limited extent as a farm hand. In April, 1915, he purchased the Grano Tribune, which he has since published. The paper has a circulation of two hundred and sixty-three and in addition he does a job printing business.

Politically Mr. Carlson maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment in support of those men whom he believes will prove most capable in office. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge and the Rebekahs and also with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist church.

J. E. WESTFORD.

J. E. Westford, a successful farmer, progressive citizen and a Mason of high rank, is living on section 25, Meadow township, McHenry county, and at the present time is serving as a member of the board of county commissioners. He was born in Iceland on the 14th of April, 1874, his parents being Einar and Christine (Johnson) Westford, who came to the United States in 1884, settling first in Pembina county, North Dakota. In 1892 they removed to McHenry county and the father took up a homestead claim on section 18, Meadow township, after which he concentrated his energies upon the further development and improvement of his land. There he passed away in 1912, while his widow now resides with a son.

J. E. Westford acquired a common school education and during the period of his minority worked with his father for several years, but ambitious to engage in farming on his own account, he ultimately filed on a homestead in Meadow township, McHenry county. In all the intervening years since 1896 he has concentrated his efforts upon the further development and improvement of that place and by additional purchase from time to time he has extended its boundaries until he now owns more than a section of valuable land. This he cultivates in a most progressive and practical manner productive of good results and his farm now presents an attractive appearance, making it one of the pleasing features in the landscape.

In 1900 Mr. Westford was united in marriage to Miss Polly Johnson, who passed away in 1903. Nine years later, or in 1912, Mr. Westford was again married, his second union being with Jessie Raymond, of McHenry county, by whom he has two children, John E. and Christian A. Mr. Westford holds membership in Meadow Lodge, No. 85, F. & A. M.; Mystic Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; and in the Scottish Rite Consistory of Bottineau. He is likewise a member of Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their influence is always on the side of those things which are standards of righteousness, truth and honorable living. In politics Mr. Westford is a republican and in 1911 was appointed a member of the board of county commissioners on the redistricting of the county, while in 1914 he was elected to the office and is now proving a capable official in that capacity.

JAMES BULGER.

James Bulger came to North Dakota in pioneer days and has since been identified with her business interests. He is now a resident of Maxbass, having made his home there for the past ten years. He was born in New York in October, 1871, and is of Irish descent, his parents, Augustus and Catherine (Morn) Bulger, being natives of the Emerald isle. In early life the father came to America and located in New York. For several years he was in the employ of the government but finally purchased land in the Empire state and turned his attention to farming. He subsequently went to Ontario, Canada, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until life's labors were ended in 1892. The mother of our subject had died in 1874 when the son was only three years of age.

James Bulger spent the first ten years of his life in New York and then came to North Dakota with a load of horses, since which time he has made his home in this state. He was given the usual educational advantages during his boyhood but from an early age has made his own way in the world unaided. In 1900 he homesteaded in Bottineau county and was engaged in farming for four years but now rents his land. In 1904 he removed to Glenburn and erected a hotel, which he conducted until the railroad was built into Maxbass in 1906, when he became a resident of that place. There he opened a pool room, which he has since operated, and he also deals in cigars, tobacco and fruits. He has built up a good business.

Mr. Bulger married Miss Margaret Dwyer, and they have two children: Emmet, born in April, 1904; and Margaret, born in January, 1910. They are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Bulger also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He affiliates with the republican party and is now serving as a member of the town council of Maxbass. He takes an active interest in public affairs and is numbered among the representative citizens of his community.

TORGER SINNESS.

Torger Sinness, member of the bar at Minnewaukan, enjoying a large and distinctively representative clientele that has connected him with much of the most important litigation tried in the courts of his district, was born in Norway, September 27, 1873, a son of Ole and Gunhild (Bjerkan) Sinness, who were also natives of that country. The father followed farming for many years in Norway and is now living retired there. The mother also survives.

Torger Sinness acquired his early education in the schools of Norway, which he attended until he reached the age of fourteen years, when in 1887 he came to the United States, settling in Sauk Center, Minnesota. There he resumed his studies and afterward became a pupil in the Augsburg Seminary at Minneapolis, pursuing his studies in that institution for four years. During vacation periods in his seminary course he engaged in teaching. In 1896 Mr. Sinness came to North Dakota, settling in Benson county, and was elected county superintendent of schools, which position he filled for three terms, doing much to

raise the standard of education and scholarship in the county. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step toward other professional labor and became a law student in the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. He then returned to Minnewaukan, where he opened an office and entered upon the active practice of law, to which he has now directed his energies for eleven years, making for himself a most creditable position at the Benson county bar. In 1908 he was elected states attorney and filled that position for two terms. He has a large practice and he possesses one of the most extensive law libraries in the state. Aside from his law practice he has other business interests, being a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Minnewaukan and a director of the Davidson-Hegge Mortgage Company, which has its headquarters at Great Falls, Montana.

On the 31st of December, 1906, occurred the marriage of Mr. Sinness and Miss Isabelle Sheldon, a daughter of C. H. and May (Snowden) Sheldon. She was graduated from Carleton College and is a lady of liberal culture and attractive social qualities. She holds membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, Norman, Lester, Jean and Elizabeth.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sinness hold membership in the Episcopal church and he belongs also to the Masonic order, in which he has attained high rank, being now connected with the Mystie Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Politically he is a republican and has served as a member of the town council. He has also been on the school board and at all times he manifests a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

FREDERICK E. REDMAN, M. D.

Dr. Frederick E. Redman, who is now successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Mott, North Dakota, was born on the 9th of April, 1882, at Mason City, Iowa, his parents being Nelson and Jennie (McIntosh) Redman. His mother was a native of Montezuma county, Iowa, but his father was born near Sterling, Illinois, in 1846, and was a son of Eli Redman, who was born in 1791 and for his services in the War of 1812 received a land grant in Illinois, becoming one of the early settlers of that state. The latter's son, William Henry Redman, was commissioned captain of a company in the Civil war and after its close removed to Iowa, becoming one of the prominent lawyers of that state. He was chosen speaker of the house of representatives for two terms and was the author of the first prohibition bill passed in Iowa.

Nelson Redman, the Doctor's father, was one of a family of seven children, having four brothers and two sisters. At an early day he removed to Iowa, where he was engaged in farming and also in the machinery business. After his marriage he located in Mason City, where he made his home until 1898, although in the meantime he spent about a year in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and then returned to Iowa. Subsequently he became a resident of Fargo, North Dakota, and was in business there until 1913, since which time he has lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He has always taken an active part in church work and is a stalwart prohibitionist.

Dr. Redman is the older of the two children born to his parents. His early education was acquired in the schools of Mason City, Iowa, and he later attended the high school of Fargo, North Dakota, and Cornell College. With a good literary education as a foundation, he then entered the medical department of Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of M. D. Having passed the required examinations, he was admitted to the Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago, where he served as interne for one year. The following year was spent at his old home in Mason City, Iowa, and on the 1st of June, 1909, he removed to Mott, North Dakota, where he has since built up a fine practice.

In December, 1908, Dr. Redman was united in marriage to Miss Grace Collins, of Chicago, who is a graduate nurse of Mercy Hospital in that city and for five months had charge

of patients of Dr. John B. Murphy, the famous surgeon of Chicago. To this union has been born a daughter, Eleanor. The Doctor is a Master Mason and a member of the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is today one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Mott and in his practice has met with most excellent success, which gives him high standing among his professional brethren.

CHARLES A. WICKLUND, M. D.

Dr. Charles A. Wicklund, physician and surgeon, practicing at Churchs Ferry, was born in Sweden on the 14th of November, 1876, a son of A. J. and Louise Wicklund. The father is still living but the mother has passed away.

Dr. Wicklund acquired his education in the grammar schools of Sweden and when a youth of fourteen years crossed the Atlantic to America, after which he attended public schools in this country. He later took up the study of dentistry, completing the course, and for two years thereafter he engaged in teaching in a dental school. It seemed to him a logical step to the practice of medicine and he attended medical college in Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. His first professional service was that of interne in the National Emergency Hospital in Chicago, after which he opened an office in the city, where he entered upon the private practice of medicine. A year later he removed to Waukegan, Illinois, where he resided for three years, and on the expiration of that period he came to North Dakota, settling at Hansford, where he continued for three years. He afterward went abroad for post graduate work in England and had the benefit of instruction under some of the eminent physicians and surgeons of that country. Returning to America, he located at Churchs Ferry, where he has now practiced for four years. He is meeting with excellent success, his professional services being in constant demand.

In 1908 Dr. Wicklund was united in marriage to Miss Amy I. Bown and to them have been born two children, Louise and Rensselaer. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Methodist church and Dr. Wicklund is a republican yet holds partisanship subservient to the common weal and in casting his ballot never holds himself strictly to party ties. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and in community affairs he is deeply interested, manifesting a public-spirited devotion to the general good. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Devils Lake District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is now serving as county physician of Ramsey county, capably discharging his duties in that connection in addition to a large private practice. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and investigation along professional lines, constantly reading and studying in order to promote his efficiency and render his services of the greatest possible avail in checking the ravages of disease and restoring health.

GEORGE J. LEIST.

George J. Leist, devoting his energies to general agricultural pursuits in Casey township, Ransom county, was born in Humboldt county, Iowa, January 18, 1868, and during his youthful days was a schoolmate of the champion wrestler, Frank Gotch. His parents were John and Barbara Leist, who were natives of Darmstadt, Germany, in which country they were reared and married. They arrived in the United States on the 15th of May, 1861, accompanied by the three children who were born to them in the fatherland. They made their way to Chicago, where they lived for a year, after which they removed to Humboldt county, Iowa, where Mr. Leist took up a homestead claim in what is now the town of Bode. He afterward sold that property and removed to Dakota City, Iowa, where he resided until his life's labors were ended in death on the 28th of July, 1900. His widow survives and is still living in Dakota City. Their family numbered nine children, all of whom survive with the exception of one son, Charley, who died September 14, 1915.

George J. Leist was the fifth in order of birth in that family. He pursued his education in the schools of his native state and remained a resident of Iowa until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He worked upon his father's farm until 1892, at which time he took up the task of threshing, harvesting and teaming. He was thus engaged for two years, after which he removed to Pipestone county, Minnesota, where he invested in a farm in 1892. That property he sold in 1896, in which year he came to North Dakota, settling first at Sheldon, where he entered the employ of the firm of Hanson & Manning, implement dealers. He remained with them for two years, after which he bought six hundred and forty acres comprising section 21, Casey township, and in 1900 he took up his abode upon the farm where he is now living. Here he carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising, having an extensive tract of land. He uses modern farm implements to facilitate the work of the fields and his labors are bringing about a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, which he is converting into one of the valuable farm properties of the county.

In January, 1904, Mr. Leist was married to Miss Julia Sullivan, who was born in Iowa, January 17, 1874, a daughter of Jerry O. and Rose Sullivan, in whose family were ten children, Mrs. Leist being the third in order of birth. Three of the number have now passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Leist have been born four children: George, who was born March 2, 1906; Clifford, who was born October 3, 1907; Neil, born November 7, 1911; and Bessie, born July 13, 1914.

Mr. Leist is an independent voter. At the present time he is serving on the township board, of which he was president in the year 1915. He is a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America and he belongs to the Catholic church of Lisbon. He has never sought to figure prominently in public affairs but has given undivided attention to his business interests, and diligence and determination have been the salient forces in winning for him the success which he now enjoys.

NEWELL R. OLSON.

Newell R. Olson, assistant cashier of the First International Bank of Minot, is numbered among the young business men of that city who have won a creditable position and enviable reputation in financial circles. Thoroughness and determination characterize his efforts at every point in his career and gradually he has worked his way upward, while undoubtedly there is before him a bright and successful future. He was born in Atwater, Minnesota, February 25, 1888, a son of Martin and Gunbild (Siverton) Olson, both of whom were natives of Norway. They were married, however, in the new world, the father having come to the United States in 1872, at which time he took up his abode at Atwater, Minnesota, where he was employed by others for a time. He carefully saved his earnings, however, until his capital was sufficient to enable him to engage in the hardware and machine business, with which he is still actively connected, being one of the well known and prominent representatives of industrial interests in Atwater.

Newell R. Olson is the youngest in a family of six children. He was graduated from the Atwater high school with the class of 1904 and received collegiate training in the University of Minnesota, which he attended for three years. When eighteen years of age he began managing his own affairs. He was employed in the Security Bank of Atwater as bookkeeper and teller, remaining in that institution for four years, after which he removed to Winger, Minnesota, where he was cashier of the First State Bank for about eighteen months. In the spring of 1913 he arrived in Minot, where he was employed by the Consumers Power Company for about two months. At that time he entered the Savings Deposit Bank, which later became the First International Bank of Minot. He is now acting in the capacity of assistant cashier and devotes the major part of his time to his interests. He has large experience in banking and is well qualified to discharge the onerous tasks that devolve upon him.

Mr. Olson belongs to the Masonic lodge at Atwater, Minnesota, to the Elks lodge at Minot and to the Modern Woodmen camp at Atwater. He attends the Presbyterian church

and gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never sought nor desired office, feeling that the pursuits of private life are in themselves worthy of his best efforts. Applying himself closely to the work in hand he is making steady progress along business lines and his perseverance, indefatigable energy and landable ambition are carrying him steadily forward.

AUGUST BOWMAN.

With all those interests which contribute to the welfare and progress of the community August Bowman, a representative farmer of Cass county, is identified, and he is numbered among the valued residents of his section of the state. He was born in Sweden, February 12, 1864, and was a little lad of but twelve summers when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world. The voyage was to him a most momentous one, bringing to him many new experiences as he sailed the seas and trod for the first time the soil of America. This was in August, 1876. He made his way to Cass county, North Dakota, and as the years passed and he was able to command some capital began farming on his own account, investing in one hundred and fifty-six acres of land on section 31, Reed township. During the early period of his residence in the new world, however, his attention was given largely to the acquirement of an education and after attending the common schools, ambitious for further advancement in that direction, he spent two years in an academy at Moorhead, Minnesota. In his business affairs he has ever displayed sound judgment and keen sagacity and, working along the lines of unflinching industry, perseverance and determination, he has won a substantial measure of success.

In 1894 Mr. Bowman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rigema, a native of Sweden, and to them have been born eight children, of whom six are yet living, namely: Freda E., George M., Lily, Esther, Mabel and Reynold A.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and adhere loyally thereto, taking an active interest in the work of the church and doing all in their power to promote its upbuilding. Mr. Bowman is a republican in his political views and has served as road superintendent and also as school director. His interest in the community and the public welfare is deep and sincere, and he is regarded as a valued resident of his county, for at all times he stands for public progress and improvement, while in business affairs he is thoroughly reliable and progressive.

HALVER J. DAHLER.

Halver J. Dahler gives careful attention to the operation of his excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Normanna township, Cass county, but also finds time to take an active part in public affairs. He was born in Norway on the 27th of January, 1859, and he is a son of Johannes and Maren Dahler, who were also born in that country. They never came to America but spent their entire lives in their native land. Three of their nine children are still living.

Halver J. Dahler grew to manhood in Norway and received his education in the public schools of that country. In 1881, when twenty-two years of age, he emigrated to the United States, as he desired to take advantage of the opportunities which this comparatively new country offered to energetic young men. He remained in Iowa until 1885, when he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and there purchased his present farm on section 14, Normanna township. He has made many improvements upon the place since it came into his possession and it is now one of the well developed farm properties of the locality. He understands farming thoroughly and receives a good income from the sale of his grain and stock. For a number of years he served as secretary of the Farmers Grain Elevator Company and in that capacity as well as in the management of his private affairs proved himself a man of sound business judgment.

In 1885 Mr. Dahler was married to Miss Raudena Bradford, who died in 1894 and was laid to rest in Normaanna cemetery. She was the mother of two children, namely, Adolph and Oscar. In 1895 Mr. Dahler was again married, Miss Karen Johnson, also a native of Norway, becoming his wife. To this union have been born seven children: Jennie, Molfrid, Harold, Borghild, Sigurd, Maurice and George.

Mr. Dahler is a republican and has been called to a number of offices of trust. He has served as assessor, is now justice of the peace and also holds the office of school director. He has been influential in promoting the work of the Lutheran church, to which both he and his wife belong, and for eight years he served as organist of the church. He has also taught in the church school for many years and his record in that connection is one of which he has a right to be proud. In addition to his other interests he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has done his share in promoting the advancement of his community along many lines and is accorded the respect and esteem to which his sterling qualities and public spirit entitle him. He has never regretted coming to this country, for, although he began his career as a poor young man, he has here found opportunities which have enabled him to secure a competence.

CLARENCE BELDEN LITTLE.

Clarence Belden Little is a most prominent figure in banking circles at Bismarck. Honored and respected by all, no man in the city occupies a more enviable position, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward and honorable business policy that he has ever followed. His success has depended upon a ready recognition and utilization of opportunity and prosperity and honor are now his in large measure.

Mr. Little is a native son of New England. He was born at Pembroke, New Hampshire, November 18, 1857, a son of George Peabody and Elizabeth Anne (Knox) Little. He prepared for college at the Pembroke Academy and won his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation from Dartmouth College with the class of 1881. Having prepared for the bar, he entered upon the practice of law and in 1885 was elected judge of the probate court, to which position he was reelected in 1887. In that year official honors were conferred upon him, for he entered upon a two years' term as inspector general of the territorial militia. In 1889 he was elected state senator and served continuously for twenty years, acting as chairman of the judiciary committee during the entire period. There is perhaps no resident of North Dakota who has more continuously served in office or has more direct bearing upon shaping the legislation of the state. He made his initial step in banking circles when in 1887 he became president of the Capital National Bank. In 1895 he was elected to the presidency of the First National Bank and consolidated the two institutions under the latter name. He yet remains president of the First National Bank of Bismarck and is officially connected with various other banking institutions in North Dakota, being president of the McLean County State Bank at Wilton, the Farmers State Bank at Wing, the Sterling State Bank at Sterling and the McKenzie State Bank at McKenzie, while of the Goodridge-Call Lumber Company he is a director. The extent and importance of his business connections have won for him a central place on the stage of business activity. He has steadily advanced in those walks of life demanding intellectuality, business ability and fidelity and success has come to him in substantial and gratifying measure.

In 1885, in Boston, Mr. Little was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Gore Little, daughter of Dr. J. Russell Little. They have two children, Viroque Mabel and George Peabody. Mr. Little is a prominent Mason, belonging to Tancered Commandery, No. 1, of Bismarck, of which he is a past eminent commander. He is equally well known among the Elks and is a past deputy grand commander of the territory of Dakota. In club circles he occupies a prominent position, holding membership in the Minnesota Club, the Town and Country Club and the University Club of St. Paul, the Minneapolis Club of Minneapolis and the Commercial and Country Clubs of Bismarck. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His activities

have been broad and varied. The public life of few residents of North Dakota has covered so extended a period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

SAMUEL K. MCGINNIS.

Samuel K. McGinnis, who passed away at Jamestown, Stutsman county, on the 22d of June, 1914, was one of the early settlers of the state and took an active part in its development. He was also entitled to honor as a veteran of the Civil war. He was born at Mount Jackson, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1842, a son of William H. McGinnis, of Staunton, Virginia. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent and their ancestors were among the Covenanters.

Samuel K. McGinnis attended school in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where his father had removed, but in 1859 began working in the office of the Lawrence County Journal at Newcastle, where he remained until the beginning of the Civil war. On the 19th of April, within a week after Fort Sumter was fired upon, he enlisted in the Mount Jackson Guards, which were later mustered into the federal service. Subsequently he became a member of Battery B, First Regiment, Pennsylvania Light Artillery, which was later known as Cooper's Battery. He advanced to the rank of sergeant and participated in the second battle of Bull Run, where his saber and revolver were both shot away and he was seriously wounded. He was in the hospital for six months, after which he again went to the firing line and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and the engagements of Grant's campaign in the wilderness.

Following his return from the army Mr. McGinnis clerked in a store in Mount Jackson for a number of months, after which he was elected on the soldiers' ticket clerk of the courts by a large majority. He discharged his duties so capably that he was reelected to the office. In 1879 he came to North Dakota and located in Jamestown, Stutsman county, much of the town being located upon his land. The following year his family joined him and he made North Dakota his home until his death, although ill health compelled him to spend much of his time in San Diego, California. On his arrival in Stutsman county in the fall of 1879 he purchased a quarter section of land, now included within the city limits of Jamestown. This has been divided into two city additions known as the first and second McGinnis additions. At the east end of Front street he built the family residence, which was occupied by them for many years, and now known as the Wimberley House. Across the street he erected the old City Hospital and put up the McGinnis block on Main street adjoining the old Dacotah Hotel, both buildings being later destroyed by fire. At a subsequent date he purchased a residence for his family on South Third avenue. With many features of the development of the city and county he was closely and prominently associated. In connection with J. W. Raymond, who afterward became treasurer of the state, and R. E. Wallace he established the first bank of his city, called the Bank of Jamestown, and afterward converted it into the First National Bank of Jamestown. The three partners also purchased twenty-five thousand acres of land in Stutsman and Lamoure counties and for many years Captain McGinnis remained active in land interests, not only handling farm property but also much city realty. Through his influence and acquaintanceship many people have become financially interested in North Dakota.

His private interests were not allowed to fully monopolize his time and energy. For two terms he served as county treasurer and was the only democrat ever elected to that office in Stutsman county, which is a republican stronghold. He was at one time the democratic candidate for the office of lieutenant governor and carried his county, a vote which indicates his marked personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by those who knew him best.

On the 30th of January, 1873, Mr. McGinnis married Miss Anna M. Keepers, a daughter of Captain John V. Keepers, of Newcastle, Pennsylvania, who was captain of Battery B, First West Virginia Light Artillery, during the Civil war. To this union were born five children: Samuel K., deceased; J. Raymond; Marie; Irma; and Lillian.



SAMUEL K. MCGINNIS

Faternally Mr. McGinnis was identified with the Masons, the Elks and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and was a lifelong attendant at the Presbyterian church. He donated twenty-seven acres of land to the Presbyterian College and was instrumental in securing the location of the institution at Jamestown. In this connection the Rev. G. W. Simon at the funeral services of Captain McGinnis said: "To Captain McGinnis Jamestown College largely owes its existence. To the generosity of the deceased was dne the original grant of twenty-seven acres of ground on which the first college building was erected. Afterwards the contract between the college board and the donor lapsed by failure of the board to carry out the original plans. In later years, however, Captain McGinnis confirmed his gift to the institution and voluntarily gave a clear title to the land on which the buildings now stand, which he was not, under the terms of the agreement, compelled to do." The same public spirit and subordination of personal interests to the general welfare characterized him throughout his life and no project for the advancement of his community lacked his heartiest support and cooperation.

WILLIAM R. SHORTRIDGE, M. D.

Dr. William R. Shortridge, engaged in medical practice at Flasher, has been an active representative of the profession since 1898, his connection with Flasher dating from 1906. He was born in Macon county, Missouri, December 14, 1867, a son of Robert Lee and Elizabeth J. (Miller) Shortridge. The great-grandfather was a planter in the south and was killed in a vendetta. The grandfather, George Shortridge, a native of Kentucky, belonged to one of the old colonial families. He died in Kentucky, after which his widow was married at Florida, Missouri, near Hannibal, to a Mr. Powers, who belonged to one of the prominent families of that section. Robert Lee Shortridge when a young man removed to Missouri and in the '50s went to California, making the overland trip and driving a herd of cattle. He remained for several years, meeting with a fair measure of success, and then returned to Missouri by way of the Isthmus route. He established a general store at La Plata, Missouri, and he and his brothers-in-law surveyed and laid out the town, the main street of which is named Gex in honor of one of the brothers-in-law. Mr. Shortridge became the first postmaster and was city tax collector at the time of his death, which occurred in 1909, when he had reached the age of eighty years. He had occupied the position of tax collector for a number of years and in public office manifested the same spirit of loyalty that he displayed at the time of the Civil war, when he joined the Federal army. He took an active part in public affairs and his many substantial traits of character won him the high regard and confidence of the people. His standing in public is indicated in the fact that when he was a candidate for the office of assessor he received four hundred out of four hundred and one votes. His political allegiance was always given to the democratic party. He married Elizabeth J. Miller, a native of Missouri and a daughter of John Jackson Miller, a pioneer settler of Missouri, who became the largest landowner of Macon county.

Dr. Shortridge was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, five of whom reached adult age. After acquiring his elementary education in the public schools he spent four years in high school and later entered the Kirksville (Mo.) Normal. Later he taught school for one term and then became a student in the Keokuk Medical College of Keokuk, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1898, standing fourth in a class of eighty. He located for practice at Monroe, Wisconsin, and afterward returned to Missouri, where he engaged in general practice and also conducted a drug store in Meadville for a year. He afterward spent six years as a medical practitioner at Greenville, Iowa, and on the 12th of June, 1906, arrived at Flasher, North Dakota, at which time his nearest competitor in medical practice was at Mandan, thirty-five miles northeast, while to the south there was no physician until Deadwood, South Dakota, was reached—a distance of two hundred miles. He has had patients come sixty-five miles to get a tooth pulled in the early days and he rode long distances over the prairies in order to answer the call of those who needed professional service. In 1913 he opened a thoroughly modern and up-to-date

hospital and today he has a large surgical practice, for which work he is splendidly qualified, enjoying a well earned reputation as a most skillful and learned surgeon.

On the 31st of January, 1900, Dr. Shortridge was married to Miss Lillian Morgan, of Elgin, Illinois, her father being Manly Morgan, who is conducting an extensive business as a florist. The Doctor and his wife have two children, Lelia Ione and Cecil William.

In addition to his home in Flasher, Dr. Shortridge owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres adjoining the town site devoted largely to alfalfa and to the raising of horses, having twenty head of fine stock on his place. He is now dealing in horses and that branch of his business is likewise proving successful. He turns to hunting as a source of rest and recreation. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He is always interested in public affairs and cooperates heartily in well defined plans and measures for the upbuilding of his community. His attention, however, is chiefly given to his professional interests and since locating at Flasher he has been performing major operations. His practice is now very extensive and of a most important character and his well developed ability, resulting from careful college preparation, broad reading and wide experience, has made him splendidly qualified for the responsible work which he undertakes.

MALCOLM TURNER.

Malcolm Turner, a retired farmer living in Courtenay, was born near Utica, Wisconsin, May 2, 1860, a son of Andrew and Rachel Turner, the former a native of Scotland, while the latter was born in Guelph, Canada. Both settled in Utica in early life and were married there, after which the father engaged in farming. During the Civil war he was connected with the Eighth and with the Fourteenth Wisconsin Regiments of Infantry and he went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. At the battle of Bull Run he was captured and sent to Libby prison, where he remained for six weeks, and for three months he was incarcerated in Andersonville prison. His health was greatly undermined by the hardships of southern prison life and he lived only two years after the war. His widow died soon afterward, leaving four children. In 1882 William, the eldest son of the family, came to North Dakota, but afterward returned to Wisconsin. The daughters of the family are: Elizabeth, the wife of H. Allen, who is a veteran of the Civil war and resides in Jackson, Minnesota; and Mary, the wife of John Pugh, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Malcolm Turner had to start out in life on his own account when a youth of sixteen and began working on the river and in the lumber woods, being thus employed for a number of years. In fact his labors in the woods began when he was but thirteen years of age, and in the summer seasons he was employed on the farm of William Jones. In 1884 he left his native state and came to what is now North Dakota, arriving at Buffalo, after which he worked on the Norris farm during the threshing season and in the winter months was employed in the lumber woods. In the following spring he returned to the Norris farm, there remaining until summer, when with an ox team he drove across the country to Foster county, his destination being about eighteen miles north of Courtenay. Eight people made the trip, his companions being Edwin Beens, Ralph Walker, Dan Clancy, George O'Neal, Edwin McKinnon, Don McKinnon and Harvey Gee. Six of the number remained, took up homesteads and all proved up on their property. Mr. Turner settled on section 24, township 145, range 62. That winter he went back and worked in the woods and with the money thus earned purchased horses. In the spring of 1886 he returned and at that time sixty more came out with him and settled in the district. Mr. Turner proved up on his farm and with his horses he not only broke his own land but also did considerable breaking for his neighbors. In 1885 he managed a threshing crew for Peter Roberts, threshing for sixty-eight days, after which he and Fred Cribbs brought a threshing rig from Wisconsin and operated it in the fall of 1886. In the winter he again returned to the woods, selling his horses, but after working through the winter he purchased another team and returned to the homestead. In the spring of 1887 fourteen more people came

with him and on the 28th of March they were lost on the prairie in a snow storm but all survived.

After this Mr. Turner concentrated his attention upon the development of his farm and completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 25th of December, 1888, to Miss Isabel Bradford, who was born in Bruce county, Ontario, Canada, in March, 1858. They traveled life's journey happily together for fourteen years but in the spring of 1902 were separated by the death of the wife, who left three children: William, now living on the farm; Robert, who is employed by L. O. Larson; and Janet, at home. On the 8th of July, 1912, Mr. Turner wedded Jennie McBride, who was born in Bruce county, Ontario, August 9, 1860, and who at the present time is making an extended tour over the United States.

Mr. Turner lived upon his homestead until 1893 and then lost his farm. He went to work as a carpenter and built many houses in the country and nearby towns, spending three years in that way. In 1895 he entered the employ of the government at Fort Totten, occupying the position of boss foreman for four years and eight months, but left that place in 1899 and took up his abode in Foster county, where he purchased a half section of land and again began farming. He afterward acquired more land and cultivated an entire section until 1908, when he removed to Courtenay, where he is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He has spent two summers on the Pacific coast in and around Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, British Columbia, and he has a nice home in Courtenay, supplied with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In politics Mr. Turner is a democrat and for many years served on the school board in Foster county. His life has been guided by the teachings of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a loyal member. It was Mr. Turner who instituted the first celebration on the fourth of July in his locality, the year being 1886, and people came for miles around to take part in and enjoy the festivities. In the face of difficulties which would have utterly discouraged many a man of less resolute spirit he has persevered and has so wisely and successfully managed his business affairs that he has become one of the substantial citizens of Stutsman county, his prosperity being such as now enables him to live retired.

NELS FOLSON.

North Dakota is preeminently an agricultural state. Its great broad prairies furnish splendid opportunities to the farmer and cattle raiser and its wealth is largely derived from its fields. Among those who are controlling its agricultural interests are many men of marked business ability, enterprise and initiative, until North Dakota is largely setting a standard for agricultural development in the entire country. Prominent among the successful farmers of Walsh county is Nels Folson, of Hoople, whose lands are notable for the size of the crops which he produces in his fields. He is also a leader in other business affairs of the community, for he erected one of the first elevators for the storage of grain in Walsh county and has done much to further commercial development there. Minnesota claims him as a native son, for his birth occurred in Houston county, March 5, 1859, his parents being Christ and Mathilda (Krognes) Folson, the former a native of Denmark and the latter of Norway. Coming to America in early life, they settled in Houston county, Minnesota, where they became acquainted and were married. There Mr. Folson engaged in farming but afterward removed to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he became proprietor of a hotel which he conducted for some time. On selling out his interest there he removed to Walsh county, North Dakota, in 1880 and again took up the occupation of farming, in which he was actively engaged to the time of his death in 1908. He had reached the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, who passed away in Walsh county in 1898, was sixty-five years of age at the time of her demise.

Nels Folson was the eldest in a family of nine children and in his youthful days attended school in La Crosse, Wisconsin, while subsequently he worked for his father. After coming to North Dakota he was engaged in farming in Walsh county, acquiring land of his

own, and from that point he has steadily advanced until he is today owner of some of the largest and finest farms of the county. He now has extensive possessions and carries on his farming interests on a mammoth scale. He plants four hundred acres to potatoes and in 1914 he raised forty thousand bushels. During the season of 1916, when the crop was unusually low all over the country, he raised twenty thousand bushels. In 1895 he foresaw the need of adequate storing facilities and he purchased property in the village of Hoople, where he erected a large elevator and now stores his immense crops of potatoes and cereals. He has been actively engaged in the cultivation of potatoes since 1910 and has found this a profitable source of income. Today potatoes at Hoople are selling at a dollar and forty-five cents per bushel, and with twenty thousand bushels on hand, one can realize what Mr. Folsom will gain from this crop alone. He has other extensive crops of grain and farm products and in his business he employs the most modern methods of crop production. He thoroughly understands scientific farming and every practical phase of his work, and his success is based upon broad knowledge, keen discrimination and intelligently directed activity.

Mr. Folsom has been married twice. In 1881, at Moorhead, Minnesota, he wedded Miss Annie Sturisted, of that place, who passed away in Walsh county in 1893. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sturisted and by her marriage she became the mother of three children: Mary, who is living in Walsh county; Mrs. Minnie Gryde, of Walsh county; and Charles, of the same county. In 1897 Mr. Folsom wedded Miss Ida Anderson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, of Linwood township, Walsh county, and they now have a son, Leonard, who was born in Hoople in 1900 and is attending St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota.

That Mr. Folsom's fellow townsmen appreciate his worth and ability is indicated in the fact that for two terms he has been honored with the mayoralty of Hoople and has been called to various other positions of public honor and trust. For many years he has been a member of the school board and has done effective work in raising the standard of the schools. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church and fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is entirely a self-made man, having been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes. Through earnest, persistent effort he has worked his way upward and in his vocabulary there has been no such word as fail. He has encountered obstacles and difficulties but has overcome these by persistent, earnest and honorable effort and has at all times possessed a laudable ambition to succeed. Gradually, therefore, he has advanced and while winning success he has also won an honorable name.

CHARLES A. STRATTON.

For twelve years Charles A. Stratton has been identified with the newspaper business in North Dakota and is now editor and proprietor of the Standard at Wing, where he has resided since the spring of 1913. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on the 1st of February, 1872, and is a son of Morrison and Elizabeth (Scott) Stratton, both now deceased. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, was a native of Vermont, but the mother's birth occurred in Scotland, though both passed the greater part of their lives in Ohio.

In that state Charles A. Stratton grew to manhood, acquiring a good practical education. He attended the high school of Waverly, Ohio, and also Notre Dame University at Notre Dame, Indiana. He began his newspaper career in the office of the Republican published at Waverly and there learned the printer's trade, after which he worked on various papers in his native state until 1904, which year witnessed his arrival in North Dakota. For six months he was connected with the Milton Globe at Milton, this state, and from there removed to Westhope, working on the Westhope Standard for a few months. He subsequently spent two years in Arthur, where he established the American and conducted it until his removal to Wilton. He edited the Wilton News until the spring of 1913, when he purchased

the Wing Standard and has since published that journal with good success. The Standard was established in 1912 by C. C. Overton, who had charge of the same until it came into possession of Mr. Stratton, under whose management it has steadily advanced until it is now one of the leading newspapers of that part of the state. In 1915 Mr. Stratton erected a good business block and installed his plant, now having a modern and well equipped office for job work as well as general newspaper work.

In 1906 Mr. Stratton was married in Arthur, North Dakota, to Miss Dorothea F. Artz, a native of Germany, who came to this country when quite young and after residing in South Dakota for a time removed to Arthur. To them have been born four children, namely: Beatrice, Cleo, Virgil and Scott.

In religious faith Mr. Stratton is a Catholic and in politics he is a republican but he conducts his paper as a non-partisan journal. He is a very progressive man, taking a deep interest in public affairs and supporting all measures which he believes will prove of benefit to the community, state or nation.

HARRY WAINWRIGHT GREEN.

Among those who have made North Dakota famous for its extensive and well kept farms, where the work is conducted on a mammoth scale and splendid results are achieved is Harry Wainwright Green, of Leal, who is the owner of more than three thousand acres of land in Barnes county. He was born in Ottercliff, Ontario, Canada, in February, 1861, a son of Robert J. Green, a native of Epworth, England, and a grandson of John Green, who was also born in that country, whence he emigrated to the new world, settling in Canada, where he took up land near Peterboro, Ontario. He lived to be eighty-four years of age and some of his descendants are still residing in the district in which he entered his claim. He lost his wife during the early boyhood of Robert J. Green, who was then adopted by relatives living near Niagara Falls, where the boy was reared. After reaching manhood he took up the occupation of farming and remained in that locality until 1886, when he arrived in Barnes county and joined members of the family who had preceded him to North Dakota. His last days were spent in Fargo, where he departed this life in 1912 at the age of eighty-six years. In early manhood he had wedded Hannah Amelia Kirk, a native of Sheffield, England, and a daughter of Dr. John Kirk, of that country, who married a Miss Wainwright. At an early day he brought his family to the new world and practiced medicine at Little York, Ontario, Canada. He was one of the organizers of the medical school now affiliated with Toronto University. On retiring from active professional life he came on a visit to North Dakota, but as there were few physicians in the district the people sought his services professionally and he remained in Cass county until his death, which occurred about 1884, when he was seventy-six years of age.

Harry W. Green was the fourth in a family of seven children and his boyhood days were spent upon the home farm. His brothers, John K. and R. C. Green, came to North Dakota in 1879 and settled in Cass county. The former now resides in Mapleton upon the land on which he first settled on coming to this state, while R. C. Green is now a resident of Gilby, in Grand Forks county. Both were pioneers of the state and took an active part in the substantial early development of the districts in which they lived. They had been residents of the state for two years when in 1881 Harry W. Green joined his brother in Cass county and in 1885 he took up a claim adjoining the present town of Enderlin. There he carried on farming until 1888, when he sold out and removed to Barnes county, where he entered into business relations with J. B. Folsom, a real estate dealer of Fargo, North Dakota, and purchased the Boardman farm, comprising twenty-five hundred acres, to which he added by purchase from time to time until his holdings comprised five thousand acres. When Mr. Folsom died Mr. Green took over a portion of this land and now has a fine farm of more than three thousand acres, constituting one of the large and valuable farm properties of the state. He has raised a large number of horses, making a specialty of Percherons, with Voltaire, a thoroughbred, at the head of his stud. He has also specialized in thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle, usually having over one hundred head.

On the 24th of June, 1891, Mr. Green was married to Miss Kate Woodward, whose brother, Walter B. Woodward, owned and conducted a large farm in Cass county, where she joined him and there formed the acquaintance of Mr. Green.

Fraternally Mr. Green is connected with the Masons as a member of the lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine. He is also identified with the Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. In 1894 he was elected county commissioner, in which office he was continued by two reelections until 1906, or for a period of three four year terms. He made a most excellent record in office and then, feeling that he had done his full duty as a citizen, he retired from the position as he had entered it, with the confidence and goodwill of all concerned. He is a broad and liberal-minded man whose standards of life are high and he possesses exceptional judgment and foresight as has been manifest in his business success. He is a splendid type of American manhood, citizenship and chivalry, enjoying and meriting the respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

AMBROSE JOSHUA OSBORN.

Ambrose Joshua Osborn, a photographer of Dickinson, was born in Steuben county, Indiana, March 3, 1870, a son of Thomas S. and Lucinda (Corey) Osborn. The father was born November 14, 1845, in Newark, Licking county, Ohio. His father, Joshua Osborn, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1806, and was the youngest son of John and Mary Osborn, the former a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1757 and in March, 1815, removed to Fairfield county, Ohio. Mrs. Harriet Osborn, the wife of Joshua Osborn, was born in Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio, January 11, 1811.

Their son, Thomas S. Osborn, acquired his education in the district schools of Ohio, which he attended during the winter months. He was reared to the occupation of farming and followed that pursuit most of the time until 1892. In the year 1849 he had accompanied his parents from Ohio to Indiana and it was there that he was reared and married. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union, enlisting on the 19th of March, 1863, as a member of Troop B of the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, with which he served in the Army of the Cumberland under Major General George H. Thomas, of the Fourth Army Corps. He participated in a number of important engagements with that command, in which his loyalty and valor were always demonstrated. On the 9th of December, 1864, at Tullahoma, Tennessee, he was wounded and was in a hospital until May 6, 1865, when he was discharged on account of wounds and also by reason of the fact that the war had been brought to a close.

It was on the 1st of January, 1867, at Jamestown, Indiana, that Thomas S. Osborn wedded Miss Lucinda Corey, who was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, September 4, 1845. Her parents were among the pioneers of Defiance county, Ohio, where they took up their abode in 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are now living in Coldwater, Michigan. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Osborn holds membership in Tyre Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., at Coldwater, while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star chapter there. He has likewise been a member of the Grand Army post since 1880 and in politics he is a stalwart republican. He and his wife became the parents of four children: Clarence R., a photographer of Coldwater; Ambrose J.; Lewis H., who is foreman at the Gary steel mills and who married Bernice Cooley, their home being in Chicago; and Vina L., who is a teacher of domestic science in the city schools of Coldwater, Michigan.

Ambrose J. Osborn was but a young lad of four years at the time of the removal of his parents to Michigan, the family home being established at Kinderhook. He attended school there and at Coldwater and after his textbooks were put aside he entered the studio of his brother and learned photography. He remained with his brother until August, 1891, when he left Michigan and came to North Dakota, settling in Gladstone. He took up a homestead three miles north of the town, resided thereon for five years and secured title to the

property. He then removed to Dickinson and purchased the photographic studio of which he is now proprietor. He does excellent work along his chosen art line and is liberally patronized.

Mr. Osborn is a Spanish-American war veteran. In 1897 he was associated with Captain Auld in organizing a company of militia, of which he was elected first lieutenant, and in 1898, following the outbreak of hostilities with Spain, he went to the Philippines, where he was on duty for a year. His military service covered altogether seventeen months. On his arrival at Fargo he was detailed for the position of battalion adjutant in the Second Battalion under Major Fraine. During the last three months of his service in the Philippines he acted as regimental adjutant and as brigade adjutant. Upon returning to Dickinson he resumed his photographic work, in which he has since been engaged.

On the 30th of April, 1898, Mr. Osborn was married to Miss Kheda F. Saunders, a native of Virginia, who became a resident of North Dakota in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn now have four children, namely, Thelma F., Lawton E., Norman F. and Clarence J., all at home.

Mr. Osborn holds membership with Dickinson Lodge, No. 1137, B. P. O. E., of which he is past exalted ruler. In politics he is a republican and in 1900 was elected alderman, being one of the first chosen to that office after the organization of the city. He was later appointed city auditor and served for eight years. He has ever been keenly interested in all things pertaining to Dickinson's welfare and upbuilding and is one of her progressive and representative men.

THEODORE GRAF.

Theodore Graf is a well known representative of the Russian community that has played so important a part in the upbuilding of Streeter and the development of that section of the state. He is now successfully conducting business as a merchant and his well defined plans, carefully executed, are bringing to him substantial success. He was born in Naudorf, near Odessa, in southern Russia, October 21, 1876, and is a son of John and Christina (Miedelider) Graf, who were also natives of that country, where they remained until 1884, when they brought their family to the new world, settling near Scotland, South Dakota, where Mr. Graf took up the occupation of farming, which he followed in that locality for four years. He then removed to North Dakota, establishing his home near Streeter, where he took up government land eight miles southwest of the town. For a considerable period he was actively connected with general agricultural pursuits but is now living retired in Streeter. His wife, however, has passed away.

Theodore Graf was a little lad of eight summers when brought by his parents to the new world, so that his education was largely acquired in the schools of this country. He continued to assist his father upon the home farm until he attained his majority. He was married in 1896 to Miss Fridrech Enzminger, a native of southern Russia, who on coming to America settled in North Dakota. The three children of this marriage are: Arthur, who is now a banker living at Wilton, North Dakota; and Rose and Minnie E., both at home.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Graf and his bride took up their abode on a homestead claim in Logan county, and he secured title to the property through compliance with the homestead law concerning its improvement and residence thereon. He lived there for seven years but in 1905 sold his farm and erected the first building in the village of Streeter, located on the site of the present town. In it he placed a stock of general merchandise and successfully conducted his store until it was destroyed by fire in 1912. He then formed a partnership under the name of A. Graf & Company, his brother becoming his associate in the ownership and conduct of the business. They erected a new store building and continued the relationship until March, 1915, when the partnership was dissolved and Theodore Graf entered into a new business combination under the firm name of Graf, Selier & Buck. Their stock is large and attractive and fully meets the needs and wants of the surrounding community. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Graf is engaged to some extent in general farming in Logan county.

His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is interested in the

questions of the day, upon which he keeps well informed, but he has no ambition for office, ever preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp of Streeter and to the Reformed Lutheran church, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct.

PETER O. SATHRE.

Peter O. Sathre, a well known citizen and prominent attorney of Finley, Steele county, North Dakota, is a native of the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth occurring in Moore county, February 7, 1877. His parents, Jacob and Malene (Stenewig) Sathre, were born, reared and married in Norway, whence they came to America shortly after the close of the Civil war. They located in Moore county, Minnesota, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming until 1884, and then came to North Dakota, taking up a homestead near Sharon in Steele county. He lived thereon until his death, which occurred in 1907, and his widow now makes her home in Finley.

In the family of this worthy couple were four children, of whom Peter O. Sathre is the only son. He began his education in the district schools near his boyhood home but later attended the high school at Cooperstown and Crookston College, from which he was graduated in 1900. He next entered the State Normal at Mayville and after leaving that institution attended the North Dakota State University, graduating from the arts and law department on the 16th of June, 1910, with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar at the same time and at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Finley, Steele county. In 1902 he was admitted to practice in the United States courts. As his skill and ability have become recognized, he has gradually secured a good clientele and now ranks among the leading lawyers of his county.

On the 14th of April, 1902, Mr. Sathre married Miss Minnie Hilstad, of Steele county. Her father, M. O. Hilstad, was a native of Norway and on coming to the United States first located in Wisconsin but in 1881 came to North Dakota, being among its pioneers.

Mr. Sathre is interested in farming to some extent and owns a half section of land in McKenzie county besides other property. Both he and his wife are members of the United Lutheran church, and he is also identified with the Commercial Club of Finley. He is now serving as master of Mayflower Lodge, No. 94, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given the republican party and he takes an active interest in public affairs. He has been a member of the school board and is now serving his second term as states attorney. He stands high among his professional brethren and ranks among the leading citizens of his adopted county.

ALFRED OLSON.

One of the most enterprising young business men of Mott is Alfred Olson, a member of the firm of Olson & Iverson, who have two separate stores, one of which is stocked with general merchandise, while the other is devoted to hardware and farm implements. Mr. Olson was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, April 22, 1889, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of that county, being a grandson of O. P. Olson, who came to the United States from Norway in 1868 and located in Winneshiek county. There he is still living at the extreme old age of ninety-four years and enjoys good health considering his age. For many years he engaged in farming and still resides on his original property.

John Olson, the father of our subject, was also a native of Norway and accompanied the family on their emigration to the new world. On leaving Winneshiek county, Iowa, in 1891, he removed to Pipestone county, Minnesota, and was engaged in general mercantile business at Ihlen until 1906. In the latter year he became a resident of North Dakota, where he took up a homestead and engaged in its improvement and cultivation for five years. Since 1911 he has made his home in Mott, where he opened a general store that

year, and later bought out the Dakota Mercantile Company. The original store is stocked with hardware and agricultural implements, while the other is devoted to general merchandise, the latter being a building fifty by eighty feet in dimensions with a full basement.

When only two years of age Alfred Olson was taken by his parents to Minnesota, where he was reared and educated, and after leaving school served an apprenticeship with his father. In 1911 he became interested in the business, which at that time was conducted under the name of the Boston Store, but in 1913 C. M. Iverson was admitted to a partnership, the firm becoming Olson & Iverson, under which name it still carries on business. The father now has charge of the hardware department, while Alfred Olson is the senior manager of the general store. They have a good patronage and are numbered among the leading business men of Mott.

On the 1st of August, 1914, was celebrated the marriage of Alfred Olson and Miss Nettie Ellingson, of Goodhue county, Minnesota, a daughter of T. Ellingson, who now conducts the Bonny Brae Creamery and Dairy at Valley City, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have one child, Frances. The family is one of prominence in the community, and Mr. Olson stands high in business circles where his true worth is appreciated. For five years he has now been a resident of Mott and he has borne an important part in the development and upbuilding of the city.

HON. JAMES MARTIN HANLEY.

Hon. James Martin Hanley, of Mandan, judge of the twelfth judicial district, is one of North Dakota's honored and prominent citizens. A lawyer and law maker he has left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the state. In his life are the elements of greatness because of the use he has made of his talents and his opportunities, because his thoughts are not self-centered but are given to the mastery of life problems and the fulfillment of his duty as a man in his relations to his fellowmen and as a citizen in his relations to the city, state and nation.

A native of Minnesota, Judge Hanley was born at Winona, January 6, 1877, a son of Martin Hanley, who was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1839. He was brought to the United States by his parents in 1843 and in 1866 established his home in Winona, Minnesota, where he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Gater, a native of England. In 1881 they removed to Kasson, Minnesota, where their remaining days were passed, the father dying in the year 1903, while the mother's death occurred in 1910.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof at Kasson, Minnesota, Judge Hanley was there graduated from the high school with the class of 1893, and later he pursued the work of the junior year in Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, thus laying a good literary foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge. Taking up the study of law he was admitted to the bar in 1899 and located at Waseca, Minnesota, where he followed his profession until the fall of 1902, when he removed to Mandan, North Dakota, and entered upon practice there. His advancement at the bar has been continuous and his ability is the measure of his success. He early recognized that progress in law depends upon individual merit and with this understanding he very carefully prepared his cases, while his clear and cogent reasoning and logical deductions gained for him many favorable verdicts. With advancement at the bar also came progress along political lines. Whatever else may be said of the legal fraternity it cannot be denied that members of the bar have been more prominent actors in public affairs than any other class of a community. This is but the natural result of causes which are manifest and require no explanation. The ability and training which qualify one to practice law also qualify him in many respects for duties which lie outside the strict path of his profession and which touch the general interests of society. In the year 1899 Judge Hanley was appointed deputy state oil inspector of Minnesota and filled that position for two years. In 1900 he was made city auditor of Waseca, Minnesota, and served in that capacity for a two years' term. After coming to this state he was chosen as state secretary of the North

Dakota Slope Fair and then came official honors more directly in the path of his profession, for in 1908 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and in 1909 was appointed states attorney for Morton county, filling that position most acceptably for two years. In 1911 he was again elected to the legislature and was made speaker of the house, while the following year he was chosen a member of the state senate, serving through the session of 1913. At the close of his term he was appointed judge of the twelfth judicial district comprising four counties and entered upon the duties of the office, in which he will remain as the incumbent under the present appointment until 1917. In September, 1915, he convened the first term of court ever held in Sioux county, which includes the Standing Rock reservation. Judge Hanley, as few men have done, has seemed to realize fully the importance of the profession to which he has devoted his energies and his reputation as a lawyer was won through earnest, honest labor, while his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability.

On the 4th of March, 1905, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Judge Hanley was united in marriage to Miss Irma Lewis, and their children are: James M., Jr., Josephine Miriam, Irma Jane and Lewista.

Judge Hanley is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His military record covers service with the First North Dakota State Militia, in which he is now holding the rank of major. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his political advancement is phenomenal, for few men of his years have gained the high honors which have been accorded him. A man of great natural ability his success in his profession from the beginning of his residence in North Dakota has been uniform and rapid. No plan or movement for the benefit of his city along lines of progress and improvement seeks his aid in vain and his public-spirited citizenship prompts his active cooperation in many movements that bear directly upon the welfare and upbuilding of the state.

JOHN ELLICKSON.

John Ellickson, a ranchman, has recently retired from the office of sheriff of McKenzie county. He is a resident of Schafer and was born near Wautoma, Waushara county, Wisconsin, a son of John and Christina Ellickson. The father, a native of Norway, came to America in 1848, when eighteen years of age, settling near Madison, in Dane county, Wisconsin, where he worked as a farm hand for two years. In 1850 he removed to Waushara county, where he purchased a farm and engaged in its further cultivation and development up to the time of his retirement from active business. He died some years afterward on the old homestead, passing away in 1912. He had served his adopted country as a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the Thirty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. The Ellickson homestead in Wisconsin has been in possession of the family for more than sixty years and is now cultivated by the youngest son of John Ellickson, Sr. In community affairs the father was prominent, serving as treasurer of the school board for more than twenty years and holding a number of township offices. His wife was born in Norway and was eighteen years of age when she became a resident of Wisconsin. She still survives at the age of eighty-six years and is yet living on the old home place.

John Ellickson of this review acquired a common school education and engaged in farm work at the old home in Wisconsin until twenty-one years of age. In 1885 he removed to Winnebago county, Iowa, and purchased a farm near the present site of the town of Thompson, there remaining until 1893, when he abandoned the work of the fields and engaged in business in Thompson as a grain and live stock merchant and as a dealer in farm implements and machinery. He also filled the office of postmaster there for ten years, and was in business in Thompson for twelve years, on the expiration of which period he sold out and traveled through southeastern Minnesota as a representative of the Deere-Weber Company. In 1905 he resigned his position and filed on a homestead in McKenzie county, North Dakota, to which he removed his family, residing thereon for a year and a half. Later he traveled for the Aultman-Taylor Company, farm machinery manufacturers, until 1907, when he left that position and began raising stock upon his homestead,



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also cultivating the land until 1912, when he was elected sheriff of McKenzie county, to which office he was reelected in 1914. As one can serve as sheriff for only two terms in North Dakota he will retire from the position on the 1st of January, 1917. He still continues to engage in stock raising on his homestead and leases school land for pasture.

On the 15th of August, 1893, Mr. Ellickson was united in marriage to Miss Christina Quale, of Leland, Iowa, who was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, and was reared and educated in Winnebago county, Iowa. She taught school for fifteen terms in that state and in Wisconsin. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Quale, were natives of Norway and became pioneer settlers and farming people of Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Ellickson have been born six children, Chester C. J., Arthur L., Harold Ethon, Waldo Leander, Frederick Donald and Raymond T.

Politically Mr. Ellickson has always been a republican and is recognized as one of the local leaders of his party. He was one of the most popular men who ever held the office of sheriff in McKenzie county, possessing unflinching good nature together with the ability to promptly and efficiently execute the duties of the position, whereby he has won the esteem of the entire public. He has also served as township clerk, as township tax assessor and as school director when a resident of Winnebago county, Iowa. After taking up his abode in Thompson, Iowa, he was a member of the city council and was a director of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Schafer and the Elks lodge, No. 1214, at Williston and he belongs to the Lutheran church. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and he possesses many sterling qualities that are admirable and worthy of praise, winning for him a prominent position in public regard.

CHURCHILL I. BARD.

Churchill I. Bard, engaged in the real estate, insurance and loan business at Bowdon, is a representative of that class of men who recognize the opportunities offered in a new country and whose activities are constituting a strong element in substantial and permanent development. In the conduct of his business he has assisted many to secure farms or homes or to finance their interests until they have become paying propositions. Marked energy and enterprise have characterized his business undertakings at all times and he possesses, moreover, keen sagacity which enables him to quickly understand every phase of a business transaction. Illinois claims him as a native son. He was born in that state January 8, 1862. His father, Charles J. Bard, who was born in New York, removed to Illinois upon leaving the east and in the latter state remained until his death, which occurred about 1904, his attention throughout the intervening period being given to general farming, to manufacturing interests and to the amusement business. He wedded Catherine Kimmell, a native of Pennsylvania, who passed away in March, 1872. Their family numbered six children, of whom five are now living.

Churchill I. Bard, the third in order of birth, acquired a public school education in Illinois and afterward followed farming in Kansas for a period of eight years. The succeeding five years he spent in the amusement business with a traveling company, at the end of which time he went to Iowa, where he was again engaged in farming, remaining in that state for a period of two years.

On the 24th of August, 1890, Mr. Bard was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Davis, who was born in Ohio, March 4, 1862, a daughter of Allen and Elizabeth Davis, both of whom have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Bard have become the parents of three children: Eva K., born September 7, 1891; Ruth M., born September 22, 1893; and Elfleda, born March 9, 1896.

The year 1898 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Bard and his family in North Dakota, at which time he homesteaded the southwest quarter of section 24, township 145, range 71, Wells county, which tract of land is still in his possession. He continued to cultivate and improve the place until the fall of 1909, at which time he took up his abode in the town of Bowdon and in 1910 opened his real estate office. He still continues to actively handle farm and town property and he also is engaged in the loan and insurance business. At the

present time he has fourteen hundred and forty acres in Wells, Stutsman and Kidder counties, with over eleven hundred acres under cultivation. His farming interests are thus very extensive and the property returns to him a substantial financial income each year. He represents the National Insurance Company of Hartford.

In politics Mr. Bard is now an independent voter. He formerly gave stalwart allegiance to the democratic party but does not feel that he is in sympathy with the present party policy and in his voting, as in other relations of life, he stands firmly in support of his honest convictions, his position at no time being an equivocal one. His worth as a business man and citizen is widely acknowledged and Wells county numbers him among its representative residents.

WILSON McARTHUR LANCASTER, M. D.

Dr. Wilson McArthur Lancaster, who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Powers Lake, Burke county, North Dakota, was born in Culloden, Ontario, Canada, on the 25th of September, 1884, and is a son of Dr. D. H. Lancaster, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of Dr. Blake Lancaster elsewhere in this work. Our subject began his education in the public schools of Culloden and later attended the Telsonburg Collegiate Institute. Having decided to make the practice of medicine his life work, he entered the medical department of Western University at London, Ontario, Canada, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1909. Since then he has taken a post graduate course in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat at the Polyclinic Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Thus well equipped for his chosen profession, Dr. Lancaster opened an office at Powers Lake, North Dakota, in 1909, and has since engaged in general practice, though he specializes in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. By the perusal of medical journals he keeps in close touch with the advancement that is being made in his profession and is thoroughly up-to-date in his work. He was the first and is today the only physician of Powers Lake.

Dr. Lancaster was married in London, Ontario, August 15, 1912, to Miss Minnie E. Orchard, who was born in Holstein, Canada, but was reared and educated in London, Ontario, pursuing a collegiate course. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Orchard, were both natives of Ontario. Her mother is now deceased, but her father is still living and is now engaged in the implement business in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. Dr. and Mrs. Lancaster have two children: Aneline, born in Crosby, North Dakota; and Donald Blake, born in Powers Lake.

The democratic party finds in Dr. Lancaster a staunch supporter of its principles. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at White Earth, North Dakota, and the Modern Woodmen of America at Powers Lake, and in connection with his profession is identified with the Northwestern District Medical Association, the North Dakota Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a quiet, unassuming man and a very successful physician who commands respect wherever known.

T. B. TORGUSON.

T. B. Torguson is serving as postmaster of Addison and also conducts a well patronized general store there and is likewise secretary and treasurer of the Farmers elevator. He was born at Glenwood, Minnesota, on the 2d of October, 1875, a son of Andrew and Anna Torguson, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Wisconsin. Both, however, became residents of Minnesota in the pioneer days of that state, and the father is still living at Glenwood, but the mother has passed away. He is prominent in his community and for many years has held one or another county office, his repeated election to positions of trust indicating the esteem in which he is held and the confidence placed in his ability. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment of volunteer infantry, went to the front with his command and participated in much hard fighting.

T. B. Torguson is one of a family of six children, of whom five are still living. He remained at home until he became of age and then began his business career as a clerk in a store at Glenwood. In 1897 he removed to Hunter, North Dakota, and worked in the store belonging to J. H. Gale until 1899. In that year he located in Addison and went into business for himself, and he has since gained a gratifying success as a general merchant. He buys his stock with especial reference to the demands of his customers and he gives full value for money received. His fair dealing and reliability have also been factors in building up the large and representative patronage which he now enjoys and he is recognized as a man of business ability and enterprise. He owns the building in which his store is located and is also financially interested in the Farmers elevator, of which he is secretary and treasurer. In addition to looking after his business interests he is discharging the duties of postmaster of Addison.

In 1902 Mr. Torguson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sullivan, by whom he has six children: John P., Elizabeth G., Gladys M., Dorothy I., Marian M., and Eleanor M.

Mr. Torguson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held the offices of justice of the peace and constable and is now president of the school board. His wife is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. He is widely known throughout the county and is held in high esteem by all who come in contact with him and personally he is popular.

ALBERT JOHN ROSS.

Albert John Ross, presidential elector in 1916 and a well known banker of Stanley, was born in Willow Lake township, Redwood county, North Dakota, August 26, 1881, a son of George and Catherine (Gorres) Ross, natives of Luxemburg, Germany. They were married, however, in the United States and in early manhood the father engaged in farming but afterward conducted a livery stable and carried on a wood and coal business in Springfield, Minnesota, for a number of years. About 1904 he was made judge of the probate court of Brown county and is still acting in that capacity, he and his wife being numbered among the prominent and highly respected residents there. While residing in Springfield, Minnesota, he was a member of the city council for a number of years.

Albert J. Ross was the second in a family of five children and is the only son. At the usual age he entered the public schools of Springfield and in 1896 became a student in St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota, where he spent one term. He afterward attended Notre Dame University at Notre Dame, Indiana, and in 1902 was a student in the Minneapolis Business College. He remained at home until he attained his majority, when he was employed as agent for a large brewing company at Springfield, Minnesota, continuing there for two years. It was subsequent to that time that he attended business college for about four or five months and later he accepted the position of stenographer in the State Bank at Wabasso, Minnesota, remaining with that institution for about three years. He afterward spent an equal period as assistant cashier of the State Bank at Devils Lake and in 1909 he removed to Stanley, where he became cashier of the Citizens State Bank, in which capacity he still continues. He is conducting a general banking business and the firm also handles farm loans and lands. Mr. Ross has become the owner of some good farm property in North Dakota, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

On the 26th of November, 1906, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Catherine Helen Brophy, of Underwood, North Dakota, who was born near Springfield, Minnesota, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Fitzgerald) Brophy, natives of Ireland and of the state of New York respectively. They were married, however, in Iowa and the father for many years engaged in farming but later turned his attention to the implement business. He was but a young man when he came to the United States and his success has been won entirely on this side of the Atlantic. He now resides at Underwood, North Dakota, and is still in active business. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have become parents of four children: Dorothy Catherine, Elizabeth Mary, Margaret Josephine and Charlotte Helen, all at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally Mr. Ross is connected with the Elks lodge at Minot, the Modern Woodmen camp at Stanley,

of which he is clerk, and to two organizations to which none but Catholics are admitted—the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political allegiance is given the republican party and he is a present member of the city council of Stanley and chief of the Stanley fire department. He is recognized as one of the republican leaders of Mountrail county and at a recent meeting of the republican state central committee, held in Fargo, he was chosen one of the presidential electors. He is a man of considerable influence, alert and enterprising not only in business but in matters of citizenship as well, and at all times genial and courteous.

L. C. ROSS.

L. C. Ross, editor of the Record, a high class weekly newspaper published at Page, Cass county, North Dakota, was born in Grant City, Missouri, on the 8th of April, 1885. His parents, Robert B. and Emily C. (Downey) Ross, were natives respectively of Ohio and Illinois but in 1880 removed to Missouri, where both passed the remainder of their lives. To them were born eight children, of whom six survive.

L. C. Ross received his education in the common schools of Missouri and remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age. In 1905 he went to Lane, South Dakota, and became connected with journalistic interests there. Six years later, in September, 1911, he came to Page, North Dakota, and took charge of the Record, which he has since published. He understands thoroughly every phase of the newspaper business and has made the Record one of the best country papers in the state. The typographical work is excellently done, the events of interest in the locality and in the world at large are well covered, the editorials are clearly and forcefully written and the business affairs of the paper are ably managed. It is accorded a representative advertising patronage and its circulation is growing steadily.

On the 3d of June, 1915, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Ara L. Joseph, who was born in Illinois and is a daughter of W. C. and Ida (Parker) Joseph. In 1912 the family removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and settled upon a farm near Page, where Mr. and Mrs. Joseph are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross hold membership in the Baptist church and take a commendable interest in the furtherance of its work. He is a staunch republican in politics but has never sought office as a reward for his fealty. During the five years of his residence in Page he has been instrumental through the columns of his paper in bringing about advancement along a number of lines of activity and he is one of the leading citizens of the town. He is a young man but he has already accomplished a great deal and his friends predict for him continued success.

ARTHUR F. KLENK.

Arthur F. Klenk, publisher and editor of the Courtenay Gazette and actively concerned in promoting the development and progress of the town of Courtenay, was born in Connersville, Indiana, on the 18th of June, 1881, a son of Charles and Marie (Murray) Klenk. The public schools of his native city afforded him his educational privileges and following his graduation from the high school of Connersville he learned the furnishing trade. He did not follow that business, however, but began acquainting himself with the printing trade as an employe on the Connersville News. There he remained for three years, after which he removed to Shellyville, Indiana, where he worked on the Jeffersonian for about four years.

On the 12th of November, 1903, Mr. Klenk was married to Miss Kathleen Maple, a daughter of David and Nancy A. Maple, who are still residents of Indiana. Their daughter was born October 25, 1883, and passed away September 23, 1914.

Following his marriage Mr. Klenk removed to Anderson, Indiana, and was foreman of

the Gas Belt Labor News for a year and a half, at the end of which time he purchased the McKeown Printery, a job shop, which he conducted for about a year and then sold. He was afterward employed on the Bulletin in Anderson for a year or so and was then with the Keith Press in Chicago, being connected with the mechanical department for a year. Removing to Havre, Montana, he there installed a Simplex typesetting machine and continued in business in that place for about a year. In Minneapolis, to which city he then removed, he worked on the Tribune for a year and a half, after which he was connected with the Northwestern Miller, a magazine, for a similar period, being a linotype operator in the machine department. On leaving Minneapolis he went to Little Falls and took charge of the mechanical department of the Transcript, a newspaper, with which he was associated for a year, and in 1906 became a resident of Jamestown, North Dakota, and assumed the management of the Jamestown Daily Alert, which he continued to publish for six years. On the 1st of March, 1912, he bought the Courtenay Gazette, which he still publishes and edits. This paper was established in 1898 and during the last three years before Mr. Klenk took over the ownership it was conducted by Peter Schley, who published it and sold it to Mr. Klenk. The latter is doing a gratifying amount of job work. In his office he has a linotype machine and he publishes a good weekly paper which has a large circulation over the county and the southeastern part of the state. Almost intuitively he seems to gather the news in which the public is most interested and his discussion of topics of general concern is of an enlightening character. He has an individual electric light plant and his newspaper office in every particular is most thoroughly equipped, enabling him to turn out high grade, artistic work. The Gazette is published as an independent sheet although Mr. Klenk in exercising his right of franchise supports the men and measures of the republican party.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Klenk is a Mason, a Modern Woodman and an Odd Fellow, and in the first named he has attained high rank, belonging to the blue lodge, the chapter and the consistory at Jamestown. He not only recognizes the purpose of the order but exemplifies in his life its beneficent spirit. He gives to his reading public a paper which would be a credit to a city of much greater size than Courtenay and in all that he undertakes he manifests the spirit of modern progress and enterprise.

E. Q. POWLISON.

E. Q. Powlison, of Wheatland, Cass county, is connected with a number of business interests and has gained a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. He is president of the Wheatland Telephone Exchange and under his management the company is giving excellent service to its subscribers. His birth occurred in Arkansas on the 21st of August, 1849, and he is a son of Isaac V. and Sarah (Allen) Powlison. His parents, who were born in the state of New York, became residents of Arkansas in 1849 and three years later removed to Michigan, where they lived until 1883. In that year they came to North Dakota and settled on a farm in Cass county, where both passed their last days. Eight of their nine children are still living.

E. Q. Powlison remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-three years of age and then began running a dray in Galesburg, Michigan. He was so occupied until 1880, in which year he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and turned his attention to farming. After devoting a year to agricultural pursuits he became grain buyer for the Northern Pacific Elevator Company at Wheatland, a position which he held for seventeen years, proving very efficient in that capacity. After severing his connection with the elevator company he served for eleven years as postmaster and in 1904 he organized the Wheatland Telephone Exchange, of which he is president and which is doing a good business. He owns the telephone office and also holds title to his comfortable and substantial residence in Wheatland. In addition to looking after the interests of the telephone exchange he is engaged in the undertaking business and has gained a reputation for giving excellent service at reasonable rates.

Mr. Powlison was married in 1871 to Miss Sarah Wheeler, by whom he has two children:

Lina, the wife of Mart Minard, a resident of Michigan; and Cora, the wife of Claude Brewer, who is now living in the state of Washington. Mrs. Powlison died in 1876, and five years later Mr. Powlison married Miss Susie Mosher, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Alpheus A. and Susan (Willis) Mosher. Her parents, who were born in New York state, removed to Michigan and thence to Wisconsin, where both passed their last days. Mr. and Mrs. Powlison have had three children: Howard S.; Bessie H., the wife of Archie Whitmore, who is living in Montana; and George, deceased.

Mr. Powlison casts his ballot in support of the republican party and has served on the township board and on the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the local Masonic lodge, with the Royal Arch chapter at Casselton, and with Lodge No. 31, I. O. O. F., of Wheatland, in which he has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife are consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for twenty-five years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school, thus being an important factor in the moral development of the community. He is an excellent business man and a public-spirited citizen and in all relations of life has conformed his conduct to high ethical standards.

VICTOR WALLACE.

North Dakota offers splendid agricultural facilities and many men taking advantage of the opportunities here offered have won prosperity, if not wealth. Among the retired farmers living in Page is Victor Wallace, whose well directed labors have gained him position among the men of affluence in Cass county. He was born in Steuben county, New York, January 25, 1839, and has therefore passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. His parents were William and Paulina (Brayton) Wallace, who spent their entire lives in Steuben county and upon the old home farm there Victor Wallace was reared, while the public schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges.

In 1859 at the age of nineteen years he left home, making his way westward to Michigan, at which time he took up his abode near Dowagiac, Cass county, where he carried on farming. At the outbreak of the Civil war, in April, 1861, his patriotic spirit was aroused and he enlisted for active duty with the boys in blue, being mustered in as a member of Company E, Forty-second Illinois Infantry. The captain of the company took his men to Chicago, where they became members of the famous Douglas Brigade. Mr. Wallace was later promoted to corporal and subsequently became sergeant of his company. He participated in a number of hotly contested battles and after the close of active hostilities in 1865 the regiment was sent to Texas on provost duty and was not discharged until the 10th of January, 1866. Mr. Wallace was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga and still carries the bullet in his leg.

After receiving an honorable discharge Mr. Wallace returned to his Michigan home with a most creditable military record and continued to engage in farming there until 1883, when he came to North Dakota and purchased a relinquishment on a homestead in Rich township, Cass county. He filed upon that property, proved up his claim and soon after homesteading purchased another quarter section, the corners of the two properties adjoining. Five or six years later he purchased another quarter section adjoining the homestead on the north and he is still the owner of the entire tract of four hundred and eighty acres, from which he derives a very substantial annual income. Year after year he carefully, persistently and successfully tilled the soil and thereon resided until 1903, when he retired and removed to Page, where he has since made his home, enjoying a well earned rest, his former toil supplying him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator & Lumber Company of Page.

Mr. Wallace has always voted the republican ticket, giving stalwart support to the party which was the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war and which has always been the party of reform and progress. He has studied life in many of its phases and from his experiences has gleaned deductions which are the embodiment of sound philosophy. While farming he was not only working to produce good crops but was also



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thinking deeply, coming to the conclusion that "he who plows can produce anything, including health and happiness." He has also said, "It's the man that really counts in farming. Fertile land is necessary, but a master mind must solve the problem of production and marketing." That he was thinking in other veins is also evident from some of his philosophy: "The one principle that enables the world to run smooth is—Help. If that help is extended in courteous and tactful ways it adds materially to its ways. . . . It is far better to be right than popular, much as one may like to be popular, and in the effort to be right one may sometimes have to sacrifice temporary popularity." That Mr. Wallace is charitable in his opinions is indicated in the following: "It might be a profitable thing to study the virtues of people we dislike, for it might change our opinion of them to our own good." That he has studied governmental problems is indicated in his statement, "Liberty and justice are best preserved when the people and not an individual hold the reins of power." That he is not apathetic to the question of the improvement of highways is seen in his statement: "Good roads broaden our sympathy, lessen distance and increase our usefulness."

It was during his service in the army, while home on furlough, that Mr. Wallace was married on the 19th of October, 1864, to Miss Hannah L. Quimby, of Cass county, Michigan, and this union was blessed with four children: Rose, who is the wife of W. I. Warrey, of Alberta, Canada; Thomas, who departed this life June 3, 1872; Ernest D., who is engaged in farming in Rich township, Cass county; and Frank, who also follows farming in Rich township. There are also twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Wallace passed away July 14, 1916, at the age of seventy-one years, three months and six days, her death being the occasion of deepest regret to her many friends as well as to her immediate family. She left behind her the memory of a life that will remain as a benediction to all who knew her for years to come. Mrs. Wallace had been a member of the Page Baptist church from July 24, 1887, and was one of its active workers up to the time of her death, serving as clerk of the church for several years. She was also a prominent and earnest worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and her influence was ever a potent force for good along those and other lines. She was, moreover, the ideal wife and mother, her interest ever centering in her home. She did most wonderful needle work, showing the greatest skill in that regard, and many beautiful pieces were left by her to her children and friends. One of the most memorable events in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace was that which occurred October 19, 1914, on which day they celebrated their golden wedding, having completed fifty years of married life characterized by peaceful contentment, their love increasing year by year. There was the first celebration of the kind ever held in Page and on that occasion they entertained more than one hundred guests. All of their children were present as well as their grandchildren and one great-grandchild, so that the occasion was a happy family reunion as well as a wedding anniversary. Greeting was sent by Governor and Mrs. Hanna, who were unable to be present, and from other absent friends. The governor's letter read: "I only wish I might be with you on the 19th and if it were possible for me to get away I would do so, but unfortunately I have some previous engagements which I cannot break. I want to extend to you and Mrs. Wallace my very best wishes both from myself and Mrs. Hanna. With very best wishes to you both and wishing you all good health and happiness, I am, your friend, L. B. Hanna." One of the interesting features of the occasion was the reading of a poem entitled "Song of Our Hearts," composed by their grandson, Victor I. Warrey, as follows:

On this glorious Golden Wedding,
 Let us very thankful be,
 That we have our dear grandparents
 Here among us, you and me.

Let the bells peal out our gladness
 In an ecstasy of glee,
 Let their golden tongues remind us
 Of our joy, so fancy free.

Let us thank our Mighty Ruler
 That they're with us, still to love
 And beseech that we shall meet them
 In this Haven of Rest above.

One and all, we, this old couple,
 Love and cherish in each heart,
 And shall weep with grief and sorrow,
 When from them we have to part.

They have loved us all since childhood,
 Shared with us our joy and strife,
 Now they're nearing to that Sunset
 Which shall end their days of life.

But we hope to have them with us
 And can gather in their home,
 Many years we want them near us,
 'Fore their Spirits are called Home.

At this joyful Golden Wedding,
 We'll forget in light revels
 That this life consists of sorrows,
 And peal forth our joy like bells.

Let our gleeful voices tell them
 How we love to have them near,
 And we hope to gather 'round them
 On and on, for many a year.

HORACE CLARK, M. D.

Among the progressive and capable physicians of Cass county is Dr. Horace Clark, of Wheatland, who was born in Buffalo, New York, November 4, 1864. His parents, Lemuel B. and Mary (Woodruff) Clark, passed their entire lives in the Empire state. They were the parents of two children, both of whom are still living.

Dr. Horace Clark attended the common schools of New York in the acquirement of his elementary education and after completing his preparatory work entered Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine. He then became connected with a hospital in Boston and later was made assistant surgeon in a hospital in New York city, a position which he held for three years. At the end of that time he opened an office for the private practice of his profession in Buffalo, New York, where he remained until 1898. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he joined a cavalry regiment and was connected with that organization as surgeon for one year. On being discharged from the military service he removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, and practiced there for a year. Following his marriage, in 1901, he removed to Pierre, South Dakota, where he remained for four years, after which he purchased a ranch in Morton county, this state, which comprises six hundred and forty acres and which he still owns. The place is excellently improved and he devoted four years to its operation, but at the end of that time removed to Lemmon, South Dakota, where he engaged in practice and where he also served as surgeon for the railroad company, remaining there until 1911. Since that date he has resided in Wheatland and the confidence which the public has in his ability and conscientiousness is indicated by the large practice which he has built up in a comparatively short time. He is also examiner for a number of insurance companies.

Dr. Clark was married in 1901 to Miss Margaret Poltey, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of David and Margaret (Hunter) Poltey. Her father, who was born in the Badger state, is still living, but her mother, a native of Canada, is deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Clark have a daughter, Margaret Mabella, who is now attending high school in Jamestown.

Dr. Clark takes the interest of a good citizen in all affairs of public concern. He is a Master Mason, belonging to Lodge, No. 427, A. F. & A. M., at Pierre, South Dakota; and he is also identified with Lodge No. 444, B. P. O. E., of Iluron. He stands high in his chosen profession, and personally he is popular, as his dominating characteristics are such as invariably win respect and regard.

THOMAS W. CAHILL.

Thomas W. Cahill is a member of the firm of Tannas & Cahill, dealers in hardware, implements and automobiles at Ambrose, and he is finding that close application and indefatigable energy are a sure foundation upon which to build success. He was born at Waseca, Minnesota, and is the son of John and Ellen (Byron) Cahill. His grandparents were among the first pioneer settlers of Waseca county.

Spending his youthful days in his native town, Thomas W. Cahill mastered the branches of learning taught in its public schools, finishing the high school course in 1904. He then started out in business life as an employe in a lumberyard at Waseca, where he continued until 1906, when he removed to the new town of Ambrose, North Dakota, which was established in that year, becoming manager for the Rogers Lumber Company, which he represented until 1908. He then embarked in business on his own account as a dealer in hardware and implements, forming a partnership with E. A. Tannas, a pioneer merchant of the town. Their interests are conducted under the firm name of Tannas & Cahill, and they have built up a business of large and gratifying proportions.

Mr. Cahill is thoroughly progressive and has an energetic and determined ambition. He is the present mayor of Ambrose and in all his relations to the public he is actuated by a most loyal devotion to the general welfare and most commendable effort to aid in the further development and progress of his town. His fellow townsmen appreciative of his worth and ability have frequently called him to public office.

Mr. Cahill was married to Miss Genevieve King, of St. Paul, Minnesota, on the 24th of January, 1916. Mrs. Cahill is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is a daughter of the late Henry King of St. Paul.

HOWARD W. WALKER.

Throughout his business career Howard W. Walker has been identified with newspaper work and is today editor and proprietor of the Regan Headlight, published at Regan, North Dakota. He is a native of this state, born in St. Thomas in 1890, and is a son of P. W. Walker, whose birth occurred in Ontario, Canada. During the early '80s the father came to North Dakota and settled in the Red River valley at what is now St. Thomas, where he acquired a ranch and engaged in general farming. Later he conducted a store but was living retired in Dogden at the time of his death, which occurred in 1907. He married Miss Anna Keimott, who is also a native of Canada and is still a resident of Dogden. Her father, Dr. Keimott, was for fourteen years a physician for the Indians at the Fort Totten reservation and will long be remembered by the red men whom he helped there.

Howard W. Walker attended the public schools of Fargo and completed his education at the Fargo Agricultural College. At the age of fifteen years he began learning the printing business and established the first newspaper at Mott, North Dakota, which he conducted for about six months. Later he again attended school and on putting aside his textbooks went to Cando, being connected with the Cando Herald for eighteen months. At the end of that time he removed to Sandy, Montana, and was manager of the Bear Paw Mountaineer for

Paul Flint for eight months. On his return to North Dakota, he and Vern Rodman purchased the *Max Enterprise*, which they conducted for about a year, but at the end of that time Mr. Walker sold his interest in the business and bought the *Raleigh Herald* at Raleigh, North Dakota, which he published for two years. He then sold that paper and went to Taylor, where he was employed as manager of the *Taylor Leader* for a short time. In October, 1914, he removed to Regan and purchased the *Regan Headlight*, which he has built up from a practically dead sheet into one of the live journals of that section of the state, having a circulation of three hundred.

On the 9th of June, 1913, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Julia Rouning, who was born at Fergus Prairie, Minnesota, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Rouning, being among the early settlers of that state. Her father died in the winter of 1914, but her mother is still living and now resides in New England.

In politics Mr. Walker is a republican and he has filled the office of justice of the peace in his township. He is a prominent member of the Homesteaders of Regan and at present is serving as captain of the degree team. He is also a member of the Congregational church of Regan and does all in his power to promote the moral and material welfare of the community in which he lives.

CHARLES P. GETCHELL.

Charles P. Getchell, cashier of the State Bank of Wales, was born October 22, 1875, in Limestone, Aroostook county, Maine. At that time his grandfather, Dennis Getchell, was a member of the Maine state legislature. His father, Dennis Getchell, Jr., also a native of that state and a representative of one of its old families, was of Dutch and English descent. The Getchell's were originally English, but representatives of the name went with the colony to Holland, whence the founder of the family in America came prior to the Revolutionary war. Dennis Getchell, Jr., was a successful farmer of Maine and afterward of Whatcom county, Washington, where he took up a homestead in 1888, being one of the pioneer settlers of that district, where he is now living retired. He married Emily Styles, a native of Pennsylvania and a member of one of the old families of that state. Her father was of French lineage and her mother of Scotch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Getchell, Jr., became the parents of four children, and with the exception of Charles P., who is the eldest, the others are all residents of Washington.

Taken to that state by his parents when a lad of thirteen years, Charles Getchell pursued his education in the public schools of Blaine, Washington, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1893. His youthful experiences were those of the farm bred boy, and in his boyhood he worked in the fields and also in lumber mills of Puget Sound. In April, 1898, he removed with his family to Hannah, North Dakota, and became assistant cashier of the State Bank of Hannah and also assistant postmaster, filling these positions for three and one-half years. In the fall of 1901 he removed with his family to Wales and became cashier of the State Bank of Wales, which was established in the fall of 1901, Mr. Getchell becoming its first cashier. In fact he was one of the organizers and opened the bank, and his labors and efficiency have been salient elements in its continued growth and success.

It was at Bellingham, Washington, September 20, 1896, that Mr. Getchell was united in marriage to Miss Winifred McMillan, a native of Hamilton, North Dakota, and a daughter of John and Jemima (Frazier) McMillan, who were pioneer settlers of Pembina county, the father publishing one of the first newspapers in that county. He is now deceased, and the mother resides in Niles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Getchell have three children: Lenore Kathleen, born at Golden, British Columbia, February 26, 1898; Theodore Charles, born in Hannah, North Dakota, December 7, 1899; and Francis Winifred, born in Wales, North Dakota, May 4, 1906.

Mr. Getchell gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Commercial Club. He belongs also to the Masonic fraternity and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has

crossed the sands of the desert. His life is an admirable exemplification of the spirit and purposes of the craft. He is a believer in North Dakota and its future, and while he still retains the position of cashier of the State Bank of Wales, he now has his residence at 576 Belmont avenue, in Grand Forks.

HARRY J. BAKER, D. D. S.

Dr. Harry J. Baker, who is one of the leading dentists and representative citizens of Williston, was born August 7, 1880, in Milton Junction, Wisconsin, a son of Henry G. and Kate (Lembrick) Baker. The father was a native of New York, born, reared and educated near Plattsburg, that state. At the age of twenty-two years he removed to Milton Junction, Wisconsin, where he conducted a hotel for several years. After selling out he removed to Austin, Minnesota, where he bought a farm and engaged in its operation until 1906, since which time he has made his home in Austin. He was engaged in the coal business until 1914 but is now living retired in a fine residence at No. 400 South Main street. His wife was born in Germany and was eleven years of age when she came to the new world with her parents, the family locating on a farm near Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, where she grew to womanhood.

Dr. Baker was but six years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Wisconsin to Austin, Minnesota, where he attended the city schools. Later he was graduated from the East high school of Minneapolis and then entered the University of Minnesota as a student in the College of Dentistry, from which he was graduated with the D. D. S. degree in 1906. He at once opened an office in Mohall, North Dakota, but remained there only one year, coming to Williston in 1907. He has a well equipped office, supplied with all modern appliances known to his profession, and has built up an extensive practice among the best people of the community. He is a skilled dentist and the success that has come to him is justly merited.

On the 5th of December, 1911, the Doctor married Luella M. Davidson. They have a little son, Harry Davidson Baker. Dr. Baker is a prominent member of Williston Lodge, No. 1214, B. P. O. E. He has taken all of the degrees of the Scottish Rite at Grand Forks and is a member of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In connection with his profession he is identified with the North Dakota Dental Association and National Dental Association, and he stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren as well as the general public.

HON. WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

William Sinclair, cashier of the First State Bank of Cleveland, secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company and extensively engaged in farming in Stutsman county, was born on the Orkney islands, in the northern part of Scotland, August 14, 1871, but since 1872 has resided on the American continent and in 1883 became a resident of North Dakota. His parents, Malcolm and Mary (Tomlinson) Sinclair, crossed the Atlantic to Canada in 1872 and established their home near Toronto, Canada, where they remained until 1883 and then brought their family to North Dakota, taking up their residence ten miles south of Cleveland. There the father secured a homestead claim and with characteristic energy began the cultivation of a tract which hitherto had been wild and undeveloped. His labors resulted in converting the raw land into productive fields and thereon he continued to the time of his death, which occurred in the spring of 1899. His widow long survived him and died in March, 1915.

William Sinclair was the youngest in a family of seven children, of whom six are living. He pursued his education in the schools of Canada and also spent a year in study in North Dakota. His training at farm work was not meager, for he early began to assist his father in the development of the fields and continued to work on the home farm in that way until his father's death, when he assumed the management of the property and cultivated the

farm until 1913. He then rented the place but in 1916 again assumed personal management and responsibility in the care of the farm. He had his father's farm of three hundred and twenty acres and upon the death of his mother inherited her homestead of a quarter section. He also purchased eighty acres on section 14, Sinclair township, and afterward bought section 11, which was railroad land. He also filed on a homestead and proved up on the property, thus securing a quarter section, and he purchased another half section south of the home place, so that his holdings now embrace sixteen hundred and eighty acres and he is accounted one of the most progressive, extensive and successful agriculturists of Stutsman county. He has employed the most progressive methods in his farm work and the result of his practical and progressive labors is seen in highly cultivated fields, which annually return to him golden harvests. His business affairs are most wisely directed and energy and determination have placed him in a most conspicuous and honorable position among the business men of the county. He is also secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company and in addition is conducting banking, real estate and insurance interests. The First State Bank of Cleveland, of which he is cashier, was organized March 16, 1916, with a capital of fifteen thousand dollars, the other officers being: J. J. Nierling, president; C. R. Hodge, vice president; and R. G. Leuzinger, assistant cashier. In connection with banking a real estate and insurance department is maintained and the business is growing steadily.

On the 22d of June, 1916, Mr. Sinclair was married to Miss Etta Jane Webster, of Fort Ripley, Minnesota. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has been a most active worker in its ranks. In 1892 he was chosen school clerk in his district and still occupies that position. He was made assessor of the second commission district and occupied that position for six years, while still further honors awaited him, for in 1907 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, in which he served for two terms. He studied closely the questions which came up for consideration and gave stalwart allegiance to those proposed laws which he believed would in any way benefit the commonwealth. He also did important committee work as a member of the committee on railroads and appropriations. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, the Elks and the Masons, his membership in the last two organizations being at Jamestown. There are few phases of public activity with which he has not been identified and his qualities ever ensure him leadership. He has left the impress of his individuality upon the material, social and political progress of town and county, nor has his influence been restricted to this district, for as a member of the state legislature he became active in the work of shaping the policy of the commonwealth in regard to many vital things.

CLEMENT L. WALDRON.

Clement L. Waldron, states attorney at Beach, recognized as one of the ablest members of the bar of Golden Valley county, where he is also extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, was born at Great Bend, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1884. His father, Arthur K. Waldron, a native of Hamilton county, New York, removed westward with his family in 1886 settling in Nebraska, where he remained until death ended his labors in 1908. He devoted his life to railroading and thus provided for his family. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Carrie N. Boone, was also a native of the state of New York and passed away in 1908.

Clement L. Waldron, the elder of two children, was educated in the schools of Nebraska and in the Nebraska State University, from which he won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1906. He also received the Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1907. Returning to Omaha, Nebraska, he was there admitted to the bar in 1908 and practiced law in that city for about four years. In April, 1911, he arrived in Beach, where he opened an office and has since followed his profession, gaining wide recognition as a skilled and able lawyer well qualified to handle intricate and complex legal problems. He is very careful in preparing and analyzing his cases and his deductions are at all times sound and logical. In connection with his practice he is extensively interested in agricultural pursuits, having about one thousand acres of land under cultivation. In addition he is also engaged

in stock raising, having a ranch of twenty-five hundred acres in Montana on which he raises registered Hereford cattle. He also raises horses and hogs and makes a specialty of registered Duroc Jerseys. His live stock interests constitute an important branch of his business and are bringing to him well merited success.

In 1911 Mr. Waldron was united in marriage to Miss Ramona Taylor, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Taylor, who are still residents of Omaha, where the father is engaged in the general mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron have become parents of a daughter and son, Dorothy M. and Taylor.

Politically Mr. Waldron is a republican and to his party gives stalwart support. He is now serving as states attorney of Golden Valley county and in the spring of 1916 he retired from the office of city attorney. His record as a public official has been characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. He holds to high professional standards and there are few practitioners more careful to conform their work to the ethics of the profession. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Sunset Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., at Beach and also to the Woodmen of the World. He has membership in the Episcopal church, in which he has been called to office, and he stands at all times for those things which are of greatest value in advancing the material, intellectual, political, social and moral interests of the community. He has steadily worked his way upward since his admission to the bar. Entering upon a profession in which advancement depends entirely upon individual merit, he realized that industry is just as essential in law practice as in other lines and he has been a diligent worker, as is evidenced in his clear and forceful presentation of his causes before the courts. In 1907 he held the University of Wisconsin political economy fellowship and eight years' work in college is credited to him. During the session of the Wisconsin legislature in 1907 he was connected with that body and had charge of the preparation of various bills relating to the regulation of corporations. All these things constituted a preparation for his active life work and in the field of law his advancement has been continuous, bringing him to a prominent position among the ablest attorneys of the northwestern part of the state.

HENRY ERVIN DELAMETER.

Henry Ervin Delameter, who is devoting his time and attention to farming in Benson county, was one of the first settlers of the county and throughout the period of his residence there has consistently supported those movements making for general prosperity. He was born in Delaware county, New York, November 15, 1870, and is a son of John and Catherine (Scheerder) Delameter, the former born in Middletown, Delaware county, New York, May 17, 1840, and the latter at Davenport, Delaware county, New York, August 17, 1841. The paternal grandfather was born at Middletown, New York, March 19, 1799, and was married May 16, 1819, to Rachel Beeman, whose birth occurred at Freehold, Greene county, New York, June 9, 1800, and to Eda Ward, April 11, 1850. She was born at Hamden, Delaware county, New York, March 1, 1795. John Delameter, the father, served in the Civil war for four years and five months as a member of the Third New York Cavalry and his record is that of a gallant and faithful soldier. In 1881 the family removed west to Missouri and for seven years resided near Utica, Livingston county. Soon after the death of the mother, which occurred there February 21, 1888, the father and two sons, Henry E. and Melvin E., came to North Dakota, arriving at York, Benson county, on the 21st of July of that year. The father purchased a relinquishment from H. A. Nicholson, now of Crary, North Dakota, who had squatted on the present town site of Knox. The land was still unsurveyed and there were only a few white settlers in the county. John Delameter subsequently homesteaded his tract and still later platted the town of Knox, where he and his sons, Henry E., and Melvin E., established a general mercantile business which they conducted for ten years and which was the only store in the town. Melvin E. Delameter was also postmaster at Knox for seventeen years. In the death of John Delameter, on the 31st of December, 1915, Benson county lost one of its leading citizens and the news of his demise brought a sense of personal bereavement to many. His son, Melvin E. Delameter, was born at Walton, New York, March 14, 1868, and died at Knox, January 26, 1906.

Henry E. Delameter acquired his education in the public schools but when quite young became connected with his father in merchandising and thus continued until 1908, when his father removed to Santa Rosa, California. Henry E. Delameter then disposed of the mercantile business and established the Knox Telephone Exchange and also purchased the Knox Advocate, which he still owns. He has also since engaged in farming in Benson county and has much valuable land. His son, Theron L., is now editor of the Knox Advocate. In all of his business enterprises, as merchant, farmer and newspaper owner, Henry E. Delameter has directed his affairs wisely, studying conditions carefully and keeping in touch with up-to-date methods.

In 1891 Mr. Delameter was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Stewart, of Island Lake, North Dakota, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Theron L., editor of the Knox Advocate; Vera G., the wife of Lawrence Windle, who is engaged in the elevator business in Knox; Gladys M., the wife of Dr. W. P. Nelson, of Knox; Roland E., Loren H. and Merlin E., all at home; and John Carlisle, who was born March 31, 1902, and passed away on the 17th of February, 1905.

Mr. Delameter is a staunch republican and while not an office seeker has been active for years in public affairs. He takes special interest in everything pertaining to the schools and is now a member of the board of education. He has a number of fraternal affiliations, belonging to Knox Lodge, No. 122, I. O. O. F.; Knox Encampment, No. 27; Wolford Canton, No. 6; and the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has served as clerk for many years. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian church and in the local lodges of the Maccabees and Royal Neighbors. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the country and his admirable qualities have won him a high place in the regard of his fellowmen.

FRANK ASBURY WARDWELL.

Frank Asbury Wardwell, who for more than twenty years has been auditor for the city of Pembina, was born in Bucksport, Maine, December 23, 1844, a son of Rev. Lorenzo D. and Mary (Lavallee) Wardwell, the former for forty years a Methodist minister of the East Maine Conference. Frank A. Wardwell pursued his education in the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport and in the Normal School at St. Cloud, Minnesota. From 1860 until 1864 he was a sailor on merchant ships and crossed the equator in the Indian ocean four times, in the Atlantic three times and in the Pacific once, which facts indicate his many voyages to distant lands. From December 2, 1864, until January 12, 1868, he was a seaman in the United States navy. For six months he served in a clerical capacity and later was a seaman on the United States Steamship Tuscarora, cruising around South America and the South Sea islands, including the Friendly, Society and Fiji groups. Following his discharge he spent a year in school and then went to the south, remaining in Mississippi for some months, after which he became infected with malaria and returned to Maine, passing through Chicago the night previous to the great Chicago fire.

In June, 1872, Mr. Wardwell arrived in the Red River valley and took a soldier's homestead near Hawley, Minnesota. He worked on the Northern Pacific Railroad, which had been built as far as Moorhead the previous winter. After spending his first summer in North Dakota in that way he secured the position of teacher in a country school at Clearwater, Minnesota. He alternately taught school, "bached" on the homestead and attended the Minnesota State Normal for the next three years. In June, 1877, he took up his abode at Pembina, where he continued as a public school teacher for four years. He was probably the first male teacher within the territory now included within the boundaries of North Dakota, a state that today numbers fifteen thousand public school teachers. Mr. Wardwell was also the first county superintendent of schools who performed any active duties, there being but three or four organized school districts in the county. In 1881 he was appointed deputy county treasurer and at the ensuing election was elected county treasurer, which position he filled for two terms. He has filled minor offices and during the administration of Governor Burke was appointed oil inspector, while for more than twenty years he has been auditor of Pembina. In April, 1887, in company with Gunder G. Thompson, under

the firm name of Wardwell & Thompson, he purchased The Pioneer Express, a weekly paper which was a consolidation of The Pembina Pioneer, established in 1878 by P. L. Gatchell, and the Northern Express, established two years later by R. H. Young at Drayton. The latter had bought out Mr. Gatchell, who sold the paper to Wardwell & Thompson, who continued to publish The Pioneer Express to the present time as a straight republican paper. Thus for more than twenty-nine years Mr. Wardwell has been continuously connected with the paper, which he has made an important organ for the upbuilding of his section of the state as well as a source of individual income.

At Pembina, on the 28th of January, 1878, Mr. Wardwell was married by the Rev. Scott, of the Presbyterian church, to Winnie Chaffee, of Fairhaven, Minnesota, a daughter of Sidney and Nancy Jane (Maxwell) Chaffee, the former a brother of Lieutenant General Adna R. C. Chaffee, for some time commander of the United States army. The following sons and daughters have been born of this marriage: Sidney L.; James C.; Frank A.; Fred; Theodore M.; Robert H.; Adna R. C.; Birdie, who is the wife of J. T. Cockburn; Edith; Mabel, who gave her hand in marriage to E. L. Fiddelke; and Majorie. For about ten years Mr. Wardwell has been a director of the State Historical Society and is deeply interested in the history of North Dakota, having from pioneer times been closely associated with the work of development and progress in the state.

JOHN D. MILNE.

John D. Milne, cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Langdon, was born December 3, 1867, at Chesley, Ontario, a son of the late Andrew Milne, a native of Scotland, who in 1857 became a pioneer agriculturist of Ontario, Canada, where he successfully carried on business. In politics he was identified with the reform party and his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. He died at Chesley, August 27, 1912, at the age of eighty-four years, having continuously resided there for fifty-five years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Annie Copland, is a native of Scotland and in 1858 came to America, settling at Guelph, Ontario, where she married Mr. Milne. They were childhood friends in Aberdeen and sweethearts ere he left that country. She still occupies the old home at Chesley.

John D. Milne was the fourth in order of birth in their family of nine children, all of whom are yet living. He pursued his education in the public schools of Chesley and in the high school at Mount Forest and his early life was spent upon the home farm. When sixteen years of age he put aside the work of the fields and secured a clerkship in a general store at Durham, Ontario, after which he became manager for Simon Siess, a wholesale clothier and haberdasher of Denver, Colorado, in which city he continued for two years or until the financial panic of 1893, when the business was discontinued. Mr. Milne then came to North Dakota, settling at Langdon, where he arrived May 27, 1894. In October, 1895, he became associated with the Citizens State Bank of Langdon as assistant cashier and after occupying that position for six years was elected to the office of cashier, which position he has since satisfactorily filled, developing the bank's business during this period from seven thousand dollars deposits to four hundred thousand dollars. The bank is capitalized for thirty thousand dollars, has a surplus and undivided profits of about nine thousand five hundred dollars and its deposits amount to about three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Milne is also the vice president and one of the directors of the State Bank of Hannah and a director of the Citizens Bank of Hannah, the State Bank of Sarles and a director of the First National Bank of Langdon, thus becoming closely associated with the banking interests of Cavalier county and that section of the state. He also has large farming interests in Cavalier county, embracing three entire sections of land.

On the 8th of February, 1897, in Langdon, Mr. Milne was married to Miss Sadie Hewes, a native of Davenport, Iowa, and a daughter of the late William Hewes, who belonged to a pioneer family of Iowa and was a Civil war veteran. Her mother is Mrs. Frances (Fish) Hewes and still resides in Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Milne have four living children:

Jessie E., Ida F., John A., and Margaret I., aged respectively seventeen, sixteen, fourteen and seven years.

Politically Mr. Milne is a republican and for the past eighteen years has been city treasurer of Langdon. Throughout his entire life he has taken an active and helpful interest in politics and has done everything in his power to promote civic standards. He has also been treasurer of the school board of Langdon for the past eighteen years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He belongs to the Commercial Club and he has membership with the Odd Fellows and the Masons. He was made a Mason in Langdon, February 7, 1897, has taken the Consistory degrees in Grand Forks and also belongs to Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. His life is an exemplification of the principles of this fraternity. He started out in life a poor boy and his success is due to his own efforts. Gradually he has worked his way steadily upward and his life proves that power grows through the exercise of effort. He has qualified himself for the solution of important problems by the faithful performance of each day's duties and thus he has gained courage, inspiration and strength for the labors of the succeeding day until in business circles he now occupies a most enviable position as a representative of the banking interests of his section of the state.

PETER G. VILDMO.

Peter G. Vildmo, as a member of the firm of Walla & Vildmo of Watford City, is conducting one of the leading general stores of McKenzie county, and business enterprise and a progressive spirit have brought him more and more to the front as a representative merchant and business man of his district. He was born in Norway, October 25, 1868, and is a son of Anton and Christine (Vildmo) Peterson. The father was born and educated in Norway and there followed farming to the year 1882, when he came to the new world, settling first at Fargo and afterward at Horace, North Dakota, where he remained for a year. In 1883 he homesteaded in Sargent county, near Rutland, and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until death terminated his labors in 1888. His widow, also a native of Norway, in which country they were married, is now living at Gonvick, Minnesota.

Peter G. Vildmo remained in Norway to the age of fourteen years and then accompanied his parents to the new world, after which he became a pupil in the district schools of this state. Later he went to Concordia College at Moorhead and for a short time was employed in a general store. He next made his way to the mountains of Oregon, where he engaged in prospecting for gold for three years, and upon his return eastward he settled at Horace, Cass county, North Dakota. Later he went to McKenzie county with friends to look over the land but with no intention of locating there, but the prospects seemed favorable and he filed on a homestead twelve miles north of Schafer. While proving up on that property he bought a half interest in the general store located at Farland and became a partner of Jens G. Walla, under the firm name of Jens G. Walla & Company. They conducted an important and profitable business and in 1914, when Watford City was laid out, the firm removed to the new town and changed their name to Walla & Vildmo, under which title they have since conducted their interests. They now have one of the leading general stores of McKenzie county and are accorded a very liberal patronage.

On the 10th of March, 1910, Mr. Vildmo was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Aagvik, of Williston, North Dakota, who was born and educated in Norway and in young womanhood became a resident of this state, arriving in 1908 in company with her brother, who had come to the new world a number of years before but had returned to Norway on a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Vildmo have three children: Agdis Caspara, Jessie Georgina and Margaret Pauline.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Vildmo is a charter member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Watford City. His political support is given to the republican party and he has served as tax assessor of his township but he is not ambitious in the line of office holding, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon his business affairs. He is a man of dignified manner, conservative and well balanced, and is a constant

worker for his business, acting as manager of the store, while his partner lives on the farm. He also recognizes the duties and obligations of citizenship and cooperates in many plans and measures that seek the welfare and upbuilding of town and county.

MAJOR JOHN DICK BLACK.

Military prowess has been the theme of song and story from earliest ages and there are but few who are not inspired by tales of valor and loyalty displayed on the field of battle. A splendid record is the military history of Major John Dick Black, a veteran of both the Civil and Spanish-American wars and one justly to be proud of. He was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1841. His paternal grandfather, David Black, was born in Donegal, Ireland, and both he and his wife were of Scotch-Irish parentage. The maternal grandfather, William Jones, was a native of Pennsylvania, and this "Fighting Quaker" was one of the three men who first settled near Meadville and was burned out and driven back to Fort Duquesne by the Indians on three different occasions, returning each time and dying there at the age of nearly ninety years. The maternal grandmother was a descendant of the Virginia Randolphs.

Major Black's father, William Black, and mother, Phoebe (Jones) Black, were born near Meadville, Pennsylvania. Early in life he turned his attention to farming and stock, conducting an extensive business in horses and cattle and marketing them in Philadelphia. He was accidentally killed by an engine when seventy-six years of age. The wife and mother soon following him to that bourn whence no traveler returns.

Major Black, the youngest of eight children, completed his education at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, at the age of seventeen years. His desire was to take up the study of medicine but was unable to as at this time medical students were required to be twenty-one years of age in order to matriculate. In the interim he decided to learn a trade and took up that of a tinsmith. He never studied medicine, as on April 15, 1861, three days after Fort Sumter was fired upon he responded to the first call of Lincoln for seventy-five thousand troops and enlisted as a member of Company H of the Erie Zouaves, under the command of Captain John Landsworth and Colonel John W. McLean. He was elected first corporal at the organization of the company and soon afterward appointed lieutenant. At the expiration of three months the regiment was mustered out, Major Black then reentered the service as first lieutenant of Company E, One Hundred Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was mustered in at Erie, Pennsylvania, and almost immediately ordered to the front. Six days after leaving Erie, they took part in the battle of Antietam, after which they were ordered to Harper's Ferry and assigned to the First Division of the Second Army Corps, General Winfield S. Hancock commanding. To this First Division of the Second Corps Colonel Fox in his "History of the Casualties of the War" gives the credit of being "the fighting division of the fighting corps of the entire armies." Major Black took part in all the battles in which the Army of the Potomac, to which the Second Corps belonged, participated. He was appointed adjutant of his regiment the morning of the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, where the division lost fifty-six per cent of its enlisted men and sixty-three per cent of its officers in the assault on Mary's Heights. The One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania lost in this engagement nine commissioned officers killed on the field—the greatest loss in any one regiment during a single battle in the Civil war. Major Black participated altogether in forty-one engagements. At Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, he received a shell wound on the left arm, the same piece of shell killing Major Patton by his side. At Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, his regiment charged through the wheat field on the right and in front of Devil's Den he was shot through the left lung and lay on the field between the lines from four o'clock in the afternoon until one o'clock the next day before being taken to the field hospital, where he remained six days before his wound was attended to by a surgeon. He reported for duty again in September and joined his command. In the spring of 1864 he was detailed as acting assistant adjutant general of the Fourth Brigade under General John R. Brooks and remained in that connection until detailed April 13, 1864, as aid-de-camp on the staff of

General Francis C. Barlow, commanding the First Division of the Second Army Corps, on whose staff he remained until, on account of illness, General Barlow was relieved August 25, 1864, by General Nelson A. Miles. On June 21, 1864, Major Black received a wound in the right side and chest during the siege of Petersburg. He rejoined his command at Strawberry Plains August 22, 1864, participating three days later in the battle of Reams Station, where "for gallant services and meritorius conduct" he was appointed a "captain of volunteers by brevet" by President Lincoln, later being assigned to duty according to his brevet rank. General Miles in relieving General Barlow of command of the First Division of the Second Army Corps retained Major Black as a member of his personal staff with whom he remained until the close of the war. On April 2, 1865, "for conspicuous bravery and valuable services and for meritorius conduct during the battle at Sutherland Station, Virginia," he was appointed a major of volunteers by brevet by President Lincoln. While serving on the staffs of Generals Barlow and Miles during the campaign of 1864 and 1865, Major Black had five horses shot under him, a fact which indicates he was certainly in the thickest of the battles.

On May 19, 1865, following the surrender of the Confederate Army at Appomattox and the return of the army to Washington, General Miles was ordered south under sealed orders to be opened at the expiration of twelve hours. By a special order from the secretary of war, Major Black, whose regiment had been ordered mustered out, was retained in the service and was ordered to accompany him. The sealed orders contained the appointment of General Miles as commander of the military district of eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Fortress Monroe, and instructions to remove Jefferson Davis, late president of the Confederacy, and Clement C. Clay, supposed to have been implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln, from the steamer Clyde, which had just arrived in Hampton Roads from Savanna, Georgia, and confine them within the fort. Major Black's duties at Fortress Monroe were those of inspector general of the military district of eastern Virginia and the additional daily duty of interviewing the state prisoners, Davis and Clay. The result of the interview, including the surgeon's report, was made the subject of a daily report by General Miles to Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war.

On December 1, 1865, Major Black tendered his resignation and returned to Union City, Pennsylvania. He had rendered to his country most valuable and valiant service and well merited the release from further military duty when the war had ended and the country no longer needed his services. Taking up the pursuits of civil life, he engaged in the hardware business. On July 31, 1867, he was appointed postmaster of Union City.

Early in 1867 Major General Miles, then colonel of the Fortieth United States Infantry, was detailed commissioner of the state of North Carolina in the Freedmen's Bureau, and he again appointed Major Black on his staff, in the capacity of assistant superintendent of education of the state, the duties involved being the establishing of schools for the freed men. While engaged in these duties Major Black had the honor of receiving an imperative order from the famous "Ku Klux Klan" to "at once leave the state or death would be his doom." During the continuance of the bureau he remained in North Carolina and afterward returned to Union City, Pennsylvania.

On March 9, 1869, Major Black was married to Miss Selenda Gibson Wood, of Buffalo, New York—a quiet, book-loving woman with high Christian ideals and of unusual charm. They became residents of the middle west in September, 1869, when they located at Mount Vernon, Illinois, where for five years Major Black was engaged in the hardware and agricultural implement business, and where their son, Nelson Miles Black, was born January 21, 1870.

The ravages of malaria made it necessary to change to a more healthful climate and they moved to Union City, Michigan, in 1874, where Major Black continued in the hardware business. The agricultural implement business having brought him in close contact with agricultural pursuits and having read the glowing accounts of the wonderful farming lands in North Dakota, he decided to cast his lot with the "humble tillers of the soil" and in 1880 came to North Dakota, reaching Valley City, March 28. He located southwest of Valley City with a colony of southern Michigan people. Bachelor quarters were maintained during the first year spent in North Dakota in conjunction with a friend and neighbor, Ira S. Lampman. A crop of wheat and oats were raised on rented land furnishing seeds for the

sixty acres broken during the summer on his own claim and feed until the new crop was harvested.

The winter of 1880 and 1881 was spent in Union City, Michigan, and in the spring his family, consisting of Mrs. Black and their son, and the Misses Louise and Kate Black, sisters of the Major, accompanied him to the new home in the west. In her new environment, notwithstanding the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, Mrs. Black was the same happy, loving wife and mother, and a neighbor greatly loved and respected by all who knew her. No one could cross her threshold and not feel at home, her bright and cheerful manner never failed to win its way straight to the heart. Nor did she fail in her Christian ideals. There being no church nearer than eight miles, she was the first to organize religious meetings, which were held in her own home most of the time for two years. In January, 1883, God in his wisdom called this brave, loving, Christian woman from her loved ones and friends.

Following his mother's death, the son, Nelson Miles Black, then thirteen years of age, accompanied his mother's sister, Mrs. C. L. Sherwood, to her home at Dowagiac, Michigan, where he finished his early education at the high school. He graduated in pharmacy at the Illinois College of Pharmacy, a department of the Northwestern University in 1890 as a preliminary course to the study of medicine. He then returned to Valley City and spent two years working as deputy register of deeds of Barnes county under his father, who had been elected to that office in 1888, and by reelection and appointment continued in office for eight years. During this time he made the first set of abstract books of the county, continuing in the abstract business in conjunction with his farming until 1912. In the fall of 1892 the son went to Philadelphia, where he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and was given his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1894. The following two years were spent in St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis. He then returned to Philadelphia and took a post graduate course, making a special study of the eye and ear. After spending a year in St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and Wills' Eye hospital, in Philadelphia, Dr. Black associated himself with Dr. H. V. Wurdemann, of Milwaukee, a very noted specialist in diseases of the eye and ear, and it was here that he was located when the war broke out with Spain.

Major Black and his son Nelson, had been members of the National Guard of the territory of Dakota and of the state of North Dakota from the time of its organization. The Major filled the various positions at different times of captain in command of the Valley City company, captain and quartermaster of the North Dakota regiment, and at the time of the declaration of war with Spain was senior aid-de-camp on the staff of Governor Briggs, and during the temporary absence of the governor on account of failing health, took active part in the organization and equipping of the First Regiment North Dakota Volunteers.

Dr. Black entered the National Guards of North Dakota at the age of fifteen years as a musician and continued his connection with them until he left for the east to study medicine, when he was honorably discharged. During his internship at St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, he was a member of the Minnesota Guards in the capacity of Hospital Steward of the First Regiment and later first lieutenant and assistant surgeon. In his new home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he became a member of the famous Light Horse Squadron of the Wisconsin Guards, remaining a member of the troop until his appointment as captain and assistant surgeon of the First Regiment National Guards of North Dakota to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Captain Herrick of Lisbon. At the declaration of war with Spain, Dr. Black at once abandoned practice in Milwaukee and returned to Valley City. At Fargo, during the mobilization of the regiment, he was detailed by the secretary of war as medical examiner for his regiment and the two troops recruited for Grigsby's Regiment of Rough Riders. The record for good health which the North Dakota regiment gained in the Philippines is a tribute to the thoroughness with which Captain Black performed his duties in this connection. The regiment was assigned to the Department of the Pacific and arrived in San Francisco, May 30, 1898.

Two days later Captain Black, having seen on the bulletin board the order appointing his father a chief commissary of subsistence with the rank of major in the volunteer service, wired his congratulations, which was the first intimation Major Black had of his

appointment, which was the result of his having again tendered his services to the government. Reporting at the war department at Washington, D. C., June 8, 1898, Major Black, on June 24th by a special order from the secretary of war, was directed to "report in person to the Major General commanding the Army, for assignment to duty." Reporting to Major General Nelson A. Miles, he was by him made a member of his staff and accompanied the General on the expedition to Porto Rico by way of Santiago, Cuba.

On July 23, 1898, while en route to Porto Rico, the following order was promulgated "Major John D. Black, Chief Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. V., is hereby appointed an Acting Assistant Quartermaster. He will take charge of the unloading of all the property and supplies on board the transports and will see to their proper distribution and storage. After the transports are unloaded and ready for sea, he will give the necessary orders directing them to proceed to their destination." He remained in Porto Rico until after the signing of the peace protocol. On August 22, 1898, he turned over to his successor in office all stores and supplies in compliance with the following order: "Major John D. Black, Chief Commissary of Subsistence U. S. V. is hereby relieved from duty as Acting Assistant Quartermaster and Commissary of Subsistence in connection with the Porto Rico expedition. The Major General commanding appreciates the arduous and very efficient services rendered by this officer in unloading troops, supplies, etc., at the ports of Guanica and Ponce." He then returned with the general commanding to army headquarters in Washington, where he remained until he closed his connection with the army by a semi-official trip to the Philippine islands. That Major Black's services were appreciated by his commanding officer is shown by the following, which is a copy of the original:

"Headquarters of the Army, Washington, November 19, 1898.

"The Honorable, The Secretary of War.

"Sir:

"I have the honor to recommend that the following named officers be breveted as indicated below: To be lieutenant colonel of volunteers, Major John D. Black, for distinguished and valuable services as commissary of subsistence during the campaign in Porto Rico.

"Very respectfully,

"NELSON A. MILES,

"Major General Commanding.

"Official:

"H. H. Whitney,

"Assistant Adjutant General."

There are not many men who, like Major Black, have gained brevet promotion for distinguished services in two wars. On his arrival in the Philippine islands he found his son, to whom his visit was a complete surprise, as acting assistant chief surgeon of the expeditionary forces to the province of Cavite. Captain Black had been on detached service from his regiment during the mobilization in San Francisco, returning to the regiment during the voyage across the Pacific and again being detached on his arrival in the islands in the various capacities as assistant chief operation field hospital Second Brigade, First Division, Eighth Army Corps, during the battle of Manila and until the army occupied Manila. He was then given charge of one of the wards of the First Division Hospital, Eighth Army Corps, which position he occupied until the breaking out of the insurrection, when he was appointed chief of ambulance on the staff of Major General Arthur McArthur in command of the Second Division, Eighth Army Corps, and with whom he remained until ordered on sick leave to Japan in May, 1899. Upon his return he was ordered to report to his regiment and after three days was again ordered on detached service with the Fourth United States Infantry as regimental surgeon on the Morong campaign. Upon the return of that expedition he was ordered with General Lawton's Cavite expedition. That his services were recognized on this expedition is in evidence by the following communication and extract from the report of the general commanding:

"Headquarters First Division, Eighth Army Corps, Manila, P. I., December 18, 1899.

"Captain N. M. Black, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

"Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the division commander, Major General Henry W. Lawton, U. S. Volunteers, in his final report of an expedition to the province of

Cavite, Luzon, P. I., June 10th to 22nd, 1899, dated October 9th, 1899, recommended you for brevet major United States Army."

The following is an extract from the general's report:

Cavite Expedition.

"I wish to commend to your favorable notice Captain N. M. Black, assistant surgeon, for very efficient service on the battle field." (Appendix, 268c.)

"Very respectfully,

"Clarence R. Edwards,

"Lieut. Col. 47th infantry, U. S. V., Acting Asst. Adjt. General."

At the conclusion of the Cavite expedition Captain Black was ordered back to his regiment and with them returned to the United States. Upon being mustered out of service at San Francisco he returned to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he took up his former practice and is now a resident.

His official duties being completed, Major Black accompanied the North Dakota regiment on its return to San Francisco. Shortly thereafter he gladly returned to the home of his adoption. He now lives in semi-retirement at Valley City, a most honored and respected resident of North Dakota. He proudly wears the little bronze button that proclaims him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and he is a past commander of the post and past department commander of the state. He is also a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion Minnesota Commandery. In Masonry he is a past master of the blue lodge, past high priest of the chapter, past eminent commander of the commandery, and past eminent grand commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of North Dakota. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. A gallant soldier, he is an equally splendid citizen in days of peace. He travels extensively but still looks on Valley City as his home, having important property interests there, but wherever he goes he wins friends, for his is an interesting personality and his pronounced characteristics and qualities make him companionable at all times.

GEORGE MEADE REGISTER.

George Meade Register is engaged in the general practice of law at Bismarck, where he has won distinction and prominence as an able attorney. He was born at Houston, Delaware, February 7, 1871, and is a grandson of Elijah Register, who was also a native of that state and served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812. His son, Elijah Register, Jr., was born in Maryland in the year 1832 and wedded Miss Cornelia W. Jarvis, a native of that state. They resided for a long period at Lewes, Delaware, where the father died in the year 1913, and where the mother still makes her home. Their son, George Meade Register, attended the public schools of Lewes and in 1891 was graduated from St. John's College at Annapolis, Maryland, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, receiving from his alma mater the Master of Arts degree in 1894. When his college course was completed he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years in Maryland and Virginia, during which period he devoted the hours that are usually termed leisure to the study of law. He also pursued a course in Sprague School of Law at Detroit, Michigan, and in the year 1896 went to Bismarck, North Dakota, where his brother, Frank H. Register, an attorney, had located in 1883. George M. Register was admitted to the bar of North Dakota in 1897 and the following year located for practice at Williamsport, this state, where in the fall of 1898 he was elected states attorney for Emmons county, filling that position for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Bismarck in 1901 and in 1902 was elected states attorney of Burleigh county for a period of two years. Since then he has continually followed his profession in Bismarck, devoting his attention to general law practice, in which he has made steady progress, being now accorded a large and representative clientage that has connected him with much important litigation tried in the courts of the state. He prepares his cases with thoroughness and care, his arguments are clear and concise and his logic is convincing.

On the 14th of December, 1898, in Bismarck, Mr. Register was married to Miss Minnie

L. Scott, who passed away in February, 1903, leaving two children, Lavina L. and George S. Mr. Register was again married in June, 1905, in Bismarck, his second union being with Josephine A. Pirby, by whom he has a daughter, Mary B.

Mr. Register had military training when in St. John's College and rose to the rank of captain of his company. In politics he has always been a republican, stanch and earnest in support of his party but has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and he is an interested and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving on the official board of McCabe church, while for ten years he has been Sunday school superintendent in Bismarck. His interests are manifest along those lines which work for the uplift and benefit of the individual and for the improvement of the community.

PERCY MORTON COLE.

Percy Morton Cole, engaged in general merchandising at Kenmare, is a self-made man whose success is attributable to his persistent, earnest and honorable effort along legitimate business lines. He was born in Brockville, Ontario, Canada, October 3, 1863, a son of Leander and Mary Florence (Covell) Cole. His father was born in the state of New York and was reared in Ogdensburg. He took up the occupation of farming and when a young man went to Canada, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He there married and continued a resident of Canada until he passed away at Algonquin when ninety years of age. His wife was born in Ohio and in her girlhood went to visit in Canada, where she met and married Leander Cole, there continuing her residence until she was called to her final rest at the age of fifty-four years.

Percy M. Cole is indebted to the public school system of Canada for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He lived upon the home farm until he reached the age of seventeen years and then started with his brothers, James and Will Cole, for Lisbon, North Dakota, in 1880. The brothers established a hardware business at that place and Percy M. Cole entered their employ, but in 1882 he removed to Ward county in company with J. L. Colton and at Burlington he was employed by Mr. Colton for a time. He also worked on the Gray Brothers' cow ranch on the Mouse river, the largest ranch in North Dakota, on which were herded twenty thousand cows. Mr. Cole acted as a cowboy on the ranch when the district was a new one, just being opened up to settlement. He left his position there to become deputy sheriff under the first sheriff of Ward county in 1888. He occupied that position for four years at a time when the duties were most arduous because the entire countryside was wild and open, giving every opportunity for criminals to escape. He then worked as a clerk in the general store of P. P. Lee at Minot for three years and later became assistant manager at the L. M. Davis coal mines at Burlington. Upon leaving the mines he went to Kenmare, where in 1897, in connection with P. P. Lee, he established a general store under the firm style of P. M. Cole & Company, continuing actively in the conduct of the business in that relation until 1909, when he bought out his partner and is now sole proprietor. He has a department store and is conducting an extensive trade. He has ever realized that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and he has put forth every effort to please his customers. He also became one of the organizers, in connection with J. M. Fox, of the Kenmare National Bank, of which he is now the vice president, and he and Mr. Fox together own seven town sites on the new branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad, operating under the name of the Smith Land Company. Individually he owns large landed interests in Ward county and is a director of the First National Bank at Tolley, North Dakota, is vice president of the Fox Lumber Company at Kenmare and is interested in various other concerns. In 1911 he organized the Mouse River Chautauqua Association, of which he is the president. This association has two hundred and ten acres, valued at over fifty thousand dollars, on the Mouse river and known as the Mouse River Park.

On the 18th of September, 1887, Mr. Cole was married to Miss Jane Loudon Miller, of Burlington, Ward county, who was born in Steubenville, Ohio, August 10, 1867, a daughter of William L. and Anna (Morton) Miller. Her father's birth occurred at Kilmarnock,



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Scotland, and when twenty-one years of age he came to the new world, settling in Steubenville, Ohio, where he engaged in coal mining for two years. He then removed to Monmouth, Illinois, where he purchased a coal mine, and later he came to North Dakota, where he invested in coal mines at Burlington. He was thus identified with the natural resources of Ward county until 1915, when he retired from active business life, and he and his wife, who is also a native of Kilmarnock, Scotland, are now residing in California. Their daughter, Mrs. Cole, was but a year old when they removed to Monmouth, Illinois, and she obtained her education in the schools of that city and at Alexis, Illinois. She was a young lady of eighteen years when her parents established their home at Burlington, North Dakota, and there she gave her hand in marriage to Percy M. Cole. They have become the parents of five children, James Lester, Esther Grace, Chester Arthur, Ethel Marion and Anna Frances.

Politically Mr. Cole is a republican and in Ward county served as deputy sheriff and for two terms, from 1910 to 1914, was mayor of Kenmare. He also represented his district in the state legislature in 1903 and has done not a little to mold public thought and action in his district. He is a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church and an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity. He has passed through all the chairs in the local lodge, has taken the Scottish Rite degrees at Grand Forks and is now a member of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is very prominent in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Minot, where he has served as exalted ruler. The extent and importance of his business interests, which are carefully, wisely and honorably conducted, make him one of the leading citizens of Kenmare and the state. He maintains an attractive town home at Grand Forks, but his business interests call him again and again to Kenmare, where he is proprietor of one of the largest mercantile establishments of the county outside of Minot.

ANDREW GERRARD.

Andrew Gerrard, one of the commissioners of Towner county and also one of its extensive land owners, is a resident of Bisbee. He was born in Scotland in July, 1856, a son of Alexander and Margaret (Giles) Gerrard, who were natives of the land of hills and heather. The father was a shoemaker by trade and never came to America, passing away in Scotland in December, 1915, at the venerable age of eighty-six years, while the mother is still living.

Andrew Gerrard spent his youthful days in his native country and after acquiring a public school education learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Scotland until 1882, when, at the age of twenty-six years, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, living for a time in Ontario, Canada. He afterward removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he spent one year, and then became a resident of Towner county, although the county had not been organized or named at that time and the town of Cando had just been started. This was in 1883. He embarked in the blacksmithing business and conducted his shop for seven years. In 1888 he filed on land in Bisbee and after abandoning work at his trade in Cando he took up his abode upon his farm, which he has since cultivated, making it one of the highly cultivated properties of the district. He has bought more land from time to time as his financial resources have increased until he is now the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres of valuable farm property in Towner county. He has also become a stockholder and one of the directors of the First National Bank of Bisbee.

On the 24th of October, 1886, Mr. Gerrard was united in marriage to Miss Celia Bisbee and they became the parents of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are Maggie, Isaac, Andrew, Charles, Juanita, Esther, Americus, Ruth and Fred.

In his political views Mr. Gerrard is an earnest republican and in 1903 was elected to the office of county commissioner of Towner county, in which capacity he has served for thirteen years, his reelection certainly indicating the value of his service in that connection. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine, and he is

also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and warm regard is entertained for them throughout the community in which they have long resided, Mr. Gerrard having made his home in Towner county for more than a third of a century.

P. A. ANDERSON.

P. A. Anderson is now proprietor of the Farmers Cooperative Store at Milton, which is the largest of its kind in that section of the state. He is a native of North Dakota, his birth occurring in Grand Forks county, May 25, 1876, and is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families, being a son of Morris and Ingaborg Anderson, who were born in Christiania, Norway, and were among the first to settle in Grand Forks county, locating there in the early '70s. There the father followed farming for many years, but is now living in the city of Grand Forks at the age of seventy-six. His wife is also living and has attained the age of sixty-six years.

P. A. Anderson is the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children. His early life was passed among pioneer conditions when this state was but sparsely settled and he has borne his part in its upbuilding and development. He attained both the district schools of his native county and the city schools of Grand Forks in the acquirement of an education. His first employment was in a furniture store in Grand Forks, where he remained three years, and for the same period was connected with the grocery business. At the end of that time he took up a homestead near Minot and proved up on the same. Subsequently he purchased a store at McCanna, which he conducted for eight years, and on the 24th of July, 1916, bought the Farmers Cooperative Store at Milton, of which he now has charge and is enjoying an excellent trade. This store was established about 1910 and is in a most flourishing condition.

On the 17th of November, 1903, at Grand Forks, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Anderson and Miss Mualfred Christianson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Christianson, are residents of Norway. Two children bless this union, namely: Manford, born in Minot, Ward county, North Dakota, in 1907; and Yvone, born in Pilot, Grand Forks county, February 24, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Lutheran church and are most estimable people. He is also connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a republican in politics. His course in life has ever been such as to command the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social affairs.

D. H. UGLAND.

D. H. Ugland, cashier of the Security Bank of Knox, Benson county, has occupied his present position for a decade and his close application and earnest, intelligently directed effort have been an element in the continued growth and success of the institution. He was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, in February, 1880, a son of Hans and Mary (Davidson) Ugland, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Wisconsin. It was in 1861 that the father came to the new world and made his way to Goodhue county, Minnesota, which was then a frontier district. He entered a claim from the government and concentrated his energies upon its development and improvement, converting it into a well cultivated farm ere he left Minnesota in 1883 to become a resident of Ramsey county, North Dakota. There he again homesteaded land and to its cultivation and development he directed his energies until 1901. In that year he took up his abode in Knox and purchased the Security Bank, of which he was the president until his death. He passed away in May, 1916, and is still survived by his widow.

Liberal educational opportunities were accorded D. H. Ugland, who became a student in the State University and was thus thoroughly qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. He next engaged with his brother in the implement business in 1900 and was

active in mercantile fields until 1906, when he entered the Security Bank as cashier and has since given his attention to its management and direction. The bank has a capital stock of ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. This, however, is but one phase of Mr. Ugland's business activity, which connects him prominently with the commercial and agricultural as well as the financial interests of North Dakota. His keen discrimination has enabled him to recognize and utilize opportunities which others have passed heedlessly by and in the management of his affairs he has attained substantial success. He is now the owner of a line of twelve elevators on the Soo and Great Northern Railroads and is thus prominently connected with the grain trade of the state. He also owns eighty-seven quarter sections of land in Benson and Pierce counties, embracing thirteen thousand nine hundred and sixty acres, all of which he rents. In 1901 he homesteaded in Pierce county and is still the owner of the quarter section which he thus secured. His judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and notable success has followed his enterprise.

In December, 1913, Mr. Ugland was united in marriage to Miss Estella Mead and to them has been born a son, Harold G., whose birth occurred October 2, 1915. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Ugland belongs to various fraternal organizations, including the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors. His political endorsement has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him as he prefers to concentrate his attention and activities upon his important and growing business affairs. He is not remiss in the duties of citizenship and his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to support measures for the general good. He displays marked discernment in the management of his investments and throughout his business career he has ever had the courage to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way, while his determination and even-paced energy have carried him into important relations.

WILLIAM I. LARSON.

William I. Larson, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Tioga and identified with various other business interests which constitute a source of steady development and progress in Williams county, was born near Rothsay, Wilkin county, Minnesota, June 29, 1884, a son of Isaac and Lisa Johanna Larson, who were natives of Sweden. On coming to the new world they cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Wilkin county, where they took up their abode in 1870. The father was continuously and successfully engaged in farming near Rothsay to the time of his death, which occurred in 1905. He served on the township and school boards and his worth as a citizen was widely acknowledged. His wife died on the old home farm near Rothsay in 1893.

After attending the district schools William I. Larson entered the Northwestern College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and later attended a normal school and business college at Minneapolis, being thus qualified by educational training for life's practical and responsible duties. He then embarked on the implement business in connection with his brother at Rothsay, Minnesota, and later went to Charlson, North Dakota, for the Northwestern Securities Company, conducting a real estate and loan business at that point for the company until 1907, in which year he removed to Ray, North Dakota. There he was made assistant cashier of the First State Bank and in 1910 he arrived in Tioga to accept the position of assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, with which he has since been associated, although in the meantime he has been promoted to the position of cashier. He is also the vice president of the Northwestern Securities Company, which owns a number of banks in this state. He homesteaded near Ray and now owns farm lands in North Dakota, from which he secures a good income.

Mr. Larson belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Tioga and to the Modern Woodmen camp there and passed through all the chairs of the Modern Woodmen camp at Charlson, North Dakota. In religious faith he is a Baptist, while his political belief is that of the

democratic party. He has been clerk of the school board but has never been ambitious to hold public office. He is now secretary of the Commercial Club of Tioga, in which connection he is putting forth earnest effort to advance the welfare and progress of the district in which he lives by extending its trade relations and upholding its civic standards.

FRANK C. HARRINGTON.

Frank C. Harrington, engaged in general farming on section 23, Elm River township, Traill county, was born in Maine, March 26, 1863, a son of Charles and Sarah (McCarter) Harrington, both of whom were members of old New England families and spent their entire lives in that section of the country.

Frank C. Harrington acquired his education in the common schools and in the Thomas-ton (Me.) high school. At an early age he became a wage earner, working as a farm hand when a lad of but twelve years. From that time forward he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources and his ability has brought him prominently to the front, his labors being crowned with a measure of success that places him among the substantial residents of his adopted county. In March, 1882, when nineteen years of age, he left his native state and came west to North Dakota, settling at Kelso, Traill county, where he was employed at farm labor for a year. In 1883 he began farming on his own account upon land which he rented.

In 1887 Mr. Harrington was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, a daughter of George H. Johnson, who was one of the first settlers of Traill county, coming from Canada to North Dakota in 1872. For several years he conducted a trading station for the Hudson's Bay Company at Quincy, Traill county. For one year following his marriage Mr. Harrington continued to cultivate rented land and in 1888 purchased one hundred and sixty acres a half mile south of his present home farm, paying twenty dollars per acre for that tract. He continued to reside thereon for fifteen years, after which he removed to another farm in Elm River township, Traill county, which he had purchased. He remained there, however, for only one summer, when he became owner of the farm upon which he now resides, comprising two hundred and fifty-two acres of rich and productive land which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. His farm methods are both practical and progressive and his labors have been attended with excellent results, so that annually he gathers good harvests which find a ready sale upon the market.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have been born five children, three of whom survive, namely: Maud, who is manager of an abstract company in Williston, North Dakota; and Charlie and William, both at home.

Politically Mr. Harrington is a republican and has served as clerk of the school board for seventeen years, while for eight or nine years he was a member of the town board. He is justly accounted one of the substantial and well known men of his community, his business enterprise and reliability making him one of the substantial farmers, while his public-spirited devotion to the general good is manifest in many ways.

DAVID AITKEN.

David Aitken, a dealer in farm machinery at Park River, was born June 30, 1862, in Forfarshire, Scotland. His father, John Aitken, also a native of that country, worked as a day laborer there and remained in Scotland until his death at the age of seventy years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Fotheringham, was also born in the land of hills and heather and there passed away in 1866. In their family were four children.

David Aitken was only four years of age when his mother died. In 1882, with one brother and two sisters, he came to America at the age of twenty years, arriving in Grafton, North Dakota, in 1883. There he secured employment as a farm hand and after two years spent in that connection he rented one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fertile township,

Walsh county, after which he successfully cultivated the tract for four years. With the proceedings of his labors he purchased a quarter section two and a half miles from Park River and still owns that tract together with other land, for he has since made judicious investments in real estate and has now acquired considerable property, his holdings representing six hundred acres, all of which he is farming. He has continued to actively engage in general agricultural pursuits from the beginning and is regarded as one of the leading and progressive farmers of Walsh county, his fields being cultivated according to the most advanced and progressive methods. In 1903 he removed to Park River and entered into the farm implement and machinery business, starting out in a comparatively small way. From a humble beginning he has built up a business of extensive proportions, his sales being equal to those of any other house of a similar character in Walsh county. His business now amounts to considerably over one hundred thousand dollars per year and in addition to his Park River establishment he conducts three branch stores, one of which is located at Edinburg and the others at Lanekin and Fairdale. In addition he also owns an entire section of farm land in Saskatchewan, Canada, and a half section at Fairdale, Walsh county, and thus his agricultural interests are extensive and profitable, returning to him a good income for his care, labor and supervision.

In 1892, at Park River, Mr. Aitken was married to Miss Laura M. Burbidge, who was born in Quebec, Canada, a daughter of John and Isabella Burbidge. The father is now deceased, while the mother resides at Park River, where she has long made her home. To Mr. and Mrs. Aitken were born four daughters: Edith, who is now conducting a class in music at Park River; and Mary, Evelyn and Mildred, all at home.

In politics Mr. Aitken is a republican and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church at Park River. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and is also connected with the Independent Order of Foresters. He also has membership in the Commercial Club. When he arrived in Grafton his worldly possessions consisted of a wardrobe trunk and about thirty dollars in cash. Since then he has gradually and persistently worked his way upward, achieving success through earnest, persistent effort, his business methods being at all times honorable and upright, there being no esoteric phase in all of his career.

ANDREW STEPHEN BACKUS, M. D.

Dr. Andrew Stephen Backus, actively engaged in medical practice at Wales, is of Canadian birth, his life record having begun at Dutton, Ontario, September 22, 1881. His father, William Henry Backus, was born in that country representing a family long resident there but of English descent. In 1800 Leslie Patterson and his sisters left Fermanagh, Ireland, for Erie, Pennsylvania, and there met Joseph Backus, the great grandfather of Dr. Backus, who came from Vermont, and John Pearce from Rhode Island. In 1809 Leslie Patterson married Lydia Backus and with his widowed sister, Mrs. Mary Story and her son and daughter, together with John Pearce, who had married Fannie Patterson, came to Canada. On July 4, 1809, they all settled about five miles west of Port Talbot on land formerly owned by Colonel Talbot, who had received large grants from the king. Soon afterward Stephen Backus, son of Joseph and grandfather of Dr. Backus, arrived in that locality and there wedded Annie Story. The families suffered all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life while aiding materially in developing an unbroken forest country into a beautiful farming district. There still stands the old church in which the families worshipped and which has been open for divine services for seventy-five years, and not far distant is the burying ground where were interred members of the family. In the vicinity of Port Talbot and for many miles in all directions the descendants of the Backus, Patterson and Pearce families reside, and are enterprising and successful people. They still maintain the old church and the burying ground, both places being sacred to the descendants.

One son of the family, Dr. William James Backus, is a prominent physician and surgeon of Stockton, California, and the youngest of the family is Dr. John Edward Backus, practicing in Saskatoon, Canada.

Dr. Backus, the third of six children, pursued the studies taught in the public and high schools of Dutton and afterward prepared for the practice of medicine as a student in Trinity Medical College, the medical department of Toronto University, which conferred upon him the M. D. and C. M. degrees at his graduation in 1905. He afterward had the benefit of practice as an interne at St. Michaels and Riverside Hospitals at Buffalo, New York, and then spent a year as surgeon at San Francisco in the employ of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. He next entered upon private practice at Wales, North Dakota, in 1908 and in the intervening period has won a liberal patronage. He is a member of the Grand Forks Medical Association and the North Dakota State Medical Association. Moreover he is an earnest and discriminating student of the science of medicine and surgery, accepting those views and ideas which are most worth while in practice. In a word he is a man of pronounced ability and performs the onerous duties devolving upon him with a marked sense of conscientious obligation.

In 1908 Dr. Backus was married in Grand Forks to Miss C. V. Maude Brown, a native of Toronto, Canada, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, of an old Canadian family. Her father was a prominent merchant of Toronto, but is now living retired. Dr. and Mrs. Backus hold membership in the Episcopal church and are highly esteemed in the community in which they reside.

M. O. LONG.

M. O. Long, a resident of Egeland, Towner county, where he is filling the position of manager with the Woodworth Elevator Company, was born in Indiana, April 4, 1882, his parents being W. F. and Susanna (Peters) Long, who were also natives of the Hoosier state. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit in Indiana until 1892, when he arrived in Towner county, North Dakota, and filed on land which he afterward sold. He then bought land five miles northeast of Cando which he improved and developed and has since owned, bringing the farm under a high state of cultivation. His wife passed away in March, 1891.

M. O. Long was reared and educated in Indiana and North Dakota and in his youthful days became familiar with all the experiences of frontier life in this state. He continued with his parents until he reached the age of seventeen years and then started out to learn the printer's trade, working on the Cando Herald. He also attended school as opportunity offered and likewise worked at his trade, which he has followed much of his life. On the 15th of February, 1916, he issued the first number of the Egeland Enterprise, of which he has since been owner and proprietor. In 1912 he also accepted the position of manager for the Woodworth Elevator Company at Egeland and has since conducted the business for that corporation, carefully, wisely and successfully directing both that and his publishing interests.

In June, 1905, Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Nora Krisher and to them have been born five children: Mildred, born April 2, 1906; Margaret, November 4, 1907; Rowena, December 15, 1910; Floy, May 19, 1913; and Wilma Frances, whose birth occurred in February, 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Long hold membership in the Presbyterian church and he also has membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Yeomen and the Royal Neighbors. Politically he is an earnest republican and has been called to fill various positions of public trust, serving for four years on the town board and for two years as mayor of the city. He has also been head of the police department and chief of the fire department and he is president of the Commercial Club. It seems almost tautological in this connection to enter into any statement showing him to be a man of broad public spirit, for this has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. He stands loyally for all that he believes to be for the best interest of the community and to him is largely due the credit for building both the schoolhouses in Egeland. The second one erected is one of the best schoolhouses in the state and the town is very proud of it. Mr. Long is certainly to be commended for his public spirit and his devotion to the general good has been manifest

in many tangible, helpful ways. Through personal effort and through the columns of his paper he does much to advance the general good, being at all times a man of action rather than of theory.

JAMES HACKNEY.

James Hackney, of New Rockford, is a traveling auditor and organizer for the Ely Salyards Company of Minneapolis. A Canadian by birth, his natal day was May 15, 1860, and the place of his nativity Goderich, Ontario. His parents, George D. and Ann (McKenzie) Hackney, were both natives of Scotland. They went to Canada in childhood with their respective parents and there the father followed the occupation of farming until 1880, when he crossed the border into the United States, becoming a resident of Buffalo, North Dakota, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for eighteen or twenty years, meeting with fair success in his undertakings. About 1900 he removed to Idaho and at the present time (1916) is living retired in Post Falls, that state.

James Hackney acquired a common school education in Ontario but when a lad of twelve years began earning his own living. Ambitious to do something for himself, at an early age he ran away from home and for some years worked as a farm hand. In 1882 he came to the United States, settling in Buffalo, North Dakota, and two years later he made permanent location in Eddy county, establishing his residence on a homestead six miles east of New Rockford. His place adjoined the present town site of Dundas. He at once began to develop and improve his property and resided thereon until 1908, when he removed to New Rockford and became identified with the grain business as manager of the elevator of the Ely Salyards Company. For the past six years he has represented that company on the road as solicitor and traveling auditor, making a most excellent record in that position of responsibility. The company is engaged in the business of promoting and financing farmers' elevator companies throughout the state and in this connection Mr Hackney organizes new companies and institutes the business at various points. Believing in the future of North Dakota, he has made investment in farm property and is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land in Eddy county, in addition to which he has one hundred and sixty acres in Wisconsin. From his farm holdings he derives a gratifying and substantial annual income which adds materially to the salary which he receives in his present important position.

In 1884 Mr. Hackney was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Wren, of Hensall, Ontario. Fraternaly he is identified with Century Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member; and Jamestown Lodge, No. 995, B. P. O. E. In his business career he displays notable enterprise, activity and insight into conditions. He possesses initiative and that quality of awareness which enables him to recognize opportunities and utilize them for the benefit of the company which he represents, while at the same time they constitute an element of business development in the localities where he operates.

HENRY FREDERICK KAMMANN, M. D.

Dr. Henry Frederick Kammann, proprietor of the Hannah Hospital and well known as an active and successful practitioner of medicine and surgery at Hannah, Cavalier county, took up his abode there on the 1st of August, 1912, and in the intervening period has become well established as a representative practitioner. He was born August 23, 1886, in Cleveland, Wisconsin, and while he has reached the age of but thirty years he has already attained a reputation which many a man of twice his years might well envy. His father, Henry Frederick Kammann, also a native of Wisconsin, is of German descent and a son of Henry Frederick Kammann, Sr., who in 1839 came from the fatherland to the new world, at the age of seven years, in company with friends. His father had been killed in the war with Denmark and thus left an orphan, Henry F. Kammann, grandfather of our subject, was

brought by friends to the United States. They landed at New Orleans and thence came up the Mississippi river, proceeding first to Minneapolis and thence to Cleveland, Wisconsin, where the grandfather was reared. He became an agriculturist near Cleveland and there he married and reared his family. He is still living in that locality, where for many years he and his son, Henry F. Kammann II, were successfully identified with agricultural pursuits. The latter is now a resident of Twin Falls, Idaho. The grandfather is a Civil war veteran, serving with a Wisconsin regiment in defense of the Union. Henry F. Kammann II was united in marriage to Miss Hulda H. Ochs, who is of German descent, a daughter of Julius Ochs, who on emigrating from Germany to the United States settled at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. To the parents of Dr. Kammann have been born four children: Henry Frederick of this review; Julius, who occupies the old homestead and is conducting one of the model farms and dairies at Cleveland, Wisconsin; Mathilda, the wife of Dr. Wilbert Burke, a practicing dentist of Twin Falls, Idaho; and Alvin, a Presbyterian clergyman, who was graduated from the McCormick Seminary in Chicago.

Dr. Kammann spent his early life to the age of sixteen years upon the home farm and acquired his primary education in the public and high schools of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, after which he entered the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, winning the Bachelor of Science degree upon his graduation with the class of 1906. He then began preparation for a professional career as a student in the Chicago College of Medicine & Surgery, where he completed his course in 1910. Following his graduation he served as interne in various leading hospitals of California and thus gained broad and valuable experience of a most practical character. He entered upon the private practice of his profession in German Valley, Illinois, and there remained until the 1st of August, 1912, when he arrived in Hannah, North Dakota, to take charge of the Hannah Hospital, which he has since ably conducted. The hospital was established by Dr. William R. Corey and Dr. Kammann is the third physician in charge. The institution has accommodations for ten patients and is modern in every detail. It is the only hospital in this section and is liberally patronized. The work there represents the most scientific ideas of modern surgery and excellent results have attended the operations which Dr. Kammann has performed.

On the 2d of November, 1909, at Chilton, Wisconsin, occurred the marriage of Dr. Kammann and Miss Erna Alves, a native of that place and a representative of an old Wisconsin family. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Alves, are still residents of Chilton. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Kammann: Henry Frederick, who was born at Hannah, December 4, 1912; and Ione Esther, born September 7, 1914.

Politically Dr. Kammann is a republican and fraternally he is connected with the Masons, in which he has attained high rank, being now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. His youthful days were spent upon the farm and through the savings from his earnings he provided the money necessary for his university education. He thus displayed the elemental strength of his character and the same spirit of enterprise, laudable ambition and perseverance has characterized his later life. He belongs to the Grand Forks Medical Society and the American Medical Association and the proceedings of those bodies keep him in touch with the trend of modern professional thought, research and investigation.

T. C. HOCKRIDGE.

T. C. Hockridge is a retired river man and farmer residing in Hunter and at the present time is serving as a member of the board of county commissioners of Cass county. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance, his many substantial and sterling qualities gaining him a firm hold upon the regard of his fellow townsmen. Mr. Hockridge is a Canadian by birth. He was born in Toronto, Canada, on the 21st of September, 1851, and is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Ormrod) Hockridge, the former a native of Barnstaple, England, and the latter of Cumberland. In their childhood days the parents crossed the Atlantic with their respective parents to Ontario, Canada, where they settled in pioneer

times and there resided for many years. The father died in that locality, after which the mother came to North Dakota and made her home with her son.

Pursuing his early education in the common schools, T. C. Hockridge afterward entered Ingersol (Ontario) high school and at the age of eighteen years engaged in the steamboat service of the Mississippi river, his first position being that of watchman. From that position he worked his way steadily upward, winning one promotion after another until he became captain, being master of a vessel for a period of a quarter of a century. He became one of the best known river men on the Upper Mississippi, having a wide acquaintance at various ports. In 1898 he retired from the river service and turned his attention to farming, purchasing a tract of land in Arthur township, Cass county, on which he resided for fifteen years, during which period he converted the tract into richly cultivated fields that annually returned him substantial golden harvests. At length feeling that his capital was sufficient to warrant his retirement from active business, he sold his farm in the spring of 1913 and removed to Hunter, where he now makes his home, enjoying there a period of well earned rest.

Mr. Hockridge was married July 8, 1884, to Miss Frances Suelgrove, of Ingersol, Ontario. The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hockridge are all deceased.

In his political views Mr. Hockridge is an earnest republican and at the November election of 1914 was chosen a member of the board of county commissioners, in which position he is now serving. While he is not now actively engaged in business he is one of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator Company of Arthur, which he aided in organizing and with which he has since been connected as a member of the board of directors. Fraternally he is a representative of Hunter Lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M.; Casselton Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; Anvergne Commandery, No. 1, K. T. of Fargo; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also has membership in Chester Lodge, No. 55, I. O. O. F. of Chester, Illinois, with which he has been identified for thirty-five years. He and his wife worship at the Presbyterian church and they are greatly esteemed in the community, being people of the highest respectability, possessing sterling traits of character which win for them warm and enduring regard. Captain Hockridge has led a most active, useful and busy life and certainly merits the rest which has now come to him.

HENRY E. WILDFANG.

Henry E. Wildfang, a prominent business man of Sterling, now serving as assistant cashier of the Sterling State Bank, was born on the 14th of December, 1890, in Battle Creek, Iowa, a son of Marcus and Marie Wildfang, who were of German birth. It was about 1880 that they became residents of Battle Creek and in that locality the father following farming for some years but for the past seventeen years has been traveling in Europe, where he is at the present time. The mother died when her son Henry E. was quite young, leaving two children, the elder of whom is John F., now a farmer of McKenzie, Burleigh county, North Dakota.

In the state of his nativity Henry E. Wildfang passed the first fifteen years of his life and acquired his education in the graded schools of Denison, Iowa, after which he was employed in a general store in that city until coming to North Dakota in 1905. Here he secured a position with the McKenzie Mercantile Company of McKenzie and remained with them for four years. Later he was with the Goodrich-Call Lumber Company of the same place for two years and a half, and at the end of that time entered upon his present duties as assistant cashier of the Sterling State Bank at Sterling, of which he is now a stockholder and director. This bank was organized in 1907, its first officers being E. J. Curtin, president; W. J. Dwyer, vice president; and E. L. Amundsen, cashier, but at present C. B. Little, of Bismarck, is serving as president; P. P. Bliss, of McKenzie, as vice president; H. P. Goddard, of Bismarck, as cashier; H. E. Wildfang, assistant cashier; and D. C. Pondexter, teller. The corporation does a general banking and insurance business and it has a capital of twelve thousand five hundred dollars and a surplus of five thousand five hundred dollars. It is one of the most substantial

financial institutions of the county and is doing an excellent business for a bank of its size. Mr. Wildfang is engaged in farming on about a section of land near Sterling and is interested in other enterprises, being a stockholder and treasurer of the Farmers Equity Elevator Company of Sterling and manager of the Excelsior Cycle Company of the same place, handling Ford and Oakland automobiles.

On the 3d of May, 1915, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wildfang and Miss Bessie L. Roth, a native of McKenzie, and they now have a little son, Henry R., born May 17, 1916. Mr. Wildfang is quite prominent in fraternal organizations, being a member of the Masonic lodge at Bismarck; the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at McKenzie; and the Homesteaders at large. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party and he takes quite an active part in local politics, serving as central committeeman. He has been clerk of the township board and also clerk of the school board. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed, whether of a public or private nature and he ranks high among the progressive young business men of Burleigh county.

WYLIE NIELSON.

Wylie Nielson, a respected and valued resident of Valley City, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, January 11, 1846, a son of James and Eliza (Wylie) Nielson, who were also natives of the land of hills and heather. In the maternal line the ancestry can be traced back to the time of William the Conqueror and even before that period, when representatives of the family were landholders and people of great importance. The family tree, made by George Nielson, the eldest brother of Wylie Nielson, covers several large sheets of blue print, on which appear the names of many men and women of prominence. James Nielson was a member of the town council of Edinburgh and was otherwise prominent in his city. He was married November 22, 1831, and had a family of six sons and two daughters.

Wylie Nielson, the sixth in order of birth, attended school in Edinburgh until he reached the age of sixteen years, when in 1862 the father came with the family to the new world, settling at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. There he engaged in the baking business until his death, which occurred in 1876, when he was seventy-six years of age. His widow survived him for twelve years and passed away in 1888 at the age of seventy-six. Their son Wylie after becoming a resident of Hamilton engaged in clerking in a grocery store and in 1870 removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he spent two years. In the spring of 1872 he became a resident of Jackson, that state, and there remained for eight years, during which period he conducted a grocery store on his own account. In October, 1878, he made a trip to North Dakota and filed on a tree claim and preemption twelve miles northwest of Valley City, in Stewart township, which was named in honor of his father-in-law, who filed on land at the same time. Mr. Nielson returned to Jackson, where he continued in business until 1886 and then disposed of his commercial interests at that place in order to take up his permanent abode in North Dakota. He then purchased railroad land, which was the first railroad land sold in the township. In the spring of 1879 he had visited the state and had made arrangements for having his place cultivated, one hundred and sixty acres being planted to wheat and oats, bringing to him a large crop, his wheat yielding twenty-eight bushels to the acre at an average weight of sixty-three pounds per bushel. In 1915 the same land produced thirty-four bushels of Marcus wheat to the acre, the increase being due to scientific methods of development. Mr. Nielson located his family on his farm and continued its cultivation for a number of years, after which he removed to Valley City, there to spend the winter months and provide his children with the excellent advantages offered in the city schools. He erected a modern residence and has made Valley City his place of permanent abode. However, he still owns and operates his farm lands, comprising eleven hundred acres, devoted to diversified farming, and the management of his business affairs has brought him notable success.

On the 9th of April, 1873, Mr. Nielson wedded Miss Mary Halliday Stewart, who was born near Glasgow, Scotland, a daughter of James Stewart, who, as previously mentioned, was a pioneer settler of Barnes county. Their daughter, Minnie J., after graduating from the public schools of Valley City, attended the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks, afterward spending a year in the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor and later attended the University of Chicago. Taking up the profession of teaching, she became instructor of science in the Valley City State Normal and was thus serving when elected county superintendent of schools, which position she has since filled, and is again a candidate for the office without opposition. She is also a member of the state board of education and is very prominent in club circles, having just completed her fourth year as president of the North Dakota Federation of Woman's Clubs, which is the limit of service in that office. James W., the second member of the Nielson family, is mentioned on another page of this work. Hazel Belle after graduating from the public schools of Valley City and the Valley City State Normal entered the University of North Dakota and is now a teacher in the Fargo high school. Previously she taught in Valley City, while in the State University she was the first lady elected on the state board of control of athletics. Mrs. Nielson is also well known in club circles and is a most charitable and public-spirited woman.

Mr. Nielson is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge. He has always avoided political office yet has taken an active interest in public affairs. He took a stalwart stand in support of the open shipping of wheat, the farmers having heretofore to sack their wheat while the elevators shipped the wheat loose. He has always stood for those things which are for the benefit of the state and is a man of high character, a devoted husband and father and a good citizen.

HARRY N. TUCKER.

Harry N. Tucker, residing at Courtenay, is a recognized leader in politics in Stutsman county, his opinions carrying great weight in the councils of the progressive republican party. He came to North Dakota from the east, his birth having occurred in Greenville, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1866, his parents being John and Lucina (Whitney) Tucker, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Vermont. In their family were four children; George, who is now a resident of Courtenay; Anna, the deceased wife of Leonard G. Heberling, of Cleveland, Ohio; Elizabeth, the wife of William Galivan, who at one time resided in Cleveland, North Dakota, and afterward removed to Alberta, Canada, where he passed away; and Harry N.

In the schools of his native state Harry N. Tucker pursued his education until he reached the age of eighteen years, when in 1884 he left home and came to the west, settling in Stutsman county, where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land, meeting the law's requirements as to occupancy and improvement, so that in due time he received his title to the property. He lived upon and developed that farm for eight and a half years, but at length determined to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits and on the 17th of November, 1892, arrived in Courtenay, where he established an elevator, which was the first building in the town and was called the East Elevator. He transacted the first business which was carried on in the town and from that time to the present has been closely associated with its commercial development and improvement, continuing to operate the elevator for four years. In 1895 he entered into partnership with L. O. Larson under the firm name of Larson & Tucker for the sale of farm implements and that business relation was maintained until January 1, 1898, when Mr. Tucker sold out and soon afterward organized the H. N. Tucker Company. His attention was directed to that business until 1911, when he again sold out. At that period Mr. Tucker embarked in the real estate business, in which he continued for three years, when he incorporated the Pioneer Stock Company in 1915, and of this business he is now manager. Their energies are devoted to the raising of registered Red Polled cattle, of which they have about fifty head, all high grade stock. Mr. Tucker is also manager of the Union Central Life

Insurance Company, which covers the territory of Stutsman, Barnes, Foster and Griggs counties. He is a man of well defined purpose, whose plans are carefully executed, and whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion.

On the 1st of October, 1895, Mr. Tucker was married to Miss Louisa Brastrup, of Jamestown, and they now have seven children, Norman, Madeline, Alice, Clara, Whitney, Dorothy and John.

In his political views Mr. Tucker is an earnest republican and in 1912 had charge of the campaign of the progressive republican league, which endorsed the La Follette platform and carried the state. In 1914 he also had charge of the state campaign and has been an active member of various important political committees. In 1916 he once more had full charge of the state campaign and has been most active in directing the work of the organization and promulgating its principles. His efforts in this direction have been attended with splendid results and he has done not a little to mold public thought and opinion. Fraternally Mr. Tucker is connected with the Yeomen and the Woodmen. He has a very attractive home in Courtenay and has long been regarded as one of the representative business men and citizens of Stutsman county, where his ability has brought him prominently to the front, gaining him a large measure of success in business and promoting his interests in other connections.

JERRY KELLAND.

Jerry Kelland, filling the office of sheriff of Cavalier county, was born in London, Ontario, January 24, 1863. His father, Mathew Kelland, a native of England, came to America during the '40s and was a pioneer farmer of Ontario, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1910, when he had reached the age of eighty-two years. He was active in local political and civic matters and filled various township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelland, was also a native of England, whence she went to Canada during the '40s. She was married in London, Ontario, and became the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom all are living with the exception of one son.

Jerry Kelland was the sixth in order of birth and in the acquirement of his education attended the public schools of Exeter, Canada. His youth was largely spent upon the home farm and at the age of eighteen years he started out in life on his own account. He had decided that he did not care to engage in farming as a life work and he turned to the bricklayer's trade, which he followed for several years. After completing his apprenticeship he entered the contracting business and on the 23d of March, 1889, he arrived at Langdon an entire stranger. He at once took up the business of contracting and building, which he followed successfully for twenty years, and evidences of his skill and handiwork are seen throughout the town and county. He always lived faithfully up to the terms of his contracts and his unfaltering industry and reliability were salient features in his growing prosperity.

Mr. Kelland was first married in Exeter, Ontario, in the spring of 1889, when Miss Margaret Miller, a native of Canada, became his wife. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, pioneers of Exeter, but both now deceased. Mrs. Kelland passed away in February, 1891, at Langdon, North Dakota, when thirty years of age, and in March, 1893, at Langdon, Mr. Kelland wedded Miss Mary McDonald, a native of Canada and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald, who became pioneer residents of Cavalier county, North Dakota. They were of Scotch-Irish descent and both have now passed away. To Mr. Kelland's second marriage have been born three sons and five daughters: Margaret, Nellie, Daisy, Eva, Charles William, Jennie, Howard and Thomas. All of the children were born in Langdon.

The parents are consistent members of the Methodist church, guiding their lives by its teachings, and Mr. Kelland is equally faithful as a representative of various fraternities. He was made a Mason at Langdon in 1896 and has since attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also has membership with the Independent Order of

Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party from the beginning of his residence in the United States and he is very active as one of its supporters. In 1912 he was elected to the office of sheriff of Cavalier county, in which he is now serving for the second term, and he has made an excellent record in that position, discharging his duties without fear or favor. His fellow townsmen speak of his official service in terms of high regard and they also entertain for him warm respect by reason of his personal qualities and upright life.

LEWIS SCHULTZ, M. D.

Dr. Lewis Schultz, engaged in the practice of medicine at Minnewaukan, is one of that large class of valued citizens that Canada has furnished to North Dakota. He was born in Belleville, Ontario, June 4, 1868, a son of Lewis and Marie (Graff) Schultz, both of whom were natives of Germany. It was in the year 1854 that the father sailed from his native land to Canada. He engaged in merchandising and also followed the tailoring business, having learned cutting and other branches of tailoring in his early life. He worked for some time in the employ of others and then embarked in business on his own account, continuing active in the mercantile field until 1888. Putting aside business cares, he spent his remaining days in enjoyment of a well earned rest up to the time of his death, which occurred in July, 1907. For a quarter of a century he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1882.

Dr. Schultz was reared and educated in Belleville, Ontario, and acquired his more specifically literary education by two years' university study. He then began preparation for the practice of medicine and surgery in the Manitoba Medical College, where he spent three years as a student and then went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he entered the Louisville Medical College, from which he was graduated a year later as a member of the class of 1896. He next went to Devils Lake, where he entered upon the general practice of medicine, remaining at that point for ten years. Removing to Minnewaukan in 1906, he has for a decade continued in active practice in Benson county and recognition of his ability has come to him in a liberal patronage. He owns sixteen hundred acres of land in Benson county and has improved one thousand acres of that tract, which is situated a mile and a half north of Minnewaukan. In early days he homesteaded in Benson county.

In February, 1896, Dr. Schultz wedded Miss Josephine Denoyer and they have become the parents of a son, Harry L., who was born in March, 1897, and is now a student in the State University. Their religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and Dr. Schultz holds membership in the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges and was formerly identified with the Elks. Politically he is a republican and for ten years he was retained in the office of mayor of Minnewaukan, his frequent reelections standing as incontrovertible proof of his ability in office. He brought about many needed reforms and improvements while giving the city a businesslike administration and his official efforts constituted a direct impetus in furthering the welfare and promoting the best interests of his city. He has witnessed almost the entire development of Benson county to the present time, coming here in pioneer days, and in many ways his service has been most helpful in public affairs.

KASPER EMIL EDWARDSON.

Kasper Emil Edwardson, attorney at law of White Earth and one of the extensive landowners of Mountrail county, was born at Aarfor, Norway, September 23, 1879, a son of Edward and Anna J. (Kasperson) Evensen, who were natives of Norway, where the father spent his entire life as a sea captain. His widow still makes her home in Norway.

Kasper E. Edwardson acquired a common school education near Aarfor and in 1899,

when a young man of twenty years, came to America. He made his way to Ottertail county, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand, and later in order to promote his education he entered Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1903. Stimulated by the desire to devote his life to professional activity, he next became a law student in the University of North Dakota, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the LL. B. degree. In June of the same year he located for practice at White Earth, where he has since remained, and his ability in his profession has won him a large and important clientage. At the same time he has dealt extensively and invested judiciously in real estate. He has a homestead in Mountrail county and to his original professions has added from time to time until he is now the owner of eleven hundred acres of land, much of which he rents although he operates a part of his land himself. He also organized the White Earth Creamery and was one of the organizers of the Citizens State Bank at Arnegard, North Dakota, of which he is still a stockholder. In a word he is a very prominent and influential business man whose activities are splendidly resultant.

On the 1st of August, 1909, Mr. Edwardson was married to Miss Marie Grothe at Grand Forks. She was born at Gudbrandsdal, Norway, a daughter of Hans O. and Marie Grothe, who were also natives of that country. In 1907 their daughter crossed the Atlantic and made her way to Grand Forks and in 1912 the parents arrived in North Dakota and they are now residing upon a farm near White Earth. Mr. and Mrs. Edwardson have one child, Margaret, who was born at White Earth, May 1, 1911. In politics Mr. Edwardson is a stalwart republican and for four years filled the office of mayor of his town, having been re-elected to that position by his fellow townsmen, who recognized his ability in the office and his public-spirited devotion to the general good. He has also served as a member of the school board in his township and he belongs to the United Lutheran Church. He has many admirable qualities, displayed in his unfaltering allegiance to high standards of manhood and citizenship.

JOSEPH N. DUBORD.

Joseph N. Dubord, cashier of the Horace State Bank, which he aided in organizing, was born in Quebec, Canada, December 28, 1863, a son of Oliver and Fannie Dubord, both of whom were also natives of Canada. In the year 1882 they became residents of North Dakota, settling in Cass county, where they passed away. In their family were twelve children, five of whom are yet living.

Joseph N. Dubord was reared and educated in his native country and was a young man of eighteen years when he arrived in Cass county, North Dakota, where he settled upon a farm. He was employed in a store at Horace for ten years and was also postmaster of the town for several years, continuing in that position until 1906, when he became one of the organizers of the Horace State Bank, of which he has since been the cashier and a director. He is also treasurer of the Farmers Elevator and is thus actively connected with the business interests and development of the community in which he lives.

In 1911 Mr. Dubord was united in marriage to Miss Bernette B. Zuernel, who spent her girlhood days in St. Paul, Minnesota. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dubord are members of the Catholic church and he also has membership in the Knights of Columbus and with the Foresters and the Yeomen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for two years he has been treasurer of Stanley township, Cass county. He is interested in all that pertains to public progress and welfare and cooperates in many well defined plans and measures for the general good.

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