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# Biographical

WILLIAM H. WHITE.

When death called William H. White on the 4th of September, 1916, no resident of North Dakota had been continuously engaged in business within the borders of the state for a longer period than he and none enjoyed a more unassailable reputation for business integrity or had a more creditable record for enterprise. He was the founder and promoter of the William H. White Lumber Company, which owned twenty-four different yards in North Dakota and Minnesota, but business constituted but one phase of his activity. He never neglected the higher, holier duties of life and became one of the charter members of the First Methodist church, the first church established in the state, remaining thereafter one of its most helpful representatives. His religious belief guided him in every relation of life and found expression in his conduct at all times. Thus it is that his memory is enshrined in the halo of a gracious presence and of the highest principles and remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

Mr. White was born in Whiting, Vermont, July 31, 1851, a son of Lyman P. and Phoebe (Keeler) White, who were also natives of the Green Mountain state and representatives of old New England families. His paternal grandfather, Elijah White, a native of Massachusetts, served as a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary war and later removed to Vermont. The father was at one time president of the Rutland & Burlington Railroad and subsequently became chief fuel agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, with headquarters in Chicago. In 1869 he removed to Brainerd, Minnesota, where he continued his residence until his death several years ago.

The boyhood and youth of William H. White were spent in Vermont and Wisconsin, his education being completed at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. At one time he was a resident of Chicago, where his father was engaged in the lumber business. In October, 1871, when a young man of twenty years, he reached Brainerd, Minnesota, and on the 1st of May, 1872, arrived at Moorhead, Minnesota, with the timber for the approaches of the Northern Pacific railroad bridge, which made possible the laying of the tracks into what is now the state of North Dakota and provided the highway for the advent of civilization into the then wild western territory, there being no railroads or bridges built in the state previous to that time. In 1872 Mr. White took lumber by flatboats down the Red river, supplying the first lumber for the cities of Grand Forks, Elm River, Pembina and Emerson. In 1873 he shipped lumber to Sixteenth Siding, or Steele, thirty miles east of Bismarck, and thence forwarded it to Bismarck to be used in the construction of the first houses builded in that city. It was at that time that he became acquainted with Colonel C. A. Lounsberry, to whom he furnished lumber to build the first newspaper plant in what is now North Dakota. After remaining in the lumber trade at Bismarck for a year he returned to Moorhead and in 1874 he operated flatboats on the Red river. It was in that year that Mr. White became a resident of Fargo and began the development of the extensive lumber business in which he was for so many years continuously engaged. In fact he was connected with the lumber trade of the state from 1872 and was sole owner of twenty-four lumber yards in North Dakota and Minnesota, with headquarters in Fargo. His business was developed along substantial lines. He readily discriminated between the essential and the non-essential and his utilization of advantages which

came to him brought him success, while his even paced energy and unremitting industry carried him into important trade relations. In no small measure he contributed to material progress, for he was one of the founders and directors of the First National Bank of Fargo, the oldest banking institution in the state, and he organized and set in motion the clerical work of the city auditor's and treasurer's offices in Fargo.

Mr. White was also intimately identified with nearly every early enterprise for the upbuilding of the state and had the unique and unusual reputation of having refused practically every political office within the gift of the people of North Dakota, being absolutely averse to accepting any political preferment. Moreover, he had the distinction of being the first and oldest church member representing any denomination in the state and he devoted much time to the promotion and development of religious and educational institutions, being especially interested in the work of advancing the well-being and care of aged ministers and teachers who wore themselves out in the early service during the formative period of North Dakota's history. He took a most helpful part in upbuilding the first Methodist Episcopal congregation of North Dakota. The little society built its first house of worship in 1874 and a portion of that building is still standing, being now a part of the large frame structure at the corner of Eighth street and First avenue, South, in Fargo. He was a prominent factor in the building of the four houses of worship of the First Methodist Episcopal church which have occupied the original site and he purchased and placed in the belfry of the first church the first bell which proclaimed that Christianity had been established in North Dakota—a bell that is still in use. For several years he was president of the board of trustees of the North Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, was for forty years president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fargo, was at one time president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal University at Wahpeton, which is now Wesley College and is located at Grand Forks, and was also at one time a member of the board of trustees of Hamline University at St. Paul. In many ways he contributed to educational progress and his influence along many lines was at all times beneficial and resultant. In all of his church work he had the assistance and encouragement of his devoted wife, whom he wedded in Philadelphia, July 20, 1876, and who in her maidenhood was Miss Anna M. Williams, a native of that city.

In the field of philanthropy Mr. White was most active, but withal most modest, ever endeavoring to follow the biblical injunction not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth. He never sought recognition of his charity or spoke of the good acts which he performed, but it is well known that he and his wife went about doing good deeds and acts of kindness and that there are many who have reason to bless and cherish his memory for his timely assistance. He became one of the organizers of the Young Men's Christian Association of Fargo and served on its board of trustees. For many years he was president of the Old Settlers Association of North Dakota and for many years was associated with Colonel Lounsberry in the work of the State Historical Society, of which he was a charter and life member and a director. He was connected with the various Masonic bodies of Fargo, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and in fact there has been no element of public progress or improvement or of humanitarian work in Fargo that has not found in him an important factor. Public honors would have been multiplied unto him had not his wish been otherwise, for he shunned every phase of public preferment and modestly kept in the background, but the public recognized the worth of the man, ever regarding William H. White as one of the foremost citizens of Fargo and of North Dakota. In his later years he and his wife traveled extensively and it is said that there is not a country on the face of the globe that he did not visit. At a meeting of the quarterly conference of the First Methodist Episcopal church subsequent to his death the following resolutions were adopted:

"A brother, counsellor and friend has gone to his reward. Whether in matters of church, city or state, he was always a safe leader.

"Successful in business, his prosperity was never gained by the slightest unworthy act or deed. Generous in the extreme, he sought to help where help was most needed. Probably the hour never passed when the thought of aiding the poor and unfortunate did not possess his soul.

"Naturally of a religious nature, his life developed equally in matters spiritual and temporal.

"The good, brave wife who has walked by his side in adversity as well as prosperity, now survives, possessed of the glad knowledge that it was hers to be the companion and adviser of a brave and truly noble man.

"To him the church of his choice took first place as an institution for the promotion of good.

"He was probably the oldest Methodist in North Dakota in point of continuous membership. He was indeed the founder of Methodism in northern Dakota territory and the state of North Dakota.

"For over forty years he was a member of the official board of this church and chairman of its board of trustees. He gave his time lavishly to further the interests of Christ's kingdom in our midst.

"His last conversation was in his office with our district superintendent, concerning the interests of our local church.

"Therefore, as members of the official board of the First Methodist Episcopal church, now assembled as a quarterly conference, we here record our appreciation of the high character and sterling worth of our departed brother, William H. White, and place these few feeble words upon our records as a slight token of our love and unalloyed affection for a worthy brother this day gone to his home on high." In an editorial which appeared in the Daily Courier-News it was said:

"A prince and a mighty man has gone down like a great tree suddenly felled by the woodman's axe, leaving a lonesome place against the sky.

"The title of Walt Whitman's famous poem rings in the ear as we think of this tall, clear eyed, stanch man: 'Pioneers, oh Pioneers'—for the men who first carved the path for hunter and for husbandman are fast passing away. These come first to mind, not only because he was one prominent among them, but because Mr. White gave first place in his affections to those hardy adventurers who were with him in the early days at 'the crossing,' and its vicinity. They were creative spirits, and among them he was a chief.

"The business life of North Dakota felt his creative hand through all its plastic years, and the network of his business interests interlaces a large territory, wherein he was respected and honored. He lived too largely to be confined in business, and a great deal of his energy and ability was expended in religious work. Superintendent of the first Sunday school in the state, he remained a member of it until his death, and saw a large religious denomination grow out of the first little 'class,' as the Methodists then called it, of which he was a member, when Fargo was just beginning.

"To him religion was not a mere profession, for the first comment made by many upon his life, was the significant statement: 'He was a just man.' His attorney who cared for his large and vexatious interests in the days following Fargo's collapsed boom, states that his habit was to bring the papers which required legal attention to him and give him the instruction: 'Do what is just; nothing else,' and that freely, when not required by the letter of the law, Mr. White did justice, and more. Lifelong associates apply the words of the ancient prophet to him: he 'dealt justly, loved mercy (kindness) and walked humbly with his God.' Every honor in the great Methodist denomination which is accessible to a layman was conferred upon him by the volition of his fellow churchmen, and unsought upon his part, for he was modest as well as capable.

"He was broader than to be a mere churchman. His sympathies were so catholic that he frequently mingled with other church gatherings than his own and enjoyed them, even those frequently considered heterodox, and his expressions of religious conviction made in the times when he laid aside his reserve and spoke of them, were generous and appreciative of the good wherever found. This breadth of mind was found in his ordinary relations with his fellowmen, wherein he differed. He held to principles tenaciously, but never allowed differences to sever friendship.

"He lived largely and well, and was a fine type of the true manhood which is the foundation of the commonwealth. It was fitting that he should pass without long, lingering illness or pitiful weakness. His last words showed the tender solicitude always felt for the wife who had walked by his side through the long, golden years, and whose terrible shock at his sudden passing is the chief regret concerning the manner of it.

"Mr. White lived largely, wrought strongly in business and social life; leaves a good record behind him and will not be forgotten by the community in which he spent all of his life, but his extreme youth."

The following tributes were paid Mr. White at the time of his death.

Like the quick vanishing of a light, leaving impenetrable darkness; like gray clouds obscuring a clear sky; like glad joy converted into sadful sorrow, was the effect of the startling announcement that the soul of our dear brother, William H. White, had suddenly withdrawn from the earthly life to the eternal.

The ladies of the Pastor's Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Fargo, North Dakota, would pay a last tribute of respect and appreciation to the memory of a good and true man.

He was friend, adviser, brother. Every appeal for assistance met favorable response. Intense interest in all plans was manifested. The fine compliment of being financially responsible was frequently accorded us. We will miss his cheery presence, his courteous kindness, his valuable counsel, his ready helpfulness.

His manifold benedicences are his enduring monument. Let us place thereon wreaths woven from the blossoms of love and benevolence, which he so generously planted and whose exhalations will be grateful and everlasting.

May his life be an example and inspiration in devotion and philanthropy. May we keep the faith as he did, so that when our summons comes to join the innumerable caravan, we may wrap the drapery of our couch about us and lie down to pleasant dreams.

To his wife our dear sister, we offer our consolation without reserve. We share her grief. Our sympathies encircle her. With bowed heads we commend her to the Heavenly Father, Who will answer sometime, somewhere, all our questionings of why and wherefore.

Pastor's Aid Society.

Mrs. E. F. Moore (Secy.).

Fargo, North Dakota.

Sept. 12, 1916.

Sometimes in considering the born leaders of a country I am reminded of that great wheel in a large factory through which power is distributed to the various machines, large and small, assembled to do the tasks of that factory.

An examination of the wheel will show it to contain innumerable cogs, so arranged, that in turning, they fit into the cogs of other wheels, which themselves are used in the vast work of distributing power.

Into such wheels the master builder intends to place only the very best material. But the jar, the necessary friction produced by constant motion, the loss of power occasioned from other inaccurate wheels and machines, frequently render impossible the highest perfection of operation. Even in the master wheel, by reason of some latent and unknown defect in itself, more often, perhaps, because of the necessary and constant contact with its environment, is found an imperfect or broken cog, which render operation difficult, followed by a necessarily heavy strain upon the perfect cogs to keep in motion the mighty factory so dependent upon the larger wheel, for constant and perfect action.

Judged, however, from results,—the only accurate measurement,—there is accorded to the products of that factory the highest degree of perfection.

So in this great world of ours. Providence places human machines, not perfect, nor yet free from error, into their respective spheres of action. To some He gives great ability coupled with large responsibilities; to others less power, but consequently with less expectancy of return. The old illustration of what is given and what is required taken from the parable of the talents, tells the story of God's demands made of the men and women, with whom He has peopled this great world in which we live.

Measured by these standards, William H. White in Northern Dakota Territory and the State of North Dakota, was a master wheel,—a mighty leader in the development of what is destined to become one of the greatest States of this Union.

Fortunate indeed, that so early in the life of the Territory and State, this man of God came to establish his home, he possessed the inspirational and educational instinct, and in all he did, tempered his movements, keeping in mind the spiritual, intellectual and physical development of the people, with whom he was destined to grow, increase and become a leader.

He was a business man of the very highest type. Before going upon the bench, for over fifteen years, I was honored by being his confidential legal adviser. It was during the earlier portions of that career, while the boom days were on in this country, we first met. It was at that period when Rum was King, when he sat upon the throne of power on these fertile prairies; when to speak in opposition to his unreasonable yet incessant demands, often meant serious business complications and dire disaster; in a word, "the days that tried men's souls," then it was that the sturdy Christian character of the man, whose memory we now honor, sparkled with the greatest brilliancy.

Justice and righteousness were his watchwords. Often times, after the boom burst, when fortunes were melting away like snow under the summer sun, Bro. White would stand amid the wreck and ruin about him, while his small earthly belongings were being fast depleted by the universal decline about him, and say to his counsellor, when advising concerning obligations long since past due, "Give them time if necessary, take no penny not absolutely mine, but above all you be a judge as well as a lawyer, and do justice between us both." I remember upon one occasion he lost \$8,000.00 because he would not do an act which might be construed in a wrong light by a former benefactor and friend, when I advised him that he was legally entitled to every dollar of that amount.

For such clients all lawyers ought daily to be thankful. When their number increases there will be a corresponding decrease in what many call the "Crooked lawyers." Lawyers rise, in the discharge of private and public duty, little above the general level of the capability and desires of the clients for whom they work. The greater and nobler the client—the better and the more conscientious the attorney.

But I must not dwell too long upon the business side of Bro. White's career, however interesting and delightful it was, because in fact he was not only a successful business man but also a religious leader in this great State of ours.

While he was broad and liberal in his religious convictions, and had the warmest respect for and gave liberally to aid other denominations, he was essentially a Methodist. Indeed, I believe there is justly accorded to him, by every one, the position he so uniquely filled, that of The Pioneer—the First Methodist of Northern Dakota Territory and the State of North Dakota. Influenced in early life by the homes of such Methodists as Bishop Simpson and Alpha J. Kynette, little wonder he sought to plant some of their Methodist influence and inspiration to the virgin soil of this new Territory.

He was successful. This Conference tells the story. Upon your minutes appear the tables which show in members and property the development of the seed thus early sown by the hardy hand of the pioneers who peopled this State.

Like Daniel Webster, who in that famous speech in opposition to the admitting to probate of the Girard will in the Courts of Philadelphia, Bro. White took the ground—that Christianity was in fact a part of the Common law of the land, and that the Clergy were the representatives of that religion here below—that a strike at the Minister of the Gospel such as was found in the will was a blow at the Gospel itself. No wonder then that in the heart of Brother White was found a warm place for the ministry, not only of his own, but of all Churches, those who were true heralds of the Christian religion he so devoutly espoused.

The "William H. White Superannuate fund" which belongs to you, not only evidences his financial wisdom but also bears testimony to his devotion to that great body of men who have labored and served in this part of the moral vineyard.

Perhaps I ought to close with this brief description of what should be termed his public life, but a true representation of a great career would be incomplete, did it fail to point to what might be called his private life.

In the sacred precincts of the home and the church, he met as friend to friend all those who crossed the threshold of either, with that manly interest and those kindly greetings which could only emanate from the large and affectionate nature, he so richly possessed.

And here too, I am halted by those delicate relations which ought not to be exposed to public view. At this place and at this moment I stand with uncovered head, bowed with grief over the loss of a friend, whose companionship began over 35 years ago and continued unremittingly until his pure white soul winged its way to "that city not built with hands eternal in the heavens." What blessed years of association. To this occasion, and as it were beside his bier, I bring these few paltry words, attempting to do honor to his memory, conscious of the poverty of language to express our real thought and lay them, where, he had survived me, I know he would have said and laid the simple words which tell of a profound respect and an ever abiding affection.

The home life of Brother White, fortunately presided over by one whose womanly instinct was capable of thoroughly understanding the depths of his nature, was all that could be desired. For health and other reasons Mr. and Mrs. White traveled far and wide. They were thus enabled to see all countries of the globe. It would be interesting indeed to read at length "The tale of the two travelers," as it could be developed by a description of their journeys around the world. Suffice it to say, they would furnish a medium through which could be contemplated the sources of the accumulated wisdom concerning world wide affairs, with which he was so familiar.

Brother White was a keen observer of men and things. He possessed also a rare literary discernment, which, aided by what he saw and heard made him a profound student and lover of the best literature of the day. In his home library, in the daily companionship of his books and his wife, he spent most of his spare moments. Thus it was that all the resources, he so richly possessed were accumulated and apparently husbanded to aid him in becoming a useful citizen.

It is of such a character we speak at this moment; for such a life we utter a tribute of esteem; to such a religious leader, we add words of respect; for such a husband and friend we pause to give merited praise. Methodism mourns this day the loss of a great leader; the State a princely citizen and the wife and friend a real companion—gone on a little before—to prepare the way for those who will follow. As he would wish so we say "Though the workmen fall the work goes on."

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#### OLUF NELSON.

Oluf Nelson is conducting a blacksmith and repair shop at Clifford and has been very successful in that connection, building up a large and profitable patronage. His birth occurred near Bergen, Norway, April 26, 1864, and he is a son of Nels and Helga (Oleson) Nelson, the former of whom is still living in Norway, while the latter passed away in that country.

Oluf Nelson, who is one of seven living children of a family of fifteen, was reared and educated in Norway, where he remained until he was about twenty-three years of age. He emigrated to America in 1887 and, making his way at once to the northwest, located in Traill county, North Dakota. He learned the blacksmith's trade while in Norway and after arriving here established a shop in Clifford. He does all kinds of blacksmithing and his shop is well equipped for general repair work. He is a very skillful artisan and is well patronized by the people of Clifford and the surrounding country. He not only does general machine repairing but has specialized to some extent in automobile repairing. He owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company and in the Traill County Telephone Company and is in very comfortable circumstances.

In 1902 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Erickson, also a native of

Norway, by whom he had five children, Hilda, Norman, Otto, Mabel and Olga. The wife and mother passed away in 1911 and was laid to rest in the Norman cemetery.

Mr. Nelson endorses the principles of the republican party and is now serving as one of the supervisors of Norman township. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church and its teachings guide his life. His success is doubly creditable in that it is due entirely to his own efforts and although he has given the greater part of his time and attention to the building up of his business interests he has found opportunity to cooperate with movements seeking the general welfare and is recognized as a man of public spirit.

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#### RUSH S. ADAMS.

Rush S. Adams, president of the First National Bank of Lisbon and president of the Adams & Frees Company, a landholding company, ranks with the foremost business men of his part of the state. He is the oldest bank president of southern North Dakota and his activities along this and other lines have proven a potent element in advancing the material progress of the section in which he lives. He was born near Union Grove, Kenosha county, Wisconsin, on the 18th of November, 1854, a son of Homer and Philinda (Cadwell) Adams, both of whom were natives of the state of New York, whence they removed with their respective parents to Wisconsin in the year 1846. There they were subsequently married and the father for many years followed farming in that locality but afterward retired and took up his abode in Union Grove, where he passed away.

Rush S. Adams was a pupil in the district schools of his native county and afterward attended the preparatory department of Beloit College. He next entered the employ of the firm of J. Miller & Company, boot and shoe manufacturers of Racine, Wisconsin, in the capacity of bookkeeper. In 1875 he became a member of the firm, with which he was actively associated until 1883, when he sold his interest in the business and came to North Dakota, settling in Lisbon, where, in company with B. M. Frees, of Chicago, and H. K. Adams, of Racine, he organized the Ransom County Bank under the firm style of Adams & Frees. He became president of the institution, with Mr. Frees as the vice president and H. K. Adams as the cashier. In 1887 the bank was nationalized with the same officers and there was no change in the personnel from 1883 until 1915. On the 1st of January of the latter year H. K. Adams retired and his son, W. S. Adams, succeeded him in the position of cashier. Mr. Frees, who resides in San Diego, California, is still vice president of the bank, with Rush S. Adams as the president and chief executive officer. For a third of a century he has now been active in control of the institution and has made it one of the safe financial concerns of the state, its business maintaining ever an even balance between conservatism and progressiveness.

In 1876 Mr. Adams was married to Miss Susan W. Sage, of Racine, Wisconsin, and to them were born six children, of whom three are living: Sidney D., a prominent attorney, who is practicing as a member of the firm of Rourke, Kvello & Adams in Lisbon; Gertrude L., the wife of Dr. John B. Kinne, of Aberdeen, Washington; and Marie, who is connected with the Associated Charities of Chicago. Mrs. Adams died in New Orleans in December, 1911, and in March, 1914, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Alma Whitman, of Boston, Massachusetts.

In his political views Mr. Adams is a republican and for six years he served as a member of the state board of pardons, while for many years he has been treasurer of the State Soldiers' Home. He was mayor of Lisbon for one year and served for several years as a member of the board of education, of which for two years he was president. He has ever maintained a most progressive attitude in public affairs, standing loyally for those forces which are of greatest value to the community and the commonwealth at large. He belongs to Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M.; Lisbon Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; and to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, K. T., and has made his life an expression of Masonic teachings and purposes. He also belongs to Lisbon Lodge, No. 63, A. O. U. W. He has been grand receiver of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota since July, 1895. During this time he has paid out to the widows and orphans over two million dollars. He is also chairman of the investment committee, which has over a million and a half of invested funds. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and they are continually reaching out a helping hand to

those less fortunate. Their work has been a potent force for public benefit and for the support of high standards and wherever they are known they are spoken of in terms of highest respect and regard. Their genuine worth entitles them to mention as representative citizens of this great state, their work along many lines being of value in promoting the material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress of North Dakota.

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#### O. J. OLSON.

O. J. Olson, of Wahpeton, is now serving a third term as register of deeds of Richland county, and is very efficient in the discharge of his duties in that capacity, and he is also president of the Commercial Club. He is a native son of the county and was born on September 24, 1885, of the marriage of Chris and Lena (Olson) Olson. The father was born in Denmark and the mother in Mower county, Minnesota, and their marriage occurred in Adams, that state. About 1882 they came to North Dakota and settled at Dwight, where the father was engaged in the grain, machinery and farm implement business for a number of years. Having accumulated a competence, he is living retired in Galehutt. He is a republican in politics and fraternally is a Woodman, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born seven children, namely: George, who is engaged in the lumber business in Canada; O. J.; Mrs. Johnson, of Galehutt, whose husband is a general merchant there; Clara, at home; Mrs. Schultz, of Minot, this state, whose husband is manager of a hardware store; Cora, who is a teacher and resides at home; and Clarence, also at home. The paternal grandparents passed their entire lives in Denmark.

O. J. Olson received his education through attending the common schools and the Red River Valley University at Wahpeton, from which he was graduated in 1904. Thereafter he remained at home for a short time and then became a collector and salesman for the Hennepin Lumber Company, leaving their employ to accept a position as clerk in the office of register of deeds. In 1907 he was appointed deputy and three years later was elected register of deeds. His previous experience in the office well qualified him for the position and he has made such an excellent record that he has been twice re-elected and is still serving in that capacity. He is systematic, prompt and accurate and there has never been the slightest question as to his integrity.

On the 29th of April, 1914, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Susie Rettig, a native of Wahpeton. Both are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take a commendable interest. He is active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is now trustee of the home fund board of the state. His political beliefs are in accord with the principles of the republican party, which he supports loyally. He is president of the Commercial Club and under his leadership that organization has accomplished much for the civic and business expansion of the town and he hopes for still greater achievement.

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#### HENRY HILDRETH.

Among the substantial citizens of Argusville is Henry Hildreth, who became identified with the agricultural development of Cass county in pioneer times and for a considerable period carried on general farming. He afterward became connected with business affairs in Argusville and at the present time is living retired, his labors having been crowned with a measure of success that permits him to enjoy well earned rest. He was born in Wisconsin, January 15, 1852, a son of Henry and Sarah O. (Perkins) Hildreth, both of whom were natives of New York. Coming to the west in 1850, they settled on a farm in the Badger state and there lived until called to the home beyond.

They had two children but Henry Hildreth is the only member of the family now living. He was reared and educated in Wisconsin, remaining in that state until he attained his majority. In March, 1873, he went to Nebraska, but returned to Wisconsin in August of the same year. In 1878 he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, establishing his home in

Berlin township. He secured a claim and at once began to break the sod and till the fields, residing thereon until 1883. His first dwelling was a sod house and he made other primitive improvements, but in the year last mentioned he returned to Wisconsin, where he worked in a lumber mill for three years and afterward farmed the old homestead for five years. In 1891 he again came to North Dakota and settled upon his farm, which he occupied and further improved until 1894. In that year he removed to Argusville, where he established a store and also conducted a hotel, continuing in the business for four years. In 1913 he became one of the organizers of the Argusville State Bank, of which he is yet one of the directors, although at the present time he is practically retired from active business connections. He was also one of the organizers of the Argusville Farmers Elevator Company and is now president of its board of directors, owning one-fifth of the stock of that company. This was the second farmers' elevator in the state. In addition to this he and his wife still own one hundred and sixty acres of land at Gardner, now included within the corporation limits of that village.

Mr. Hildreth has been married twice. In 1879 he wedded Miss Josephine Krom, a native of New York and a daughter of Hiram and Rebecca (Depew) Krom. By this union there were four children, as follows: Edna A. and Sarah B., both of whom reside in Portland, Oregon; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Abernathy and lives in Oregon; and Hiram G., who makes his home at Argusville, North Dakota. The wife and mother died on the 4th of December, 1901, and her remains were interred in the Harwood cemetery. In 1904 Mr. Hildreth was again married, his second union being with Miss Ella S. Buckland, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of German and Mary Buckland, both of whom were born in Vermont. They removed to Wisconsin in the year 1848 and in that state the father passed away, but the mother still survives at the age of eighty-two.

Mr. Hildreth votes with the republican party, which finds in him a strong and stalwart advocate. He served on the township board for two terms and has also been town assessor. For twelve years he was a member of the school board and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion. His wife is a member of the Congregational church and both are highly esteemed, enjoying the goodwill and confidence of friends and neighbors. Mr. Hildreth deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in life empty handed and today is the possessor of a comfortable competence, which is the legitimate reward of well directed energy and thrift.

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#### CLARENCE R. BIERLY.

Clarence R. Bierly, president of the Minot Realty Company, has thus been engaged in business since July, 1906, and is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the work which claims his attention and which is bringing to him substantial success because of capable management, keen discrimination and unfaltering enterprise. They conduct a real estate and loan business and their clientage has reached gratifying proportions.

Mr. Bierly was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1875, a son of Willis R. and Sarah L. (Bosard) Bierly, who were also natives of the Keystone state, born July 30, 1847, and July 28, 1853, respectively. The father was an attorney and newspaper writer who continued his residence in the east until 1882, when he removed to Texas. There he continued in the practice of law and acted as attorney for a number of companies in northwestern Texas. He left that state to take the position of managing editor of the Grand Forks Herald, arriving in North Dakota on the 1st of January, 1884. For twelve years he maintained his abode there but in 1896 returned to Pennsylvania and since that time has been engaged in revising and codifying the laws of that state, making his home at Rebersburg. In the year 1906 Mrs. Bierly went to Canada and there passed away in February, 1907.

Clarence R. Bierly is the eldest of a family of seven children. He attended school in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1892. When his father left North Dakota in 1896, because of impaired health, he engaged in the fire insurance business at Grand Forks in connection with W. A. Gordon for eighteen months and on the expiration of that period accepted the position of bookkeeper with the Barnes

Grocery Company. After a short time, however, he was offered a position at Larimore, North Dakota, in the land and loan business with J. B. Streeter, Jr., Company, one of the largest companies operating in land in the state at that time. He occupied a position of responsibility and trust with Mr. Streeter for about eight years and then resigned to enter business in Minot. In July, 1906, he organized the Minot Realty Company, at which time he became president and so continues. This is a close corporation capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, owning and operating about eighteen hundred acres of land besides conducting a general loan and insurance business. Mr. Bierly devotes his entire time to the realty company and the operation of its properties and is thoroughly acquainted with conditions of the real estate market, knows the property that is for sale and is an expert valuator. Another point in his business career worthy of mention is that during the first three months of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 he was engaged in decorative art work in connection with the North Dakota and other state exhibits.

On the 15th of July, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bierly and Mrs. Edith R. Mory, a daughter of Albert C. and Sarah E. (McNeill) Johnson. She was born in Moulton, Iowa, and her parents were also natives of that state. They removed to Kansas and in 1893 came to North Dakota, whence they made their way to California in 1901, their home being now in Sonora, that state. Mrs. Bierly first married Edward R. Mory, who was a druggist of Larimore, North Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Bierly have been born two children, namely: Sydney H., whose birth occurred at Larimore, North Dakota, July 25, 1904; and Reed, born in Minot, October 9, 1908.

In his political views Mr. Bierly is a democrat. He is a special assessment commissioner, in which capacity he has acted for three years. The members of this commission are appointed by the city commissioners, the city being under a commission government. When he took charge of the work he organized a system similar to the one in use in Minneapolis, whereby each piece of property has a complete record which can be digested at a glance. This system, although expensive to install, will save the taxpayers a great deal of money as the old system was so unwieldy that a great many assessments were overlooked. He is ambitious, energetic and persistent, qualities which are indispensable elements in the attainment of business prosperity. At the same time he is thoroughly reliable and trustworthy and his integrity as well as his activity has placed him among the leading and substantial business men of Minot.

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#### JUDGE LEO J. PALDA.

Judge Leo J. Palda, who is engaged in the practice of law at Minot as the senior partner in the firm of Palda & Aaker, and who has also served on the district bench, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 4, 1873, his parents being Leo and Theresa (Sladky) Palda, both of whom were natives of Bohemia but were married in the new world. The father engaged in newspaper work in early life and about the year 1865 crossed the Atlantic, establishing his home in the state of New York, where he engaged in the newspaper business. He was married in New York and afterward continued connection with newspaper publication in New York, Chicago, Cleveland and in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, publishing Bohemian papers. Both he and his wife spent their remaining days in Cedar Rapids and he was a man of wide influence among people of his nationality. He never aspired to office, although he held some local positions and was regarded as a valued citizen of the community in which he made his home.

Judge Palda, the only living child of Leo Palda, was reared in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he largely pursued his education, his public school course there, however, being supplemented by study in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. At the age of fifteen years he began dealing in cigars and newspapers at Cedar Rapids and continued actively in that line until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then entered the Michigan University, from which he was graduated in June, 1893. He then engaged in law practice at Cedar Rapids, where he remained for about a year, after which he removed to Elgin, Iowa, where he followed his profession for about five years. In 1900 he arrived in North Dakota, settling at Kenmare, Ward county, where he continued for three years. On the expiration of that period

he removed to Minot, having been appointed to serve on the district bench while practicing at Kenmare. He remained upon the bench for two years, making a creditable record in office. He then formed a partnership with John E. Burke, which association was maintained until 1908, when he became the senior member of the law firm of Palda & Aaker and in that connection has since engaged in the general practice of law. He is recognized as a man of pronounced ability in his chosen field. His efforts have been attended with success, for he is a clear and logical reasoner and his study of his cases is thorough and exhaustive. He presents a situation with great clearness and the logic of his arguments is one of the strong and abiding elements in his practice. He is also a landowner in North Dakota and personally operates a part of his farm property.

In January, 1898, Judge Palda was married to Miss Mae G. Lyon, a native of Fayette county, Iowa, and a daughter of Willis and Mary (Randall) Lyon, both of whom were born in the eastern part of the United States. Willis Lyon, an agriculturist by occupation, died almost immediately after the Civil war as the result of diseases contracted in service at the front. He was a member of an Iowa regiment. Mr. and Mrs. Palda have two children, namely: Charles H., born December 19, 1898; and Robert W., whose natal day was July 22, 1900.

Politically Judge Palda is a republican and aside from serving as district judge he has filled various local offices, including that of mayor of Kenmare, being the first incumbent in the position. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Minot, with the Elks and with the Knights of Pythias, also the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. In the Elks organization he has held both local and state offices. Through the steps of an orderly progression Judge Palda has steadily advanced and his position is one which is accorded him by the consensus of public opinion in recognition of his ability and his devotion to the highest standards of the profession.

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#### HON. JOHN W. HANSEL.

Hon. John W. Hansel, president of Fargo College and an honored resident of Fargo, is regarded as one of the able educators of North Dakota, holding to the highest standards and ever recognizing the fact that physical, intellectual and moral progress go hand in hand. A native of Peoria, Illinois, he was born March 6, 1853, a son of John W. and Mary A. (Little) Hansel, who were natives of Ohio and were married in Newark, that state. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade and at the time of the gold excitement in California crossed the plains to that state in 1849 with a mule team. After spending three years in the gold fields, where he met with moderate success, he returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama to the middle west, settling in Peoria, Illinois, where for many years he was engaged in the hardware business. Subsequently he turned his attention to the manufacture of his own patents, for he possessed inventive genius and gave to the world several valuable devices. He died in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the very venerable age of eighty-seven years, while his wife passed away in Oak Park, Illinois, at the age of seventy-eight.

President John W. Hansel spent his youthful days in the home of his parents at Peoria, where he acquired a public school education, after which he was variously employed, beginning life's work in a machine shop as an engineer. Eventually he became associated with a wholesale drug firm of Peoria and continued successfully in that business until 1882. In the meantime he had become actively interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and in 1882 he accepted the position of general secretary of the association at St. Joseph, Missouri, where he was instrumental in erecting the first association building west of the Mississippi river, securing funds sufficient to make all payments upon this building, which was erected at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Hansel remained for five years at St. Joseph and then went to Kansas City, where he remained for three years, during which time he was instrumental in raising the funds and building the superstructure of the Young Men's Christian Association building, already begun, the cost of which was two hundred and ten thousand dollars. When he undertook the work conditions seemed very unfavorable, for finances were at a low ebb and the outlook was discouraging, but he

fired the workers with his own zeal and courage and the task was carried forward to successful completion. Mr. Hansel afterward cooperated with some of the association secretaries and laymen of the west in the organization of the Young Men's Christian Association College at Chicago with summer schools at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Upon the completion of the organization of the college he was chosen its first general secretary and later its president and continued in that capacity for fifteen years, when he was compelled to resign on account of his health. He was instrumental in making the school one of the two great institutions of its kind in the world. He cooperated in organizing the Lake Geneva Student Conference, which has since become famous throughout the world. After severing his connection with the Chicago school Mr. Hansel spent three years on the Gulf coast and in September, 1913, accepted a call to the presidency of Fargo College, in which capacity he is now serving. This institution offers one of the strongest four year liberal arts courses in the northwest. It has had two Rhodes scholarships in the last four years and all of the work of the college receives full credit recognition in the eastern universities.

In 1875 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hansel and Miss Christina Watson Mowat, of Peoria, and they have become the parents of seven children, of whom three are living: Agnes Mowat, the wife of Lloyd E. Harter, sales-manager for Hales & Edwards Grain Company of Chicago; Mary Anna, the wife of Professor Fred C. Brown, of the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, Illinois; and John Washington, advertising manager in the middle west for the Good Housekeeping magazine. Mr. and Mrs. Hansel are members of the Congregational church. She is a lady of broad and liberal culture and has been of great assistance to her husband.

In his political views Mr. Hansel has always been an earnest republican and progressive and his opinions are the result of close study of the questions of the day. He participated in the progressive convention which nominated Theodore Roosevelt in 1912. One of the Fargo papers said of him: "Mr. Hansel's services to Fargo College already command the gratitude of every friend of the institution and of education. He has laid the foundation for a sound business procedure adequate to the large growth and coming needs; he has gone far to correct the prejudices that have handicapped the college hitherto; he has helped largely in freeing the college from a burden of debt; he has won a sympathetic hearing out of the state; he has won the confidence of us all by his candor, his kindly manner, his business-like methods and by his large faith and optimism."

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#### ARTHUR M. THOMPSON.

Arthur M. Thompson, member of the state legislature for the third term and a prominent member of the North Dakota bar, practicing at Minot, is leaving the impress of his individuality upon the history of the state both as a lawyer and law maker. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, December 11, 1877, a son of Charles and Antoinette (Sakrison) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Norway, born in 1850 and 1852 respectively. In 1866 when a youth of sixteen years, Charles Thompson crossed the Atlantic to the new world and settled in Chicago, where he became a builder and contractor. There he resided until 1879, when he removed to Deer Park, Wisconsin, and continued in the same line of business. In early manhood he wedded Antoinette Sakrison but both are now deceased. Mr. Thompson held various local offices and was postmaster at Deer Park at the time of his death.

Arthur M. Thompson was the third in order of birth in a family of nine children. He attended the River Falls Normal School and the University of Minnesota, pursuing a two years' course in special work in the academic department, and later entering upon the study of law, which he completed by graduation with the class of 1905. Long before this, however, he had started out in the business world. At the age of sixteen years he secured a clerkship in a store at Deer Park, with which he was connected for two and a half years. He afterward taught school for a year and later spent a year and a half as a clerk at Bruce, Wisconsin. For three or four years he was upon the road during vacation periods while he was pursuing his normal school and university courses. He completed his education in 1905 but practiced little before coming to Minot in the early part of 1906. Here he has since

remained in general practice and his ability has brought him prominently to the front in the successful conduct of important litigation. The thoroughness and care with which he prepares his cases is one of the strong elements in his growing success. His arguments are logical, his reasoning sound and his deductions clear and forceful. In addition to his practice he has business interests as the owner of considerable farm land both improved and unimproved in this state and much of this he has now rented.

On the 4th of August, 1909, Mr. Thompson married Miss Eleanor R. McElfresh, who was born in Emporia, Kansas, a daughter of Dr. John McElfresh, a native of Maryland, who has now passed away. They have become parents of one son, named for her father, John McElfresh, born August 19, 1912.

Fraternally Mr. Thompson is connected with the Elks lodge at Minot, in which he has filled most of the offices, being next in line for exalted ruler. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party, being a recognized leader in its ranks in his part of the state. Well fitted for leadership, he has been called upon for legislative duty and is now serving for the third term as a member of the general assembly, giving careful consideration to all questions which come up for settlement.

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#### GEORGE CARLSON.

George Carlson, cashier of the Farmers Bank at Gwinner, Sargent county, was born in Renville county, Minnesota, September 17, 1887, a son of K. and Stina (Johnson) Carlson, who were natives of Norway. The father was born in 1852 and became an early resident of Minnesota, whence he removed to North Dakota in 1888. In this state he secured a homestead claim situated on section 34, township 132, range 54, Sargent county, and thereon he remained until 1903, at which time he removed to Milnor, where he is now living retired. He was prominently connected with the agricultural development of his county for many years and contributed in substantial measure to the advancement of the interests of that district. His wife was born in Norway in 1849 and both she and her husband came to the United States with their respective parents when quite young, both families settling in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are now living in Milnor, Sargent county.

George Carlson is the youngest in a family of seven children, all of whom are yet living. In the acquirement of his education he passed through consecutive grades in the public schools and after completing the high school course at Milnor he devoted two years to study in the North Dakota State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale. Still later he pursued a business course in Fargo and in 1907 he entered the First National Bank of Milnor, in which institution he held the position of assistant cashier, remaining in that connection for four years. During the succeeding four years, or until 1915, he was vice president of the First National Bank of Milnor. In October, 1915, the Farmers Bank of Gwinner was organized by Mr. Carlson and two business associates, C. Cooper and R. P. Johnson. Mr. Cooper is now president of the bank, with Mr. Johnson as vice president and Mr. Carlson as cashier. The company has recently erected a modern bank building thoroughly equipped, furnishing an attractive home for the bank, which is being developed along substantial lines, displaying nothing that partakes of frenzied finance but on the contrary carefully safeguarding the interests of depositors as well as protecting the interests of the institution. Mr. Carlson not only is active in managing and controlling the bank but is also the owner of farm property in Sargent county, situated on section 28, township 132, range 56. He also has an attractive residence in Gwinner which he has recently completed and which is supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories.

In 1912 Mr. Carlson was united in marriage to Miss Liffie Intlehouse, who was born in Richland county, this state, in 1888 and is a daughter of Peter and Guri Intlehouse, both of whom were old residents of this state. The father was a butcher by trade, following that pursuit until his death, which occurred in 1903. The mother is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Carlson, who is the youngest of a family of five children, four of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson have one child, Wanda, born August 15, 1913. Both are

members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Carlson gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Practically his entire life has been spent in Sargent county and with its substantial development he has been closely associated, while in its business conditions he has found the opportunity for the attainment of substantial success.

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#### JAMES JOHNSON.

The life record of James Johnson is another proof of the fact that the accident of birth does not determine the position of the individual in the business world but that success depends upon utilization of opportunity. Laudable ambition has carried James Johnson steadily forward and the position which he occupies in business circles of Minot and Ward county is one of prominence and influence. He was born at Viele, Denmark, on the 1st of May, 1850, a son of James and Katherine (Paulson) Johnson, who were also natives of Denmark, in which country they spent their entire lives, the father there following the occupation of farming. Their son James attended school in his native country, pursuing a course in the Wibij Military School in Copenhagen. When a mere lad he worked for others and has since been dependent upon his own resources. He went to sea, sailing for about four years, and afterward served for two years in the Danish navy.

In 1872 he arrived in America, landing at New York. He had learned some English and this aided him in a measure in making a start in the new world. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but proceeded westward until he reached the Red river. He settled in Otter-tail county, Minnesota, where he secured a claim and engaged in farming for nine years. He then removed to Burlington, North Dakota. At that period the town of Minot was not in existence. He engaged in the stock business to some extent and still resides upon his place, continuing his interests in live stock. In the meantime he had furthered his education by study in the State University of Minnesota, in which he pursued a law course, and for a number of years he practiced law but at present he devotes his entire time to looking after his individual interests. He is one of the stockholders and president of the First State Bank at Burlington and the chairman of the board of directors of the Second National Bank at Minot and has extensive property holdings in both towns. In fact his business interests are important and in their control he displays sound judgment, keen enterprise and careful management. Success is following his undertakings and his reliability and trustworthiness have insured to him the confidence and goodwill of his fellow citizens.

In 1879 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Ada J. Colton, a native of Colton, St. Lawrence county, New York, and a daughter of Joseph L. and Diana (Robinson) Colton, both of whom are deceased. The Coltons are of English lineage and the first of the name who came from England to the new world was married in Massachusetts in 1644. Mrs. Johnson's father was a capitalist, real estate dealer, merchant and prominent business man. In 1872 he removed westward to Minnesota and afterward came to North Dakota, where he founded the city of Lisbon, there remaining for a number of years. He afterward removed to Burlington, where both he and his wife passed away. He was a soldier of the Civil war and his wife served for three years as a nurse in the field hospital. Mr. Colton was a member of the One Hundred and Forty-seventh New York Volunteer Regiment and participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, being wounded in the third year of his service. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and returned to his home with a most creditable military record. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born nine children, as follows: Arthur De Forest, who is deceased; Carrie, the wife of Henry Kluyer, who is cashier of the First State Bank of Burlington; Harvey, an agriculturist residing in Burlington; Effie, the wife of Daniel Connan, of Sannix, who is engaged in business as a contractor; Rollie, who is engaged in the lumber business at Burlington; George, who lives on the home ranch and is engaged in the stock business; Grace, at home; Loyal, who is attending school and lives in Burlington; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Johnson is well known in Masonic circles, being a charter member of Minot Lodge, F. & A. M., and having taken various higher degrees of Masonry. He has passed the chairs in the different branches of the order and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. His religious



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faith is that of the Lutheran church and his political belief that of the republican party. In territorial days he served as clerk of the court for four years or until North Dakota was admitted to statehood; for two years, 1889-1890, he was probate judge and in 1891 and 1892 he was state senator. At the end of that time he was elected state's attorney and held that office for twelve years, during which period and afterward he was chairman of the county republican central committee. Later he was chairman of the state central committee. As a true American citizen should do, he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and has cooperated in many plans and projects to promote the welfare and good of the community in which he lives. Wherever known he is held in the highest esteem and most of all where he is best known. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he has been dependent upon his own resources from early boyhood. At a youthful age he recognized those things which are of real value and worth—industry, integrity, perseverance and sterling character—and his course has utilized these with the passing years, making him a citizen of worth in the community in which he makes his home.

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#### ANDREW KNUDSON.

Andrew Knudson, who is making an excellent record as cashier of the Galesburg State Bank of Galesburg, Traill county, is a native of Norway and displays the excellent qualities characteristic of his race. He was born on the 28th of March, 1860, a son of Knud and Barbara Knudson, the former of whom died in that country, while the latter is still living there. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom four are deceased.

Andrew Knudson attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, when, having heard much concerning the unusual opportunities offered to a young man in the United States, he emigrated to this country. He first located in Wisconsin and remained there for about two years, working during the summers and attending school during the winters, thus perfecting his knowledge of English. At the end of that time he went to Minnesota, where he spent a year, but in 1881 he came to Traill county, North Dakota, where he has since lived. He homesteaded land on section 20, Galesburg township, and concentrated his energies upon its improvement and cultivation until 1902, when he removed to Galesburg. In 1901 he had aided in organizing the Galesburg State Bank, of which he became a director. In 1905 the bank was sold and in 1907 he was made cashier, in which capacity he has since served. He has been judicious in the management of its affairs, following a progressive policy tempered by a conservatism that safeguards the interests of depositors and stockholders. He also finds time to supervise the operation of his fine farm of four hundred acres, from which he derives a gratifying addition to his income. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator and in the Traill County Telephone Company, of which he is a director.

Mr. Knudson was married in 1906 to Miss Christine Agotness, who was born in Norway but was brought to America when but four years of age. They both hold membership in the Lutheran church and he is connected with the Sons of Norway. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as assessor and as treasurer of Galesburg township. He has been a resident of Traill county for thirty-five years and during that time has done all in his power to further the advancement of the community along not only material but also moral and civic lines.

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#### HANS LARSON.

Hans Larson, who owns more than eight hundred acres of land and is now living retired in Harwood township, Cass county, was one of the early settlers of the county and has from his arrival in the state had firm faith in the greatness of its future although in the early days such faith required unusual farsightedness as North Dakota was then a wild and forbidding

region. He was born on the island of Laaland, Denmark, October 1, 1850, a son of Lars Hendrickson, who died when his son Hans was thirteen years of age.

The latter continued to reside in his native country until he was seventeen years old, when in company with his mother he came to the United States. For two years they resided at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, but at the end of that time he and his brother Henry removed to Dakota territory in 1870. After spending one year at Fort Randall, in what is now South Dakota, they came to the present state of North Dakota. For a short time they worked on the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad but as expenses were high and wages low they made their way to what is now Cass county and took up squatters' claims, on which Hans Larson filed in 1873. He worked for the Northern Pacific for thirteen months, thus meeting his living expenses. He first entered his quarter section as a preemption claim but as money was hard to obtain he commuted on eighty acres, which he took up as a homestead. Later he filed on a quarter section under the timber act, which he later commuted and scripped and paid for in subsequent years. He was a very practical and efficient farmer and his land yielded large crops, the sale of which netted him a good profit. From time to time he invested in more land and now owns eight hundred and twenty-nine acres. He resided upon his original homestead for forty-three years, or until March, 1914, when he retired from active work, renting his farm to others and taking up his abode on the Nicholas A. Peterson farm, on section 14, Harwood township. He is financially independent and the period of leisure which he is now enjoying is the deserved reward of many years of well directed labor.

On the 11th of January, 1882, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Harrison, of Arena, Wisconsin, who, however, was born in Norway. Three of their six children survive, namely: Josephine, the wife of M. C. Smith, of Cloverdale, British Columbia; William H., at home; and Lulu M., the wife of George Ostby, of Cass county.

Mr. Larson is a staunch republican but has never taken a very active part in politics although he has held a number of minor offices and has served as chairman of the township board for ten years. Fraternaly he belongs to Shiloh Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Auvergne Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mr. Larson is progressive and up-to-date and has been a factor not only in the agricultural development of his county but also in its advancement along other lines. He is widely and favorably known and those who have been intimately associated with him hold him in warm personal regard.

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#### LAWRENCE P. VOISIN.

Lawrence P. Voisin, president of the Citizens State Bank of Lisbon, is a farsighted, energetic business man and banker and in addition to his control of financial affairs he is serving as a member of the board of directors of the Equity Elevator Company, having retired from the presidency after five years' service, in June, 1915. He was born in Bruce county, Ontario, Canada, on the 21st of February, 1873, his parents being Jacob and Rose (Schuett) Voisin, the former of French descent, while the latter was of German lineage. Both, however, were born in Canada, where the father followed the occupation of farming up to the time of his death in 1885. His widow still occupies the old home place there.

Lawrence P. Voisin was educated in the common schools and in St. Jerome's College at Berlin, Ontario, where he completed a three years' course, which he supplemented by a course in the Northern Business College at Owen Sound, Ontario. On the completion of his studies in that institution in 1891 he came west to seek a fortune and for two months remained in Duluth, where he was employed in various ways. He then made his way to Sheldon, North Dakota, and in that locality secured employment as a farm hand, remaining for seven years in the employ of one man. He married his employer's sister, Miss Mathilda Kaspari, on the 5th of April, 1900. Two years before, or in the summer of 1898, he engaged in the grain buying business in Venlo, North Dakota, and devoted the greater part of his attention to that work for three years. In 1900 he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres six miles east of Lisbon and turned his attention to general agricultural

pursuits, although he continued also to buy grain for another year. At the end of that period he devoted his entire attention to the tilling of the soil. In the early days farming in the state was an uncertain quantity and through several winters he was compelled to go to the Minnesota woods and work in the lumber camps in order to keep the wolf from the door, but his perseverance and determination at length brought to him their legitimate reward. The tide turned in his favor and he acquired two sections of land and also an equity in two other farms. At length he sold five quarter sections of his land and in the spring of 1916 he left his farm and established his home in Lisbon. In the meantime, or in 1910, he had purchased an interest in the Citizens State Bank of Lisbon and a year later he was elected to the presidency of that institution, in which connection he has since continued, directing its policy along well defined lines that lead to growth and success. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Equity Elevator Company and proved most capable during his five years' presidency, from which he retired in June, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Voisin are members of the Catholic church and he belongs also to the Knights of Columbus. He is regarded as one of the influential residents of Lisbon, belonging to that class of men who have not only built up their own fortunes but at the same time have been active in advancing the welfare and promoting the progress of the district in which they live. He has stood shoulder to shoulder with those who have struggled on to make this a habitable region, in which business activity is a synonym for material advancement and prosperity.

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#### HON. O. H. DE S. IRGENS.

Hon. O. H. de S. Irgens, county judge of Barnes county, residing at Valley City, was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 8, 1855, a son of John S. Irgens, a native of Norway, who at the age of seventeen years came to America, attracted by the fact that he had an uncle living in New York. It was his intention to study civil engineering and then return to Norway, where the family is an old and prominent one, having records which date back in an unbroken line to 1657. Previous to the father his ancestors had been representatives of the professions, being clergymen, doctors, etc. The grandfather was graduated as a theological student but did not follow the ministry, becoming a mining engineer and manager. In the late '50s the father removed to St. Ansgar, Iowa, where he remained for a year and then journeyed by team to Minnesota. He secured a claim in Adams, Mower county, where he remained until the early '70s, devoting his attention to the development and cultivation of his farm. He was then elected county treasurer, which position he filled for a number of years, and he was also elected to represent his district in the state legislature, while still higher honors came to him in his election as secretary of state. He retired from office on the 1st of January, 1879, and then removed to a claim which he had entered in the fall of 1878 two miles southwest of Valley City. Several years later he sold his farm and removed to Norfolk, Virginia, where he spent five years engaged in farming. Returning to North Dakota, he settled west of Ellendale, where he and his sons engaged in stock raising for five years, and on the expiration of that period he sold out and went to Valley City, where for four years he acted as deputy county treasurer. On his retirement from office he established his home at San Diego, California, where he remained until his death in 1902. His widow still enjoys good health at the age of eighty-nine years. In his youth the father had been liberally educated in both German and Norwegian by private tutors and was a man of marked ability, possessing splendid natural gifts which he used to excellent advantage, not only for the benefit of his own interests but also for the state.

Judge Irgens, the eldest of the family of four sons and a daughter, acquired his early education in the primitive schools of Mower county, Minnesota, where in pioneer days a teacher would give instruction to the children of the neighborhood in one of the homes of the locality. Later a log schoolhouse was built and after mastering the preliminary branches of learning under such conditions Judge Irgens attended the public schools of Austin, Minnesota, where he passed through consecutive grades until he completed a high school course, when he returned to the farm. At the age of nineteen years he went to

Lyle, Minnesota, where he was employed in a general store for four years, and in November, 1878, he became a clerk in the store of J. S. Weiser, a pioneer merchant of Valley City, with whom he remained for two years. He was next employed by W. F. Jones, a lumber merchant, and after two years spent in that connection he was appointed deputy county treasurer under C. A. Benson, and occupied the office for four years, when he became the candidate for and was elected county treasurer, in which office he was continued by reelection for four years, making an excellent record by the prompt and capable manner in which he discharged his duties. He and his brother, Lewis C. Irgens, then bought out a drug business, which they conducted for ten years, meeting with fair success. The brother, however, took up the study of dentistry and after winning his degree removed to Oakland, California. Judge Irgens continued to conduct the drug store for two years thereafter and then sold out, turning his attention to the abstract business, also conducting a general store at Roger, Barnes county. In the fall of 1904 he was elected county judge and so fair and impartial were his decisions while on the bench that he has been reelected at each biennial election since that time, so that he has already been upon the bench for twelve years, while his present term will continue until 1917. Since his first election there has been no contest for the position, which has come to him by acclamation.

On the 18th of January, 1878, Judge Irgens was married to Miss Annie M. Wilson, of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, a daughter of M. O. Wilson, and their children are: Lillian Mabel, now the wife of G. H. Getchell; Henrietta A., who is a clerk in the bank at Williston, North Dakota; Clara Belle, the wife of T. Platt Williams, of Pocatello, Idaho; Flora F., at home; and Edwin A. R., also under the parental roof.

The parents are members of All Saints Episcopal church. Judge Irgens' record is certainly one of which he has every reason to be proud, as public opinion has placed its stamp of approval upon his record at seven different elections. In politics he is a republican. He is a member of the Masonic order, having taken the blue lodge, chapter and commandery degrees, and he is also a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is recorder in the commandery and secretary of the chapter and blue lodge. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has held some offices in this society. Abraham Lincoln said: "You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time," and the career of Judge Irgens with his six reelections indicates clearly that his course has justified public confidence and that he has stood for the highest standards of law and order, not forgetting that the purpose of the law is not only to protect the lawabiding citizen but to reclaim the erring one as well as to punish him, and thus he always tempers justice with mercy, making a strong appeal to the best instincts of the individual.

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#### PETER MADISON.

Peter Madison, who is residing on section 22, Harwood township, has gained a gratifying measure of success as a farmer. He was born in Sweden on the 22d of May, 1850, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Madison, but his mother died when he was an infant, and he has no recollection of her. In 1873 he came to the United States as he had heard much concerning the unusually good opportunities which this country offers to an energetic and industrious young man. He located in Duluth, Minnesota, where he worked on lake boats for a time and later was employed at off-bearing for brick and stone masons. In 1874, however, he came to Dakota territory, settling at Fargo, and for seven years he was employed there at plastering and building. He then turned his attention to farming and worked for S. V. Hoag for one year, after which he took up as a homestead the farm on which he still lives. Subsequently he bought eighty acres of land and his holdings now total two hundred and forty acres, all of which is well improved. Through the intervening years he has worked diligently and as he has followed up-to-date methods and has managed his affairs well his resources have constantly increased. He owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company and in the Independent Harvester Company.

In 1881 Mr. Madison was united in marriage to Miss Mary Marguerite Peterson, also a

native of Sweden, who came to this country in 1880. They have become the parents of eight children: Albin, a rancher of Montana; Nellie, the wife of A. T. Ostrom, also a resident of that state; Emil and Ralph, at home; Lillian, who is employed by the Ford Motor Company at Fargo; and Estelle, Myrtle and Walter, all at home.

Mr. Madison is an adherent of the republican party and for several years served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are affiliated with the Swedish Baptist church and in their religious faith is found the guiding force of their lives. When Mr. Madison came to the United States he was without money, but he possessed ambition, enterprise and sound judgment and the exercise of these qualities has enabled him to gain a gratifying measure of success.

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#### FRANK W. ROACH.

Frank W. Roach, vice president of the Second National Bank of Minot, is one of the coterie of enterprising and substantial men who are officers of the bank and have made it one of the strong moneyed institutions of that part of the state. He was born at Castle Rock, Minnesota, March 19, 1871, a son of Joseph and Eleanor S. (Clague) Roach, represented elsewhere in this work.

Frank W. Roach attended the public schools of Northfield, Minnesota, and afterward continued his education in the Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault, Minnesota. When twenty years of age he engaged in the grain business at Castle Rock and there remained for two years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Minot, where for three years he was an active representative of the grain trade. He then became associated with his father in the live stock business, in which he continued until 1908, when he entered the Second National Bank as teller. He has since concentrated his energies upon the banking business and in January, 1914, was elected vice president and a director, in which capacities he is now serving. He is a man of marked business ability and enterprise and in addition to his other interests is connected with the Denbigh Brick Company, of Denbigh, North Dakota, as a director and is also the owner of considerable land in this state.

On the 19th of February, 1907, Mr. Roach was married to Miss Florence E. Waggoner, who was born at Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter of Henry H. and Eleanor (Forney) Waggoner. Her father was born in the east and following his removal to the west engaged in farming and merchandising and in the undertaking business. Both he and his wife have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Roach have become the parents of a son, Frank Waggoner, who was born in August, 1911.

Fraternally Mr. Roach is well known as a representative of Masonry. He belongs to the lodge at Minot, also to the chapter and commandery there, and to the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. His fraternal connections extend to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias lodges of Minot. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and his political belief that of the republican party, but he does not desire nor seek office, as he has ever felt the pursuits of private life in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. Concentration of purpose, close application and indefatigable energy have been the salient features in his growing success, enabling him to advance from point to point in his business career until he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of Minot.

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#### AUGUST BERGMAN.

August Bergman, of Wahpeton, who has made such an excellent record as clerk of the courts that he has been three times reelected to that office, in which he is now serving, was born on the 31st of December, 1874. His parents, Herman and Anna (Hoeffken) Bergman, were both natives of Germany, the former born in 1831 and the latter in 1836. The paternal grandfather died when his son Herman was but a small boy, but the maternal grandfather, Gerhard Hoeffken, also a native of Germany, came to the United States and located at

Norwood, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. The parents of our subject were married in Germany and in the same month emigrated to the United States, making their way to Norwood, Minnesota, where they lived until called to their final rest. The father homesteaded land, which he farmed for many years, but eventually, having accumulated a competence, he retired. In early manhood he voted the republican ticket, but later became a democrat. His religious faith was that of the Evangelical church. When he came to this country he had no capital, but his energy and sound judgment enabled him to win success. He passed away in 1911 and was survived by his wife for but a year. They were the parents of eight children: Herman, who conducts a lumberyard in Kulm, North Dakota; Gerhard, a grain buyer at Hankinson, North Dakota; Henry, who is a flour, feed and grain buyer at Norwood, Minnesota; Fred, who is foreman in a linseed oil mill of Minneapolis; William, a truck farmer living near Minneapolis; Jacob, of Glencoe, Minnesota, who is now serving as county treasurer; Lizzie, the wife of Peter Plankers, who is foreman in the Ornamental Iron Works at Minneapolis; and August.

The last named was reared at home and attended the public schools of Norwood and Glencoe, Minnesota. During the summer months he worked upon the home farm and after leaving school continued to follow agricultural pursuits until he was sixteen years of age, when he removed to Stiles, North Dakota, and found employment as clerk in a store. He remained connected with mercantile pursuits for many years, but in 1910 was elected clerk of the courts, in which office he is still serving by reelection. He is systematic and accurate in his work and his record is one of which he has just cause to be proud.

On the 22d of November, 1894, Mr. Bergman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jerezsek, a native of Winona, Minnesota, by whom he has two children, William Edward and Lillian Anna, both of whom are teaching.

Mr. Bergman holds membership in the Catholic church and in the Woodmen of the World and in Fergus Falls Lodge, No. 1093, B. P. O. E., of Fergus Falls. He is an adherent of the democratic party and since becoming of age has taken an active part in politics. He is widely known and highly respected throughout the county.

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#### ALEXANDER McDONALD.

Alexander McDonald was connected with agricultural interests in Cass county for a considerable period but is now operating the oil station in the village of Gardner. He was born in Canada, August 19, 1855, and is a son of John and Margaret (Sterling) McDonald, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They came to Canada about 1823 and there lived throughout their remaining days, rearing their family of eleven children, eight of whom survive.

Alexander McDonald spent his youthful days in his native country and is indebted to the public school system for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. He remained in Canada to the age of twenty-four years and in 1879 made his way from that country to North Dakota, at which time he took up his abode upon the farm in Cass county that he still owns, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 10, Gardner township. This was then a pioneer region and there was little evidence that the work of improvement and progress had been begun. With characteristic energy he began to till the soil and develop his fields and as time passed he added many improvements to the property, which he converted into a productive and valuable farm. Year after year he carried on the task of plowing, planting and harvesting and gathered rich crops, but at length he put aside the work of the field and removed to Gardner, where for one year he engaged in merchandising. At the end of that time he took the oil station which he has since operated and has built up a good business in this connection.

In 1883 Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Kate Curry, a native of Canada and a daughter of John and Margaret Curry. To them have been born two children, namely: William J., who lives on the homestead place; and Margaret May, who is still with her parents.

Mr. McDonald is a republican in his political views and that he is a loyal, faithful and

capable officer is indicated in the fact that he has served as supervisor for twenty years. He has also been a member of the school board and is a warm friend of the cause of education. He belongs to the Yeomen lodge and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in both has filled all of the chairs. He has never had occasion to regret leaving his native country and seeking the opportunities offered in the growing northwest, for here he found good business chances and in their utilization has worked his way steadily upward.

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#### EDWARD S. PERSON.

The financial interests which center at Minot are carefully guarded by men who recognize their responsibilities and are well qualified for the discharge of their duties. Among this number is Edward S. Person, the president of the Union National Bank and as its executive head he is directing its policy so as to most carefully safeguard the interests of depositors and at the same time promote the success of the institution. A native of Minnesota, he was born at Zumbrota, March 7, 1872, his parents being George and Mary (Boyles) Person. The father's birth occurred in the state of Vermont, December 3, 1833, and the mother was born in Maine, March 6, 1836. In early manhood Mr. Person engaged in the hardware business and devoted the greater part of his after life to that trade. In 1857 he became a resident of Minnesota, which was then a frontier state. In the spring of that year the town of Zumbrota started and he cast in his lot with its first settlers, continuing his residence there until his death, which occurred in the year 1907. Mrs. Person passed away in Minot November 30, 1915, and was interred in Zumbrota cemetery.

Edward S. Person, the second in order of birth in a family of three children, pursued his education in the public schools of Zumbrota and when he reached the age of eighteen years started out in the banking business as a clerk, securing a position in October, 1890, in the old Bank of Zumbrota, with which he was connected for three years. He was afterward elected assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Zumbrota and in 1900 was advanced to the position of cashier, continuing in that position until January, 1907. At that date he arrived in Minot and accepted the position of cashier in the Union National Bank, which position he filled for two years, or until 1909, when he was chosen vice president of the institution. Later he was elected to the presidency and has since continued in that capacity. During the nine years of his connection with this bank his labors have been an element in its growing success and in the establishment of its well deserved reputation as one of the substantial and reliable moneyed institutions of the state. Mr. Person also owns considerable land in North Dakota and is operating a farm near Minot, on which he resides through the summer months. He is there engaged in breeding registered Belgian horses and Guernsey cattle, keeping a number of pure bred stock, owning at the present time the champion cow of the state, Lura Bettina, which produced six hundred and twenty-three pounds of butter fat in 1914 by the official test as put forth by the Agricultural College of North Dakota. The following year she made the remarkable record of fourteen thousand, two and two-hundredths pounds of milk and seven hundred and thirty-nine and fifty-eight hundredths pounds of butter fat.

On the 2d of April, 1902, Mr. Person was married to Miss Stella H. Holland, who was born on a farm near Zumbrota, a daughter of Stanford and Julia (Allen) Holland, who were also early settlers of Minnesota, natives of New York and New Hampshire respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation, but at the time of the Civil war put aside all personal interests and considerations to join the army, becoming a private in the Seventh Minnesota Volunteer Regiment. He returned home uninjured and his remaining days were spent at Zumbrota. His widow still survives and is now living at Long Prairie, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Person have one child, Elizabeth Stella, born September 20, 1911.

Mr. Person is a prominent representative of the Masonic fraternity. He is a past master of his lodge, is the present eminent commander of the Knights Templar commandery at Minot and is a member of Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Grand Forks. He also has an interesting military chapter in his life record. In November, 1887, he enlisted in the National Guard of Minnesota as a member of Company D of the Third Regiment and

was advanced through various grades and was elected captain in 1892. Five years afterward he was promoted to the rank of major. In 1898 he was mustered into the United States service as a major of the Fourteenth Minnesota Infantry during the Spanish-American war, being stationed at Chickamauga, Georgia, and at Knoxville, Tennessee, until mustered out in November of the same year. In 1907 when he moved to North Dakota he retired from the Minnesota National Guard, but is still on the list of its retired officers. It was in August, 1908, that he enlisted as a private of Company D of the First North Dakota Regiment, was elected captain of the company in February, 1909, and was transferred to the supernumerary list in 1912. In his political views Mr. Person has always been a republican, believing that the adoption of the principles of that party would insure safety and permanency in public affairs. He was the first president of the Minot Association of Commerce and is now a director thereof. No duty or obligation resting upon him has been neglected in the slightest degree and whether in public service or in private life he stands for all that is most worth while in his city and state.

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#### NEWTON K. HUBBARD.

It is not difficult to speak of the late Newton K. Hubbard, of Fargo, for his life and his character were as clear as the sunlight. No man came in contact with him but speedily appreciated him at his true worth and knew he was a man who not only cherished a high ideal of duty, but who lived up to it. He constantly labored for the right and from his earliest youth devoted a large portion of his time to the service of others. He became a pioneer settler of North Dakota and was closely associated with many movements which led to the rapid and substantial growth and development of the state. He knew the experiences of pioneer life and he lived to enjoy the fruits of settlement and civilization when North Dakota was transformed from a wilderness into a great commonwealth. His business activities were put forth along various lines, his political work was effective and his influence on the side of righteousness, justice and truth counted for much.

Mr. Hubbard was a native of Massachusetts, his birth having occurred at Agawam, Hampden county, on the 17th of December, 1839. He lacked but one day of reaching the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten when death claimed him on the 16th of December, 1909. His parents were George J. and Marian (Adams) Hubbard, natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively. It is said that his father, who was a prosperous and well-known farmer of Agawam, was noted for his business ability and his force of character. He passed his entire life in New England and was a typical citizen of that region. His grandfather, Captain George Hubbard, who was born in Middletown, Connecticut, served with the Connecticut line in the Revolutionary war and thereby won his title.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the common schools of Massachusetts, Newton K. Hubbard continued his education in the Providence Conference College of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, and when his textbooks were put aside he went to Painesville, Ohio, where he was teaching a district school when the excitement in the Pennsylvania oil fields attracted his attention. He wrote to his father that he believed he might make profitable investment in oil if the father would send him a thousand dollars, but before the check reached him, as it did later, the Civil war had been inaugurated and Newton Hubbard felt that his first duty was to his country. He therefore returned his father's check, stating at the same time that on the 22d of April, 1861, he had responded to the call for troops to aid in the defense of the Union and had enlisted at Painesville, Ohio, as a private, for three months' service with Company D, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On the 19th of June following he reenlisted for three years' service and was promoted to the rank of corporal. On the 26th of August, 1861, he was captured at the battle of Cross Lanes, Virginia, together with two officers and one hundred and fifteen enlisted men and for nine months and six days was held as a prisoner of war, being incarcerated for different periods at Richmond, Virginia, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Salisbury, North Carolina, so that he had all of the hard and bitter experiences of the southern prison pens. In January, 1863, he was exchanged and rejoining his regiment participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Virginia; Gettysburg,



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Pennsylvania; Lookout Mountain, Tennessee; Missionary Ridge, Tennessee; Ringgold, Dalton, Rocky Face Ridge and Dallas, Georgia.

At the close of his three years' term Mr. Hubbard was mustered out on the 6th of July, 1864, with the rank of sergeant major of his regiment. He was appointed purveyor of General Casements' brigade and thereafter remained in Raleigh, North Carolina, until hostilities had ceased. He opened the first store in Raleigh after the Union troops were sent to that city but a few months later sold out, for the sectional feeling was so great as not only to render his stay unpleasant, but also to place his life in jeopardy.

Returning to Ohio, Mr. Hubbard opened a store in Geneva, which he profitably conducted until the spring of 1870, when he disposed of his stock there and became identified with the development of the northwest, proceeding first to Duluth, Minnesota. The Northern Pacific Railroad was then being built and its construction meant the opening of the great territory to the west. Mr. Hubbard possessed the pioneer spirit and felt that here was the chance for wise and judicious investment. He went to Georgetown, Minnesota, accompanied by L. H. Tenny, making the trip on horseback from St. Cloud. It had been intimated that Georgetown would probably be the place where the Northern Pacific road would cross the Red river. During the summer Mr. Hubbard received a dispatch from Pitt Cooke, brother of Jay Cooke, that the Northern Pacific crossing of the Red river would be at the mouth of Elm river, about twenty miles north of Georgetown. Therefore, with several companions who had been waiting for this information, he went immediately to Elm river, where he and the others took government claims and built log cabins. On returning to the claim after a two months' trip in the east he found that it had been jumped. There was a man occupying the cabin who demanded six hundred dollars before he would give possession. Mr. Hubbard replied that he could keep the claim, for in the meantime he had learned that the railroad crossing would be moved twenty-seven miles south to what is now Moorhead, Minnesota. Elm river was therefore abandoned and the prospectors made their way to Moorhead, securing such land as they could in that vicinity.

Mr. Hubbard embraced every opportunity for business development that was offered by the conditions of the west. In the spring of 1871 he opened a store in a tent at Oak Lake, now Lake Park, Minnesota, and there with a stock of general merchandise he furnished supplies to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, having hauled his goods by ox teams from St. Cloud. As the railroad was extended he followed the line and under the firm name of Hubbard & Raymond successfully carried on business at Brainerd, Glyndon, Moorhead and Jamestown. After two years the partnership was dissolved, while Mr. Hubbard concentrated his interests at Moorhead. The Indian land located on the west side of the river at Fargo was not open for actual settlement until 1873, at which time Mr. Hubbard became purchaser of the first two business lots sold in the city and after disposing of his store in Moorhead took up his permanent abode in Fargo, where he embarked in merchandising, admitting his former bookkeeper, E. S. Tyler, to a partnership. From that time forward he was a most active, prominent and influential factor in the upbuilding and development of the city. In the spring of 1874 the firm purchased the furniture of the Headquarters Hotel, which had been begun by the railroad company in 1871 and was completed the following year. W. A. Carson was placed in charge of the hotel, which, however, was destroyed by fire three months later. The failure of Jay Cooke in 1873 brought temporary embarrassment to railroad operations in the west and caused business to be slack in many lines, but after getting the concessions asked for, the firm of Hubbard & Tyler rebuilt the hotel in sixty days at a cost of twenty thousand dollars. Its reopening was the occasion of great festivity, and for years afterward it remained the social center of the town and surrounding country.

Into other fields of activity Hubbard & Tyler extended their efforts. In the back part of their store they conducted the banking business of the town and cared for the express business, and when in 1878 capitalists from Racine, Wisconsin, visited Fargo, Mr. Hubbard joined them in organizing and establishing the First National Bank, of which he became the first vice president, remaining as one of its directors from the beginning until failing health compelled him to withdraw twenty years later. It was characteristic of him that he never hesitated to take a forward step when the way was open and he readily recognized and utilized opportunities that others passed heedlessly by. When financial resources permitted he

opened a store in Casselton in the early '80s and erected several brick business blocks there, also becoming a director of the Cass County National Bank at Casselton, in which connection he continued until his demise. The town of Hunter sprang into existence as the result of his enterprising spirit and business ability, for he bought and platted the townsite on the Great Northern Railroad and he became the proprietor of the first stores in Blanchard and Mayville, North Dakota, shipping the lumber for the buildings on the first flat car that entered the towns. In 1881 he organized and became president of the Goose River Bank of Mayville, a private banking institution, conducted under the name of N. K. Hubbard & Company. This was successfully conducted by him for ten years, when ill health forced him to sell out. The bank, however, remains as one of the substantial financial institutions of the state. In addition to all of his other interests Mr. Hubbard became an investor in lands, making extensive purchases of choice farm property in Minnesota and North Dakota. As the cultivation of wheat increased he entered the grain trade as a member of the firm of Hubbard & Gibbs, with headquarters at Fargo, and he also gave much time to his real-estate operations, handling, however, only his own property. His keen sagacity enabled him to recognize every advantage of the state and he became one of the organizers and the first president of the Fargo Southern Railroad Company, which is now the branch line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, extending to the capital.

In 1876 Mr. Hubbard was married to Miss Elizabeth Clayton, daughter of David B. and Mary A. (Hitcheock) Clayton, of Painesville, Ohio. One daughter, Mabel Louise, was born to them. She was married July 10, 1912, to Lieutenant Walter W. Lorshbough of the United States navy.

In his political views Mr. Hubbard was long a stalwart republican and in 1894 was prominently mentioned in connection with the candidacy for governor of his state, but his ill health would not allow him to entertain the idea. He was a political leader but never an office seeker. He fearlessly spoke his views and his position was never an equivocal one. He was one of the four delegates from Dakota to the Chicago convention, which nominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency, and for eight years he served on the board of directors of the State Asylum for the Insane. No one doubted his position on the temperance question. He frankly and fearlessly advocated the cause and he stood for reform and improvement in politics, in governmental affairs and in all those things which touch the general interests of society and affect the welfare of mankind. Of him a contemporary biographer has written: "In all his dealings Mr. Hubbard was noted for his fairness as well as for his splendid business ability. He was a man of ripe judgment, strict integrity and displayed a fearlessness in doing right that won for him the confidence of all his associates. \* \* \* He was a good soldier to the last, fighting a good fight, enduring his physical limitations and almost constant pain and weariness with the same good cheer, patience and heroic optimism that was his chief characteristic." While he was at the head of large business interests which he managed successfully, yet it was his rule to set apart some time each day for the labors of love to which he was so devoted. His friends miss him, but the memory of his sweet and beautiful life, of his sincerity and simplicity, will not be forgotten. He laid down his task in the twilight of the day, when all that he had to do had been nobly, beautifully and fully completed.

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#### GEORGE R. COOK.

In every community and in every phase of activity there are a few men who stand out as leaders and by general consent George R. Cook is one of the foremost business men of Gardner and of Cass county. He owns a large general store, is president of the Gardner State Bank and also holds title to valuable real estate. His birth occurred in Portage, Wisconsin, on the 18th of January, 1855, and he is a son of Samuel and Mary (Williams) Cook, both natives of England. They were reared in that country and there their marriage occurred, but in 1845 they emigrated to the United States and settled in Portage, Wisconsin. Although the father was a wagon maker by trade, after his removal to this country he devoted his attention mainly to farming. In 1862 he removed

with his family to the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota, where he lived until his demise in December, 1914, at the venerable age of ninety-four years and six months. His wife is still living and has also reached a notable old age, as she is now in her ninetieth year.

George R. Cook grew to manhood under the parental roof and received his education in the district schools of Minnesota. In 1880, the year following his marriage, he came to what is now the state of North Dakota and took up a homestead in Wiser township, Cass county, on which he resided for twelve years. In December, 1892, he removed to Gardner, where he had conducted a butcher shop for some time previously, killing his meat on the farm and marketing it in Gardner. Later he entered the drug business and some time afterward, recognizing an excellent business opportunity, he added a stock of general merchandise and has since conducted a general store. In 1909 his building was destroyed by fire, but in the following year he rebuilt and his store is not only one of the largest, but also one of the most up-to-date and completely equipped one in Gardner township. In 1908 he organized the State Bank of Gardner, of which he has continuously served as president, and the gratifying growth of the business of the institution has been in a large measure due to his ability and to the care which he has given to the conduct of the bank. In addition to the important interests which have already been mentioned he owns the townsite of Gardner, comprising eighty acres; Six hundred and forty acres of excellent farm land in Gardner township; and a section of land in eastern Colorado. It is needless to say that he is a man of independent means and an important factor in the business and commercial life of his county.

Mr. Cook was married in Minnesota in 1879 to Miss Evelyn Mitchell, and to them were born seven children, six of whom survive: Claude John, who owns the garage and blacksmith shop in Gardner; Erma Ann, the wife of John A. McDonald, of Wheatland, Wyoming; Roy Gould, who is an owner of Porterfield & Company, an incorporated drug company of Fargo; Maidie Blanch, the wife of Karl L. Hjort, an attorney of Hillsboro, this state; Glenn Mitchell who is manager of his father's store and is also serving as postmaster of Gardner and who married Miss Beulah Buckholtz; and Tedd William, at home.

Mr. Cook is a stalwart republican and is the present efficient clerk of the town board. For seventeen years he was postmaster of Gardner and in all of his official capacities he has manifested the same good judgment and enterprise which have characterized him in the conduct of his private business affairs. His wife is a member of the Congregational church, which Mr. Cook attends and to the support of which he contributes generously. In attaining success he has scrupulously lived up to high standards of commercial ethics, and his integrity and probity have gained him the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him.

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#### SOREN J. RASMUSSEN.

Soren J. Rasmussen has been manager of the loan department of the Second National Bank of Minot since 1913 and his business affairs are wisely and capably conducted, contributing much to the success of the institution, of which he is now a representative. He was born in Bergen, Norway, January 13, 1866, a son of N. C. and Johanna (Johnson) Rasmussen, who were likewise natives of the land of the midnight sun. In early manhood the father engaged in the hat business and continued active therein, occupying the same building until a recent date, when he retired from business. He started upon his business career as a barefoot boy and through his own labor, diligence and determination worked his way upward until he became one of the prosperous merchants and leading business men of his city. He also held various local offices and contributed in large measure to the material, municipal and political progress of his city.

Soren J. Rasmussen was the eldest of a family of fifteen children. He pursued his education in the schools of Bergen, Norway, and after completing his course there studied for a year in Hamburg, Germany. He was a youth of eighteen years, when in 1884 he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America, arriving in Chicago in 1884. There he remained for a few months, after which he removed to River Falls, Wisconsin,

where he was employed in a store for three years. In 1887 he returned to Norway on a visit and when he again came to the new world he made his way to River Falls, where he secured employment in a bank as bookkeeper and teller. Later he became director and assistant cashier and there continued until 1898, when he removed to Starbuck, Minnesota, and became actively interested in the banking business there as president and manager of the Bank of Starbuck. For six years he directed the policy of that bank, but in 1904 sold out and purchased a controlling interest in the First National Bank at Perham, Minnesota. Not liking conditions there he afterwards disposed of his stock and in 1905 removed to North Dakota, settling at Carpio, where he became president of the First National Bank of that city. He there spent six years and he still retains his interest in the business as a large stockholder and as president of the bank, but in the fall of 1911 he removed to Minot and became connected with the Second National Bank, acting as manager of its loan department since 1913. He has had extensive and varied experience in the banking business and is familiar with every phase thereof. He readily and successfully solves intricate financial problems and his success is the result of a ready discrimination between the essential and the non-essential. He has become an extensive land owner of the state, but has his land rented, while he devotes his entire time to his interests at Minot and Carpio.

On the 7th of April, 1895, Mr. Rasmussen was united in marriage to Miss Lu Gibbs, who was born at River Falls, Wisconsin, a daughter of Moses and Mary (McGow) Gibbs, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen have become parents of two children: John, who is attending the University of North Dakota; and Mary, who is a pupil in the high school at Minot.

Fraternally Mr. Rasmussen is connected with the Masons, holding membership with the lodge and the chapter at River Falls. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he has never sought nor filled political offices. He has served, however, as president of the school board at Carpio and that he is interested in the moral progress of the community is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Lutheran church. He has never regretted his determination to seek his fortune in the new world, for in this country he found good business opportunities and in their utilization has worked his way steadily upward. He early realized that in America labor is king and that the enviable title which this king bestows is that of "self-made man."

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#### GUNDER HOWARD.

Gunder Howard has built up a large business as a dealer in agricultural implements in Hillsboro and is also one of the most extensive landowners of the county, owning sixteen hundred acres of fine land in North Dakota and Minnesota. He has not only been connected with the agricultural and business interests of his locality, but he has also taken an active part in public affairs, having represented his district in the state legislature.

Mr. Howard was born in Fyrisdal, Norway, on the 28th of August, 1855, a son of Gunderson and Anna (Bendikson) Howard. The father passed away in his native land but the mother emigrated to the United States with her four sons in 1872. She located on a preemption claim in Clay county, Minnesota, near Moorhead, where she remained until 1882, when she came to Hillsboro. She is still living here and is held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. Three of her sons are also living, namely: Gunder; Ole, who is associated with our subject in business; and Jorgen, a resident of Kildeer, North Dakota.

Gunder Howard received the greater part of his education in Norway, attending the public and high schools there. After coming to the United States he only attended school for eighteen days. Soon after his arrival in Minnesota he squatted on a claim adjoining that of his mother and later proved up on that place as a preemption. Until 1875 he divided his time between farming and steamboating, being employed on boats running between Moorhead and Winnipeg. In the fall of 1875 he entered the employ of Barrett &

Company of Fargo as a salesman of farm implements and remained with them until the fall of 1880. During that time he had become thoroughly familiar with the implement business and decided to establish a store of his own. He came to Hillsboro and founded his present business, which has developed into one of the leading commercial enterprises of Traill county. He carries a large stock of the best farm machinery made, understands the points of superiority of each line handled and is able to assist his patrons in choosing the implements best fitted for their purposes. He recognizes the fact that real estate is an excellent investment and that as the public land has been largely taken up realty values are certain to increase and he has invested heavily in land both in this state and in Minnesota, owning in all sixteen hundred acres.

In 1899 Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Andrea Treet, who was born in Norway but came to this country with her parents when five or six years of age, the family home being established at Moorhead, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Howard have four children, Ellen, Ruth, Bernice and Gertrude.

Mr. Howard supports the republican party and is recognized as a leader in local political circles. In 1897 and 1898 he represented his district in the state legislature and his record as a member of that body was highly creditable to his insight into public affairs and his devotion to the general good. He has also served in local offices, having been an alderman of Hillsboro for several terms and having served as president of the school board for years. He has had much to do in promoting the advancement of his community along material and also along civic lines, and he holds the high esteem and the warm regard of all who have been closely associated with him.

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#### HENRY LARSON.

Henry Larson, residing on section 12, Gardner township, is one of those who since pioneer times have contributed much toward the development of Cass county and who have also gained individual success. He owns eight hundred acres of excellent land and is one of the foremost citizens of his township. A native of Denmark, he was born on the 5th of April, 1845, a son of Lars and Maren Christina (Hanson) Hendrickson. The father died in Denmark in 1863, and five years later the mother came to the United States and during the remainder of her life made her home with her two sons, Henry and Hans. She passed away at the home of our subject in April, 1888, at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

Henry Larson was educated in the public schools of Denmark and remained in that country until 1866, when, as a young man of twenty-one years, he emigrated to the United States, coming by way of Quebec and New York city. He continued his journey westward and settled at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Not long afterward he spent some time in Kansas and Missouri, but returned to Oshkosh in the summer of 1867. He was variously employed there, sailing on Lake Winnebago and working in the lime kilns, in the lumber and shingle mills and in the gas works until May, 1870, when he came to Dakota territory. From Sioux City, Iowa, he made his way on foot through Vermilion and Yankton to Fort Randall. There they were rebuilding the fort and on his applying for work he was asked if he could burn lime. He replied that he had just come from the lime kilns and was immediately given work. Not having a kiln, he dug a hole in the ground and burned about eight hundred barrels at a cost of sixty cents a barrel. The contractor who was furnishing the lime brought it from Sioux City and had the contract at six dollars per barrel.

In the spring of 1871 Mr. Larson went to Yankton and purchased a team of mules, with which he started for what is now North Dakota on the 6th of April, arriving on the Sheyenne river in what is now Cass county in the latter part of that month. He took up a squatter's claim, the present southwest quarter of section 10, Harwood township, and he made his home upon that place for a number of years. The country was at that time sparsely settled conditions of life were in all respects those of a frontier region. His wife missed the comforts and conveniences of an older settled district and returned to Oshkosh, where our subject, joined her in the fall of 1873. He remained there for about a

year, when he again came to North Dakota, driving through with a four horse team, and not long afterward his family followed him. When the land was formally opened for settlement Mr. Larson filed soldier's additional rights on his claim and in 1878 took up a tree claim which is his present home farm. In the following year he filed on a homestead, upon which he lived until he had secured his patent thereto, when he removed to the tree claim, which is nearer town and which afforded his children better school advantages. In the intervening years he has bought three hundred and twenty acres and his present holdings total eight hundred acres, a quarter section in Wiser township, a quarter section in Harwood township and three-quarter sections in Gardner township. He also owns stock in the Farmers Cooperative Store of Gardner and in the Independent Harvester Company.

In 1868 Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Connors, a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of a son, Arthur, who is now farming in Clay county, Minnesota. The wife and mother died in 1895 and in 1897 Mr. Larson married Miss Carrie Kishert, a native of Norway, and they have become the parents of six children, namely: Frank, at home; Charles, who is farming his father's place in Harwood township; and Albert, Mary, William and John, at home.

Mr. Larson supports the measures and candidates of the republican party at the polls and for twenty-eight years served as a member of the board of township trustees, his long retention proving the acceptability of his services. He is at present a member of the Cass county drainage board. Fraternally he is identified with the American Yeomen, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, and he assisted in the building of the Norwegian Lutheran church in Wiser, which he and his wife attend. He also gave generously to the building fund of the Congregational church in Gardner, as he recognizes the fact that all denominations have the same aims and work in behalf of the same cause.

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#### WILLIS S. ADAMS.

Willis S. Adams, cashier of the First National Bank of Lisbon, is well known to his fellow townsmen, for his entire life has been passed in that city, his birth having there occurred April 27, 1887. His parents are Henry K. and Frances (Sage) Adams. His father was born on a farm near Union Grove, Wisconsin, and was the son of a physician, who when Henry K. Adams was two years of age removed with his family to the city of Union Grove, where the boy was reared and there remained until he entered Beloit College, from which he was subsequently graduated. He accepted a position as book-keeper in the Manufacturers Bank of Racine and through close attention to duty and marked capability he worked his way upward to the position of assistant cashier. The opportunities of the northwest attracted him and in 1883 he removed to Lisbon, North Dakota, where, in company with his cousin, R. S. Adams, he organized the Ransom County State Bank, which was nationalized about three years later under the name of the First National Bank. From the beginning Henry K. Adams served as cashier until he retired in 1914 on account of ill health, which was brought on by an automobile accident which he sustained in 1908, causing the loss of one of his legs. He now resides in Minneapolis and has regained his health.

Willis S. Adams was educated in the Lisbon high school and in the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree Ph. D. as a member of the class of 1909. Following his graduation he was employed by the firm of Collier & Sons, publishers, for about eighteen months and then returned to Lisbon, where he entered the First National Bank as assistant cashier, and after his father's retirement he was elected cashier on the 1st of January, 1915, and is now acting in that capacity. He is a courteous and obliging official, carefully safeguarding the interests of the bank and at the same time putting forth every possible effort to favor and assist its patrons.

In June, 1912, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Gladys Taylor, a daughter of A. B. Taylor, assistant cashier of the Fargo National Bank, of Fargo, North Dakota. They have two children, Bruce Kirk and Dean Taylor.

In politics Mr. Adams is a republican, staunch in his support of the party principles but not an aspirant for office. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is a past master of Shyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M., a member of Lisbon Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M., Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, K. T., and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise a member of the State Panaletic Society and of the Sons of the American Revolution, being eligible through the paternal line. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, while his wife is an Episcopalian. They are highly esteemed in Lisbon, where they reside, and their own home is celebrated for the warm-hearted hospitality that is cordially extended to their many friends.

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JOHN J. LEE.

John J. Lee was formerly busily and actively engaged in general farming in Ward county, but is now living retired in Minot. He was born in Norway near Stavanger. December 25, 1874, his parents being John and Gertie (Sarhus) Lee, who were likewise natives of Norway, where they yet retain their residence. The father has devoted his life to the occupation of farming save for the period when he served in the regular army.

John J. Lee is the third in order of birth in a family of seven children. He attended school in Norway and continued his education in Illinois and in the Valparaiso (Indiana) Normal School, in which he remained through one term. He crossed the Atlantic to America when but fifteen years of age, bringing with him a younger brother, then eleven years of age. They made their way direct to Illinois, remaining for a time in Livingston county, where John J. Lee secured employment as a farm hand. He could not speak English then and he had little business experience or training to qualify him for the heavy responsibilities which he assumed in providing for his own support and the care of his brother. He continued a resident of Illinois until about 1897, when he removed to Texas, settling west of Houston, where he operated a farm for a cousin through a period of two years. On the expiration of that period he arrived in North Dakota and filed on a homestead until he proved upon the property. He afterward entered the employ of a lumber company, with which he remained until he was elected sheriff. In 1903 he built the telephone line from Carpio to Mohall and has done much to further material progress and upbuilding in this part of the state. He disposed of his business interests when elected to the office of sheriff, at which time he became a resident of Minot. He occupied that position for four years and made an excellent record in office through his promptness, efficiency and fidelity. Later he made a visit to Norway, spending the summer of 1909 in his native land. Upon his return he concentrated his attention and energies upon farming and stock raising and continued the cultivation of eight hundred acres of land about eight miles southwest of Minot until the year 1915, when he rented the property. In the fall of 1909 he erected his present residence at No. 424 First street, Northeast, in Minot and this he now occupies, enjoying the fruits of his former toil, which enables him to rest from further labor and yet have all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

On the 8th of April, 1905, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Clara Foss, who was born in Traill county, North Dakota, a daughter of Olaf and Ellen (Asheim) Foss who were natives of Norway. Coming to America in early life they settled near Ossian, Iowa, and about 1875 removed to North Dakota, casting in their lot with the early settlers of Traill county, where they still occupy the old homestead farm. The father has held various local offices in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have five children: Julia, Gertrude, Olive Ellen, Rakkel, John Clarence and Irvin Arthur.

Mr. Lee is a worthy member of the blue lodge and chapter of Masonry in Minot. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Sons of Norway and is the president of the Sons of Norway Building Association. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. For four years he served as sheriff of Ward county, was elected a member of the state legislature in 1911 and served for one term and is at present a member of the city street commission.

His activities have been a direct force in furthering public progress along material, intellectual, political, social and moral lines and his worth to his community is widely recognized by all who know aught of his career.

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#### KNUTE H. BRUNSDALE.

Knute H. Brunsdale, one of the prominent figures in the development of North Dakota, was born in Iowa county, Wisconsin, May 1, 1855, and passed away January 16, 1899. Although his life record was of comparatively short duration, covering a little less than forty-four years, he accomplished much in the attainment of success and in his contribution to the world's work. He was a son of Knute Halverson Brunsdale, who took his family name from the place of his birth, the latter syllable signifying "dalen" or dale and the first syllable meaning "brun" or well. The name, however, has been anglicized in its present form. The father was born in Norway about 1820 and came to the United States in 1840. About the same time Miss Gumild Olson Veglie crossed the Atlantic and they were subsequently married. Representatives of the Brunsdale family in the United States were of sturdy stock and were fairly well educated and thrifty people. They gave their children all the advantages of the common schools and as Knute H. Brunsdale was a studious youth he made the most of his educational privileges. He was also a diligent student of the Bible and acquired a broad fund of information on scriptural subjects. After completing his common school studies he took a business course in a commercial college at La Crosse, Wisconsin, and in 1882 he came to the territory of Dakota, acquiring land in Steele county. There he began the work of reclaiming the land from the prairie and met all of the hardships and privations incident to residence on the frontier, but his labors were wisely, carefully and systematically directed and brought splendid results as the years went on.

In 1886 Mr. Brunsdale was elected county treasurer of Steele county by a very large majority and was twice reelected to the office. His efficiency in business methods demonstrated itself in his organization of the financial system of the county, which was long remembered by his fellow citizens. He retired from office to resume the pursuits of agricultural life and became one of the foremost farmers of the county, acquiring one and a half sections of land nine miles west of Hatton, upon which farm he resided until his death, devoting his time to the further development and improvement of his land, which he converted into a valuable farm property. He was also one of the pioneers in banking circles in North Dakota and in teaching the public those lessons of finance which have made his part of the state unusually prosperous. He became a leader in local banking circles, figuring actively in the successful conduct of a number of banking institutions. He was president of the State Bank of Portland, president of the State Bank of Finley and vice president of the Goose River Bank, and his sound judgment was a feature in their successful management and control.

At Decorah, Iowa, on the 29th of May, 1888, Mr. Brunsdale was married to Miss Margaret Nordgaard, a daughter of Nels and Eline Nordgaard. She was born in Norway, June 5, 1860, a year before her parents came to the United States, at which time they made settlement in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Brunsdale became the parents of seven children, of whom two are deceased. Those who survive are George Elmer, Clarence Norman, Kristian Edward, Anna Elizabeth and Karl Henry.

The death of the husband and father occurred January 16, 1899, subsequent to which time Mrs. Brunsdale took charge of the large estate and her administration thereof has been characterized by marked business ability. It is said that the property under her management has been increased many times in value. She is the presiding genius and active business manager of the estate, which comprises a very large area of fertile and valuable farm lands in Steele and Traill counties, besides many other important interests and investments, over which she holds the stewardship. She was a worthy helpmate to her husband during his lifetime and has been a capable successor to him in the management of the business affairs which he left. Mrs. Brunsdale and her family are members of the Lutheran church and her children have been educated at the Lutheran College. Mr. Brunsdale was



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always a firm believer in the cause of education and it was his desire that his children should have excellent advantages along that line. For several years and up to the time of his death he was a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School and an eloquent tribute was paid his memory by resolutions that were passed by the Normal School board on the day following his demise. He was a very strong advocate of prohibition and gave of his time and money in order that North Dakota might enter the Union as a prohibition state. Everywhere he was known he was spoken of in terms of the highest regard. His ability brought him prominently before the public in his business relations and his life record indicated what might be accomplished when determination and energy lead the way. The integrity of his business methods was unassailable and his life history proved that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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#### A. G. DIVET.

A. G. Divet, who is a member of the firm of Purcell & Divet, the leading law firm of Wahpeton, is one of the well known residents of that city. In addition to law practice he is serving as a member of the state legislature. A native of Minnesota, he was born in Byron, Olmsted county, on the 10th of January, 1870, a son of Daniel and Harriet L. (Sykes) Divet. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1835 and is still living, but the mother, whose birth occurred in Canada in 1845, died in 1906. The paternal grandfather was Michael Divet, a native of Ireland, who on emigrating to the United States settled first in Pennsylvania and later in Wisconsin. He was a pioneer of the latter state and there engaged in farming for many years. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church. The maternal grandfather, Victor Sykes, was born in Canada but in the early history of Wisconsin became a resident of that state and there he passed the remainder of his life. The parents of our subject were married in Minnesota, the father having moved there from Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1860. In 1879 he and his family came to North Dakota, settling in Richland county. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and met with gratifying success in his chosen occupation. In early manhood he went to California and later to Colorado, where he mined for gold, but later he concentrated his efforts upon farming. On removing to this state he took up a homestead and tree claim and later he traded for other land in this state, becoming in time the owner of two thousand acres of excellent land. He now resides with a daughter in Morton county at an advanced age, but is still alert and interested in the happenings of the day. He is unusually well read and during his active life was a power in his community. In politics he is a stalwart republican. To him and his wife were born seven children, five of whom are still living, namely: A. G.; Eunice, the widow of Joseph Glyn, of Morton county, who was a successful farmer; Lorena, who resides upon the homestead in Morton county; Sykes, who is farming near Hutchinson, Minnesota; and Walter, of Lisbon, who is court stenographer for his district.

A. G. Divet received his early education in the common schools of Minnesota and North Dakota and later attended the academy at Madison, Wisconsin, for about two years, after which he studied law in connection with the discharge of his duties as court reporter, which office he held for six years. After being admitted to the bar he located at Forman, this state, for practice, but two years later returned to Wahpeton and became associated in practice with Senator William E. Purcell. As time has passed they have gained prominence at the bar of the state and the firm of Purcell & Divet is recognized as the leading one in the city of Wahpeton and the second one in the state. They engage in general practice, have not only a large but also an important clientele and are known in adjoining states as well as throughout North Dakota. They are also heavily interested in farming, owning a large ranch near Wahpeton, and it is characteristic of their enterprise and progressiveness that they were the first successful alfalfa growers in the state. They carry on diversified farming, raising corn, oats, wheat, cattle and hogs. They have all the latest equipment for scientific farming and in their methods utilize the discoveries of investigators along various phases of farming. In the seven years that they have owned the farm they have expended thirty-five thousand dollars in improving it, and it is now one of the show

places of Richland county. They manage the farm well and derive a handsome income therefrom.

Mr. Divet was married in 1895 to Miss Nora Russell, who was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, a daughter of Elijah Russell, a successful merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Divet have two children; Donovan, who has completed two years of the academic course in the State University of Minnesota and is now a freshman in the school of law; and Rushby, who is sixteen years of age and is in high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Divet belong to the Congregational church, in the work of which they take an active part. Mr. Divet has been chairman of the board of trustees for many years and at times has filled pulpits in this section of the state. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias, and in the latter organization has passed through all the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is recognized as a leader in public affairs. He is now serving his second term as a member of the state legislature and is making a creditable record in that capacity, proving not only public-spirited but also discriminating in his support of or opposition to various measures. He is not only respected for his ability and esteemed because of his unquestioned integrity but he is also held in warm personal regard by those who have been intimately associated with him.

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#### JAMES FERGUSON.

James Ferguson, of Grandin, is one of the well known elevator men and grain dealers in his part of the state and is also a member of the firm of O. L. Ferguson & Company, general merchants. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of January, 1851, a son of George and Ann (Hall) Ferguson, both natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married and whence in 1845 they came to the United States. They located first in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where the father was employed in iron furnaces for a time, but at length they removed to Henry county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and where both he and his wife passed away.

James Ferguson was about four years of age when his parents removed to Henry county and there he received his education, which was limited, however, as he was never able to attend school for more than three months during the year after he was put to work at the plow at the age of nine years. He became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits and the training which he received inculcated in him industry, self-control and reliability.

Following his marriage Mr. Ferguson purchased eighty acres of land in Henry county, Illinois, where he resided until the spring of 1883, when he came to North Dakota, settling first at Larimore, where, however, he remained but a short time, after which he removed to Towner county and took up a homestead twelve miles east of Cando. After proving up on his claim he returned to Larimore and engaged in farming in that vicinity until 1890, when he removed to Grandin and became the manager of the elevator owned by the Northwestern Elevator Company. He held that position for twenty-three years and during that time never lost a day's work—a truly remarkable record. During part of that time he was also engaged in business for himself, handling the Deering line of farm machinery, but for the past ten years he has been associated with his son, Otto L. Ferguson, in the implement and general merchandising business under the firm name of O. L. Ferguson & Company. They not only handle all kinds of farm implements but also carry a complete line of general merchandise and they have gained a gratifying and well deserved patronage. For the past two years the subject of this review has had charge of the grain elevator owned by the Monarch Elevator Company and his long connection with the grain trade has made him well known in business circles of this part of the state.

In 1875 Mr. Ferguson married Miss Hattie A. Totman, of Henry county, Illinois, and they have become the parents of three children: Otto L.; Lela Estelle, the wife of Ed C. Anderson, a real estate agent of Fargo; and Edward M., who is employed in the store of O. L. Ferguson & Company.

The republican party has in Mr. Ferguson a stalwart adherent, and fraternally he belongs to Hillsboro Lodge, No. 511, A. F. & A. M., and to the Independent Order of Foresters. Both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church and seek to conform their lives to the teachings of Christianity. Mr. Ferguson is recognized as a man of excellent judgment and of accurate knowledge of business conditions, and the success which he has gained is well deserved.

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#### NELS SWENSON.

Norway has furnished a full quota of citizens to North Dakota and they have contributed in large measure to the development of the state, especially along agricultural lines. A representative of this class is Nels Swenson, who is engaged in general farming on section 2, Wiser township, Cass county, where he now owns a well improved property of one hundred and sixty acres. He was born in Norway March 6, 1870, a son of Swen and Johanna Swenson who were likewise natives of the same land. The father died there, but the mother still makes her home in Norway. Their family numbered but two children, both sons, Nels and John, who are now residents of Cass county.

Spending his youthful days in his native land, Nels Swenson pursued his education in the schools of Norway and in 1888, when a youth of eighteen years, sailed for the United States. For the reports which had reached him concerning the opportunities of the new world were irresistibly attractive. He journeyed across the country to North Dakota and settled in Cass county, where for eight years he worked as a farm hand. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until economy and industry had brought him capital sufficient to enable him to purchase land and he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 2, Wiser township. He took up his abode thereon and has since added many improvements. Good machinery facilitates the work of the fields and the farm is in every way modern in its equipment, while he follows the most progressive methods in the conduct of the work of the fields. He also owns and operates a threshing outfit and thereby is adding to his annual income.

In April, 1895, Mr. Swenson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Berg, who is a native of Norway and was brought to the United States when but one year old. Her parents are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Swenson have seven children, namely: Oliver, John, Minnie, Clarence, Lillie, Stella and Frances.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Swenson gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now serving as one of the school directors and he is actively and helpfully interested in all plans and projects for the upbuilding of the district and for furthering the welfare of the community. His life indicates what may be accomplished when perseverance and energy lead the way and his example, if followed, will bring the individual to the goal of success.

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#### E. H. MYHRA.

E. H. Myhra, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Wahpeton, is a native of Richland county and was born on the 9th of December, 1873. His parents, H. C. N. and Elise (Erickson) Myhra, were both born in Kongsberg, Norway, the former in 1843 and the latter in 1846. They were married in their native land, where they resided until they emigrated to the United States, making their way to Rushford, Minnesota. In 1871, however, they removed to Richland county, North Dakota, where the father homesteaded land, which he has since improved until it is now one of the well developed farms of the locality. H. C. N. Myhra has added to his holding and now owns four hundred acres, on which he does general farming. His wife is also still living. He is a republican in politics and for three terms served efficiently as clerk of the court. He has always taken a deep interest in public affairs and keeps well informed on all of the questions and issues of the

day. He is highly educated and speaks and writes German, Norwegian and English. His religious faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church, to the support of which he contributes. To him and his wife were born eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Mrs. R. Hausken, whose husband is engaged in the clothing business in Wahpeton; Mrs. Ed Wilson, of Moorhead, Minnesota, whose husband is now living retired; E. H.; Nellie; George, who is assisting in the operation of the home farm; Mrs. F. A. Magnusson, whose husband is clerk in a store in Moorhead, Minnesota; and Agnes, at home.

E. H. Myhra attended the public schools of Richland county and continued his studies at Moorhead, Minnesota, thus securing a good education. During the summer months he assisted in the work of the home farm and became familiar with the value of energy and of concentration upon the task at hand. On leaving school he entered a drug store, where he learned pharmacy, and for fourteen years he engaged in the drug business in Wahpeton. In 1904, however, he was appointed postmaster and received two re-appointments, serving in that capacity until March, 1916. In 1914 he became cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, which was established in December, 1914, with a capital of twenty thousand dollars and which has already built up a good business, the average deposits being eighty thousand dollars.

Mr. Myhra was married in 1898 to Miss May Dahl, who was born in Sweden but was brought to this country by her parents when but three years of age. To them have been born two children: Lucile, born in 1903; and Harold, born in 1904.

Mr. Myhra is a republican in politics and for eight years served as chairman of the county committee, doing much during that time to strengthen the party throughout the county. His wife belongs to the Christian Science church and he is identified with the Masonic blue lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery and the Mystic Shrine, and likewise with the Workmen, the Yeomen and the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor. His life has been one of well directed activity and his labors have contributed not only to his individual prosperity but also to the development of his community. The high esteem in which he is generally held is well deserved and there are many who are his warm personal friends.

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#### C. S. COLLINS.

C. S. Collins, residing on section 15, Hunter township, Cass county, has been actively engaged in farming in this state for the past thirty-two years and is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in New York on the 2d day of August, 1860, his parents being Stowell and Louisa (Wilcox) Collins, who are also natives of the Empire state. In 1873 they removed to Chisago county, Minnesota, locating in the town of Sunrise, where they still reside at the ages of eight-five and eighty-two years respectively. By trade the father is a blacksmith.

C. S. Collins attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education but as early as his fifteenth year became a wage earner, entering the employ of Samuel McClure, a lumberman. He worked for him in the woods and remained with this employer for about fifteen years in various capacities, superintending a North Dakota farm for him through a period of twelve years. It was in May, 1883, that he came to this state, continuing with Mr. McClure until 1890. In that year, in association with Ing Moen, he purchased a section of land from his employer and this he cultivated in partnership for two years, on the expiration of which period he sold his interest to Mr. Moen. He now owns six hundred and forty acres of land which he bought at different times, his first purchase being made in 1885 and embracing one hundred and sixty acres. Gratifying success has attended his undertakings as an agriculturist and he is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and leading citizens of his community. He is a stockholder and vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hunter and a stockholder in the First National Bank of Hunter and the Farmers Elevator Company of Hunter.

Mr. Collins has been twice married. In 1887 he wedded Miss Rosa Russell, of Hunter, North Dakota, who passed away in 1902, leaving the following children: Stowell, engaged

in farming in Gunkle township, Cass county, this state: Lloyd, the cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hunter; and Charles, Dellis and Gladys, at home. In July, 1905, Mr. Collins was again married, his second union being with Miss Percie Jackson, of Northfield, Minnesota. To them have been born three children, namely: Edwin, Nathan and Louise.

In politics Mr. Collins is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is a member of the township board of trustees, on which he has served for many years, while for about twenty years he has been a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. Fraternaly he is identified with the following organizations: Hunter Lodge, No. 62, A. F. & A. M.; Casselton Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; Auvergne Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Hunter Lodge, No. 25, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Hunter Lodge, No. 42, Knights of Pythias. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. His has been an active, useful and honorable life crowned not only by success but by the goodwill, confidence and high regard of his fellowmen, who have at all times found him trustworthy, laboring for the interests of the community, placing patriotism before partisanship and never sacrificing loyalty in citizenship to personal ends.

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#### ALBERT N. CARLBLOM.

Albert N. Carlblom, prominently identified with the interests of Gwinner as postmaster, banker and merchant, was born in Sweden, December 17, 1865, and of that country his parents, John G. and Elizabeth (Anderson) Carlblom, were also natives. The father was born in Sweden in 1825 and came to the United States in 1866, settling in Minnesota, where he remained until 1882. In that year he arrived in North Dakota, establishing his home near the present town site of Gwinner. He entered a claim on section 26, White Stone Hill township, and remained thereon until his death, which occurred May 18, 1900, his entire life having been devoted to the occupation of farming. It was in 1848 that he wedded Elizabeth Anderson, who was also born in Sweden in 1825 and who passed away in May, 1899. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six are yet living.

Albert N. Carlblom was the youngest of that family and was but two years of age when taken to Minnesota. He acquired his education in the common schools of Cokato and in the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886. He then turned his attention to the profession of teaching, which he followed for four years in Minnesota and North Dakota, and later he engaged in clerking in general stores in Milnor and in Lisbon, devoting two years to that work. He was appointed deputy county treasurer of Sargent county in 1889 and served for one year, after which he received the appointment of deputy county auditor, in which capacity he continued for two years. In 1892 he was elected county auditor for Sargent county and held that position for a period of six years. In 1898 he was chosen state auditor, occupying the office for four years, and thus he advanced to high political office, in which connection he discharged his duties with marked capability and fidelity and wore his honors with becoming modesty. He continued to fill the position of state auditor until 1901, at which time he established a general mercantile store in Gwinner and is still conducting business there, enjoying a liberal patronage. In 1904 he joined T. F. Marshall, of Oakes, George W. McWilliams, of Milwaukee and F. W. Vail, of Milnor in organizing the State Bank of Gwinner, of which he became the vice president. In 1907 he purchased the interests of the other stockholders and reorganized the bank, of which he became the president, and since that time he has directed its policy and managed its interests, making it one of the strong financial concerns of the county. He is also interested in farming, owning property in White Stone Hill township. It was Mr. Carlblom who erected the first building in the town of Gwinner, this being the building which he now occupies with his stock of general merchandise.

On the 27th of March, 1898, Mr. Carlblom was married to Miss Josephine Peterson, who was born in Cottonwood county, Minnesota, January 27, 1874, a daughter of Ole and

Alette Peterson, who were early residents of Minnesota, where they became farming people. Both have now passed away. Of their family of seven children Mrs. Carlblom was the fourth in order of birth, and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Vera Lenore, born March 11, 1899; Edna Irene, February, 11, 1901; and Albert N., November 7, 1911.

In community affairs Mr. Carlblom has always been active and is the present postmaster of Gwinner, while his wife previously acted as postmistress for fourteen years. Mr. Carlblom is also president of the school board and there is no movement or measure instituted for the upbuilding and benefit of his community or for the advancement of the welfare of the state that does not receive his strong endorsement, approval and support. He holds membership in the Swedish Lutheran church and fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, prominent in the order. He is a past master of the blue lodge at Forman, North Dakota, and he holds membership with the Consistory and with the Shrine at Fargo. His prominence in political circles as well as the importance of his business interests has made him widely known and North Dakota numbers him among her representative men.

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#### MORRIS R. PORTER.

Morris R. Porter, who since October, 1911, has been cashier and manager of the Scandinavian American Bank of Minot, was born near Blue Grass, Iowa, September 18, 1873, a son of Samuel and Euphemia L. (Watts) Porter. The father, who was born in Ohio, February 1, 1850, was an attorney by profession and about 1860 removed to Iowa, being admitted to the bar in that state, after which he practiced law continuously until his death June 26, 1893. His wife, who was born in Iowa, May 10, 1850, passed away September 22, 1915. They had a family of three children, of whom Morris R. is the eldest.

After attending the common schools in his home county in Iowa, Morris R. Porter continued his studies in the high school at Guthrie Center, Iowa, and when a youth of fourteen he began providing for his own support by working as a farm hand for others through the summer months, while in the winter seasons he continued his education, spending his time in that way for about three years. He afterward entered the law, loan and abstract office of John W. Foster, of Guthrie Center, Iowa, in the capacity of stenographer and remained with him for eleven years. In 1895 he became cashier of the Citizens Investment Bank at Guthrie Center while still connected with Mr. Foster and served in that capacity until 1902, when he purchased an interest and took over the management of the First National Bank at Stuart, Iowa. A year later, however, he sold his holdings in that institution and returned to Guthrie Center, whence in 1904 he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, where he purchased the business of the Cass County Abstract Company, which he consolidated with that of the Northern Abstract Company, operating under the name of the latter. Mr. Porter was identified therewith until 1906, when in connection with others he purchased the Forest River State Bank, of which he assumed the management, carrying on the business until 1908. In that year he went to Colorado on account of impaired health, remaining for a year. In June, 1909, he returned to North Dakota and established his home at Minot, where he engaged in the farm loan and real estate business and also had a contract for transcribing the records of Burke, Renville and Divide counties. In October, 1911, he purchased the Scandinavian American Bank of Minot, of which he became the cashier and general manager and has so continued to the present time, thus entering upon important relations in connection with the financial interests of the western part of the state. He is also a landowner of North Dakota but devotes the greater part of his attention to his banking business. He is also a stockholder and director of the Hartland State Bank at Hartland, North Dakota.

On the 12th of June, 1895, Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Kellogg, who was born in Iowa, her parents being Henry W. and Margaret (Guthrie) Kellogg, the latter a native of Illinois. The father, a native of New York, is now engaged in the banking business at Menlo, Iowa. The daughter, Mrs. Porter, passed away in February, 1913, leaving three children, as follows: Hubert K., who was born October 17, 1897; Evelyn E., whose natal day was February 17, 1900; and Frances Louise, born February 25, 1912.

Mr. Porter is an independent republican nor has he ever aspired to political office. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. Since starting out in business life as a farm hand, working by the month in the summer seasons in order to continue his education in the winter, he has made steady progress and is today occupying a prominent and enviable position in banking circles. He has had broad and varied experience and at all times has thoroughly learned life's lessons. His work has wrought for individual advancement and also for the prosperity of the community in which he has lived, and he now occupies an enviable position in the business circles of Minot.

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GUSTAV SCHULER.

Colonel Gustav Schuler, a successful lawyer of Wahpeton, Richland county, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 25th of October, 1862, a son of Dominic and Catherine (Heilman) Schuler, both natives of Germany, the former born in Gabsheim, in the grand duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt in 1829, the latter in northern Germany. The father came to the United States in the latter part of 1848, seeking political freedom here, as owing to the insurrection in Germany in 1848 he was compelled to leave his native land. He first went to Switzerland with others connected with that uprising and thereafter came to this country, settling in New York city, whence he came to Milwaukee, where he made his home. In Milwaukee he engaged in the contracting business for a number of years, after which he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, with which he remained until he retired. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Battery B of the Wisconsin Heavy Artillery and was at the front with his command during the entire enlistment or until the close of the Civil war, thus proving his loyalty to his adopted country. After becoming naturalized, he supported the democratic party but steadfastly refused public office.

He passed away in 1911 and there were many who sincerely mourned his demise, as his salient characteristics were such as to win confidence, esteem and regard. He was married in New York city to Miss Catherine Heilman, who passed to her reward shortly after his demise. She was a woman of remarkable character and had through her own efforts placed herself in an enviable intellectual position, and was the friend and benefactor of all who needed sympathy and assistance. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are still living, namely: Professor D. H., a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, who is engaged in educational work in that state; Eugene, an architect; Gustav, the subject of this sketch; and Miss Katherine, a teacher in the Milwaukee schools. The paternal grandfather was Johann Adam Schuler, a highly intellectual man, who was an educator in Germany.

Colonel Schuler attended the public schools in Milwaukee and took up the study of law under Judge W. H. Timlin, now of the supreme court of Wisconsin. In 1887 he was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of his chosen profession at Kewaunee, Wisconsin, where he remained in practice until the year 1890, when he removed to Wahpeton, North Dakota, where he is still actively engaged in the practice of law. He has a large and representative clientage, which comes not only from this state but also from adjoining states, and he has the confidence and respect of his brother attorneys. He has given especial attention to probate law and is recognized as an authority in that field. In addition to his professional interests he is the owner of considerable land within this state and valuable business property in Wahpeton.

Mr. Schuler is married and his family consists of one daughter living, Mrs. Mable Kachelhoffer, whose husband is a practicing attorney at law at Wahpeton, North Dakota, and two granddaughters, Mable and Julia Zellhoefer, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the daughters of his deceased daughter Grace.

Mr. Schuler is a democrat and takes a prominent part in public affairs. When living in Wisconsin he served as municipal justice of the city of Kewaunee for several terms and has held the office of states attorney in his county here for three terms. He has also taken care of the affairs of the city of Wahpeton, as its city attorney, for three terms.

He is well known in the Sons of Veterans and in 1892 was appointed as provisional

colonel of that order, and served as such officer for several years. He manifests his deep loyalty to the best interests of his country in the conscientious discharge of his duties when in public office and in a willingness to subordinate personal interests to the general welfare at all times. Although the success which he has gained financially and professionally is very creditable, it is doubly so, in consideration of the fact that after he reached the age of thirteen years he was wholly dependent upon his own resources in the obtainment of his professional education. The ambition, enterprise and determination which enabled him to secure his education have since been important factors in his career, and it can be truly said of him that he is a self-made man.

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#### A. J. SCHUR.

A. J. Schur, one of the substantial agriculturists of Arthur township, living on section 27, has been a resident of North Dakota for the past thirty-eight years and is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land comprising one of the valuable and well improved farms of Cass county. His birth occurred in Germany on the 1st of November, 1856, his parents being Martin and Minnie (Welke) Schur, who emigrated to the United States in 1872 and established their home in Dodge county, Wisconsin. In 1879 they followed our subject to North Dakota, locating in Amenia township, Cass county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Martin Schur passed away in 1897, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1905, the community thus losing two of its respected early settlers.

A. J. Schur obtained a district school education and as early as his sixteenth year became a wage earner, working as a farm hand. In the spring of 1878, shortly after attaining his majority, he came to North Dakota and preempted a quarter section of land in Amenia township, Cass county. He proved up on his claim and in 1887 bought a relinquishment on a tree claim in section 28, Arthur township. In 1902 he sold his preemption and purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres adjoining his tree claim, to which he removed and on which he has since resided. His present place of four hundred and eighty acres is one of the most productive and attractive farms of Cass county, annually yielding rich harvests which find a ready sale on the market. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Arthur and enjoys an enviable reputation as an enterprising and representative citizen of his community.

In 1880 Mr. Schur was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Aberthroth, who is a native of Germany and came to the United States in 1877. To them have been born ten children, nine of whom survive, as follows: Louis, a rural mail carrier residing in Arthur, North Dakota; Elma, who is the wife of John Butchen, of Arthur; Lena, twin sister of Elma, who gave her hand in marriage to Isaac Roberts, an elevator man of Arthur; Arthur, at home; Olga, who is the wife of Gordon Burgum, the manager of the Northwestern elevator at Arthur, North Dakota; and John, Edward, Mamie and Ella, all at home.

Politically Mr. Schur is a staunch republican and a member of the present board of township trustees, while for several years he has also served on the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. During his long period of residence in Cass county he has made many friends and his well known integrity and honesty of purpose have made him popular and esteemed in the district.

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#### HON. CHARLES A. TUBBS.

Prominent among the enterprising, progressive and successful business men of Hunter is the Hon. Charles A. Tubbs, now manager of the grain interests of the Cargill Elevator Company. Basing his success upon industry, perseverance and enterprise, he has steadily worked his way upward in business connections and is now prominently and favorably known in his part of the state. He was born in River Falls, Wisconsin, July 12, 1858, a

son of Erasmus P. and Lydia (Guertin) Tubbs, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of Canada. They were married in the Green Mountain state and soon afterward, or about the year 1854, removed to River Falls, Wisconsin, where Mr. Tubbs engaged in farming. He continued in that state until 1880, when he went to Traverse county, Minnesota, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Charles A. Tubbs spent his youthful days under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools. In young manhood he learned the trade of a brick and stone mason, at which he worked for seven years, and in 1887 he came to North Dakota, where he entered into active connection with the grain business. In 1892 he engaged in merchandising and was prominently identified with that line of commercial activity for twelve years. At the same time he continued in the grain trade as manager for the Cargill Elevator Company and in 1904 and 1905 he had charge of the Farmers Elevator at Galesburg, North Dakota. At the end of that period he again took charge of the Cargill elevator at Hunter and has since been active in this field of business. He is regarded as one of the ablest and most capable grain merchants of his part of the state and annually controls an extensive business.

In 1893 Mr. Tubbs was united in marriage to Miss Cora L. Hunter, of Viroqua, Wisconsin, by whom he has two children. McKinley D., who graduated from the Hunter high school in 1914 and then spent a year in the University of North Dakota, is now employed in the head office of the Cargill Elevator Company at Minneapolis. Doris C. completed a course in the Hunter high school by graduation with the class of 1915.

Mr. Tubbs exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is a recognized leader in its ranks. Upon its ticket he was elected to the state legislature for the years 1901 and 1902 and made a creditable record in that position, carefully considering all the important questions which came up for settlement and casting his vote according to the dictates of his judgment, which easily recognized the value of various important measures. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the following organizations: Hunter Lodge, No. 62, A. F. & A. M.; Casselton Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; and Auvergne Commandery, No. 1, K. T., of Fargo. He is likewise a member of the Masonic Veteran Association. In his life Mr. Tubbs exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft and conforms his actions to its teachings. He is popular among his brethren of the fraternity and has the social qualities which render him popular wherever he is known. His business enterprise, too, has carried him steadily forward and he is now regarded as one of the foremost citizens of Hunter and his part of the state.

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#### WILLIAM DUNNELL.

Various important business interests at Minot have felt the stimulus of the activity and cooperation of William Dunnell, who is the vice president and general manager of the Minot Flour Mill Company, Incorporated, and also of the Western Elevator Company, Incorporated. He was born at St. Mary's, Oxford county, Ontario, Canada, August 15, 1870, a son of Alfred and Sarah (Robinson) Dunnell, who were also natives of that place. There the father is still active, having devoted his life to farming. For many years he has served as a member of the board of education there and is a stalwart champion of the public schools. His wife died in June, 1910.

In their family were twelve children, of whom William Dunnell is the eldest. He attended school in Harrington, Ontario, and at the age of sixteen years began work as a farm hand, being thus employed for two years. He afterward began learning the milling trade in St. Mary's, serving a three years' apprenticeship, and in 1890 he removed to Millwood, Manitoba, where as head miller he operated a mill for a year. In the spring of 1891 he made his way to Elk River, Minnesota, where for eight years he acted as head miller and on the expiration of that period became a resident of Stillwater Minnesota, where in connection with others he organized the Minnesota Flour Mill Company, of which he became manager, and thus controlled the business until 1906. He still retains his interest in that enterprise but for the past ten years has resided in Minot and with others he purchased

the Minot Flour Mill Company, Incorporated, of which he is the vice president and general manager. In the summer of 1915 he organized the Western Elevator Company, Incorporated, of which he is also the vice president and general manager. He is likewise a landowner, having a farm three miles south of Minot, but he devotes the greater part of his attention to the milling and grain business. The Western Elevator Company operates a line of elevators in North Dakota and the Minot Milling Company makes shipments to all the larger markets throughout the United States. This company manufactures flour of superior excellence, known as the Snow White, and the mill is completely equipped with the most modern machinery and employs the latest processes. Steadily the trade has grown until it has now assumed extensive proportions and the success of the two undertakings is attributable in no small measure to the efforts and business ability of Mr. Dunnell.

In June 1893, Mr. Dunnell was united in marriage to Miss Rosenna Vice, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of George and Emily (Goulden) Vice, both of whom were born in England. The father, a foundryman and merchant, is still actively engaged in business in Ontario, but the mother passed away in the year 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunnell have been born eight children, as follows: Florence J., who is supervisor of music in the schools of Portal, North Dakota; Edith Grace, a student in the State Normal School at Minot; William Harold, a sophomore in the Minot high school; Myron Goulden, a sixth grade public school student; Irwin Robinson, a fifth grade pupil; and Howard, Wilbur and Claire, all at home.

Mr. Dunnell is prominently known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters and the United Commercial Travelers. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served on the board of aldermen of Minot. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and in its teachings is found the guiding spirit of his life, which conforms thereto in all of its relations. He is found thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising in business and progressive and trustworthy in citizenship, while the qualities he displays in private life have won him warm and enduring friendships.

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#### JOHN BARRETT FOLSOM.

When Fargo was entering upon an era of rapid development and progress John Barrett Folsom became identified with that section of the state and remained to the time of his death a prominent figure in the business and social life of his community. If the historian were, without preliminary effort, to set forth his achievements in a single sentence it would perhaps best be done in the words, the splendid success of an honest man in whose life business ability and humanitarianism were well balanced forces.

Mr. Folsom was born in Ohio in 1837 and spent his boyhood in the southern part of that state. He attended the public school of Ironton until his thirteenth year and was said to be the brightest boy that ever attended that school, but on entering his teens he was forced to put aside his textbooks in order to provide for his own support and began earning his living as a clerk in a country store. From that time until his death on the 6th of August, 1912, he scarcely passed an idle day. In 1863 he accepted a position at an iron furnace and was connected with the iron industry at different periods in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Michigan, thoroughly acquainting himself with every detail of the business and continuing his activity along that line until he yielded to the lure of Dakota.

In 1882 Mr. Folsom sold his interests in iron furnaces and came to Fargo, which was then in the midst of a boom. He there purchased property and immediately opened a real estate and loan office, meeting with success in the business from the beginning. He soon mastered all of the details of real estate transactions and activity as thoroughly as he had the details of the iron business. Mr. Folsom had the same kind of a mental picture of a quarter section of land in the region within one hundred or more miles of Fargo that a wide-awake, enterprising real estate broker in the city has of its blocks and streets. He did not have to refer to maps or notes when a farm or an undeveloped piece of land was mentioned; the legal description of it immediately suggested a mental picture to him. If

it were improved property he knew precisely how many buildings there were and what kind of a well there was on it, also the character and quality of the soil. To the day of his death he was a man of extraordinary mental and physical activity but as simple, as gentle and as kindly in his nature as a girl. Mr. Folsom had no enemies; there was nothing in his nature or his actions to inspire enmity. By his honesty, his kindness, his helpfulness and unselfish attention to their interests he endeared himself to all of his business clients and associates and there is no man in all of the young state of North Dakota who has helped more worthy homesteaders to overcome hardships and difficulties occasioned by bad crops and keep possession of their farms than did Mr. Folsom.

In 1862 occurred the marriage of Mr. Folsom and Miss Lavisa C. Forsythe, of southern Ohio, and when death called him he was survived by his widow and a daughter, the latter being the wife of Major Matthew F. Steele, of the United States Army, who after serving for thirty years as a cavalry officer retired from active military duty in order to take charge of Mr. Folsom's business and estate.

Mr. Folsom was one of Fargo's most public-spirited men and was always ready to give personal and financial aid to whatever was done for the betterment of business or social conditions of the town. He stood at all times for advancement and improvement and heartily cooperated in those measures which were a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. Of his many good qualities not the least was his capacity for strong friendships. The simplicity and beauty of his daily life as seen in his home and family relations constituted an even balance to his splendid business ability. The high ideals which he cherished found embodiment in practical effort for their adoption and because of the innate refinement of his nature he rejected everything opposed to good taste.

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#### HON. FRANK P. ALLEN.

Hon. Frank P. Allen, judge of the fourth district court of North Dakota and a resident of Lisbon, was born in New York city on the 19th of December, 1859, his parents being Frank S. and Hannah E. (Benedict) Allen, both of whom were natives of New York city and descended from old colonial families connected with Revolutionary war history, so that Judge Allen is eligible to membership through both the paternal and maternal lines with the Sons of the American Revolution. In early life his father became a New York banker but for several years has lived retired and he and his wife, at the ages of eighty-five and eighty-four years respectively, are now residents of New York city.

Judge Allen was educated in the schools of his native city, of Connecticut and of New Jersey and afterward went with his parents to Germany, where he studied for three years. Later he continued his studies in Paris until the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, when he returned to this country. He subsequently entered Princeton University and was graduated with the class of 1881, winning the civil engineer's degree.

It was in the summer of 1882 that Judge Allen first visited Dakota. After reaching the territory he readily recognized the advantages which the new country offered to a young man and which made strong appeal to him. He determined to remain and after traveling over the state in search of a favorable location settled at Lisbon, where he has since made his home. Subsequently he took up the study of law and was admitted to practice in 1886. For some years he practiced independently and then entered into partnership with Hon. P. H. Rourke, with whom he was associated for some time. In 1886 he was elected probate judge and served for two or three terms and at a later date he became county judge with increased jurisdiction, remaining upon the bench of that court for a number of terms. He has filled various minor offices but his activities have usually been put forth along the line of his profession and in 1904 he was elected judge of the fourth district court and through the intervening period of twelve years has remained upon the bench, widely recognized as one of the most capable and distinguished district judges of the state. Devotedly attached to his profession, systematic and methodical in habit, sober and discreet in judgment, calm in temper, diligent in research, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, courteous and kind in demeanor and inflexibly just on all occasions, these qualities have enabled him to

take first rank among those who have held high judicial office in North Dakota and made him the conservator of that justice wherein is the safeguard of individual liberty and happiness and the defense of our national institutions. Aside from his judicial service Judge Allen has been a member of the State Normal School board for several years and has put forth effective and earnest effort for advancing the interests of those institutions.

On the 1st of September, 1886, Judge Allen was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary L. Taft, of Ballston Spa, Saratoga county, New York, by whom he has a son and two daughters, namely: Grace, who is a graduate of the State Normal School at Valley City and is now a teacher in the Fargo city schools; Kathryn, a graduate of the North Dakota State University at Fargo and now a teacher in the public schools; and Frank Taft, a sophomore in the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

In his political belief Judge Allen has ever been a stalwart republican but partisanship is never allowed to interfere with the faithful performance of his judicial duties. In religious belief he is a Baptist, while his wife is an Episcopalian. Fraternally he is connected with Shyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Lisbon Chapter, R. A. M.; and Ivanohe Commandery, K. T. His life is an exemplification of the high principles and purposes of Masonry. Earnest effort, close application and the exercise of his native talents have won Judge Allen prestige as a lawyer and jurist, a fact which is highly complimentary, for the state bar has numbered many eminent and prominent men.

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#### HON. E. H. HOLTE.

Hon. E. H. Holte, a resident of Noble township, Cass county, is a public spirited and progressive citizen who has been called upon to fill various offices of honor and trust, the duties of which he has discharged in a most capable and satisfactory manner. He deserves to be classed with those self-made men to whom opportunity has been the road to success. Opportunity lies before all but it tauntingly plays before the dreamer and surrenders only to the man of resolute will and well defined purpose. These qualities Mr. Holte possesses in large measure.

A native of Norway, he was born March 23, 1860, a son of Hans O. and Elene (Bjerke) Holte, who were also natives of that country, whence they came to America in 1869, making their way to Wilmington, Houston county, Minnesota. There they resided until 1878, in which year they became pioneer settlers of Noble township, Cass county, North Dakota, purchasing the farm upon which their son E. H. Holte now resides. Subsequently the father took up his abode in Fargo, where he passed away in 1909, while his widow still survives at the advanced age of eighty-five years. In their family were eight children and theirs is a remarkable record, for none have passed away.

E. H. Holte was a little lad of nine summers when he accompanied his parents to the new world and his boyhood and youth were afterward passed in Minnesota and in North Dakota, his experiences in early life being those which usually fall to the farm lad who assists in the work of the fields and divides his time between that and the duties of the school room. He acquired a high-school education and afterward gave his undivided attention to farm work until 1891, when he started out in life for himself. He has since carried on general agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of four hundred and twenty-two acres of valuable and productive land on sections 26, 35 and 36, Noble township, Cass county. He is regarded as one of the enterprising, progressive agriculturists of this part of the state, having highly cultivated his fields, while to his farm he has added many fine buildings and other modern improvements. In addition to tilling the soil he raises stock and both branches of his business are proving profitable, for his interests are systematically and wisely conducted. He is also one of the directors of the First State Bank at Perley, Minnesota, and is president of the Farmers Elevator there.

Mr. Holte was married December 9, 1891, to Miss Alma Schow, a native of Norway and a daughter of Martin and Dorothea (Bjerke) Schow, who were likewise natives of Norway. In 1867 they emigrated to America and first located in Fillmore county, Minnesota. In 1870 they took up their abode upon a farm on section 24, Noble township, Cass county,

whereon the father erected a log cabin. Both spent their remaining days here, the father passing away in 1906, while the mother, surviving for a few years, departed this life in 1914. Their family numbered nine children, of whom seven survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Holte have been born a son and daughter: Melvin H., who is a graduate of the college at Moorhead, Minnesota, and is at home; and Delia Esther Mathilde, who is also with her parents.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested and Mr. Holte is serving as chairman of the board of trustees. In his political views he is an earnest republican and has been called upon to fill various offices. He served for one term as county assessor, has been a member of the board of supervisors for many years and has also been justice of the peace, in which connection he rendered decisions that were strictly fair and impartial. For twenty years he has served on the school board and is a strong champion of the cause of education, believing the common school system to be one of the bulwarks of the nation. In 1902 he was elected register of deeds and by reelection was continued in office for three successive terms, making a most creditable record. In 1890 he was elected to the state legislature, where he served most acceptably, giving careful consideration to all questions which came up for settlement. He has ever regarded a public office as a public trust and it is well known that no trust reposed in Mr. Holte has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. In a word he stands as one of the leading and valued citizens of Cass county, his personal characteristics winning him popularity, his friends in this part of the state being almost as numerous as his acquaintances. He has lived in the county since 1878 and has therefore long been a witness of its growth and progress, taking a deep interest in all that pertains to the general good.

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#### ORRIN M. PIERCE.

Orrin M. Pierce, treasurer of the Minot Grocery Company, conducting a wholesale business, is one of the executive committee at Minot of the World's Permanent Peace Association and is thus active in concerns which have to do with the welfare not only of city and state but of the world at large. He was born at Rock Island, Illinois, October 20, 1875, a son of Orrin S. and Belle (Milligan) Pierce, who were natives of Illinois, the former born at Elizabeth, September 6, 1847. He engaged in the steamboat business on the lower Mississippi river in early life and afterward became connected with the grain trade. He removed from Rock Island, Illinois, to La Crosse, Wisconsin, afterward to Winona, Minnesota, and still later to Minneapolis, where he now resides, being associated at the present time with the Atlas Elevator Company. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted when about seventeen years of age at Springfield, Illinois, in an Illinois regiment, with which he served for eighteen months. He was corporal of the guard which placed the guards around Lincoln's tomb. He was never wounded nor did illness confine him in the hospital. His wife, who was born November 29, 1850, passed away March 22, 1899.

When fourteen years of age Orrin M. Pierce took his initial step in the business world, securing employment in the Second National Bank at Winona, Minnesota, in which institution he advanced from the position of office boy to paying teller, there remaining for eleven years. He was afterward discount clerk at the First National Bank at Crookston, Minnesota, for two years and later came to Minot, where he secured the position of credit manager with the Minot Grocery Company and still continues in that capacity. He has also become treasurer of the company, which controls one of the foremost commercial enterprises in this part of the state. Mr. Pierce has become financially interested in the business, which includes sixty wholesale houses in various parts of the country. The firm at Minot does a general jobbing business in groceries and fruits and employs a force of thirty people. Mr. Pierce is likewise an extensive landowner in North Dakota and his realty holdings include residence property in Minot.

Mr. Pierce is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. He enlisted April 20, 1898, in the Twelfth Minnesota Infantry as a member of Company C, went to St. Paul and thence to

Chickamauga and was later detailed to the band. He was mustered out November 6, 1898, and received an honorable discharge.

On the 22d of December, 1904, Mr. Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Editha Babcock Payne, a native of Winona, Minnesota, and a daughter of George W. and Sophronia (Babcock) Payne, the former born in Virginia in February, 1842, and the latter at Homer, New York, in February, 1844. George W. Payne, who was successfully engaged in business as an implement dealer, passed away in Winona, Minnesota, while the demise of his wife occurred while she was visiting our subject in Minot.

Mr. Pierce was reared in the Presbyterian church but attends the Episcopal church and in politics he is an independent republican. He has never held a political office, never solicited or asked for office nor entered politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Minot, of which he has served as esquire. He also belongs to Harmony Council, No. 15, of the Modern Samaritans at Winona, Minnesota, and to the United Commercial Travelers No. 277, at Minot, of which he is an ex-guide. The interests of Mr. Pierce are broad and varied and his activities have been of a nature which have furthered the public welfare along many lines and the town of Orrin in Pierce county was named in his honor. Interested in the great international problems which are before the world today, he has become a strong advocate of the peace movement and is now serving as one of the executive committee of the World's Permanent Peace Association at Minot. He is now taking a most helpful part in the plan of educating the masses as to the futility of war. This association had its origin in Minot, with Mr. Pierce as one of the founders, and the movement is extending largely. At the same time Mr. Pierce is one of the representative business men of his community, alert, enterprising and progressive, and in a word he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

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#### WALTER R. REED.

Several important corporate interests feel the stimulus and profit by the enterprise and business ability of Walter R. Reed, who is at once a man forceful and resourceful, recognizing and utilizing opportunities that others pass heedlessly by. Industry, close application and determination have brought him into prominent connections and he is now known as an executive officer in various companies, including the Amenia & Sharon Land Company, of which he has been president and general manager since 1912.

A native of New England, Mr. Reed was born in Litchfield county, Connecticut, July 2, 1871, a son of John H. and Florence (Chaffee) Reed, both of whom were representatives of old New England families which were represented in the Revolutionary war. Walter R. Reed is a great-grandson of Eliakim Reed, one of the signers of the "Association," and a great-grandson of Simeon Edgerton, a captain of the Revolutionary war in the Connecticut line. The grandmother of Mr. Reed in the paternal line was of Knickerbocker Dutch stock and her emigrant ancestor was treasurer of New Amsterdam under Peter Stuyvesant, the first Dutch governor of New York, and he owned a peach orchard where lower Broadway of New York city is now located. John H. Reed was a native of the Empire state, while his wife was born in Connecticut. She died when her son Walter was but nine years of age and three years later the father with his three children came west to North Dakota, settling at Amenia, where his father-in-law, Eben W. Chaffee, was the pioneer resident, arriving there in 1875. He became one of the founders of the Amenia & Sharon Land Company, of which he was made manager, continuing in that position until about the time of his death, which occurred in 1893. He had much to do with shaping the development and activities of this section of the state and was a most prominent and influential citizen. Following the arrival of John H. Reed at Amenia he, too, became actively associated with the Amenia & Sharon Land Company, with which he continued until 1910 and since that time he has lived retired, residing with his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Brown, in Amenia township, Cass county. He is classed with the representative and valued citizens of the district.

Walter R. Reed was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools and also under private tutors in Connecticut. He afterward had the advantage of pursuing a

course in Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, for three years, and when his studies were completed he returned to Amenia and became actively associated with the Amenia & Sharon Land Company, of which he was made treasurer in 1892. He then bent his energies to administrative direction and executive control and in 1912 he was elected president and general manager of the company. He has since directed its policy and his enterprising efforts, keen business sagacity and sound judgment have been salient features in the success which has attended the undertaking that was established by his grandfather more than forty years ago. The company was organized by bond holders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in 1875 and E. W. Chaffee and Edward Gridley were sent to Cass county to locate lands. They selected all the railroad land in Amenia township and in Walburg township and six sections in Gill township. The name of the company was taken from the towns of Amenia, New York, and Sharon, Connecticut, where the original stockholders resided, and the company operates grain elevators at Amenia, Chaffee, Mason, Newman and Ripon. In 1911 the company was reorganized under the laws of North Dakota and in 1912 Mr. Reed succeeded to the presidency upon the death of H. F. Chaffee, who was one of the victims of the Titanic disaster. He is also the president of the Miller-Chaffee-Reed Company, holding and dealing in farm lands, the two companies controlling about forty thousand acres. His business activity also extends to other undertakings which are valuable assets in the development of this part of the state. He is president of the Amenia Elevator Company, operating twenty-five elevators in different parts of the country, and he is the president of the John Miller Company, a grain commission firm at Duluth and Minneapolis, which was established by ex-Governor John Miller, H. F. Chaffee and Walter R. Reed. All these interests show Mr. Reed to be a man of resourceful business ability, possessing sound judgment and unflinching enterprise and carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He ever recognizes the fact that when one avenue of opportunity seems closed he can carve out another path that will lead to the desired goal.

In 1898 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Inetta Gowland, of Amenia. This union has been blessed with two daughters, Eleanor P. and Elizabeth. Mr. Reed gives his political allegiance to the republican party and as every true American citizen should do, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is ready to support his position by intelligent argument. In fraternal circles he is well known, holding membership with Casselton Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Casselton Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; Fargo Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Auvergne Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise an Odd Fellow, belonging to Colfax Lodge, No. 7, at Casselton. Mr. Reed is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church, guiding their lives according to its teachings and at all times measuring up to high standards. They occupy a pleasant home in Amenia, which is attractive by reason of its warm hearted hospitality and good cheer and their circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Reed belongs to that class of men who have done much to further public progress, for in advancing individual interests he also promotes public prosperity.

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#### IRA D. WIGHT.

Ira D. Wight, who is making an excellent record as branch house manager for the Stone-Ordean-Wells Company at Minot, was born in Ithaca, Michigan, on the 25th of May, 1878. His parents, William R. and Frances (Dean) Wight, were born respectively in Ohio in 1856 and in Benton county, Michigan, in 1857. The father engaged in farming during his early life but later removed to Chicago, where he turned his attention to printing, with which business he is at present connected in Rogers Park. He takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs but has never aspired to office.

Ira D. Wight, who is the elder of two children, attended school at Ithaca, Michigan, and at Chicago and when sixteen years of age entered the employ of Wells & Company, wholesale dealers in shoes, with whom he remained for three years, after which he became connected with Swift & Company, of Chicago, for a year. He then went to Hancock,

Michigan, where he was in the employ of E. M. Lieblein, a wholesale grocer, from 1900 until 1908. In the latter year he became a representative of the Stone-Ordean-Wells Company, dealers in wholesale groceries, and continued at Hancock for two years longer, after which, in September, 1910, he removed to Minot, North Dakota. He is now branch house manager for the Stone-Ordean-Wells Company and his thorough knowledge of the business, combined with his natural ability, makes him very efficient in that capacity. He has become recognized as a factor in the business development of the town and is numbered among its valued citizens.

Mr. Wight was married on the 20th of August, 1898, to Miss Frances Fletcher, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is a daughter of James J. and Caroline (Randall) Fletcher, both natives of Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. About 1875 they removed to the States and located in Iowa, where the father was engaged as a machinist for many years. Subsequently he removed to Rogers Park, Chicago, where he died in 1913. His wife passed away in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Wight have three children, Florence Mildred, born June 9, 1903; Ira D., Jr., born May 26, 1907; and William Reuben, born December 29, 1910, all at home.

Mr. Wight is an independent republican but has never taken a very active part in politics. Fraternally he is connected with Minot Lodge, No. 1081, B. P. O. E., with the Knights of Pythias and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, all of Minot. He devotes his entire time to the management of the interests intrusted to his care and has increased substantially the business of the branch house of which he is manager. He is president and a director of the Minot Association of Commerce.

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#### HON. PATRICK H. ROURKE.

Hon. Patrick H. Rourke, one of the foremost attorneys of North Dakota, residing in Lisbon, was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1854, and is a son of William and Mary (Curran) Rourke, who were natives of Queens county, Ireland, and of Pennsylvania respectively. When a young man the father came to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania in 1842. Subsequently he married there and in 1856 removed with his wife and five children to Petersburg, Menard county, Illinois, where he resided until the spring of 1870. In that year he became a resident of Logan county, where he passed away in 1879. His widow survives at the age of eighty-six years and makes her home in Lincoln, Illinois. She reared a family of thirteen children and she still does the cooking for the members of her household, being a remarkably well preserved woman. Mr. Rourke was an iron worker in Pennsylvania and after his removal to Illinois followed the occupation of farming.

Hon. Patrick H. Rourke supplemented his district school education by a year's study in the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School. He remained upon the home farm until March 20, 1880, when he took up the study of law in the office of R. N. Stevens at Petersburg, Illinois. He was admitted to the bar on the 20th of March, 1882, in Chicago and subsequent to that date became a law partner of his former preceptor, but on the 17th of May, 1882, removed to Lisbon, North Dakota, where he opened a branch office for the firm, his partner, Mr. Stevens, remaining in the Petersburg office. After two years, however, or in 1884, he also went to Lisbon and the firm won prominence in professional circles. Mr. Stevens was a member of the constitutional convention in 1889 and was subsequently elected a member of the first state legislature.

The firm dissolved partnership in 1886, after which Mr. Rourke practiced independently for three years. In 1889 he entered into partnership with the present district judge, F. P. Allen, which association was severed in 1891, after which Mr. Rourke practiced independently for about ten years. In 1900 he formed a partnership with A. M. Kvello and eight years later Sidney D. Adams was admitted to the firm and remained a member thereof for three years, at the end of which time he withdrew and went to Florida. Later, however, he returned to Lisbon and again became a member of the firm under the style of Rourke, Kvello & Adams. They are accorded a liberal and distinctively representative clientage and a thorough preparation of cases combined with an intimate knowledge of legal principles has



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brought Mr. Rourke notable success at a bar which has numbered many distinguished members.

Mr. Rourke has been married three times, his first wife being Mary Harter. For his second wife he chose Rose Gardner and to them were born three children, Curran G., Grattan L. and Mary, all at home. In May, 1915, Mr. Rourke wedded Mrs. Fred Rimmerman, who in her maidenhood was Miss Betty Talbott, of Lincoln, Illinois.

Mr. Rourke is identified with Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M.; with Lisbon Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; with Ivanhoe Commandery, K. T.; and with the consistory and the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He was made a Mason in Illinois, in the same lodge in which Abraham Lincoln was initiated into the order. Mrs. Rourke is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Rourke gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was the first city attorney of Lisbon, filling that office in the years 1883 and 1884. He was elected county attorney and served for eight years and was next elected state senator, serving for four years. Prior to the expiration of his term he was appointed United States district attorney, in which important capacity he continued for sixteen years. He was mayor of Lisbon, county attorney, state senator and United States district attorney all at the same time. He understood fully the duties of each office and thoroughly met every requirement, making a most excellent record as a public official. For a third of a century his name has stood as a synonym of the progressive element in his community and his work has at all times been a beneficial element in the state.

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#### JUDGE KALITA ELTON LEIGHTON.

Judge Kalita Elton Leighton, who since January, 1911, has served upon the bench of the eighth judicial district, is accounted one of the foremost jurists of the state. His comprehensive knowledge of the law was manifest in private practice and his ability in that direction led to his selection for judicial honors. He was born in Putnam county, Missouri, September 13, 1871, a son of Jacob and Laura (Anderson) Leighton. The father was born in Illinois, in 1830, and the mother in Lee county, Iowa, December 3, 1847. Throughout his entire life Mr. Leighton followed the occupation of farming and in 1877 removed to Iowa, where he continued to reside until his death in 1898. In the year 1901 the mother became a resident of Minot, North Dakota, where she still makes her home. During the early period of his residence in Iowa, Mr. Leighton served as county commissioner and at the time of the Civil war his loyalty to his country was manifest by his enlistment as a private of Company I, Sixteenth Iowa Regiment, which was attached to Crocker's Iowa Brigade. He served during the last year of the war and suffered largely from diseases common among the soldiers. He went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and took part in several important engagements.

Judge Leighton was an only child. He attended school at Allerton, Iowa, and for two years was a student in the Highland Park Normal College at Des Moines, after which he entered the law department of the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1896. He had resided at home until twenty years of age, after which he was away attending school for two years, then taught school for one winter and in 1894 entered the University, in which he prepared for the legal profession. A year after his graduation he began practice at Allerton and subsequently followed his profession at Mystic, Iowa, for two years. He then came to Minot, where he opened an office and continued in the general practice of law with growing success. Few lawyers have made a more lasting impression upon the bar of the state both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community. The zeal with which he devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. He was then chosen for judicial honors, being elected to the bench of the eighth judicial district, assuming the duties of the office in January, 1911. His course as a judge has been in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, distinguished by a masterful grasp of every problem pre-

sented for solution and by the spirit of unfaltering fidelity to duty. The only other office that he has held is that of member of the city council of Minot for a short time, for he has had no ambition in the line of office seeking outside the strict path of his profession.

On the 25th of December, 1901, Judge Leighton was united in marriage to Miss Belle Lockman, a native of Drakesville, Iowa, and a daughter of William and Allie (Scantling) Lockman, who were also born in the Hawkeye state. The father, who was engaged in business as a merchant, passed away in Iowa in 1898, but the mother still survives and now makes her home in Minot. Judge and Mrs. Leighton have four children, as follows: Roy, whose birth occurred October 19, 1902; Will, born October 15, 1905; Inez, whose natal day was June 12, 1908; and Barbara, who was born December 2, 1911.

Judge Leighton holds membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Minot and with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is an independent republican, well versed on the questions and issues of the day, staunch in his advocacy of principles that he believes to be factors in good government and just as strongly opposed to any movement which he deems inimical to the public welfare. He holds to high professional standards and ever endeavors to serve the ends of justice, his decisions being marked by a strict impartiality and freedom from personal prejudice.

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#### JUDGE WILLIAM MURRAY.

Judge William Murray, of Minot, who is occupying the bench of Ward county, has an excellent record as a jurist, being not only well informed as to the law but also possessing the necessary qualities of an impartial and an unbiased mind. His birth occurred in Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, on the 22d of December, 1853, and he is a son of James and Jennie Johnstone (Barber) Murray, both of whom are also natives of that place, where they passed their entire lives. The father was a woolen manufacturer and was held in high esteem in his community. They were the parents of four children, of whom our subject is the eldest.

William Murray received his education in the schools of his native town but when sixteen years of age became apprenticed to a joiner. After completing his apprenticeship of five years he worked as a foreman joiner for twelve years, after which, in 1886, he removed to Winnipeg, Canada, where he followed his trade until the 8th of August, 1887, when he came to North Dakota and settled at Minot. At that time there were no houses there, only tents, and all around stretched the unbroken prairie. He became car carpenter for the Great Northern Railroad and remained with that company for eighteen years and four months, during which time he held the position of car foreman. While engaged in railroad work he devoted his leisure time to the study of law in the office of James Johnson and in 1906 passed the required examination at Grand Forks and was admitted to the bar of the state. He at once began the practice of law and in time gained a good clientage. While still connected with the railroad he served as police magistrate for twenty-two years and as county judge for twelve years. In 1912, when reelected county judge, he resigned as magistrate in order to give his entire attention to his duties as judge. In the trial of cases he seeks to ascertain all of the facts on both sides and in his decisions is guided solely by the law applicable to the cases in question, allowing no personal considerations to influence him. His course has gained him the commendation of the bar and of the general public alike, and his decisions have seldom been reversed by the appellate courts.

Judge Murray is a republican and believes firmly in the wisdom of the policies of that party. For five years he was a member of the board of education and for four years he held the office of city assessor, while prior to his reelection as county judge he was county justice for two years. His service as police magistrate covered twenty-two years and nine months, his long retention in that office indicating his efficiency and fairness. For eighteen years he served on the insanity board of Ward county, for ten years was a member of the board of health and for four years was visitor to the county farm, and there is no phase of public affairs in which he does not take a keen interest. He is connected with the Masonic lodge and chapter and the Eastern Star at Minot, and he has served in all of the chairs of the

lodge and as secretary of the chapter for two years. He is also connected with the Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held office; the Knights of Pythias; the Eagles; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is one of the oldest members of the Knights of Pythias lodge, has held all of the chairs and in 1898 was representative to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. He was the first president of the aerie of the Eagles, which office he held for four years, was for one year deputy grand president for the state of North Dakota and for three years was representative to the Grand Aerie. He is also prominent in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, being the first master workman and having served in 1908 as representative to the Grand Lodge. He is well known in fraternal circles throughout the state and in his life exemplifies the principle of brotherhood, which is at the basis of all of the above organizations. During the many years of his residence in Minot he has witnessed a great transformation as the little settlement of the early days has given place to the busy and growing city of today, and he takes justifiable pride in the fact that he has been a factor in bringing about the development of the town.

Judge Murray was united in marriage on the 17th of July, 1877, to Miss Sarah Cowan, who was born at Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and is a daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth (Saunders) Cowan, likewise natives of that place, where both passed their entire lives. Judge and Mrs. Murray have become the parents of six children, namely: Elizabeth C., who is deputy county clerk; Jennie Johnstone, the wife of William J. Norbert, a traveling salesman for Foley Brothers & Kelley; Sarah, who became the wife of Fred Herriek, of the Minot Grocery, and who died May 30, 1908; James A., who was the youngest locomotive engineer in the United States and is now an automobile expert and who married Miss Jennie Hanson; Agnes, who died in Scotland at the age of three years; and William, who died in infancy in Minot.

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#### HENRY L. HANSON.

One of the enterprising citizens of Prosper is Henry L. Hanson, who is there engaged in merchandising and is also filling the position of postmaster. He possesses a resolute spirit and unfaltering energy and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, so that his identification with a movement is an indication of its prosperous outcome. Mr. Hanson is a representative citizen of the northwest and Cass county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Berlin township, that county, on the 11th of August, 1886. His parents were Lars and Sena (Hanson) Hanson, both of whom were natives of Norway and as children were brought by their respective parents to the new world about 1868. Lars Hanson became a resident of Wisconsin and afterward removed to North Dakota, where the family cast in their lot with the early pioneer settlers of Cass county. Following his marriage to Sena Hanson they settled upon a farm in Berlin township and later removed to Harwood township, where Mr. Hanson continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred February 5, 1893. His widow afterward removed to Harwood and in connection with her son Henry established a small store there. Later they were joined by Mr. Solmonson and purchased the business of M. Carmine, the enterprise being then conducted under the firm style of Hanson & Solmonson. That relation was maintained until January 1, 1912, when the store at Harwood was sold and the firm established their present business in Prosper, where they have since enjoyed a large and growing patronage.

Henry L. Hanson was educated in the common schools of Cass county and his early training developed in him those traits of character which have constituted important features in his growing prosperity. He was only eighteen years of age when he became connected with merchandising as a partner of his mother and with the business he has since been identified, as previously indicated. The firm has the only general store at Prosper, carrying an extensive and attractive line of goods neatly and tastefully arranged so as to attract the attention of their patrons. Their business methods will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and their success is founded upon integrity as well as industry. While living at Harwood Mr. Hanson served as postmaster for three years and has been postmaster at Prosper since taking up his abode in that town. The firm of which he is a member erected

the first building in Prosper save a warehouse, and their mercantile interests have constituted an important feature in the growth of the town. In addition to his other interests Mr. Hanson is a stockholder in and secretary of the Equity Elevator & Trading Company of Prosper.

Mr. Hanson was married March 15, 1916, to Miss Nettie Johnson, of Harwood, Cass county, North Dakota, a daughter of C. A. Johnson, who was a prominent farmer and an old pioneer in Raymond township, Cass county. Mr. Johnson died in the spring of 1914.

In his political views Mr. Hanson is a republican, giving earnest support to the party yet never seeking or desiring office. He belongs to the lodge of American Yeomen. His activities, however, have been largely confined to his business interests, which have won him place with the representative men of the community. Close application and energy have guided him in his various relations and the success which he has achieved is the merited reward of his efforts.

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#### MAJOR M. L. ENGLE.

Major M. L. Engle, farmer, real estate dealer, merchant and statesman, ranked with North Dakota's foremost citizens and his demise removed from North Dakota one whose value was widely recognized. He was born in Allegany county, New York, in 1843 and came of German ancestry. He supplemented a common school education with an academic course and about the time that he reached young manhood the Civil war began and he became connected with the commissary of the Union army. After spending two years in that way he entered the office of the American Express Company at Auburn, New York, and remained in that connection for several years. In 1875 he turned his attention to merchandising and money loaning at Friendship, New York, where he successfully conducted business for five years.

In 1881 Major Engle came to North Dakota, settling at Lisbon, at which time there were not more than twenty buildings of any description in the town. The beauty of the location appealed to him, however, and his unflinching business judgment foretold the future development of the rich agricultural section surrounding the city. He invested in land soon after his arrival, being associated in the undertaking with a brother-in-law, George W. Robinson, now a prominent real estate dealer of Buffalo, New York. They secured two sections near the present site of Englevale, twelve miles southwest of Lisbon, and they subsequently increased their holdings to two thousand acres. Mr. Engle became an extensive wheat grower, cultivating from seven hundred to one thousand acres of wheat, and notable success attended his efforts in this direction. Extending his labors into other fields, he became one of the organizers of the State Bank of Lisbon and was made a member of its board of directors, his opinions carrying weight in its councils and proving an element in the successful management of the bank.

Major Engle's sympathies were always with the democratic party but his rare business judgment caused him to vote for the man best qualified for office rather than to guide his franchise through party affiliation. In 1883 he was elected to the board of county commissioners for a three years' term and in 1886 was reelected to that office, serving as chairman of the board for five years, during which period his marked business ability was manifest as largely in behalf of the county's interests as in the control of his private business affairs. A prominent citizen of Ransom county, speaking of him later, said: "No scheme brought before that board while he was one of the members ever prospered if it had not the elements of fair dealing for all the county, and if it was a job got up to benefit some individual or clique at the expense of the community at large he killed it as dead as a mackerel no matter who was behind it. He was fearless and outspoken and as true as steel." In 1890 Major Engle was elected a member of the state senate for a four years' term and it was he who secured the passage of the bill giving the first and second appropriations of ten thousand dollars each for the erection of the Soldiers Home at Lisbon. He offered to put up a bond of fifty thousand dollars for the furnishing of a site, and his labors were directly resultant in establishing and promoting the Soldiers Home in Lisbon. His popularity will be better understood when mention is made of the fact that he received

the vote of his party for United States senator in the famous senatorial contest of 1891. He was always recognized as a staunch and true friend and a generous enemy. The spirit of the man is indicated in the following incident. Once, feeling himself deeply wronged by a man, and being told of an opportunity to retaliate, he said: "No, that would place me on his level." Such was his standard of character throughout life.

Soon after becoming a resident of Lisbon Major Engle took active part in organizing the Masonic lodge of that place and assisted in naming it Sheyenne Valley Lodge. He became one of its charter members, transferring his membership from Allegany Lodge, No. 225, F. & A. M., at Friendship, New York. He was also a member of the chapter and commandery and was ever active in Masonic work.

It was in 1874 that Major Engle was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Robinson, who has been equally active with her husband in the public life of the community, although naturally along different lines. She is very prominent in club circles and was one of the charter members and prime movers in the organization of the Woman's Club of Lisbon, which was formed in 1892 and which joined the State Federation in 1897. It was organized with a membership of thirty, of whom only three are now members. Mrs. Engle served as president of the club for two terms and has been vice president of her district of the state organization. She is also a member of the Civic League and on the advisory board. She belongs as well to the Suffrage League, of which she is secretary, and she has membership in Minerva Chapter, No. 63, O. E. S., and with the Pythian Sisters and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Her religious faith is indicated in her membership in the Holy Trinity Episcopal church and her influence has been of far-reaching effect, characterized by helpfulness and uplift at every point. The married life of Major and Mrs. Engle was most harmonious in its purpose and intent, in its interests and accomplishment, and death separated them on the 25th of April, 1908, when Major Engle passed to the home beyond. He was buried with Masonic honors, the interment being made at his old home at Angelica, New York. In his passing Lisbon lost one of its most public-spirited and beloved citizens and so highly was he esteemed and honored in his community and in his state that the news of his demise brought a sense of personal bereavement to all who knew him.

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#### THEODORE KYLLO.

Theodore Kylo, who is engaged in general farming on section 13, Raymond township, has a well developed and well improved property, owning and cultivating three hundred and twenty acres of land and for the past twelve years operating a threshing outfit. He is a native of Waupaca county, Wisconsin, born October 21, 1867, and comes of Norwegian ancestry. His parents, Peter and Gunald Kylo, were both natives of Norway and came to the United States immediately following the Civil war, crossing the ocean on a sailing vessel which was five weeks in completing the voyage. They took up their abode in Waupaca, Wisconsin, but afterward removed to Pope county, Minnesota, where they settled upon a farm. In 1871 they arrived in North Dakota, being among the earliest of the pioneer residents in the state. There were no railroads in this district at the time of their arrival and all around them could be seen the rolling prairies, giving little evidence of the handiwork of man. On his arrival Mr. Kylo homesteaded eighty acres in Reed township, Cass county, at which time there were but three or four other settlers in the township. A little later he purchased eighty acres of land adjoining the home place and subsequently took up one hundred and sixty acres as a tree claim. To this he afterward added forty acres by purchase, so that his holdings embraced three hundred and sixty acres. With characteristic energy he began to till and improve his farm, which his labors soon converted into rich and productive fields. He lived upon that place until the death of his wife in 1896, after which he disposed of his holdings and subsequently made his home with his sons, passing away in 1907.

Theodore Kylo was reared under the parental roof, spending his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, his time being divided between the acquirement of an education in the district schools and work on the home farm. He was but nine years of age,

however, when he began to assist in the labors of the fields, plowing with a yoke of oxen. He continued on the old home place until a year after his mother's death and while there residing he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he afterward traded for the tree claim that had been taken up by his father. He never lived upon the tree claim but cultivated it and in addition rented three hundred and twenty acres. His life has been a busy and useful one and his work as an agriculturist has brought good results. In 1900 he located upon his present farm, which he had purchased the year before. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land and is numbered among the substantial farmers of Cass county.

Mr. Kylo has been married twice. In 1899 he wedded Miss Olina Waugh, of Reed township, her father being Torger Waugh, one of the early pioneers of that township. She passed away in 1903, leaving one child, Richard L. In 1905 Mr. Kylo was again married, his second union being with Miss Minnie Halverson, of Iowa, by whom he had five children, four of whom still survive, namely: Gilbert T., Archie M., Ethel L. and Pearl M.

Mr. Kylo exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is somewhat active along that line. He is serving at the present time as a member of the board of township trustees and is also a member of the school board. He holds membership with the Sons of Norway and he and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, to the teachings of which they are most loyal. They are well known in Cass county and the circle of their friends is constantly growing as the circle of their acquaintance widens.

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#### GODFREY H. KNIGHT.

Godfrey H. Knight is one of the extensive land owners of Cass county, his possessions aggregating fourteen hundred and forty acres. He was born in Columbia county, Michigan, August 20, 1839, and the intervening years have marked a life of notable industry, perseverance, diligence and business integrity. These qualities have brought him substantial success, so that he is now classed with the men of affluence in his part of the state. He is of English lineage, his parents being Thomas and Ann (Wass) Knight, both of whom were natives of England, whence they came to the new world about 1829, settling in Michigan, where they took up their abode upon a farm that continued to be their home throughout their remaining days. In their family were ten children, six of whom are living.

Godfrey H. Knight spent the period of his minority under the parental roof and afterward worked for his father as a farm hand for a year. He had been well trained in the methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and in the public schools of the neighborhood had acquired his education. In 1862 he left his native state and went to Idaho looking for gold, spending seven years there. At the end of that time he returned to his old home in Michigan and in 1870 removed to Niles, that state, where he established a farm implement business, which he conducted for two years. On selling out he purchased a farm in Calhoun county, Michigan, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a decade. At the end of that time he disposed of his farm and removed to Cass county, North Dakota, purchasing land on section 23, Bell township. To this he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased and favorable opportunity has been presented and he now owns fourteen hundred and forty acres, being one of the extensive land owners of the county. His farm is splendidly improved. The raw prairie has been converted into rich and productive fields which annually yield golden harvests and his knowledge of conditions of the soil, the needs of various crops and the most scientific methods of farm work have resulted in making his labors a source of gratifying success. He is engaged in raising shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses and his live stock interests are an important feature of his business.

In 1874 Mr. Knight was married to Miss Lorisa Sutherland, who was born in New York in 1854, a daughter of Jarvis and Emily (Northrup) Sutherland, who were likewise natives of the Empire state but removed to Michigan at an early day. Later he took up his abode in North Dakota and passed away at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Knight. To

Mr. and Mrs. Knight has been born a daughter, Emily Ann, the wife of Shepard L. Sheldon, a resident of Fargo.

Mr. Knight exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, of which he is a stalwart advocate. He has served on the town board of supervisors for a number of years, yet cannot be said to be a politician in the sense of office seeking, for he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs rather than fill public office. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and has advanced high in Masonry, being now a noble of the Mystic Shrine. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness and he is prominent and popular among his associates in the fraternity. In fact he is held in high esteem wherever known and most of all where he is best known, for his record will bear close investigation and scrutiny.

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#### LYLE J. THOMPSON.

Lyle J. Thompson, the present efficient auditor of Ward county and one of the early residents of Minot, was born at Britt, Iowa, August 25, 1886, and is a son of J. W. and Kate (Kimball) Thompson, also natives of Iowa. The father farmed in early manhood but subsequently removed to Britt, Iowa, where he engaged in the general implement and hardware business until 1901, when he removed to North Dakota and purchased land nine and a half miles southwest of Sawyer. He concentrated his energies from that time until his demise in 1908 on agricultural pursuits and gained a gratifying measure of success in that connection. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and while living in Iowa was nominated for sheriff and defeated by less than fifty votes. His widow is still living and makes her home in Minot. To them were born five children, three of whom are living and of whom our subject is the third in order of birth.

Lyle J. Thompson attended the common schools in Britt, Iowa, and high school and a business college in Minot, thus receiving a thorough practical education. When about eighteen years of age he entered the office of the superintendent of schools as a stenographer and remained there for the greater part of a year, after which he became a stenographer in the office of the board of county commissioners. After filling that position for about two years he became stenographer and bookkeeper in the Second National Bank, where he remained for about fifteen months. At the end of that time he accepted the position of clerk and stenographer in the county auditor's office, in which capacity he served until 1909, when he was appointed city auditor. He held that office for four years, making so excellent a record that at the end of that time he was elected county auditor, in which capacity he is now serving by reelection. He devotes his entire time to the discharge of his official duties and to the supervision of his mother's landed interests. His experience as deputy county auditor and as city auditor made him unusually well qualified for filling the office of county auditor and he has proved a systematic and capable official.

Mr. Thompson is a stalwart republican and does all in his power to promote the success of that party at the polls. He is secretary-treasurer of the Minot Volunteer Fire Company and is secretary of the Humane Society. Fraternally he is associated with Lodge No. 1089, B. P. O. E., at Minot and has many friends both within and without that organization. He is one of the energetic, efficient and public-spirited young men of Minot, and his friends predict for him continued success.

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#### WILLIAM F. ECKES.

William F. Eckes, cashier of the National Bank of Wahpeton, is a native of that city and has there spent the greater part of his life. He was born on the 7th of June, 1886, a son of W. F. and Mary K. (Braun) Eckes, natives of Germany and Stearns county, Minnesota. They were married in Stearns county but subsequently removed to Wisconsin, where

they remained for a short time, after which they came to North Dakota, being among the pioneer settlers of the state. Although the father was a poor man when he came to this state, he gained financial independence and at the time of his death was one of the wealthiest men of his county. He engaged in merchandising and also owned a large amount of valuable farm land and in addition was the proprietor of a mill. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he was quite active in public affairs. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church. He passed away in 1896 at the comparatively early age of forty-two years, as he was born in 1854. His wife survives and makes her home at Wahpeton. To them were born four children, three of whom are still living: William F.; Alvina, who teaches music in a conservatory at St. Paul; and Amalia, who is taking voice culture in Chicago.

William F. Eckes was educated in the St. Francis School at St. Francis, Wisconsin, and in a business college at Wahpeton. When but seventeen years of age he became book-keeper of the Merchants State Bank at Breckenridge, where he remained until he accepted a similar position in the National Bank of Wahpeton. He filled that office until 1912; when he was made cashier. The bank is capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, has a surplus of ten thousand dollars and average deposits of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which indicates the place it holds in the confidence of the general public. Mr. Eckes is at once prudent and aggressive and so directs the policy of the bank as to promote the legitimate business expansion of the community and at the same time amply safeguard the interests of the stockholders and depositors.

In 1908 occurred the marriage of Mr. Eckes and Miss Magdaline Pahl, a native of Minnesota, by whom he has the following children: Kenneth, Lester, Magdaline and Marguerite.

Mr. Eckes is a democrat in politics and has served as a member of the city council and as school treasurer and city treasurer. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally he is identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Knights of Columbus. He is a director of the Wahpeton Conservatory of Music and of the Commercial Club and can always be depended upon to give of his time and energy to the promotion of projects for the community advancement. Although he is a young man and has depended solely upon his own resources, he has gained a measure of success which many of his seniors might well envy.

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#### WILLIAM R. LEMONNIER.

William R. Lemonnier, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Minot under the name of the Minot Cooperative Realty Company, was born in Carroll county, Iowa, August 30, 1875, a son of Millard Fillmore and Anna (Goodaire) Lemonnier, natives respectively of the state of New York and of England. The father was a cooper by trade and for a number of years was employed in that capacity in the Standard Oil Works at Cleveland, Ohio. On removing to Iowa he engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. He is now, however, a resident of southern Minnesota. He has held a number of school offices but has never sought political office. His wife passed away in Iowa in 1884, when about thirty years of age.

William R. Lemonnier, who is the elder of a family of two children, attended school in Cleveland, Ohio, for one year but received the rest of his education in Iowa. When eighteen years of age he engaged in farming in Minnesota and so continued for five years, after which he became an engineer, following that occupation for eight years, and during that time holding positions both as a stationary and as a traction engineer. In May, 1906, he came to North Dakota and took up a claim four miles south of Douglas. In about two years he received title to his land and then removed to Minot, where he was employed with the Russell Miller Milling Company for one year and with the Minot Milling Company for four years. At the end of that time he entered the real estate and insurance business, establishing the Minot Cooperative Realty Company, which is now one of the important concerns in its field in Minot. He devotes his entire time to the business and handles much



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valuable realty and writes many insurance policies. He owns a number of good residence properties in the city and is one of its well-to-do citizens.

Mr. Lemonnier was united in marriage on the 20th of December, 1898, to Miss Anna Green, who was born in Cottonwood county, Minnesota, and is a daughter of John O. and Anna (Bjorley) Green, natives respectively of Sweden and Norway. The mother died in Minnesota in 1901 and subsequently the father came to North Dakota, where he passed away in 1913, not long after his arrival in this state. He was a public-spirited citizen but never aspired to office. Mr. and Mrs. Lemonnier have three children: Lind William, who was born September 26, 1900; Vera Anna, born September 10, 1904; and John Fillmore, born September 19, 1909.

Mr. Lemonnier is independent in politics and has never sought office. His fraternal affiliation is with the Modern Brotherhood of America and he has many friends both within and without that order. His sound business judgment, combined with his energy, has enabled him to win a creditable measure of success in his chosen line of business.

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#### GEORGE WARREN HANNA.

George Warren Hanna, superintendent of schools at Valley City, was born in Jasper county, Iowa, July 20, 1872, a son of James Steele and Hattie L. (Hunt) Hanna, the former a native of Ashland, Ohio, and the latter of Boston, Massachusetts. George W. Hanna, the youngest of a family of five children, attended the public schools and afterward graduated from Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa. He then took up the profession of teaching in that state and afterward spent three years as a teacher in South Dakota but later returned to Des Moines and became superintendent of the Oak Park school, so continuing for a year. In August, 1899, he accepted the superintendency of the public schools of Valley City, North Dakota, and since that time the schools have grown and developed in every possible way. At the time of his arrival there were but twelve teachers, while today he has thirty-five assistants and all of the school buildings now in existence have been erected during his regime. At the time he assumed charge he had but one assistant in the high school, while today there are fourteen teachers in the high school, which ranks among the best in the northwest, its curriculum embracing forty subjects. Under the direction of Professor Hanna the work has been carried on most successfully.

On the 20th of July, 1897, Professor Hanna was married to Miss Mabel Way, of Illinois, a daughter of L. A. Way. She was educated in the Woodbine Normal School in western Iowa and afterward taught in the public schools of Defiance, Iowa. The children of this marriage are: Warren L., now a student in the University of North Dakota, having previously graduated from the high school at Valley City and studied in the State Normal there; and Glenn A., also in school.

Mrs. Hanna shares with her husband in his deep interest in the educational problems of Valley City and rapid strides have indeed been made since the first school was established in 1878 in a little log building, for the school buildings here would be a credit to a city of much large size and the standard of instruction is second to none in the state. They are also interested in other lines of development and improvement here, their influence being always on the side of right, truth and advancement.

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#### W. J. ROBINSON.

W. J. Robinson, who is conducting a lumber and coal yard in Wahpeton and who also has other business interests, was born in Ontario, Canada, September 5, 1856. His parents, John and Susanna (Wyley) Robinson, were both born in Ireland, the former in 1822 and the latter in 1827. The paternal grandfather, John Robinson, removed to Ontario from Ireland and lived retired in that province until his demise. The parents of our subject went to Ontario in their youth and were there married. The father engaged in contracting

and gained a gratifying measure of success in business. He passed away in Ontario in 1892, but was survived by his wife until 1910. He was an adherent of the conservative party in politics and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born nine children, five of whom are still living: W. J.; Mrs. S. M. Gowland, of Fargo, this state; Mrs. A. F. Stewart, of Los Angeles; Mrs. F. R. Barnes, of Fargo; and George A., who is living retired in Huron, South Dakota.

W. J. Robinson was reared at home and gained his education through attending the common schools. He subsequently was associated with his father in the contracting business until 1879, when he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, where he engaged in that line of work for a year. He then entered the employ of William White, a lumberman, and remained in that connection for several years, after which he turned his attention to farming in Lamoure county, North Dakota, where he remained for ten years. He took up land there and was successful as an agriculturist, but at length again turned his attention to business pursuits, conducting a lumber yard at Reynolds for three years. He then located in the town of La Moure, where he managed a lumberyard for three years, after which he became a member of the company for which he had been working. In 1900 he purchased an interest in the lumberyard at Wahpeton, where he is still living. The McCulloch-Robinson Lumber Company was incorporated in 1915 with a capital of fifty thousand dollars and with the following officers: W. J. Robinson, president and treasurer; C. P. Robinson, secretary; John McCulloch, vice president. They operate a coal business in connection with their lumberyard at Wahpeton and also own a lumberyard at Colfax, in addition to which they own a hardware store there. All of their business interests are well managed and return them a good profit. They have gained an enviable reputation for reasonable prices and fair dealing and are prominent in the business circles of their community.

In March, 1880, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Arabella Robertson, likewise a native of Ontario, by whom he has four children: Charles Percy, who is connected with his father's hardware store at Colfax; Earl W., who graduated from the Annapolis Naval Academy in 1909 and is serving in the United States navy; Lillian, the wife of Ernest Corchran, who is in the general merchandise business at Colfax; and Clarence, who is attending school.

Mr. Robinson is a republican and has been called to office by his fellow citizens, having served for five or six years as alderman of Wahpeton and for seven years as county commissioner, within which time he served on the building committee that erected the courthouse at a cost of one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars. He is one of the leaders on the board of commissioners and has been instrumental in securing a number of improvements in the county. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Masonic blue lodge, in which he served as treasurer for fourteen years, to the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery, the consistory and the Shrine, and being also identified with Fergus Falls Lodge, No. 1093, B. P. O. E., of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past noble grand. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. When he came to this state in early manhood his capital consisted of but fifteen dollars, but he was enterprising and determined and believed that in this new state he would find opportunities the utilization of which would enable him to gain success. His hope has been realized and he is now one of the substantial men of his community.

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#### OLE MALEN.

One of the substantial citizens that Norway has furnished to Cass county is Ole Malen, who was born in the land of the midnight sun, January 27, 1866, his parents being Nels and Christina Malen, also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives and there reared their family of nine children, eight of whom are yet living, four now being residents of the United States.

Ole Malen was reared and educated in his native land to the age of sixteen years, when in 1882 he bade adieu to friends and family and sailed for the new world, making his way

to Ottertail county, Minnesota, where he resided for seven years. He then went to Georgetown, Minnesota, where he was employed as section boss by the Great Northern Railroad Company for eight years. He had come empty handed to the new world but he carefully saved his earnings until industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm, at which time he made investment in land near Argusville, North Dakota. Through the succeeding six years his time and attention were devoted to its development and improvement, after which he sold that property and rented a farm in Noble township, Cass county, upon which he lived for eight years. At the end of that period he purchased the farm upon which he now resides on section 24, Noble township, comprising one hundred and thirty-nine acres, lying along the great Red River of the North. He has since devoted his attention to the cultivation and improvement of this property and his labors have brought good results.

Mr. Malen has been twice married. He was first married in 1896 to Miss Christina Ohnstad, who was born in Norway and by her marriage became the mother of five children, Nora Matilda, Clara Annetta, Gina, Mable, deceased, and Estella. In June, 1906, the wife and mother was called to her final rest, her remains being interred in the Lutheran church cemetery in Noble township. On the 22d of October, 1907, Mr. Malen was again married, this union being with Miss Breta Berge, who was likewise a native of Norway but emigrated to the new world in 1903. Of the second marriage there are also five children, Anna, Oscar, Harold, Sigurd and Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Malen hold membership in the Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. He votes with the republican party but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. His life has been active and well spent and his indefatigable energy and perseverance have been the foundation upon which he has buildd his present success.

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#### ROBERT B. REED.

One of the most important corporations that has contributed to the development and upbuilding of Cass county and this section of North Dakota is the Amenia & Sharon Land Company, of which Robert B. Reed is the treasurer. He is an enterprising, forceful and resourceful business man whose training and experience have qualified him to meet any emergency, while his energy and enterprise lead him to put forth efforts along lines that are directly resultant and beneficial to the company which he represents and to the district at large. He is a descendant of one of the old New England families, his birth having occurred in Ellsworth, Connecticut, July 23, 1874, his parents being John H. and Florence (Chaffee) Reed, who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of his brother, Walter R. Reed, on another page of this work. He began his education in the public schools of his native state and afterward continued his studies in schools of North Dakota, eventually becoming a pupil in the State Agricultural College at Fargo, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. He has the distinction of having received the first diploma ever issued by that college.

Following his graduation Mr. Reed became actively identified with the Amenia & Sharon Land Company, in which connection he worked his way upward. He was eventually appointed secretary and still later became secretary and treasurer and at the present time is filling the responsible position of treasurer of a company which is one of the oldest established corporations in this part of the state, beginning operations in 1875, since which time it has contributed much to the settlement, development and progress of North Dakota.

In 1899 Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Edith M. Varnum, of Sykeston, North Dakota, by whom he has three children, namely: Florence, M., Althea V. and Clarence R. In his political views Mr. Reed has always been an earnest republican and keeps well informed on the issues and questions of the day, but does not seek nor desire public office. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and guide their lives according to its teachings. They display many sterling traits of character and to them is freely accorded the hospitality of the best homes of this section. In his business career

Mr. Reed has ever readily recognized opportunity, and while he does not possess that uncurbed ambition which often brings about erratic movements in business, he has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way and his diligence and sagacity have been strong points in gaining for him success.

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EDGAR ALLEN PRAY, M. D.

Dr. Edgar Allen Pray, physician and surgeon of Valley City, was born in Afton, Washington county, Minnesota, February 26, 1868, a son of Russell N. and Lydia P. (Van Slyke) Pray, the former a native of Essex and the latter of Herkimer county, New York. The paternal grandfather, Arba Pray, was also a native of the Empire state and was descended from English ancestors who came to America in colonial days. In the maternal line the Van Slykes are of the original Dutch stock that settled in Herkimer county, New York. Russell N. Pray removed westward to Minnesota in 1855 and there followed the trade of carpenter and builder. He offered his services to the government at the time of the Civil war, but his health was such that he was rejected. After some years' residence in Minnesota he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, in 1877 and there remained until 1883, when he became a resident of Barnes county, settling on a farm in the outskirts of Valley City, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1904, when he was seventy-two years of age. His widow is still a resident of Valley City.

Dr. Pray was the eldest of their four children and his public school training was supplemented by a course in Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, after which he matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated on the completion of the medical course with the class of 1894, winning his professional degree. After a year spent in St. Luke's Hospital at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, during which he gained the benefit of that broad and diversified practice which hospital experience brings he returned to North Dakota and has since been engaged in active and successful practice in Valley City. He has taken the degrees of Scottish Rite masonry, is a member of the Mystic Shrine and is also identified with the Knights of Pythias.

In June, 1895, Dr. Pray was married to Miss Frances A. Peake, of Faribault, Minnesota, a daughter of the Rev. E. S. Peake, a pioneer missionary of the Episcopal church in the northwest, and a sister of General A. P. Peake. The children of this marriage are: Ralph E., a graduate of the Shattuck Military Academy; Russell H.; Frances E.; Lawrence G.; Margaret; and Dorothy E.

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WILLIAM IWEN.

William Iwen, an agriculturist residing on section 6, Rush River township, Cass county is the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he has operated continuously and successfully for the past twenty-four years. His birth occurred in Germany, on the 15th of December, 1863, his parents being Fred and Caroline Iwen, who emigrated to the United States in 1864 and located in Winona county, Minnesota. There the father passed away in 1873 and the mother afterward married John Schlaet, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work.

In 1880, when in his seventeenth year, William Iwen came to North Dakota with his mother and stepfather and ten years later began farming on his own account as a renter. In 1892 he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 6, Rush River township, which he has cultivated continuously to the present time, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He is a member of the board of directors and one of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator Company at Arthur.

In 1890 Mr. Iwen was united in marriage to Miss Martha Sommerfeld, who is a sister of Julius E. Sommerfeld, a prosperous agriculturist of Arthur township, Cass county, whose

record is given on another page of this volume. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, three of whom survive, namely: Edwin, William, Jr., and Elizabeth. All are still at home.

Politically Mr. Iwen is a staunch republican and he is now ably serving in the capacity of school treasurer, while for about ten years he was a member of the board of township trustees. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. He has always shown great interest in all that pertains to the general welfare and has been known as a public-spirited man who has ever found time and inclination to cooperate in the movements for the public good. In all the relations of life he has been honorable and straightforward, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

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#### PETER O. INGEBRIKTSON.

The agricultural interests of Cass county find a worthy representative in Peter O. Ingebriktson, who resides on section 5, Reed township. Moreover, he deserves prominent mention as one of the earliest pioneers of North Dakota, settling in the territory when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun. He was born in Norway on the 12th of February, 1847, his parents being Ingebrikt and Carrie (Johnson) Lowek, both of whom died in Norway.

Their son Peter had spent his youthful days under the parental roof and had acquired a public school education in his native country. Favorable reports reached him concerning the opportunities of the new world and at length he decided to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. Accordingly in 1869 he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for Quebec, whence he made his way to Detroit in a box car. He proceeded from that city to Chicago and three weeks later went to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he secured a position as clerk in a drug store. There he worked for about a year and in 1870 he obtained employment on the construction of the Northern Pacific Railway, the laborers being largely Norwegians. Mr. Ingebriktson, who had secured a fair education, was made foreman of a crew and continued work in connection with the construction of the road into Moorhead, where he arrived on the 11th day of November, 1871. After the completion of the line to that point he obtained a position as clerk with the firm of Hubbard, Raymond & Allen, general merchants of Moorhead, with whom he continued as a trusted employe for four years or more. In 1878 he preempted one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Reed township, on which he built a small frame house and there began farming. After two years he bought sixty-eight acres lying between his place and the river and afterward added forty acres more, making his present farm one of two hundred and sixty-eight acres. This tract he has converted into well tilled fields and his energy and industry have been rewarded with substantial crops which bring to him a gratifying annual income. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Ingebriktson has been prominent and active along other lines. He was one of seven men who organized the Farmers Elevator at Harwood and for several years was a member of its board of directors. He is also a stockholder in the Fargo Ice Cream Company.

Mr. Ingebriktson has been married twice. In 1874 he wedded Miss Anna Hanson, of Calmar, Iowa, by whom he had two children, namely: Emil, who is employed as clerk in a general store at Prosper, North Dakota; and Carl, who is engaged in farming in Reed township. The wife and mother passed away in 1890 and two years later Mr. Ingebriktson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Christensen, of Fargo, North Dakota. Her father, Hland Palmer, emigrated to the United States in 1872 and located in Clay county, Minnesota, five miles from Moorhead. Mrs. Ingebriktson has one daughter by her former marriage, Ida, who is the wife of John Storley, of Reed township, Cass county, North Dakota.

Politically a republican, Mr. Ingebriktson was the first county treasurer of Traill county but has declined other public offices, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have brought him substantial return. However, he has not been

unmindful of the duties of citizenship and has cooperated in many plans and movements for the general good. He is also a stockholder in St. Luke's Hospital of Fargo. He has manifested in his career many sterling traits and is accounted a progressive and public-spirited citizen, well informed and one whose life record is an indication of the fact that success may be won when there is a will to dare and to do.

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ROBERT E. HURLY.

Robert E. Hurly, proprietor of a general store at Forman and also interested in the grain trade, in banking and in farming, was born at Benton Harbor, Michigan, July 14, 1880, a son of William and Ella B. (Brown) Hurly, both of whom were early residents of Michigan. The father was editor of a newspaper throughout practically his entire life and in 1888 he established the Forman Independent, which he published for a long period. He passed away in March, 1913, and is still survived by his widow, who yet lives in Forman. In their family were nine children.

Robert E. Hurly, the second in order of birth, was but a child when his parents removed to Forman, so that his education was acquired in its public schools. He worked in his father's printing office for five years and when twenty-one years of age he bought out the stock of S. F. Mullin, a grocer of Forman, and to that line he added a stock of general merchandise and has since carried on the business with growing success. He now has a well appointed store, successfully managed and attractively arranged. His prosperity is attributable entirely to his determination, his enterprise and his reliable methods. He employs two clerks in his store and his trade is gratifying. He is also interested in farm lands, owning acreage property on section 31, Dunbar township, and on section 28, Willey township, in Sargent county. He is likewise a stockholder in the National Bank of Forman and in the Farmers Elevator of Forman.

In 1907 Mr. Hurly was married to Miss Bertha M. Dysto, a daughter of M. H. and Hannah Dysto, her father a Forman merchant. In their family were nine children, of whom Mrs. Hurly is the eldest.

In his political views Mr. Hurly is a republican and has served on both the town board and the school board. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen, the Yeomen and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, all of Forman. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and he is never afraid to venture where favoring opportunity points out the way. His ambition and energy have carried him into important business relations.

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T. F. CLAPP.

T. F. Clapp is one of the enterprising merchants of Grandin, concentrating his efforts upon the development of his business which has now reached substantial proportions. He was born in Ohio, on the 14th day of March, 1857, and is a son of Maurice and Laura (Greeley) Clapp, the latter a niece of Horace Greeley. Both the father and mother were natives of Ohio and there continued their residence throughout their entire lives. They had a family of three children, one of whom has now passed away.

T. F. Clapp was reared and educated in Ohio, spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, and after attaining his majority started out in life on his own account. He spent three years as a farmer in his native state, after which he sought the opportunities of the rapidly growing and developing northwest, coming to North Dakota in 1882. He took up his abode in Cass county, locating on a farm on section 30, Kenyon township, which he purchased. He then bent every energy to the further development and improvement of the property and there lived for twenty-one years, his labors producing excellent results, as is seen in the highly cultivated fields and the substantial buildings which he added to his place. He still owns that farm and from it derives a gratifying annual income, although at the

present time he makes his home in Grandin, where he is engaged in merchandising. On his removal to the town he opened a confectionery store, which he conducted for two years and at the end of that period he turned his attention to the hardware trade. Still later he extended the scope of his activities by adding a line of groceries and has been in this business continually ever since, dealing in both hardware and groceries. His store contains a good line of both hardware and groceries and his honorable business methods and earnest desire to please commend him to the confidence and support of the public.

On the 18th of September, 1878, Mr. Clapp was married to Miss Cora A. Payne, who was born in Ohio, and is a daughter of Charles and Angeline (Strong) Payne, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state and there both passed away. Mrs. Clapp is one of a family of three children, all of whom survive.

In his political opinions Mr. Clapp is an earnest republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party, although he is not active as an office seeker. He has served, however, as town supervisor and has been a member of the school board. He belongs to Yeoman Lodge, No. 290, in which he has filled some of the chairs. He does all in his power to further the moral progress and development of the community in which he makes his home and has guided his life according to high ethical standards. His career is characterized by integrity and honor, winning for him the high regard of his fellowmen.

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#### HENRY BEAL.

Henry Beal, living retired at Valley City, was born in Guilford, Maine, September 14, 1843, the youngest in a family of eight children whose parents were Samuel and Esther (Herring) Beal, who were also natives of the Pine Tree state. Following their marriage they settled in Piscataquis county, being among its first settlers, and there the father cleared a farm and also followed fishing and other seafaring interests. He died at an early age and his widow continued on the farm, afterward becoming the wife of Hiram Stacey, who lived in the village of Foxcroft in the same county. She reached the advanced age of eighty-two years.

At the time of his father's death Henry Beal, owing to the burden that devolved upon his mother to support her family of small children, went to live with his aunt, Mrs. Lydia Peters, his mother's sister, at Pelham, New Hampshire, there remaining to the age of eleven years, when he went to Lawrence, Massachusetts, and learned the painter's trade, which he followed until the outbreak of the war. When in answer to President Lincoln's first call for troops he enlisted on the 15th of April, 1861, he had already had military training, having been a member of the militia. He was mustered in at Boston and with his command proceeded to Washington, where the troops were sworn in for three months' service, Mr. Beal being a member of Company F, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Edwin F. Jones. They were quartered in the senate chambers in Washington until the arrival of other troops. This was the first regiment to reach the capital and at Baltimore they were mobbed on the 19th of April, 1861, four of the men being killed. For two weeks they remained in Washington and were then sent to the relay house to guard the junction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad where it branches off to go to Harpers Ferry. Later they were sent to Baltimore to take charge of the arsenal located there and a few days later after obtaining possession at that point, they were again sent to the relay house and shortly afterward were returned to Washington to do guard duty. On the 22d of July, 1861, the United States congress passed a vote of thanks to the regiment for the alacrity with which the men had responded and the patriotism and bravery which they had displayed. They were returned to Boston on the expiration of their three months' term and honorably discharged August 2, 1861. Mr. Beal then went back to Maine and attended school during the winter, but still the war continued, and on the 13th of January, 1862, he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company G, Second Regiment of Infantry, of the District of Columbia. He was sent on to Washington, where the regiment was held as a patrol guard, and there he served until honorably discharged owing to injuries which he had received in the performance of duty in the capital on the 10th of May, 1862. He then went down with the Sixth Maine

Infantry in the employ of a sutler, and so continued until July, 1862, when he became ill with malarial fever and was sent north. After six weeks spent in a hospital at Philadelphia he returned to Maine, where he recuperated. His brother, Melvin Beal, was a second lieutenant of Company F, Sixth Massachusetts Infantry, following his enlistment in response to the first call for troops. Reenlisting, he became a lieutenant colonel and afterward a colonel, and when the war ended he returned to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he lived for sixty years. In the winter of 1862-3 Henry Beal removed to Wisconsin, becoming a pioneer of New Richmond, St. Croix county, where he engaged in clerking.

In September, 1863, Mr. Beal was married to Miss Emily Payne, the daughter of his employer, and to them were born three children: Angie A., now Mrs. W. S. Emory, of Barnes in 1901 and on the 15th of August, 1908. Mr. Beal wedded Miss Hattie Young, of Budds Lake, New Jersey.

After his first marriage Mr. Beal continued in Wisconsin for two years and then returned county, North Dakota; Martha B.; and Esther, deceased. The wife and mother passed away to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he and his brother, Colonel Beal, formed a partnership and engaged in the painting business for four years. At the end of that time he went to Maine, where he embarked in the lumber business in partnership with his brother, remaining at that point for two years or more. He next established his home at East Golden, Michigan, where he once more conducted a lumber business and also spent some time as foreman of a large mill. Later he was in Wisconsin, where he engaged in lumbering, and in September, 1879, he arrived in Valley City, North Dakota, after which he homesteaded and engaged in farming for a few years. He then returned to Wisconsin, where he took up mill work once more, but suffered very heavy losses from a cyclone. Going again to Valley City, he has since made his home there and is now living retired.

While in Wisconsin Mr. Beal was appointed postmaster of Haywood by President Harrison and served for four years and was also city auditor in Valley City for two years. He has always given loyal support to the republican party and he stands for clean politics and good government. Fraternally he is connected with several organizations and is now commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of North Dakota with the rank of general, an honor which he greatly appreciates, coming to him from his old comrades who were the "boys in blue" of 1861 to 1865. He has in his possession the Massachusetts medal which was given to each of the original ninety day men who enlisted from that state. In Masonic circles he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery and he belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His fellow townsmen instinctively respect and honor him because of his upright life, his high ideals and his sterling worth, manifest in every relation.

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#### B. G. TENNESON.

B. G. Tenneson, of Pierce, Tenneson & Cupler, the leading firm of attorneys of Fargo, possesses in strong measure the analytical mind and keen discernment of the able lawyer and his progress at the bar has been continuous since he made his initial step in the profession. He has been connected with the practice of law in Fargo since 1896, the year following the completion of his university course. He was then a young man of thirty years, his birth having occurred on the 15th of February, 1865, in Trempealeau county, Wisconsin. His parents, Peder and Dorothea (Gulbrandson) Tenneson, were natives of Norway, but were married in the United States. Emigrating to the new world, the father became a Wisconsin farmer and continued to reside in that state until his death in 1884. He was married twice, Mrs. Dorothea Tenneson being his second wife. She survives him at the advanced age of eighty-nine years and makes her home with her son in Fargo.

Spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, B. G. Tenneson supplemented a common school education by study in the Curtiss Business College and in the Minneapolis Academy, where he completed a course in 1888. He afterward entered upon the study of law in the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, completing his course with the graduating class of 1895. The same year he was admitted to the Minnesota state bar and the



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following year passed the required state board examination of North Dakota and was admitted to practice in this state. He remained for a year in Minneapolis and in 1896 came to Fargo, where he entered the law office of Newman, Spalding & Phelps, with whom he was associated for two years. Leaving their employ, he next became associated with Edmund Pierce, of Sheldon, North Dakota, with whom he remained for five years, at the end of which time, or in 1903, the firm of Pierce & Tenneson was formed. They removed their headquarters to Fargo and on the 1st of January, 1908, they were joined by a third partner, A. W. Cupler, under the present firm style of Pierce, Tenneson & Cupler. They rank among the foremost attorneys in corporation law not only in the city but in the state and represent about twelve of the leading corporations of Fargo. They also make a specialty of examining and perfecting titles and at the same time continue in the general practice of law. Mr. Tenneson and his partners are well versed in all branches of practice and they have won many notable cases. Mr. Tenneson enjoys well merited distinction as an able lawyer and at the same time he is a prominent figure in financial circles as the vice president of the Northern Trust Company of Fargo and a director of the Scandinavian-American Bank. He is also a heavy investor in Cass county farm lands and holds valuable property interests.

On the 1st of August, 1893, Mr. Tenneson was married to Miss Hilda Keeland, a native of Norway, and to them have been born three children, Clarence P., Norman G. and Agnes L. The parents are members of the Scandinavian Lutheran church and Mr. Tenneson is also a member of the Norse Society of Fargo and of the Sons of Norway. Fraternally he is identified with Mizpah Lodge, No. 39, F. & A. M., of Sheldon; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Fargo, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He belongs to the Fargo Commercial Club and is interested in all of its plans and projects for the development and upbuilding of the city, giving hearty cooperation wherever aid is needed for the furtherance of the welfare of city or state. He is ever to be found where intelligent men are met in the discussion of vital problems and he is justly regarded as one of the foremost representatives of the legal profession in Fargo.

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#### OLUF KYLLO.

Oluf Kylo, who follows farming on section 31, Reed township, Cass county, is of Norwegian birth but from the age of two years has made his home in the new world and from early boyhood has been actively identified with agricultural interests, being now the owner of an excellent farm property equipped with all of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. His birth occurred in Norway on the 13th of June, 1864, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kylo, mentioned elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of Theodore Kylo. They came to the United States when their son Oluf was but two years of age, so that his education was acquired in the district schools of this land, but his opportunities for educational training were limited, as his services were early required upon the home farm. When a youth of but fourteen years he made a hand in the harvest field at a time when grain was bound by the workmen, as invention had not yet brought forth the machine to do this task. The habits of industry which he formed in the early days have remained with him throughout the intervening years. He worked upon the old homestead until he could purchase a farm of his own, buying his first land in 1895, at which time he became owner of a tract of two hundred and eighty acres situated on section 31, Reed township, Cass county. He then bent his energies to the development of this property and today has one of the best improved farms of the county. The place is well fenced and divided into fields of convenient size which return a gratifying annual income. He has erected good buildings and the latest improved farm machinery is used to facilitate the cultivation and care of the crops.

In 1897 Mr. Kylo was united in marriage to Miss Oleana Knudson, by whom he had six children, five of whom still survive, namely: Gorda S., Clara G., Helen A., Olga O. and H. Lillian. Mr. Kylo votes with the republican party and is now serving on the board of township trustees. He is much interested in the cause of education and is acting as a mem-

the Minot Flour Mill Company, Incorporated, of which he is the vice president and general manager. In the summer of 1915 he organized the Western Elevator Company, Incorporated, of which he is also the vice president and general manager. He is likewise a landowner, having a farm three miles south of Minot, but he devotes the greater part of his attention to the milling and grain business. The Western Elevator Company operates a line of elevators in North Dakota and the Minot Milling Company makes shipments to all the larger markets throughout the United States. This company manufactures flour of superior excellence, known as the Snow White, and the mill is completely equipped with the most modern machinery and employs the latest processes. Steadily the trade has grown until it has now assumed extensive proportions and the success of the two undertakings is attributable in no small measure to the efforts and business ability of Mr. Dunnell.

In June 1893, Mr. Dunnell was united in marriage to Miss Rosenna Vice, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of George and Emily (Goulden) Vice, both of whom were born in England. The father, a foundryman and merchant, is still actively engaged in business in Ontario, but the mother passed away in the year 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunnell have been born eight children, as follows: Florence J., who is supervisor of music in the schools of Portal, North Dakota; Edith Grace, a student in the State Normal School at Minot; William Harold, a sophomore in the Minot high school; Myron Goulden, a sixth grade public school student; Irwin Robinson, a fifth grade pupil; and Howard, Wilbur and Claire, all at home.

Mr. Dunnell is prominently known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters and the United Commercial Travelers. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served on the board of aldermen of Minot. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and in its teachings is found the guiding spirit of his life, which conforms thereto in all of its relations. He is found thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising in business and progressive and trustworthy in citizenship, while the qualities he displays in private life have won him warm and enduring friendships.

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#### JOHN BARRETT FOLSOM.

When Fargo was entering upon an era of rapid development and progress John Barrett Folsom became identified with that section of the state and remained to the time of his death a prominent figure in the business and social life of his community. If the historian were, without preliminary effort, to set forth his achievements in a single sentence it would perhaps best be done in the words, the splendid success of an honest man in whose life business ability and humanitarianism were well balanced forces.

Mr. Folsom was born in Ohio in 1837 and spent his boyhood in the southern part of that state. He attended the public school of Ironton until his thirteenth year and was said to be the brightest boy that ever attended that school, but on entering his teens he was forced to put aside his textbooks in order to provide for his own support and began earning his living as a clerk in a country store. From that time until his death on the 6th of August, 1912, he scarcely passed an idle day. In 1863 he accepted a position at an iron furnace and was connected with the iron industry at different periods in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Michigan, thoroughly acquainting himself with every detail of the business and continuing his activity along that line until he yielded to the lure of Dakota.

In 1882 Mr. Folsom sold his interests in iron furnaces and came to Fargo, which was then in the midst of a boom. He there purchased property and immediately opened a real estate and loan office, meeting with success in the business from the beginning. He soon mastered all of the details of real estate transactions and activity as thoroughly as he had the details of the iron business. Mr. Folsom had the same kind of a mental picture of a quarter section of land in the region within one hundred or more miles of Fargo that a wide-awake, enterprising real estate broker in the city has of its blocks and streets. He did not have to refer to maps or notes when a farm or an undeveloped piece of land was mentioned; the legal description of it immediately suggested a mental picture to him. If

it were improved property he knew precisely how many buildings there were and what kind of a well there was on it, also the character and quality of the soil. To the day of his death he was a man of extraordinary mental and physical activity but as simple, as gentle and as kindly in his nature as a girl. Mr. Folsom had no enemies; there was nothing in his nature or his actions to inspire enmity. By his honesty, his kindness, his helpfulness and unselfish attention to their interests he endeared himself to all of his business clients and associates and there is no man in all of the young state of North Dakota who has helped more worthy homesteaders to overcome hardships and difficulties occasioned by bad crops and keep possession of their farms than did Mr. Folsom.

In 1863 occurred the marriage of Mr. Folsom and Miss Lavisia C. Forsythe, of southern Ohio, and when death called him he was survived by his widow and a daughter, the latter being the wife of Major Matthew F. Steele, of the United States Army, who after serving for thirty years as a cavalry officer retired from active military duty in order to take charge of Mr. Folsom's business and estate.

Mr. Folsom was one of Fargo's most public-spirited men and was always ready to give personal and financial aid to whatever was done for the betterment of business or social conditions of the town. He stood at all times for advancement and improvement and heartily cooperated in those measures which were a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. Of his many good qualities not the least was his capacity for strong friendships. The simplicity and beauty of his daily life as seen in his home and family relations constituted an even balance to his splendid business ability. The high ideals which he cherished found embodiment in practical effort for their adoption and because of the innate refinement of his nature he rejected everything opposed to good taste.

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#### HON. FRANK P. ALLEN.

Hon. Frank P. Allen, judge of the fourth district court of North Dakota and a resident of Lisbon, was born in New York city on the 19th of December, 1839, his parents being Frank S. and Hannah E. (Benedict) Allen, both of whom were natives of New York city and descended from old colonial families connected with Revolutionary war history, so that Judge Allen is eligible to membership through both the paternal and maternal lines with the Sons of the American Revolution. In early life his father became a New York banker but for several years has lived retired and he and his wife, at the ages of eighty-five and eighty-four years respectively, are now residents of New York city.

Judge Allen was educated in the schools of his native city, of Connecticut and of New Jersey and afterward went with his parents to Germany, where he studied for three years. Later he continued his studies in Paris until the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, when he returned to this country. He subsequently entered Princeton University and was graduated with the class of 1861, winning the civil engineer's degree.

It was in the summer of 1862 that Judge Allen first visited Dakota. After reaching the territory he readily recognized the advantages which the new country offered to a young man and which made strong appeal to him. He determined to remain and after traveling over the state in search of a favorable location settled at Lisbon, where he has since made his home. Subsequently he took up the study of law and was admitted to practice in 1866. For some years he practiced independently and then entered into partnership with Hon. P. H. Rourke, with whom he was associated for some time. In 1886 he was elected probate judge and served for two or three terms and at a later date he became county judge with increased jurisdiction, remaining upon the bench of that court for a number of terms. He has filled various minor offices but his activities have usually been put forth along the line of his profession and in 1904 he was elected judge of the fourth district court and through the intervening period of twelve years has remained upon the bench, widely recognized as one of the most capable and distinguished district judges of the state. Devotedly attached to his profession, systematic and methodical in habit, sober and discreet in judgment, calm in temper, diligent in research, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, courteous and kind in demeanor and inflexibly just on all occasions, these qualities have enabled him to

ford as vice president and Mrs. Granger as secretary and treasurer, while all his sons are members of the company. He first came to Valley City through the recommendation of "Uncle John" Russell, whose two sisters were aunts of Mr. Granger. His first year was spent in the employ of Dr. S. B. Coe, at that time proprietor and publisher of the Northern Pacific Times. In the years which have since elapsed sound judgment has characterized his business dealings, his enterprise has been guided by a progressive spirit and in all that he has undertaken he has won success.

In August, 1891, Mr. Granger was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Gibson, of Chenango county, New York, a daughter of Jacob Gibson, and their children are: Clifford, who is a graduate of the Valley City State Normal and is now at home; Glenn, who is also a graduate of the Normal and is now in the real estate business with his father; Allan, who is being similarly educated and who has developed considerable talent as a musical composer, giving great promise along that line; Irwin, a student in the State Normal; and Florence and Leslie, also in school.

The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Granger has served on the school board but has never had desire for public office. He is notwithstanding a good citizen, loyal to every public interest that promises for the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He manifests the same progressive spirit in relation to the general good that he does in his private business affairs.

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FRED L. WICKS, PH. G., M. D.

Dr. Fred L. Wicks, a most progressive physician specializing in his practice in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has been located in Valley City since 1909 and has an office splendidly equipped for the conduct of the most delicate work connected with his specialty. He was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, March 2, 1885, a son of Edwin and Ida May (Harrison) Wicks, the former a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and the latter of Cincinnati, Ohio. The great-grandfather in the Wicks line was of Norwegian stock, while the Harrisons are an old colonial family, coming from the same ancestry as the Harrison branch which has furnished two presidents to the United States. Through the Doctor's aunt the family became connected with the Grant family of which U. S. Grant was a representative.

Edwin Wicks was reared in Freeborn county, Minnesota, to which locality the family removed from Illinois. When a young man he went to Albert Lea, Minnesota, and there learned the general merchandise business. Later he turned his attention to the lumber trade in Dakota and is still in active business at Canton, South Dakota, being now sixty-two years of age. He has never been remiss in duties of citizenship but has borne his share in promoting interests of public moment and at the same time he has been a helpful member and generous supporter of the church. To him and his wife were born a daughter who died in infancy and two sons, the elder being Jesse Harrison Wicks, a pharmacist who conducts a drug store at Denton, Montana.

The younger brother, Dr. Wicks, of Valley City, acquired his elementary education in the public schools of Salem, South Dakota, and afterward attended the high school at Windom. He next entered Redfield College at Redfield, South Dakota, and afterward became a student in the department of pharmacy of Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, where he won his Ph. G. degree in 1903. He regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional activity, for he then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk, Iowa, and was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1906. Going to Chicago, he took post graduate work in the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College, after which he came to North Dakota and for three years was engaged in general practice in the northern part of the state, but in 1909 opened an office in Valley City, where he has since concentrated his energies upon the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat and along his special field has built up an extensive practice. He has a fine modern office thoroughly equipped for his work and he is in close touch with all the latest scientific researches and discoveries.

On the 20th of August, 1912, occurred the marriage of Dr. Wicks and Miss Maud Yost, of Somerset, Ohio, a daughter of Owen Yost, an attorney of that place. They have one son, Edwin Owen. Mrs. Wicks is a member of the Congregational church and he is identified with the Brotherhood of that organization. He takes a special interest in athletics for the young members. He has always been much interested in athletics, playing on the base ball and football teams when in college and still keeping up his interest, so that he is well qualified to advise and assist the younger element in their games. He knows that it is just as important to play well as to work well and that the balanced character is that in which recreation and work are given a due proportion of interest. Along the line of his profession his membership extends to the Sheyenne Valley Medical Association, the North Dakota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. His own life constitutes an example and makes an appeal for strong, clean, honorable, energetic manhood and proves what can be accomplished when there is no waste of time or opportunity.

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JOHN J. COYLE.

Among the successful attorneys of Minot is John J. Coyle, who was born in Forreston, Illinois, August 17, 1877, the youngest of a family of seven children born to the union of Bernard and Ellen (Mathews) Coyle. The father is a native of County Cavan and the mother was born in County Limerick, Ireland, but they were married in America, the father having emigrated here in 1851 and the mother in the following year. Mr. Coyle was engaged in railroad contract work in Freeport, Illinois, for a considerable period and also followed agricultural pursuits for some time. He has now reached the venerable age of ninety-four and is living in Freeport. In his early manhood he held a number of local offices and proved conscientious and capable in the discharge of his duties. He has at all times conformed his life to the highest standards of morality and has never smoked nor chewed nor used intoxicating liquors. He is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and for fifty years has taken the collection every Sunday. His wife passed away in 1905.

John J. Coyle attended the country schools and the Freeport high school and then, at the age of eighteen years, became stenographer for the station agent at Freeport, holding that position for about two years. During that time he carefully saved his money, as he had determined to prepare for the practice of law, and when he felt that he was in a financial position to carry out his plans he entered the law department of the University of Wisconsin. While a student there he served as secretary to the dean of the law school and thus helped pay his expenses. He was graduated in 1900 and not long afterward became connected with the legal department of the Deering Harvester Company at Chicago, Illinois. After a year, however, he removed to Minot and entered upon the independent practice of his profession, forming a partnership with George A. McGee under the firm name of McGee & Coyle on the 1st of November, 1901. After about three years this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Coyle was then alone in practice until 1912, when he took in O. B. Herigstad as a partner. This connection was maintained until the 1st of March, 1915, when Mr. Herigstad was appointed assistant states attorney, and since that time Mr. Coyle has practiced alone. He has gained a large and representative clientage and is recognized as an able attorney. He adds to a comprehensive knowledge of the law a keen insight into human nature, a logical mind and the power of convincing argument. He owns stock in a number of business enterprises in Minot and holds title to two thousand acres of good farm land which he rents and from which he derives a substantial addition to his income.

Mr. Coyle was married on the 29th of July, 1903, to Miss Gertrude M. Loos, a native of Freeport, Illinois, and a daughter of N. B. and Katherine (Ryan) Loos, who were born respectively in Germany and in New York. The father engaged in the manufacture of saddles in his early manhood but is now deceased. He served as alderman and as city treasurer and also held other offices and was highly esteemed in his community. His wife survives. Mr. and Mrs. Coyle are the parents of a son and daughter: Helen Lois, who was born on the 12th day of July, 1908; and Bernard John, whose birth occurred on the 9th of August, 1913.

Mr. Coyle is a republican and has held the office of public administrator and of states attorney of Ward county. He is now serving as a member of the insanity commission of Ward county and in all his official capacities he has given the same care and thought to the discharge of his duties as he gives to the conduct of his cases in his private practice. His military record covers service as a member of Governor Sarles' staff with the rank of colonel. The principles which govern his conduct are indicated by his membership in the Roman Catholic church. He is a charter member of Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., and is an officer in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is an advocate of Minot Council, No. 1150, K. C., in which he has taken the fourth degree. He is recognized not only as an able attorney but also as a public-spirited citizen and a man of sterling worth, and his personal friends are many.

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#### MARTIN J. ENGESETH.

Martin J. Engeseth, the popular and capable register of deeds of Ward county, is one of the valued citizens of Minot. A native of Wisconsin, his birth occurred in De Forest, Dane county, on the 27th of January, 1875. He is a son of John and Betsy (Grinde) Engeseth, both of whom were born in Norway. They came to the United States in their youth and were married here. The father continued to farm in Dane county, Wisconsin, until his demise in 1909, and the mother died there in 1910.

Martin J. Engeseth attended the public and high schools of his native town and subsequently entered Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was graduated from the business department in 1898. He remained at home until about twenty years of age and when not attending school devoted his time to assisting his father. In 1902 he arrived in Minot, North Dakota, and entered the employ of the Seofield Implement Company as book-keeper. He held that position continuously until elected to the office of register of deeds. He is prompt and accurate in his work, and his efficiency, combined with his courtesy, has gained him the commendation of all who have had dealings with the register's office. He concentrates his attention upon his official duties but is also connected with the business life of Minot, as he is interested financially in the Lidstrom Furniture Company.

On the 7th of June, 1906, Mr. Engeseth was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Johnson, also a native of Dane county, Wisconsin, her birthplace being within four miles of that of Mr. Engeseth. Her parents, Nels and Johanna Johnson, were born respectively in Norway and in Wisconsin, and are both deceased.

Mr. Engeseth is a stalwart republican in politics, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Masonic blue lodge, the chapter and commandery, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, all of Minot. In the commandery he has served as secretary, and he is much interested in the work of all of the orders to which he belongs. He conforms his life to high standards, and the esteem in which he is generally held is well deserved.

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#### FRANK H. FARMER, V. S.

Dr. Frank H. Farmer, who is successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in Wahpeton, is also serving as assistant state veterinarian. A native of Ireland, his birth occurred on the 4th of October, 1864, and he is a son of William and Alice (Soughan) Farmer, both natives of the Emerald isle. In 1871 they came with their family to the United States and settled in Cambridgeport, Massachusetts, where they remained for eight or ten years. They then went to Ontario, Canada, where the father passed away in 1912 at the age of seventy-nine years, as he was born in 1833. He was a carpenter and contractor by occupation. In his early manhood he served in the Crimean war and he remained in the army until his emigration to the new world. For a number of years he held the office of paymaster and at all times he was faithful and efficient in the performance of his duty.

While at the front he was twice wounded. His religious faith was that of the Episcopal church, to the support of which he contributed. The mother, who was born in 1840, is still living. To them were born three children: John, a musician who lives near Niagara Falls; Frank H.; and Mrs. R. H. Sawdon, of Spencerville, Ontario, whose husband is a farmer. The paternal grandfather, Frank Farmer, passed his entire life in County Cork, Ireland.

Frank H. Farmer attended the common schools in Ontario and the United States, thus acquiring a good education. In 1885, when a young man of twenty-one years, he came to North Dakota and settled in Grand Forks county, where he worked at anything that he could find to do. In 1889, however, he entered a veterinary school in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1892. The following year he located in Wahpeton for the practice of his profession. Almost from the start he has been well patronized and he has gained an enviable reputation for the successful treatment of the diseases of animals. He devotes his entire time to his practice and to the discharge of his duties as assistant state veterinarian under the live stock board. He has also served as a member of the state board of examiners, having been elected to that position in 1895 and again in 1910, holding that office until 1913, and he is well known and highly esteemed in professional circles throughout the state.

Mr. Farmer is a republican in politics but, although he loyally supports that party at the polls, he has never had time to take an active part in public affairs, as his large practice has demanded his undivided time and attention. He has not only gained a gratifying measure of success professionally, but has also won the personal goodwill and regard of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

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#### B. C. ANDERSON.

The activity of many energetic, enterprising men has made North Dakota a great agricultural state. Cass county contains rich farming land owned and occupied by various progressive agriculturists, among which number is B. C. Anderson, who lives on section 6, Pleasant township. He was born in Norway on the 19th of May, 1846, a son of Anders and Karu (Anderson) Anderson. The maternal grandfather lived to the very remarkable old age of one hundred and three years. The parents of B. C. Anderson came to the United States a year or two after his arrival and about a twelvemonth later the father passed away, after which the mother made her home with her son.

At the usual age B. C. Anderson began his education in the public schools of Norway, continuing his studies until he had mastered the high school course, and while in his native land he acquainted himself to a slight degree with the English language. Attracted by the favorable reports which he heard concerning business conditions and opportunities in the new world, he sailed for America in 1866, when a young man of twenty years, and after landing on the eastern seacoast crossed the country to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he hired out to a Methodist minister who was the owner of a farm. His first wage was fifteen dollars per month, with the privilege of attending school during the winter months. Mr. Anderson remained in the employ of the minister for a year, after which he secured a position with W. L. Benning, president of the first railroad built from St. Paul to Duluth. He worked around the house, took care of the team and drove the surrey for the family. After the completion of the railroad he was given a position in the engineering corps and served in that capacity until the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad was begun toward Red river in 1869.

At that time or about 1870, B. C. Anderson and his brother Andrew came to the west in advance of the railroad to look over the country, having heard much talk to the effect that "wherever the Northern Pacific crossed the Red river would be built another Chicago." In 1871 their brother John came to Cass county and worked on the steam boat Salt Creek, Captain Griggs, on the Red river. He was accidentally drowned near Pemberton, North Dakota, and his body was never found. B. C. and Andrew Anderson were probably the first white men in Cass county. After their visit here they returned to St. Paul and B. C. Anderson worked on the same railroad on which he had previously been employed. On the 12th of April, 1870, however, he took up his abode upon his present farm and afterward

filed on a quarter section as a preemption. He was the first man in the township to break five acres of land. He early became familiar with every phase of pioneer life and with every kind of work incident to the development of a new farm. He afterward bought school lands and railroads lands until his holdings aggregated five hundred and sixty acres, and he has resided upon his farm continuously for forty-six years. Great indeed have been the changes which have occurred during this period. At the time of his arrival one could look abroad over the country for miles. There were rolling prairies stretching far and wide, with little token of the plow, and with no barrier fences, spangled in June with a million flowers and in December covered with an unbroken sheet of dazzling snow. Today the countryside has been divided into farms which are the homes of a contented and prosperous people and the land has been made to yield richly, for the soil is naturally productive and responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it.

In 1874 or 1875 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Nilson, a native of Norway who came to the United States in 1868. Prior to her marriage she worked at Fort Abercrombie for General Crittenden. Mr. Anderson was well acquainted with General Crittenden and his son, who were killed by the Indians at the Custer massacre. Our subject and his wife have seven children, as follows: Albert, who cultivates a portion of the home farm; Petra, who is the widow of T. H. S. Egge and makes her home in Moorhead, Minnesota; Nellie, the wife of J. P. Larson, of Clyde, North Dakota; Laura, who gave her hand in marriage to John B. Bye, of Greenbush, Minnesota; William, who cultivates part of the home farm; Henry, who lives at home and is engaged in farming in association with his two brothers; and Milla, also at home.

In his political opinions Mr. Anderson has always been a republican and has closely adhered to the principles of the party. He has served as school treasurer for sixteen years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and he was one of the prominent factors in the building of the church, which was erected upon his farm and which is the oldest west of Willmar, Minnesota. In other ways he has contributed to the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community and no history of Cass county would be complete without mention of this honored pioneer, who has done so much to further the upbuilding of the county and who stood in the front rank in the vanguard of the civilization of this part of the state.

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#### ANGUS McDONALD.

Angus McDonald, the proprietor of the Dacotah Hotel at Minot, is one of the pioneers of the city, having arrived there when its population consisted of a few families. His birth occurred in Nova Scotia, Canada, May 7, 1865, and he is a son of William and Katherine (McCloud) McDonald, both likewise born in that province. The father was a farmer and was well known in his community. Although he took the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, he never aspired to office. He passed away in Nova Scotia in 1902, as did his wife, her demise occurring the day after he was buried.

Angus McDonald received his education in his native land and remained at home until 1882, when, at the age of seventeen years, he came to North Dakota and located at Fargo, where he worked at blacksmithing, which trade he had previously learned. After about a year he went to Lisbon, where he was similarly employed until 1884. He then removed to Minot and for about twelve years worked at his trade, after which he turned his attention to other pursuits, engaging in coal mining at Burlington for about eighteen months. At the end of that time he became connected with the hotel business in Minot and in the fall of 1899 opened the Dacotah Hotel, erecting the present building at that time. For about seven years he rented the property to others but since the expiration of that period he has personally conducted the hotel. He understands the business thoroughly and spares no effort in providing for the comfort and convenience of his guests. As the prices are reasonable and the service excellent, the hotel has gained an excellent reputation and is well patronized.

Mr. McDonald was married in March, 1888, to Miss Belle Currie, a native of Toronto,

Canada, and a daughter of Malcolm and Katherine Currie, both of whom passed their entire lives in that city. To this union has been born a daughter, Sibly K., who is a graduate of the Chicago Musical College at Chicago.

Mr. McDonald is a republican and in pioneer days served as deputy sheriff, discharging in an able manner the duties devolving upon him. He was also for a number of years a member of the Minot city council. He was reared in the Presbyterian church and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed through all the chairs. These associations indicate the principles which have governed his life and which have gained him the respect of all who have come in contact with him. He is popular personally and is recognized as a factor in the business growth of Minot.

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#### HON. JOHN E. PAULSON.

Hon. John E. Paulson, senator from Traill county and one of its foremost business men, has been connected with commercial interests in Hillsboro since 1880. His activities have been an element in the material development of the city and a factor in promoting public progress and prosperity. He was born in Carver county, Minnesota, March 3, 1856, a son of Henry and Johanna (Person) Paulson, the former a native of Grue, Norway, and the latter of Skåne, Sweden. It was in the year 1850 that the father crossed the Atlantic and two years afterward the mother made the voyage. They were pioneer farming people of Minnesota. Mr. Paulson took up his abode at Carver when he arrived in the new world, but his wife became a resident of St. Paul. They were married in 1854 and settled on a farm in Carver county, where he resided for almost three decades or until 1882, when he came to North Dakota, establishing his home in Eldorado township, Traill county. There he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1899, and in the interim success attended his efforts in large measure and he became the owner of eight hundred acres of rich and valuable land. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in Minnesota in 1874.

John E. Paulson was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his public school education by study in the Gustavus Adolphus College, then located at Carver, Minnesota, but now at St. Peter, Minnesota. In 1877 he came to North Dakota, reaching Traill county on the 9th of August. He became a resident of Caledonia, then the only town of any consequence in the county, and secured a position in a mercantile and implement house as a clerk. A year later he embarked in merchandising on his own account at Caledonia and afterward extended the scope of his business to include implements. In the fall of 1880 he removed his stock to Hillsboro, where the business has been developed into one of the most important commercial enterprises of Traill county. In 1891 he erected one of the largest business blocks in the city and he carries a very extensive line of goods, so that he is able to meet the varied demands of the public. He has ever recognized that satisfied customers are the best advertisement and his energy, close application and reliable dealing have ever been recognized as salient features in his growing success. He has also become a stockholder and is one of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Hillsboro, with which he has been identified from its organization.

In January, 1881, Mr. Paulson was united in marriage to Miss Mabel D. King, her father being James S. King, a retired farmer residing in Hillsboro. To them have been born three children, two of whom survive, namely: Agnes H., the wife of R. G. Grant, of Hillsboro; and Herbert H., who is employed in his father's store.

Fraternally Mr. Paulson is connected with Hillsboro Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Dakota Consistory, No. 1, S. P. R. S., of Fargo. He is likewise a member of El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and in October, 1915, the honorary thirty-third degree was conferred upon him in Fargo. His wife is a member of the Congregational church and socially they are prominent, having an extensive circle of friends not only in Traill county, but also elsewhere in the state. In his political views Mr. Paulson has ever been a republican, has served as chairman of the republican central committee of Traill county for several years and is a member of the state central committee. He filled the office of city alderman for several terms and was

for three terms mayor of Hillsboro, giving to the city a businesslike, progressive and public spirited administration. Still higher political honors awaited him, however, for in 1914 he was chosen senator from his district and is now connected with the upper house of the legislative body of North Dakota, where he is serving on a number of important committees. He has been connected with considerable important legislation and his efforts are of value in furthering the best interests of the commonwealth.

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#### WILLIAM McDONALD.

William McDonald, who carries on general farming, makes his home on section 10, Gardner township, Cass county, where he has valuable and attractive property that includes all the accessories and equipments of the model farm of the twentieth century. A native of Canada, he was born September 22, 1853, and is a brother of Alexander McDonald, in connection with whose sketch on another page of this work mention is made of the family. At the usual age he began his education in the schools of Canada and when his textbooks were put aside he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, which he followed until he came to North Dakota in 1879. He was then a young man of twenty-six years. He took up a homestead claim, for Cass county was then upon the western frontier and much of the land was still in possession of the government. The tract which he secured was situated on section 10, Gardner township, and not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but with characteristic energy he began its development and after breaking the sod planted the fields and in due time gathered good crops. As the years have passed he has erected substantial buildings and has also planted a fine growth of trees which constitutes an important and attractive feature of his place. As his financial resources have increased he has added to his property from time to time by further purchase and now owns six hundred and fifty acres of land constituting one of the fine farms of this part of the state. Everything about the place is indicative of his earnest care, capable management and practical and progressive methods. In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Gardner.

In 1880 Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Caldwell, a native of Canada, by whom he has two sons: John A., who married Miss Irma Cook and has one child and who is now a resident of Wyoming; and Frank A., at home. Mrs. McDonald passed away in 1887 and in the spring of 1892 Mr. McDonald married Jane Porter, of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald hold membership in the Congregational church, in which he is serving as one of the deacons. He takes a helpful part in the work of the church and contributes liberally to its support. Politically he is a republican and for more than twenty years has filled the office of assessor, while for over thirty years he has been on the school board in his district. His interest centers in all those things which tend to advance the welfare and promote the growth and prosperity of the community in which he lives. He is indeed a public-spirited and progressive citizen and his worth is widely acknowledged throughout Cass county.

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#### JOHN J. NEDRELOE.

John J. Nedreloe, who took office as sheriff of Ward county in January, 1915, has gained the commendation of all law-abiding citizens because of the capable and fearless manner in which he has discharged his duties. He has resided in this county since 1904, making his home in Kenmare until he removed to Minot. His birth occurred in Crawford county, Wisconsin, on the 27th of December, 1875, and he is a son of Jens and Rangvild (Olson) Nedreloe, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Bergen, Norway. In 1865 they emigrated to the United States and for three years resided in Iowa, after which they removed to Wisconsin, where the father passed away in May, 1913. He was a farmer

by occupation, gained a gratifying measure of success, was well known in his community and held a number of township offices. His wife, who survives, still lives in Crawford county, Wisconsin.

John J. Nedreloe, who is ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children, attended the public schools, was later a student in the normal school at Decorah, Iowa, and afterwards took a course in a business college at that place. When twenty years of age he left home and went to North Dakota, remaining three years, then returned to Mount Sterling, Wisconsin, where he became connected with a store. Four years later, or in 1901, he removed to South Dakota, remained there for several months and then located in Courtenay, North Dakota, later settling in Kenmare, Ward county. He engaged in the livery business there until he was elected to the office of sheriff, in which capacity he has served since January 4, 1915. He discharges his duties faithfully and holds the respect of all who have come in contact with his office. While he enforces the law strictly, he treats the prisoners in the jail fairly and is in all respects an excellent sheriff. He has great faith in the future of North Dakota and has invested in valuable farm land in the state.

Mr. Nedreloe was married on the 21st of August, 1915, to Miss Helen Anderson, who was born in Christiania, Norway. She lost her father when but eight years of age, but her mother is still living and still resides in that country. Mrs. Nedreloe emigrated to the United States in 1907, but in 1914 returned to her native land on a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Nedreloe have one child, Catharine, born May 19, 1916.

Mr. Nedreloe is a stalwart republican in politics and believes that its policies are based upon sound principles of government. He is a member of the First Lutheran church and in all relations of life seeks to conform his conduct to the highest standards of ethics.

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#### EDWARD D. KELLEY.

Edward D. Kelley, now engaged in the ice business and in farming, is one of the well known citizens of Minot and was formerly sheriff of Ward county. During his incumbency in that office labor troubles occurred in Minot which tested severely his soundness of judgment and his fairness, but he proved himself equal to the task of restoring order. A native of Wisconsin, he was born in Winnebago county on the 4th of October, 1864, the tenth child in a family of twelve children, whose parents were Richard and Ann (Norent) Kelley. The father was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, but the mother was a native of Ireland. He was a farmer and followed that occupation in Wisconsin, where he passed away in 1872. Eleven years later his wife removed to this state and located at Larimore, North Dakota, where she resided until her demise, which occurred in 1910.

Edward D. Kelley left home when eleven years of age and worked for his board and the privilege of attending school during the winters, while the summer months were devoted entirely to farm work. After passing about three years in this manner he went into the lumber woods of Wisconsin and while there was employed for some time as a log driver on the Flambeau river. Upon leaving the Badger state in the fall of 1883 he removed to Larimore, North Dakota, where he engaged in farming for a short time, but in 1886 he came to Minot, buying buffalo bones on the way. After his arrival in Minot he engaged in the retail liquor business for three or four years and during that time he purchased farm land and also dealt in cattle to some extent. At length he disposed of the liquor business and turned his attention to general merchandising, with which he was connected for about four years, but in 1892 he bought the business of the Minot Ice Company, which he still owns and conducts. He has always given some attention to farming since his removal to this state and in 1915 raised five hundred acres of wheat and oats. The oversight of the operation of his farm and the management of his ice business demand his entire time and attention and he derives a gratifying income from these interests. He is also a stockholder in the Union National Bank.

Mr. Kelley was married April 24, 1894, to Miss Elizabeth Martin, who was born in Waushara county, Wisconsin, near Poy Sippi, and is a daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Mahoney) Martin. The father engaged in farming and continued to reside in Wisconsin

until his demise. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have three children: Marie Ellen and Genevieve, both at home; and Thomas N., who is attending the local schools.

Mr. Kelley gives his political allegiance to the republican party and served for four years as sheriff of Ward county, his term expiring on the 1st of January, 1915. He held that office at the time of the trouble with the Industrial Workers of the World at Minot and while restoring order was in constant communication with the governor, who approved his every move. By his course he won the hearty commendation of all law-abiding citizens and proved himself both capable and fearless. He was a member of the first city council and has served on that body several times since, in which capacity he has always done all in his power to promote the general welfare. He belongs to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias and has many friends both within and without those organizations. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church, whose work he furthers in every way possible.

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#### GILBERT L. RAMSTAD.

One of the enterprising and prosperous farmers of Pleasant township, Cass county, is Gilbert L. Ramstad, who is living on section 10, and who belongs to that class of substantial citizens that Norway has furnished to the new world and to whom is largely due the development and upbuilding of Minnesota and the Dakotas. He was born in Norway on the 21st of February, 1836, and is a brother of A. L. Ramstad, in whose sketch on another page of this work is given an account of their parents. He was a little lad of twelve years when the family crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making the voyage in 1869. He had previously attended school in Norway and after coming to the new world he worked on a farm in Houston county, Minnesota, until he reached his twenty-first year. In 1877 he arrived in North Dakota and took up his abode upon his present farm, where he has now lived for thirty-nine years, entering his land as a homestead claim. To his original holdings he has added until he now owns two hundred acres, constituting a rich and productive farm from which he annually gathers substantial harvests. He has added to his place all the modern improvements and equipments of the model farm property and in conducting the work of the place follows most progressive methods. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Hickson.

In 1882 Mr. Ramstad was united in marriage to Miss Mina Hanson, a native of Norway, who became his wife about six months after her emigration to the United States. To them have been born nine children, as follows: Louisa; Mattie, the wife of Osear Larson, of Beltrami, Minnesota; Nora, a teacher by profession; Ella, who is employed as a stenographer at Fargo; Gerhardt; Anna, who is engaged in teaching; Minnie, who is preparing herself for the work of a trained nurse; Victor; and Arthur.

In his political views Mr. Ramstad is a democrat and for several years he served as a member of the school board, but has never sought nor desired political office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and other interests and duties. He and his family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their influence is always given on the side of right, progress, truth, justice and improvement.

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#### WILLIAM D. HENRY.

William D. Henry, president of the Peoples State Bank of Wahpeton, Richland county, is recognized as one of the most able bankers of the state and is a leader in the financial circles of his town and county. A native of Ohio, he was born at Wooster, a son of William and Mary A. (Dwire) Henry, both of whom were natives of that place. The father was a well-to-do merchant, manufacturer and coal operator and was widely known and highly esteemed in his locality. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, fraternally he was a Mason and both he and his wife attended the Episcopal church. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are now living, the brother of our subject being

Charles D. Henry, who is engaged in the banking business in Monterey, California. The paternal grandfather, William Henry, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day in the history of the latter state and in 1808 located in the town of Wooster, where he resided during the remainder of his life. He was a man of independent means and engaged in banking and in the land business. The maternal grandfather, Shafet Dwire, was born in Maryland, but was an early settler of Ohio.

William D. Henry received his education in the public schools of Wooster and after putting aside his textbooks in 1871 went to Waterloo, Iowa, where he became a clerk in a bank. In 1880 he arrived in Wahpeton, North Dakota, and accepted a position as book-keeper and assistant cashier in the Peoples Bank there, of which he became cashier in 1887, a position which he held for fourteen years. His business acumen and executive ability were still further recognized in 1901, when he was made president of the institution, in which capacity he is still serving. The bank was established by F. L. French, a prominent business man and banker of Wahpeton, who remained as its chief executive until his demise in 1900. The bank was then reorganized as the Peoples State Bank, by which name it is still known. It is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, has a surplus and undivided profits of twenty thousand dollars and average deposits of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The stock is held by a small number of people and its value as an investment is indicated by the fact that not a single share has been transferred since its organization. It has prospered from its organization and the wise policy instituted by its founders has been carried on by Mr. Henry, who is not only thoroughly familiar with the routine of banking practice, but also understands the principles of finance underlying all banking procedure and keeps in touch with local business conditions.

Mr. Henry casts his ballot in support of the republican party, but has never had time to take an active part in politics as his business interests have required his entire attention. He is identified with the Masonic blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Knights Templar commandery, the Scottish Rite bodies and the Mystic Shrine and seeks to exemplify in his life the beneficent teachings of the craft. He is at present serving as captain general of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota. His enterprise and business ability have enabled him to gain financial independence and his public spirit and integrity have won for him the esteem of those who have been associated with him.

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#### WILLIAM A. PECK.

One of the important factors in the nation-wide movement to make farming more efficient and to make the conditions of farm life more attractive is the county agricultural agent, whose business it is to keep the farmers in his county informed as to the advancement that is being made in all lines that touch upon farm life and to work with them in bringing about feasible improvements. William A. Peck, the county agent of Ward county, is residing in Minot and has proved very efficient in the discharge of his varied duties.

He was born at Acton, Indiana, the eldest of a family of four children born to the union of U. A. and Emma (Anderson) Peck. The father's birth occurred in Ohio in 1848 and the mother's in Indiana in 1858. In his early manhood U. A. Peck engaged in newspaper work and also studied law. He was admitted to the bar and practiced to some extent but for a considerable period has devoted his attention to farming. About 1883 he removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked on newspapers until his health began to fail and he turned his attention to farming. He is now living upon a ranch in Montana, which he owns although he leaves the actual work of its operation to others. During the Civil war he served as a private in Company B, Third Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, remaining at the front for two years. Although he was never wounded he was confined in a hospital for some time because of illness.

William A. Peck attended the graded schools in the Twin Cities and high school in Indiana, and subsequently entered the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906, with degree of Bachelor of Science. When twelve years of age he began to pay his own expenses, earning money by selling papers and by doing other

things suited to his age. When nineteen years old he went to Minneapolis and worked his way through the University of Minnesota, thus displaying the qualities of enterprise and determination which have been such important factors in his subsequent success. Following his graduation from the university he became connected with the department of agriculture at Washington, in the capacity of agriculturist in charge of the section of farm economics, remaining there for four years. At the end of that time he became interested in Montana land and engaged in ranching there for about three years, after which, in the spring of 1912, he came to North Dakota. He was made agricultural agent of Ward county and took up his residence in Minot, where he has since lived. The office is supported jointly by the federal government, the state and the county, the latter assessing a tax on all property for that purpose. He keeps the farmers in touch with all of the work done by the United States department of agriculture that would be of value to them and is active in various farmers' organizations. He gives careful study to the problems of marketing crops as well as to those that concern their production and seeks to cooperate with the farmers in every way possible. Not only is he interested in the scientific and business phases of farm life but also in the work of the rural schools, in the upbuilding of the country churches and increasing the attractiveness of farm homes. He still owns land in Montana and also holds title to land in North Dakota, but he rents his farms to others, devoting his entire attention to the work of his office.

Mr. Peck was married on the 14th of October, 1908, to Miss Anna Adel Thompson, who was born in Cottage Grove, Minnesota, and is a daughter of Peter and Gertrude (Wilkins) Thompson, natives respectively of Denmark and of Cottage Grove, Minnesota. The father is still engaged in farming in that state. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are the parents of three children: Wendell Thompson, whose birth occurred February 16, 1910; Helen Spurier, born February 24, 1912; and William, Jr., February 2, 1915.

Mr. Peck is independent in politics, voting according to the dictates of his judgment rather than according to the commands of a party leader. Fraternally he is associated with the Masonic blue lodge at Minot and is an exemplary member of the craft. He is a member of the Sigma Xi, an honorary society for the advancement of science; the Minot Association of Commerce; and the National Farm Management Association. He takes the greatest interest in his work, is well liked throughout the county and with the cooperation of the farmers has accomplished a great deal along the line of agricultural advancement.

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#### HON. WILLIAM P. PORTERFIELD.

Hon. William P. Porterfield is a member of the state senate and also of the board of park commissioners of Fargo and his public service has been an effective force in promoting public progress. He figured, too, for an extended period as a leading factor in commercial circles of Fargo, where for thirty years he was a member of the firm of Fout & Porterfield, well known druggists, but at the present time he is living retired from business. He was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, December 20, 1856, a son of William R. and Ellen (O'Neal) Porterfield. The father's birth occurred in what was then Martinsburg, Virginia, now West Virginia, while the mother was born across the Potomac river in Maryland. The former lived and died at the place of his nativity after devoting the years of his active life to agricultural pursuits.

William P. Porterfield acquired his education at home under the direction of a private tutor, supplemented by a course in Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1879. He afterward clerked for three years as a pharmacist and in 1882 came to Dakota territory, where with others he founded the town of Davenport, Cass county. For ten years he was prominently identified with the business interests of the town, conducting a drug store, but in 1892 disposed of the store and for two years traveled. In March, 1894, he removed to Fargo, where in company with Henry M. Fout he purchased the drug business of M. D. Fleming and organized the firm of Fout & Porterfield, a relation that was maintained for a decade. At the end of that time he acquired his partner's interest and for ten years conducted the business independently, although

retaining the original firm name. On the 1st of December, 1913, he disposed of his store in order to give his attention to his investments. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of land near Fargo, the cultivation of which he personally supervises, and also controls sixteen hundred acres of land, being guardian for the owners, so that he is now actively engaged in farming nineteen hundred and twenty acres. He is also a director in the Merchants National Bank and his cooperation with any movement constitutes an element in its success, his activities serving as a stimulus for accomplishment.

In politics Mr. Porterfield has long been an earnest democrat, recognized as a party leader in his state, and in November, 1912, he was elected to the state senate notwithstanding the fact that the usual republican majority is about three to one. He was the first democrat ever honored with election to the senate from his district, a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. In 1910 upon the organization of the park system of Fargo, he was elected a member of the park board and at the expiration of his first term of office in 1915 was reelected and for two years has acted as president of the board. He is also serving on the state board of pharmacy and is a member of the executive committee of the national board of pharmacists—an honor of which North Dakota has reason to be proud, as there are but five members of this board selected from thirty-four active states in the association. Mr. Porterfield holds membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he attends and contributes to the support of the Episcopal church. He has ever been a man of resolute spirit, prompt, energetic and notably reliable and he has in large measure the genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time.

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#### JOHN E. HUDSON.

John E. Hudson, of Forman, who is filling the office of register of deeds in Sargent county, was born in the state of New York, December 10, 1862. His father, George W. Hudson, a native of England, came to America when a youth of thirteen years and settled in Cayuga county, New York. He learned and followed the carpenter's trade and continued to make his home in the Empire state until called to his final rest in 1883. He wedded Emily J. Emrick, who was born in Cayuga county, New York, and they had a family of seven children, of whom John E. is the third in order of birth, and six of the number are yet living. The mother passed away in July, 1915.

John E. Hudson pursued his education in the district and village schools of New York and in March, 1884, when a young man of twenty-two years, arrived in North Dakota, establishing his home in Kingston township, Sargent county. There he remained until 1900, at which time he removed to Havana, where he entered the grain business, continuing there until he came to Forman in 1913. He still remains a stockholder of the Havana Elevator Company but his time and attention are mainly given to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office which he now holds. He has always been a republican in his political views and on that ticket was elected to the office of register of deeds in January, 1913. In 1914 he was reelected to the position, which he is now filling in a most satisfactory manner. He has also served as supervisor of Kingston township and as president of the village board of Havana and in the discharge of his official duties has ever been most capable, prompt and faithful.

Mr. Hudson was married in 1898 to Miss Mary Herring, who was born in Illinois in 1868, a daughter of John R. and Nancy G. Herring, who removed to North Dakota in the spring of 1882, settling near the town of Ransom. Mr. Herring was one of the first three commissioners appointed by the governor and the first meeting of the board was held at his home. His wife was the first superintendent of schools to be appointed in the county, and in many other ways they took an active part in shaping the material, cultural and political development of the locality. Both are now deceased. In their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Hudson is the fourth, and three of the number are yet living. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Harriet, born August 9, 1899; Harlow, May 5, 1906; and Ruth, July 17, 1908.

From early manhood Mr. Hudson has continuously made his home in North Dakota, keenly alive to the possibilities of its development and sharing in all of the work that has contributed to the advancement and upbuilding of the district in which he lives.

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#### HON. ELMORE YOCUM SARLES.

Hon. Elmore Yocum Sarles was the ninth governor of North Dakota and has long been recognized as a leader of public thought and action in this state. Moreover, he belongs to the little group of distinctively representative business men who have been the pioneers in inaugurating and building up the chief industries of this section of the country. He early had the sagacity and prescience to discern the eminence which the future had in store for this great and growing country and, acting in accordance with the dictates of his judgment, he has garnered in the fullness of time the generous harvest which is the just recompense of indomitable industry, spotless integrity and marvelous enterprise.

He comes of an ancestry distinctly American in both the lineal and collateral lines, being represented in the new world from early colonial days. His father, the Rev. Jesse D. Sarles, was born in Dutchess county, New York, and became a distinguished representative of the Methodist ministry, devoting his entire life to that holy calling. In 1842 he became a resident of Racine, Wisconsin, and in that state reared his family, two of his sons having since become prominent in connection with the history of North Dakota.

A native of Wisconsin, Elmore Y. Sarles was born at Wonewoc, on the 15th of January, 1859, and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools, attended the Galesville University. The year 1881 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he made his way to Traill county, then an undeveloped and unimproved district. His keen business-sagacity has found justification in the later progress of that part of the state. He believed there was a bright future before it and, acting in accordance with the dictates of his faith and judgment, he became identified with business interests there, and entered upon a notably successful career. He recognized the fact the great need of the country was money with which to develop its resources and accordingly he organized the Traill County Bank at Hillsboro, undertaking to furnish money to the settlers and thus aid in the improvement of the district. In 1885 that institution was converted into the First National Bank. Success attended the venture from the beginning, its patronage steadily growing. He followed a liberal policy, doing everything in his power to aid early settlers that did not jeopardize the interests of depositors or stockholders. From time to time he extended the scope of his activities and became interested in enterprises which had much to do with the progress and development of the country. He became one of the organizers of the Valley Lumber Company, which soon built up a large business in the rapidly developing country, its sales extending all over Traill and adjoining counties. The name of E. Y. and O. C. Sarles became most widely known in connection with the business of upbuilding North Dakota and in all their activities they anticipated the needs of a growing country. More than two million dollars were brought in and devoted to the needs of the bank and it is indicative of the character of Mr. Sarles, of his lenient policy and his keen sagacity in judging human nature that he never had to foreclose a first mortgage. He was a leader in all those activities which led to the substantial growth and improvement of the state. He looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future and became a most conspicuous figure in financial circles. Banks were established or acquired at Caledonia and Grandin, North Dakota, and at Shelly, Minnesota, and the First National Bank of Northwood was purchased in after years, also the First State Bank of Blanchard, and Mr. Sarles became one of the organizers and vice president of the Northwestern Trust Company of Grand Forks. He was ever one of the foremost figures in the development of the Red river valley and his extensive and important business affairs brought him such a wide acquaintance and gained him such a recognition of his business ability that he was brought into public life by an effort on the part of his friends who desired him to become a candidate for governor.

While appreciative of the honor they would have conferred upon him, he had no special ambition to become prominent in public affairs and took no active part in securing the nomi-



HON. ELMORE Y. SARLES



nation, which went to Governor White. He was at that time, as he had been for years, engrossed in business affairs of moment, and he considered the pursuits of private life abundantly worthy his best efforts. He had, however, been an ardent republican from the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he had served as mayor of Hillsboro and as a member of the state normal school board. His public service as well as his private business interests made him widely known far beyond the borders of his state as a typical resident of Dakota. People came to recognize in him one who was capable of handling extensive and important interests, who brought to the solution of vital problems sound judgment, clear discrimination and public spirit and when in 1904 the republicans of the state sought a candidate for the office of governor the choice of the party fell upon him and at the ensuing election he was chosen for office by the largest majority any governor of North Dakota ever received before or since. In the discharge of his onerous and responsible duties he brought to bear the same keen judgment that he had displayed in the management of his private business interests. He was indeed an executive and he studied every question from the standpoint of public utility and merit. In spite of the fact that during his administration there was expended a quarter million dollars made necessary by law there was left a surplus of two hundred thousand dollars in the treasury. In retiring from the office of chief executive he carried with him the love and confidence and the high esteem of the people throughout the state.

On the 10th of January, 1886, Governor Sarles was married to Miss Anna York, of Prescott, Wisconsin. To them have been born four children: Earle, who is cashier of the First National Bank of Hillsboro, North Dakota; Duane and Doris, twins; and Eleanor.

Governor Sarles is a very prominent Mason, having received the honorary thirty-third degree and having served as potentate of El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. U. M. S., of Fargo. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and was formerly exalted ruler of the Grand Forks lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout North Dakota Mr. Sarles is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been so varied in its activities, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it has become an integral part of the history of the state.

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#### FRED WILLIAMS.

Opportunity ever eludes the grasp of the man who shirks his duties and his responsibilities and it tauntingly plays before the dreamer but surrenders to the man of resolute purpose and determination, yielding its reward in substantial and honorable success. Fred Williams of Cass county is one who has ever recognized and utilized his opportunities to the fullest extent and he is now a prominent figure in the business circles of his part of the state, being identified with both commercial and financial interests at Arthur. He was born in New York, June 26, 1866, and is a son of James and Bessie Williams, who were likewise natives of the Empire state, in which they remained throughout their entire lives. Their family numbered eight children, six of whom survive.

In his youthful days Fred Williams largely devoted his attention to the acquirement of an education in the public schools of New York and there remained until he reached the age of twenty, when he determined to test the truth of the reports concerning the business conditions and opportunities of the west. The year 1886 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he took up his abode at Hunter and entered the employ of J. H. Gale, recognized as the leading business man of the district. He remained with Mr. Gale for five years at Hunter and in 1891 came to Arthur, where as a partner of Mr. Gale he embarked in general merchandising and in the hardware business. Here he has since remained, conducting their interests, and has built up a trade of large and gratifying proportions. He carries an excellent stock of general merchandise and of hardware and in both lines his business has grown in a most substantial manner. He also figures promi-

nently in banking circles as the president of the First State Bank of Arthur and he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator of the town. He has likewise utilized his chance of making judicious investment in property and is now the owner of seven sections of land in Cass county, all in the vicinity of Arthur, and in addition he owns a half interest in six sections of land, in which he is a partner of Mr. Gale.

Mr. Williams belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the lodge and chapter and also of the Scottish Rite and he likewise belongs to the Mystic Shrine. His life measures up to the high standards of manhood set by this order. In politics he is a republican and for sixteen years he filled the office of postmaster at Arthur, making a most creditable record in that connection. Mr. Williams deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, his success being the result of ability, determination, persistency of purpose and laudable ambition. That he proved himself most trustworthy is indicated by the fact that his employer admitted him to a partnership and together they have advanced, the careful management of their common interests bringing prosperity to both.

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#### REV. R. J. WISNAES.

Rev. R. J. Wisnaes is a well known minister of the Norwegian Lutheran church, whose labors are proving a most potent element in promoting moral progress in Cass county, where he has charge of three different congregations, the North Pleasant, the South Pleasant and the Lower Wild Rice and Red River. He makes his home on section 27, Pleasant township, in which locality the North Pleasant congregation erected the North Pleasant church. He is one of the county's honored pioneer settlers and highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Norway, January 4, 1852, a son of John R. and Eli R. (Augsburg) Wisnaes, both of whom spent their entire lives in the land of the midnight sun.

Rev. R. J. Wisnaes remained under the parental roof until he attained his thirteenth year and received a thorough educational training in the public schools, after which he left home to make his living and in 1871 sailed for the United States. He reached Wells, Minnesota, on the 4th of July of that year and there took up his abode. He had borrowed fifty-five dollars for passage money and on reaching Wells was practically penniless. He possessed energy and determination, however, and almost immediately secured work on a farm, spending the succeeding two years in farm labor and also at carrying brick in the brickyards of the district, working in that way before the harvest season began. During all this time he entertained the purpose of preparing himself for the ministry and utilized every opportunity to secure means to further his plans. In January, 1873, he entered Luther College, at Decorah, Iowa, and there attended school until 1876, spending the vacation periods in farm work in order to enable him to pay his way through college. In the fall of 1876 he became a student in the Luther Seminary at Madison, Wisconsin, and from that institution received his theological degree in the spring of 1879. On the 31st of August of the same year he was ordained to the ministry at Northfield, Minnesota, and on the 9th of September following came to North Dakota. Through the intervening period of thirty-seven years he has devoted his time to church work in Richland and Cass counties and throughout the entire period, save for a year and a half, has resided in the latter county. His present charge covers the North Pleasant and South Pleasant congregations and the Lower Wild Rice and Red River congregation. The South Pleasant congregation is in Richland county. He has exerted a strong influence for good among the people of this part of the state. He is an earnest and oftentimes eloquent preacher and his utterances ring with the logic of truth.

On the 6th of January, 1880, Rev. Wisnaes was married to Miss Amelia Bredensen, the ceremony being performed at Perry, Wisconsin. Mrs. Wisnaes was born in Wisconsin, and by her marriage became the mother of three children, Elida Marie, John Carlot and Agnes Benedicta. Mrs. Wisnaes passed away in June, 1892, and on the 31st of October, 1893, he was married to Miss Mina Bergith Stensrud, who was likewise born in Wisconsin but emigrated to Dakota territory in 1871. This union has been blessed with six children: Emilie Miranda, Ruth Luanda, Emma Victoria, Esther Monica, Ingvar William and Oscar Ferdinand.

Rev. Wisnaes owns and occupies a farm of eighty acres on section 14, Pleasant township, Cass county, which he took up as a tree claim soon after arriving in this state. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is not neglectful of the duties of citizenship but keeps well informed on the issues of the day and advocates high standards in relation to the public welfare. He is continually studying and reading along lines that render his work more effective and moreover, he is not only a man of broad scholarly attainments but also a man of deep human sympathy, which constitutes one of the elements of his successful Christian work.

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SIMON OVERGARD, M. D.

Dr. Simon Overgard, a representative physician and surgeon of Minot, is a Norwegian by birth and manifests the sterling qualities of his race. He was born about eighty miles north of Christiania March 4, 1874, a son of Ingmar and Theodora (Mohr) Overgard. The father, who is a native of the same place as his son Simon, is a farmer by occupation, but is now living retired in Norway. The mother was likewise born in Norway, although her father's birth occurred in Germany.

Dr. Simon Overgard, who is the oldest in a family of four children, attended school in Christiania and after completing his general education entered the university of Christiania, from which he was graduated in 1902. Since coming to this country he has taken post graduate courses at the Chicago Polyclinic and is constantly increasing his knowledge by study and reading. When about twenty-seven years of age he became an assistant to the staff of physicians in a hospital in Norway and was connected with different hospitals in that country until May, 1906, when he came to the United States. He traveled over the country for a few months, as he desired to learn something of various sections before locating permanently. In August of that year, he opened an office for practice in Enderlin, Ransom county, and remained there until 1912, since which year he has resided in Minot. He has gained a large and representative general practice and is held in high esteem by his colleagues. Natural ability and thorough training have well fitted him for his chosen profession and his gratifying success is well deserved. He has demonstrated his faith in the future of North Dakota by investing in a half section of land west of Minot, from which he derives a good financial return.

Dr. Overgard was married in October, 1909, to Miss Ena Johnson, a native of Sweden. Her father passed away in that country, but her mother is still living there. Dr. Overgard has supported the democratic party since becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States and while living in Enderlin served as county physician of Ransom county. He is a member of the Northwestern Medical Association and the North Dakota Medical Society and is a fellow of the American Association and finds the proceedings of these organizations of value in keeping in touch with the advanced thought and practice of the profession. He is also a member of the Medical Association of Christiania, Norway. He is well known in Minot and Ward county and has gained the warm personal regard of many.

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JAMES A. DWYER.

James A. Dwyer, a well known attorney residing in Hankinson, Richland county, was born in Akron, Ohio, on the 1st of May, 1861, a son of Andrew and Catherine (Dwyer) Dwyer. The father, who was born in Ireland in 1828, died in November, 1898, and the mother, whose birth occurred in 1835, passed away in October, 1902. They were married in Ohio, where the father had removed as a young man. On beginning his independent career he went to Australia from Ireland and for a time he worked on a ship. He then came to America and was foreman in the building of the old Erie Railroad and subsequently entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, being one of the first agents of that road in Wisconsin. He also followed agricultural pursuits in that state. He

served in the Union army in the latter part of the Civil war and participated in the second battle of Nashville. In politics he was a democrat and he served as county treasurer and county commissioner of Sauk county, Wisconsin. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church. To him and his wife were born eleven children, six of whom are still living, namely: James A.; William, a prosperous farmer living in Loretta, Wisconsin; Thomas, a lumber cruiser of northern Minnesota; Andrew, who lives in Bear Valley, Wisconsin, and has gained gratifying success as a general merchant and implement dealer; Maria, the wife of James P. Smith, a retired farmer, who is now in the meat business at Madison, Wisconsin; and Mary, the wife of M. J. Griffin, a traveling man of Baraboo, Wisconsin. The paternal grandfather died in Ireland, and the grandmother passed away in Australia.

James A. Dwyer received an excellent education, attending the schools at Pewaukee, Wisconsin, and the University of Wisconsin for one year, beginning his law studies at the latter institution. He then went to Milwaukee and learned telegraphy, which he followed for eleven years, during which time he continued his preparation for the practice of law. He was admitted to the bar of North Dakota on the 29th of March, 1898, but had practiced his profession for two years previously. Since his admission to the bar he has practiced in Hankinson and has met with a gratifying measure of success, his clients coming from all parts of this section and from Minnesota. He has also served as attorney for the Soo Line since 1900, and it is well recognized by his colleagues and by the general public that he is well versed in the law and that he is convincing in his presentation of his cause in the court. He owns lands in McLean county and Williams county, North Dakota.

On the 26th of April, 1890, Mr. Dwyer married Miss Lillian D. Pettit, a native of Syracuse, New York, who came to North Dakota with her sister about 1888. Mr. Dwyer is independent in politics, believing that the welfare of the country can best be served by voting for the best man irrespective of party. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church, whose teachings have guided him throughout life. He is not only respected for his professional attainments but is also held in high esteem because of his integrity and probity.

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#### JOHN SCHLAET.

John Schlaet is one of the venerable citizens and honored pioneer settlers of North Dakota, having made his home in Cass county since 1880. He has witnessed many changes during the intervening years as the work of development and progress has been carried forward, converting the county from a wild frontier district into one of the populous and prosperous counties of this part of the state. Moreover, his life record proves what can be accomplished when determination and energy lead the way and may well serve as an example to others who wish to attain honorable success.

Mr. Schlaet was born in Germany, March 22, 1837, a son of Christ J. and Dorothea J. Schlaet, who were likewise natives of the same country and never left that land. They had a family of two sons, the elder being Fred, now a resident of Minnesota.

The younger, John Schlaet, was reared and educated in Germany and in 1868, when thirty-one years of age, came to the new world, hoping to find better business conditions than he could secure in his native land. He first made his way to Minnesota, but before coming to America he had followed the sea for two years, making several trips across the Atlantic. On reaching Minnesota he took up his abode upon a farm and spent about six years in that state, devoting his time to general agricultural pursuits. While there he lost his left arm in a threshing machine and was thus handicapped, but has never allowed this misfortune to discourage or dishearten him. In 1880 he arrived in North Dakota, settling upon a farm on section 1, Amenia township. He immediately set to work to develop and improve the property and has added to it many substantial buildings, good fences and the latest improved machinery. To his original purchase he has added from time to time until he is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land and has also given a farm to each of his stepsons. At the present time he is living retired in Arthur and is reaping the benefits of his earnest and persistent toil.

In 1873 Mr. Schlaet was married to Carolina Goda, a native of Germany, and they

became the parents of three children: Anna, who is now married and lives in California; Emma, the wife of R. Siebert; and one who is deceased. Mrs. Schlaet had been previously married and by her first union had the following children: William, Fred, Gustav, Herman, John, one who died in Minnesota and two who died in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlaet are members of the German Lutheran church and have ever been faithful to its teachings. In politics he is a republican and has served as road supervisor but has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking. He and his wife have made all they have since coming to the new world and they deserve much credit for their progress and advancement. Earnest, persistent labor has been the foundation of their prosperity, which has increased with the passing years until they are now enabled to live retired, occupying a pleasant home in Arthur, while their income is sufficient to bring them the comforts of life.

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#### ANDREW SANDAGER.

Andrew Sandager, an active representative of Lisbon's business interests, his attention being given to the conduct of a general mercantile establishment, was born in Decorah, Iowa, on the 31st of August, 1862, a son of Endre and Randhild (House) Sandager, both of whom were natives of Norway, whence they came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood. They became residents of Winneshiek county, Iowa, where they were married and established their home, continuing their residence there until called to their final rest. The father was a very successful and prosperous farmer and acquired more than nine hundred acres of valuable farming land in that state.

Andrew Sandager was educated in the common schools of Iowa and afterward took up the study of pharmacy in a drug store in Decorah, where he thoroughly acquainted himself with the business. In 1882 he came to North Dakota, settling in Grafton, where he entered the employ of the firm of Sandager & Burger, general merchants, the senior partner being his brother. On the 16th of February, 1884, he removed to Lisbon, where he organized the mercantile firm of Sandager & Haugen, which firm continued in existence until 1913, in which year Mr. Haugen passed away. In February, 1914, the business was incorporated as the Chicago Store, with Mr. Sandager as vice president and general manager. For almost a third of a century he has been continuously associated with mercantile interests in Lisbon and has made his establishment an expression of the progressiveness which has marked the development of the city. Broadening the scope of his activities, Mr. Sandager was for many years a most active factor in banking circles, having in 1893 purchased an interest in the State Bank of Lisbon, of which institution he remained the president for eighteen years. His fellow townsmen have learned to rely upon his judgment, to sanction the wisdom of his course and at all times the reliability of his methods has commended him to the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been associated.

In 1895 Mr. Sandager was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Jensen, a native of Norway, by whom he has a son, Harold W., whose birth occurred June 19, 1896, and who is now secretary of the Chicago Store. Fraternally Mr. Sandager is identified with the following organizations: Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Lisbon Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Ivanhoe Commandery, K. T.; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Independent Order of Foresters; the Order of American Yeomen; the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Fargo Lodge, No. 12, B. P. O. E.; and the Knights of Pythias lodge at Lisbon, of which he is a life member. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sandager are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, which they assisted in organizing and which they have always generously supported. Extensive and important as are his business and fraternal connections, Mr. Sandager is also recognized as a leader in political circles. He has been a lifelong republican and was a member of the constitutional convention of North Dakota which aided in framing the organic law of the state. He was also a member of the first state senate and for sixteen years he was chairman of the county republican central committee, while in 1912 he was a delegate to the national convention which nominated William Howard Taft. In

that year he took the First Regiment Band to Minot, North Dakota, to the convention held for the election of delegates to the national convention. He has served in various local offices and Ransom county numbers him among her most prominent and valued citizens—a man whom she is proud to name as a representative of her progressiveness and as a type of her citizenship.

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HON. SVEN E. ULSAKER.

Important interests have been furthered and promoted through the efforts and ability of Hon. Sven E. Ulsaker, a representative agriculturist of Cass county and one who has represented his district in the state legislature. He now makes his home on section 35, Normanna township, where he has excellent farm property. He was born at Hemsedal, Norway, on the 3d of June, 1853, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret Ulsaker, both of whom died in Norway. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native country, where he remained until he attained his majority, when in 1874 he completed arrangements to come to the new world. Crossing the Atlantic he took up his abode at Kenyon, Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he worked through the summer on a farm and during the winter attended school, doing chores on the farm for his board. In the spring of 1875 he arrived in Cass county, North Dakota, and on the 23d of June of that year filed on his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he secured under the preemption right. All about him was the broad undeveloped prairie, covered with its native grasses and showing no trace of any plow. He built a small log cabin twelve by twelve feet, with a sod roof and board floor and in that primitive home began life in the west in true pioneer style, meeting with many hardships, privations and difficulties during the early days. He subsequently purchased other lands and now owns four hundred acres, constituting a very valuable and productive farm. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Kindred and is a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company of that place.

In 1882 Mr. Ulsaker was united in marriage to Miss Ingeborg Brujord, of Norway. She emigrated to this country in 1881. To this union have been born six children: Ada Mathilda, Andrew, Anna, Osear, Mabel and Selma. The daughter Mabel is engaged in teaching school and all the children are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Ulsaker and his family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are highly esteemed in the community where they reside and where their circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances. Mr. Ulsaker is a republican in his political views, active as a party worker, and again and again he has been called to local office. For a quarter of a century or more he has been a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. For twenty years he has served as a member of the township board and in 1911 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, where he made a creditable record. He has always been loyal to the best interests of his community and the state and though born across the water, he is thoroughly American in thought, spirit and interests.

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LOUIS HENRY KERMOTT, M. D.

Dr. Louis Henry Kermott, a popular and successful physician of Minot, was born in Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada, on the 5th of June, 1876, the youngest of the seven children born to Charles and Hannah (Dixon) Kermott, natives of Manchester, England, and London, Ontario, Canada, respectively. The father received his education at the Toronto Medical College and practiced as a physician and surgeon in Ontario until 1880, when he removed with his family to the United States, settling at St. Thomas, North Dakota. There he continued his professional labors for about ten years, after which he practiced in La Moure, North Dakota, for five years. He then entered the government service at Fort Totten and remained there until his demise in 1901. He was a good citizen, shirking none of his duties

to his city, state or nation, but he never desired to hold office. His widow divides her time between Minot and Palacios, Texas, where a daughter resides.

Dr. Louis Henry Kermott attended Hamline University at St. Paul, Minnesota, and after taking a literary course entered the medical school of that university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. Before this, however, he had begun his independent career for in 1901 he found employment in a drug store, where he began the study of medicine. After his graduation he served for a year as interne at St. Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis, after which he practiced for six months in Towner, North Dakota. At the expiration of that period he removed to Minot, where he has since engaged in general practice. His office is thoroughly and modernly equipped and in his work he keeps abreast of the latest improvements in the practice of medicine and surgery. He is now serving as surgeon for the Great Northern Railroad Company and holds the confidence of the general public and of his professional brethren alike.

Dr. Kermott was married on the 12th of September, 1904, to Miss Louise Feagles, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and a daughter of Robert and Mary (Allen) Feagles, both of whom were born in Orange, New Jersey. The father, who was a Presbyterian minister, removed with his family to Minneapolis and subsequently went to Seattle, Washington. He passed away in 1912 but his widow is still living in the last named city. Dr. and Mrs. Kermott have a son, Louis Henry, Jr., whose birth occurred April 19, 1908.

Dr. Kermott is a republican in his political belief but has never been very active in public affairs. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church and in all relations of life he strives to conform to high standards of morals. He is connected with a number of fraternal organizations, belonging to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Elks and the Masonic order, in which he holds membership in the blue lodge and the bodies of the Scottish Rite at Minot and in Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. Along professional lines he is connected with the Northwestern District Medical Society, of which he is president, and the American Medical Association. Since removing to Minot he has gained the friendship of many and holds the respect and goodwill of all who have been brought in contact with him.

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#### JOHN CARMODY.

John Carmody, an ex-member of the supreme court of North Dakota and for thirty years a prominent representative of the bar of Hillsboro, has carved his name high on the keystone of the legal arch of the state, being prominently connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at Granville, Milwaukee county, January 6, 1854, a son of John and Mary (Purcell) Carmody, natives of Ireland, who came to the new world with their respective parents, the two families being established in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Carmody removed to Waseca county, Minnesota, in 1868, and upon the farm which the father secured in that year he is still living at the remarkable old age of ninety-six years.

Judge Carmody spent his youthful days under the parental roof and supplemented his district school training by a term's study in the high school. He afterward engaged in teaching for twelve terms in the country schools and utilized the summer months in farm work, spending seven summer seasons in the employ of one man. It was his purpose and desire, however, to turn his attention to a professional career and in 1878 he took up the study of law in the office of Hon. James E. Child, of Waseca, Minnesota, who directed his reading until his admission to the bar in 1880. He then entered upon the practice of his profession in Waseca, where he remained until 1885. In the summer of 1884 he visited Dakota territory in search of a location and the following year removed to Hillsboro, where he has now been engaged in the active practice of law for three decades. In 1909 he was elevated to the bench, being appointed by Governor Burke a member of the state supreme court, in which connection he served for two years. He had previously been city justice of the

peace and municipal judge of Waseca, Minnesota, and in Hillsboro has filled the offices of city attorney and mayor. He has likewise been states attorney of Traill county, has been a member of the state board of control of penal and charitable institutions, has been assistant attorney general and at the present writing is filling the office of assistant United States district attorney. His public service has been of the utmost benefit and value to the state, as in all his duties he has been actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

On the 12th of July, 1886, Mr. Carmody was united in marriage to Miss Anna Madden, of Waseca, Minnesota, by whom he has three children, namely: Winifred Mary, a Dominican Sister located at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin; Irene Frances, the wife of J. G. McClintock, of Rugby, North Dakota; and George Christie, who is a teacher in the College of St. Thomas at St. Paul, is pursuing the night law course and reports the St. Thomas athletics for the Pioneer Press. He also played on the St. Thomas football team for three years, during which time the team never lost a game in which he participated.

Judge Carmody and his family are all members of the Catholic church and the Judge belongs to Grand Forks Lodge, No. 255, B. P. O. E. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Columbus, of which he served as state advocate for three years, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which he has been grand master workman for the state and a member of the board of directors for eleven years. He also has membership with the Degree of Honor, the Independent Order of Foresters and the American Yeomen. He has been the president and the vice president of the Volunteer Firemen's Association and he has served as president of the State Bar Association. He ranks with the distinguished and eminent members of the North Dakota bar, his ability bringing him prominently to the front in the trial of important cases before the courts. His interests and activities are many and have been of a far-reaching and beneficial character, but most of all he is known in his profession and is regarded as a distinguished and able lawyer by his colleagues and contemporaries.

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#### PROFESSOR GUY ELROY BEMIS.

Professor Guy Elroy Bemis, of Minot, prominent in educational circles, was born at Roseco Center, Minnesota, July 16, 1880, a son of George W. and Lois Arabella (Waldo) Bemis. The latter was a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Minnesota, her father having built the first frame house in Dodge county. She was born in New Hampshire, while George W. Bemis was a native of Ohio. In early life he became a farmer in Minnesota and also engaged in teaching. Subsequently he took up the profession of dentistry and is now practicing in Thompson, Montana. His wife passed away about 1900.

In their family of eight children Professor Guy E. Bemis was the fourth in order of birth. He attended country schools in Minnesota and also the Litchfield high school and the Wisconsin Business College at Racine, Wisconsin, completing his course there with the class of 1902. When but eleven years of age he began working for others, entering the employ of Mr. Haekney, now an extensive landowner of North Dakota, for whom he herded cattle. Since that time he has practically supported himself. He worked for others as opportunity offered until he completed his education. He had no assistance from anyone and provided the means which enabled him to meet his expenses during his school days. Taking up the profession of teaching, he was connected with a business college at Watertown, Wisconsin, for a year, after which he was transferred to Fond du Lac, where he had charge of a school from August, 1904, until July, 1906. At the latter date he went to Bismarek, establishing the Bismarek Business College, which he conducted until September 18, 1911, when he sold out and came to Minot. Here he purchased the equipment of a school which had been closed and using its furniture, he was in a short time conducting a successful school, which has since been continuously growing. The equipment today is very complete, including adding machines, letter presses, typewriters and everything necessary for the conduct of such a school and the enrollment today is about one hundred students annually. He devotes his entire time to the college and the methods of instruction are most thorough, well qualifying the pupils for onerous and responsible duties. He arrived in Minot on Sat-



PROFESSOR GUY E. BEMIS



urday, opened his school on Monday and throughout the intervening period has been regarded as an important acquisition to the educational interests of the city.

On the 12th of October, 1915, Professor Bemis was married to Miss Florence Mae Wilson, a native of Minot and a daughter of George and Clara (Corbett) Wilson, now residing at Stanley. Professor and Mrs. Bemis attend the Presbyterian church and in politics he is an independent republican, voting as his judgment dictates, yet supporting the principles of the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Minot and has many friends both within and without that organization. He certainly is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished. There are few boys who start out in life for themselves at the age of eleven years who manifest such determination and ambition in securing an education. He realized how valuable this is as a foundation for later success and in his thorough training he found the basis of his own life work. He has made the school a credit to the city in which it is located and it draws to Minot many students from elsewhere.

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#### OLE HERBRANSON.

Ole Herbranson, the period of whose residence in Cass county, North Dakota, covers forty-three years, is well known as a successful and enterprising agriculturist, owning an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 14, Normanna township. His birth occurred in Houston county, Minnesota, on the 28th of October, 1859, his parents being Ole and Carrie (Vinnord) Herbranson, who emigrated to the United States some time in the '50s and located in Minnesota, where they were married. In 1872 they came to Cass county, North Dakota, and took up their abode on the farm which is now in possession of our subject, the father purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land from a half breed for one hundred dollars. This he cultivated successfully during the remainder of his active business career as well as an adjoining tract of eighty acres which he purchased. He passed away in 1914, at the age of ninety-five years, and the community mourned the loss of one of its honored pioneer agriculturists and esteemed citizens.

Ole Herbranson, who came to this state with his parents, in boyhood acquired his education in the district schools and after attaining his majority continued to work with his father on the home farm, gradually assuming its management. About 1900 he bought the home place of two hundred and forty acres in Normanna township and it is now a well improved and productive property, in the operation of which he has won a gratifying annual income.

In 1885 Mr. Herbranson was united in marriage to Miss Gunild Hoffen, a native of Norway, by whom he has five children, as follows: Caroline, who is the wife of Pete Reisley, of Kindred, North Dakota; Olava and Ole, both at home; Mathilda, who gave her hand in marriage to Hilmer Bratwold, of Kindred; and Gilbert, at home.

Politically Mr. Herbranson is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. In matters of citizenship his influence and support are given on the side of advancement and progress and he holds to high standards in man's personal relations with his fellowmen.

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#### HELMER M. HABBERSTAD.

Helmer H. Habberstad, who is devoting his time and energies to general farming on section 11, Normanna township, Cass county, was born November 20, 1875, on the farm where he now makes his home and has therefore for forty years been a witness of the growth and development of this section of the state. His parents were Martin and Mary (Tosterud) Habberstad, both of whom were natives of Norway. It was in the year 1869 that the father came to the United States and in 1871 his wife crossed the Atlantic. They

became residents of Houston county, Minnesota, where they were married and established their home, residing there until 1875. The year previous the father came to Cass county, North Dakota, looking for a favorable homestead site and selected the farm upon which his son now resides. The following year he took up his abode upon the property, purchasing railroad land. As the years passed on he carefully tilled the soil and developed his crops and as his financial resources increased he added to his holdings until he became the owner of five hundred and ten acres of the best land of this part of the state. He still lives on the old homestead with his son and is one of the highly respected pioneer residents of North Dakota.

Helmer M. Habberstad spent his youthful days under the parental roof, having the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm lad. The public schools afforded him his educational opportunities and later he had the advantage of a course in the Decorah Institute at Decorah, Iowa, and at Valders Business College, also of Decorah. He then returned home to resume the work of the farm and in 1906 acquired title to the property, purchasing his father's interest in the old homestead. He is therefore now the owner of valuable holdings, having one of the fine farms of Cass county, highly cultivated and splendidly improved. In addition to devoting his attention to the further development of his farm he is connected with the Farmers Elevator Company of Kindred as a stockholder and is also a stockholder of the Equity Exchange of St. Paul.

In March, 1902, Mr. Habberstad was united in marriage to Miss Emma Stenhjem, of Spring Grove, Minnesota. Mr. Habberstad gives his political endorsement to the republican party, feeling that its principles contain the best elements of good government. He was elected a member of the board of supervisors and in 1901 was appointed to the position of engrossing and enrolling clerk in the state legislature. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church and guides his life according to its teachings. Those who know him class him with the representative farmers of Cass county. Among his many acquaintances he is very popular, being esteemed highly for his sterling worth and his many admirable traits of character.

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#### JOSEPH T. NEWLOVE, M. D.

Dr. Joseph T. Newlove, who is practicing his profession in Minot, was born in Macville, Ontario, Canada, December 16, 1867, and is the son of James H. and Hannah (Whitlam) Newlove. Both parents were born in Canada, of English descent, and the father's natal day was July 14, 1836, while the mother was born some years later. She died in 1875, but Mr. Newlove is still engaged in farming in Ontario.

Joseph T. Newlove was a student in the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, of Detroit, Michigan, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. After completing his medical course he removed to Towner, North Dakota, and practiced there until 1902, since which time he has resided in Minot. He soon demonstrated his capability and has built up a large and profitable practice. Although he devotes almost his entire time to his professional work he is connected with business circles as a stockholder and director of the Pioneer Life Insurance Company.

Dr. Newlove was married January 25, 1899, to Miss Hattie C. Frisby, who was born near Morris, Minnesota, and is a daughter of Philip and Salina (Stutts) Frisby, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in Minnesota in pioneer times. They experienced Indian raids and, in fact, all the dangers and hardships of frontier life. About 1888 they located at Towner, North Dakota, where the father engaged in ranching for a number of years. He is now deceased, but his wife survives and is living in Washington. Dr. and Mrs. Newlove have had two children: Benlah E., who was born on the 13th of October, 1901, and who died March 6, 1914; and James Philip, born December 7, 1906.

Dr. Newlove is a republican and has held numerous local offices of trust. He holds membership in the Masonic blue lodge at Minot, has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites and belongs to the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. Along strictly professional lines he is identified with the Northwestern District Medical Society, the North Dakota State

Medical Society and is a fellow of the American Medical Association. He finds these organizations of great value as they enable him to keep in touch with the work of other progressive physicians. In the business and social relations he has won the respect which genuine merit always commands.

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NELS OLSON.

Nels Olson, a well known and enterprising farmer of Reed township, Cass county, owns and cultivates two hundred and sixty-eight acres of rich and productive land. His farm, in its well kept appearance, presents a marked contrast to its condition in early days when he lived in a log cabin with a sod roof and had comparatively few of the comforts of life. He was born in Sweden, May 7, 1845, a son of Ole and Elmora Olson, who were natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives, rearing their family of six children there.

Nels Olson is the only one of the family now living. His education was acquired in the schools of his native country and he was a young man of twenty-five years when, in 1870, he sailed for the new world, making his way to Minnesota, where he spent the first winter. In the spring of 1871 he arrived in Cass county, North Dakota, and took up his abode upon his farm on section 8, Reed township, where he has now remained for forty-five years. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made when the tract came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began to develop it and in course of time once wild prairie was bringing forth good crops. He built a log cabin which he covered with a sod roof and occupied that home for some years, after which it was replaced by a more commodious and modern dwelling. He now owns two hundred and sixteen acres of arable land, which he has improved with good buildings, and his farm has been converted into very desirable property.

In Sweden in 1869 Mr. Olson was married to Miss Hannah Sanberg, a native of that country, and they became the parents of seven children: Anna, the wife of August Nolin; Edward, at home; Samuel; Albert; Selma, the wife of Peter Westling, of Moorhead, Minnesota; and two who have passed away. The wife and mother died in 1908 and many friends as well as her immediate family were left to mourn her loss. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Olson also belongs.

His political support is given to the republican party and, while he has never sought public office, he has served for several years as a member of the school board. His has been an active and well spent life, bringing to him a substantial measure of success so that he has been able to provide a comfortable home for his family and lay up a tidy sum for the proverbial rainy day. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for he found here the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has gained a place among the well-to-do citizens of Cass county.

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WILLIAM C. FORMAN, JR.

William C. Forman, Jr., of Hankinson, Richland county, is well known in his section of the state as the editor of the Hankinson News. A native of Michigan, he was born in Lake county on the 2d of August, 1875, and is a son of William C. and Debbie H. (Hurly) Forman. The paternal grandfather, James Forman, was born in Canada, whither the family had removed from the United States. They were Tories during the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandfather was born in Ireland, where he passed away, but his widow removed with her children to Canada. The father of our subject was born in Ontario in 1839, and the mother was born in Ireland in 1847. They were married in St. Joseph, Michigan, whence they came to North Dakota in 1884, settling in Sargent county. The town of Forman was named for a brother of William C. Forman, Sr., and the latter still lives there. For a number of years he resided on his farm which he homesteaded. He is a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation in Michigan. Many years ago he made the long trip to Cali-

ifornia by way of the Isthmus of Panama and tells many interesting stories of his experiences on that occasion. For about twelve years he was in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad. He is a stalwart democrat in politics and served efficiently as postmaster of Forman during President Cleveland's second administration. He is now filling the office of deputy clerk of the courts. The mother of our subject died in 1902 in the faith of the Episcopal church, her demise being deeply regretted by her many friends. She was the mother of two children, a son and a daughter, the sister of our subject being Mrs. R. B. Lowry, a resident of Baker, Montana.

William C. Forman, Jr., received his education in the common schools and when but eight years of age began work in a printing office, so that during practically his entire life he has been connected with the printing business. For four years, however, he was employed in a bank. In 1899 he arrived in Hankinson, Richland county, and purchased the Hankinson News, which he has successfully conducted during the intervening sixteen years. The paper has a circulation of twelve hundred and is well patronized as an advertising medium. He also does a good job printing business, as he has an up-to-date plant and is straightforward in his business methods. He understands all phases of the printing business and is recognized as an efficient and progressive newspaper man. In April, 1912, he was appointed postmaster of Hankinson and discharged the duties of his office with accuracy and in a systematic manner, serving until 1916, when he was succeeded by F. O. Hunger.

On the 11th of August, 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Forman and Miss Carrie J. Tisdell, who was born in northern Iowa and by whom he has three sons: William C., George H. and Marshall L. Mrs. Forman is a devout communicant of the Lutheran church and the high principles which govern the conduct of Mr. Forman are indicated by the fact that he holds membership in the Masonic blue lodge and chapter. He has served as worshipful master of his lodge. In politics he is a republican and no matter of public concern fails to secure his careful attention. He has become widely known and has made his paper a factor in community advancement.

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#### HARBO SORENSON.

Harbo Sorenson is a farmer living on section 2, Normanna township, where he operates five hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land belonging to his wife and her family. He also owns personally three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 27, Warren township, and he is accounted one of the representative agriculturists of this part of the state. Like the majority of the substantial and worthy citizens of Cass county, he is of Norwegian birth, his natal day being September 23, 1859. His father, Soren Halverson, followed his sons to the United States about the year 1893 and is now making his home with a son in Lake county, Minnesota.

Harbo Sorenson spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the land of the midnight sun and was a young man of twenty-two years when in 1881 he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States. He at once made his way to North Dakota and took up his abode on section 27, Warren township, Cass county, where he purchased railroad land, becoming owner of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres. Later he extended the boundaries of his property by the purchase of an additional quarter section, so that he now owns three hundred and twenty acres constituting one of the excellent farms of the community. However, he is residing upon a farm of five hundred and sixty acres owned by his wife and her family and is busily engaged in its operation, further development and improvement. He is one of the extensive farmers of his township and is a most progressive, active and enterprising business man. He carefully studies the needs and conditions of the soil and plants his crops accordingly, rotating them from season to season in order to keep the soil in excellent condition. His labors are attended with a gratifying measure of success and he is classed with the prosperous and representative agriculturists of the district. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Warren.

In 1884 Mr. Sorenson was united in marriage to Miss Olea Tuskind, a native of Norway. She, however, came with her parents to the United States in 1871. To Mr. and Mrs.

Sorenson have been born four children: Albert, who operates the home farm; Henry, who operates his father's threshing machine; Olga; and Clarence. The family are all members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and in his political views Mr. Sorenson is a republican, giving stanch and stalwart support to the party, for he believes that its platform contains the best elements of good government. He served for several years as a member of the board of township trustees and has ever been actively interested in plans and projects for the benefit and improvement of township and county. He is a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. A self-made man, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He came to the country a poor boy without capital but possessed energy and determination and upon those substantial qualities has builded his success, his life record demonstrating what may be accomplished when energy and ambition point out the way. Moreover, his life record is an indication that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously, notwithstanding the fact that many feel that business and honorable principles are not harmonious elements.

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JOHN R. PENCE, M. D.

Among the progressive and efficient physicians and surgeons of Minot is Dr. John R. Pence, who was born at Baldwin, Iowa, on the 26th of October, 1884, the fifth in order of birth of a family of seven children. His parents, William T. and Mary A. (Campbell) Pence, are both natives of Iowa and their natal years were 1845 and 1849 respectively. They now live in Maquoketa, Iowa.

John R. Pence attended the high school at Maquoketa and subsequently was for two years a student in the University of Iowa and spent a similar period in Northwestern University, which conferred upon him the M. D. degree in 1909. In June immediately following his graduation he came to Minot and during the intervening seven years he has engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery. In making a diagnosis he is careful to take into account every condition affecting the case, gives his patients the best of care and in his treatment utilizes the latest discoveries in the field of medicine and surgery. He has been accorded an excellent patronage and has gained a high standing in his profession.

Dr. Pence was united in marriage on the 22d of April, 1914, to Miss Florence Stenersen, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of John H. and Abbie (Person) Stenersen. The father, who is of Norwegian birth, is now engaged in the lumber business in Port Arthur, Canada. His wife is also still living. Dr. and Mrs. Pence have a daughter, Mary, whose birth occurred on the 17th of March, 1915.

The Doctor is a republican and is now serving his fifth year as city health officer, in which capacity he has done work of great value to the city. He is a member of Star in the West Lodge, No. 33, A. F. & A. M., of Minot; of Minot Lodge, No. 6, K. P.; and Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., of which he is now serving as exalted ruler. Through his membership in the Northwestern District Medical Society and the North Dakota State Medical Society and through wide reading along professional lines he keeps informed as to the latest discoveries in his profession and this progressive spirit is one of the factors in his success as a physician.

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WILLIAM DOMIER.

The business interests of Clifford find a worthy representative in William Domier, who is a dealer in agricultural implements and has various other active connections with business affairs. In fact his interests are so broad in their scope and important in their nature as to further in large measure the material development of the community. Mr. Domier was born in Norway, January 23, 1859, a son of Henry and Carrie (Running) Domier, who came to the United States in 1866 and settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where they spent fifteen years. In 1881 they arrived in North Dakota, taking up their

abode in Roseville township, Traill county, where Mr. Domier secured a homestead claim on which he resided until his death in 1902. His widow survived him for seven years, passing away in 1909.

William Domier pursued his education in the district schools of Minnesota, being but a lad of seven years when the family crossed the Atlantic. At a very early age, however, he became a wage earner, working as chore boy for neighboring farmers and doing general farm work as early as his ninth or tenth year. He is truly a self-made man, for from that time forward he has depended solely upon his own resources. In 1882 he began farming on his own account, homesteading one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Roseville township, Traill county. There he resided for three years, after which he sold that property and went to Nelson county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, there carrying on general farming for eleven years. He next took up his abode in Steele county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres and for nine years he resided in that county, carrying on general agricultural pursuits. In 1905 he removed to Clifford to become manager for the Goose River Implement Company, in which connection he has since continued. He still owns his farm in Steele county, located eight miles west of Clifford. He is regarded as one of the substantial residents of the town in which he resides, for aside from his farming and mercantile interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company and in the Traill County Telephone Company. His business connections are of an important character and have won him place among the representative and valued residents of this part of the state.

In 1881 Mr. Domier was married to Miss Josephine Quelle, a native of Norway, who died November 29, 1911. Mr. Domier is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age brought him the right of franchise. He has served as a member of the town board and for many years he was chairman of the board, while living in Steele county. He takes a deep and helpful interest in community affairs, casting his influence always on the side of progress and improvement and his efforts in behalf of public welfare have been productive of excellent results.

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#### OLE K. ULSAKER.

The real estate dealers of any community are factors of no small importance in its upbuilding as they are instrumental in bringing in new residents and in securing improvements. Ole K. Ulsaker, who is the oldest real estate dealer in Wahpeton in point of years of connection with the business, has aided in many ways in the development of the city and has also gained financial independence. He was born in Norway on the 1st of December, 1850, a son of Knute K. and Margaret (Einseth) Ulsaker, likewise natives of that country, the former born in 1806 and the latter in 1811. The father was a son of Ingvald Ulsaker, a lifelong resident of the Land of the Midnight Sun, and he also passed his entire life there. He died in 1876 and was survived for a number of years by his wife, who died in January, 1901. Both were members of the Lutheran church, the teachings of which guided their lives. To them were born eight children, four of whom are still living, namely: Knute K., a farmer of Richland county; Ole K.; Thron K., a fruit farmer in California; and Swen, a minister of the Lutheran church in Wahpeton.

Ole K. Ulsaker attended the public schools of Norway and after emigrating to this country continued his education in St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota. Subsequently he attended Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, whence he came to North Dakota, settling first at Kindred. After remaining there for three years he took up his residence in Wahpeton in 1881, having been elected county treasurer in fall of 1880, which office he held for ten years, or five terms, his efficiency leading to his continued reelection. In 1891 he turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he has since engaged. He buys and sells land outright, and as he is always well informed as to what is on the market and is an excellent judge of realty values his transactions have been very profitable and he is now a man of independent means. He owns five excellent farms, all of which are well improved

and from which he derives a gratifying addition to his income. He is likewise a director and vice president of the National Bank of Wahpeton and also owns considerable city property.

In 1885 Mr. Ulsaker was united in marriage to Miss Cecil Huss, a native of Nicollet county, Minnesota, by whom he has five children: Oscar, who is engaged in the practice of law at Moore, Montana; Althea, the wife of Oscar Erickson, superintendent of schools at Hatton, this state; Carl, a graduate of the high school and of the State School of Science and first lieutenant of Company I, North Dakota National Guard, now stationed at Mercedes, Texas; Walter, who is attending high school; and Lawrence, who is ten years of age.

Mr. Ulsaker is a republican in politics but has never been able to spare the time to take an active part in public affairs although he is not remiss in any of the duties of a good citizen. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to which he belongs and the influence of which he seeks to extend. The success which he has gained is due solely to his own energy and ability as he began his career as a poor boy.

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#### GEORGE W. BOWEN.

George W. Bowen, agent for the Soo line at Valley City, was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, April 5, 1866, a son of Henry and Nancy (Bolton) Bowen, who were also natives of Ontario. The father always made his home at St. Thomas, where he was engaged in milling.

After his school days were over George W. Bowen took up the study of telegraphy and became an operator on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, while later he was employed by the Michigan Central Railway Company, and in 1888 he joined the forces of the Northern Pacific, being stationed along the Missouri division. He so continued until 1889, when he became a representative of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad at St. Paul and was in the general offices at St. Paul until May, 1893, when he joined the Soo line and was sent to Valley City, since which time he has been agent at that point.

On the 4th of August, 1890, Mr. Bowen was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Deuer, a native of Illinois, and they have become the parents of eight children: Lawrence D., who after leaving high school became a member of the firm of Bowen & Hollingshead at Valley City; William H., who is engaged in clerking in Valley City; Grace, at home; and Fred, Arthur, Florence, Marjorie and Margaret, all in school.

Mr. Bowen is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias and is loyal to the teachings of both organizations. He is regarded as an efficient agent by the road which he represents, as a substantial and upright citizen by his fellow townsmen and in business he has won success, making judicious investments in land, his holdings in Colorado farm lands amounting to six hundred and forty acres.

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#### JACOB L. SKRIVSETH.

Jacob L. Skrivseth, who has been connected with the photographer's art and business for thirty-nine years, owns and conducts a studio in Minot and receives an excellent patronage from the city and surrounding territory. His birth occurred in the district of Nördmore on the west coast of Norway on the 26th of December, 1853. His parents, Lars and Mollie (Aasprong) Skrivseth, were also born in Norway and came with their family to the new world in 1869. After farming for some time in Freeborn county, Minnesota, they removed to Traill county, North Dakota, whence they went to Crookston, Minnesota, where they passed away, both being buried in the Crookston cemetery.

Jacob L. Skrivseth, who is the third in order of birth in a family of seven children, attended the public schools of Norway and after the family home was established in Minnesota continued his education there. He was seventeen years of age when he began working for others, finding employment in a store and later in a hotel. In early manhood

he took up photography at Albert Lea, Minnesota, and after learning the business went to Faribault, Minnesota, whence he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, in the latter '80s, opening the first studio in that place thirty-seven years ago. He remained there until he located in Moorhead, Minnesota, as a partner of O. E. Flaten, and on leaving that place he removed to Traill county, this state, where he had farming interests, and also engaged in business in Hillsboro, that county. He was later successively in Mayville and in Crookston, Minnesota, but in 1905 became a resident of Minot, North Dakota. He has since resided there, save for a short period spent on the Pacific coast, and during the greater part of the time has followed his profession as a photographer. In the year of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition he went to Seattle and for a little while engaged in business there, but the greater part of the time devoted his attention solely to sight seeing. He then returned to Minot and opened a studio over the First National Bank. He now has a large and profitable patronage not only from Minot but also from the surrounding country. He does all kinds of photographic work and holds to a high standard of artistic excellence. He is also a good business man and as the years have passed he has prospered financially. For a number of years he owned the Skrivseth block, which he erected but which he sold when he went to Seattle, and he has also disposed of his stock in the Union National Bank. He is now interested in farming in Montana.

Mr. Skrivseth was married 1880 to Miss Bertha Christenson, who was born near Nordfjord, Bergen, Norway, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Knute Christenson. Her father died in Minnesota, but her mother passed away in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Skrivseth have three children: Henning D., of Minot, who is assisting his father and who married Miss Nellie Best; Margaret, the wife of O. C. Anderson, of Fargo, who is engaged in the monument business with an uncle; and Jay B. L., who is still at home and who is in the employ of the Great Northern Railway Company.

Mr. Skrivseth is a progressive in politics and in the 1912 campaign served as chairman of the county central committee. In the early days of the organization of Traill county he served as town clerk in what is now Vold, but was then a part of Norway, later Logan township. He was elected to the offices of alderman and mayor of Hillsboro, this state, and in all of his official capacities he has performed his duties with regard solely to the welfare of the public. Religiously he is a member of the Free Lutheran church and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Minot, in which he has passed through all the chairs and which he has represented in the grand lodges of the states of North Dakota and Minnesota. He was also a grand officer of the Minnesota Knights of Pythias. He is likewise a member and an ex-president of the Sons of Norway and is a stockholder in the fraternal homes of the orders. He has devoted his entire life to one business and this concentration of his energies has enabled him to become an expert in that line and to win an enviable and well deserved success. Moreover, his personal characteristics are such that he has gained the sincere respect and the warm goodwill of those who have been associated with him.

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#### HALVOR J. HAGEN.

Among the prominent, energetic and progressive business men of Fargo is Halvor J. Hagen, president of the Scandinavian-American Bank. He is honored and respected by all not alone by reason of the success which he has achieved, but also owing to the straightforward business policy which he has followed, and his efforts have ever been of a character that has contributed to public prosperity as well as to individual success. A native of Norway, he was born in Trondjhem on the 1st of September, 1860, a son of Jens and Gumbild Hagen, who came to the United States in 1870, settling in Menomonie, Wisconsin. In 1873 they arrived in the Red River valley of North Dakota, establishing their home in Richland county, near Fort Abercrombie, where the father secured a homestead, whereon he remained until his death in October, 1913. For about five years he survived his wife, who passed away in 1908. In the meantime he had become one of the large landowners of Richland county, making extensive investments in property, which advanced in value through the improvements which he placed upon his land and also owing to the rapid settlement of the district.



HALVOR J. HAGEN



Halvor J. Hagen pursued his education at Willmar Seminary at Willmar, Minnesota, and then turned his attention to farming near Abercrombie, being thus identified with agricultural interests for a number of years. In 1892, however, he turned his attention to banking becoming connected with the National Bank of Wahpeton, and with its officers he organized the First State Bank of Abercrombie, of which he became the president and financial manager. In 1910 he organized the Scandinavian-American Bank of Fargo, of which he became the president, and to this institution he has since given his personal attention, beinding his energies to administrative direction and executive control. Under his guidance the bank has made steady progress and is now recognized as one of the strong financial institutions of the northwest. He is still a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank of Abercrombie and is also identified financially and officially with other banking institutions of the state.

On the 4th of July, 1894, Mr. Hagen was married to Miss Amy Wood, of Sauk Center, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of three children: Allen, who is employed in the Scandian National Bank of Minneapolis; Horace; and Naomi.

The parents hold membership in the United Lutheran church and Mr. Hagen is identified with various social, fraternal and civic organizations. In fact, his interests are most varied and indicate him to be a man of well rounded character, alive to the questions and conditions of the day. He is an active, cooperant factor in the Fargo Commercial Club, being in hearty sympathy with every movement to promote the welfare and upbuilding of the city. He belongs to the United Lutheran church and is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, which indicates his activity in behalf of moral development. That he is interested in the home of his ancestors and the welfare of his fellow countrymen is manifest in his membership in the Norse Society and the Scandinavian Working Men's Association. He is also president of the Per Hjelm Hansen Memorial Society of Fargo and of the Sons of Norway. Mr. Hagen is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine. That he stands for those things which have marked cultural value is indicated in his membership in the Scandinavian Fine Arts Society of Minneapolis. His interest in the events which have formed the history of the state is manifest in the fact that he is a member of the board of directors of the State Historical Society, is secretary of the Red River Valley Old Settlers' Association and was one of the founders of the historical park at Abercrombie, of which he is the present custodian. When president of the Red River Valley Old Settlers' Association, on the occasion of its twelfth annual meeting at Wahpeton, he delivered a most interesting address, which is here given in part. He said: "It becomes my pleasant duty to respond to this most generous welcome. We thank you most graciously. And when I look over the program and see what good things are in store for us at this meeting, the many good speeches that you will hear, the many happy reminiscences that will be told, the sumptuous feast that will be spread—when I see those things, I am reminded of the story of the young man who had a bicycle for two, with his best girl on in front; he said he apprecia ed the situation because he had something pleasant to look forward to. We have something pleasant to look forward to here on this occasion. Our sojourn here shall be pleasant—for this spot was the great gateway through which so many passed to enter the promised land. I think I see them now in imagination—that great army, grim and determined men—westward bound—halt on the brink of the Red River of the north—and I seem to hear God whisper into their ears: 'This land will I give you and your children.' And, I am grateful, gentlemen of this association, from whom I have received so many courtesies, for allowing me to crown my almost one-third of a century of pioneer life by giving me the chief official position in your association. I am gratified that this honor has come to me at Wahpeton—the spot where twenty-nine years ago last month I crossed the ferry to help begin the empire building of the Red River valley. I wish to acknowledge, at this time, on behalf of the association, the liberality of the people of Richmond county, as expressed through their county commissioners, and of the hospitable citizens of Wahpeton, as shown through the honorable city council and by the complete preparations here in evidence for our entertainment. I would also acknowledge the cordiality of our reception by the Wahpeton Board of Trade, and the untiring labors in our behalf by Colonel John W. Woodhull, the efficient secretary of that body. . . . And now let me speak in brief of the Red River valley—this vast, noble domain, every foot of which is made sacred by the toil of pioneer hands. We love its

very soil; for it is consecrated by the toil of that great army, so many of whom are now laying down their burdens and cares and passing to mingle their heroic dust with the soil, to make it still more sacred. We have in this spot a splendid inheritance. It is the last spot God made in this part of the world; the swift-flowing streams at the close of the ice age and the settling of Lake Agassiz left it a soil palpitating with fertility—inexhaustible in productiveness. He seems to have poured into this valley all the wealth of soil He had left after fashioning the remainder of the universe. And so it comes that we have great stores of fertile soil, beautiful rivers, sunlit prairies, and woods wreathing bank and valley. Add to this a glorious climate—sudden at times, perhaps, but bracing—befitting atmosphere for the strenuous builders of an empire—and we have a new paradise framed by God as His last and noblest achievement. Into this realm came the sifted population of the best countries of Europe—the stoutest and the bravest, the sturdiest and the fittest—for none but brave and stanch will undertake to break the way for civilization. On they came, to wring from savagery a civilization by founding homes and building cities. The inhospitable wilderness was here in all its wild abandon. Here the black bear lumbered lazily in the forest fastnesses; here the wolf howled, the buffalo roamed. Here superstition worshipped and sacrificed its bloody victims upon the altar of its savage faith. Here tepee and trail told of the restless, roaming instinct that beat in the wild breast. Upon this scene the sturdy German, the passionate Irishman, the resolute Norwegian, the practical Scot, the ingenious Saxon, the patient Swede, the rugged Bohemian came, full of industry, full of devotion, full of faith. All they ever asked for was a strong arm and a long day in which to work. We have seen the result. We see it today—this valley made glorious with their achievements, amply provided—a happy people in all its wide domain, beautiful homes, noble churches, numberless school buildings, a place designated in the geographies of the earth as the ‘granary of the world.’ And speaking of this state as the granary of the world, reminds us of the fact that there has been one plant that has been to the pioneer a friend indeed—a plant the most royal in the world. It is a tyrant and causes us to lose much sleep. It works us to death half the year and makes us vagrants the other half. To adopt from the oratory on cotton, one might say: What a royal plant it is. The world waits in attendance on its growth. Empires and republics, kings and potentates, rich and poor, black and white, all bow before it. The showers that fall whispering on its tender leaves are heard around the world. The sun that shines upon it is tempered by the prayers of all the people. The frost that chills it and the dews that descend from the stars are noted, and the trespass of a little bug on its stem is more to England than the advance of the Russian army on her Asian outposts. It is gold from the instant it puts forth its tiny shoot. Its kernel is current in every bank, and when heading out to meet the all-maturing sun, it nods a head of gold that brings a smile of hope from the farmer. The farmer is thus marshaled under a flag that commands the allegiance of the world, and can wring a subsidy from every nation on earth. So, industry and a handful of wheat and a willing soil have created a transformation that surpasses the flight of the imagination. Instead of the Indian wigwam we have the palatial home; instead of the broncho and his trail, the iron horse thunders across its track of steel; instead of the waving grass, the waving grain; where the altar of superstition once stood, there now rises into view the dome of the church and the schoolhouse. Industry smiles at the changes she has wrought, and the pioneers—many crowned with the frosts of age—live to enjoy it in its happy consummation. Thirty years have passed, beginning with no government, no cultivated fields, no civilization—today the greatest tract of territory in point of productiveness of any equal area on the face of the earth. I say greatest because it produces more of the material absolutely necessary to human existence than any other territory of equal area on all the earth; for its size, it produces more bread and material for better bread material than any other region in the world. And, greater than all, it contains more citizens who work for themselves; who own the lands they till, and who dwell beneath the shadows of their own roof-tree; more citizens who love God; who love their country and their flag, than in all the rest of the world. The land is valuable; the assessed valuation has in these forty years passed from a few dollars towards the hundred millions. Nor has this wealth been dug out of Klondike’s mines or the diamond fields of South Africa; nor has it been won in the gambling dens of Wall street. Every dollar of it is a created wealth—wring from the reluctant soil by the

brawny hand of toil. And there is not only productivity in her soil, but there is beauty in her domain. The natural beauties of North Dakota, though not those of destruction and desolation, exceed the far-famed grandeur of Italy. True, no Alps nor Appenines burst from her broad bosom and rear their cold, dead peaks mile upon mile into heaven's mighty vault; no Vesuvius belches angry flame at the stars; no Niagara churns its green waters into a rainbow-tinted foam, nor do we hear the savage roar of the avalanche. But here we have sun-kissed prairies, the purple tints of the lotus eater's land; the pastoral beauties of Tempe's delightful home; suns set and suns rise, whose gleaming gold might ransom a universe of kings. This valley of ours is a noble heritage. And today it stands in its multitudinous forms of industry and civilization as an enduring monument to the forethought, enterprise and devotion of those who founded and wrought. And as the dark locks whiten, as steps totter, as eyes grow dimmed let it be to the satisfaction of the pioneer to know today and the remaining days that the pioneer's battle has been a hard-fought one, but nobly won."

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CHARLES H. MARTIN, D. V. S.

Dr. Charles H. Martin, engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Valley City, was born in Ottawa, Illinois, in December, 1869, a son of Phillip R. and Sarah (Berry) Martin, both of whom were natives of England. The father, who was born in Devonshire, died in 1912, when seventy years of age. The paternal grandfather came to America in the late '50s and after a period spent in Michigan removed to Illinois, where he followed farming. In 1879 Phillip R. Martin removed from Illinois to North Dakota, establishing his home near Buffalo, Cass county, where he secured a homestead, preemption and tree claim. The remainder of his active business life was spent upon this farm and when he retired he removed to Powers Lake, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest. He took great interest in local affairs and was a worthy citizen of the community.

Of a family of five children Charles H. Martin was the eldest and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools he attended the commercial college at Valparaiso, Indiana, and still later entered the Ontario (Canada) Veterinary College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. He then located for practice at Buffalo, Cass county, North Dakota, where he remained until 1903, when he came to Valley City, where he has since continued and in the intervening years he has won a good practice.

In 1896 Dr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Harriet S. Richie, a daughter of W. T. Richie, who came to this state in 1879. Mrs. Martin was born at Mapleton, North Dakota, and passed away at Valley City, in July, 1914, leaving seven children: Zella, at home; Douglas, Phillip and Howard, all in school; Dorothy; Madge; and Mary.

Fraternally Dr. Martin is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Loyal Order of Moose and along professional lines his membership is in the North Dakota Veterinary Association, of which he served as secretary for several years. He has filled the office of district veterinarian and assistant state veterinarian for a number of years and holds high rank as one possessing marked skill in his chosen calling. For thirty-seven years Dr. Martin has been a resident of this state, having remained in Illinois only until ten years of age, and he has therefore been a witness of much of the growth and development of North Dakota. At all times he has been interested in its progress and has borne his share in the work of public improvement, giving loyal support at all times to those measures and movements which he deems of practical value in promoting the best interests of the community.

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J. S. JOHNSON.

J. S. Johnson, president of the Christine State Bank and a well known dealer in lumber and farm implements, has not only been connected with the business development of Christine but has also been active in public affairs, having held a number of offices, including that of state representative. He was born in Norway on the 6th of June, 1854, a son of Lars and

Carrie (Thompson) Johnson, both likewise natives of that country, the former born in 1824 and the latter in 1827. The mother passed away in her native country in 1868 but in 1881 the father emigrated to the United States and purchased a farm in Minnesota. He was also a landowner in Norway and engaged in farming throughout his entire active life. His demise occurred in 1911, when he had reached the advanced age of 87 years. His political allegiance was given to the republican party after becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States and his religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born three children: H. A., who is farming in Meeker county, Minnesota, and who is a machinist by trade; J. S.; and Isabelle, the wife of John Holt, a farmer of Wilkins county, Minnesota, and chairman of the board of county commissioners. The paternal grandfather reached the advanced age of one hundred and two years and passed his entire life in Norway, as did the maternal grandfather, who was a farmer by occupation.

J. S. Johnson received his education in his native country and remained there for several years after attaining his majority. In 1880 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and made his way to Minnesota, where he engaged in carpentering and farming for three years, after which he removed to Christine, North Dakota. In 1888 he took a commercial course in the Curtiss Business College at Minneapolis. In 1886 he established a lumber business, which he has since successfully conducted and to which he has added a line of farm implements. As the years have passed his trade has grown and he is now one of the leading business men of his town. He also has other interests, being president of the Christine State Bank, which he established in 1889 and which has the confidence of the community as it has always been managed in accordance with principles of sound finance. He also owns considerable land in western North Dakota and he formerly had an interest in the Christine Mercantile Company, which he recently sold.

In 1883 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Olson, a native of Norway, who passed away three years after her marriage. In 1902 he was again married, Miss Albertina R. Lukason, likewise a native of Norway, becoming his wife. Two children have been born to this union, Agnes R. and James A.

Mr. Johnson is a republican and has considerable influence in political circles in his part of the state. Since attaining his majority he has taken part in public affairs and has served as town treasurer and as school treasurer and in 1896 and again in 1898 was honored by election to the state legislature, proving a public-spirited and able law maker. His religious faith is indicated by the fact that he holds membership in the Lutheran church and fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Woodmen. He is one of the substantial men of his community and can always be depended upon to aid in promoting the general welfare.

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#### J. B. RADFORD.

J. B. Radford, one of the leading citizens and prosperous agriculturists of Cass county, came to this state thirty-seven years ago and in the careful conduct of his agricultural interests has won gratifying success, for he is now the owner of six hundred acres of rich and productive land in Warren township, residing on section 34. His birth occurred in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, on the 14th of February, 1859, his parents being Joseph and Frances (Taylor) Radford, both of whom were natives of England. They were married in Wisconsin and resided in that state during the remainder of their lives, passing away in Fond du Lac. By trade the father was a mason and plasterer.

J. B. Radford was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education in the graded and high schools of Fond du Lac. It was in June, 1878, when he was a young man of nineteen years, that he came to North Dakota. He had learned the trade of mason under his father and after his arrival here worked for one year in Fargo, assisting in the erection of some of the first brick buildings in the town. In February, 1879, he took up his present home farm as a preemption and subsequently changed this to a homestead. The same year he acquired a tree claim on which he proved up and in later years he has purchased two other quarter sections, his landed holdings now embracing six hundred acres in Warren

township. He also owns a city residence in Fargo and during the past twenty-three or twenty-four years has spent the winter seasons there.

In October, 1882, Mr. Radford was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Wold, of Cass county, who is a native of Norway. To them have been born four children, as follows: Frances, who is deceased; Joseph T., who follows farming in partnership with his father; Amy, who has passed away; and Grace U., at home.

Politically Mr. Radford is an independent republican and for the past twenty years has served as county chairman of his party. He has also made an excellent record as a member of the township board of trustees, having thus served for about twenty-five years, while for four years he was a member of the board of trustees of the State Agricultural College under Governor Burke. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. By his enterprise and energy along political lines and by his scientific and modern methods of agriculture Mr. Radford has earned the high esteem of his fellow citizens and the place in the community to which he is entitled has never been denied him.

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JOHN E. HOLM.

Modern scientific farming finds expression in the work of John E. Holm, who is today the owner of three thousand acres of land in Barnes county and with the aid of his sons is cultivating altogether forty-two hundred acres. His broad fields of grain look like a great billowy sea, stretching on and on as far as the eye can reach, and in addition to controlling and managing this great property he is also engaged in general merchandising at Cuba. His birth occurred in Carver county, Minnesota, October 12, 1857, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Holm, who were born, reared and married in Sweden. In 1855 they arrived in Minnesota and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Carver county at a period when the Indians were all around them. At the time of the Sioux Indian war of 1862 Andrew E. Holm was one of the first drafted to fight the red men and walked to St. Paul, a distance of forty miles, for equipment, but owing to rheumatism he was released and returned home. He thereafter continued farming throughout his remaining days, passing away at an advanced age. He met all of the hardships and privations of frontier life and lived to enjoy the success and prosperity which changing conditions and his own industry brought about. His family numbered two sons and two daughters.

The second in order of birth was John Holm, who spent his boyhood in his native county, having the usual experiences that fall to the farm bred lad. In 1879 he married Annie Ranft, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have become parents of seven children: John, now farming in Barnes county; George, Henry Albert and Powell Edward, all assisting their father in his extensive farming operations; Anna, the wife of Henry Dill, living near Minneapolis, Minnesota; Katie Matilda, at home; and Herman Fritz.

Following his marriage in 1879 Mr. Holm started out in business life on his own account but did not meet with the success he had anticipated when in Minnesota. Accordingly in 1885 he sought opportunities elsewhere and removed to Barnes county, North Dakota, where he cultivated rented land for a number of years. He then returned to Minnesota, intending to remain, but found that he had become imbued with a love of North Dakota and in 1891 returned. He here bought a quarter section of land on crop payments and began farming, since which time he has added steadily to his holdings until he is now the owner of about three thousand acres of land, which he and his sons are cultivating, and in addition he rents twelve hundred acres, so that they are now engaged in farming altogether forty-two hundred acres. The major part of the land is devoted to the growing of small grain and he also raises alfalfa and timothy as feed for his stock, having upon his place a herd of one hundred head of Red Polled cattle. He also bought out the general merchandise store at Cuba, which had been conducted as a farmers' cooperative store, and has since carried on a successful general mercantile business. He has his own threshing outfit and all modern farm machinery, and there are few in the United States who are carrying on agricultural pursuits on a more extensive scale. He is likewise serving as

postmaster at Cuba and is closely identified with every interest of the community which has to do with the general welfare.

Mr. Holm is justly regarded as a most sagacious and farsighted business man, wide-awake, alert and enterprising. His phenomenal success is due to his judicious selection in buying farm lands and to his wise control and management of his farming operations. Although in his sixtieth year, in appearance and movements he would be readily taken for a man of forty. Industry, enterprise and good judgment have characterized him at every point in his career. He possesses an optimistic nature and is not afraid to venture where favoring opportunity points out the way. While he came to North Dakota without a dollar and has had to suffer many hard knocks at the hand of fate, he has persevered and has found that opportunity, which slips away from the sluggard and tauntingly plays before the dreamer, yields its rich rewards to the man of energy and determination.

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#### ELIAS BOWMAN.

Elias Bowman is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Cass county. For almost forty years he has been a witness of the growth and development of this part of the state and has aided largely in promoting its progress, particularly along agricultural lines. He is still busily engaged in farming and is accounted one of the wide-awake and progressive farmers in his district. He was born in Sweden, December 6, 1853, a son of Carl and Fredericka (Johnson) Bowman, both of whom were natives of that country. The father there passed away, after which the mother with her three sons came to America in 1876, settling in Reed township, Cass county, North Dakota, where she spent her remaining days.

Elias Bowman was a young man of twenty-three years when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world with his mother and came to this state. He afterward worked for eleven years for his brother, F. Boman, and then took up his abode upon the farm where he now resides in Raymond township. In the intervening years he has made a marked change in the appearance of the place, converting its wild land into productive fields, from which he annually gathers rich harvests, while to his farm he has added many improvements that show him to be a progressive man and one whose efforts are entirely practical. He has planted a fine grove and now has one of the good farms of his part of the county.

In 1888 Mr. Bowman was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Johnson, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Nels and Helena Johnson, also natives of that country. The father is still living in Sweden, but the mother has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have been born four children: Ida E., at home; Helen W., the wife of A. N. Lindsay; and Carl J. and Esther M., both at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1901, leaving a husband and four children to mourn her loss. Her death was a matter of deep regret to many friends, for she had gained the good will and kindly regard of all who knew her. Mr. Bowman is a self-made man who has gained all that he possesses since coming to the new world. He has worked persistently and energetically as the years have gone by, realizing that industry is the basis of all honorable advancement. He supports the republican party at the polls and for two terms has served as a member of the school board and has made a highly creditable record in that capacity. Although his private affairs make heavy demands upon his time and attention, he always finds opportunity to cooperate in movements seeking the general welfare.

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#### RUDOLPH HERDINA.

Rudolph Herdina, who has gained a gratifying success as a farmer, is residing on section 29, Dwight township, Richland county. A native of Bohemia, he was born on the 31st of March, 1873, of the marriage of Frank and Philomena (Schubert) Herdina, both of whom were born in Austria, the former in 1852 and the latter in 1850. In 1875 they crossed the ocean to the United States and, making their way westward, settled in Minnesota, where

the father turned his attention to farming. Subsequently he removed to North Dakota, where he resided for fourteen years, after which he returned to Minnesota and he and his wife are now living at Blooming Prairie, that state. He is a democrat in politics and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church. When he came to this country he was a poor man but through industry and good management he has now acquired a competence. To him and his wife were born twelve children, all of whom are now living and of whom our subject is the eldest. The paternal grandfather, Frank Herdina, also emigrated to the United States and made his way to North Dakota, where he homesteaded land, although he passed away in South Dakota at the home of a son.

Rudolph Herdina received his education in the public schools of North Dakota and remained here when his parents returned to Minnesota. He was early trained in practical farming and has followed the occupation to which he was reared. When twenty-two years of age he began his independent career and that he has been successful is indicated in the fact that he now owns three hundred acres of fertile and well improved land on section 29, Dwight township, Richland county. He follows general farming and is enterprising and progressive in his work, cultivating his crops carefully and using the latest machinery. He is a director in the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Wahpeton.

In 1899 Mr. Herdina was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Chezik, a daughter of Joseph and Rose Chezik, early settlers of this state, the father taking a homestead claim in Richland county, which he farmed until he retired from active life. In his early manhood he followed blacksmithing and for some time was in the employ of the government. He was in this state during pioneer times and recounts many interesting frontier experiences. Mr. and Mrs. Herdina have five children, all of whom are at home, namely: Viola, Phillip, Marwil, Chester and Valerian.

Mr. Herdina casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and in religious faith is a Roman Catholic. He began his career as a poor boy and has at all times depended solely upon his own resources and can truly be termed a self-made man. Although he has given the closest attention to his business affairs he has not neglected his duties as a citizen and has always been willing to cooperate in movements seeking the public welfare and advancement. During the thirty-three years that he has resided in this state he has witnessed a remarkable change and takes justifiable pride in the fact that he has had a part in bringing about the transformation.

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#### MARTIN O. THOMPSON.

Martin O. Thompson, an attorney of Lisbon, was born in Meeker county, Minnesota, March 5, 1882, and with his parents came to North Dakota in the spring of 1884, the family settling on a homestead near Fort Ransom, in Ransom county. He is a son of Andrew and Inger (Hendrickson) Thompson, who were born, reared and married in Norway and came to the new world in the late '70s, making their way to Minnesota, where they remained for only a short period and then came to North Dakota, as previously stated. They had a family of six children: Hannah, Thomas and Dora, all residents of Fort Ransom; Martin O.; Elbert, also of Fort Ransom; and Lena, living at Bemidji, Minnesota. The father died June 2, 1902.

Martin O. Thompson obtained his early education in the common schools of Fort Ransom and afterward spent two years in the Minnesota Normal & Business College, which institution has since passed out of existence. For a year he was a student in the North Dakota State Agricultural College and for a year in the college at Fargo. He subsequently attended the State University for two years as a law student, there winning the B. L. degree. For a period of one year thereafter he was employed as a law clerk in the office of M. C. Lasell, of La Moure, and in 1912 he went to Lisbon after spending the summer of 1911 in looking about for a favorable location in which to practice his profession. He opened an office in the Hamilton Bank block, where he has since remained, and in the intervening period his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance. In the election

of November, 1914, he was made state's attorney, having been the candidate on the democratic ticket, and is now the incumbent in the office.

On the 5th of May, 1915, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Nettie Martin, who was born in Murray county, Minnesota, May 7, 1890, a daughter of Amond and Lena (Evanson) Martin, both of whom were natives of Wisconsin, whence they removed to Minnesota, their home at present being in Fergus Falls, that state. The father was formerly identified with merchandising but now gives his attention to farming. To him and his wife have been born twelve children and theirs is a notable record, for the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Fraternally Mr. Thompson is connected with Mystic Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., at Lisbon and also with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. At one period in his career he devoted about a year to the study of art, specializing in sculpture, and he takes keen pleasure in fine works of art but he now concentrates his attention upon his professional duties, which are bringing him into close connection with the most important work of the courts in his district.

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#### HENRY O. GARDNER.

Henry O. Gardner, a retired farmer living in Forman, was born at Toten, Norway, September 17, 1859. His father, Ole Gaardlos, was also a native of Norway, where he spent his entire life. He always engaged in farming and specialized in dairying and the raising of clover. He died in April, 1902, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Helen Baomerud, passed away in June, 1902. She was born in the same locality as her husband and they were married in 1845. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom Henry O. is the fourth, and three of that family are still living.

Henry O. Gardner was educated in the schools of Norway and afterward worked with his father upon the home farm until April 1, 1878, when he resolved to try his fortune in the new world and crossed the Atlantic to America. He settled in Minneapolis and as the city was then somewhat involved in a financial panic he was forced to go out into the country to obtain employment. He secured work on the farm of Charley Porter, in Redwood county, Minnesota, with whom he remained for three months, after which he engaged in railroading, in work in the harvest fields and in clerking in a general store for a period of four years. At the end of that time, or in 1882, he removed to Montana, where he engaged in prospecting, and he also worked for the government, assisting to build Fort McMinnis. He was thus engaged for about four years and in the fall of 1885 he returned to Norway.

There on the 10th of March, 1886, Mr. Gardner was married to Miss Kirstine Dyste, who was born March 8, 1859, at Hurdalen, Norway, a daughter of John E. and Anna (Voleugen) Dyste. Her father, who was born in 1814, passed away in 1873, while her mother, who was born in 1822, died in 1911. Their family numbered nine children, of whom Mrs. Gardner is the seventh. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are the only representatives of their respective families in America. Following their marriage their bridal trip consisted of a voyage to the new world and a trip across the country to the North Dakota home. They settled on a claim situated on section 32, Rutland township, Sargent county, and later Mr. Gardner took up a tree claim located on section 31 in the same township. He afterward added a third quarter section and engaged in farming his tract of four hundred and eighty acres for seventeen years, during which time he made a specialty of raising stock. His business affairs were carefully and wisely managed and his enterprise and sound judgment were manifest in the success which attended his efforts. He is now leading a retired life and from his farm derives a good rental.

In his political views Mr. Gardner is a republican and has filled a number of local offices, serving on the township board of supervisors, also as treasurer, justice of the peace and many times as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, No. 5, at Forman, to the chapter at Lidgerwood, the commandery at Lisbon and El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the

new world, for he here found the opportunities which he sought and in their employment has worked his way steadily upward. His has been an active and well spent life in which labor has been crowned with success, the fitting reward of earnest, persistent effort.

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#### HARRY W. MONTGOMERY.

Harry W. Montgomery, who is secretary and manager of the Minot Insurance Company and to whom the success of that concern is largely due, was born at Grundy Center, Iowa, September 20, 1884. His parents, Frank F. and Laura (Shaw) Montgomery, were natives respectively of Brooklyn, New York, and Xenia, Ohio. After removing to North Dakota in the spring of 1889 the father engaged in the turniture business at Jamestown until 1898, when he went on the road as a traveling salesman for Siegel Brothers, of Chicago. In 1907 he removed to that city, where he passed away on Thanksgiving day, 1914. His wife is still living and makes her home in Chicago.

Harry W. Montgomery, an only child, attended school at Jamestown and was graduated from the high school there in 1902. He remained under the parental roof until 1907 although before that time he had begun to work for others. In April of that year he removed to Minot and organized the Minot Insurance Company with R. E. Barron as president and Mr. Montgomery as secretary and manager. The company is incorporated and has fine offices in the new Jacobson block. It does a general insurance business and as it represents a number of the best companies and as the men who are directing its affairs are well informed as to all kinds of insurance and are energetic and reliable it is but natural that it should be accorded a large and representative patronage. In addition to his responsible duties as manager he gives some time to the adjusting of claims.

Mr. Montgomery was married in August, 1907, to Miss Sarah Morris, who was born in Wisconsin and is a daughter of M. P. and Sarah Morris, who were early pioneers of Grand Forks, North Dakota. The father was connected with the Grand Forks Herald for some time but subsequently worked on the Jamestown Alert for about seven years and is now the publisher of the Stutsman County Democrat. He is also filling the office of postmaster of Jamestown and for about ten years he was on the county central committee. His wife died in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have three children: Harold, born June 17, 1908; Margaret, born June 3, 1912; and Hma, whose birth occurred November 12, 1914.

Mr. Montgomery gives his political support to the republican party but has never aspired to office. He is a prominent member of the Elks lodge and is now serving as trustee and as chairman of the Elks committee. He is likewise identified with the Sons of the American Revolution. Although he has resided in Minot for only eight years he has already gained a recognized place as a factor in business circles and personally he has made many sincere friends.

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#### EINAR MUUS.

Einar Muus gives a great deal of his time and attention to looking after the interests of the Great Northern Lumber Company, Incorporated, of Minot, of which he is secretary and treasurer, but also has other important business connections. He was born in Vestre Toten, Norway, on the 1st of June, 1881, a son of Jacob and Julianna (Tetrud) Muus, also natives of that place. The father was a farmer and followed that occupation until his demise, which occurred in his native land. In 1910 the mother came to the United States and is now living in Velva, North Dakota.

Einar Muus, who is the sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children, received the greater part of his education in Norway, but following his removal to this country attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, for nine months. He was sixteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and he at once made his way to Minot, North Dakota, where he worked for others for some time. For a while he

was in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad and later became connected with the Knlaas Lumber Company, with which he remained for three years. In 1904 he engaged in the lumber business independently and in 1905 he organized the Great Northern Lumber Company, Incorporated, of which he is secretary and treasurer. The concern does a general lumber business and deals in builders' supplies of all kinds, and the promptness with which it fills orders, the high quality of the lumber sold and the straightforward methods followed have combined to build up a large and profitable patronage. Much of the success of the company is due to the enterprise and the sound judgment of Mr. Muus, who is recognized as one of the successful business men of his city. He is also president of the Balfour Lumber Company and owns considerable land in the state which he rents. He is a director of the Masonic Temple Building Association and of the Sons of Norway Building Association and his advice and business experience have been of great value to those organizations.

Mr. Muus was married on the 23d of June, 1909, to Miss Nella Haugen, who was born in Biri, Norway. Her parents, Martin and Christina (Haugen) Haugen, are both natives of that country and are still living there. Her father is a farmer and has met with success in his chosen occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Muus have three children: Erling, whose birth occurred on the 9th of June, 1910; Julianna, born April 23, 1912; and Nora, whose birth occurred on the 26th of November, 1913.

Mr. Muus endorses the national policies of the republican party but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He has been called to public office and for two years has served as a member of the city council of Minot and for a similar period as clerk of the board of education. He belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, the chapter and commandery at Minot, and to Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks, and for one term he held the office of secretary of the lodge. He is also identified with the Sons of Norway, in which he has held all of the offices. Among the qualities which have enabled him to win success are industry, determination and readiness to utilize opportunities, characteristics which never fail to win respect and esteem as well as material reward.

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#### JACOB OMDAHL.

Jacob Omdahl, filling the position of postmaster at Galesburg, was born in Norway on the 18th of June, 1860, a son of Anders and Karen (Alfson) Omdahl, both of whom spent their entire lives in Norway. No event of unusual importance occurred to vary the routine of life for Jacob Omdahl in his boyhood, his time largely being devoted to the acquirement of an education in the public schools. In 1879 he came to the United States, settling in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he secured employment as a farm hand. He afterward worked in the same capacity in various counties of that state until 1885, when he came to North Dakota, recognizing the opportunities here offered. He took up a homestead in Steele county and proving up the property and securing title thereto he began adding to his land, purchasing another quarter section adjoining the home place. He then developed and cultivated a tract of three hundred and twenty acres until 1906, when he left the farm and removed to Galesburg, where he has since resided. He still owns the property and derives therefrom a substantial annual income. In December, 1913, he was appointed postmaster of his town, in which capacity he is now serving, making an excellent record through the capable and reliable manner in which he administers the affairs of the office. He also conducts a confectionery store and is meeting with good success in that undertaking.

On the 6th of June, 1889, occurred the marriage of Mr. Omdahl and Miss Ellen Wilson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a native of Norway. To this union six children have been born: Arthur W., who is identified with the Board of Trade in Minneapolis; Esther Nora, who is studying to be a trained nurse in the Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis; Mary E., who is teaching in the schools at Devils Lake, North Dakota; Clarence E., who is pursuing a course in Akers Business College at Fargo; Alfred M., who is a high school student; and Ruth J., who is attending the graded schools.

In politics Mr. Omdahl is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment.

His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability have at various times called him to public office. He has served as a member of the town board and also as township assessor and as a member of the school board. He has long been regarded as one of the leading men of his township and in 1910 he was appointed to the office of census enumerator. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and they display many sterling qualities which have gained them the warm regard of all with whom they have been associated. Mr. Omdahl has never regretted his determination to come to the new world. The opportunities which he here sought he found were to be secured and he learned that industry in this country wins its reward. Gradually he worked his way upward and his life record indicates what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

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#### WALTER GREEN.

Walter Green, living in Durbin township, Cass county, is the owner of valuable farm property comprising five hundred and sixty acres, to the further development and cultivation of which he gives his undivided attention. He was born in Michigan, January 2, 1857, and is a son of Eli and Esther (Gard) Green, both of whom were natives of that state. There they were reared and married and after living for many years in Michigan they came to North Dakota in 1880, settling upon a farm in Cass county. There they spent their remaining days and the father became recognized as one of the leading farmers of the county, adding to his possessions from time to time until his extensive land holdings embraced thirty-five hundred acres, all of which was well improved. Much of this property has been sold by his son. He was a progressive and enterprising man, accomplishing whatever he undertook, and the methods which he followed commended him to the confidence and goodwill of all. In the family were two children and the younger son, Frank, is now deceased.

Walter Green, the surviving member of the family, has always remained with his father and he is still the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of land, which his father entered and which constitutes a valuable farm property, to the care and supervision of which he directs his activities, thus leading a useful, busy and active life. He has a wide acquaintance in this part of the state and is spoken of in terms of high respect as a progressive and capable business man.

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#### L. N. ABBOTT.

L. N. Abbott, the efficient manager of the real estate business of Crandall, Flynn & Tuttle, of Fairmount, is a man of marked public spirit and takes a great interest in everything tending to promote the community welfare. He was born in West Cambridge, New York, June 11, 1873, a son of E. B. and Elizabeth D. (Dennis) Abbott, natives respectively of Saratoga county, New York, and of Washington county, that state. The father, who was born in 1843, is still living but has retired, making his home in New York. The mother, whose birth occurred in 1850, died in 1900. They were married in the Empire state and continued to live there until 1879, when they removed to Michigan. The father met with gratifying success as a stockman and farmer. In politics, he is a republican and has held a number of town offices, and he belongs to the Presbyterian church, as did his wife. To them were born four children, of whom two are living, the brother of our subject being Clarence, who is engaged in the automobile business in Breedsville, Michigan.

L. N. Abbott received his education in the public schools of Breedsville, Michigan, and on beginning his independent career went to Kalamazoo, where he became connected with the Michigan State Hospital. He remained there for six years and rose from an attendant to assistant supervisor. He has resided in North Dakota since 1901 and in the intervening fifteen years has gained a reputation in Fairmount and Richland county as an excellent business man. Not long after his arrival in Fairmount he became connected with the real estate business conducted by Charles A. Tuttle and now is manager of the Crandall, Flynn

& Tuttle Land Company, which buys and sells land in North and South Dakota. He is an excellent judge of land values and as he keeps in close touch with the real estate market his operations in that field have been very profitable.

In 1902 occurred the marriage of Mr. Abbott and Miss Pearl E. Tuttle, a daughter of Albert H. Tuttle, a prominent attorney of Hartford, Michigan. To this union have been born three children: Maxine, eight years of age; and Dale and Donald, twins, five years old.

Mr. Abbott is a staunch republican and is active in party work. He is at present serving as mayor and has made an excellent record in that capacity, conducting municipal affairs in a business-like manner. He is also on the school board. He was identified with the National Guard for several years and during the Spanish-American war was a member of the Thirty-second Michigan Infantry, his military experience covering in all six years. During the war he was in Shafter's brigade, but saw no active service. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, in the state organization of which he is now grand outer guard, and to the Masonic blue lodge, in which he is junior warden. He is always willing to give of his time, energy and thought to the development of Fairmount and has done a great deal to promote the community advancement not only as an individual but also as a member of the commercial club.

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#### H. H. THUE.

H. H. Thue is a well known, popular and prosperous merchant and business man of Horace, where he has made his home since 1890. Notably prompt, energetic and reliable, he so directs his efforts that substantial results accrue and at the same time his efforts are a factor in promoting public prosperity. He was born in Norway, March 14, 1862, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thue, both of whom passed away in that land. He had the benefit of instruction in the public and normal schools of his native country and in 1881 when a youth of nineteen years sailed for the new world, thinking to find better business conditions and opportunities on this side of the Atlantic, where many of his fellow countrymen had preceded him. A large number had settled in Minnesota and to that state Mr. Thue made his way, going first to Byron, Olmsted county. He had studied the English language in Norway and was therefore more or less conversant with the speech of the people among whom he cast his lot. He first secured employment at farm labor, which he followed through the summer months, while in the winter seasons he attended school and for a short period he taught in the schools among the people who spoke the Norwegian tongue. The year 1883 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he made his way to Norman, where he worked through the harvest season. In the succeeding winter he returned to Minnesota and again attended school, thus continuing his education through three winter terms. In 1884 he took up the homestead in Polk county, Minnesota, and although he lived thereon for a time he did not prove up. The same year he located in Crookston and secured a clerkship in a general store, remaining in that position for two years. He spent the succeeding two years in Hatton, North Dakota, where he took up the profession of teaching and was also employed in various other ways.

The year 1890 witnessed Mr. Thue's arrival in Horace, North Dakota, and through the succeeding summer he worked as a farm hand, while in the following fall he embarked in merchandising at Horace, in which business he has since been engaged, having been prominently identified with commercial interests at this point for the past twenty-five years. He carries a large and carefully selected line of goods, puts forth every endeavor to meet the wants of his customers and in all his dealings is thoroughly reliable and trustworthy. In fact he is one of the best known, most popular and highly esteemed country merchants of Cass county and he well merits the success that has come to him in the conduct of his mercantile interests.

Mr. Thue was married in Horace, in 1890, to Miss Caroline Brink, a daughter of C. O. Brink, a pioneer of Cass county. To Mr. and Mrs. Thue have been born eight children, Christian H., Selma, Florence, Orla, Theresa, Edna, Norma and Horace W., all of whom are with their parents.

Mr. Thue and his family are all members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and its teachings find exemplification in their lives. Mr. Thue is a republican in his political views and has served as postmaster of Horace and for some years as justice of the peace, discharging his duties at all times with promptness and fidelity. In the latter office he rendered decisions which were fair and impartial and which won for him golden opinions from all sorts of people. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodman of America. In every relation his life measures up to high standards and those who know him entertain for him the warm regard which is ever given in recognition of sterling personal worth. In manner he is social and genial, is always courteous and obliging in business and as the years have gone on he has gained a wide circle of warm friends who speak of him in terms of the highest regard.

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JOHN F. MCGUIRE.

John F. McGuire is one of the leading representatives of electrical interests in Minot and has proved very capable as the local manager of the H. M. Byllesby Company of Chicago, electrical engineers. He was born in that city on the 16th of April, 1889, of the marriage of Patrick and Catherine (Herley) McGuire, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in St. Lawrence, New York. The father removed to Chicago in early manhood and resided there for forty-four years, passing away on the 15th of September, 1914. He was a blacksmith by trade. The mother died on the 21st of July, 1908.

John F. McGuire, who is the third in a family of nine children, received his education in the public schools of his native city and in the commercial department of De Paul University. When seventeen years of age he began learning the electrical business and when about twenty years old entered the employ of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. He remained with that concern for about four years and worked his way upward through all of the departments until he became connected with the contracting work of the concern. In October, 1909, he removed to Minot, North Dakota, and became associated with the Consumers Power Company as the representative of the H. M. Byllesby Company of Chicago, electrical engineers, and since 1913 has been in full charge of the business of that company in Minot. He devotes his entire time to the interests entrusted to his care and his work has been very satisfactory to the company. He not only thoroughly understands the electrical business, but he also possesses sound judgment and executive ability and is a valued factor in the industrial circles of Minot.

Mr. McGuire was married on the 19th of April, 1911, to Miss Eleanor Halla, whose parents, John and Sage (Quirk) Halla, were early settlers of Chicago. The father is deceased, but the mother is still living in that city. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire have a son, John Halla, whose birth occurred on the 21st of April, 1914.

Mr. McGuire is independent in politics and has never been an office seeker. His religious faith is indicated by the fact that he is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, and fraternally he belongs to the Elks. His interest in the growth and development of Minot finds expression in his membership in the Commercial Club, and he is active in carrying out the projects of that body. He is progressive and up-to-date and keeps in touch with advancement in the electrical field through reading along technical lines and through his membership in the Order of Jovians, an electrical association, and in the National Electric Light Association.

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PETER G. SWENSON.

Among the prominent citizens of Hillsboro, North Dakota, is Peter G. Swenson, who has been engaged in the practice of law there since 1893 and served as state's attorney of Traill county for four years. His birth occurred at Trondhjem, Norway, on the 23d of December, 1866, but he was brought to this country by his parents in boyhood and received

his education in the Decorah Institute at Decorah, Iowa, and in the law department of the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated with his professional degree in 1892.

The following year Mr. Swenson located for the practice of his profession in Hillsboro, North Dakota, where he has since remained and during the intervening period of twenty-three years has built up a large and representative clientage. He studies his cases carefully, taking into account every point that might possibly have a bearing upon the outcome of the trial. In his arguments before the court he is lucid and convincing, and the records show that he has won a large portion of the cases in which he has appeared as counsel. In 1894 he was elected to the office of states attorney of Traill county and filled that position for four years, making a highly creditable record. He is a director of the Hillsboro National Bank.

In 1895 Mr. Swenson was united in marriage to Miss Sofie Olson, and they have four children, a son and three daughters. He takes the interest of a good citizen in political affairs, but has held no important office outside of the strict path of his profession, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the practice of law. He has, however, served as a member of the board of education. He not only occupies a high position at the bar of Traill county but is also popular personally. Fraternally Mr. Swenson belongs to Hillsboro Lodge, No. 10, A. F. & A. M; Fargo Consistory; and El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Hillsboro Lodge, No. 30, K. P.

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#### JOHN HENRY WORST.

John Henry Worst has devoted his life quite generally to educational work and for twenty-one years was president of the North Dakota State Agricultural College at Fargo. He has made that institution one of the most important factors in the advancement of agricultural interests in the state and believes firmly that the farmers of the country should cooperate to a greater extent than they have so far done and is convinced that if they exerted a larger influence in affairs of government politics would be materially purified and the government would be strengthened.

Mr. Worst was born in Ashland county, Ohio, on the 23d of December, 1850, a son of George and Margaret Worst. His parents began their married life in that county at a time when the Western Reserve was still covered with forest and their home was a primitive log cabin. The father was a German Baptist minister who farmed during the week and preached on Sunday, as was at that time the custom in his denomination. Our subject attended the common schools in his early boyhood and subsequently was a student in the Smithville (Ohio) Academy, and in Salem College at Bourbon, Indiana, which has long since passed out of existence. Still later he continued his education in Ashland College at Ashland, Ohio, but did not complete his course there. Later, however, that institution conferred upon him the degree LL. D. in recognition of his excellent work as an educator, especially as president of the North Dakota Agricultural College.

In early manhood Mr. Worst began teaching in the rural schools and during the summers followed agricultural pursuits but at length, on account of impaired health, turned his attention to merchandising, with which he was connected for two years. At another time he was for two years editor of the Fairfield County (Ohio) Republican, but in 1883 he came to North Dakota and took up a homestead in Emmons county. He resided there for twelve years and during that time endured the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life in the northwest. This experience of actual conditions was of great benefit to him in his later work as head of the Agricultural College, enabling him to understand the needs of the farmers of the state from a practical as well as from a theoretical viewpoint. While engaged in proving up and farming his homestead he also held a number of offices. In the fall of 1883 he was appointed county superintendent of schools and was later elected to that office, serving therein until 1889, when he was chosen state senator from the twenty-sixth legislative district. He filled that position of honor until 1894, when he was elected lieutenant governor and during the winter of 1895 he presided with dignity and impartiality over the deliberations of the state senate.

In the winter of 1895 Mr. Worst was made president of the North Dakota State Agricultural College and director of the government experiment station connected with the college, but resigned the latter position in 1913.. He kept in close touch with the work being done in similar schools in other states, constantly seeking to make the North Dakota State Agricultural College of greater service to the farmers of the state and to promote in every way possible the agricultural interests of the commonwealth. He manifested a high order of executive ability, securing the hearty cooperation of the faculty and the student body, and was recognized as one of the leading educators in his special field in the country. On the 28th of February, 1916, he was removed from the presidency of the college, no cause for such removal being assigned. Mr. Worst is now managing editor of the North Dakota Farmer and also of the New Rockford Daily State's Center.

Mr. Worst was united in marriage in Congress, Ohio, on the 10th of October, 1872, to Miss Susan Wohlgamuth, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara Wohlgamuth. She was born near Massillon, Ohio, where her father was engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Worst have become the parents of the following children: Olive Jeanette, who married Dr. Guy F. Rogers; Clayton Leroy; and Lloyd Warner.

Mr. Worst is a staunch republican and previous to becoming president of the State Agricultural College took an active part in politics, making many campaign addresses and gaining an enviable reputation as a political speaker. In 1914, at the earnest solicitation of his friends, he became a candidate for nomination for United States senator, but did not make a personal campaign and was defeated at the primaries. He is well known fraternally, being a thirty-third degree Mason and having served for twenty years as wise master of Pelican Chapter, Rose Croix, and having also taken the York Rite degrees and being past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

His interest in the commercial and civic advancement of the city is indicated by the fact that he belongs to the Fargo Commercial Club and heartily supports its various projects for the general welfare. During the past seventeen years he has served either as president or secretary of the Tri-State Grain and Stockgrowers Association, a body of some eight thousand farmers who meet in Fargo annually for the discussion of subjects of interest to farmers and the agricultural development of the three states, North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota. He has also maintained a progressive attitude toward social, business and political problems and has sought through careful study to do his share toward reaching their correct solution. During the thirty-three years of his residence in the state and especially during the twenty-one years that he was president of the North Dakota State Agricultural College he has endeavored as an official, writer and lecturer to serve the common people and most of all to dignify the profession of agriculture. It is his firm belief that if the farmers were educated in agricultural statesmanship so that they could officially represent the forty billion dollars invested in the farming industry and could share in the federal and state governments in proportion to their numerical strength that politics would be raised to a higher plane and that the government would be more efficiently and more democratically administered. The farmers of the nation produce a great part of the national wealth, bear the national burden and cast a majority of the votes and he believes they should exert a much larger influence in governmental affairs than they do at present.

In advocating advanced movements which he believes to be for the good of the state and nation he is but manifesting the spirit of initiative and faith in the future which has been one of the strongest characteristics of the Worst family as for generations they have been pioneers, removing from the older civilization to the newer so as to take advantage of its unusual opportunities and to have a part in its development. Our subject's great-grandfather emigrated from Holland to the United States when only twelve years of age and became one of the early settlers of Pennsylvania, clearing and bringing to a high state of cultivation a tract of timber land. He was a man of fine character and great determination and was highly esteemed in his community. He reached the remarkable age of one hundred and six years. His son, the grandfather of President Worst, cleared and partly developed two farms in Pennsylvania and later located in Ashland county, Ohio, where he also cleared a farm. He, too, reached an advanced age, dying when ninety-seven years old. His son, George Worst, continued the family tradition and settling on the Western

Reserve in northern Ohio during its pioneer days, brought a tract of wild land under cultivation. He died when seventy-four years old. Our subject was a pioneer of North Dakota and both of his sons were located for a time in Alaska. It is to such men as these that the marvelous development of this country has been chiefly due.

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REV. MICHAEL SCHMITT.

Rev. Michael Schmitt, pastor of St. Jerome's Catholic church at Mohall, was born at Harper, Keokuk county, Iowa, March 23, 1884, a son of Frank and Margaret (Wehr) Schmitt, both of whom were natives of Germany. Coming to America in the '60s, they settled in Iowa, the father purchasing land in Keokuk county, where he carried on farming for many years. He eventually retired from active business but continued to reside upon his farm until he passed away in February, 1910. For about eight years he had survived his wife, who died in July, 1902.

Their son, Michael Schmitt, was reared and educated in the public and parochial schools of Keokuk county, Iowa, and at the age of seventeen years began studying for the priesthood, spending five years as a pupil in St. Francis' Seminary at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was afterward for two years a student in St. Ambrose's College at Davenport, Iowa, and for one year in the Kenrick Seminary at St. Louis, Missouri. He completed his studies in the Seminary of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota, in the year 1912 and immediately afterward came to Mohall, having been appointed to the pastorate of St. Jerome's church, with which he has since been connected, building up the church here in a most satisfactory manner. He also has charge of St. James' church at Sherwood, St. Philomena's church at Glenburn and Holy Family church at Deering. He is now erecting a fine church edifice at Sherwood at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars and is building a parochial residence at Mohall at a cost of five thousand dollars. He is likewise building a church at Deering and thus the work is being steadily carried forward. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and he concentrates his entire effort upon the cause to which he has consecrated his life.

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BRADLEY W. CLABAUGH.

Bradley W. Clabaugh, the owner and editor of the Fairmount News, is one of the well known, influential citizens of Richland county. He was born in Frederick, Maryland, January 12, 1867, of the marriage of Norman B. and Margaret (Font) Clabaugh, both natives of that state, the former born on the 31st of August, 1818, and the latter in 1821. The Clabaugh family is of Scotch descent but has been established in the United States for many years. The parents of our subject were married in Maryland and passed away in that state, the father in 1892 and the mother in 1887. The former was a millwright and inventor and was a man of good business judgment. In politics he supported the democratic party and for one term he served as sheriff of his county. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born ten children: G. M. D., who is a coach trimmer residing in Frederick, Maryland; Mary, the wife of William Seachrist, a dairyman living in Maryland; Bruce, who is deceased; Charles B., an engineer living in Frederick; William F., who owns a lime kiln in Keller, West Virginia; Susie, the wife of Fitzhugh Hauer, a painter of Frederick, Maryland; Addie W., who is living in Washington, D. C.; Bradley W.; R. L., a barber living in Washington, D. C.; and Alvah, a resident of Baltimore.

Bradley W. Clabaugh was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the schools of Frederick. In 1884, when seventeen years of age, he entered a newspaper office and learned the printer's trade, with which he has since been connected. After a time he went to Butte, Montana, and while there worked on the leading papers of the state, thus gaining valuable experience. In 1888 he joined the Typographical Union at Baltimore. In 1896 he removed to Fairmount, South Dakota, and established the Fairmount News, which he has since conducted and which has a circulation of twelve hundred. The paper gives the



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local news and also brief accounts of happenings of general interest and it has gained an enviable reputation for reliability. Mr. Clabaugh also does considerable job printing, for which his office is well equipped.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of Mr. Clabaugh and Miss Wilhelmina Wiedeman, a native of Wisconsin, and they have two children: Vera M., who was graduated from the high school at Fairmount, and also from the Valley City Normal School and is now acting as assistant postmistress at Fairmount under her mother, the present postmistress; and Delwin B., who is attending school.

Mr. Clabaugh is a democrat in politics and his advice is often sought in party councils. He belongs to the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, and his wife is a member of the Eastern Star, in which she has served as worthy matron for a number of years. She is also a member of the Federated Women's Clubs, and her religious faith is indicated by the fact that she is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Clabaugh devotes his time and energy almost exclusively to his newspaper and printing business and the success which he has gained is largely attributable to the fact that he has continued to engage in the same business which he entered as a young man.

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#### PETER FUGELSO.

Peter Fugelso was one of the first settlers in Ward county and has continued to identify himself with the interests of the county since his arrival there. He is one of the proprietors of a hardware store in Minot and carries the most complete stock of any hardware dealer in the county and as large a stock as anyone in the state. He was born in Trondhjem, Norway, on the 28th of March, 1862, a son of Peter and Gurine Fugelso, both of whom were born in that country. He is the youngest of a family of ten children and lost his father when but three weeks old. In the spring of 1887 the mother came to America, where several of her children were living, and settled at Foxholm, Ward county, North Dakota. She resided there until 1908, when she died at the venerable age of ninety years.

Peter Fugelso received the greater part of his education in the common schools of Norway, but after his emigration to the United States attended school for a short time in Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota. As his father had passed away he was compelled to earn his living when but six years old and he worked for others in his native land until he was a young man of nineteen years, when he crossed the Atlantic to America. He landed at Quebec, Canada, on the day that President Garfield was shot and continued his journey to Canby, Minnesota, where he worked for several years. In 1886 he made his way up the Mouse river from Fargo, North Dakota, with ox teams and took up a homestead in Ward county, which had been organized only a short time before. His land was situated on the present site of Foxholm, and he remained there until 1898, when he removed to Minot. For some time he was employed in the store of Martin Jacobson as bookkeeper and clerk, but in 1901 he was appointed postmaster, which office he held for five years. He then accepted a position with his old employer, Martin Jacobson, but on the 1st of January, 1907, he with D. R. Jacobson purchased the hardware business of Martin Jacobson. They deal in shelf and heavy hardware and handle a very complete line of goods. Their patronage is deservedly large and their liberal business policy and unquestioned integrity have gained them high standing in business circles. Their store is recognized as one of the leading mercantile establishments of Minot and is a factor of no small importance in the commercial development of the city. Although he still owns his homestead and also holds title to other land in the state Mr. Fugelso devotes his entire time to the hardware business.

On the 2d of March 1899, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fugelso and Miss Sigrid Larsen, whose birth occurred in Norway and who is a daughter of Guneris and Louisa Larsen, who passed their entire lives in that country. Mrs. Fugelso accompanied her brother to this country when eighteen years of age. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, Gerda Louise, Ralph Peter, Alph Severin, Leif Erick, Erling Sverre and Norman Carl.

Mr. Fugelso is a staunch republican and in addition to serving as postmaster of Minot for five years was district assessor for two terms. He takes a commendable interest in public

affairs and is never remiss in any of the duties of a good citizen. His religious faith is that of the Norwegian Free Lutheran church and the sincerity of his belief is manifest in the uprightness of his daily life. Fraternally he belongs to the Maccabees and the Sons of Norway and he is also a member of the Old Settlers Association, of Ward county of which he is secretary. When he located in that county the town of Minot had not yet come into existence and Burlington was the county seat of the newly organized county. As the years have passed he has not only witnessed the transformation of the county from a wild and unsettled district to a region of well cultivated farms and prosperous towns but has also done his part in bringing about the change. He is justly held in high esteem by all who have come in contact with him.

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#### JOSEPH J. MCINTYRE.

Joseph J. McIntyre, carrying on general farming and stock raising, is one of the extensive landowners of Cass county, his different purchases of property aggregating nine hundred and sixty acres, all in Mapleton township. Mr. McIntyre is of Canadian birth, the place of his nativity being Welland county, Ontario, and the date May 24, 1847. His parents were Malcolm and Hulda (Doane) McIntyre, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada. Coming to the new world, Malcolm McIntyre was married in Canada and there he and his wife spent their remaining days, rearing their family of seven children, of whom four are yet living.

Joseph J. McIntyre spent his youth in his native country and pursued his education in the public schools there. He was twenty-nine years of age when he arrived in Cass county in 1876, at which time he took up his abode in the village of Mapleton, where he conducted an implement store for several years. In 1880, however, he removed to the farm which he now occupies and from time to time he has extended its boundaries until the place comprises today nine hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, much of which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, so that the fields return to him a gratifying annual income as the result of the golden harvests which he annually gathers. He makes stock raising a feature of his farm as well as the production of grain and his business is carefully, systematically and successfully managed.

In 1879 Mr. McIntyre was married in Canada to Miss Henrietta Sherk, a native of that country and a daughter of Peter and Drucilla (Boogner) Sherk, who spent their entire lives in Canada. William F. McIntyre, son of Joseph J. and Henrietta McIntyre, operates the home farm and is also one of the directors of the Mapleton State Bank and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, has taken all the degrees of the order and belongs to the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has ably served as clerk of the school board.

Mr. McIntyre is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and his wife holds membership in the United Brethren church. In politics he is a democrat and has served on the township board and also as school director for a number of years. His interest in community affairs is deep and sincere and he cooperates heartily in all those movements which relate to the public welfare and further the general good. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for in Cass county he has found business conditions which have brought to him substantial success as the years have gone on.

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#### CARL T. JACOBSEN.

Carl T. Jacobsen, who laid out Jacobsen's addition to Minot and who has been identified with various business activities, was born in Denmark, April 28, 1847, the family home being at Bristrop near the ocean. His parents were Jacob and Maren Jacobsen, also natives of Denmark, where they spent their entire lives. When but ten years of age Carl T. Jacobsen began working for others in Denmark at herding cattle and was thus employed until

eighteen years of age, when he entered the regular army, with which he served until October 22, 1871. He was then married, after which he was employed in a brewery in Denmark for four years. Later he secured a situation in a salt factory in Denmark, in which he remained for two years, and at the end of that time he secured a situation as driver on a beer wagon, making trips from city to city. He spent eleven and one-half years in that way and in 1891 consummated his plans for coming to America. He landed at Quebec on the 4th of May, 1891, and thence made his way direct to St. Paul. For two months he was employed in railroad work at Sandstone, after which he came to Minot and occupied a similar position for nine years, never losing a single day while in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company at Minot. At the end of nine years he secured a homestead ten miles west of Minot, near Burlington, where for seven years he engaged in farming and stock raising, carefully and wisely directing his interests. He then sold the property and returned to Minot, where he now resides. He purchased two acres of land and later added another acre, after which he engaged in the raising of garden products. In 1906, however, he platted the land and has since sold off a large portion of it in town lots, the tract being known as Jacobsen's addition. He also engaged in speculative building, erecting a number of houses on the lots, and then disposing of the property. At the present time, however, he is practically living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

On the 27th of October, 1872, Mr. Jacobsen was united in marriage to Miss Anna K. Jacobsen, who was born February 27, 1848, and whose parents both passed away in their home across the ocean before she became the wife of our subject. Mrs. Jacobsen passed away April 12, 1911. She had become the mother of ten children, as follows: Andrew, an agriculturist residing at Burlington; Martin, who is a general merchant and banker of Cut Bank, Montana; Daniel R., who is a member of the Minot hardware firm conducting business under the name of Jacobsen & Fugelso; Erik, who conducts an elevator and is also engaged in the hardware business at Rolla, North Dakota; Henry, who is engaged in ranching near Sweetgrass, Montana; Anton, also a rancher of Sweetgrass, Montana; Bertel, who lives in Minot and is employed as a clerk by the firm of Jacobsen and Fugelso; Carl A., who is at home and is also employed as a clerk by Jacobsen & Fugelso; and two who are deceased.

Mr. Jacobsen nor none of his sons have ever used tobacco in any form. In his political views Mr. Jacobsen is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He gave his undivided attention to his business affairs until he retired and he is now enjoying a well earned rest, his former toil bringing to him the competence that enables him to enjoy all of life's comforts and some of its luxuries.

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#### LEWIS E. GEORGE.

Lewis E. George, a well known newspaper man, who since June 1, 1911, has been editor and publisher of the Hillsboro Banner, was born February 9, 1867, in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, his parents being Moses and Lucretia (Lewis) George. He completed his education in the high school at Dodge Center, Minnesota, and when twenty years of age began publishing a newspaper there. He has since been identified with newspaper publication at Ada, Minnesota, at Olivia and Fertile, that state, and on the 1st of June, 1911, he came to Hillsboro and began the publication of the Banner, which he has since owned and edited, making it an attractive journal, widely read. It is given to the dissemination of local and general news and its free discussion of the significant problems of the day constitutes an interesting feature of the paper. Mr. George has been continuously connected with the printing business from the age of thirteen years, for even while attending school he worked at the trade after school hours and during vacation periods. He made his initial independent step, as stated, when twenty years of age, when he began to publish a weekly paper called the Dodge Center Times. After two years' connection therewith he sold out and removed to Ada, Minnesota, where he published the Ada Herald for a year and then removed to Fertile, where he published the Fertile Journal for twenty years with the exception of one year spent in publishing the Olivia (Minn.) Press. On the expiration of that period he returned to Fertile and repurchased the Journal, continuing its publication until 1910, when he sold

out. It was in June of the following year that he purchased the Hillsboro Banner and through the intervening period of five years he has been closely associated with the interests of the city in which he makes his home.

Mr. George was married to Miss Constance Johnson, a daughter of W. P. Johnson, of Crookston, Minnesota, and their children are Carl, George, Vila, Rai, Lyle and Dona. In his fraternal connections Mr. George is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow. His political indorsement has ever been given to the republican party, in the interests of which he issues his paper, and upon the party ticket he has been called to several local offices. For sixteen years he served as city recorder of Fertile and in March, 1915, he was elected a member of the city commission of Hillsboro for a term of four years, being therefore the present incumbent in the office.

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#### DANIEL R. JACOBSON.

Daniel R. Jacobson is the senior partner in the hardware firm of Jacobson & Fugelso, of Minot, and belongs to that class of representative and valued citizens that Denmark has furnished to North Dakota. He was born in that country October 5, 1877, a son of Carl T. Jacobsen, who homesteaded in Ward county and is now living retired in Minot. Daniel R. Jacobson began his education in the schools of his native country and after the family came to the new world continued his education in the Minot high school. He was a youth of fifteen years when he began working for others in Denmark and the following year he accompanied his parents to America. He afterward worked on the range as a cowboy for a number of years in the northwestern part of this state and at the end of that time secured a homestead upon which he farmed and raised stock, carefully, systematically and successfully conducting the business for three years, but in 1903 he removed to Minot. He then engaged in teaming for about eighteen months and later became a member of the firm of Jacobson & Fugelso, owning and conducting a hardware store. Theirs is a well appointed establishment and they enjoy a substantial trade. They have founded their success upon thoroughly reliable business methods and have ever realized the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement. Mr. Jacobson also still owns farm lands in North Dakota which he rents.

On the 20th of May, 1903, Mr. Jacobson was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Kittleson, who was born near Ridgeway, Iowa, a daughter of Albert Kittleson, a native of Christiania, Norway. He became an early settler of Iowa and had the privilege of securing a claim where the city of St. Paul now stands but did not like the location and established his home in the Hawkeye state. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and following the demise of his wife in Iowa came to North Dakota with his children, settling in Minot, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1906. He met with a gratifying measure of success in his farming operations and spent the evening of his life in honorable retirement. Mrs. Jacobson is the youngest in a family of four children and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Henrietta Pherilda and Almira Viola, both at home.

Mr. Jacobson holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, gives his political allegiance to the republican party and indicates his religious faith by his membership in the Lutheran church. His has been a well spent life actuated by honorable purposes and characterized by the adoption of high ideals.

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#### ASHER A. DIVINE.

Asher A. Divine is one of the well known and prominent stock raisers of Cass county, living on section 8, Mapleton township, where he has a valuable and highly improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres, on which he is making a specialty of the raising of Holstein cattle, Yorkshire hogs and Percheron horses. His farm is thoroughly equipped

for this purpose and his business places him among the leaders in this line in the eastern part of the state. Mr. Divine is a native of Michigan, born October 26, 1856, his parents being Westbrook and Elizabeth E. (Rossa) Divine, both of whom were natives of New York. In early life, however, they became residents of Michigan and were married in the latter state, where Mr. Divine took up the occupation of farming, following that pursuit in order to provide for his family, numbering a wife and five children, two of whom are now living.

Asher A. Divine spent the days of his youth in his native state and its public school system afforded him his educational privileges. He worked in the fields through the summer months and studied through the winter seasons and when his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his energies upon the labors of the fields. In 1879 he went to South Dakota and established a hotel at Doland, Spink county, where he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he began farming in that state but in 1894 came to North Dakota, establishing his home in Cass county. For eight years he filled the important position of foreman on the Smith farm and later was for two years superintendent of the Blanchard farm, owned by J. L. Grandin. While thus engaged he carefully saved his earnings and at the end of that time purchased the farm on which he now resides, on section 8, Mapleton township. His farm comprises three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, which he has improved with excellent buildings. He has two large silos upon the place, substantial barns and sheds and a pleasant and comfortable residence. He makes a specialty of raising stock. He has done much to improve the grade of stock raised in this section of the state and has thus advanced public prosperity.

Mr. Divine has been married twice. In 1880 he wedded Miss Sabrina Curtis and to them were born two sons: Glenn, who is married and lives in South Dakota; and Harry, now a partner of his father in the operation of the home farm. The wife and mother passed away in 1905, and in 1906 Mr. Divine married Mrs. Frances (Geary) Heapes a daughter of Colonel E. C. and Amelia (Wells) Geary, both of whom were natives of New York, where they remained until 1866 and then removed westward to Minnesota. In the '80s they came to North Dakota, settling at Fargo, where the father served as registrar and receiver of the land office and there made his home until his death, which occurred in 1913. His widow still survives. In their family were six children, five of whom are living. By her former marriage Mrs. Divine had one son, Francis G. Heapes, a member of Company B, North Dakota National Guard, who accompanied his regiment to Mexico.

Mr. Divine is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge at Fargo. He has taken all the degrees of the York Rite, including that of Knight Templar, and has also become a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In his political views he is a republican and has served as a member of the school board and in some of the township offices. His wife belongs to the Eastern Star and in religious faith is a Christian Scientist. Both Mr. and Mrs. Divine have a wide acquaintance in Cass county and their salient traits of character are of such sterling worth that they enjoy the highest regard, confidence and goodwill of all with whom they have been associated. In business Mr. Divine has displayed untiring activity, keen sagacity and enterprise, and the careful management of his interests has brought him to a position among the most progressive agriculturists of Cass county.

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#### FREDERICK A. BURTON.

Frederick A. Burton, of Wahpeton, who is serving in his fourth continuous term as county auditor, was born in Cranston, Rhode Island, on the 1st of June, 1851. His parents, William and Marcella (Nicholas) Burton, were likewise natives of that state, where they were reared and married. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed westward in 1854 and settled on a farm in Allamakee county, Iowa. He resided there for a number of years and passed away at Waukon, that state. He was a republican in politics and took a keen interest in public affairs. To him and his wife were born four children, two of whom are living. The brother of our subject, Lewis Burton, resides at McNeal, Arizona. He homesteaded land there a few years ago and is now engaged in farming and in merchandis-

ing. The paternal grandfather, George Burton, was also born in Rhode Island and the great-grandfather served in the Revolutionary war and eventually died from the effects of the hardships which he endured while at the front. The Burton family was established in America long before that conflict by two brothers, who emigrated to the new world from Wales. The maternal grandfather, William Nicholas, was likewise a native of Rhode Island.

Frederick A. Burton was but three years of age when taken by his parents to Allamakee county, Iowa, and there he grew to manhood. After attending the common schools he entered the Waukon high school and upon finishing his education he engaged in teaching for three years. He then became a grain buyer in Iowa, continuing in that occupation there until his removal to Preston, Minnesota. In 1888 he became a resident of Wild Rice, Cass county, North Dakota, where he engaged in the grain business for a number of years, but at length removed to Abercrombie in 1895. In 1901 he was appointed deputy county auditor of Richland county and removed to Wahpeton, the county seat, where he served in that capacity for six years. In 1908 he was elected auditor. He has since been reelected three times and is still serving in that office. He is systematic and accurate in carrying on his work and is recognized as one of the best officials that the county has had.

On the 27th of August, 1884, Mr. Burton was married to Miss Ida Bigelow, a native of Ohio, who removed to Iowa with her mother but subsequently went to Preston, Minnesota. Six children have been born of this union, of whom five are living, namely: Edwin W., a resident of Wahpeton; Victor E., who works for the Ottertail Power Company; Blanche E., a trained nurse living in Fargo; and Cora E. and Gertrude M. M., both at home.

Mr. Burton is a republican in politics and in addition to the offices which he has held in Richland county he served as alderman at Preston, Minnesota. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic blue lodge and with the Modern Woodmen. He is highly esteemed not only because of his ability but also because of his integrity and his agreeable personal qualities.

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#### REV. LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE.

Rev. Laurence G. Moultrie, a clergyman of the Episcopal church, now acting as rector at Valley City, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1866, a son of the Rev. Gerard Moultrie and a grandson of John Moultrie, both natives of "the merrie isle." The last named was at one time head master at Rugby, which position established him as an eminent educator, and he was also widely known through his poetic writings. His son, Gerard Moultrie, became a minister of the Episcopal church and spent his entire life in England, where he passed away in 1885. He married Elizabeth Anstey, also a native of that country, and they became parents of five sons and four daughters, of whom Laurence G. was the seventh in order of birth.

After pursuing his classical course at St. Edwards school, Oxford, Rev. Laurence G. Moultrie became a student in the theological seminary at Faribault, Minnesota. He came to the United States in 1887 with the intention of farming, which occupation he followed for four years, but in that time he became convinced that he would find a broader field of usefulness in the ministry and entered upon preparation thereof. He was ordained in 1895 and afterward spent three years in pastoral work at Detroit, Minnesota, while later he was located for a time in Kansas City. In 1899 he was appointed to All Saints church at Valley City, North Dakota, where for seventeen years he has now remained, doing splendid work for the upbuilding of the church and the extension of its influence. He is an earnest, convincing speaker and a broad-minded, public-spirited man, thoroughly interested in the questions that affect the sociological, economic and political conditions of the country.

On the 23d of October, 1895, Rev. Moultrie was married to Miss Caroline Isabelle Dane, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Brewster and Lavina Dane, who were pioneer settlers of Minnesota. Mrs. Moultrie, who always took a deep interest in church work and greatly aided her husband in his pastoral duties, died in December, 1913, leaving a son, Gerard Earle, who was graduated from the Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault, Minnesota, in 1916.

Rev. Moultrie gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as alderman of his city. He is very prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, council, commandery, Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine. He is grand orator of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter and grand chaplain of the Grand Council, while of the Grand Commandery he is a grand prelate. For a number of years he has served as secretary of both the lodge and chapter at Valley City. He is also chaplain of the First North Dakota Infantry now serving at Mercedes, Texas. He is much interested in local affairs, serving as superintendent of the cemetery, as a director of the Chautauqua at Valley City and as editor of the North Dakota Sheaf, the district church paper. His influence is always on the side of advancement and improvement and progress has ever been his watchword.

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JOHN B. JOHNSON.

Norway has furnished a large percentage of substantial citizens to North Dakota, men who have brought with them the enterprise, perseverance and industry which characterize the people of the land of the midnight sun. John B. Johnson was born in Hardanger, Norway, in 1859. His father, Brig Johnson Rykken, was born in Norway in 1831 and became both a farmer and sailor of that country. He crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1866, settling in Winona county, Minnesota, after which he removed to Chippewa county, that state, where he remained until 1878, when he established his home in Sheyenne township, Richland county, North Dakota, there continuing until 1885, which year witnessed his arrival in Sargent county, North Dakota. He settled on a farm about a mile from De Lamere, although the town was not created until the following year, at which time it consisted of a general mercantile store, established by John O. Rustad, of Kindred, Cass county, and a postoffice. The town was named for a Mr. De Lamere, who was one of the officials of the Northern Pacific Railroad and whose two sons served in the Spanish-American war. The father of John B. Johnson settled on the northeast quarter of section 7, Hall township, Sargent county, which he purchased, and there he carried on general farming, contributing to the agricultural development of the district until his death, which occurred in 1908. He was a republican in his political views. In 1855 he wedded Christie Olson Moe, who was born in Norway in 1833 and is now living with her son John in De Lamere at the age of eighty-three years, being still very active and well preserved. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, of whom John B. is the second, and six of the number are yet living. Four of the children were born in Norway and accompanied their parents on their removal to the new world.

John B. Johnson was a little lad of seven summers at the time he came with his father and mother to the United States, after which he pursued his education in the district schools and later continued his studies in the Lutheran College at Decorah, Iowa. He was afterward employed in a general store at Montevideo, Minnesota, devoting three years to that occupation. In 1878 he accompanied his father to North Dakota and homesteaded a claim constituting the northeast quarter of section 8, Hall township, Sargent county. He took up his abode thereon and with characteristic energy began its development, continuing its cultivation until 1892, at which time he removed to Milnor, where he engaged in the hardware trade in connection with his brother-in-law, Ole Hanson, with whom he remained for a year. In 1893 he established his home in De Lamere and entered into partnership with Carl Dahlen, of Hall township, and Erick Sovde, of Milnor township, forming a company for the conduct of a general mercantile business. Theirs was the second general store in De Lamere. On the 3d of March, 1893, he sold the first pair of shoes from the new store, which was the first bit of merchandise to leave the establishment. During this time Mr. Johnson and the two owners of the former town site, Ole Larson and John Rustad, became involved in a controversy in regard to the distribution of the town property. The two former owners made an effort to keep all of the town property in their own names, refusing to sell or to lease any of the lands. This method did not strike Mr. Johnson as fair and consequently he proceeded to have the town moved farther west, with the aid and influence of M. M. Johnson, a promi-

nent North Dakota politician of that day, and after a hard struggle John B. Johnson was able to move the town to its present location. He was made the first postmaster after the removal. Since the removal to the new site the town has flourished and Mr. Johnson has been one of the most active promoters of its growth and development. After a time he purchased the interest of his partner and became sole owner of the general store which he conducted for six years. In 1898 he embarked in the hardware and implement business, in which he continued until 1910, when, owing to ill health, he traded his business for a three hundred and twenty acre farm located in Sargent county. He still makes his home in De Lamere.

On the 24th of March, 1884, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Hanson, who was born in Crawford county, Wisconsin, in 1867, a daughter of Morris and Kari Hanson, who were natives of Sogn, Norway, and on emigrating to the United States settled in Wisconsin. They drove from Milwaukee to their farm, situated near De Soto, Wisconsin, making the trip with a team of oxen. Both parents are now deceased and Anna M. Johnson was the youngest of their family of six children. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born six children: Bernhard who was born in 1885 and died in 1907; Clarinda, born in 1887; Christina, in 1899; Albert, in 1891; Christian, who was born in 1893 and died in 1894; and Julia, who was born in 1894 and died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away November 24, 1895, and her death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret among those who knew her. Albert Johnson, the fourth child of the family, is a progressive young lawyer, who will graduate from the University of Chicago with the class of 1917 and who seems to have a bright future before him.

Politically John B. Johnson is a republican and for fifteen years he acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace. He has also been school clerk and is secretary of the drainage board of Sargent county. He has been a delegate to many of the state conventions of the republican party and he has served as chairman of the republican county central committee, of which he is still a member. At one time he was survey clerk and helped to lay out practically all of the roads in his township. A spirit of progress and advancement has actuated him at all times. He was one of the promoters of the telephone service now enjoyed by the people of De Lamere and vicinity and he has been actively connected with the educational interests of his locality. He taught school for years in Richland county and in the town of De Lamere, in fact was the first man to teach in the town schools. He is likewise connected with the moral progress of the community, being an active and faithful member of the Lutheran church, of which he is the secretary. His influence is always on the side of progress, reform and improvement, of truth and right, and his work has been of a practical character that accomplishes substantial and far-reaching results.

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#### JAMES HOLES.

When death called James Holes on the 2d day of June, 1916, there passed from this life one who up to that time was the earliest of the living settlers of Fargo. He had for many years figured as a well known and progressive farmer and business man of Fargo township, Cass county, where he settled ere the city of Fargo was established, and with every phase of pioneer development and later progress in the district he was closely identified. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1845, his parents being James and Mary (Hibbert) Holes, who were natives of Derbyshire, England, and came to the United States in 1832, settling near Ithaca, New York, the father assisting in making the rock cuts south of that city. He subsequently removed to a farm five miles from Ithaca and later established his home in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he settled upon a tract of land in the midst of a forest, there hewing out a farm. In the spring of 1850 he removed to a farm near Oswego, New York, where James Holes spent sixteen years of his boyhood and youth, his education being acquired in the common schools near the family home. The father died when his son was a lad of fifteen years and the care of the home farm then fell upon the young shoulders of the son and upon his mother. He remained with her to assist her in every possible way until he reached his twenty-first year, when he followed the advice of Horace Greeley and came to the west. At that time he had saved from his



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earnings about one thousand dollars and he received an additional eight hundred and fifty dollars from his father's estate. It had been a long cherished ambition prior to his removal to the west that he might one day own one thousand acres of land and with his capital of eighteen hundred and fifty dollars he made his way to St. Cloud, Minnesota, and soon thereafter began investing. Two years later, when he had reached the age of twenty-three, he was the owner of thirteen hundred acres on which there was no indebtedness.

Subsequently Mr. Holes disposed of portions of his property from time to time and in July, 1871, he came to Dakota territory, camping the first night—the 4th of July—four blocks west of where the present postoffice of Fargo now stands. The town, however, had not been platted at that time. His object in coming was to hold the land for the Puget Sound Company, which company knew of the intention to build a town upon the site. Mr. Holes was to receive one thousand dollars a year with the privilege of conducting a supply store at the same time and was to be paid extra for any work he did in the way of development. Upon his arrival, however, he found that the company had made other arrangements and he purchased a claim from Ole Hansen, who formed one of the Scandinavian colony that left Goodhue county, Minnesota, in May, 1871, and at Gerogetown crossed the Red river into Dakota territory, from which point they came north, fording the Sheyenne river and arriving on the present site of the city of Fargo on the 17th of May, 1871. They were the first settlers upon the town site and their claim extended to both sides of what are now the corporation limits. These settlers were bought out by the Puget Sound Company. The quarter section of land which Mr. Holes purchased from Mr. Hansen remained his place of residence and he owned one hundred and eighty acres adjoining the corporation limits of Fargo and also seventeen hundred and forty acres near Hunter, in Cass county. In all the intervening years to the time of his death he was a well known and valued resident of that district, carrying on agricultural pursuits for an extended period. For six years prior to his demise he had the state agency for North Dakota and Montana for the Emerson Wild Oats Separator Company and during the year 1914 did a business of forty-five thousand dollars. At a meeting of the Washington Club held a short time prior to his death he was called upon to give an account of early conditions in Cass county and on that occasion said:

“During the summer of 1868 and 1869 I made several trips to Fort Abercrombie, where the village of Abercrombie now is, so when I came to the Red River valley on July 18, 1871, I was not an entire stranger to the conditions that prevailed here at that time. I came alone with a pair of horses, covered wagon and tent, driving from St. Cloud, Minnesota, to what is now Fargo. The first persons I met were Jacob Lowell and Henry S. Black. I met them about two miles south of where Moorhead is now, and they directed me to a ferry near where the new filtration plant now stands. This ferry was so small we had to cross the horses first and then the wagon afterward. When I got to the west side of the river the first thing that attracted my attention was a tent and a man sitting in the shade playing a waltz on a violin. Soon a woman came out and waltzed to the tune he was playing. This was Captain George Egbert and wife. As I got on higher ground I saw a little north and west a board house near the slough. This belonged to Henry Fuller and was the first board house built in Fargo. In the western part of Fargo Andrew Holes and his wife were camped, Mrs. Holes, who now lives in Moorhead, being the first white woman who lived in Fargo. I drove to where they were camped and camped with them. Two months prior to this, on May 17, 1871, the first settlement of Fargo was made by a party of Scandinavians from Goodhue county, Minnesota, who had crossed the Red river at Georgetown, Minnesota, and come up the west side of the river and settled just north of Fargo and south of where Peter P. Goodman and Jacob P. Metzger settled in December, 1870. They consisted of young men bachelors and a few married men. All their wives were left behind at Fergus Falls, that being the nearest white settlement. These parties were nearly all bought out by the Puget Sound Company, Ole Jansen Lee, Lars Martin, the Johnson Brothers, and one or two others remaining. Ole Hansen settled where James Holes now lives, but on the river. Mr. Peterson settled in Oak Grove. Mr. Johnson settled where the Washington school now stands. There was another settler in the northeast part of the city who built a log cabin near the lagoon or old river bed. At that house the directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Holes on several occasions. South

of Fargo, Ole Jansen Lee, Ole Matherson, Lars Martin, Easton and Jens Johnson, brothers, settled. This constitutes all or nearly all of the colony who settled here May 17, 1871. These people constructed primitive cabins of logs with bark roofs, the bark being covered with sod, making a cool roof in summer and a warm roof in winter. None of these houses had either doors or windows; such luxuries were not yet indulged in. About the first of July other settlers began to arrive, Mr. Andrew McLench and wife, Henry Fuller, whose wife was at that time in the state of Maine, Charles Roberts and wife, Jacob Lowell, Henry S. Black, James Holes and others. The country was entirely wild. Countless millions of grasshoppers swarmed everywhere. The woods were full of great owls and prairie wolves were sneaking around the prairies. The hooting owls and barking wolves broke the monotony of the nights. The mosquitoes in summer and blizzards in winter did much to make life miserable, but notwithstanding we managed to get enough out of life so none of the first settlers committed suicide and all those who stuck to the Red River valley and did what they could have prospered financially. As to the city of Fargo, I have not been disappointed. It has become about such a city as I expected it would, forty years ago, as it is well situated and should become a large city."

In June, 1889, Mr. Holes was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda Harrison, a native of Wisconsin, who passed away in 1908, and they became the parents of three children: James H., who was a resident of Foster, California, but who has returned to Fargo and will take charge of and manage the Holes estate; Bernard R., of Fargo, who is in the employ of the Ford Automobile Company; and Marguerite V., who acted as private secretary to her father and will assist her brother in the management of the estate. The Holes home is one of the most beautiful residences in the state and is presided over by Miss Marguerite Holes in a most gracious manner. She had the careful rearing of her mother, who was a beautiful and intellectual lady and who possessed exceptional ability as an artist, which fact is demonstrated by the many attractive canvases painted by her which adorn the walls of the home. The daughter has the mother's artistic temperament as is shown by the exterior embellishments and the interior decorations of the home, over which she has now presided for eight years.

Mrs. Holes was a great worker in the cause of charity and the poor of the city have reason to remember her kindness and helpfulness on many occasions. Mr. Holes, too, was a generous contributor to charitable organizations, giving freely where aid was needed. His activities extended into various fields. He was a member of the American Equity Society and was its president for a number of years. He was also a member and director of the Farmers Mutual Society, of which he served as vice president for several years. In his political views Mr. Holes was a progressive republican and for nine years served as county commissioner and for a number of years was a member of the township school board, of which he was treasurer. His interest in the public welfare was of a most substantial character and his labors contributed to the material development and progress of his section of the state, where for a number of years he was the oldest living settler. When death called him the funeral services were held at his residence on North Broadway and were so largely attended that the house could by no means accommodate the concourse of people who gathered. The worth of his work as a pioneer settler and progressive citizen can scarcely be overestimated and his name will long be honored and his memory cherished in the community in which he lived.

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#### E. J. HURLEY.

E. J. Hurley is engaged in the real estate business at Fairmount and also has important farming interests. He was born in Pierce county, Wisconsin, on the 8th of September, 1858, a son of Thomas and Catherine (Welch) Hurley, both born in Ireland in 1830. The paternal grandfather, James Hurley, emigrated with his family to the United States in 1847 and passed away in Galena, Illinois. He was a cabinetmaker by trade. The maternal grandfather, Michael Welch, became a resident of El Paso, Wisconsin, many years ago and there his demise occurred. The parents of our subject were married in Janesville, Wisconsin, in June, 1855. The mother came to the United States in 1845 and the father in 1847. The

Hurley family first settled in Massachusetts, but removed successively to New Hampshire, New York, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Thomas Hurley, father of our subject, died in El Paso, Wisconsin, but the mother died in Ellsworth, that state. He was a communicant of the Catholic church and gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. He held a number of township offices and took an active part in public affairs, wielding a large influence in his community. He was not only a fine business man and a very successful farmer, but he was also an excellent mathematician. To him and his wife were born five children, four of whom are living, namely: James, who formerly engaged in farming, but is now working in a store in Ellsworth, Wisconsin; E. J.; Mrs. Mary Ann Hawkins, whose husband is farming near Hammond, Wisconsin; and Thomas, rural mail carrier of Wheaton, Minnesota.

E. J. Hurley received his education in the common schools and early in life became familiar with agricultural work. Previous to coming to Dakota territory in 1880 he worked on a farm in Minnesota and after living in this state for a time returned to Minnesota, where he resided until the fall of 1901. He then removed to Fairmount, Richland county, this state, and opened a real estate office. He has since devoted a great deal of his time and attention to the real estate business, buying and selling outright and on commission, and his accurate knowledge of what constitutes a good farm has enabled him to deal in farm lands to a good advantage. He still owns land in Minnesota and his farming interests return to him a good income.

On the 14th of February, 1891, Mr. Hurley married Miss Susie J. Hopkins, who was born in Virginia, but became a resident of Graceville, Minnesota, in 1880. Her father, Stephen Hopkins, devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. To Mr. and Mrs. Hurley have been born five children: Stephen E., who is a young man of twenty-two years, is an attorney of unusual promise and has won considerable note as a lecturer and as a literary man. He is a graduate of the law school of the Georgetown University and of the Catholic University of America, both at Washington, D. C. Catherine, Josephine, Marcella M. and Susie R. are all at home.

Mr. Hurley is a staunch adherent of the democratic party and has served ably as justice of the peace for a number of years. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church, to the teachings of which he is most loyal. Fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was one of the trustees of the School of Science at Wahpeton and is always ready to give of his time and thought to the promotion of the general welfare. His business interests are ably managed and he has met with a gratifying and well deserved measure of success.

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#### W. M. WAGNER.

Among those men who have contributed in large measure to the commercial growth and expansion of Wahpeton is W. M. Wagner, president of the Wagner Candy Company. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 25th of August, 1856, a son of John and Amelia Wagner, both natives of Germany. They became residents of Milwaukee in 1854, and the father engaged in blacksmithing there for some time, subsequently removing to southern Minnesota, where his demise occurred. His wife passed away in North Dakota. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran church, and his political allegiance was given to the democratic party. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, namely: John, a retired farmer living in Grand Meadow, Minnesota; Mrs. Krouse, whose husband is also a retired farmer of Grand Meadow; W. M. of this review; H. J., a confectioner of Arthur, this state; Frank, a resident of Grand Meadow, Minnesota; Mrs. Fox, who died in Marion, Wisconsin, in 1909; Albert, who is farming in Minnesota; and Mrs. Anna Jancy, the wife of a farmer of Nelson, Wisconsin. The paternal grandfather, John Wagner, was a lifelong resident of Germany.

W. M. Wagner received his education in his native state and remained at home until 1879, when he went to Grand Meadow, Minnesota. He worked as a farm hand in that locality for two summers, after which he came to North Dakota, where he followed the car-

penter's trade for a time. Subsequently he went to Casselton, where he engaged in harness-making until 1882, when he went into business for himself at Arthur. In 1889, after remaining there for seven years, he removed to Wahpeton and established a furniture store, which he conducted for nearly eight years. At the end of that time he sold out and went into the retail confectionery business, in which he continued until 1910, when he organized the Wagner Candy Company, Inc., which is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and which sells at wholesale candy, tobacco and cigars. The business is represented by two men on the road and its products have already gained an enviable reputation for purity and high quality. In addition to his manufacturing interests Mr. Wagner owns valuable land in Canada and fruit land in Montana. He has prospered in all that he has undertaken and is justified in taking pride in his success as he has at all times depended solely upon his own efforts.

On the 7th of April, 1894, occurred the marriage of Mr. Wagner and Miss Mary J. McKimmon, who was born in Canada and by whom he has two children: Arthur J., who travels for the Wagner Candy Company; and Hattie May, a high school graduate. The son and daughter are both members of the Episcopal church, but the parents attend the Methodist church.

Mr. Wagner is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through all of the chairs, and with the Yeomen. His political support is given the republican party, and he served acceptably as alderman of Wahpeton for four years. He is interested not only in the material advancement of his community, but also in its progress along other lines and is recognized as a man of marked public spirit. He is widely known and highly esteemed.

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#### ALEXANDER A. WALKER, V. S.

Dr. Alexander A. Walker, of Casselton, Cass county, who has the distinction of being the oldest veterinarian in the state, devotes practically his entire time to his practice, which is extensive and profitable. He was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 18th of December, 1846, a son of James and Ann (McKee) Walker. The father was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and passed away in 1898, and the mother was born on the Atlantic ocean, while her parents were on their way to America from Ireland. Her father, Alexander McKee, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, and his last days were passed in Ontario, Canada. The mother of our subject died in 1907. She became the wife of James Walker in Ontario, to which country he had removed from Ireland with his father, James Walker, Sr. James Walker, Jr., followed farming throughout his active life and gained a gratifying measure of success. He was an advocate of reform in politics, and his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom nine are living, the subject of this review being the second in order of birth.

Alexander A. Walker attended the common schools of Ontario and still further pursued his education in a normal school. Subsequently he prepared for his chosen profession by study in the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, from which he was graduated in 1882 with the degree of V. S. He had previously practiced as a veterinarian for two months in Toronto and for some time in Casselton, North Dakota. In 1881 he returned to Toronto and completed his professional studies there. He again located in Casselton, where he has since remained. He has built up a large practice as he has been very successful in his profession and he has not only gained a high standing as a veterinarian, but has also accumulated a competence. Although he is sixty-nine years of age he is still active and keeps informed as to the discoveries in veterinary science.

In 1872 Dr. Walker was married, in Ontario, Canada, to Miss Mary Haines, a native of that province, and they had five children: Mary Ann, deceased; Matilda, who is living in the state of Washington; Isabelle, a resident of Oakland, California; James Alexander, a resident of Fargo; and Ruth, who is living in the state of Washington. The wife and mother died in 1890, in the faith of the Baptist church, and her demise was deeply regretted by all who had come in contact with her. In 1901 Dr. Walker married Miss Jennie Hocking, a native of Michigan.

The Doctor is a republican and for the past eleven years has served as county justice

of the peace. He is also police magistrate of Casselton and in both capacities has won an enviable reputation for fairness and impartiality. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church, in the work of which they take an active interest. He is identified with the Yeomen and the Orangemen. He has lived in Casselton for many years and the high esteem in which he is held is an indication of his genuine worth.

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#### HANS JOHNSON.

Hans Johnson, a hardware merchant of Milnor, was born in Norway in 1874, his parents being John and Bertha (Larson) Johnson, who were likewise natives of the land of the midnight sun. It was in the year 1882 that the father brought his family to the United States and for a short time they resided in Minnesota, but in 1883 removed to Sargent county, North Dakota, where he made permanent settlement. There he entered land from the government in what is now Shuman township. The entire district was then wild and undeveloped and he took an active part in promoting the pioneer progress of the locality. He converted his land into rich and productive fields and remained thereon until his death, which occurred in 1913. He had for fifteen years survived his wife, who passed away in 1898.

Hans Johnson is the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, all of whom are living. He spent the first seven years of his life in his native country and then accompanied his parents to the new world, after which he pursued his education in the schools of Sargent county, North Dakota. When his textbooks were put aside he took up the occupation of farming, working first as a farm hand but later purchasing land as soon as he had saved a sufficient sum from his earnings to enable him to acquire property. He became the owner of a tract in Shuman township and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1905.

In 1902 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Bertina Olness, who was born in Grant county, Minnesota, in 1883 a daughter of Anfin and Sarah Olness, who were natives of Norway and became pioneer residents of Minnesota. There they reared their family of eight children, including Mrs. Johnson, who was their third child and died in the year 1905, leaving a daughter, Selma B., who was born in 1904.

The following year Mr. Johnson left the farm and removed to Milnor, where he entered the hardware business, buying the store of A. H. Anderson and also the stock of H. K. Pennington, those two having conducted business under the firm style of the Milnor Hardware Company. Mr. Johnson has met with success from the beginning and now has the leading store of the kind in the town. His business methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, for at all times he is thoroughly reliable and progressive and has won his success through constructive methods.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is a stalwart republican and has held some local offices, including that of supervisor of Shuman township, Sargent county, while at the present time he is one of the aldermen of Milnor. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Milnor and is a member of the Lutheran church, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. His life has ever been guided by high and honorable purpose and through his close application to business and unremitting energy he has gained a creditable position among the substantial business men of his section of the state.

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#### HON. J. F. TREAT.

Hon. J. F. Treat, manager at Fargo for the Germania Life Insurance Company, has been identified with this line of business since 1890 and is today one of the leading figures in insurance circles in this state, acquainted with every phase of the business and actuated in all that he does by a spirit of continuous progress. He was born in Geauga county, Ohio, September 11, 1861, a son of John F. and Ruth A. (Brewer) Treat, the former a native of Maine and the latter of Ohio. In early manhood John F. Treat adopted the seafaring life

and during the Civil war commanded the gunboat *Marmion*, dying on board that boat in 1863. His widow long surviving him, passed away in Columbus, Ohio, in 1893.

J. F. Treat was reared at home, acquiring his education in the Grand River Institute in Austinburg, Ohio, and following the completion of his studies he came to North Dakota in 1882, settling in Barnes county. There he took up a claim and broke prairie, devoting his attention to farming for five years. On the expiration of that period he engaged in the grain business and in the sale of farm implements, remaining active along those lines for five years. His entrance into the field of insurance was made in the year 1890, when he became associated with the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York. In 1895 he became a representative of the Germania Life Insurance Company, being made manager of this business in North Dakota. For twenty years he has continued in that business, directing the interests for the company in this line and his efforts and control have been important factors in building up a business of large proportions.

In 1882 Mr. Treat was married to Miss Eva L. Kiser, of Geauga county, Ohio, and to this marriage have been born a son and a daughter: Walter E., who is associated with his father in the insurance business; and Frances L.

Mr. Treat is a very prominent Mason, belonging to Shiloh Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Auvergne Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Fargo Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and also St. George's Conclave, No. 6, Red Cross of Constantine at Duluth, Minnesota. For eleven years he was potentate of El Zagal Temple and in 1902 was also an officer of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine of North America. In fact he has occupied all of the chairs of the Shrine and in 1911 at Rochester, New York, was elected imperial potentate. He is likewise a member of Fargo Lodge, No. 260, B. P. O. E. Politically Mr. Treat is a republican and is now serving as president of the Fargo park commission. In 1905 he became a member of the state legislature, in which he served for two terms. His interest in public affairs has always been that of a public-spirited citizen who recognizes the duties as well as the privileges and opportunities of citizenship. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of progress and the opinion of his fellow citizens establishes him as one of Fargo's leading residents.

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#### CHARLES HANSON.

Charles Hanson, of Wahpeton, who is making an excellent record as superintendent of the schools of Richland county, was born in Green county, Wisconsin, on the 24th of May, 1866. His parents, N. T. and Mary Jane (Smith) Hanson, were born respectively in Maine in 1822 and in Pennsylvania in 1831. The maternal ancestors were members of the Friends' church. The father came to Wisconsin as a young man and there his marriage occurred. He bought land and devoted a number of years to farming, after which he went east and at the time of his demise, in 1890, he was living in Connecticut. His wife preceded him in death, passing away in 1881. To him and his wife were born seven children: Emma, a resident of Monroe, Wisconsin; Pauline, who is living in North Dakota; John, a retired farmer residing in Monroe, Wisconsin; Charles; Ruth, deceased; George, a farmer of North Dakota; and Edward, a publisher living in Chicago.

Charles Hanson received his early education in the country schools of Wisconsin and later entered the high school of Monroe, that state, from which he was graduated in 1889. After teaching for a time he became a student in the State Normal School at Whitewater, Wisconsin, completing the course in 1895. He has since engaged in educational work with the exception of one year, which he spent in the University of Wisconsin, thus fitting himself for still more efficient work in his chosen profession. In 1903 he came to North Dakota and for a time he taught near Buffalo, this state, but in 1905 he removed to Richland county, having been elected principal of the Walcott school, which position he held until 1912. He proved so efficient in that capacity that in 1914 he was elected county superintendent of schools and since taking office he has succeeded in advancing the standards of school work throughout the county. His long experience as an instructor has made him thoroughly

familiar with the problems that confront the teacher and this knowledge, together with his resourcefulness, enables him to in most cases find a way out of difficulties. He also has executive ability and the faculty of securing the cooperation of those under him.

In 1912 Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Lena Lium, a native of Wisconsin. She is a communicant of the Lutheran church and he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Woodmen. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and his election to the office of county superintendent is a tribute to his personal popularity and ability as the county is republican by a large majority. At a previous election he was a candidate for the office, but was defeated by only forty-four votes. He has no outside interests, devoting his entire time and attention to the duties of his office, and the excellent record which he is making is no doubt due in part to this concentration of his energies.

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#### JULIUS FAUCHALD.

Norway has furnished a substantial percentage of citizens to North Dakota, among which number is Julius Fauchald, of Minot, who was born in the land of the midnight sun, September 12, 1866, a son of Nels and Marie (Hovelsen) Fauchald, who were also natives of the same country, the former born January 9, 1826, and the latter May 16, 1829. The father was a farmer and land owner in Norway, where he passed away in 1908, his wife surviving until 1912.

In their family of seven children Julius Fauchald was the sixth in order of birth. From the age of fifteen years he has depended upon his own resources in a business way, for at that time he secured a clerkship in a store, in which he was employed for six years, a fact indicative of his faithfulness and capability. In 1887 he crossed the Atlantic and on the 7th of April of the following year arrived in Minot, where he entered the employ of Strain Brothers, spending two years as a clerk in their store. He was afterward employed by Peter Lee for two years and later purchased Mr. Jacobson's interest in the New York Store, becoming a partner of G. O. Frank, after which the business was conducted under the firm style of Frank & Fauchald, that relationship being maintained for a number of years and the business proving profitable. In 1901 Mr. Fauchald established a store at White Earth, seventy-three miles west of Minot, and in 1906 he and his brother Morris purchased the mercantile establishment of P. P. Lee. In 1903 he bought the interest of Mr. Frank in the New York Store, which was added to the Lee establishment and Mr. Fauchald became sole owner of the business in January, 1909. He stills conducts his mercantile interests under the style of the New York Department Store and has an extensive establishment which is liberally patronized, for his honorable business methods and his enterprise find favor with the public. In 1908 he opened the five and ten cent store in the Mansfield building of Minot, which he also conducts, and he is likewise proprietor of the New York Furniture and Hardware Store. He is thus conducting extensive and important business interests. He has a good trade in the five and ten cent store and he is enjoying a large patronage in his dry goods, clothing and men's furnishings store. He recently sold his grocery business at Minot, which is now being operated by the Shirley Company. From time to time he has extended his efforts into other localities and is now operating a five and ten cent store at Devils Lake. He also recently sold a store at Jamestown, but is still conducting business in various other places. In fact his name is a very prominent and familiar one in the commercial circles of the state and he stands as one of North Dakota's foremost merchants. He is director of the Union National Bank with which he has been identified for a number of years, and is a director of the Second National Bank of Minot. His business affairs have been of constantly broadening scope and have been a strong element in the development of the material resources of North Dakota. He also owns property in Christiania, Norway, and maintains a summer home in that country which is but thirty minutes' ride from the city and within a stone's throw of the ocean. His property interests likewise include extensive tracts of land in North Dakota and in Oregon and he maintains his residence in Minot.

In early manhood Mr. Fauchald wedded Miss Enga Nerseeth, who was born near his

own birthplace in Norway, her parents being Johannes and Maline Nerseih, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Mr. and Mrs. Fauchald are the parents of seven children, as follows: Malvin, who is now associated in business with his father; Marie; Nora, who is pursuing her education in New York city; and Burgbild, Jalmer, Axel and Nels, all of whom are attending school in New York. Most liberal educational advantages have been accorded the children, who have received instruction in the schools of this country and of Norway. After a residence of two years in Europe the family returned to New York in 1914, establishing their home at Sunset Park, in Brooklyn, but in 1916 they expect to remove to Minot. The elder son was graduated from the Red Wing University and also from Luther College of Decorah, Iowa, and the elder daughter has attended Red Wing Seminary and is now in New York City.

In politics Mr. Fauchald is a republican, but has never sought nor desired office. He belongs to the Synod church. When he came to the new world he could not speak the English language and his cash capital consisted of but thirty-five cents when he came to Minot. The years have chronicled for him notable success. He possessed energy and determination and he resolved to win advancement if it could be gained by honorable methods. Step by step he has progressed until he is today one of the foremost business men and citizens of North Dakota. While he has attempted important things and has accomplished what he attempted, his success has never represented another's losses but has resulted from effort intelligently applied, and the generous use which he has made of his means in assisting others marks him as a man of kindly spirit who recognizes the obligations and responsibilities of wealth. In all of his business affairs he has been considerate of others. His has never been the command of the tyrant to go, but the call of the leader to come, and he possesses many traits admirable and worthy of all praise.

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#### HON. OLE T. TOFSRUD.

Hon. Ole T. Tofsrud has been prominently identified with the interests of North Dakota. Three times he has been a member of the general assembly, active in framing constructive legislation, and with commercial and financial interests he has also been prominently associated, being now president of the Security Bank of Rugby. The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of North Dakota without learning how valuable has been the contribution of Norwegian citizenship to the upbuilding of the commonwealth. Mr. Tofsrud is among those who have had their nativity or trace their ancestry to the land of the midnight sun. He was born in Norway, November 24, 1864, a son of Torgus and Barbro (Hagen) Tofsrud, who were also natives of that country, whence in the spring of 1882 they sailed for the new world, establishing their home in Portland, North Dakota. After a year they removed to Church's Ferry in Benson county, where the father filed on a homestead on which he still resides.

Ole T. Tofsrud pursued his education in the public schools of his native land and after coming to the United States he served as janitor of a school of Portland and also continued his studies at the same time. Ambitious to make progress along intellectual lines, he afterward matriculated in the seminary at Willmar, Minnesota, and also became a student at the Bruflat Academy at Portland. He was eighteen years of age when he came to the new world, his uncle, Tore Peterson, of Portland, sending him sixty-four dollars with which to pay his passage. This he repaid the first year, earning the money by work as a farm hand and as a thresher. In 1885, after attaining his majority, he filed on a preemption of one hundred and sixty acres in Pierce county. He and Torger Gronvold were the first men to file on land in what is now Barton township, that county, Mr. Tofsrud securing the southeast quarter of section 13. He lived upon his claim for three years and two years of that time there were crop failures. He then went west, securing the position of time-keeper on the construction of the Great Northern Railway. He was thus employed in connection with the building of the road from the western slope of the Rocky Mountains to the Columbia river. Later he returned to Pierce, North Dakota, having in the meantime



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saved from his earnings about a thousand dollars. He was next employed for a time as second man in an elevator at Barton and in 1893 the county, appreciative of his worth and ability, elected him to the office of county treasurer and he removed to Rugby to there discharge his duties. He had served for only one term when he was nominated and elected a member of the state legislature and he was reelected in 1895. In 1907 he was once more chosen for the office, so that his service in the general assembly has covered three terms. While in that body he very carefully studied the questions which came up for consideration and gave his support to those bills which he believed would prove efficacious laws if put upon the statute books of the state. In 1895 he opened a general merchandise store in Rugby, where he conducted business for eight years, and for the past twenty-five years he has also been engaged in farming. He owns seven hundred and twenty acres of land in Pierce county and from his property derives a substantial annual income. In 1909 he became one of the dominant factors in the organization of the Security Bank of Rugby and was made president of that institution, which position he now fills. He is also president of the Walhalla Building Association and he is connected with several organizations of a semi-public character.

In 1898 Mr. Tofsrud was united in marriage to Miss Rodna Hiller of Pierce county, who is a native of Norway. To them have been born four children, namely: Bertha, Tilda, Rachael and Lillian. Mr. Tofsrud and his family are members of the Lutheran Free church and his political allegiance has always been unfalteringly given to the republican party, for he believes that its principles contain the best elements of good government. He is now serving as president of the school board of Rugby and as president of the Pierce County Agricultural Association. He is a member of the Sons of Norway and has always been willing to do everything in his power to aid his fellow countrymen. He possesses the characteristic industry, reliability and progressiveness which have ever marked the sons of Norway and through his determination and force of character he has worked his way upward from a humble position in the business world to a place of affluence.

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#### ANDREW H. CLEMENSON.

Andrew H. Clemenson, who is successfully engaged in farming on section 25, Warren township, Cass county, is one of the excellent citizens of North Dakota, who claim Norway as their native land. He was born on the 18th of September, 1858, and is a son of Henry and Bertha (Arves) Clemenson, who in 1870 emigrated with their family to the United States, settling in Faribault, Minnesota, where the father followed his trade, that of shoe-making, until June, 1871, when the family came to the Red River valley in North Dakota, being among the first to settle in that region. He located on section 30, Stanley township, Cass county, on land which he entered as a homestead claim as soon as the homestead law went into effect. At that time eighty acres was the most which could be taken up as a homestead but he subsequently filed on a quarter section as a preemption and a number of years later bought another quarter section, becoming the owner of four hundred acres in all. The first home of the family in this state was a log cabin, which was covered with a sod roof, and there were the usual hardships of pioneer life to be endured, but as the years passed conditions improved and land constantly increased in value. The father died on the 11th of November, 1904, but the mother is still living and makes her home with the subject of this review.

Andrew H. Clemenson attended the common schools of Norway until he accompanied his parents on their removal to this country at the age of twelve years and he continued his education in the public schools of Minnesota and North Dakota. He aided his father in the arduous task of developing a farm from the wild prairie and in so doing gained much valuable knowledge of agricultural methods. In 1882 he purchased eighty acres of land, upon which he has since resided and upon which he has made many excellent improvements. For a number of years he cultivated rented land in addition to his own farm and for the past three years he has divided his attention between the operation of his farm and the opera-

tion of the pumping station south of the Northern Pacific Railroad at Horace, which is located within a short distance of his home.

In 1879 occurred the marriage of Mr. Clemenson and Miss Mattie Olson, also a native of Norway, who came to this country in the spring prior to her marriage. To them have been born eleven children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Martha, the wife of William Qualley, a farmer of Manitoba, Canada; Olga, who married Harry Christenson, of Horace, North Dakota; Betsy, the wife of August Halvorson, a railroad man living in Gantz, Minnesota; Bertha, at home; Samuel, who is engaged in farming; Mary, who is teaching in Belfield, North Dakota; Osear, an employe of the Northern Pacific Railroad; and Arthur, at home.

Mr. Clemenson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for twelve years served as road overseer and for twenty-one years as a member of the school board, his long retention in those offices being evidence of the ability which he displayed in the discharge of his duties. He belongs to the Jungman Lodge and has many friends both within and without that organization as he is thoroughly reliable in all the relations of life and as his personal qualities are agreeable.

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#### THEODORE KALDOR.

Theodore Kaldor, of Hillsboro, a prominent representative of the legal profession in Traill county, where he has practiced continuously since admitted to the bar in 1901. His ability is evidenced by the large clientage accorded him. Moreover, his life record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, for Mr. Kaldor is a native of Traill county, his birth having occurred on his father's farm in Norway township, August 8, 1875. His parents, Christian O. and Ragnhild Kaldor, were both natives of Oier, Gudbrandsdal, Norway, and both came to the United States in 1868. They were married in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where the father followed farming for two years, and on the 22d of June, 1871, came to Traill county, where he was among the first to take up a homestead. He continued to reside thereon, his attention being given to its further development and improvement until his death, which occurred in 1909. His widow still resides upon that place.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the common schools Theodore Kaldor attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, and in 1896 was graduated from the Mayville State Normal School. He continued his education at the University of Minnesota, where he completed a course in the law department with the class of 1901, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. During vacation periods up to that time he had worked upon his father's farm and in outdoor life gained that vigor and strength which has constituted a basic element of his professional success. After thorough training for the bar he at once opened an office in Hillsboro, where he has since remained, and while advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, he has nevertheless made steady progress and his ability has gained him distinction, for in the trial of various important cases he has given proof of his resourcefulness, his comprehensive knowledge of the law and his ready and almost intuitive understanding of the workings of justice. Aside from his law practice he is interested in farming and banking, being connected with two banks and owning eight hundred acres of farm lands in this state, most of which is near his home town.

On the 27th of June, 1905, Mr. Kaldor was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Larson, a daughter of Neoli and Christine Larson, pioneer settlers of Traill county. Mr. and Mrs. Kaldor are the parents of two children, Chauncey Theodore and Harvey Nathaniel, aged respectively seven and five years.

Mr. Kaldor and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and he is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Sons of Norway. In politics he has always been a republican and on various occasions his fellow citizens have manifested their confidence in his trustworthiness and ability by electing him to public office. For six years, from 1904 until 1910, he was states attorney of Traill county, and during the past five years he has been a

member of the board of education of Hillsboro and has also been a member of the board of park commissioners since the creation of the park district four years ago, being president of the park board during the last two years. He was likewise city attorney for two years. Mr. Kaldor labors earnestly and effectively as an official and as a private citizen to further the best interests of the community in which he resides.

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LOUIS FLIGELMAN.

Louis Fligelman, the popular and able mayor of Wahpeton and also a well known dealer in farm lands, was born in Berlad, Roumania, on the 10th of May, 1869. His parents, Joseph and Theresa (Epstien) Fligelman, were lifelong residents of that country. The father, who was engaged in the leather business, was very successful, gaining financial independence. He was a member of the Jewish Synagogue. There were seven children in the family, namely: John, a merchant of Minneapolis; Herman, who is engaged in the dry goods business in Helena, Montana; Jacob, also a merchant of Helena; Fred A., a merchant of Great Falls, Montana; Louis; Jessie, the wife of David Fichman, a traveling man of New York city; and Dora, who married S. S. Singer, a merchant of Great Falls, Montana.

Louis Fligelman received his education in the schools of his native land but in 1885 came to Minneapolis with his brothers and sisters when they emigrated to the United States. In 1889 he removed to Wahpeton, North Dakota, and engaged in the land business, along which line he has gained enviable prosperity. He buys and sells land outright and has handled many valuable tracts, owning at the present time a large amount of land in Richland county. He also deals in loans and his natural business acumen and good judgment, combined with his thorough knowledge of business conditions, has made him one of the successful men of his city.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of Mr. Fligelman and Miss Helena Bessie, a daughter of Adolph Bessie and a native of New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Fligelman have become the parents of three daughters, Rosa, Henrietta and Jessica, all of whom are now attending school.

Mr. Fligelman is an adherent of the democratic party where national issues are at stake but at local elections is independent. In 1913 he was elected mayor as the choice of the people rather than as the candidate of any particular party and he has since held the office of chief executive of Wahpeton. He gives the same careful study and thought to the solution of the problems that come up in connection with the administration of the city's business that he gives to the management of his private affairs and his course in office has won the commendation of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, the beneficent principles of which guide his life. He is held in the highest esteem and his personal friends are many.

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CHRISTIAN A. SUNDET.

Christian A. Sundet devotes his time and attention to the operation of his excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres in Pleasant township, Cass county. His birth occurred in Norway on the 14th of July, 1855, and he is a son of Asle and Ora Sundet, also natives of that country. About 1855 they removed with their family to the United States and, making their way to the middle west, located in Houston county, Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming until his demise. The mother also died there. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom are living save one.

Christian A. Sundet attended the common schools of Minnesota and during the period of his boyhood and youth also devoted much time to helping his father. By the time he had reached man's estate he was well qualified to engage in farming independently and following his marriage in 1879 he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and located on his present farm on section 26, Pleasant township. The place was unimproved when it came into his

possession and his first home was a small shanty. As the years have passed he has erected fine buildings, has fenced his land and has brought it to a high state of cultivation, and he also has a grove which he planted and which is now an excellent windbreak. As he is industrious and also plans his work well he receives a gratifying financial return from his land and his capital is constantly increasing.

In 1879 occurred the marriage of Mr. Sundet and Miss Katherine Ratin, who was also born in Norway and is a daughter of S. and Martha Ratin, likewise natives of that country, who, however, emigrated to America with their family many years ago and resided here until called to their final rest. Mr. and Mrs. Sundet have eight children: Mary, the wife of Oscar Rude and a resident of Richland county, North Dakota; Sophia, who married Gilmore Dockan, of Benson county; Cornelia, the wife of Henry Johnston; Albert, who lives in Perley, Minnesota; Grant, at home; Alida, who is a graduate of the Park Region Lutheran College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and who is engaged in teaching; Viola, who is attending college; and Nina, at home.

Mr. Sundet votes the republican ticket and for a number of years served in the office of school director. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. When he came to North Dakota he was without capital but he took advantage of the opportunities offered and persevered in spite of the difficulties incident to the settlement of a new country and is now reaping the reward of his labor and determination as he is one of the substantial men of his township.

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#### KARL H. THOMTE.

Karl H. Thomte, a well known representative of mercantile interests in Lisbon, where he is conducting business as a dealer in men's clothing and furnishings, was born in Lansing, Iowa, September 23, 1875, a son of Hans and Kerrie (Hanson) Thomte, both of whom were natives of Norway, whence they emigrated to the United States in the latter part of the '60s. They first settled in Iowa but afterward homesteaded in southern Minnesota in 1878, becoming pioneer settlers of that state and experiencing all of the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier. The father was a tailor by trade and worked along that line in a little Minnesota town while his wife and children occupied and developed the homestead. Her death occurred in the spring of 1897 but Mr. Thomte is still living. They were the parents of ten children, of whom nine survive. The father is a republican in his political views and in fraternal circles is well known as a Knight Templar.

Karl H. Thomte pursued his education in the schools of Luverne, Minnesota. He then went abroad, visiting various European points, and following his return in 1902 he and his brother, John Thomte, on the 2d of November of that year purchased the established business of Sandager & Haugen, clothing merchants and pioneer business men of Lisbon. The store has since been conducted under the name of Thomte Brothers and they carry a large and complete line of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings. Their stock is attractive, ranging from low to high priced goods, and shows all that the market affords in style and workmanship. Karl Thomte is also interested in farming, having purchased seventy acres of land at Island Park, Ransom county, which he intends to devote to dairying and to the raising of chickens. His is a busy and useful life fraught with good results. He has other interests, being a director of the Lisbon Building & Loan Association and one of the promoters of the Sheyenne Valley Canning Company of Lisbon.

On the 20th of June, 1904, Mr. Thomte was married to Miss Minnie Backlund, who was born in Lisbon, North Dakota, December 6, 1884, a daughter of Nels and Louise (Anderson) Backlund, both of whom were natives of Sweden, but became residents of Lisbon in the early '70s. Mr. and Mrs. Thomte have a family of four children: Luvern, who died in childhood; Karl, born February 28, 1909; Philip, September 5, 1910; and Mary Louise, August 9, 1915.

In his political views Mr. Thomte is an earnest republican and from 1912 until 1914 served as a member of the city council of Lisbon. In May of the latter year he was elected mayor of the city and when in office his energies were directed to beautifying and improving Lisbon and its roads. He held the office for two years, refusing to become a candidate for a

second term as he felt that his entire time and attention were needed in connection with his growing and important business affairs. He was also president of the Lisbon Commercial Club during the years 1912 and 1914. He has taken a most active and helpful interest in every plan and project for the improvement and benefit of the city and was the promoter of the Ransom County Commercial Carnival, which was held in Lisbon in 1911, 1912 and 1913 and did much toward aiding in developing this section of the state. Fraternally Mr. Thomte is connected with the Masons as a member of lodge, chapter and commandery and he has filled all of the offices in the last two branches. He is a member and receiver of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Lisbon and is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife and two oldest children also belong. He stands for those things which are most worth while for the individual and for the community and his influence is always given for the advancement of the material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress of his city.

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#### CHARLES A. GROW.

Charles A. Grow has assisted in every public enterprise for the upbuilding of Minot during the years of his residence there. He was impressed with the city and its opportunities upon his first visit to Minot in 1890 and following his return to become a permanent resident he has borne active part in its development and improvement. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Lewistown, November 2, 1867, a son of William and Sarah (Willbide) Grow, both of whom were also natives of Lewistown. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1869 removed with his family to Ohio, where he became a landowner and carried on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He is now living retired in Cleveland. He served as a soldier of the Civil war in a Pennsylvania regiment, enlisting in 1863 and continuing at the front until the close of hostilities. In tracing the ancestral history of the family it is found that they are of German lineage and that the family was founded in America in the seventeenth century.

Charles A. Grow, who was the second in order of birth in a family of eight children, seven of whom are now living, attended school at Youngstown, Ohio, and pursued a three years' course in a business college there. At the age of fourteen years he began earning his living and gradually worked his way upward in business circles until at the age of sixteen years he was made manager of a clothing store in East Liverpool, Ohio, where he remained for three years. He then went to Cleveland and was employed by the J. L. Hudson Clothing Company for about two years. Later he went to Chicago and occupied a position in a clothing store of that city for a year. In September, 1889, he arrived in North Dakota and accepted a position with the Apple Clothing Company at Grand Forks, acting as manager there until 1899, and in the meantime acquiring an interest in the business. He then sold out and in 1900 established a clothing store at Cando, North Dakota, where he remained for two and one-half years. In the spring of 1902 he arrived in Minot, where he opened a clothing store, dealing in men's and boys' furnishing goods. For thirty-three years he has continuously engaged in this line of business, selling out in February, 1916, to M. G. Olson & Company, of Grand Forks. He carried a full stock of boys' and men's clothing and shoes and his well appointed store secured for him a liberal patronage because of his honorable business methods and wise management. He is a stockholder in various other business enterprises of Minot and is the owner of city property and lands in Ward county. He operates a portion of his land himself and rents the remainder, some of which pays him a dividend of twenty dollars, basing the land upon a value of one hundred dollars per acre. In former years the greater part of his attention was given to the clothing business and he ranked with the foremost merchants of the city but he is now giving his entire time to his real estate operations. His present success places him in a position far removed from that in which he was found in his boyhood days when as a lad of nine years he was selling newspapers in order to provide for his own support. Not only has he advanced materially along business lines but has also assisted in caring for his parents. There were six children younger than himself in the family and because of straitened financial conditions it was

necessary that he early start out to earn his own living. Laudable ambition has prompted him at every step in his career and gradually he has worked his way upward.

On the 25th of November, 1896, Mr. Grow was united in marriage to Miss Anna Sullivan, a native of Fargo, North Dakota, and a daughter of Timothy and Katharine Sullivan, both of whom were born in Ireland. Emigrating to the United States, they took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of North Dakota and Mr. Sullivan assisted in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad from Fargo to Bismarek. Subsequently he removed to Minnesota and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being now a land-owner and farmer of Wildrose, this state.

Fraternally Mr. Grow is connected with the Knights of Pythias at Minot, also the Masonic lodge and the Elks lodge at Minot, in which he has passed through all of the chairs. In 1915 he was a delegate to the grand lodge of Elks at Los Angeles. He has also been prominent in the Knights of Pythias and was grand chancellor of the domain of North Dakota for the years 1905 and 1906. He organized the old Commercial Club and at all times he has been actively and helpfully interested in every movement for the public good. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has done much to mold political action in this community. He served as a member of the city council of Minot and in 1915 was representative of the twenty-ninth legislative district in the general assembly in the fourteenth session. He also served with the rank of colonel on the staff of Governor Sarles in 1906 and he is now president of the board of highway commissioners through appointment of Governor Hanna. His opinions have long carried weight in the councils of his party and it is a recognized fact that he is a most public-spirited citizen, his efforts being a potent force in advancing the general welfare and in promoting movements which have had direct bearing upon the public good. On the whole, his is a notable and most creditable record. He has succeeded where thousands of others would have failed, for he has faced difficult conditions. He has never had anyone to confer with, obtained his education largely by attending night school while working in the daytime and by using every opportunity has gradually progressed. When employed as clerk, many times he had to work until three o'clock in the morning, putting the stock in order and also trimming windows at night. He possesses in marked degree the commercial sense, seeming especially fitted for business of this character. Moreover, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. When he sets out toward a goal he reaches it, and as the years have gone on his powers have grown through the exercise of effort, each day finding him able to cope with more intricate business problems and accomplish greater results.

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#### ANDREW QUINNILD.

Andrew Quinnild, who was a successful and well liked farmer residing in Pleasant township, Cass county, passed away on June 17, 1901. He was born on the 22d of November, 1847, of the marriage of Peter and Betsy Quinnild, natives of Norway, who spent their entire lives in that country. Our subject was reared and educated in his native land and remained there until he was about twenty-four years of age. In 1871 he emigrated to the United States and settled in Minnesota, whence in 1875 he came to North Dakota. He took up a homestead on section 34, Pleasant township, Cass county, and at once began to break the prairie sod and improve his farm. The first building which he erected was a log cabin with a roof covered with fir branches. For a number of years this remained the family residence, but at length he had acquired sufficient means to enable him to erect a fine frame dwelling and he also put up excellent barns and outbuildings. His place comprised two hundred and forty acres and as he brought his land to a high state of cultivation and was both energetic and practical in the operation of the farm he gained more than a competence.

Mr. Quinnild was married in Minnesota to Miss Helen Olson, likewise a native of Norway, who came to the United States in 1857. They became the parents of twelve children, namely: Peter, deceased; Ole, who is living in Hickson, North Dakota; Gustave and Bertha, both deceased; Gustave, second of the name, who is now living in Minnesota; Hannah and Peter,

deceased; Helen and Peter, both at home; Henry, who is operating the homestead; and Betsy and Alvin, at home.

Mr. Quinnild supported the republican party after becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States, but never sought public office. He was a communicant of the Lutheran church, as is his wife, and the sincerity of his faith was manifest in the integrity of his daily life. His sterling qualities commended him to the esteem and warm regard of his fellowmen and there was much sincere grief when he was called from this life. His widow survives and resides on the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, which she owns. She is well known and has many warm friends.

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L. J. JOHNSON.

As the raising of grain is the most important industry in North Dakota the elevators of the district are among the chief factors in its development and their annual business is of large volume. The Farmers elevator at Horace is one of the leading business undertakings of that town and its manager, L. J. Johnson, is recognized as a man of energy, initiative and sound judgment. He was born in Sweden on the 25th of March, 1864, and is a son of John and Mary (Larson) Johnson, the latter of whom died in that country. In 1882 the father came to the United States with two of his children and a year later our subject and a brother and sister joined the others of the family here. The father took up his residence in Grant county, Minnesota, where he lived until his death.

L. J. Johnson came to North Dakota on his arrival in this country in 1883 and located at Horace, where an uncle, P. J. Frykland, was living. At that time Mr. Johnson was in such straitened financial circumstances that he had to borrow ten cents from his uncle to buy paper and stamps in order to write home and he was in debt sixty-eight dollars for his passage money. He found work as a farm hand as soon as possible and after discharging his obligations began saving his money with the end in view of eventually purchasing land. For a number of years he farmed as a renter, but about 1905 he bought two hundred and fifty acres on sections 17 and 18, Stanley township, adjoining Horace, and has since resided upon his farm, which is all under cultivation. In addition to his activity as an agriculturist he has been engaged in buying grain for twenty-two years, devoting a great deal of his time to that work. He represented the Andrews Grain Company of Minneapolis at Horace for twenty years, while since 1914 he has been manager of the Farmers Elevator Company, which bought out the interests of the Minneapolis company at Horace. He understands the grain business thoroughly and as he keeps a close watch on all of the details of the business the enterprise has proved very successful.

In 1893 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Bertha Olson, a native of Houston county, Minnesota, by whom he has six children, Ethel, Martha, Walter, Elder, Lillian and Raymond, all at home.

The political views of Mr. Johnson coincide with the principles of the republican party, which he supports at the polls, and for fifteen years he has served as township clerk and for many years as school treasurer, proving very efficient in those capacities. He and his family hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church and seek to extend its influence in every way possible. Mr. Johnson is not only a successful farmer and business man, but is also a public-spirited citizen and in all relations of life has proved upright and honorable, thus gaining the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him.

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GILBERT J. JOHNSON.

Gilbert J. Johnson, one of the extensive real estate dealers of Wahpeton, Richland county, was born in Bristol, England, on the 8th of July, 1875, a son of David and Caroline E. (Brain) Johnson, both likewise natives of that city, the former born in 1841 and the latter in 1843. They were married there and continued to reside in England until 1881, when with

their family, they came to the United States. The father, who was a decorator, followed his trade for many years and for ten years resided in Wahpeton. He is now living retired in St. Louis. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is now a member of the Episcopal church, although while living in England he was for some time a preacher in the Wesleyan Methodist church.

Gilbert J. Johnson received his education in Birmingham, Alabama, and in Wahpeton, North Dakota, and after leaving school engaged in farming for some time, taking up a homestead in Richland county. He was later engaged in the hardware business at Christine and Wahpeton, continuing along that line until 1905, when he turned his attention to the real estate business, in which field he is still active. He buys and sells outright and has handled a great deal of valuable farm land. He owns large tracts of land in Richland county and also holds title to several thousand acres of Minnesota land. In addition to his real estate operations he is a director in the National Bank of Wahpeton and is interested financially in several other banks and in other business enterprises. Since completing his education he has been dependent upon his own resources and the enviable measure of success which he has gained is proof of his aggressiveness and his sound judgment.

On the 6th of April, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Emma E. Clemmons of Barron, Wisconsin, and a daughter of A. N. Clemmons, an early veterinarian of that town. Three children have been born to this union: Donald, Fred and Arthur, aged respectively ten, eight, and three years.

Mr. Johnson is an adherent of the republican party and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, although not an office seeker. He is well known fraternally, belonging to the Masonic blue lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery and the Shrine. He is recognized as an able and reliable business man and his personal qualities are such that he has won the warm regard of many.

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#### GILBERT H. CLEMENSON.

Gilbert H. Clemenson, who owns an excellent farm on section 30, Stanley township, Cass county, has resided in that county since pioneer times and has not only witnessed, but has been a factor in the development of the district. His birth occurred in Norway on the 26th of May, 1868, but when he was a little more than a year old he was brought by his parents, Henry and Bertha (Arves) Clemenson, to the United States, the family home being established in Faribault, Minnesota. The father, who was a shoemaker, followed his trade there for one year, but in 1870 made his way to Cass county, North Dakota, and located on land now comprised in our subject's farm. He took it up on a squatter's right, but in 1873, after the homestead law went into effect, filed on it as a homestead. Almost immediately after his arrival in Cass county he erected a log cabin, carrying the logs on his shoulder from the timber where they were cut to the cabin site. In 1871 his family joined him in this state and he continued to reside on his farm until his demise in 1904. While living in Norway he served in the army for fifteen or twenty years. His wife is still living and resides with her son Andrew.

Gilbert H. Clemenson received his education in the pioneer schools of Cass county and as like everything else in the state, the school system was in the early stages of development, his education was necessarily limited. Through assisting his father in transforming the wild prairie into a cultivated and well improved farm he not only learned much concerning agricultural methods, but also gained valuable training in industry and in the determination that surmounts all obstacles. In 1891 he began farming for himself, buying one hundred and sixty acres on time from Addison Leech. During the following three years, however, the crops throughout his part of the state were failures and as he was unable to make the payments on his land he sold his tract and for the next three years rented the home farm. In 1896 he purchased that place, which comprises two hundred and forty-three acres and which is one of the most valuable farms of the county. He keeps everything in excellent condition and as he uses up-to-date methods and employs modern machinery in his work, his labors are rewarded by excellent crops which seldom fail to bring a high price upon the market.

He also owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Horace and is one of the substantial men of his township.

In 1891 Mr. Clemenson was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Hermanson, a native of Sweden, and they have become the parents of twelve children, seven of whom survive, as follows: Adolph; Robert, who married Ella Johnson; Mabel, the wife of Alfred Johnson, who is a brother of Ella Johnson and is farming in Stanley township; Agnes; Lillian; Hedweg; and Florence. All of the children save Mabel are at home.

The family belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church and conform their lives to its teachings. Mr. Clemenson is a republican in politics, but has been too busy with his private interests to take an active part in public affairs. He is widely known throughout the county and his personal characteristics are such that his circle of friends is practically coextensive with his circle of acquaintances.

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#### JESSE D. VAN FLEET.

Jesse D. Van Fleet, a resident of Minot, is engaged in the undertaking business. He was born in Wayne county, New York, April 6, 1858, a son of Peter B. and Rachel M. (Devoe) Van Fleet, who were also natives of Wayne county, New York. The father was a contractor and builder who died about 1910, when eighty-two years of age. His wife passed away in 1907, when about seventy-eight years of age. Their family numbered five children, of whom Jesse D. was the third in order of birth. Having acquired a high school education at Fair Haven, New York, he attended the seminary at Red Creek, New York, but left school at the age of seventeen years and obtained employment in a sash and door factory, spending about four years in thoroughly learning and mastering the business. Later he was employed for about two years in a store and then went to Portland, Oregon. He became foreman in a large sash and door factory in that city, where he remained for three years, after which he returned to New York and purchased an interest in the store in which he had previously been employed, spending three years in that connection. He next went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he purchased an interest in the Jackson Street Fish Company, continuing in the business for three years.

It was then that Mr. Van Fleet came to North Dakota, making his way to Larimore, where for ten years he was in the employ of Warner & Stoltz, lumber merchants. He then engaged in the lumber and fuel business in Larimore and also conducted an undertaking establishment. Later he turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he remained until his removal to Minot in 1908. For three years, or until April, 1911, he conducted a real estate office in Minot and then purchased the C. J. Wegan undertaking business, which he has carried on successfully since. He also owns a fine farm of five hundred acres at Larimore and its rental brings to him a substantial income. He is likewise a stockholder in the Thompson Malted Food Company at Waukesha, Wisconsin, but devotes the greater part of his time to his undertaking business and to care of his lands. He is a member of the Undertakers' Association of North Dakota and is now serving a second term as vice president of the state board of embalmers, having been appointed by Governor Hanna, July 10, 1916, for a second four years term.

In 1878 Mr. Van Fleet married Miss Jennie Case, who was born near Auburn, Cayuga county, New York. Their children were: Ralph, who was born in 1887 and died at Larimore, North Dakota, in 1895; Frank, who is assistant cashier of the National Bank of Larimore; Clifford, who died in 1883, at the age of fourteen months, while the family were living at Portland, Oregon; Kitty, the wife of A. F. McLean, general agent in North Dakota for the National Life Insurance Company and a resident of Minot; and Peter B., who died in 1907 at the age of seventeen years. The wife and mother passed away April 21, 1892, and on the 28th day of June, 1894, Mr. Van Fleet wedded Mrs. John Stevens, who was born at Chatfield, Minnesota, and became one of the early residents of North Dakota. She was the widow of John Stevens, by whom she had a son, J. Floyd, who was educated at Cornell University and is now a professor in the State University at Grand Forks.

Mr. Van Fleet holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he

was passed through all the chairs. His political faith is that of the progressive republicans. He takes a most active part in the work of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as an elder for a quarter of a century. For a number of years he has been at the head of the home missionary department of his church and is looking after the funds coming to the board for supplying new churches. In fact he takes a most deep interest in all departments of the church work and does everything in his power to further moral progress. He has always felt with Lincoln that "there is something better than making a living—making a life."

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#### NILS O. BRAKKE.

Among the excellent citizens whom Norway has given to North Dakota is Nils O. Brakke, one of the extensive landowners of Normanna township, Cass county. He has not only been prominent in the agricultural development of his county, but has also been active in public affairs, having served acceptably as a member of the state legislature. His birth occurred on the 12th of September, 1845, and his parents were Ole N. and Berget S. (Swenson) Brakke, both of whom were also natives of Norway, where their entire lives were spent. Six of the eight children born to their union are still living.

Nils O. Brakke was reared at home and received his education in the public schools of his native land. In 1869, when about twenty-four years of age, he determined to try his fortune in the United States and became a resident of Houston county, Minnesota. After working as a farm hand there for three years he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, in 1872 and located upon his present home farm on section 26, Normanna township. From time to time he has invested in more land and now holds title to nine hundred acres, all of which is well improved and productive. Although he is now one of the wealthy men of his section of the state he was without capital when he came to this country and for several years had to practice close economy. His first home in North Dakota was a log cabin, and he resided therein until 1906, when he erected a fine modern residence. He gives careful attention to the management of his extensive farming interests and receives a handsome financial return from his land. He also owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Kindred, of which he is a director.

In 1869 Mr. Brakke was married in Minnesota to Miss Liv Olson, who was also born in Norway and who crossed to the United States on the same ship as her future husband. They have eight children, Bergert, Olaf, Olena, Oscar, Carrie, Engobert, Nels and Selma.

Mr. Brakke is a staunch adherent of the republican party, in whose principles he firmly believes, and he was elected as a state representative in 1908 on that ticket. He is especially interested in the welfare of the public schools and for thirty years has been a member of the school board, doing much in that time to promote educational progress in the county. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church, the teachings of which govern their conduct in all relations of life. He has a wide acquaintanceship throughout his section of the state and is recognized as a leading citizen of his county.

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#### GEORGE D. WOOD.

George D. Wood is agent for the Minnesota, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railroad at Burlington and is making a creditable record in that connection, gaining the commendation of his superiors because of his efficient discharge of his duties. He was born in Egg Harbor, Wisconsin, April 25, 1886, a son of Joseph and Anna (Phillips) Wood, the former born in Buckinghamshire, England, and the latter in New York state. The father emigrated to the United States in young manhood and eventually removed to Rapid River, Michigan, where the mother died in 1908. He passed away in Burlington in 1912 and both are buried at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

George D. Wood, who is an only child, attended school at Rapid River, Michigan, completing the high school course. He remained at home until 1904, when he entered the employ

of the Soo Line at Rapid River as assistant agent, in which capacity he continued for a year. He then learned telegraphy and in 1905 accepted a position as operator at Courtenay, North Dakota, where he remained until 1906, when he was made agent at Ambrose, this state. At the end of eight months he was transferred to Lintonville, Minnesota, as relief agent and two months later was stationed at Watkins, that state, where he remained for a year. At the end of that time in 1908 he was made agent at Burlington and has since held that position. He is always courteous in his dealings with the patrons of the road and manages wisely the interests entrusted to him.

On the 7th of January, 1908, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Louise Greenwood, who was born in Minnesota, of the marriage of Frank and Roselina (Carroll) Greenwood, both natives of Missouri. The father removed with his family to Watkins, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. He was also city marshal and was well known and highly esteemed in the community. He is now residing in Harvey, North Dakota, and is in the employ of the Soo Line. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have three children: Joseph Harland, four years of age; George Frank; and Marian.

Mr. Wood gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but has never sought office, his railroad duties having required his undivided time and attention. The principles which guide his life are found in the teachings of the Congregational church, to which he belongs, and his fraternal connection is with the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. His life has been one of continued and useful activity and his enterprise and good judgment insure still greater success in the future.

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#### HARRY STEPHEN OLIVER.

On the list of Lisbon's honored dead appears the name of Harry Stephen Oliver, who was born at Mayville, New York, July 27, 1855, and died May 20, 1909. In the early '80s he had removed to Ransom county, becoming a resident of Lisbon and a farmer on the fertile prairies of that district. His intense activity and his inborn love of labor soon made him a foremost promoter of the development and improvement of the county and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, conferred upon him various honors which he well merited and which he wore with becoming modesty. He was elected a member of the territorial legislature of Dakota as well as of the state legislature following the division and he wielded a powerful influence in the politics of the fourth judicial district. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster of Lisbon and made a creditable record in that position. He was an active leader in civic affairs and at all times stood for those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. For a considerable period he served on the board of education and instituted various progressive movements and reforms along educational and other lines. He was also a member and president of the Oakwood Cemetery Association and did much to beautify and adorn the city of the dead. Every phase of his character served to establish him in high regard and endear him to those with whom he was closely associated.

On the 25th of June, 1879, Mr. Oliver was married to Miss Florence Waterhouse, who was born at Exeter, Maine, January 24, 1856, a daughter of Dr. A. and Sarah (Alden) Waterhouse, both of whom were born and reared in Maine. In 1859 they removed with their family to Portland, Maine, where the father engaged in the active practice of his profession until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he became chief surgeon with the division under General George H. Thomas and remained in that connection until the close of hostilities. When the war ended he went to Jamestown, New York, where he continued in the active practice of medicine until his death, which occurred January 3, 1893. His wife, Mrs. Sarah (Alden) Waterhouse, was a descendant of the famous John Alden who figured so prominently in the early history of Massachusetts. She died June 17, 1889. In their family of three children Mrs. Oliver was the second and by her marriage she became the mother of three children: Katherine, who was born April 7, 1881, and died in 1883; Frederick A., who was born November 12, 1884, and is a graduate of the Dakota State College, now practicing law at Lisbon and living with his mother; and Harry W., who was born May 24, 1886. He was

graduated June 7, 1915, from the George Washington University of Washington, D. C., with the M. D. degree and died in January, 1916.

It was on the 20th of May, 1909, in Lisbon, that the husband and father, Harry S. Oliver, passed away and in his death Lisbon lost one of its most valued citizens, his associates a faithful friend and his family a devoted husband and father. He was of a genial and joyous nature, being loved by all who came in contact with him, and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him. He enjoyed in fullest measure the confidence and love of his Masonic brethren. He was made a Mason in Mount Moriah Lodge of Jamestown, New York, September 15, 1876, and became a charter member of Sheyenne Valley lodge of Lisbon. He was exalted in Valley Point Chapter, R. A. M., at Cuba, New York, becoming a charter member of the Lisbon chapter and its high priest in 1894. He was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery at Valley City, North Dakota, and became a charter member of Ivanhoe Commandery, K. T., of Lisbon, of which he was eminent commander for five years. He was also eminent grand commander of North Dakota during 1906. He was an early member of the Lisbon Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R., which found in him an active worker, and in 1898 he became a member of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He also belonged to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America and in the latter was one of the most prominent of the state officers and also a member of the sovereign body, while of the insurance commission of that order he was a member. His nature was largely expressed in his love of dumb animals and of flowers. Strong and forceful, he was at the same time gentle, courteous and kindly, and the beauty and simplicity of his daily life won for him the high honor and lasting regard of all.

Mrs. Oliver still makes her home in Lisbon and, like her husband, has exerted a widely felt influence over public thought and action. She was state president of the Woman's Federation of Clubs from 1902 until 1906 and federation secretary from 1906 until 1910. She is likewise a member of Minerva Chapter, No. 63, O. E. S., in which she has held several offices. She is now the secretary of the Lisbon public library, is a member of the Civic League of the city and of the First Presbyterian church of Lisbon, in which she is secretary of the board of trustees. She takes an active and helpful interest in all branches of church work and in all those forces which work for the uplift and betterment of the individual.

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SANDER E. LEE.

Sander E. Lee, cashier and one of the directors of the Gwinner State Bank at Gwinner, Sargent county, was born at Gol Hallingdal, Norway, on the 8th of November, 1875. His education was partly acquired in his native country where he remained until he reached the age of seventeen years and then sailed from Christiania for the United States, landing at New York. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast, but at once made his way across the country to Iowa and established his home near Sioux Rapids owing to the fact that he had relatives living in that locality. He there obtained his English education and remained in that locality for about eleven years. During that period he had engaged to some extent in farming, part of the time on his own account, and he there also learned the creamery business and conducted a creamery in that district. For one year he was connected with a general merchandising store at Wyndmere, North Dakota, to which place he removed in 1904. After living there for a year he organized the Wyndmere Creamery Company of which he was made manager for two years, but at the end of that time he turned his attention to the banking business, becoming assistant cashier of the Bank of Wyndmere, in which connection he continued for nine months.

At the end of that period Mr. Lee removed to Gwinner in November, 1907, and took charge of the Gwinner State Bank as cashier. This bank was organized in 1904 with a capital stock of \$10,000.00, its first officers being T. F. Marshall, president; A. N. Carlblom, vice president; J. E. Boundy, cashier, with F. W. Vail and H. C. McCarthy also on the board of directors. The present officers are A. N. Carlblom, president; H. H. Berg, of Milnor, vice president; S. E. Lee, cashier, and E. O. Johnson, assistant cashier. The capital stock of the company was increased to \$20,000.00 in 1912 and the surplus and undivided profits now

aggregate \$4,000.00. Moreover, in 1911 they built a new bank building at a cost of \$8,500.00 which is very complete in its equipment. In addition to his bank interests Mr. Lee is connected with farming and now cultivates a half section of land of which one hundred and sixty acres are in White Stone Hill township, Sargent county, and the other tract of one hundred and sixty acres is in Roseau county, Minnesota. He wisely and carefully directs his business interests and is winning therefrom a substantial measure of success.

On the 7th of May, 1908, Mr. Lee was married in Sioux Rapids, Iowa, to Miss Lyda Anderson, who was born near that city March 16, 1884. They have become the parents of three children, Emmet, Sylvan and Margaret. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and are much esteemed by reason of their sterling worth throughout the community in which they live. In his political views Mr. Lee is an earnest republican and active in township and county affairs, having filled a number of offices the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He is regarded as a valuable addition to the business circles of Sargent county for he is active with those men whose efforts are constituting a strengthening force in the development and upbuilding of the district.

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#### SAM HANSON.

Sam Hanson, manager of the Great Western elevator at Horace, North Dakota, is a representative business man of the town and under his management the interests of the elevator company have been carefully safeguarded. He was born in Norway on the 6th of January, 1869, a son of Hans Jacobson, who passed his entire life in that country.

Sam Hanson was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools of Norway in the pursuit of an education. In 1886, however, when seventeen years of age, he left his native land and crossed the Atlantic to the United States, subsequently continuing his journey westward to North Dakota. He located at Horace and for a number of years worked as a farm hand but at length purchased a threshing outfit, which he operated for five or six years. In 1897 he began his career as a grain buyer and for five years represented the Monarch Elevator Company at Horace, but in 1902 assumed charge of the business of the Great Western Elevator Company at Warren. The following year, however, he was transferred to Horace and for the past twelve years has had charge of the Great Western elevator there. As he understands every phase of the grain business and as he gives the closest attention to the management of the elevator, the volume of its trade has grown and it has returned good dividends to its owners.

In 1896 occurred the marriage of Mr. Hanson and Miss Albertina Jenson, also a native of Norway, and they have had six children, but two are deceased, those surviving being: K. Cecelia, Adelia H., Reynold S., and Hedwig.

Mr. Hanson is a republican in politics and for four years has served as justice of the peace. He is also president of the school board, proving capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties in those capacities. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he holds the office of clerk. He and his family hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church and the sincerity of their religious faith is indicated in the uprightness of their daily lives. Mr. Hanson takes a commendable interest in matters pertaining to the advancement of his community, and his public spirit is one of his strongest characteristics.

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#### JOHN D. GRAY.

John D. Gray, who has contributed to the development of commercial interests at Valley City as secretary and general manager of the John D. Gray Company, retail merchants, is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of enterprise that never recognizes the possibility of failure or defeat. Persistency of purpose has enabled him to overcome all obstacles and difficulties and through orderly progression he has advanced steadily to success. He was born

at Boscobel, Wisconsin, on the 19th of August, 1874, a son of Jonathan and Susan (Bowles) Gray, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of England. When a young man Jonathan Gray removed to Wisconsin, where he followed farming in the vicinity of Boscobel, meeting with substantial success in his undertakings. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom John D. was the youngest. The father was called to his final rest in 1911 when seventy-eight years of age.

John D. Gray accompanied the family on their removal from Wisconsin to Iowa in 1882, at which time the father purchased a farm which he cultivated and developed until 1890 and then sold that property, removing to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1892. John D. Gray was at that time eighteen years of age. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools he started out in the business world as a clerk in a grocery store. He entered the employ of Yerxa Brothers, with whom he continued for two years, after which he was for thirteen years with the wholesale grocery house conducted under the name of the P. H. Kelly Company, which he represented as a clerk and afterward upon the road as a traveling salesman. Ambitious to engage in business for himself, he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him in 1905 to embark in the grocery trade on his own account at Valley City. He entered into partnership with H. M. Velzey, with whom he continued for about two years, and when Mr. Velzey withdrew Mr. Gray organized the John D. Gray Company, the first president being G. L. Farnham, who later was succeeded by General A. P. Peake. Mr. Gray became secretary and general manager of the organization and has so continued. The building which the company occupies was erected for it by George M. Young and is leased by the John D. Gray Company. It has a frontage of seventy-five feet on Fifth avenue and a depth of one hundred feet, with a basement under the entire building. The upper story is now leased for offices. Originally the company handled only groceries, but has added a stock of dry goods and theirs is one of the important retail houses in the southeastern part of the state.

On the 7th of January, 1903, Mr. Gray was married to Miss Cora Dwight, daughter of Charles A. and Sybil Dwight, of Benson, Minnesota. They had two children, but both died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Congregational church and he is a Royal Arch Mason and also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a clean-cut, enterprising business man, genial and courteous in manner, obliging in disposition, at all times reliable and at all times alert to the opportunities for the attainment of success. He carries a full line of high class groceries and dry goods, his store is characterized by scrupulous cleanliness and the goods are systematically and tastefully arranged. Laudable ambition has carried Mr. Gray into important relations and one of the strong elements of his success is the fact that he has always continued in the business in which he embarked as a young salesman.

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#### EDWARD HUNGER.

Edward Hunger, who was president of the Citizens National Bank of Hankinson, was also a large landowner in Richland county and was recognized as one of its leading business men. He was born in Rosenau, Germany, on the 13th of March, 1845, a son of Carl and Carolina Hunger, both of whom died when he was but a child. He received his education in the common schools and in his young manhood emigrated to the United States and made his way to Richland county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead. At that time settlers were few and far between and the work of development had scarcely been begun. He brought his land under cultivation and made a number of improvements upon his homestead and subsequently took up a tree claim, which he held for nine years. In 1888 he removed to Hankinson and after spending a year in travel he engaged in merchandising, which occupied his time and attention for eighteen years. In 1906 he established the Citizens National Bank, of which he remained the head until his death. The institution is capitalized for thirty thousand dollars, has a surplus of ten thousand dollars and average deposits of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. Its rapid and substantial growth was due in large measure to the sagacity and business acumen of its president. He was also one of the

largest landowners in Richland county, owning many farms, comprising over fifteen hundred acres of excellent land.

Mr. Hunger was married in 1868 to Miss Anna Hochheuser, a native of Germany, who died in 1892, leaving a son, F. O., who is now postmaster at Hankinson. In 1895 Mr. Hunger was married a second time, Miss Anna Johnson becoming his wife. She was born in Norway, but came to this state from Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Mr. Hunger was an adherent of the republican party and for fourteen years served on the city council, while for some time he was a member of the school board, proving in both capacities able and conscientious. His widow belongs to the Congregational church and takes an active interest in its work. The principles which governed his conduct may be gathered from the fact that he was a member of the Masonic order. He began to provide for his own support when still a boy and thereafter depended upon his own resources and the financial independence which he gained was proof of his energy and wise management. His honor and reputation were beyond reproach, and his word was as good as his bond. He was honored and respected by all who knew him and in his death, which occurred July 20, 1916, the community lost one of its most prominent and best known citizens.

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#### EMIL EMANUEL.

Emil Emanuel, one of the leading business men of Berthold, is conducting a hardware and furniture store and is also engaged in the undertaking business. He was born in Germany on the 2d of July, 1867, a son of Charles and Elenore (Aker) Emanuel, the former born in 1832 and the latter ten years later. The father served the required time in the German army and was for a number of years overseer of a large estate in the fatherland. In 1867 he emigrated with his family to the United States and settled in Princeton, Wisconsin, whence he removed to Augusta, that state, where he passed away in 1906. His wife survives and still resides there.

Emil Emanuel, who was the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children, attended the grammar and high schools in Augusta, Wisconsin, and when sixteen years of age began working for his brother, who was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Milbank, South Dakota. After remaining there for seven years he returned to Wisconsin and for eight years conducted a wholesale liquor business. Later for three years he and his brother operated a meat market in Augusta, but in 1906 he came to Berthold, North Dakota, where he has since resided. For two years he followed agricultural pursuits and then purchased the hardware, furniture and undertaking business which he has since conducted. He understands the problems that confront the retail merchant, follows up-to-date methods and carries a large stock and as a result his patronage is large and profitable. He has disposed of his farm and concentrates his energies upon the development of his mercantile interests.

Mr. Emanuel was married on the 25th of September, 1885, to Miss Rose Berger, of Augusta, Wisconsin, a daughter of August and Eve Berger, natives of Germany, where the father passed away. He followed the occupation of farming and in young manhood served the required time in the German army. The mother removed to Augusta, Wisconsin, in 1888 and died there in 1914. To Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel have been born six children. Herman A., who owns a meat market in Berthold, was married in December, 1915, to Miss Freda Hoganson, of Bingham, Montana. Emil A., who is assisting his father, was married in 1913 to Miss Kate Whitman, of Berthold. Delia M. is the wife of Arthur Washburn, a telegraph operator on the Great Northern Railway. Harvey W. follows the tinner's trade and also assists in his father's store. He married Mildred Fredrickson and has two children, Verna and Bruce. Arthur F. is likewise associated with his father in business. Eva is a graduate of the Berthold grammar and high schools and is at home.

Mr. Emanuel supports the candidates and measures of the democratic party at the polls, and in religious faith is a German Lutheran. He is well known fraternally belonging to Lodge No. 1089, B. P. O. E., of Minot. Lodge No. 6, K. P., of Minot, the Modern Brotherhood of America, of Berthold and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Berthold, in

which he has passed through all the chairs. He is energetic, progressive and sound of judgment, which qualities have enabled him to gain a gratifying measure of prosperity, and his genuine worth is acknowledged by all who know him.

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#### THOMAS FITZMAURICE.

Thomas Fitzmaurice, an agricultural implement dealer of Mohall, and a representative farmer and pioneer citizen of Renville county, was born in Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada, on the 5th of January, 1870, and is a son of Edward and Frances (Stokes) Fitzmaurice, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of their son, Dr. E. S. Fitzmaurice.

When a lad of ten years Thomas Fitzmaurice accompanied his parents on their removal from Canada to the United States, at which time a location was made in Pembina. On reaching manhood he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the old homestead but for some years thereafter continued to cooperate with his father in the development of his farming enterprises. In 1901 Thomas Fitzmaurice homesteaded in what is now Renville county, four miles north of Mohall, and upon the property which he thus secured he continued to reside until 1908. During the intervening period he bought more land, adding other tracts adjoining his original holdings until 1908, at which time he was the owner of six quarter sections in one body, or nine hundred and sixty acres. Since then he has added another quarter section to his holdings and is today one of the extensive landowners of his part of the state. In the fall of 1908 he took up his abode in Mohall and established an agricultural implement business. In the intervening period of eight years he has built up an extensive trade and his patronage is now very large and gratifying, so that his annual sales reach a profitable figure. During a portion of this time he continued to operate his farm lands but has recently placed a tenant on his holdings.

In 1905 Mr. Fitzmaurice was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Clifford, of Mohall, who was born in Iowa, and they have one son, Thomas C. Mr. Fitzmaurice votes with the democratic party but has never been an aspirant for public office. He has membership with the Knights of Columbus and he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic faith. They are greatly esteemed by reason of their genuine worth and Mr. Fitzmaurice has won a most creditable position in business circles, steadily working his way upward through ability and energy and winning that prosperity which is the merited reward of persistent and honorable labor.

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#### HAAKEN HAAKENSEN.

Among the many self-made men who have found in North Dakota opportunity for gaining success is Haaken Haakenson, who owns an excellent farm on section 2, Normanna township, Cass county. A native of Norway, his birth occurred in Endresong on the 23d of November, 1842. His father, Haaken Johnson, died in the land of the midnight sun.

Haaken Haakenson was educated in the common schools of his native country and continued to reside there until 1869, in which year he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. For three months he remained in Rock Prairie, Wisconsin, and then went to Mitchell county, Iowa, where he lived for six years, working during that time as a farm hand. He practiced the strictest economy and was able to save enough money to buy a yoke of oxen, with which he drove through to North Dakota in 1875. He was seven weeks in making the trip and went as far as Goose river, but not finding any desirable land in that part of the state, he returned to Cass county, arriving in Fargo in July. At that time his sole capital was five dollars and he not only had to support himself, but to provide for a wife and three children. He located on eighty acres of his present farm, which he filed on as a preemption claim, but as he was unable to make the payments thereon he later changed it to a homestead. In the meantime a law had been passed permitting a person to file on one hundred and sixty acres as a homestead and he accordingly took up another eighty acres, making his farm a quarter section.



THOMAS FITZMAURICE



The first residence of the family in this state was a log cabin fourteen by sixteen feet, with a sod roof, and later when his mother came from Norway to make her home with him he built an addition eight by twelve feet. After living in that cabin for fifteen years Mr. Haakenson erected his present substantial and commodious residence. He added two hundred acres to his holdings, but has since sold forty acres, his present farm comprising three hundred and twenty acres. The land is all in a high state of cultivation and yields good crops annually, which find a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Haakenson was married in Norway, the spring before emigrating to this country, to Miss Carrie Knudson. Ten children have been born to this union, but two are now deceased, those surviving being: Caroline, the wife of Henry Huseby, of Normanna township, this county; Osta, the wife of Martin Stenberg, also a resident of Normanna township; Anna, who married Andrew J. Bjerke, a lumber dealer of Sharon, this state; Knute, at home; Christine, the wife of John Stenberg, who is engaged in the butcher business in Fargo; Hilda J., the wife of Oscar Tostrud, of Fargo; Carl, also residing in Fargo; and Henry, who with his brother Knute is operating the home farm. The two brothers are also stockholders in the Farmers Elevator Company of Horace and in St. Luke's Hospital of Fargo.

The family belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church, the work of which they further in every way possible, and their lives are guided by its teachings. In developing and improving his farm Mr. Haakenson has contributed to the agricultural development of his county as well as to his individual success and he is justly considered one of its valued citizens.

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#### DAVID ARTHUR DINNIE.

David Arthur Dinnie is a prominent contractor who has erected most of the larger buildings at Minot. In this connection he has gained a prominent place in business circles, but his name has become perhaps even more widely known throughout the country as the owner of pacing horses with world records. He was born in Ontario, Canada, August 1, 1865, a son of John and Mary (Gow) Dinnie, who were natives of Edinburg, Scotland, in which country they were reared and married. Crossing the Atlantic about 1840, they settled in Canada, where the father, who made farming his life occupation, died in 1900. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1868. They were the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom reached adult age.

David Arthur Dinnie, the youngest of the family, practically had no educational opportunities and he has learned his life's lessons in the school of experience. He left his father's home in April before attaining his tenth year and was employed on farms until fourteen years of age. On the 3d of April, 1893, he made his way to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and in that locality was employed at farm labor for two years. He afterward began learning the brick maker's trade with his brothers and in 1899 he took up the work of general contracting at Grand Forks, continuing in the business there until January 24, 1901, when he removed to Minot and disposed of his interests at Grand Forks, where he had owned the land that now constitutes the fair grounds at that place and which he sold to the fair association. He removed to Minot because of the promising outlook of the town and at once established business as a contractor. He has erected practically all of the larger buildings that have been put up in the city since that time and he has acquired a large amount of Minot real estate, including both residence and business property. The important nature of his work is indicated in the fact that he was awarded the contract for the erection of the State Normal School, the International Harvester Company building, the high school and other prominent structures and is now engaged in the building of the Parker Hotel. In 1906 he became interested in fine driving stock and at this time owns the champion father and daughter of the world, Don Denmore, with a record of 2:02 1-4, and Sayde Denmore, with a record of 2:02. He has altogether about thirty head of fine draft horses and other splendid stock, including fourteen head of standard bred horses. He came to North Dakota with less than a dollar and he is now one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of the western part of the state. His property interests in Minot include the Dinnie flats and also ground one hundred by one hundred and forty feet on which his stables have been built. He trains and develops his

horses in Minot and he may be justly proud of the fact that two of his animals have made world records in pacing. His racing interests, however, are merely a diversion with him, although he is a thorough horseman and splendid judge of horse flesh. He keeps his stock merely for pastime and pleasure.

On the 1st of February, 1893, Mr. Dinnie was married to Miss Elizabeth Delaney, who was born at Henderson, Minnesota, a daughter of Timothy and Margaret Delaney, who in 1882 took up their abode upon a farm south of Arvilla, North Dakota, where the father still resides, but the mother passed away in 1912.

In politics Mr. Dinnie is a republican, but is without aspiration for office. He belongs to the Elks lodge and also to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Minot. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance in this part of the state and he is most highly esteemed where best known. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished and his life record proves what may be done by an individual of resolute will and purpose who is not afraid of hard work.

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#### HARRY C. EDBLOM.

Harry C. Edblom, publisher of the Prairie Press at Gwinner, was born in Litchfield, Minnesota, May 27, 1890, a son of Charles and Hanna (Johnson) Edblom, who reside in the vicinity of Litchfield. For a long period the father was engaged in the real estate business but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Harry C. Edblom obtained his education in the schools of Litchfield and there resided until 1908, when he left home and went to Frazee, Minnesota. He had previously learned the printer's trade and when eighteen years of age he accepted the position of foreman on the Free Press of Frazee, remaining in that connection for a year and a half. He was next employed in the office of the Headlight at Staples, where he remained for a year and a half, and on the expiration of that period came to Gwinner, North Dakota, where he worked on the Prairie Press for a time. He afterward purchased the paper, put in new equipment and now has the best equipped printing office in Sargent county and the only full page press in the county. He is making good here, giving to the public an attractive news sheet, and his circulation and advertising patronage are constantly increasing. In addition to his journalistic connections Mr. Edblom is interested in insurance and other lines of business. He makes his newspaper publication, however, his foremost interest and has the record of having issued the largest paper in the state of North Dakota. The Prairie Press was organized June 20, 1908, at Crete, and was printed at Wahpeton, North Dakota, its owner being Edward W. Spencer, who conducted it for a year and a half. He then removed to Gwinner, where he established a small newspaper plant, conducting the business until he sold out to Mr. Edblom on the 1st of March, 1913. The new equipment that has been added by Mr. Edblom cost about thirty-five hundred dollars and there is no phase of the business that does not indicate his progressive spirit and enterprise.

In his political views Mr. Edblom is a republican and his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. He is a very progressive business man, alert, wide-awake and enterprising, and his interests are of a character that contribute to public progress as well as to individual success.

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#### WILLIAM J. CARROLL.

William J. Carroll is the owner of Minot property and farm lands and his life record is indicative of the opportunities offered in this state, for his success has all practically been attained since he took up his abode within its borders. He was born at Inverness, Canada, February 16, 1862, a son of James and Mary (Rady) Carroll. The mother's birth occurred at New Ireland, Canada, while the father's birth occurred in the country of Ireland, whence he came to the new world when seven years of age. He made farming his life work and died

in Canada about 1900. His widow still resides in that country. They had a family of fifteen children, of whom William J. is the eldest.

After attending the public schools of Canada, William J. Carroll left home when a youth of seventeen and began working for others in the woods and in sawmills in Vermont and New Hampshire. He arrived in North Dakota in 1883 and was employed on a farm near Mayville until he became engaged in business at that place. In February, 1887, he removed to Minot, where he purchased property and established a bakery, but on the same day his establishment was destroyed by fire, causing him a loss of two thousand dollars. He then went overland to Williston, where he took a steambot and returned to Fort Benton, driving from there to Great Falls. In the fall of 1887 he again arrived at Minot, where in connection with E. K. Sykes he engaged in business, which claimed his time and energies for ten years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the business of shipping cattle and horses to eastern markets and is still active in that field of labor. In 1899 he purchased a ranch on the Knife river, where he engaged in the stock business for a number of years, having at times as many as two thousand head of stock on his place. He discontinued the conduct of his ranch, however, about 1905, although he continued to deal in range horses until 1915, when the range was opened to settlement. He is the owner of business and residence property in Minot and in 1909 he built the Carroll flats, which are unfurnished apartments. He also has other property and is still the owner of farm lands in this state. His business affairs have steadily grown in volume and importance and he is accounted one of the leading and representative business men of his city.

On the 13th of January, 1893, Mr. Carroll was united in marriage to Miss Stella Hopper, a native of Green Island, Iowa, and a daughter of James J. and Julia (Elder) Hopper, who were born in Indiana and Iowa respectively. Mr. Hopper engaged in merchandising and also in the live stock business. His wife died during the infancy of their daughter and by the father's death she was left an orphan when twelve years of age. She attended the high school at Maquoketa, Iowa, and was one of the first school teachers of Ward county, teaching in a little log schoolhouse into which the gophers would frequently creep, sitting up on the floors and benches as though listening to the proceedings of the pupils. When the school grew large enough to require the services of two teachers, Mrs. Carroll and Mr. C. A. Johnson, now editor of the *Optic-Reporter*, were in charge. Mrs. Carroll is a lady of broad mind, liberal views and marked culture and has done much to mold the high intellectual and social standards of the community. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, namely: Ruth, who is a graduate of the Minot high school, attended the State University of North Dakota at Grand Forks for two years and is now a student in the University of Minnesota; and William Glenn, who has attended the College of St. Thomas at St. Paul and Shattuck Military School at Faribault, Minnesota. He is now at the Mexican border with the First North Dakota regiment.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carroll hold membership in the Episcopal church. The former is a life member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Minot and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to Lodge No. 1089 of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Minot, being the third to join the organization at Grand Forks and becoming one of the first Elks in the state. Mrs. Carroll belongs to the Ladies Relief Corps, the Pythian Sisters and the Musical Club, the last named being a woman's organization at Minot. In politics Mr. Carroll is a stalwart republican and for four years, from 1898 until 1902, served as sheriff of the county. He and his family are most widely and favorably known in Minot and that part of the state and are accounted among its most valued residents.

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#### OLE A. KALDOR.

Ole A. Kaldor, the present efficient and popular county treasurer of Traill county, is one of the best known residents of Hillsboro. His birth occurred in Norway on the 8th of May, 1873, and he is a son of Anders and Anna Kaldor, also natives of that country. The family removed to America in 1873 and coming at once to the northwest, located on a homestead in Traill county, North Dakota. The father devoted his time to the improvement and oper-

ation of that place until 1910, when he removed to Hillsboro, where both he and his wife are now living, enjoying a period of leisure made possible by their former efficient labor. Four of their seven children survive and all are residents of Traill county.

Ole A. Kaldor attended the common schools in the acquirement of his early education and was later a student in a business college at Minneapolis. He remained on the home farm until he became of age and then went to Ward county, this state, where he filed on a homestead. Through assisting his father with the work of the home farm he became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits and was very successful in the cultivation of his land. At the end of eight years he sold that place and, returning to Traill county, purchased the Kaldor homestead on section 20, Norway township, which comprises two hundred and forty acres of splendidly improved land. After living there for three years he removed to Hillsboro, where he has since resided. He is now filling the office of county treasurer and is making an excellent record in that capacity, being systematic, prompt and accurate in the discharge of his duties. His integrity has always been above question, and the confidence which his constituents have placed in him is well deserved.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. Kaldor and Miss Lena Veikley, who was also born in Norway. They are the parents of three children, May Adelia, Archie J. and Floyd O. Mr. Kaldor is a staunch adherent of the republican party and has served on the school board and has held other township offices. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran Free church, and their influence is invariably given on the side of right and progress. Both have a wide acquaintance and their genuine worth is attested by the fact that those who have been the most intimately associated with them are their warmest friends.

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#### PETER VANDENOEVER.

Peter Vandenoever is engaged in the real estate business and in speculative building at Minot and his efforts along business lines have been an important element in the development and improvement of the city. He was born in Alto township, Wisconsin, May 4, 1856, his parents being Richard and Harriet (Van Mauerick) Vandenoever, both of whom were natives of Holland, in which country they were reared and married. They had a family of eight children, of whom Peter was the seventh in order of birth. In the year 1852 they crossed the Atlantic to the new world and took up their abode at Grand Island, New York, near Niagara Falls, remaining there for about two years. At the expiration of that period they removed to Alto township, Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming until 1860, when he removed with his family to Mower county, Minnesota. He died in 1893, when on his way back to his home from a visit in the old country. His death occurred in Boston and he had there been buried when his son Peter learned of it and removed the body to Dexter, Minnesota. His military record covered six years' service in the regular army in Holland. His widow survived him and passed away in Dexter, Minnesota, in 1904.

Peter Vandenoever attended school in Minnesota and made his home with his parents until twenty-four years of age, after which he began working for others as a farm hand, being thus employed until a year after his marriage. On the 1st of June, 1882, he wedded Miss Charlotte Funderhide, who was born on Greenwood Prairie, thirteen miles northeast of Rochester, Minnesota, her parents being John and Amelia (Delozier) Funderhide, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively. They became early settlers of Minnesota, in which state the father followed farming until his demise in 1883. The mother still survives at the age of eighty-seven years and makes her home at Elkton, South Dakota. They became the parents of eight children, Mrs. Vandenoever being the fifth in order of birth. She acquired her education in the district schools of Minnesota.

A year after his marriage Mr. Vandenoever became proprietor of a hotel in Dexter, Minnesota, which he conducted for about two years. He afterward dealt in grain and was manager of a lumber yard for one and one-half years and was also active in the real estate field, handled machinery and twine and had still other business interests at that place for fifteen years. During that period he purchased fifty acres of land adjoining the town and laid out two additions, known as Vandenoever's first and second additions to Dexter. He

also engaged in buying stock and continued his residence at that place until the fall of 1901, when he filed on a claim near Surrey, Ward county. On the 17th of April, 1902, he removed his family to Minot and relinquished the claim. In this part of the state, however, he purchased a large amount of land and engaged in buying and selling land and city property. He has since been engaged in the real estate business and he now has ten houses and lots in Minot and is building more, being successfully engaged in speculative building as well as in the real estate business at the present time. He now owns about eight hundred acres of farm land in this county which he rents, while he concentrates his energies upon the management of his real estate interests and his city properties. At one time he was a stockholder in the Union National Bank but has withdrawn from that organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandenoever have nine children, as follows: Maud Agnes, the wife of George Vermilya, who is engaged in the abstract business at Towner, North Dakota; Clarence Peter, residing at home, who acts as deputy sheriff of Ward county; Chester Terrence, who resides at Great Falls, Montana, is engaged in the milling business, is a stockholder in the Royal Milling Company and wedded Miss Lillian Stewart, of Everett, Washington; Josephine Mary, at home; Justin Francis, expert driver of an auto truck in the Minot fire department; Florence Amelia, at home; and Genevieve Charlotte, Enid Cecelia and Cornelia Meredith, who are also yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Vandenoever holds membership with the Yeomen, as does his wife, and he belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America, while Mrs. Vandenoever is connected with the Daughters of Isabella. Their religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Vandenoever is a stalwart republican. He is the present commissioner from the first district of Ward county, serving for the third year, and he was on the city board for six years as alderman and commissioner. As a member of the board of aldermen he served on the finance committee and on the committee on streets and bridges. He was clerk of the school board at Dexter, Minnesota, and was constable of his township at the same time. He was administrator of his father's estate, has also been chosen to administer other estates and is now acting as guardian of the children of five families. He is also serving as humane officer in Minot and he has made a most excellent record in every relation of life, holding to high standards of manhood and of citizenship.

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#### HON. ELLING SEVERSON.

Hon. Elling Severson has served as a member of the state legislature for three terms and has gained a prominent place in agricultural and business circles of Cass county. He is now president of the Farmers elevator at Kindred and owns seven hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Normanna township. His birth occurred in Dane county, Wisconsin, on the 29th of October, 1853, and he is a son of Andrew and Martha (Flatland) Severson, natives of Norway, who emigrated to the United States in 1844 and located in Wisconsin. Subsequently they removed to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where they lived until called by death. Eight of the ten children born to them are still living.

Elling Severson received a common school education and remained at home until 1880, when he removed to North Dakota and located upon his present home farm on section 3, Normanna township, Cass county. As soon as possible he brought his land under cultivation and as the years have passed he has made many excellent improvements thereon, as that place is now one of the valuable and attractive farm properties of the locality. He has bought land from time to time and now owns seven hundred and twenty acres, from which he receives a good income. He is also president of the Farmers Elevator Company at Kindred, and the success of that enterprise is due in no small measure to his energy and good judgment.

On the 3d of February, 1880, occurred the marriage of Mr. Severson and Miss Gertrude Lee. She is a native of Norway and a daughter of Nels and Ambier Lee, both of whom are deceased. By her marriage she has become the mother of the following children: Emma; Nellie; Martina, who is now teaching school; Cora, also a teacher by profession; Geneva, who is attending high school; Martius; Elmer; and four deceased.

Mr. Severson has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the

right of franchise. He has long been recognized as a leader in politics and for three terms he served ably as a member of the state legislature. He has also been on the school board and for several years was chairman of the board of supervisors. His success is proof of his foresight and enterprise, as when he came to this state he was without capital and without influential friends and as through all the intervening years he has relied upon his own resources. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county, and his personal friends are many.

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#### JOHN GREEN.

Much of the progress of a community is due to its business men and John Green, who is engaged in the hardware business in Hankinson, has contributed to the development of that town as well as gained individual success. He was born in Carver county, Minnesota, on the 9th of November, 1865, a son of John and Maggie Green, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. He came to the United States when a young man of twenty-eight years and she emigrated to this country in her girlhood. They were married in Baltimore and for a time lived in the east, where the father worked as a laborer. Subsequently they removed to Minnesota and at the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Green entered the Union army, with which he served for three years. At the close of hostilities he returned to Minnesota and from that time until his death in 1895 concentrated his energies upon farming, in which he met with gratifying success. Politically he was an adherent of the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. He was a quiet, unassuming man and his genuine worth gained him the friendship of those who knew him intimately. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth.

John Green was educated in the common schools of his native county and subsequently learned the harness maker's trade, which he followed from his seventeenth year until 1898, when he removed to Hankinson, this state. He engaged in the furniture business there on a small scale and also continued to work at his trade and as the years passed he gained prosperity. He now owns a large hardware store and as he keeps a well selected line of goods of high quality and follows a liberal business policy his patronage has grown steadily and is now of gratifying proportions. He also owns a store at New Ellington, South Dakota. His business interests are conducted under the style of Green & Son and the firm is recognized as a factor in the commercial expansion of the town.

In 1887 occurred the marriage of Mr. Green and Miss Sarah A. Poppler, also a native of Carver county, Minnesota, and they have ten children, seven sons and three daughters: E. L., a druggist of Hankinson; R. C., who is in business with his father; F. W., a druggist of New Ellington, South Dakota; Evangeline, who is studying music and art; Edwin W., who is associated with his father in business; Katherine, a high school graduate; and Walden, Lowell, Everetta and Roswyn, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Green votes the democratic ticket and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. For nine years he served on the school board and for twelve years has been a member of the city council. Fraternally he belongs to the Foresters, in which he has passed through all of the chairs and to the Knights of Columbus, while his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. He has gained the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens and there are many who hold him in warm personal regard.

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#### JAY H. MALTBY.

Jay H. Maltby, owner and publisher of the *Foran Independent News*, has been identified with that paper for about thirteen years and his work in that connection has resulted in giving to the community a newspaper of interest and value to its readers. He was born in the state of New York and there resided during his early boyhood, after which he accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Detroit, Minnesota, where he became

foreman of a newspaper known as the Detroit Record, continuing in that position for several years. When quite young he spent two years with the Bottineau Pioneer of North Dakota. In 1892 he became connected with the Milnor Teller, which he continued to publish for nine years, at the end of which time he sold the paper and removed to Buffalo, North Dakota, where he published the Buffalo Express. There he continued for six months, when he went to Davenport and published the Davenport News for two years. In July, 1903, he moved his plant to Forman and began the publication of the Forman News, the first issue being brought from the press on the 31st of July, 1903. He continued the publication of that paper until 1911 and on the 20th of October of that year he purchased the Sargent County Independent, which had been established in May, 1888. He then consolidated the two papers, bringing out the first issue of the Forman Independent News on the 20th of October, 1911. This he still publishes and has made it an attractive journal for the people of the district, being given to the dissemination of local as well as general news. Through the columns of the paper he enters upon a frank and free discussion of many important public problems and his articles are most interesting and readable and the political complexion of the paper reflects his belief in the efficacy and value of republican principles.

Mr. Maltby was married in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Miss Alice Hostetter, who was born in southern Minnesota and there continued to make her home up to the time of her marriage. They have a family of seven children: Allan J., who is now assistant editor of the paper; and Violet, Belva, George D., Floy, Francis V. and Anna, all at home.

Mr. Maltby belongs to the Masonic lodge at Milnor, of which he is a past master, and he also has membership with the Yeomen at Mapleton and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Forman. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and for four years he filled the office of justice of the peace at Forman, making a creditable record by the fair and impartial manner in which he discharged his duties and rendered his decisions. He now concentrates his entire interest in the paper and has a substantial plant, well equipped with modern machinery and presses. He is a well known newspaper man of his section of the state, his record being at all times an expression of the highest standards in newspaper publication.

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#### JOHN W. SAMUELSON.

John W. Samuelson, who established the first exclusive shoe store in Minot, in which business he is still engaged, is also identified with other commercial enterprises of the city, being the majority stockholder in the Ledstrom Furniture Company. He was likewise the builder of the Samuelson block and in many ways has contributed to the substantial improvement of the city in which he makes his home. A native of Sweden, Mr. Samuelson was born in Halmstad, July 21, 1879, a son of Samuel and Mary Anderson, who are also natives of Sweden, in which country they are still living, the father there devoting his attention to farming.

John W. Samuelson is the youngest of their four children. He attended school in Sweden but before reaching the age of seventeen years left home and crossed the Atlantic to America. He located at Merrill, Lincoln county, Wisconsin, and was employed in a shoe store for about a year. In 1897 he arrived in Minot and for two years spent his time in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company or on a farm. In the spring of 1899 he established the first exclusive shoe store in the city and has carried on the business since that time, enjoying a constantly increasing trade proportionate to the growth of the city's population. In 1903 he erected the Samuelson block, his store occupying the lower floor, with the Independent office in the basement, while the upper floors are rented for office purposes. Broadening the scope of his business connections in 1915, he organized the Ledstrom Furniture Company, which is also one of the profitable commercial undertakings of the city.

On August 2, 1902, Mr. Samuelson was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Johnson, a native of Lyle, Minnesota, and a daughter of Hans and Andria Johnson, both of whom were born in Norway. They came to Minot in 1887 and the father has since been identified with agri-

cultural pursuits in this state, residing on his farm in the summer months and in the town of Minot throughout the winter season. Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson have four children, namely: Harlow Walfrid, Ensel Samuel, Alice Marie and Carl Arnold.

Fraternally Mr. Samuelson is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery at Minot and in the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. In politics he is a republican, somewhat independent, for while he believes in the principles of the party, he often votes regardless of party ties at local elections where no national issue is involved. He has never desired office, having always concentrated his attention upon his business interests, and along the line of earnest effort intelligently directed he has won the success which is now his, making him one of the most substantial citizens of Minot. He has never allowed obstacles or difficulties to deter him and when one avenue of opportunity has seemed closed he has sought out other paths leading to the desired goal.

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#### WILLIAM ABIAL SCOTT.

William Abial Scott, the president of the Pioneer Life Insurance Company of North Dakota, and a well-known resident of Fargo, is a man who at all times is notably prompt, energetic and reliable in business connections. His plans are ever well defined and carefully executed, and while not all days in his career have been equally bright, the trend of his business life has been along the line of progress and advancement and he has won for himself a place among the substantial residents of his adopted city and state.

Mr. Scott, seventh generation in New England, is a native of Peterboro, New Hampshire. He was born December 8, 1856, of the marriage of Albert S. and Anna (Sawyer) (daughter of Abial and Sybil Buss Sawyer) Scott. Albert S., the son of William and Phylinda Crossfield Scott, was a lawyer by profession and spent his entire life in Peterboro, distinguished in his day and generation. Anna Sawyer was of the fourth generation of the Sawyer family in the adjacent village of Sharon, New Hampshire.

Three generations of the Scott family, father, son and grandson, saw service in the Revolutionary war. The founder of the family in America was Alexander Scott, who was born in Derry county, Ireland, and came to the new world with his wife Margaret and family in the year 1734. He settled in Lancaster, Massachusetts. Later his son, Alexander, and a brother (another son), William Scott, and Alexander's father-in-law, William Robb, were three of the five men who founded, from 1735 to 1750, the town of Peterboro, New Hampshire, Alexander Scott conducting the first hotel in that place. Major William Scott, son of the before named Alexander Scott, and Margaret Robb, was a native of Townsend, Massachusetts, and he, having seen service in the French war, and two of his sons, saw twenty-eight years' service with the Colonial army in the war which brought independence to the nation, one son being John Scott, the great-grandfather of William A. Scott, through his son William by his first wife Bethiah Ames. Major William Scott married Phebe Woods, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Page) Woods, and through these marriages Mr. Scott traces his ancestry to the Stevens, Snow, Dempster, Minot, Adams and other families interwoven in New England affairs from the beginning.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for William A. Scott in his boyhood days, spent in Peterboro, his time being largely passed in the attainment of a public school education until he graduated from the Peterboro high school with the class of 1874. He, just as his father before him and his son since, entered the Phillips Exeter Academy. He was a member of the class of 1877 and there continued his studies for one year, at the end of which time he became a student in the law office and under the direction of his father. He next entered Dartmouth College, as his father had done, becoming a member of the class of 1880, and there completed the work of the freshman year. Upon his father's death, in August, 1877, however, he left college and removed west, settling in Manhattan, Kansas.

It was his intention to engage in the cattle business, but not receiving the financial



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assistance he expected, in the spring of 1878 he went to Topeka, Kansas, and continued reading law in the offices of G. C. Clemens and John G. Searles, being admitted to the bar on the 8th of February, 1879. At that time he located for practice in Russell, Kansas, but the following year returned to Manhattan, where he became a member of the firm of Sawyer & Scott in the conduct of a law, loan and insurance business. During his residence there Mr. Scott was elected to the office of city attorney and was chairman of the republican county central committee of Riley county.

In January, 1881, Mr. Scott visited his home folks and wedded Miss Mary Ellen Wright, of Waltham, Massachusetts, to whom he was engaged before coming west. She was born in Clinton, that state, a daughter of William and Agnes (Lyon) Wright, natives of Paisley, Scotland, where they were reared and married. They came to America about 1850 and settled in Clinton, Massachusetts. Mr. Wright was a weaver and assisted in setting up some of the first looms in the United States. His grandfather, James Tytler, a contemporary of Robert Burns, was a writer and pamphleteer and on account of his writings was forced to leave Scotland. Coming to America he settled at Salem, Massachusetts, and was engaged at Salem in newspaper work, prior to the Revolutionary war. He left the family of his first marriage, including Mr. Wright's mother, in Scotland and afterward married a second time in Salem, Massachusetts. It will be seen that Mrs. Scott is also descended from an old and prominent New England family. She has ever been a most exemplary wife and mother and a true helpmate to her husband in every way, in fact, Mr. Scott attributes much of his success in life to her.

Following his marriage Mr. Scott returned with his bride to Manhattan, Kansas. In 1882 he accepted a position in the local paying pension office in Topeka, where he was employed for two and a half years and then formed a partnership with H. E. Ball in organizing the Kansas Investment Company, with which he was identified from 1884 until 1886. At that date he went to work for the New Hampshire Trust Company of Manchester, New Hampshire, making loans for that corporation, with office in Topeka. In 1888 he returned to the east and arranged with the trust company to remove his office to Fort Scott, Kansas, but after remaining at that place for only three months he was sent to Fargo to take charge of the company's office at that place. He continued to serve until the failure of the trust company, which occurred during the widespread financial panic of 1893. Mr. Scott was then employed to look after the business of the defunct company in this section of the country, a work which occupied his attention until about 1905, when the business was closed up. He afterward became associated with Governor L. B. Hanna and J. W. Smith in the completion of the Fargo Street Railway, the promoters of the road having failed. When this task was accomplished Mr. Scott was made vice president of the road, with which he was associated until 1907, when he sold his interests. Two years before, or in 1905, the state legislature had established the state fair at Fargo and Mr. Scott was made its first president, continuing in that connection from 1905 until 1909 inclusive. He was again president in 1911 and once more in 1913 and 1914 and was recognized as one of the leading figures in the building and improvement of the fair ground. He was the architect and builder of the only hog building on a fair ground in the United States in which fair visitors eat their lunches, this being in a sort of open gallery of the building. He still remains one of the directors of the fair board.

Mr. Scott's public work has often been of a most important and valuable character and has been of far-reaching effect and benefit. He was one of the dominant factors in the building of the Masonic Temple at Fargo and devised the plan whereby bonds of one hundred dollars were sold bearing three per cent interest, the bonds to be paid to the estate after the death of the member or holder. In 1908 Mr. Scott was elected secretary of the Pioneer Life Insurance Company of North Dakota, organized in 1907, and in 1909, when Governor L. B. Hanna resigned as president, Mr. Scott was elected his successor and has since served in that capacity, directing the interests and activities of the business, the company being now recognized as one of the strong and reliable corporations of this character in the United States. Its ninth semi-annual statement, issued December 3, 1915, indicates the company to be in an excellent condition and that its business is steadily growing. Its total resources in 1907 were one hundred and forty-four thousand, four hundred and twenty-five dollars and in 1916 were eight hundred and sixty-five thousand, seven hun-

dred and eighty-five dollars and eighty-four cents. Its insurance in 1907 was one hundred and six thousand dollars and in 1915, fourteen million, four hundred and thirteen thousand, four hundred and thirty-six dollars and forty cents. His name is also a familiar one in financial circles aside from his insurance interests, for he was for fifteen years a director of the First National Bank of Fargo, the oldest banking institution of the state, and is now director of the Northern Savings Bank of Fargo and of the First National Bank at Moore, Montana. In 1890 Mr. Scott began buying farm lands and owns several farms in both North Dakota and Minnesota, while since 1892 he has been engaged in the breeding of shorthorn cattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born four children, as follows: Agnes Anna, who became the wife of Dr. P. H. Burton and died, leaving two children, Dorothy and William Burton; Albert Daniel, the president of the First National Bank of Moore, Montana; William Wright, who is the assistant treasurer of the Pioneer Life Insurance Company; and Clement A., who died in infancy. Mr. Scott is a prominent Mason, being a grand cross thirty-second degree Mason, of which there are only twelve in the United States. He is also president of the board of trustees of the Scottish Rite bodies of the state. He is identified with the Fargo Commercial Club and with the New England Society. He advances the new interpretation or philosophy: "God creates all," "and man husbands and fashions God's creations." Man, He created with equal food capacity (not equal as usually given) or rather food assimilation to produce human energy, and food has been and is the universal medium of exchange, the real necessity, its scarcity or plenty having fixed the permanent locations of peoples over the earth's surface. All other material things and the fashioning thereof to human uses are the conveyances moving about the earth's food supply to all the peoples of the world, and man with his brains to act, fashion and devise, is the supervisor, each in his own generation, an energizing force while he lives, bringing to earth no material resource when he comes and removing none when he folds his shroud about him and should lie down to pleasant dreams.

Mr. Scott's interests are broad and varied and have brought him prominently to the front in many connections. He is regarded as a thoroughly reliable and enterprising business man, possessed of sound judgment, keen discrimination and indefatigable energy.

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#### HANS E. BJERKE.

Hans E. Bjerke was living retired at Kindred, Cass county, North Dakota, when he passed away March 24, 1916. He was a factor of no small importance in the agricultural development of his section and owned eleven hundred acres of excellent land. He was born in Norway on the 14th of November, 1840, a son of Even and Martha (Knaterud) Bjerke, both natives of that country. The mother died there, but in 1870 the father emigrated to the United States, where he passed away. To them were born nine children but only three are now living.

Hans E. Bjerke attended school in Norway and continued to reside there until 1862, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. After living in Wisconsin for a year he was a resident of Chicago for a similar period and then went to Houston county, Minnesota, where he remained until 1872. In that year he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and located upon land on section 14, Normanna township, which was then a tract of wild prairie. As soon as possible he erected a log cabin covered with a sod roof and there he resided for a number of years. At length, however, he replaced this primitive structure with a large and up-to-date residence and he also erected excellent barns and outbuildings. He manifested his firm faith in the value of Dakota land as an investment by buying farms from time to time until he owned eleven hundred acres, which is in a high state of cultivation and is well improved. He gained financial independence because he was quick to recognize and prompt to utilize opportunities and he managed his affairs in accordance with sound business principles. He believed in the value of organization and cooperated effort and was a stockholder in the Farmers elevator at Kindred.

In 1869 Mr. Bjerke was united in marriage to Miss Martha Stenhjem, who was born in

Wisconsin, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Maria, Andrew, Hannah, Emma, Edward, Oscar, Selma, Hjalmar and Ella.

Mr. Bjerke gave his political allegiance to the republican party. He held membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife belongs, and furthered its work along various lines. He was recognized as a factor in the moral advancement of the community and his many admirable qualities gained him high place in the regard of those who were associated with him. The marked success which Mr. Bjerke won as a farmer is all the more notable in that he was dependent upon his own resources and was what in this country we term, a self-made man.

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#### MICHAEL J. McMAHON.

Michael J. McMahon, a successful farmer of Barnes township, Cass county, is also engaged in the dairy business and has won a gratifying measure of success in both lines of activity. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, August 3, 1855, of the marriage of Jerry and Bridget (O'Connor) McMahon, who in 1870 came to the United States. For three years they resided in St. Paul, Minnesota, but at the end of that time came to North Dakota, where a son Patrick was living. He had accompanied General Rosser on his exploring expedition through the state and subsequently located in Cass county. His father made his home with him for a while, but later homesteaded eighty acres of land.

Michael J. McMahon homesteaded an eighty acre tract adjoining his father's farm in 1877 and subsequently purchased railroad land, his holdings now totaling two hundred and eighty acres. In early manhood he followed railroading for four or five years and ran into Bismarck on the first train into that city. For many years, however, he has devoted his attention to farming and has brought his place to a high state of development. For some time he has engaged extensively in the dairy business and is now milking twenty-two cows. He finds a ready sale for the milk and receives a gratifying profit from his dairy interests.

Mr. McMahon was married in 1880 to Miss Hannah Paulson, a native of Minnesota, whose parents came to this country from Norway. To Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have been born eight children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Frank H. and Daniel, at home; Edward, who is in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad and is living at Livingston, Montana; Theodore, who is also a railroad man and is on a run between Barnesville and Crookston; Alice, who is teaching in the schools of Barnesville, Minnesota; and Walter and Richard, both of whom are at home.

Mr. McMahon casts his ballot in support of the democratic party and for twenty-six or twenty-seven years has served continuously as township assessor, his retention in the office being evidence of the ability with which he discharges his duties. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, but his wife is a member of the German Lutheran church. Both may be depended upon to further movements seeking the moral advance of their community and during the years of their residence in Cass county they have gained the sincere respect and goodwill of their fellow citizens.

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#### LEMUEL BEATON.

Lemuel Beaton, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 17, Barnes township, Cass county, was born in Prince Edward Island, April 2, 1846, a son of John and Ann (McAdam) Beaton, also natives of that province, where their entire lives were spent. The father was a farmer by occupation.

Lemuel Beaton was reared under the parental roof and attended the local schools, his educational opportunities being somewhat limited, however, as all of the schools at that day were subscription schools. When fourteen years of age he went to work in a shipyard and there learned the shipbuilder's trade, at which he worked for about twenty years. On leaving Prince Edward Island in the fall of 1867 he went to Calais, Maine, where he worked in the

shipyards. In 1869 he removed to Chicago and continued to follow his trade there until the spring of 1871, when he went to Duluth, Minnesota. The following fall he joined the bridge building gang of the Northern Pacific Railway, which was then building in Fargo, and worked on the bridge across the Red river between Moorhead and Fargo. He was employed on the construction of the Northern Pacific for about a year and a half, following which he engaged in boat building on the Red river. In March, 1873, he filed on a preemption claim on section 10, Barnes township, Cass county, but did not locate on his land at that time, as he continued to work at his trade until 1877. He then took up his residence upon his claim where he lived for fifteen years, after which he sold that place and bought his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Barnes township. His sons now own a half section, and they and our subject are farming in partnership. They follow improved methods and use up-to-date machinery in their work, and the sale of their crops yields them a good profit.

Mr. Beaton was married in 1872 to Miss Mary Lyons, of Mirmisih, New Brunswick, Canada, by whom he has eleven children, James, Frank, John, Charlie, Joseph, Daniel, Mary, Theresa, Alice, Anna and Walter.

The republican party has a staunch adherent in Mr. Beaton and for a number of years he has served as a member of the board of township trustees and as a member of the school board, proving capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, being members of the cathedral at Fargo, to the support of which they contribute. Mr. Beaton has resided in the northwest for many years and is entitled to honor as one of the pioneers of North Dakota whose labors have made possible the present prosperity of the state.

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#### ALFRED JOSEPH HENRY.

Alfred Joseph Henry is now living retired at Valley City, although for more than a third of a century he was connected with the First National Bank there and his loyalty to the institution and his splendid business record well entitle him to the rest which he is now enjoying. He is surrounded by many of the comforts of life and has leisure to enjoy those things which are of most interest to him. He was born in New York city, July 20, 1843, a son of Charles and Frances (Selmes) Henry, the former a native of Portugal and the latter of England. The property of the paternal grandfather was destroyed and when a young man the father went to England. He was educated in Spanish, Portuguese and English, his liberal education proving a substantial capital when necessity forced him to enter business life dependent upon his own resources and exertions. Crossing the Atlantic to New York city, he was there married and he became connected with the offices of the Journal of Commerce, having charge of their foreign business, his linguistic powers enabling him to meet the demands in this connection. He died, however, at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight years, while his widow spent her remaining years in Brooklyn, New York.

Alfred Joseph Henry was the eldest of their five children, of whom three are now living. After acquiring a public school education in Brooklyn he made his way westward to Hannibal, Missouri, in company with his uncle, Tilden R. Selmes, who is mentioned in the writings of Mark Twain, Hannibal's most noted author. Mr. Selmes was several times mayor of that city and a man of prominence in the state. He also became well known in connection with a duel in which he was one of the participants.

On the 24th of May, 1861, Mr. Henry, responding to the country's call for military aid, enlisted as a member of Company B, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Quincy, Illinois, under Captain Wells and Colonel Smith. The command was shortly afterward sent to Hannibal, Missouri, where it was equipped and the troops first met the enemy at Monroe Station on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, being stationed for some time between that point and St. Joseph, Missouri, where more than once they encountered the Confederates. They afterward went south and were on duty in Tennessee under General Pope. With his command Mr. Henry participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, including the battles of New Madrid and Corinth. At the latter place he was taken ill and sent to the Benton Barracks Hospital in St. Louis. After about a month he rejoined his regiment, which

was sent from point to point and participated in a number of battles and skirmishes. On the expiration of his first term he reenlisted and continued with the same regiment until the close of his service on the 20th of March, 1865, on which date he was wounded in the battle of Bentonville, where occurred a three days' fight. He was then sent to Newbern, North Carolina, and was in the hospital at that place when he heard of Lincoln's assassination. He was afterward transferred to Fort Schuyler, New York, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, as a private. His commission as second lieutenant was on the way to him when he was wounded, but he did not receive it until the summer. He was at Atlanta from May until September 1, 1864, being present at the fall of that city, and he also participated in the march to the sea under Sherman and in the northward movement of the army through North Carolina, leading up to the engagement at Bentonville, where he was wounded.

At the close of the war Mr. Henry went to Brooklyn, New York, where he pursued a commercial course and then secured a position in a wholesale boot and shoe house of New York, continuing in that line of business until 1880, when he came west, settling first at Brainerd, Minnesota. In October of the same year he removed to Valley City, North Dakota, where he was employed by C. F. Kindred for about a month. He then returned and passed the winter at Brainerd, but in the following spring again made his way to Valley City, where he entered the First National Bank, which was a private bank until July 15, 1881, he having become an employe there in April of that year. He remained in active connection with the bank until April, 1915, when after a service of thirty-four years he retired. That his work was appreciated by the president and directors of the institution is indicated in the fact that his name is still retained on the pay roll.

In 1873 Mr. Henry was married to Miss Georgiana Vallad, of New York, and their children are: Russell C., of Duluth, Minnesota; May L., at home; Frank S., land commissioner at Bismarck; Theresa; T. S.; Belle; Alfred; and Georgina.

Throughout all the years of his residence in Valley City Mr. Henry has been a stalwart advocate and supporter of the plans and measures for the general good. He served as clerk of the court for several years and as school treasurer of the first district for a number of years. He holds to high civic ideals, is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes on southern battlefields. No higher testimonial of his capability and fidelity in business could be given than the mere statement of the fact that for thirty-four years he remained with the First National Bank, but if one wanted further proof he need but ask the officers of the bank, all of whom speak of him in terms of the highest friendship, respect and regard.

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#### ALBERT EDWARD BOYNTON.

Albert Edward Boynton established and conducts the Minot Dental Laboratory, in which connection he has developed a business of large and gratifying proportions. He is also engaged in the tire business, being the distributor for Goodyear tires covering Northwest North Dakota and eastern Montana and as success has crowned his efforts he has placed some of his capital in the safest of all investments—real estate. A native of Geneva, Nebraska, he was born December 3, 1882, a son of H. E. and Eliza (Reynolds) Boynton. The father was born at Berlin, Wisconsin, March 19, 1857, and the mother's birth occurred in Mattoon, Illinois, on the 31st of May, 1856. H. E. Boynton devoted his early life to farming, but afterward in order to give his children good educational privileges, removed to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he conducted a transfer business. He still makes his home in Oshkosh, although at the present time he is in North Dakota, where he has business interests.

Albert E. Boynton began his education in the schools of Geneva, Nebraska, having the advantages offered the other members of the family, which numbered seven children, of whom he is the second in order of birth. Later he continued his education at Savannah, Missouri, and afterward at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and prepared for the practice of dentistry as a student in Haskell's School of Dentistry at Chicago, Illinois. His education, however, had not been continuous, for in the meantime he had entered business circles and had provided for his own support. When a lad of fifteen years he began learning the machinist's trade in Oshkosh,

servng a regular apprenticeship of three years. About that time the machinists went upon a strike and Mr. Boynton left home, going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained until after he reached the age of twenty-two years. He was for two years employed by the Bucyrus Steam Shovel Works at South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and for about eight months he was employed by the Nordberg Manufacturing Company, continuing with them until the following fall, when he took up his course in the Haskell School of Dentistry. Later he was employed for six months in a dental laboratory in Chicago and on the 7th of September, 1906, he arrived in Minot, North Dakota. There he established the Minot Dental Laboratory for the manufacture of teeth for the supply of dentists. His trade covers North Dakota and eastern Montana and he also manufactures those things which are needed in crown and bridge work, made from impressions taken by the dentist. His thorough training along this line and his experience have enabled him to turn out most excellent work and his patronage is growing steadily. In addition to his other interests he is a landowner in North Dakota and Oregon, owning also residence property in Minot. He devotes most of his time to the laboratory business, however, and in that connection is gaining a patronage of gratifying proportions.

On the 27th of June, 1909, Mr. Boynton was united in marriage to Miss Lydia M. Fischer, who was born in or near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, her parents being W. M. and Anna Fischer. The father is a retired agriculturist and makes his home in South Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton have two children, Esther June and Irene Ruth.

Mr. Boynton exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, but is independent at local elections, supporting policies and men rather than party. He holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal church and his aid and influence are always given on the side of progress, reform and improvement. His life has been one of untiring activity and his industry is the measure of his success, for he has had no outside assistance, having from the age of fifteen years depended entirely upon his own resources for his advancement and his prosperity.

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#### ALBERT B. DILL.

Albert B. Dill is engaged in the insurance and real estate business at Minot and is also filling the office of justice of the peace in Ward county. A young man, he has already attained a position which many who are his seniors might well envy. He was born at Belvidere, Nebraska, February 23, 1884, a son of John and Mary (Wilson) Dill. The father was born at Logansport, Indiana, March 6, 1848, and the mother was born at Zanesville, Ohio, January 11, 1864. In early life John Dill settled in Nebraska, becoming a resident of that state in 1877, after which he engaged in farming and stock buying. He still retains his residence in Nebraska, making his home at Belvidere, but is now practically living retired. He has refused to become a candidate for the legislature, having no political aspirations, but has always been accounted one of the representative and valued residents of the district in which he makes his home, standing at all times for those measures and movements which are of greatest worth in the upbuilding of a community.

Albert B. Dill is the only son and the eldest of a family of six children. He attended school in Belvidere until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1902. He afterward graduated from the Lincoln high school with the class of 1905 and completed a course in a business college at Sioux City, Iowa, in 1906. He remained at home until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he engaged in teaching for one term. It was subsequent to that time that he studied in Lincoln, attending high school there for two years. He made his way through business college unaided, providing for the expenses of the course, after which he entered the employ of the Great Northern Express Company in Sioux City, remaining with that corporation for two years. Later he went to Williston, North Dakota, in September, 1908, as agent for the Great Northern Express Company and a year later was transferred to Anaconda, Montana, where he continued for a year. He was afterward in the superintendent's office at St. Paul for three months and in November, 1910, was assigned to the position of agent at Minot, continuing in that position until 1912, when he

resigned and began dealing in coal and other fuel. He remained in that business for two and one-half years, after which he sold out and on the 1st of April, 1915, he was appointed justice of the peace for Ward county. He has since served in that capacity and has been nominated for election to that office in November, 1916. He is also engaged in the real estate, rental, collection and insurance business and is secretary of the Merchants Association. He concentrates his energies upon his business affairs and his official duties and his is a busy, active and useful life.

On the 6th of March, 1911, at Minot, North Dakota, Mr. Dill was married to Miss Julia Daniel and they have one child, Helen Emily. In his fraternal relations Mr. Dill is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Sioux City, Iowa. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias at Minot and he attends the Presbyterian church. His acquaintance is wide and his substantial qualities have gained for him the warm regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### MONS BERDAL.

Mons Berdal, deceased, was a well known farmer residing on section 34, Barnes township, Cass county. He was born in Norway on the 15th of April, 1848, a son of Engebrit Berdal, who passed his entire life in that country. Our subject was reared at home, received his education in the public schools and confined to reside in Norway for a number of years after reaching maturity. In 1878 he came to the United States with his wife and three children, making his way direct to Cass county, North Dakota, where his sister, Mrs. Ole Headland, had resided for three years. He purchased a quarter section of land, which became his home farm and on which he lived continuously until his death January 27, 1916. He at once began the work of its development and as the years passed made many improvements thereon, at the same time carefully conserving the fertility of the soil. He added one hundred and sixty acres to his holdings, becoming the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, and his labor was rewarded with bountiful crops, the sale of which yielded him a good income. He also owned stock in the Farmers elevator of Sanders and in the Sanders Telephone Company.

In 1872, in Norway, occurred the marriage of Mr. Berdal and Miss Synneve Headland, who died in 1900. To them were born seven children, Andrew, Albert, Gertrude, Ella, Mary, Clara, and John, deceased. The three elder children were born in Norway and the four younger in this country. Andrew is now administrator of the estate left by his father, while Albert acts as manager and Gertrude as housekeeper.

Mr. Berdal was a republican in politics but never took an active part in public affairs, although he was never remiss in any of the duties of citizenship. He was a communicant of the Norwegian Lutheran church, whose influence he sought to extend and whose teachings guided his life.

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#### DUGALD J. McKENZIE.

Dugald J. McKenzie, member of the firm of McKenzie & Leslie, of Forman, was born near Inverness, in the province of Quebec, Canada, November 12, 1853, a son of John and Katherine (Brodie) McKenzie, who throughout their entire lives remained in eastern Canada.

Their son, Dugald J. McKenzie, pursued his education in the public schools of his home locality until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he crossed the border into the United States and for two years was a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He then went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he learned and followed the carpenter's trade and was foreman of construction work at that point until about twenty-five years of age. He then returned to his old home in Canada in order to supplement his early schooling by further intellectual training, and for one year was a student in a normal school, after which he

went through the Inverness high school, from which he was graduated. He afterwards went upon the lecture platform as a representative of the Independent Order of Good Templars and was largely instrumental in establishing the Scott act, a temperance or local option measure. He did everything in his power to promote temperance sentiment and place limitations upon the liquor traffic. Two years were devoted to that work, in which he covered the country very thoroughly. He afterward traveled for a year as a representative of the firm of Parker, Fry & Cory, of Littleton, New Hampshire, devoting a year to patent rights work.

It was about that time, or on the 24th of December, 1884, that Mr. McKenzie was married to Miss Jarthat McKea, a native of Pictou, Nova Scotia, the marriage being celebrated at Lowell, Massachusetts. Mrs. McKenzie passed away at Rutland, Sargent county, North Dakota, July 10, 1890, and her death was the occasion of widespread regret, for she had won many friends in the community.

On the 25th of September, 1887, Mr. McKenzie brought his family to North Dakota, settling at Milnor, and was pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place, doing good work for the moral development of the community. However, he abandoned the work of the ministry and on the 17th of June, 1890, was elected superintendent of schools of Sargent county and remained in that position for four years, his labors being effective in the extension and improvement of the school system. In October, 1894, he entered into partnership with E. W. Thorp under the firm style of Thorp & McKenzie and opened a law office and loan, collection and real estate agency. This relation was maintained until August 1, 1897, when Mr. McKenzie entered into partnership with J. E. Bishop and A. M. Groner under the firm style of Bishop, Groner & McKenzie. In 1908 Mr. Groner died, at which time the firm was reorganized under the style of Bishop & McKenzie. That partnership was discontinued in July, 1911, after which Mr. McKenzie was joined by A. Leslie in organizing the firm of McKenzie & Leslie for the further conduct of a law, loan, collection and real estate business. In 1901 he organized the Sargent County Abstract & Title Guarantee Company and is still conducting business under that name, having the only undertaking of the kind in Sargent county.

In 1904 Mr. McKenzie was again married, his second union being with Eva Walker, who died in 1911. There were two children by his first marriage: Marion, now the wife of A. Leslie; and Helen, who married M. B. Lyken.

In his political views Mr. McKenzie is a republican and for many years has served as a member of the village board, doing everything in his power to further public progress in the community in which he lives. In 1908 he became a candidate for state treasurer, but was defeated. His position on the party ticket, however, indicates his prominence in political circles as he received the strength of the party vote. His activities have always had to do with those things which touch the general interests of society and his influence and labors have been along the lines of uplift and improvement.

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#### JUDGE J. A. COFFEY.

Judge J. A. Coffey since his elevation to the bench in 1911 has gained a place among the most able and most impartial judges of the state and holds the confidence of the bar and the general public alike. His official duties make the first demand upon his time and attention but he takes a great deal of interest in farming and in all movements that tend toward making it more scientific and efficient. He holds title to a large amount of land and personally supervises the operation of two excellent farms.

Judge Coffey is a native of North Carolina and was born on the 4th of July, 1872. His parents were Patterson V. and Martitia (Estes) Coffey, the former of whom died in Eugene, Oregon, in 1911 and the latter in 1910. The father was a successful farmer and was highly esteemed in his community. In 1888 he removed with his family to the Pacific coast. To him and his wife were born six children, two sons and four daughters, the brother of our subject being Dr. R. C. Coffey, of Portland, Oregon, who served at one time as vice president of the American Medical Association, and is one of the leading surgeons of the United States.



JUDGE J. A. COFFEY



Judge Coffey was educated in the public schools, at Willamette University, of Salem, Oregon, where he took his preparatory work, and at the University of Idaho, graduating from the classical department thereof in 1897. Subsequently he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he took a course in stenography and typewriting, and still later took up the study of law in the night school of the University of Minnesota, continuing his work therein for three years. During the daytime he worked in law offices and in the loan department of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, thus gaining practical experience that was of great value to him when he began the independent practice of his profession. Following his graduation in law in 1900 he remained with the insurance company for two years, after which he engaged in inspecting lands with the view of determining their fitness as security for loans, and he also devoted considerable time to the examination of titles. In July, 1902, he removed to Wahpeton, North Dakota, where he engaged in the practice of law in partnership with F. B. Lambert, of Minot. In November, 1902, he removed to Stutsman county and established an office in Courtenay, where he continued to practice law until appointed judge of the fifth judicial district by Governor Burke. He removed to Jamestown in 1912, and was chosen by the people for a term of four years in that year and in 1916 for another term of four years. His thorough knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, of statute law and of precedent, combined with his natural fairness and openness of mind, fit him admirably for his duties as judge and his record on the bench is a most creditable one.

Judge Coffey is a firm believer in the possibilities of North Dakota as an agricultural state and in connection with others owns five thousand acres of land and he oversees the renting of this tract. He also supervises the operation of two farms which he owns individually and which are among the best improved places in his section of the state. All the buildings are of the most modern design and construction and he has a number of silos as he believes in the value of ensilage of stock food. He grows alfalfa, sweet clover, blue grass, wheat grass and timothy and raises stock extensively, specializing in short-horns and Red Polled cattle and in Duroc-Jersey and Poland China hogs. He also has a fine young orchard and makes the development of his farm his recreation, sparing no labor nor expense in bringing it to the greatest degree of perfection possible. He has demonstrated that North Dakota is adapted to the successful raising of field crops and his example has been a factor in the promoting of scientific farming in his district.

On the 30th of December, 1902, Judge Coffey was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Andrews, of Faribault, Minnesota, and their children are two in number, Robert and Eleanor.

The Judge is a democrat in politics but never allows partisan considerations to influence his conduct on the bench. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church, to the support of which he contributes generously, and his influence can always be counted upon to further the right. He is also a trustee of Jamestown College, located at Jamestown, North Dakota. He is identified with the Young Men's Christian Association, believing that it is one of the most efficient organizations in the building of strong, upright manhood. He also cooperates with the projects of the Commercial Club, of which he is a member, and has proved himself a broad-minded and public-spirited citizen.

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#### OLE P. HOLMEN.

Many of the excellent citizens and successful farmers of North Dakota were born in Norway and among the number is Ole P. Holmen, who owns and operates a fine farm in Stanley township, Cass county. His birth occurred on the 8th of April, 1843, and he is a son of Peter and Mary (Lewis) Holmen, the former of whom died in Norway, while the latter joined her children in the United States in 1870 and made her home with them until her demise.

Ole P. Holmen was reared in his native land and continued to reside there for a number of years after attaining his majority. In 1868, however, he came to America and located in Rice county, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand for some time, and also for a

period of time worked on a railroad. In 1871 he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, and purchased eighty acres of land on section 19, Stanley township, Cass county. He later purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm on the same section and not long afterward preempted a similar tract on section 20, Stanley township. He also owns other land, his holdings comprising five hundred and thirty-three acres, and he is one of the well-to-do men of his locality. His success is the direct result of his industry and the wise management of his affairs, as during his entire career he has depended solely upon his own efforts.

In 1872 Mr. Holmen was married to Miss Mary Anderson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States in 1868 in early womanhood. To them have been born three children, one of whom is deceased, the others being: Helmer, who is farming land belonging to his father; and Samuel, at home.

Mr. Holmen votes the republican ticket and for four years has been a member of the board of trustees, his record in that capacity being a very creditable one, as he has sought in every way possible to advance the general welfare. He and his family hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, and the genuineness of their faith is evidenced by the uprightness of their lives.

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#### CLARENCE C. WYSONG.

Clarence C. Wysong, attorney at law practicing at the bar of Minot, was born near Greencastle, Indiana, on the 24th of November, 1886, a son of John and Mary (Nugent) Wysong. Both parents are natives of Putnam county, Indiana. The father is a farmer and stock raiser and is still actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits at Greencastle, Putnam county.

Clarence C. Wysong is the eldest of three children. He attended the high school at Greencastle, Indiana, and was graduated with the class of 1904. He afterward spent two years as a student in De Pauw University at Greencastle and then entered the University of Indiana, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910, while in 1911 he won the LL. B. degree from the same institution. He has since devoted his attention to the practice of law, but in the meantime he had started out in the business world in connection with other activities. He finished his course in high school when a youth of sixteen, after which he was employed as fireman on the railroad and as timekeeper by a construction company. He utilized every available opportunity to gain a living through employment in the summer months until he had completed his university course. In July, 1911, he left Indiana and made his way direct to Minot, where he secured a situation in the law office of Palda, Aaker & Green. He continued with that firm for about two years and then formed a partnership with Halvor L. Halvorson in the practice of law. That connection was maintained for a year, since which time Mr. Wysong has practiced alone, devoting his entire time to his professional duties. He recognizes the force of industry and thorough preparation and enters the courtroom well prepared to present his cause in the strong, clear light of reason. His arguments are sound, his deductions logical and he has won many verdicts favorable to his clients.

On the 29th of January, 1914, Mr. Wysong was united in marriage to Miss Harriett E. Lane, a native of Indiana and a niece of Henry S. Lane, the first republican governor of Indiana. Her parents are Oscar F. and Mary (Wendling) Lane, natives of Putnam county, Indiana, and Shelby county, Illinois, respectively. Rev. Oscar F. Lane, a minister of the Christian church, is now living retired in Putnam county, Indiana. His wife was a sister of the noted lecturer, George F. Wendling, who has recently passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Wysong have one child, Elizabeth, who was born August 8, 1915.

Mr. Wysong belongs to Morton Lodge, No. 469, F. & A. M., which is the strongest inland lodge in this state. He is also identified with the Elks and for three years was secretary of the local organization with which he is connected. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Sons of Veterans, of which he is secretary and treasurer. He is a member of the Minot Association

of Commerce and he is deputy state oil inspector. In politics he is an unwavering republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party and never faltering in his allegiance thereto. While he is undoubtedly not without that laudable ambition which is so great an incentive to loyalty in public office, he yet regards the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and in the practice of law is gaining a place among the representative members of the profession.

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C. C. FURNBERG.

C. C. Furnberg, who is farming on section 32, Barnes township, Cass county, is also engaged in merchandising at Osgood, that township, and has met with success in both undertakings. He was born in Dakota county, Minnesota, on the 11th of July, 1869, a son of Christian and Anna (Olson) Furnberg, both natives of Norway, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1868 in young manhood and womanhood. In that year they were married in Dakota county, Minnesota, where both had located, and there the father passed away the year following when our subject was but two weeks old. In 1871 the mother came to North Dakota with her son and after making her home in Reed township for three years homesteaded the farm on which our subject now lives. In 1886 she was again married, becoming the wife of L. P. Jensen, who passed away in 1909, while she survived until 1911.

C. C. Furnberg was educated in the district schools and on reaching manhood cooperated with his stepfather in the operation of the home farm. In 1895 he entered the mercantile field in Osgood, where he has since conducted a store. He carries a well selected line of goods of high quality and is accorded a gratifying patronage. Following his mother's death he inherited the home farm of four hundred acres, three hundred and twenty acres of which he rents, operating only eighty acres. He has managed his affairs well and as the years have passed his financial resources have increased.

In 1895 Mr. Furnberg was married to Miss Hannah Korum, of Brandon, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of six children: Agnes, the wife of A. O. Grimstvedt, of Fargo; Alice, who is attending the Dakota Business College at Fargo; and Roy, Carl, Oscar and Myrtle, all at home.

The political allegiance of Mr. Furnberg is given to the republican party and both he and his wife are members of the Horace Congregational church, the teachings of which are exemplified in their lives. Mr. Furnberg has resided in this state during practically his entire life and has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the commonwealth, cooperating heartily in all movements seeking the general welfare.

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W. I. IRVINE.

W. I. Irvine is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Lidgerwood, Richland county, and is also the owner and editor of the Monitor, an excellent and well patronized weekly newspaper. He was born in Danville, Illinois, on the 21st of April, 1862, and his parents, James and Mary (Paddock) Irvine, were born respectively in Pennsylvania in 1832 and in Massachusetts in 1841. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Irvine, was a native of County Antrim, Ireland. He emigrated to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, where he engaged in merchandising, selling goods to the laborers and railroad men that built the Erie canal. He passed away in the Keystone state. The parents of our subject were married in western Pennsylvania in October, 1860, and not long afterward removed to Danville, Illinois, where the father farmed, although he had been a contractor and builder in the east. At length he returned to Pennsylvania and after remaining there for a number of years became a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska, where he passed away in 1893. He was a democrat in politics and took an active interest in all public affairs. He was a man of good education and was well informed on all questions and issues of the day. He and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church. She is still living and makes her home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

W. I. Irvine, who is the eldest in a family of seven children, received his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania and in an academy at White Bluff, Tennessee. On beginning his business career he became connected with the Daily News of Youngstown, Ohio, in 1881, but subsequently removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he took up the study of law. In 1887 he was admitted to the bar at St. Paul and continued to reside in Minneapolis for a year but in 1888 became a resident of Lidgerwood, North Dakota. He has since engaged in the practice of law; trying cases not only in this state but also in South Dakota, and on a number of occasions appearing before the federal court. He understands the underlying principles of jurisprudence, is well versed in statute law and precedent and this knowledge, combined with his analytical mind and habit of careful preparation of his cases, enables him to win a favorable verdict in most instances. In 1900 he purchased the Monitor and has since conducted that paper in addition to practicing law. The Monitor has a circulation of seven hundred and is well patronized by the local business men as an advertising medium. He also does a good job printing business, for which his plant is well equipped.

In 1887 Mr. Irvine was united in marriage, in Brown county, Wisconsin, to Miss Ida Dolbear, who was born in Vermont. They have four children: Perry, who assists his father with the publication of the Monitor; Jessie and Inez, who are teaching; and Helen, who graduated from the high school with the class of 1915 and is now attending the Valley City Normal School.

Mr. Irvine is a stalwart democrat and both in his capacity as editor and as a private citizen does all in his power to secure the victory of that party at the polls. Fraternally he belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served as master for years; to the Royal Arch Chapter, in which he was high priest for six years and in which he is again filling that office; and to the Mystic Shrine. His wife is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church and both support heartily all efforts to further the moral advancement of their community. Mr. Irvine is entitled to the honor that Americans pay to self-made men as he began without capital or the aid of influential friends and through his own efforts has gained a position of honor in his community and a gratifying measure of financial success.

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#### WILLIAM CULLEN.

William Cullen, who owns six hundred and forty acres of fine land in Normana township, Cass county, is now devoting his attention exclusively to farm work, but for a number of years also engaged in blacksmithing. He was born in Canada on the 12th of November, 1860, a son of Robert and Margaret (Linton) Cullen, both of whom were natives of Scotland and in the '40s emigrated to America, settling in Canada, where they passed the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of fourteen children, six of whom have now passed away.

William Cullen was reared and educated in the Dominion, but in the fall of 1880, when about twenty years of age, came to North Dakota. He worked at the blacksmith's trade in Fargo until 1889, when he removed to his present home farm on section 5, Normana township, Cass county. He has erected fine buildings upon his place and otherwise made many improvements so that his farm is today attractive and well developed. Since taking up his residence there in 1889 he has lived upon his farm continuously save for three years which he spent in Fargo. He has invested in more land from time to time and now owns six hundred and forty acres, all of which is improved and from which he receives a handsome income. For fourteen years he engaged in blacksmithing more or less, but is not now active in that line. He owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Warren and is recognized as an excellent business man.

On the 1st of April, 1885, Mr. Cullen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Augedahl, who was born in Norway and is a daughter of John and Carrie (Oleson) Augedahl. Her mother is deceased, but her father is now living in Davenport, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs.

Cullen are the parents of a daughter, Minnie, who is a graduate of the local schools, and they have also reared as their son a boy by the name of Ernest Brown.

Mr. Cullen votes for the candidates of the republican party, but has never desired office as a reward for his loyalty. He and his family attend the Presbyterian church and can be counted upon to support all worthy causes.

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J. VAN HOUTEN, M. D.

Dr. J. Van Houten, who for thirteen years has been actively engaged in medical practice in Valley City, was born in Waupun, Wisconsin, on the 18th of December, 1876. His father, Jacob Van Houten, a native of Amsterdam, Holland, came to America when a young man, settling at Albany, New York, where he married. Subsequently he removed to Wisconsin, where he engaged in the contracting business, and in that state he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1911 at the age of seventy-four.

Dr. Van Houten was the youngest in a family of two sons and two daughters and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his native city he became a student in the Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, and after four years devoted to the study of medicine was graduated with the class of 1902, receiving his professional degree at that time. He then came to Valley City and for three years was associated in practice with Dr. L. S. Platou, but since then has been alone. His ability has brought him prominently to the front and his studious habits have kept him in touch with the onward march of the profession as scientific investigation has brought to light many new truths.

In August, 1905, Dr. Van Houten was united in marriage to Miss Florence Whitfield Hallock, of Faribault, Minnesota, a daughter of Charles A. Hallock. They have three children, Delphine, Charlotte and Hallock.

Dr. Van Houten belongs to the Masonic lodge and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In his college days he took an active part in athletics and college games and today outdoor sports is his chief diversion from the onerous cares of his profession. His time and attention, however, are mostly given to his home and to his practice although he recognizes and fully meets the obligations and duties of citizenship. Along professional lines he is connected with the Sheyenne Valley Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

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ISAAC P. CLAPP.

Isaac P. Clapp is one of the best known and most esteemed citizens of Fargo, where he has lived since pioneer times. His attention is now largely given to his extensive real estate holdings, for with the passing years he has made judicious investments in farm lands and other property and at all times has displayed keen discrimination and sound judgment. He was born in Dutchess county, New York, on the 4th of March, 1839, a son of Peter B. and Sarah E. (Pells) Clapp, who were also natives of Dutchess county, where they spent their entire lives, remaining always in one township, where the father followed the occupation of farming.

Isaac P. Clapp acquired a district school education and made his way to the west in early manhood, attracted by the fact that he had an uncle living in Kenosha, Wisconsin, with whom he made his home for a time. Subsequently he became owner of two plantations in central Texas and operated one of them for thirty-five years, raising cotton. On the 14th of October, 1880, he arrived in North Dakota, settling in Fargo, where in company with Miller W. McCraw he opened the Cass County Bank, the third bank of the city. For four years he was identified with that institution and then, owing to the fact that his partner was an invalid, they closed out the bank and Mr. Clapp turned his attention to the real estate business and to farming, becoming an extensive owner of farm lands in North Dakota. At one time he owned between three and four thousand acres, but has sold much of this in

recent years. He still gives his attention, however, to the management of his agricultural interests, which are yet extensive and return to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 7th of June, 1882, Mr. Clapp was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Sleight, of Kenosha, Wisconsin. They have one son, Edwin G., who was educated in the University of Minnesota and is now assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Fargo. Mr. Clapp is a republican in politics, but has never been an aspirant for public preferment. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Shiloh Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; Fargo Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Auburn Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. About 1900 the thirty-third degree was conferred upon him an honor given only in recognition of splendid service rendered to the organization. For twelve years he was the treasurer of the blue lodge, the chapter, the consistory, the Shrine and the Club and has been a member of the board of trustees of the Temple since its building. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal church, to the support of which he has been a generous contributor. He belongs also to the Fargo Commercial Club and is interested in all of its well formulated plans for the improvement of the city and the extension of its trade connections. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to North Dakota, for in the business conditions which met him here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has worked his way steadily upward, becoming in the course of years one of the prosperous residents of Cass county. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his success has been won entirely through persistent, earnest effort guided by the spirit of enterprise and of business integrity.

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#### JAMES C. SMALLWOOD.

James C. Smallwood, a prominent man and manager of the Smallwood Sanitary Grocery Company in connection with which he has built up an extensive business in Minot, was born in Newcastle, New Brunswick, January 21, 1867, a son of William F. and Caroline (Barnes) Smallwood. The latter was a granddaughter of one of the governors of Newfoundland. The father was born at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. By trade William F. Smallwood was a shipbuilder, but later in life filled the office of justice of the peace and was known by the title of squire. Both he and his wife made their home in Newcastle and the former passed away in 1893 and the latter in 1900.

James C. Smallwood was the youngest of thirteen children and in the schools of Newcastle, New Brunswick, pursued his education. As a lad of thirteen years he was bound out to a grocer for four years apprenticeship. He received four dollars per month for the first two years, after which he was employed two years in a wholesale grocery establishment at Newcastle. He then left home, going to Marinette, Wisconsin, where he worked in a grocery store for two years and then returned to Newcastle where he was again connected with the wholesale house in which he had previously been employed and where he spent two more years. In the meantime he had married and at the end of that period he left Canada for the United States, going to St. Paul where he remained for a short time. He then removed to Brainerd, Minnesota, and for one year was in the Northern Pacific shops after which he spent about four years as an employee in the grocery store of A. J. Brockway. During that period he carefully saved his earnings and at the end of that time established a grocery store in Brainerd which he conducted for two years. After closing out the business he was employed by the firm of Abbott & Wilkins in Brainerd for about six years, at the end of which time he opened and became manager of the grocery department in the store of H. I. Cohen, with whom he continued for two years. After Mr. Cohen sold out Mr. Smallwood continued to manage the grocery department for his successor for six months and then went to Havre, Montana, to take charge of the grocery department of the Havre Commercial Company with which he continued for eighteen months. In May, 1904, he came to Minot and opened the Smallwood Grocery. Three years later he purchased another store, which he also conducted for about three years, and then consolidated the two establishments under the name of the Smallwood Sanitary Grocery. He has since conducted the

business in this way, carrying a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, having an establishment which would be a credit to a city of much larger size. The store is most tastefully and attractively arranged and the stock is extensive and of high quality. Mr. Smallwood is also a stockholder in the Union National Bank and has extensive land interests in Ward county, North Dakota, operating three quarter sections of land, or four hundred and eighty acres. He likewise owns a fine residence in Minot and a number of city lots and his business and real estate interests are evidences of his life of well directed energy and thrift.

On June 7th, 1890, Mr. Smallwood was married to Miss Rachel Elliott, who, like her husband, was the youngest of thirteen children. Her parents were Walter and Mary (Vaughn) Elliott, the former a native of Newfoundland and the latter of New Brunswick. The father was a shoemaker which business he followed for many years. Neither he nor his wife ever became residents of the United States and both have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood have become the parents of six children: James F., who is associated with his father in business; Pearl M., who is bookkeeper in the business; Lulu, who is a stenographer with the firm of Stone, Ordean & Wells, wholesale merchants having a branch house at Minot; Berton G., who is assistant manual training teacher in the Minot high school and who married Miss Winifred Churchill; Walter, who has recently completed the high school course; and Vaughn, who is attending school.

It was soon after his marriage that Mr. Smallwood left Marinette, Wisconsin, and went to Hinckley, Minnesota, where he was employed by Foley Brothers & Guthrie, railroad contractors, taking goods from freight cars to their camps on the Kittle river. He continued with them until the job was completed, after which he returned to his native city. Mr. Smallwood is identified with several fraternal organizations, belonging to the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Maccabees lodges in Minot and the Modern Woodmen Camp at Brainerd. He has filled all the chairs in the last three organizations and he is also one of the directors of the Minot Curling and Skiing Association. While his life has been an extremely busy one he has realized the fact that the well balanced character is that which grows in strength not only from business activity, but from recreation as well and thus he has given a due proportion of his time to those things which are a matter of pleasurable interest to him. He served for several years as a member of the school board of Minot and during most of that time was chairman of the teachers' committee. He is also a member of the public library board. In his business career the steps in his progress are easily discernible. He has worked along well based and liberal lines, his push and persistent energy and honorable dealings have brought him success while the methods which he has followed have gained him distinction as a representative resident of his adopted city.

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#### JOHN W. JOHNSON.

John W. Johnson, the owner of the Holy Cross farm, on section 18, Stanley township, is one of the leading agriculturists of Cass county and is widely and favorably known. A native of Urasa, Sweden, his birth occurred on the 3d of July, 1869, and he is a son of Johan and Johanna Maria Magnuson, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country. In 1887, when seventeen years of age, our subject left his native land and crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making his way to Stillwater, Minnesota. After working on the river for some time he was employed as a carpenter in Minneapolis and St. Paul and in 1888 came to North Dakota and worked in the harvest fields until the close of the season, when he returned to Minnesota, where he spent the following winter in the lumber woods. In 1889 he settled permanently in this state and worked as a farm hand on the place which he now owns. Subsequently he was made foreman of the farm and later rented the place, operating it under a lease for a number of years. He carefully saved his money and in 1904 had accumulated sufficient capital to purchase the farm, which comprises four hundred and twelve acres of fine land. For the past ten years he has been making a specialty of raising seed potatoes, principally Early Ohios, for the Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma markets and has succeeded beyond his expectations in that undertaking. In 1914, in associ-

ation with Albert Brakke, he built a potato storage house with a capacity of twenty-five thousand bushels. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers elevator at Wild Rice, the Farmers elevator at Sanders and the River Line Telephone Company.

The Holy Cross farm is one of the points of historic interest in the county as it was located by the first white settler in this state with the exception of the French Canadians who settled at Pembina. In 1859 Father Genin, a French Catholic priest, came to what is now Cass county, North Dakota, and built a church and erected a cross, which is to this day known as the Holy Cross. He had received from the government a grant of land on which to establish a mission, which was known as the Holy Cross Mission, but subsequently returned to France and also spent some time in Rome before again coming to North Dakota. On his arrival at the site of his mission he found that six French Canadians had squatted on the land, but he forbore to contest their claim. This was in 1870. The French Canadians thought that thirty or forty acres apiece was all the land that they wanted but later found that inadequate and sold out, removing westward. The old mission ground, which is now in possession of Mr. Johnson, is still known as the Holy Cross farm.

In 1892 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Peterson, of Norman county, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of seven children: George A., manager of the W. H. White lumberyard at Wild Rice; and Richard W., Albert T., Ima M., Myrtle, Anna and John W., Jr., all at home.

Mr. Johnson is independent in politics, following the lead of his judgment rather than the dictates of a party leader. He holds membership in the Modern Woodmen, and his religious faith is that of the United Lutheran church. His has been an active, useful life, and his industry has been rewarded with gratifying success. He has also gained the sincere respect and the warm regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact, for his salient characteristics are those of the highest type of manhood.

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#### CHARLES A. ANDERSON, D. V. S.

Dr. Charles A. Anderson, a veterinary surgeon practicing at Valley City, was born at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, February 11, 1864. His father, A. T. Anderson, a native of Norway, came to America when a young man, settling in Wisconsin, where he married and reared his family, there residing until 1880, when he removed to Barnes county and took up his abode in Ashtabula, where he continued to make his home until 1906, when he removed to Valley City, where he was residing when death called him September 6, 1914, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was a blacksmith by trade and a man of marked energy and business ability. After becoming identified with agricultural interests in North Dakota he gave much attention to stock raising, largely handling cattle that were a cross between Durham and Holsteins and proved splendid milkers.

Charles A. Anderson was one of a family of six children born of his father's second marriage. His youthful days were spent in Wisconsin and his educational opportunities were those provided in a log schoolhouse, for the family were pioneers of that state as well as of North Dakota. After removing to Barnes county he continued to attend school as opportunity offered and later he worked upon the homestead farm of four hundred and eighty acres, which included also a tree claim and preemption claim. There he remained until 1886, when at the age of twenty-two years he turned his attention to the livery business and this led to his interest in the profession to which he now devotes his time and energies. In preparation for practice he entered the Chicago Veterinary College and later opened an office at Valley City, where he has since continued. For three years he was associated with Dr. J. W. Poole, a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, and later entered into partnership with Dr. C. H. Martin, the partnership continuing for six years. Since that time Dr. Anderson has practiced alone. In 1902 he built a hospital and stable on Front street, which he uses exclusively in his business, the hospital being splendidly equipped for all kinds of veterinary work. He keeps in touch with the latest scientific methods and his services, by reason of his skill and ability, are in constant demand, his practice now

being very extensive. He is also the owner of some fine stock and a splendid Percheron stallion weighing over two thousand pounds heads his stud.

In 1890 Dr. Anderson was married to Miss Stella M. Wylie, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Edgar L. Wylie, a North Dakota pioneer. They have two children: Viola, who attended the Valley City Normal School and has taken up the study of music; and Charles R., now in school. Dr. Anderson is a member of the Knights of Pythias and in that organization and also outside of its ranks he has many warm friends. His professional connection is with the State Veterinary Association and he is a man of acknowledged prominence in his chosen calling.

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#### LARS OLSEN.

Lars Olsen, who is engaged in farming on section 33, Warren township, Cass county, has also served as postmaster of the town of Warren for twenty-three years. His birth occurred in Norway on the 11th of March, 1849, and he is a son of Ole and Margaret Olsen, who were lifelong residents of that country. They were the parents of six sons, of whom four are still living, and all reside in America.

Lars Olsen was reared in his native land and acquired his education in the public schools there but in 1870, when about twenty-one years of age, came to the United States. He lived in St. Paul until 1876 and was there employed as a laborer. His next removal was to Thompson, Minnesota, whence in July, 1878, he made his way to Cass county, North Dakota, and located on his present home farm on section 33, Warren township. He erected a log cabin with a bark and sod roof, which was the first house on the prairie in his part of the county, and for six years that remained his residence. At the end of that time, however, he built a better dwelling and as the years have passed he has made other improvements upon his place. He has planted a fine grove, which serves as a windbreak and also adds to the beauty of the farm. He owns one hundred and sixty acres, from the cultivation of which he derives a good income, and in addition to growing grain he raises considerable stock. For twenty-two years he also engaged in buying grain but has now discontinued that business.

Mr. Olsen was married in 1876 at St. Paul, Minnesota, to Miss Carrie Erickson, who died in 1887. She was the mother of six children, of whom four survive, Ole, Alfred, Carl and Hilbert. In 1891 Mr. Olsen was again married, Miss Sophia Sontroll becoming his wife. To them have been born ten children, Mabel, Alice, Melvin, Lydia, Cecelia, Reuben, Bernice, Lenora, Arnold, and one who is deceased.

Mr. Olsen is an adherent of the democratic party and for the past twenty-three years has served efficiently as postmaster of the town of Warren, which is located on land which he once owned. Since 1881 he has been school director, for fifteen years he has served as treasurer of his township, and he was formerly township assessor and has at all times proved conscientious and capable in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church, in whose teachings are found the principles which govern their conduct.

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#### GEORGE E. McCLURE.

The natural resources of the country surrounding Minot have offered splendid opportunities for the acquirement of wealth, for the district is rich in its mineral deposits, in its agricultural possibilities and in its chances for commercial development consequent upon the other two. George E. McClure is operating profitably in the coal fields of the state as treasurer and general manager of the McClure Coal Company, miners and wholesale and retail dealers in coal. He was born in Chisago county, Minnesota, May 5, 1877, a son of Samuel and Eleanor (Warner) McClure, the former born in the north of Ireland, while the latter was a native of the state of New York. The father, who was a lumberman, went

to Minnesota at a very early day, establishing his home there before the city of Minneapolis was founded. He continued to engage in the lumber business there until his death, which occurred in 1911. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1889.

George E. McClure was the fourth in their family of five children and in the high school at Stillwater, Minnesota, he completed his education. When about eighteen years of age, or in 1895, he entered the employ of an insurance firm in Minneapolis, with which he continued for about eighteen months, when he became an employe of the Foley-Beau Lumber Company, accepting a situation in the yards. He gradually worked his way upward in that connection, being advanced to the position of general manager and salesman. For seven years he continued with the company and in 1903 removed westward to Minot, being here employed as a salesman by the Vanderwalker Coal Company for about nine months. At the end of that time he was made assistant manager of the company's business and a year later the firm was reorganized under the name of the McClure Coal Company, at which time Mr. McClure became manager and one of the stockholders. He is now treasurer and general manager of the company, which is engaged in the wholesale and retail coal trade and owns about one thousand acres of land in this state, operating a mine twelve miles west of Minot. The company also owns valuable timber lands in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington, also a mine at Sandcoulee, Montana, operating under the name of the Nelson Coal Company. The McClure Company also operates a thousand acre farm near Minot where the mining interests are being developed and likewise owns lands in California, Oregon, Washington, North and South Dakota and Minnesota. Mr. McClure is also a stockholder and director in the Union National Bank of Minot, in the elevators at Devils Lake and Lone Tree and in a mercantile business at Tasker, North Dakota.

In November, 1901, Mr. McClure was married to Miss Anna L. Aldridge, who was born in Minneapolis, a daughter of George A. and Adelia (Strong) Aldridge, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Maine. The father was a millwright and engaged in the sawmill business. He now makes his home in St. Paul, where he is employed by one of the large lumber companies of Minneapolis. To Mr. and Mrs. McClure have been born two children: Samuel A., who was born in July, 1902; and Gertrude Elliott, born in July, 1905.

Fraternally Mr. McClure is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Milaca, Minnesota, and is identified with the Elks lodge at Minot, and with the United Commercial Travelers at Minot. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and politically he is an independent democrat. He served as city clerk in Minnesota and he is the present chairman of the democratic committee of Minot. He puts forth earnest and effective effort for advancing the interests of the party and stands for all that is progressive in citizenship. His labors have been an important element in furthering the development of the section of the state in which he lives, for the company of which he is a member is operating extensively in utilizing the natural resources here afforded and has reached out through its ramifying trade relations and business connections into various sections of the northwest. At all points in his career Mr. McClure has been guided by the spirit of unfaltering enterprise and, knowing no such word as fail, he has accomplished what he has undertaken.

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#### JOHN HALVERSON.

John Halverson, a furniture dealer of Valley City, who is winning advancement through close application and a discriminating study of popular taste in the line of house furnishings, was born in Hurdahl, Norway, on the 21st of February, 1854, representing a family connected with farming interests in that land. He attended school in his native country and at the age of fifteen years came to America, influenced to this step by the fact that his elder brother Peter came to the new world in 1869. Making his way across the country to Minnesota, John Halverson spent the first summer at Bloomfield and then went to Albert Lea, where he attended school for two years, realizing that further educational training would prepare him to cope much better with intricate problems and conditions of business life. He then went to Preston, Minnesota, where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the drug trade, at which he worked for nine years, becoming acting manager of

the business at Fountain, Minnesota, and also the postmaster of the town, receiving appointment to the office in 1875, when he was twenty-one years of age. At the end of five years' service as postmaster he removed to Twin Valley, where he was employed in a general store for four years. In 1888 he arrived in Valley City and secured a position in a general store, in which he occupied a clerkship until 1900. In that year he was elected register of deeds and his faithfulness and capability in office led to his reelection in 1902 and in 1904, followed by his retirement to private life in 1906. He then turned his attention to the furniture business, buying out the store of his son-in-law, who owing to ill health was obliged to remove to the west. He was first located on Fifth avenue but disposed of his interest there in 1908 and is now conducting business on Main street, where he has a large and well appointed establishment, carrying an excellent line of furniture of various grades to meet the diversified tastes of his patrons. In addition he conducts an undertaking establishment, having modern undertaking parlors on West Main street, and both branches of his business are growing and profitable.

Mr. Halverson was married to Miss Pauline Frederickson, a native of Norway and a representative of a pioneer family of North Dakota. She died in 1895, leaving six children: Clara, the wife of E. S. Dobbin, of Hood River, Oregon; Henry, who for four years was county treasurer and is now cashier of the Marion State Bank of Marion, North Dakota; Minnie, a stenographer with a law firm at Hood River, Oregon; Adolph, an employee of the Great Northern Railroad Company, with headquarters at Glacier Park; Louise E., a bank clerk at Hood River, Oregon; and Victor, who died in 1914, at the age of twenty-one years. All of the children, after attending the public schools of Valley City, became students in the State Normal there. In 1900 Mr. Halverson was married again, his second union being with Miss Tillie Hoel, a native of Norway, whose people also settled in North Dakota in the period of its pioneer development. The children of the second marriage are Eugene and Aliee, both attending the Valley City State Normal.

Mr. Halverson is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America and he not only ranks as a progressive and representative merchant of Valley City but also as a substantial citizen, for he has ever supported and endorsed those measures which are a matter of civic interest and civic pride, seeking to promote the substantial growth and improvement of his city and to uphold its standards of municipal integrity.

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#### MARTIN G. MYHRE.

Martin G. Myhre, cashier of the First State Bank of Walcott, is an important factor in financial circles in that town and under his direction the business of the bank has grown steadily. He has also represented his district in the state legislature. His birth occurred in Winona county, Minnesota, January 30, 1874, and he is a son of Gilbert and Malena (Torgerson) Myhre, both of whom were born in Norway, the former in 1846 and the latter in 1849. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers, Christian Hanson and Hans Torgerson, died in Norway. The parents were married in that country but in 1869 emigrated to America and settled in Winona county, Minnesota, where the father purchased land. He cultivated his farm there until 1878, when he removed to Dakota territory and took up a homestead in what is now Richland county, North Dakota. He became the owner of a section of land and also held title to other property. He passed away upon the homestead in 1910 and his wife died there in 1915. They were Lutherans in religious faith and the father was one of the organizers of the local church of that denomination. He took a very active part in church work and his influence was always on the side of right and justice. He cast his ballot in support of the candidates of the republican party and was honored by election to a number of local offices. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom eight are living and of whom our subject is the sixth in order of birth.

Martin G. Myhre attended the country schools in the acquirement of his early education and later attended the University of Minnesota, there pursuing a law course. He completed

his legal study at Columbian University, now George Washington University, in Washington, D. C., and in 1900 was admitted to the bar. He took the law course at Columbian University at night as he was employed in the civil service at Washington during the day. He practiced law for a few years but in 1907 returned to Walcott and engaged in banking, entering the First State Bank as cashier, a position which he has since held. The institution is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars, has a surplus and undivided profits of five thousand dollars and its deposits average one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. Mr. Myhre has a detailed knowledge of banking and as he adds to this an understanding of the principles of finance which underlie all banking practice, he is a very efficient cashier, so directing the policy of the bank that it holds the confidence of the public and at the same time returns good dividends to its stockholders. He has prospered financially and owns a large farm and also has other real estate interests. He began his independent career without capital and the prosperity which he now enjoys is the direct result of his enterprise and business ability.

In March, 1904, Mr. Myhre was married to Miss Julia Fossum, a daughter of Andrew Fossum, who came to Dakota in 1871. He located upon a farm and is still engaged in its operation. He is also president of the First State Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Myhre have two children: Gladys, who is nine years of age; and Arnold, six years old.

Mr. Myhre is a republican and has taken an active part in politics. He has not only held a number of local offices but in 1914 and 1915 represented his district in the state legislature, proving an able working member of that body. He is identified with the Lutheran church and fraternally is connected with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen. He is widely known throughout Richland county and is highly esteemed and respected.

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#### JUDGE N. C. YOUNG.

Judge N. C. Young, practicing at the bar of Fargo as a member of the firm of Watson & Young, has won recognition as one of the leading attorneys of the state. He also has other important business connections and is accounted a forceful and resourceful man. He was born January 28, 1862, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, a son of Charles S. and Joanna E. (Williams) Young, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. Soon afterward they removed to Henry county, Iowa, traveling through Chicago with an ox team and proceeding across the Illinois prairies until they reached their destination. Mr. Young purchased land in Henry county and there engaged in farming for a long period but later in life retired and removed to Tabor, Iowa, where he passed away in the year 1910. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Tabor. Mr. Young was at one time mayor of the city and was very prominent in the community in which he resided.

Judge Young, reared in Iowa, pursued his education in Tabor College, in Iowa City Academy, and in the Iowa State University, in which he pursued a classical course and was graduated in law in 1887, winning the degrees during his student days of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Bachelor of Laws.

On the day following his graduation Judge Young was married to Miss Ida B. Clarke, of Iowa City, who was also graduated from the State University in that year and won the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Philosophy. She had three sisters who were alumnae of the State University, two of whom gained valedictorian honors, while all three were members of the Phi Beta Kappa. Mrs. Young has been a frequent contributor to the literature of North Dakota, writing a number of poems and songs. She is one of the state's most able, cultured and accomplished women. She served for two terms as president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and is now president of the "North Dakota Association Opposed to Suffrage."

Following their marriage Judge and Mrs. Young established their home at Bathgate, North Dakota, where he entered upon the practice of law, remaining in that city for eleven years. In August, 1898, he was appointed to succeed Judge Corliss on the supreme bench and in November of that year was regularly elected supreme court judge for a term of six years. In 1904 he was reelected without opposition for a six years' term but resigned his

office to enter upon the private practice of his profession on the 15th of August, 1906. He also served as state's attorney of Pembina county from 1891 until 1895. Following his elevation to the bench he removed his family to Fargo in 1898 in order that his children might have the educational advantages to be secured in that city. Upon resigning from the supreme court he entered into a law partnership with J. S. Watson and has since been his associate in active practice. He stands as one of the foremost members of the North Dakota bar and his practice is now extensive and of an important character. He is remarkable among lawyers for the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases and upon the bench he proved himself the peer of the ablest members of the court of last resort. His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge and an unbiased judgment. Aside from his professional connections he has important banking interests in the western part of the state, being president of one bank and vice president of two others.

Judge and Mrs. Young have become the parents of three children, Laura B., who was graduated from the University of Iowa with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is now the wife of C. W. Spaulding, cashier of the Citizens State Bank at Streeter, North Dakota. Horace C., who won the B. A. degree upon graduation from the University of Iowa and took a partial law course there, spent some time in his father's law office, was admitted to the North Dakota bar in 1914, and is now located at Bowman, North Dakota, as a member of the firm of Scow & Young. Dorothea is a graduate of the Newton School for Girls at Boston, Massachusetts, and also of the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston and is now engaged in professional concert work.

After resigning from the supreme bench, Judge Young was appointed president of the board of regents of the North Dakota State University and so continued until 1914. In 1907 he was elected to the presidency of the university but declined the honor. He has always figured prominently in support of educational work and for years served as a member of the school board of Fargo. He also seeks the progress of his community and state and he and his family hold membership and take an active interest in the Congregational church. Fraternally he belongs to Bathgate Lodge, F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Dakota Consistory. He is also a member of the Country Club and of the Commercial Club of Fargo. His interests are broad and varied, touching many of the activities which affect the welfare of the community and of the commonwealth. His influence has been a potent force in upholding the political and legal status of the state and in advancing its material, intellectual and moral progress.

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#### PETER WESTLUND.

Peter Westlund, of Stanley township, Cass county, who owns five hundred and fifty acres of excellent land, was born in Sweden on the 15th of November, 1846, a son of Peter and Mary (Ingebretson) Westlund, who were lifelong residents of that country. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are living.

Peter Westlund passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools. In 1869, in early manhood, he came to America and made his way to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked for the Great Northern Railroad Company on a gravel train. Later he became a brakeman on the Northern Pacific Railroad and was in time promoted to conductor. He remained with that company for ten years, but in 1879 he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and located upon his present home farm, which is situated on section 5, Stanley township. He has erected fine buildings upon the place and otherwise improved it. He has invested in additional land, his holdings comprising five hundred and fifty acres, from which he receives a good income. He also owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Horace and in the creamery at Fargo.

In 1881 Mr. Westlund was united in marriage to Miss Enga Niquist, also a native of Sweden. She passed away in February, 1907, and was laid to rest in the Horace cemetery. She was the mother of five children, as follows: Emma, deceased; Hilma, at home;

Ephraim and Oscar R., both of whom are college graduates; and Agnes, who is attending normal school.

Mr. Westlund is a republican in his political belief and has served as school director for sixteen years, doing much in that time to advance the interests of the public schools. He came to this country a poor young man but through taking advantage of the opportunities here offered he has gained financial independence and is recognized as one of the substantial and valued citizens of Cass county.

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REV. WILLIAM C. HUNTER.

Rev. William C. Hunter, of Minot, has entered upon a period of rest after long years devoted to the work of the Presbyterian ministry. He was born at Woodburn, in County Antrim, Ireland, March 27, 1850, a son of Alexander and Mary (Finlay) Hunter, who were also natives of that locality, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Both passed away in Belfast, Ireland.

In a family of eight children Rev. Hunter is the fifth in order of birth. He attended school at Carrick, Fergus and Glasgow, Scotland, pursuing the arts course in Glasgow University. He prepared for the ministry by a three years' course in the Chicago Theological University, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Long before he prepared for the ministry, however, he had started out in the business world to provide for his own support. At the age of sixteen he was an assistant in a grocery store and was thus employed until he entered college at the age of twenty-two years. Following his three years' college course he engaged in the grocery business in Glasgow as a commission merchant for about eight years and it was on the expiration of that period that he crossed the Atlantic and located in Toronto, Canada, after visiting his brother in Scotland, Canada, for a short time. In the former city he entered the employ of James Barton's Sons and a year later he went to Chicago, where he entered upon his theological course, having determined to devote his life to the ministry. Following the completion of his studies he was ordained in the First Congregational church of Chicago, of which the distinguished divine, Dr. Goodwin, was then pastor. Having thus qualified for the ministry Rev. Hunter went to Garden Bay, in the upper peninsula of Michigan, and engaged in preaching in that locality for more than two years, during which period he assisted in organizing three churches there and was also instrumental in building a manse. He afterward returned with his family to Illinois, where he took charge of two churches, one at Brighton and another at Kemper. He also supplied the Greenville church for a time, residing there for about two years, and on the 7th of February, 1891, he came to North Dakota, settling at Sanborn, where he engaged in preaching, also having charge of two out stations for two years. He next removed to Wheatland, North Dakota, and accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at that point, continuing his labors there for more than three years, at the end of which time he removed to Minot in 1896, having received a call from the Presbyterian church of the latter city. About the same time he received calls from the churches at Bottineau and Dickinson, but decided to make Minot his home and for more than six years continued his pastoral labors at Minot, Burlington and Logan. In 1902 he resigned his charge in Minot, but continued his work at Burlington, at Logan and at other points, doing general missionary work. He organized churches at Surrey, Burlington and Bowbells and assisted also in organizing a church at Logan. To that department of ministerial work he directed his energies until 1909, when he went to Montana to accept the pastorate of a church at Terry, the county seat of Custer county. While thus engaged he assisted in organizing a church at Mildred, Montana, and one at Fallon. His residence in Montana covered a period of three years, at the end of which time he returned to his home in Minot in 1912 and since then has lived practically retired from the ministry. His home is a beautiful commodious residence, which he erected, and he also owns a quarter section of land near Minot and a half section in Montana which he has rented.

On the 25th of September, 1879, Rev. Hunter was united in marriage to Miss Helen Galloway, who was born at Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Galloway, who were also natives of Ayrshire, whence they removed to Glasgow,

where they reared their family. The father there engaged in business as a boot and shoemaker and was also a salesman, selling the product of his own factory. He developed a business of large proportions, conducting four stores in Glasgow, his enterprise and diligence winning him a place among the foremost merchants of that city. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Mrs. Hunter was one of the eldest in a large family and was educated at Glasgow. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children. Jennie M. is the wife of Harold Lamming, a mail clerk, who has charge of a car on the Great Northern Railroad and resides at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Lamming have become the parents of four children: Edith, Dorothy and Jean, all at home; and Dora, who died in infancy. Edith Ann, the second daughter of the Hunter family, is the wife of Reno L. Hayford, editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, and they have one child, Helen Louise. Ernest M. G. is an assistant in the hospital at Medical Lake, Spokane, Washington. Mabel, the youngest of the family, is the wife of F. L. Wetch, a bookkeeper in the Northern Telephone office and a resident of Minot.

Rev. Hunter gives his political support to the republican party, but has never been an aspirant for office. He has long been an active member of the Masonic fraternity and was the first master of Terry Lodge, No. 74, F. & A. M., at Terry, Montana. He is now affiliated with Minot Lodge, of which he was secretary for one term, and with the Royal Arch chapter, in which he was high priest for a year. At the present time he is worthy patron of the Eastern Star, to which Mrs. Hunter also belongs, and he was formerly identified with the Woodmen of the World and with the Yeomen. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter still hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mrs. Hunter is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. Even in his youth Rev. Hunter never lightly regarded the duties and obligations which devolved upon him, but conscientiously performed every task assigned him and as the years advanced he thoughtfully considered and studied the questions of life. It was this that helped him to take up the work of the ministry, wherein his labors have been of far-reaching effect, for his influence proved an uplifting force in the lives of many and his teachings carried home to the minds of his hearers the basic principles of the gospel.

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#### MATHEW LYNCH.

Mathew Lynch, of Lidgerwood, has played an important part in the business and agricultural development of Richland county and has also been a leader in political affairs, having represented his district in the state legislature. He is president of the Farmers National Bank and is the owner of a great deal of valuable farm land. A native of Wisconsin, he was born near Berlin on the 26th of November, 1857, and is a son of James and Adeline (Perkins) Lynch. The father, who was born in Ireland, came to the United States in early manhood and after his removal to Wisconsin followed farming, although he had been a wagon maker in Ireland. He purchased government land, which he developed and improved and which he still owned at the time of his death. He was a democrat in politics and was a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. His mother also came to this country, emigrating after her husband's demise. The mother of our subject, who was born in Germany, came to the United States in girlhood and her marriage occurred in New England. She became the mother of seven children, of whom six are living and of whom our subject is the fifth in order of birth.

Mathew Lynch received his education in the common schools of Wisconsin, but left home when still a boy, as his mother had died. In 1879 he became a resident of Richland county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead and tree claim, proving up on both. While living in Wisconsin he had worked as a farm hand and had thus gained valuable knowledge concerning agricultural work which enabled him to operate his own farms successfully. After cultivating his land in Liberty Grove township for a number of years he removed to Wyndmere in the spring of 1886 and there engaged in general merchandising in partnership with W. H. Morgan. The firm subsequently started a branch store in Lidgerwood and successfully conducted both enterprises. In 1888 Mr. Lynch bought out the interest of Mr. Morgan and he and Mr. Rickert continued as partners until 1892, when our subject purchased Mr. Rickert's interest and continued the business until 1908, when he sold out, but again pur-

chased the business, January 1, 1913, and still conducts the same. He organized the Lidgerwood State Bank, which was later known as the Lidgerwood National Bank and which subsequently bought out the Farmers Bank, and it is now conducted under the name of Farmers National Bank. He is president of the institution, which is capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, has a surplus of ten thousand dollars, and average deposits of three hundred and nine thousand dollars. The bank holds the confidence of the public and its business has grown steadily. Mr. Lynch keeps in close touch with all of the departments of the bank and the success of the institution is in no small measure due to his excellent judgment and knowledge of business conditions. He owns seven quarter sections of land in Richland and adjoining counties, from which he derives a handsome income. He is now a man of independent means, but he had no property save his team and prairie schooner when he drove here from Berlin, Wisconsin.

On the 30th of August, 1888, at Sibley, Iowa, Mr. Lynch was married to Miss Mary Maher, a native of Wisconsin. They have four children. Francis Leo is living on a claim in Canada and is engaged in the machinery and land business. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. James William is also living on a claim in Canada. Mathew Hoyt, who graduated from St. Thomas College of St. Paul and who devoted one year to the study of law, is now employed in the Farmers National Bank at Lidgerwood. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mary Irene is still in school.

Mr. Lynch is a republican and casts his ballot in support of the candidates and measures of that party. He has taken an active part in politics, and was appointed postmaster of Lidgerwood, February 1, 1890, serving four years. He was elected to the state legislature in November, 1898, and after serving one term was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, February 1, 1900. After serving four years he was reappointed by President Roosevelt in 1904 and again in 1908; and by President Taft in 1912, serving until May 15, 1916. He is a consistent member of the Catholic church and is also identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters. All who know him respect him for his fine qualities of manhood, and his personal friends are many.

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#### MARTIN JACOBSON.

The history of Minot would be incomplete were there failure to make reference to Martin Jacobson, and in its unfolding his history will present many points of interest and many lessons worthy of emulation. He was born at Ridgeway, Iowa, November 17, 1863, the son of Jacob and Esther (Hanson) Knudson, both of whom were natives of Norway. In early life, however, they came to the new world and were married in Iowa where for many years the father engaged in farming and both he and his wife died and were buried on the old homestead in that state. The father died in 1903 when he was eighty years of age and the mother passed away in 1912 at the age of eighty-seven.

Martin Jacobson was the sixth in order of birth in their family of seven children. He was reared in Iowa when the district was a pioneer locality and he pursued his education in a log school house near his father's place. But his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited and he has had to depend upon the school of experience for many of the lessons which he has learned. He early began work in the fields and continued to assist in the cultivation of the old home place until he was eighteen years of age when his father sold the farm to Mr. Jacobson's brother. At that time Martin Jacobson came direct to North Dakota, arriving in the year 1882. He worked one summer for John Miller, who was the first governor of the state, and later he returned to Iowa and rented a half section of land near Ridgeway, carrying on farming on his own account although but nineteen years of age. He continued to develop that place for about four years and when twenty-two years of age he loaded five horses in an emigration car and again came to North Dakota. He unloaded the car at Buckston and drove two hundred and fifty miles to his present homestead, eight miles west of Minot. Settling thereon he took the preliminary steps toward developing the place. The following winter he returned to Iowa, married and then brought his bride to his home. Five children were born on that ranch



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where the family resided for eleven years, the father devoting his energies to general farming. On the expiration of that period he removed to Minot, but still continued the operation and supervision of his ranch and is now farming sixteen hundred acres devoted to the raising of small grain. In the season of 1915 he threshed twenty-seven thousand bushels of grain. He is one of the most extensive farmers of his part of the state and one of the most progressive business men. He has about seventy-five head of Short-horn cattle; sixty head of horses; three hundred head of hogs; and three hundred full blooded, Partridge Wyandotte chickens.

On removing to the city Mr. Jacobson engaged in the hardware business and enjoyed a large trade for four years. Almost from the beginning such was the volume of his business that he employed more than twenty people and in 1905 he had an entire train-load of hardware and machinery billed for Minot with instructions from the Great Northern Railroad Company to operate the train as he wished. In 1906 he received an entire carload of strap hinges. His business brought him very gratifying profit but eventually he sold out to two of his employees who formed the firm of Fugelso & Jacobson. In 1902 he built the opera house, a modern structure the front of which is occupied by the Union National Bank. He continued in the machine business until 1914 and he assisted in organizing the Union National Bank of which he was the first vice president. He has now disposed of most of his interest in that bank but still has important commercial interests in the city. His labors have been most valuable and effective in promoting the upbuilding of the town, his work being attended by far-reaching and beneficial results.

On the 1st of January, 1887, Mr. Jacobson was married to Miss Annie Kittelson who was born at Ridgeway, Iowa, on the same day as her husband and they were baptized together, attended school together and on the fiftieth anniversary of their birth each weighed one hundred and seventy-one pounds. Her parents were Albert and Aagaat (Mogen) Kittelson who were born in the same place in Norway. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson's parents were children together and came to America about the same time, the two families living about three-quarters of a mile apart. Mrs. Kittelson died when her daughter was about six months old. Her father was never active in politics but did much to further religious work, holding office in the church and acting as trustee at the time the Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis was built.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have been born six children. Earl H., born October 19, 1887, married Luella Henry and resides in Opheim, Montana, where he is engaged in the lumber business and operates an electric light plant fifty-five miles from the railroad. Chester J., born in February, 1889, is now at home. He attended Shattuck Military Academy and as a member of the football team won the championship for Minnesota. Alletie Christina was graduated in both vocal and instrumental music from the Minneapolis School of Music with the class of 1913. Mildred Almira, who was graduated from the State Normal School of Minot in 1914; is now a teacher in the Minot school and is a great favorite in social circles. Alton Leroy is taking a high school course and is a member of both the basket ball and football teams. Vernon Malcolm is also a high school pupil in Minot.

Mr. Jacobson is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of Minot, to the consistory at Grand Forks and to the Mystic Shrine. He is also active in the Sons of Norway. He belongs to the Norwegian Free church, and he it was who planned the present church edifice in Minot. He has been the prime mover in its improvements and has had charge of the annual lutfisk supper for several years. In politics he is a republican and when but twenty-five years of age was elected county commissioner, being the youngest ever chosen for that position in his county. For more than twenty years he has served on school boards, first at Burlington and afterward at Minot, and acted as chairman of the teachers committee. He is chairman of the building committee of the new high school at Minot, which is to cost three hundred thousand dollars. The plans are an embodiment of Mr. Jacobson's ideas, his broad experience and natural ability being of great value. For four years he was a member of the state senate and he left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation enacted during that period. For two years he was a member of the state normal school board and the normal buildings in Minot were erected largely after his plans. At the present time he is a member of the library board and for many years he has been a trustee of the church.

His own educational advantages were extremely limited and recognizing the value of an educational training he has taken an active and helpful part in the development of all educational institutions and interests of this part of the state. In fact there are few public movements for the benefit and upbuilding of community or commonwealth with which he has not been allied and his labors have been most helpful.

In 1904 Mr. Jacobson built his present residence which is one of the most commodious and modern in Minot. Among the homes more recently built in the city there are none that will rank higher in equipment or in finish. The halls are finished in quarter-sawed oak while the interior of every room is finished in bird's-eye maple of fine quality. The kitchen and pantries are commodious and the dining room is not only beautiful but very extensive in size. The rooms are so constructed that covers may be laid for very large parties such as frequent the Jacobson home, for the members of the family are social leaders. Mr. Jacobson's first interest is always his family and their happiness, money being a secondary consideration. In 1907 Mr. Jacobson issued a calendar made from a picture of himself, his wife and six children mounted on eight of his fine, highbred race horses, expending the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to have this calendar made. Many of these pictures are to be found in various parts of the United States in the homes of their friends expensively framed. Mr. Jacobson sent one of these calendars to President Roosevelt and challenged the president with a wager of one thousand dollars to race one mile family against family. He received a personal letter from the president expressing his appreciation of the calendar but the challenge was not accepted. There is no phase of public progress with which Mr. Jacobson has not been connected, from making the plans for the state normal school and public library buildings to shaping the legislation affecting the welfare of the commonwealth. In all things he has been actuated by the spirit of enterprise and progress and guided by sound common sense, a quality which is too often lacking. Both he and his wife are in splendid health, being remarkably young in appearance which they attribute to the fact that for ten years they have slept on a splendid open sleeping porch which is one of the adjuncts to their home. They believe that fresh air has been the tonic that has warded off the burden of years. Mr. Jacobson has many enthusiastic admirers, his friends and contemporaries in business recognizing his worth, and the course that he has pursued should serve as a stimulus to those who may have to depend upon their own resources for advancement and success.

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#### JUDGE HERODOTUS H. TAYLOR.

Judge Herodotus H. Taylor, judge of the county court of Sargent county, was born in Troy, Spencer county, Indiana, November 25, 1856, a son of Green B. and Christine (Fisher) Taylor. The father was a river man and in 1870 removed to Evansville, Indiana, where he operated a line of steamboats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers for many years. In 1883 he came with his son, Judge Taylor, to North Dakota, settling in Sargent county, in that section which became Taylor township, being named in honor of the father. He secured a quarter section of government land, upon which he resided until his death in 1900, after which his remains were taken to Evansville for interment. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and in matters of citizenship his attitude was ever one of loyalty and progressiveness. His wife died during the boyhood of their son Herodotus, who was one of a family of eight children: Ailee, James, Elizabeth and Timour T., all now deceased; Herodotus H.; Lola and Homer, who have also passed away; and Green B., living in Taylor township, Sargent county, whither he removed with his father and brother.

In early boyhood Herodotus H. Taylor entered the public schools of Evansville, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school. Subsequently he was employed in a commission house for two years and for three years he was engaged in farming, two years of that time being spent in Kentucky and one year in Indiana. As previously stated, he came to North Dakota in 1883 and secured a quarter section of land in Taylor township, Sargent county. The journey was made to Lisbon by rail, from which point he had to take his things by wagon freight to his farm, a distance of fifty miles, for no railroad had

been built into Sargent county at that time. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon his place, but with characteristic energy he began the development of his property and for sixteen years was engaged in the cultivation of about a section of land. He afterward disposed of his farm and removed to Forman, where he retired from active business cares. He had won a substantial measure of success through his well directed efforts, but he could not be content without some occupation or pursuit, for indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature. After serving in the office of register of deeds for six years he established a bank at Cogswell in 1904, calling it the Sargent County State Bank, of which he became the cashier and one of the directors, so continuing for about eight years. He then went to Oakes, where he was connected for a time with the First National Bank and in the meantime sold his interest in the bank at Cogswell. In his business affairs he has enjoyed an unsullied reputation for reliability as well as determination and enterprise.

On the 20th of January, 1895, Judge Taylor was married to Miss Minnie L. Burus, a native of Michigan, born near Six Lakes. Removing to North Dakota, she was married in this state, and they have become the parents of three children: Mildred, a graduate of the high school; and Vivian and Florence, who are attending school.

Judge Taylor belongs to Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M., of Forman, and Ivanhoe Cammandery, of Lisbon. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in 1898 was elected on that ticket register of deeds of Sargent county, at which time he took up his abode in Forman, where he now makes his home. He retired from that office after an incumbency of six years with the goodwill and confidence of all concerned and in 1914 he was elected to the office of judge of the county court and in 1916 again became a candidate without opposition, a fact which indicates how excellent was the record which he made during his first term in office. His course upon the bench has been in harmony with his record as a man and citizen, characterized by thoroughness, by devotion to duty and by the utmost loyalty to the trusts given to his care.

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#### JAMES W. STITELER.

James W. Stiteler, who is serving efficiently as cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Lidgerwood, was born in Pennsylvania on the 20th of March, 1876. His parents, John C. and Francis M. (Stewart) Stiteler, were born respectively in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of April, 1846, and in Jefferson county, that state, on the 18th of April, 1848. The paternal grandfather, William Stiteler, passed his entire life in Pennsylvania and the maternal grandfather, James Stewart, died there. The parents of our subject were married in Pennsylvania in 1875 and in April of the following year removed to Pepin county, Wisconsin, where they remained until the spring of 1881, when they came to North Dakota and settled on a claim near Fairmount, on which the father had filed in April, 1880. In 1883 he took up a tree claim near Lidgerwood, to which he removed in 1887. He is a republican and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. He is a member of Lodge, No. 1093, B. P. O. E., at Fergus Falls and also belongs to the Masonic order. He was a poor man when he came to this state, but now owns a half section of excellent land and also holds title to valuable town property. His wife passed away on the 25th of September, 1914, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he also belongs. Our subject is their only child, but they adopted a daughter, Lucille Anderson, who is married and is keeping house for her foster father.

James W. Stiteler received a good education, attending the common schools and the Lidgerwood high school and thus preparing himself for the responsibilities and duties of mature life. On beginning his independent career he worked as a farm hand for some time, but subsequently built the Farmers Elevator at Lidgerwood, of which he assumed charge in July, 1906, and which he conducted for four years. He then resigned that position and entered the Lidgerwood National Bank as bookkeeper, remaining there until January 10, 1911, when he became cashier of the Farmers Bank, now known as the Farmers National Bank. The institution has a capital and surplus of sixty thousand dollars and its average deposits are three hundred thousand dollars. He thoroughly understands the routine of banking practice and

displays sound judgment in deciding questions of policy that arise from time to time. He has so directed the affairs of the bank that it has gained the confidence of the public and has paid good dividends to its stockholders.

In November, 1903, Mr. Stiteler was married to Miss Christine M. Murray, a native of Pictou county, Nova Scotia, and they have become the parents of four children: Frances Evelyn, John E. and Marion J., all of whom are in school; and Margaret L.

Mr. Stiteler casts his ballot in support of the republican party and is at present serving as a member of the city council. He is well known fraternally, belonging to Lodge No. 1093, B. P. O. E., at Fergus Falls and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the subordinate lodge of which he has passed through all of the chairs and the grand lodge of which he has attended as a delegate five times. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, and his life is guided by high standards of ethics.

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#### JOHN M. HOLMEN.

John M. Holmen is operating the old family homestead in Warren township, Cass county, and is ranked among the progressive farmers of his locality. He was born on that farm, September 2, 1878, of the marriage of J. J. and Martha Holmen, both natives of Norway. They came to the United States in the latter '60s and after residing in Minnesota for a few years removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and located on the farm on section 24, Warren township, where our subject now lives. The father erected a log cabin, which remained the family residence for a number of years, but later he built an excellent farm dwelling. He made many other improvements upon the place and brought his land to a high state of cultivation. He passed away upon the homestead in 1910, but his wife is still living there at the age of seventy-six years. Three of their four children are living.

John M. Holmen was educated in the common schools and has always lived on the home farm. He assisted his father with its operation until the latter's demise, since which time he has had charge of the farm work. The family owns three hundred and forty acres, which our subject cultivates, and he personally holds title to one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Stanley township. He follows modern methods of agriculture and his well directed labor is rewarded by excellent crops. He also raises high grade stock. In addition to his farm interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers elevator at Horace.

Mr. Holmen is a republican in politics, but has never sought nor desired office. His entire life has been spent in Cass county, and he is widely known and has many sincere friends, as he possesses those traits of character which invariably command respect and win regard.

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#### CARROLD L. BUTTLES.

Carrold L. Buttles, superintendent of the Riverside cemetery at Fargo, North Dakota, was born in Rochester, Minnesota, on the 19th of July, 1873, a son of Orin F. and Elizabeth (Wright) Buttles, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Nebraska. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, removed to Iowa in pioneer days and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in an Iowa regiment, remaining at the front for four years. He was married in that state and subsequently removed to Minnesota, whence in 1880 he came to North Dakota, locating at Fargo. There he was in the employ of the Barnes & Magill Elevator Company until his demise, which occurred in 1884.

Carrold L. Buttles was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education until he reached the age of sixteen years. He then became a wage earner, securing employment as a clerk in a grocery store. For fifteen or sixteen years he worked for T. E. Yerxa but subsequently engaged in farming for about seven years. Since 1911 he has been superintendent of the Riverside cemetery at Fargo and has concentrated his energies upon the discharge of his duties in that capacity.

In 1897 Mr. Buttles was united in marriage to Miss Ida Reed, of Jamestown, this

state, by whom he has two children: George, who is attending the Fargo high school; and Frances, a grammar school student.

Mr. Buttles is a staunch adherent of the republican party, believing in the wisdom of its policies. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Arcanum, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### IVAR SEIM.

Ivar Seim, who is part owner of and conducts the Blanchard Mercantile Company at Blanchard, Traill county, was born in Norway, on the 3d of March, 1870, a son of Eric and Elizabeth (Hamre) Seim, both natives of that country, where they still make their home. To them have been born twelve children, all of whom are living, four residing in America and eight in Norway.

Ivar Seim was reared in his native land and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education but in 1888, when a youth of eighteen years, emigrated to America and, making his way to North Dakota, located in Traill county. He worked as a farm hand for some time, but in 1896 came to Blanchard and established what is known as the Blanchard Mercantile Company, of which he is part owner and which he manages. He understands the business thoroughly and has built up a large and profitable patronage. The excellence of the goods carried and the reasonableness of his prices have commended him to the public and his business is one of the prosperous concerns of the town. He also owns two hundred acres of land on section 13, Blanchard township, which is well improved and which yields him a good return.

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#### JOHN MCGUIGAN.

John McGuigan, who is manager of the elevator at Chaffee, owned by the Amenia & Sharon Land Company, has had long experience in grain buying and is very efficient in his chosen work. He was born in Ireland on the 1st of October, 1865, a son of Bernard and Susan (Allister) McGuigan, the former of whom died in Ireland, while the latter is still living there at the age of eighty-five years.

The subject of this review was reared under the parental roof and attended the schools of his native country in the pursuit of an education. In the spring of 1886 he decided to try his fortune in the United States and after reaching this country continued his journey westward to Casselton, North Dakota. For a short time he worked as a farm hand, but subsequently farmed in partnership with his brother William, who had preceded him to the United States three years. In 1895 John McGuigan became connected with the grain business and was placed in charge of the Anderson & Gage elevator at Woods, Cass county. He remained in the employ of that firm until they disposed of their elevator at Woods, after which he became manager of the Farmers elevator at that place. Two years later he was offered a position with the Amenia Elevator Company and for six months had the management of their elevator at Langdon. In 1909 he was transferred to their elevator at Chaffee, which is one of the most important elevators owned by the company. A great deal of grain is handled there annually and the successful management of the business requires a thorough knowledge of grain buying and sound judgment, qualifications which Mr. McGuigan possesses in an unusual degree. He and his wife own a half section of good land in Gill township and he and his brother James hold title to another half section in that township, and his holdings return him a substantial addition to his income.

In August, 1896, Mr. McGuigan was married to Miss Rebecca Smyth, of Lamour county, North Dakota, and they have become the parents of two children, Mary and Ethel. Mr. McGuigan is connected with Casselton Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Dakota Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church, to the support of which they contribute. As manager of the elevator Mr. McGuigan

is a factor in the commercial expansion of Chaffee, as the grain business is of great importance throughout the state, and he seeks to promote the general welfare as well as to safeguard the interests of the owners of the elevator.

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OLE M. LIAN.

Ole M. Lian, a successful farmer of Barnes township, Cass county, is one of the excellent citizens whom Norway has given to the northwest. He was born on the 4th of May, 1864, a son of Martin and Enger Lian, the former of whom is still living in that country, while the latter has passed away.

Ole M. Lian is one of a family of five children, of whom four survive, and the days of his boyhood and youth were passed in his native country. In 1883 he emigrated to the United States and made his way direct to Fargo, Cass county, North Dakota, where he worked as a laborer for ten years. At the end of that time he rented six hundred and forty acres of land, which he has since cultivated. He is energetic and practical and his labors yield him a good return.

In 1890 Mr. Lian was married to Miss Beintina Moe, of Missouri, by whom he has two children, Enger and Martin, both at home. Mr. Lian is a republican, but confines his political activity to the exercise of his right of franchise. He has been dependent upon his own resources and the prosperity which he has gained is evidence of his enterprise and good management. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

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WILLIAM S. YOUNG.

William S. Young, actively identified with banking interests, was one of the organizers of the First State Bank of Surrey in 1907 and has continuously been its cashier. Through this and other business connections he has become widely known and is regarded as a valued and representative resident of the northern part of the state. He was born in Leeds county, Ontario, Canada, March 16, 1868, and is a son of Ransom P. and Charlotte E. (Hales) Young, who were also natives of the same locality, both born in 1844. The father made farming his life work and in the year 1880 crossed the border into the United States, settling near Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He took up the study of veterinary surgery and began the practice of that profession. He now spends the winter months in California and maintains his home through the summer seasons in Fargo, where he and his wife are now widely and favorably known.

William S. Young, the second in a family of seven children, began his education in the schools of Canada, while later he continued his studies in Grand Forks and other towns of North Dakota. At the age of fifteen years he began working for others although he continued to live at home until he reached the age of twenty, when he accepted the position of clerk in a hotel. Subsequently he engaged in the hotel business on his own account, at Fargo, North Dakota, continuing active along that line for five years. He next engaged in the produce commission business in connection with F. W. Peterson, of Fargo, with whom he remained for six months, and during the succeeding year he conducted a real estate office in Fargo. A further progressive step brought him into the field of banking and in 1905 he organized and opened the Farmers State Bank at Upham, North Dakota, which was later consolidated with the Security State Bank of that place, Mr. Young acting in the capacity of cashier until 1906, when he retired from that position to become one of the organizers and promoters of a bank at Napoleon. He was active in the management and conduct of that institution for a year, at the end of which time he withdrew and became one of the foremost factors in the organization of the First State Bank at Surrey in 1907. He was chosen cashier of that institution and has continuously served in that capacity to the present time. He is a stockholder, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Grain Association of Surrey and is interested in the Bond Lumber Company of Minot, which operates eight yards in the state. He is likewise a

director of the First State Bank of Bowbells and he is quite an extensive landowner, having considerable farm land in North Dakota, giving his personal attention to the operation of a farm near Surrey. His business interests have thus constantly broadened out and have become of an important character, so that he is now one of the foremost merchants and financiers of his part of the state. He is also a partner of L. C. Eby in the Eby & Young Automobile Agency at Minot, North Dakota, which has the Buick agency for Northwest North Dakota. He does everything in his power to advance public interests along the lines of material development and intellectual and moral progress.

On the 7th of August, 1895, Mr. Young was married to Miss Jessie McBain, who was born in Quebec, Canada, a daughter of David G. McBain, who was also a native of that place, whence he removed to Winnipeg, where he engaged in general merchandising. He died in the spring of 1897, having for several years survived his wife, who passed away in 1890. He served as a member of the city council of Winnipeg although he was never ambitious to hold public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private business affairs. Mrs. Young was the second in her father's family of six children and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, Tessie May, Enid C., Norma Earl, Meredith McBain, Kayle M. and William Gordon.

Mr. Young is identified with several fraternal organizations, including the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and while at Grand Forks he served as chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and politically is a republican, but prefers that his public service shall be done as a private citizen rather than as an office seeker. He has, however, been township treasurer and is now a member of the board of education at Surrey and has served as president of the board for several years.

In the work of the church he has been quite active, serving as trustee and treasurer, and he was also treasurer of the fire department. That he is a man worthy of trust and enjoys the confidence of the public is indicated in the fact that he has several times been called upon to administer estates. Prompt, energetic and reliable, he possesses in large measure a fund of common sense and keen business sagacity and through the exercise of these qualities has been able to overcome all difficulties and obstacles which barred his path to success and along the line of earnest, persistent labor he has gained the goal of prosperity.

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#### ERNEST G. SASSE, M. D.

Dr. Ernest G. Sasse has gained a large and representative practice in Lidgerwood, Richland county, and is one of the most up-to-date and progressive physicians in his part of the state. He has never ceased to be a student of his profession and through post-graduate work and wide reading keeps in touch with the latest developments in medical science. He was born in St. Charles, Minnesota, on the 14th of November, 1869, a son of Gustav and Caroline (Fitzner) Sasse, the former of whom was born in Landsberg-on-the-Warthe, Germany, in 1843 and the latter in Pilgrims Heim near Breslau, in 1841. John Sasse, the paternal grandfather, was also born in Landsberg-on-the-Warthe, Germany, but in 1845 came to the United States and settled upon a farm near Gloversville, New York. Subsequently he removed westward and his demise occurred at St. Charles, Minnesota, in 1907. The maternal grandfather, Carl Fitzner, was born in Pilgrims Heim, near Breslau, Germany, but became a resident of the United States in 1849. He settled in Wisconsin and engaged in merchandising in West Bend, meeting with gratifying success in business. He passed away in the Badger state in 1882.

Gustav Sasse was but a boy when he accompanied his parents to the United States and he finished his education in this country. For a number of years he engaged in farming, but later conducted a general store at Vienna, South Dakota, and, having accumulated a competence, he retired and moved to Revillo, that state, where Mrs. Sasse passed away July 5, 1916. At the time of the Civil war he served in a Wisconsin regiment for three years, thus aiding in the preservation of the Union. His religious faith is that of the German Evangelical church, and fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while in politics he is a staunch republican. To him and his wife were born seven children: Caroline,

the wife of Melvin P. Noble, of Revillo, who runs a dray line and conducts a coal business at that place; Ernest G.; Henry A., who is a druggist of Henry, South Dakota; Carl A., an attorney and editor of the *Veblin Advance* at Veblin, South Dakota; Edward L., a druggist of Vienna, South Dakota; Edith, who married James F. Ashbaugh, a bank cashier of Murdock, Minnesota; and Esther, the wife of Edward A. Wing, of Brookings, South Dakota, who is a traveling salesman for the C. G. Rice Coal Company.

Ernest G. Sasse attended the public schools of Minnesota and of Henry, South Dakota, and took his preparatory work in the high school at St. Charles, Minnesota. Subsequently he completed a four year's course in the State College at Brookings, South Dakota, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1896. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the Medical College of Hamline University at Minneapolis, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1899. He first located at Revillo, South Dakota, where he practiced for four years, but in 1904 he removed to Lidgerwood, North Dakota, where he remained a similar length of time. He then went to Montana and practiced at Bridger and Bearcreek, that state. In the spring of 1913 he returned to Lidgerwood, where he has since remained and where he has gained an enviable reputation as a capable and conscientious physician. Dr. Sasse also owns and operates the Lidgerwood Hospital, which is equipped with all modern appliances. He has taken post-graduate work at London, England; Berlin, Germany; and Vienna, Austria, studying abroad during the greater part of the year of 1908, and he has also taken advanced work at San Francisco and Chicago. He finds membership in medical societies of great benefit in keeping in touch with the trend of medical thought and practice and is identified with the county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Sasse was married on the 10th of February, 1913, to Miss Sophia Pearson, who was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland. They have become the parents of two children: Bruce, who was born May 26, 1914; and Douglas, whose birth occurred July 11, 1915.

Dr. Sasse is a republican in politics, but although he takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs he has never been an office seeker, his professional duties requiring his undivided attention. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge and the Royal Arch chapter and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in his life exemplifies the principles of fraternity at the basis of those organizations. He also holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which he contributes and whose work he furthers in every way possible. He has not only gained recognition professionally, but has also won the personal regard of those who have come in close contact with him, his salient characteristics being such as invariably command respect and esteem.

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#### E. D. ANGELL.

E. D. Angell, engaged in the real estate and investment business, has been a resident of Fargo since August, 1881, and in the interim has taken a deep interest in the development of the state. His business affairs have been conducted along large and growing lines and he is now operating extensively in real estate in Canada.

Mr. Angell is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Lapeer, Cortland county, December 30, 1855, his parents being Erasmus D. and Sarah (Lake) Angell, both of whom were natives of New York, where they spent their entire lives, the father there following the occupation of farming.

E. D. Angell is indebted to the public school system of the Empire state for the early educational advantages which he enjoyed. He afterward attended the State Normal and Training School at Cortland, the Cazenovia Seminary and the Syracuse University and was graduated from the last named institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1880. He afterward taught for a year in the Soldiers Orphanage School in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and in 1881 sought the opportunities of the new and developing northwest, making his way to Fargo, where he arrived in August. He spent a short time with a threshing crew and subsequently accepted a clerkship in the general store of Hubbard & Parlin of Casselton, remaining with them, however, for only about a month. He next



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went upon the road as collector for N. K. Hubbard, driving over Cass and Richland counties when there were only trails through the country, roads having not yet been laid out. In December of the same year he located permanently in Fargo and has since been engaged in the real estate business. He has acquired extensive farm lands in both North Dakota and in Canada, his larger operations in recent years having been in Canada. He is one of the oldest real estate dealers in years of continuous connection with the business in Fargo and in all that he does displays a spirit of enterprise that has carried him into important relations. He has negotiated many extensive realty transfers and has gained a large clientele.

In 1889 Mr. Angell was united in marriage to Miss Jennie C. Burns, of Phelps, New York, who was a university classmate. They had one son, who is deceased. Mr. Angell gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Methodist church, in which he is serving on the board of trustees and to which his wife also belongs. His business activity, his public-spirited citizenship and his devotion to the general welfare combine to make Mr. Angell one of the representative and leading residents of Fargo. He has been associated closely with the city's interests for a third of a century, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

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#### CHRIST PAULSON.

Christ Paulson, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising in Warren township, Cass county, is a native of Norway. His birth occurred November 12, 1848, and he is a son of Paul and Carrie Paulson, both of whom have passed their entire lives in that country. Two of their four children survive.

Christ Paulson received his education in Norway and remained there until 1877, when he emigrated to the United States. For a year he resided in Houston county, Minnesota, but in 1878 came to North Dakota and settled on his present farm on section 34, Warren township, Cass county. In the years that have since intervened he has brought his place to a high state of development and made many fine improvements thereon. Although he raises considerable grain, he makes a specialty of stock raising and derives therefrom a good income. He has purchased additional land from time to time and now owns four hundred and eighty acres.

In 1882 Mr. Paulson was married to Miss Eline Graalum, likewise a native of Norway, and to their union have been born ten children: Nettie, who is at home; Andrew M.; Aaguth, the wife of Carl Olson; Otelia C.; Oscar; Joseph, who is working at Cleveland, North Dakota as operator; Jarl, who is a clerk in Fargo; Louise; Richard; and Martha.

Mr. Paulson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church. When he came to this country he was a poor man, but he possessed energy and good judgment and by taking advantage of the opportunities here offered he has gained financial independence.

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#### FRED KLINGER.

Fred Klinger, of Hill township, who has gained gratifying prosperity as a farmer, was born in Germany on the 15th of June, 1850, a son of Frederick William and Beattie (Krueger) Klinger, both of whom passed away in the fatherland. Our subject was reared at home and acquired his education in the common schools. After his removal to the United States in 1867 he spent about four months in the vicinity of Chicago, after which he removed to Winnebago county, Wisconsin, where he remained for about twelve years, working as a farm hand, after which he came to North Dakota, where he has since resided. For a year he worked for a blacksmith in Buffalo, Cass county, but in 1880 he bought a relinquishment on a homestead on section 4, Hill township, his present home farm. He has since purchased additional land and now owns three hundred and twenty acres, from which he derives a good

income. He has made many excellent improvements upon his place and in 1903 he erected a modern residence, which is one of the most attractive farm homes of the county.

In 1882 Mr. Klinger was married to Miss Eliza Berry, a native of Minnesota, and they have become the parents of nine children, of whom eight survive, Laura, Clara, Maria, Mary, Elizabeth, Anna, Adeline and Fred.

Mr. Klinger is a liberal democrat in politics and when he deems that he can best serve the public interests by so doing he votes independently. For about fifteen years he has served as a member of the school board and during that time has been instrumental in advancing the interests of the public schools. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, with which his family is also identified. When he came to this country he had no capital, but he was quick to see and take advantage of the opportunities here offered to the ambitious young man and as the years have passed his resources have increased until he is now one of the substantial residents of his township.

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#### FRANK W. PEARSON.

Frank W. Pearson, district agent at Fargo for the New York Life Insurance Company, is a prominent representative of life insurance interests in his part of the state, is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the business and under his direction the interests of the company have been largely promoted. He has never allowed business cares, however, to prevent his activity along the lines which lead to the uplift of the individual and the betterment of the community and has long been regarded as one of the foremost members of the First Congregational church and a factor in the moral progress of his community.

His life record had its beginning in Manchester, New Hampshire, on the 27th of July, 1856, his parents being William S. and Sarah B. (Paige) Pearson, both natives of the Granite state and representatives of old New England families. The ancestral line on the paternal side can be traced back to England, whence a representative of the name came to the new world, settling in Rowley, Massachusetts, in 1643. This was John Pearson, who established the first cotton mill built on the western hemisphere. The corner post of the building was still standing in 1800, according to the *New England Magazine*, when it was taken up and made into foot rules. Timothy Morse Pearson, the great-grandfather of Frank W. Pearson, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, while William S. Pearson participated in the Civil war as a Union soldier. Prior to becoming connected with the army he was foreman in the Stark cotton mills at Manchester, New Hampshire, and after the cessation of hostilities he removed to Detroit, Michigan, and became identified with the Detroit Safe Company as manager of one of its departments, remaining in active connection with the business until 1884, when his health failed and at the invitation of his son Frank he came to Fargo, making his home with his son until his death in 1885. His wife survived him until 1900 and both were laid to rest in Riverside cemetery at Fargo. In the maternal line the ancestry is traced back to England and the first member of the family in the new world, John Paige, arrived in 1638.

Frank W. Pearson acquired a common school education at Manchester, New Hampshire, and at Detroit, Michigan. His father early decided that the son should be a mechanic and at the age of sixteen years he was put to work at the plant of the Detroit Safe Company, in the employ of which concern he remained for eight years. In 1880 he came to the west, arriving at Fargo on the 22d of June, bringing with him an introduction to J. B. Hall, the editor of the *Fargo Weekly Republican*. Through the assistance of Mr. Hall he secured a position as bookkeeper with the hardware firm of Stevens & Rolph, after which he was employed as bookkeeper by three different firms until the mid-winter of 1880-1, when he was made agent for the Detroit Safe Company, which he thus represented for a number of years in connection with other work. In the summer of 1881 the *Fargo Daily Republican* was started and Mr. Pearson was asked to take charge of the circulation department. Incidentally he was in the office when the first edition of the paper was published and he bought the first copy that was sold. This he subsequently presented to the State Historical Society. He continued with the *Republican* in various capacities until 1892, at which time he resigned his position as city editor and in June of that year became special agent at Fargo for the New York Life Insur-

ance Company. In 1893 he was made general agent of the company and has since retained his connection with the company. One of the most interesting experiences that came to him during his association with the Fargo Daily Republican was in representing that paper at Bismarck during the last territorial legislature, at which time he was thrown into daily personal contact with Colonel C. A. Lounsberry, who was representing the Bismarck Tribune. The Fargo Daily Republican was the first newspaper outside of Bismarck that received the first routine report of the proceedings of the legislature and probably the personnel of that legislature made it the strongest ever assembled at Bismarck.

In July, 1887, Mr. Pearson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Spotts, of Fargo, who at that time was a teacher of music in the Fargo public schools. To them have been born five children, as follows: Lillian M., the wife of Ralph Beard, who is a professor in the Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis; and Alice G., Mildred, Glenna P. and William S., all at home.

In his political views Mr. Pearson has always been an earnest republican, conversant with the questions and issues of the day and studying the vital problems which continually confront the country. His chief activity outside of business, however, has been along the line of church work. He has been called the resident father of Congregationalism in North Dakota. Mr. Pearson, and E. W. Judd now of Washington state, were the pioneers in founding the first Congregational church in Fargo, which was the first church of that denomination in the state. Mr. Pearson has ever since been associated therewith and is now a deacon in the church. He was also the president of the Brotherhood of the church and in all lines of the church work has been very active and helpful. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery. In 1896 he was chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge and was very active in the work of that organization during the '90s but has demitted. For several years he was quite active in the Old Settlers Association work and served as secretary under the presidencies of William H. White, Colonel W. F. Ball and Judge Charles A. Pollock. With every phase of the pioneer development of the state Mr. Pearson is familiar and has not only been an interested witness, but also an active cooperant in many of the plans and measures which have had direct bearing upon the state's history. Although of New England birth he is passionately in love with that part of the union "out where West begins, where men make friends without half trying."

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#### AUGUST NELSON.

August Nelson, who is recognized as a leading merchant of Harwood, Cass county, has not only gained individual success, but has also contributed in no small measure to the commercial growth and expansion of his town. He understands thoroughly the problems that confront the retail merchant and has systematized the work of his store, securing the greatest efficiency in its operation, and his policy of giving full value for the money received has enabled him to retain custom once gained. He was born in Sweden, October 7, 1855, a son of Nels and Maria Nelson, both of whom died in Sweden.

The subject of this review was reared and educated in Sweden, remaining in that country until 1876, when as a young man of twenty-one years he emigrated to the United States, having heard much concerning the favorable conditions here. He made his way to Vermilion, South Dakota, and remained in that locality for about eight months, working as a farm hand during that time. In the spring of 1877 he came to North Dakota and for seven years worked on farms in Cass county, carefully saving his money with the purpose of buying land. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Raymond township, that county, on which he resided until 1907, when he turned his attention from agricultural pursuits to other lines of activity. He removed to Harwood and bought a hotel, which he conducted for six years, in the meantime establishing his present business, which he has made the leading mercantile enterprise of Harwood. He buys his stock with the preferences of his customers in mind and has made unfailing courtesy a part of the service which his store gives its patrons. He still owns one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Raymond township and also has stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of Harwood.

Mr. Nelson was married in 1884 to Miss Ida C. Wakeland, of Raymond township, who, however, was born in Sweden. Two children have been born to this marriage: Emil, who is manager of his father's store; and Minnie Christina, at home.

Mr. Nelson gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but has never had the time nor inclination to take an active part in public affairs. He and his family are affiliated with the Swedish Lutheran church, the work of which they aid in every way possible, and their lives measure up to high standards of ethics. Mr. Nelson is known throughout Cass county and all who have come in contact with him, whether in business or social relations, esteem him highly.

#### L. C. WALLA.

L. C. Walla, who is one of the leading business men of Horace, Cass county, is a native of Norway, born on the 19th of April, 1878. His parents, L. P. N. and Lottie (Jensen) Walla, were also natives of Norway, where they lived and died. Five of their six children survive.

L. C. Walla was reared in Norway and attended the common schools there. In 1898, when twenty years of age, he came to the United States and made his way to North Dakota. For five years he worked as a farm hand in Cass county during the summers, while the winters were spent in attending college in Fargo. At the end of that time he became a clerk in a store in Horace and was so employed for five years, after which he went to McKenzie county, this state, and took up a homestead, on which he resided for fourteen months. He now owns four hundred acres of land in that county, all of which is improved. In 1908 he returned to Horace and established a general store and also engaged in the lumber business, both of which undertakings he is still conducting. He is thoroughly reliable and his business policy has gained him a good custom. He is also agent for the Norwegian American Steamship line and owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Horace.

In 1908 Mr. Walla was united in marriage to Miss Anna Olson, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Hans and Martha Olson. The father is deceased but the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Walla have two children, Angell and Martha.

Mr. Walla is a democrat but his business interests have left him no time to take a very active part in public affairs. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church, the teachings of which are the guiding principles of their lives. When he came to the United States Mr. Walla had no capital but through industry and good management he has become one of the substantial men of his town.

#### ELLEF KNUDSON MYHRE.

One of the leading mercantile enterprises of Valley City is the property of Ellef Knudson Myhre, a self-made man whose well directed energies have enabled him to advance steadily toward the goal of success. A native of Norway, he was born at Hallingdal in October, 1856. His father, Knute Storlie, also a native of that place, had various business connections and held several local offices, serving for some time in a position similar to that of judge of the probate court.

His son, Ellef Knudson Myhre, the third in a family of nine children, spent his school days in Norway and in 1873 came to America, being then a youth of seventeen years. He was the second of the family to cross the Atlantic, having been preceded by his brother, Ole K. Myhre, who settled in Minnesota in 1872 and is now living at Nome, Barnes county, North Dakota. On coming to the new world E. K. Myhre made his way direct to Minnesota, where he devoted a year to farming and then began work at the painter's trade, which he had previously learned in his native land. He was thus employed until March, 1879, when he removed to Fargo and in July of the same year came to Valley City, where he again followed his trade until 1885, in which year he opened a store that he conducted until 1894. He then turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business, which he followed until 1900,

when he was appointed postmaster and after four years' service was reappointed, so that he occupied the position until 1908. He then again entered the real estate and insurance field and was so engaged until July, 1911, when he organized the Farmers Mercantile Company, Incorporated, of which he became secretary, treasurer and general manager. This is a general store and the business has steadily increased, a liberal patronage being now accorded. In 1908 Mr. Myhre erected the building which is now utilized by the Farmers Mercantile Company, a two story and basement structure, twenty-five by one hundred feet, at the corner of Main street and Third avenue.

In March, 1884, Mr. Myhre was married to Miss Ogot Mortrude, of Norway, whose parents were Wisconsin pioneers. Their children are: Alma Malvena, the wife of Vern Gale, connected with the postoffice at Valley City; Carl Albert, city engineer of Valley City; Clara B., wife of Roger E. Lloyd; Ernest Oliver, who is car clerk with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company; Ruth Alvera, a teacher of domestic science in St. Cloud, Minnesota; and Walter Howard, who is with his father in the store. The family is one of prominence in the community, enjoying the high regard and friendship of many with whom they have come in contact.

Mr. Myhre is identified with the Sons of Norway, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have several times called him to public office. He served for two terms as a member of the city council and three times was elected county commissioner but at length resigned that position to accept the postmastership. He has ever regarded a public office as a public trust—and it is well known that no trust reposed in E. K. Myhre is ever betrayed. He is always loyal to the cause which he espouses, reliable in business, loyal in citizenship and straightforward in every relation of life.

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#### HENRY A. KLUVER.

Henry A. Kløver is well known in financial circles of Ward county by reason of his active connection with the banking interests of Burlington, where he organized the First State Bank in 1909 and has since served as cashier. He was born in Butler county, Iowa, November 8, 1878, a son of Charles and Dora Kløver, both of whom were natives of Heidelberg, Germany. They were married in that country and on coming to the new world settled in Butler county, Iowa, at which time Cedar Falls was their nearest market. They were pioneers of that locality and experienced all of the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier, but lived to see many changes and a marked difference in conditions in that state, where both Mr. and Mrs. Kløver continued their residence until called to their final rest. While in Germany Mr. Kløver served as a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war.

Henry A. Kløver was reared in a household numbering nine children, of whom he was the youngest. He attended school in Iowa and was also a student at the Wesleyan University of Lincoln, Nebraska, and at the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines, Iowa, his thorough training there received well qualifying him for his later duties in financial circles. He was about sixteen years of age when he began providing for his own support. He worked his way through school and when he finished his high school education pursued a commercial course. He afterward went to Butte, Montana, where he was employed by others, and later he removed to University Place, Nebraska, where he worked his way through the university by tutoring. He was also employed in a clothing house on Saturdays. In the spring of 1906 he came to North Dakota and settled on a homestead in McKenzie county more to obtain a needed rest than otherwise. In the fall of 1908 he removed to Burlington and in the spring of 1909 organized the First State Bank, of which he became the first cashier. He is still serving in that capacity and the success of the institution is largely attributable to his close application and sound judgment. He is likewise one of the partners in the Johnson-Kløver Lumber Company and is a stockholder in a number of outside corporations, while his real estate holdings include land in North Dakota and city property in Lincoln. He has rented his farms in this state and devotes practically all his time to the banking business.

On the 25th of October, 1914, Mr. Kløver was united in marriage to Carrie Wallace Johnson, a daughter of James and Ida J. (Colton) Johnson, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Kløver are members of the Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Kløver is a republican. He served on the board of education at Burlington for a number of years, a part of the time as president, and his fraternal relations cover connection with the Masonic lodge at Minot. He has largely concentrated his time and efforts upon his business affairs and his sound judgment and enterprise are evidenced in his success. He is a self-made man and is highly esteemed and respected in the city in which he makes his home.

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#### NILS N. WALLA.

Nils N. Walla, who owned four hundred and forty acres of excellent land in Stanley township, Cass county, was born in Norway, December 9, 1826, a son of Nils I. and Permelia (Christianson) Walla. His parents were also natives of Norway, where they passed their entire lives. In their family were thirteen children but only two are now living.

Nils N. Walla was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools of Norway in the acquirement of his education. He continued to reside in that country until 1867, in which year he came to the United States. He first settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he remained until 1874, when he removed to Cass county, this state. He settled on the land which is still owned by the family and at once began to improve his place, which was then but a tract of raw prairie. His first residence was a log cabin but a number of years later he erected a good frame dwelling and he also made many other improvements upon the place. The land is now under cultivation and the family derive therefrom a good income. Mr. Walla owned four hundred and forty acres on sections 19, 20 and 30, Stanley township, and gained financial independence.

In 1868 Mr. Walla was united in marriage, in Minnesota, to Miss Anna Johnson, who was born in Norway, a daughter of John and Karen (Christopherson) Johnson, who were lifelong residents of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Walla became the parents of twelve children, five of whom are living, John, Anna, Karen, Benjamin and Nora.

Mr. Walla was a republican and for years served acceptably as school director and as school treasurer. He was a member of the Lutheran church, to which his widow also belongs, and his influence was always on the side of right and progress. He was over eighty-nine years of age when he passed away January 7, 1916, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that his life was well spent, as he not only prospered financially but was also a factor in the development of his community along lines of moral and educational advancement.

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#### HANS T. HOGY.

Hans T. Hogy is a well known representative of the grain trade in Ward county, having in 1905 established a grain elevator in Burlington, while at the same time he is proprietor of a second elevator at Deslaes. His spirit of progress is manifest in an unceasing activity that results in success. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at Viroqua, August 20, 1870, his parents being Foster and Christie (Lermo) Hogy, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. They came to America about 1867, settling at Viroqua, and in that locality the father engaged in farming. Subsequently he removed to Cyrus, Minnesota, and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his death in October, 1912. His widow survived for only a few months, passing away in March, 1913.

Hans T. Hogy pursued his education in the district schools of his native county and in the public schools at Cyrus, Minnesota, having removed to the latter state with his parents, with whom he remained until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when his father gave him eighty acres of land, also telling him to go to the barn and select the horse which he wanted. Thus he started upon an independent business career and for seven years was engaged in farming in Minnesota, after which he turned his attention to the grain business,

which he followed in that state until 1905. Arriving in Burlington, North Dakota, in that year, he became identified with the grain business there and is now operating the Farmers Elevator. He has extended the scope of his business by taking over the elevator at Deslacs. He is also engaged in the live stock business, having on hand two hundred and fifty head of cattle. While he owns considerable land in North Dakota, he devotes the greater part of his time to the grain trade, yet he feeds cattle extensively each year, employing men to cultivate his land. He readily recognizes the salient points in a business transaction and so directs his efforts that energy and determination have brought to him success.

In June, 1896, Mr. Hopy was united in marriage to Miss Indiana Lybeck, who was born in Christiania, Norway, and during her early girlhood was brought to America by her parents. She died in February, 1915, leaving two daughters: Myrtle, who is attending the State Normal School in Minot; and Hazel, who is a pupil in the Burlington schools.

Mr. Hopy is identified with the Modern Woodmen camp at Burlington and with the Elks lodge at Minot and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Lutheran church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen have called him to some local offices although he has never aspired to political preferment. He has worked diligently to attain his present success and business standing, both of which have been creditably won and place him with the leading citizens of Ward county.

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#### A. F. BONZER.

A. F. Bonzer, of the firm of Bonzer & Mathews of Lidgerwood, is not only a factor in the business development of his town and county but is also very active in politics and in public affairs generally. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, November 20, 1862, of the marriage of Joseph and Catherine (Blaha) Bonzer, both natives of Bohemia. The father was born in 1813 and although Bohemian by birth spent thirteen years in Vienna, where he received an excellent education. He was able to speak and write German, Bohemian and English and was well informed on all subjects of general interest. In his youth he came to the United States with his parents, both of whom died in this country. Following his marriage he located in Clayton county, Iowa, where he purchased land from the government, which he cultivated until 1882. In that year he became a resident of Brown county, South Dakota, and at once took up a homestead, upon which he resided for twelve years. He then again removed westward, making his way to Oregon, where he remained for a year, after which he located in Idaho. Still later he came to North Dakota and passed away in this state in 1902. He was a democrat in politics, and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. He was successful financially and also gained the warm regard and the sincere respect of all who came in contact with him, for his life measured up to high standards. To him and his wife were born six children, five of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, a resident of Cresco, Iowa; John, a retired farmer residing in Hecla, South Dakota; Henry, who is engaged in the hardware business in Hettinger, North Dakota; A. F.; and O. W., who is manager of a hardware store in Lidgerwood.

A. F. Bonzer received his education in the common schools of Iowa and during his boyhood and youth devoted much time to assisting his father with the farm work. He engaged in farming independently in Iowa and South Dakota but in 1893 he removed to Lidgerwood, North Dakota, and established a meat market. For ten years following this he also bought and shipped cattle, becoming one of the large stock dealers of the county, but at the end of that time he sold out and erected a large brick building, in which he engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a general store successfully for five years. On disposing of that business he entered the real-estate field but for six years divided his attention between a number of business interests. Since 1908, however, he has devoted practically his entire time to the land and loan business as a member of the firm of Bonzer & Mathews. They buy and sell land outright, operating chiefly in the southern part of North Dakota, and they have gained a gratifying measure of success. Mr. Bonzer owns a great deal of valuable farm and city property and is also a director in the Farmers National Bank of Lidgerwood and the Farmers State Bank of Mantador, this state.

Mr. Bonzer was married in 1887 to Miss Hannah Dinger, who was born in Indiana and is a daughter of Polycarp Dinger, who removed his family to South Dakota in 1882. For a number of years he was actively engaged in farming but is now living in Lidgerwood. Mr. and Mrs. Bonzer have five children: Cora, the wife of Walter Truax, cashier of the Geneseo State Bank of Geneseo, this state; Clarence, who is assisting his father; Mamie, the wife of Adolph Kotchan, cashier of the State Bank of Kermit, North Dakota; Arthur, residing in Geneseo; and Archie, who is attending St. John's school at Collegeville, Minnesota.

The parents attend the Baptist church, but the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Bonzer is well known fraternally, belonging to Lodge No. 1093, B. P. O. E., at Fergus Falls; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through all of the chairs; and to the Masons. In politics he is a stalwart democrat and is recognized as one of the leaders of his party in southeastern North Dakota. He has been called to a number of positions of trust and honor and has at all times discharged his official duties with ability and conscientiousness. For seventeen years he served on the school board and for eighteen years he has been a member of the city council, of which he is now president, and for six years, beginning with 1901, he was county commissioner. Still higher honor came to him when in 1912 he was elected to the state senate, defeating a strong republican candidate, although the republican majority is normally three or four hundred. His has been a life of intense activity, and his achievements are the more commendable in that he has depended solely upon his own resources since boyhood.

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#### HAROLD THORSON.

A superficial view of the life record of Harold Thorson makes one feel that his career is almost magical, but careful analysis of the course that he has followed shows that his splendid success is but the direct, logical and merited reward of persistent, earnest labor, keen discernment, judicious investment and unabating energy—qualities which in time have made him one of the foremost bankers in the two states of North Dakota and Minnesota, while he pays the largest income tax in the former state. Back of this is an interesting story—the story of a youth of foreign birth who sought the opportunities of the new world and started out in business circles on this side the Atlantic with a capital of good health, vigor, determination and ambition. He was born on the Dovre farm in Nordre Aurdal Prestegjeld, Valdres, Norway, November 16, 1841, and when a youth of sixteen he bade adieu to friends and native land and started for the new world, believing that he might have better business opportunities on this side the Atlantic. On his way to this country he was temporarily struck snowblind while crossing Filefjeld to Laerdal. As a passenger on the sailing vessel Gange Rolv, which weighed anchor at Bergen, he spent five weeks before landing at Quebec. From that point he made his way to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and in a land unhampered by cast or class he put forth his initial effort toward attaining success. Realizing the value of education as a business asset, he spent three years as a high school pupil in Manitowoc and for four years he was employed as a clerk, thus gaining mercantile experience and at the same time adding largely to his knowledge of the English language and of American methods and customs. During that period he practiced the strictest economy until his savings amounted to a sum sufficient to enable him to embark in business on his own account.

Mr. Thorson chose Minnesota as the field of his labors and in 1865 opened a store at Northfield. All through the period of his connection with trade interests there he was studying business conditions and opportunities in this state, watching the trend of development and progress, and in 1889 he gave demonstration of his notable prescience and foresight in the purchase of a large tract of land at Elbow Lake. It was this that caused him to transfer his business activities to northwestern Minnesota and North Dakota. Dr. J. Paul Goode of the University of Chicago, economist, whose study of the resources of the country has perhaps been as comprehensive as that of any other man, says that the best possible investment is in farm land, and so it proved in the case of Mr. Thorson, who began cultivating his land on an extensive scale, bringing the tract to a high state of improvement and thus greatly enhancing its market value. It was also a logical step to real estate dealing and further-



HAROLD THORSON



more he became a factor in financial circles by identifying himself with banking. From point to point in that field he has extended his efforts until he is now president of a large number of banks throughout the northwest. He pays the largest income tax in North Dakota. After residing at Elbow Lake for a long period Mr. Thorson went to St. Paul, where he lived retired for three or four years, but idleness is utterly foreign to his nature and this life of inactivity did not please him. In 1906, therefore, he removed to Drake, North Dakota, where he purchased the Merchants State Bank. He today controls twenty-five different banks in North Dakota and Minnesota, of most of which he is the president, and he is regarded as one of the foremost representatives of banking interests in the two states. He is a stockholder in the American National Bank and the Northern Savings Bank, both of St. Paul, being a director in the former and vice president of the latter. His holdings of farm lands are also extensive and he likewise has large investments in city property in St. Paul and elsewhere.

On November 22, 1864, Mr. Thorson was united in marriage to Miss Karen Lajord, by whom he had eight children, four of whom still survive, as follows: Thor D., bank examiner for his father; Clara J., who is the wife of L. H. Iekler, vice president of the American National Bank of St. Paul; Cecil Lenor, at home; and Henry Lewis, who is employed in the Merchants State Bank of Drake. The wife and mother passed away in 1913.

Mr. Thorson has been a generous contributor to church and charitable work and he was one of the incorporators and one of the largest contributors to the support of St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, during the days when it was struggling for existence. To secure the location of the school at Northfield he made a personal contribution of two thousand dollars and assisted in raising six thousand more among the influential men of the city. He procured the old public school buildings and lots in the town for twenty-five hundred dollars and he picked out the present beautiful site on Manitou Heights as a place for the permanent home of the institution. He was the principal member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the main building and he bore the expense of tearing down the old buildings on the original site and removing the materials and putting them into what is known as the old Ladies' Hall on the hill. He contributed ten thousand dollars toward the erection of Mohn Hall and has never ceased his active interest in the school. He has been equally generous in support of various other beneficent projects. His friends regard him as a commercial genius. He himself modestly disclaims this, but it is a self-evident fact that his ability has brought him to a position far in advance of the great majority of his fellowmen. One of the secrets of his success is that he has noted and utilized opportunities that others have passed heedlessly by. Another element in his progress has been his untiring diligence guided by sound judgment and expressed in honorable business methods. He is a great man not because he has attained wealth but because he has maintained that even balance which enables him while conducting mammoth business interests to recognize and meet his duties and obligations in other connections, judging life from a sane, practical standpoint and making the most of his opportunities not only for the benefit of himself but also for the benefit of the northwest.

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#### PETER JOHNSON.

As North Dakota is primarily an agricultural state its wealth and development are due chiefly to the labor of its progressive and enterprising farmers, among whom is numbered Peter Johnson, who owns and operates three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Raymond township, Cass county. He was born in Sweden on the 24th of May, 1860, of the marriage of John F. and Margaret (Hendrickson) Johnson, both of whom died in their native country.

Peter Johnson was reared at home and in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools of Sweden. In 1882, when a young man of about twenty-two years, he determined to try his fortune in the United States and accordingly made his way to North Dakota, where he was employed during the summer as a farm hand. The following winter he went to Duluth, Minnesota, and did teaming and worked in the woods until spring, when

he returned to this state. A year later he bought a relinquishment on a tree claim in Steele county, which he sold three years later. He then returned to Sweden and for a year and a half remained there but at the end of that time came again to the United States and purchased his present home farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Raymond township, Cass county. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres on section 11 and cultivates the entire three hundred and twenty acres, his labors being rewarded by large crops, the sale of which yields him a good profit. Although he is now one of the substantial citizens of his township he not only had no capital when he came to North Dakota in 1882 but was in debt for his passage money. He worked to such good purpose and managed his affairs so well that on his return to Sweden five years later he had sixteen hundred dollars saved. In addition to his valuable farm he owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Harwood and the Farmers elevator at Prosper.

In 1888 Mr. Johnson was married in Sweden to Miss Margaret Peterson, by whom he had four children, two of whom are living, John and Peter E., both at home. The wife and mother died in 1894 and six years later Mr. Johnson married Miss Edla Sandstrom, who was born in Sweden, a daughter of Lars and Johanna (Peterson) Sandstrom. Her father is still living in Sweden but her mother has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become the parents of three children, Herbert, Sigma and Fern.

Mr. Johnson is a stalwart republican and for a number of years was constable and for several terms was a member of the school board, his services proving very satisfactory in those capacities. He is identified with the American Yeomen and the Scandinavian lodge, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Swedish Lutheran church, which indicates the principles which govern their conduct.

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#### PETER S. GOLBERG.

Peter S. Golberg, a farmer residing in Stanley township, Cass county, has manifested those qualities of energy and faith in the future which are characteristic of the west. He was born in Wisconsin on the 12th of May, 1852, a son of Svend and Segri (Gollings) Golberg, both of whom were born in Norway. In 1847 they emigrated to the United States and for five years they made their home in Wisconsin, but in the latter part of 1852 they removed to Fillmore county, Minnesota.

Peter S. Golberg, the eldest in a family of thirteen children, was educated in Minnesota and grew to manhood in that state. In 1877 he came to North Dakota and located upon a farm on section 8, Stanley township, Cass county, where he is still living. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Horace.

In 1881 occurred the marriage of Mr. Golberg and Miss Hannah Olson, who has lived in Cass county since she was seven years of age. Mr. Golberg is a stalwart democrat and has taken quite an active part in politics. For one term he served as county auditor and for one term as county commissioner, proving an able and conscientious official. He is at present a member of the township board. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church. His salient characteristics are such as have always won respect and esteem and he has many warm personal friends.

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#### AUSTIN GRAY.

Austin Gray, who was connected with business interests in a number of North Dakota towns, was especially well known as a hotel man and won a competence which enabled him to build in 1905 a commodious home at Leeds and to retire from active life. However, he was not long permitted to enjoy his leisure as his death occurred on the 10th of April, 1906. He was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, November 30, 1846, of the marriage of Norman and Anne (Ledden) Gray. The father was probably born in Vermont and the mother was a native

of Ireland. He devoted his life to farming and never removed farther west than Illinois although he visited his son Austin in North Dakota.

Austin Gray, who was the eldest of a family of six children, attended school in De Kalb county, Illinois, and completed the work of the grammar grades. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and in the meantime learned the blacksmith's trade. On attaining his majority he went to Georgetown, Colorado, where he remained for a number of years, after which he removed to Chicago. He was employed in machine shops there for a considerable period but about 1880 removed to North Dakota and located in Dickey county, eight miles northeast of Oakes. He resided upon his farm until after his marriage, when he engaged in the hotel business at Leeds, this state, at the request of his wife, who had for a number of years conducted a hotel at Oakes. They remained the proprietors of the hotel at Leeds for twelve years and at length, at the solicitation of traveling men, changed the name from the Commercial Hotel to the Hotel Gray. On selling out their interests there they removed to the site of Ryder and, purchasing a tract of land, founded the town. Mr. Gray engaged in the general mercantile business there, conducted a hotel and was also the first postmaster of the town. He played an important part in the development of Ryder along material and civic lines and was one of its most influential citizens. After remaining there for two and a half years he returned to Leeds, where he erected a fine residence and retired from the cares of business. He retained title to the hotel at Ryder and he and his wife also purchased a hotel at White Earth and Mrs. Gray is still interested in both properties. He passed away April 10, 1906, and his demise was widely regretted, for he had a host of warm friends.

Mr. Gray was married on the 12th of January, 1893, to Mrs. Anne (Barrett) Galvin. She was born in New York harbor on a sailing vessel on which her parents, Daniel and Mary (Barrett) Barrett, natives of County Clare, had crossed from Ireland to the United States. On removing to this country in 1853, they located in Pennsylvania but subsequently removed to New York, where the father engaged in construction work as a contractor on the New York & Erie Railroad from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, to Olean, New York. Later he removed with his family to Rochester, Minnesota, and for eighteen years engaged in farming in that locality. On the expiration of that period he removed to North Dakota and after living for a time on the present site of Wimbledon, went to Jamestown, where he passed his last days, dying in 1899. His wife was called by death in 1891. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom Mrs. Gray is the fifth in order of birth. In 1866 she was married to Michael Galvin, a native of Ireland, whom she met in New York state. He engaged in railroad work there for some time but on the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, for six months. On the expiration of his term of service he reenlisted for three years and served with his command until he was taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh. He was confined in Andersonville prison for six months but was released at the close of the war. He then went to Salamanca, New York, but later removed to Rochester, Minnesota, where he remained until his death on the 10th of April, 1882. To him and his wife were born seven children, namely: William Henry, deceased; Mary Elizabeth, the wife of John Boyle, a railroad man living in Jamestown; Daniel, who died when nine years old; Ann, the widow of F. E. Wood, of Leeds, this state; Grace L., the deceased wife of H. A. Jones, of Minnewaukon, North Dakota; and John N. and Michael B., both of whom have passed away.

Mr. Gray was a staunch advocate of the democratic party and served as a member of the board of education of Leeds for many years. Fraternally he belonged to the Workmen and Woodmen. He was a communicant of the Roman Catholic church but did not confine his interest in moral and religious effort to his own denomination, for he did more than any other resident of Leeds for the advancement of the Protestant churches of the town. His broadmindedness and generosity found expression in many ways and there was no project calculated to promote the public welfare that did not receive his heartiest support and cooperation. He was a man of sterling integrity, of unusual business ability and of marked determination and those who were closely associated with him held him in the highest regard. There were many who profited by his help and who owe their success to his timely and unostentatious aid. His demise was indeed a loss not only to his family and intimate friends but also to his community.

Mrs. Gray stills owns the hotel at Ryder and has an interest in the hotel at White

Earth and in 1907 removed to Berthold, where she erected the Hotel Walther, which she owns and conducts. The hotel building is a two story modern brick structure which is equipped for the comfortable accommodation of sixty guests. It is considered one of the best hostleries between Minot and Williston and is up-to-date in every respect. Mrs. Gray gives the closest personal attention to the conduct of the business and neglects nothing affecting the comfort of her guests. She has built up a large patronage and is an important factor in the business life of her community. She is characterized by enterprise, sound judgment and public spirit and holds a high place in the esteem of all who know her.

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#### GUST NYSTROM.

Gust Nystrom is widely known and highly respected throughout Cass county, to the agricultural development of which he has contributed not a little. He owns four hundred and eighty acres of well improved and highly cultivated land and he was the organizer and is the president of the Farmers Elevator at Horace. A native of Sweden, his birth occurred on the 4th of January, 1858, and his parents were Peter and Nettie Nystrom, who were life-long residents of that country. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are still living.

Gust Nystrom was reared at home and acquired his education in the public schools of Sweden, where he remained until 1882. In that year he came to America and, making his way to the west, found employment as a carpenter in St. Paul. After a year he came to North Dakota and took up land in Richland county, where he resided for seven years, after which he sold that place and purchased his present home farm on section 24, Warren township, Cass county. He has improved the place with fine buildings and has made it one of the best developed farms in his township. He has also purchased additional land and now owns four hundred and eighty acres, all of which is improved. He was the organizer and is the president of the Farmers Elevator at Horace, a progressive and prosperous concern.

In 1885 Mr. Nystrom was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Jensen, a native of Norway, who came to America in 1881. She passed away in 1913 and was laid to rest in the Horace cemetery. She was the mother of ten children, namely: Alma, the wife of Elmer Holman; Ida; Adolph; Amelia, who is teaching school; Jane, who is a graduate of the Aakers Business College at Fargo and who is now a bookkeeper in the Scandinavian Bank of that city; George; Lydia; Walter; Robert; and Ernest.

Mr. Nystrom is a staunch republican and does all in his power to secure the victory of that party at the polls. He has served on the town and school boards, discharging the duties devolving upon him in a capable manner. He is a member of the Lutheran church, of which he is one of the trustees, and for ten years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is one of the leaders in all movements seeking the moral advancement of his community and is likewise interested in everything that tends to promote its material development.

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#### AXEL TRANGSRUD.

Axel Trangsrud is a retired farmer residing at No. 915 Tenth avenue, North, in Fargo, and the record of his life indicates what may be accomplished when determination and energy are utilized as the basis of success. He was born in Norway on the 25th of October, 1859, and is a son of Hans and Bertha (Torderud) Trangsrud, who came to the United States in 1870 and after a year spent in Mitchell county, Iowa, removed to North Dakota, where they secured a squatter's claim on the eastern side of the Shyenne river on section 14, Normanna township, Cass county. This the father afterward homesteaded when the homestead law went into effect and there he and his wife continued to reside throughout their remaining days, his attention being given to the further development and improvement of the farm.

Axel Trangsrud was reared on the old homestead and acquired a district school educa-

tion. His opportunities in youth, however, were limited but he received ample training in farm work, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. After reaching man's estate he remained at home for a number of years, giving his attention to the operation of the home farm, and in 1895 he turned his attention to merchandising in Davenport, Cass county, where he remained until 1899, when he sold his interests there and returned home. In 1901 he purchased a half section of land in Pleasant township but never lived upon that farm, renting it to a tenant for eight years, after which he disposed of the property. About 1907 he came into possession of the old homestead comprising two hundred acres of rich and productive land and a year before he had acquired one hundred and sixty acres from a brother's estate, which farm cornered on the home place. Thus Mr. Trangsrud came into possession of three hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm property and bent his energies to its further development and improvement, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation and annually gathering therefrom rich crops. He resided upon this property until January 24, 1913, when he retired from active farm life and removed to Fargo, where he now makes his home. He still remains a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Kindred, is a stockholder in the Scandinavian American Bank of Fargo and in the Kindred State Bank and from his investments derives a gratifying annual income.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Trangsrud chose Miss Meta Olson, a native of North Dakota, by whom he has two children, Howard and Alpha. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for two terms has ably served as assessor of Normanna township. Mr. Trangsrud is a member of the Sons of Norway and is one of the well known pioneers of Cass county, to which he came in 1871. In the forty-five years which have since elapsed he has witnessed many notable changes whereby a wild frontier district has been converted into a populous and prosperous commonwealth. In keeping with the onward march of progress he has so conducted his business affairs that success in substantial measure has come to him.

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#### HON. KNUTE S. RAMSETT.

Hon. Knute S. Ramsett, who has been active in framing state legislation as a member of both the house of representatives and state senate and who still continues a leading factor in political circles, is known in business connections as a most enterprising merchant of Fingal and also as vice president of the Merchants State Bank. He was born near Madison, Wisconsin, April 29, 1854, and is a son of Siver K. and Britha (Johnson) Ramsett. The father, who was born at Hedemarken, Norway, lived to the advanced age of eighty-six years but the mother passed away at the age of fifty-five. Siver K. Ramsett was a cabinetmaker by trade and in 1848 crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling first near Madison, Wisconsin, where he worked at cabinetmaking and also at carpentering and building. Later he went to Vernon county, Wisconsin, where he took up the occupation of farming and there made his home throughout his remaining days.

Knute S. Ramsett was the second in order of birth in a family of eight children. He mastered the elementary branches of learning in the district schools of Vernon county and afterward graduated from the high school at Viroqua, Wisconsin, and attended the Wisconsin State University at Madison and the C. C. Curtis Business College at St. Paul. His residence in North Dakota dates from 1882, in which year he arrived in Bismarck and engaged in the mercantile business as a clerk. Later he removed to Washburn, where he conducted a general store and also filled the office of postmaster. He there continued until 1892, when he disposed of his store at that point and removed to Fingal, where he established a general store and has since carried on a business of creditable and gratifying proportions. He is likewise the vice president of the Merchants State Bank and owns several business buildings as well as residences and lots in the town of Fingal in addition to his own fine modern residence.

On the 25th day of July, 1888, Mr. Ramsett was united in marriage to Miss Bertha M. Cumberland and their children are: Maurice S., a high school pupil; and Howell Le Roy.

Mr. Ramsett gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his opinions carry weight in political circles in this state. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his ability and

his public spirit, elected him their representative to the state legislature in 1900 and in 1906 he was elected a member of the state senate. In both houses he gave earnest consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement and supported various legislative measures which have become laws. In 1914 he was elected a member of the state central committee and still retains his membership therein. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and also belongs to several other secret orders. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is a man of high moral worth. He is of a genial and pleasing personality, is a man of ability and has won substantial success. At the same time he has proven his capability and efficiency in public office and he never allows private affairs to so monopolize his attention that they exclude the faithful performance of his public duties.

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#### GUSTAVE W. NACK.

Gustave W. Nack, who is engaged in merchandizing in Embden, Cass county, is recognized as an excellent business man and has built up a large and profitable custom. He was born in Germany on the 20th of June, 1879, a son of Albert and Alvina (Bast) Nack, both natives of that country, where they remained until 1886, when they brought their family to the United States. They settled on a farm in Cass county, North Dakota, where the father passed away, but the mother is still living and now resides at Casselton.

Gustave W. Nack remained under the parental roof until he became of age and then began farming on his own account. He was practical and progressive and his well directed labors were rewarded by fine crops, the sale of which yielded him a good income. He continued to farm until 1911, when he removed to Embden and entered the mercantile field, in which he also succeeded. He carries a good stock of goods, selected with reference to the needs of his community, and as his business methods are thoroughly reliable his trade has grown steadily.

In 1909 occurred the marriage of Mr. Nack and Miss Martha Krueger, a native of Cass county and a daughter of William and Barbara Krueger, pioneers of that county who came to this state from Germany. Two children have been born to this union, Evelyne M. and Murl G.

The republican party has a staunch adherent in Mr. Nack and he takes a keen interest in public affairs. He is now serving as postmaster of Embden and has demonstrated his fitness for the office, discharging his duties with efficiency. He belongs to Casselton Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., and is a Mason in deed as well as in name, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He has resided in Cass county during the greater part of his life and those who have known him since boyhood are his staunchest friends, a fact which indicates his sterling worth.

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#### ARTHUR L. PARSONS.

Arthur L. Parsons, an attorney of Lidgerwood, is recognized as one of the able members of the bar of Richland county and has gained a good clientage. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on the 25th of August, 1873, a son of J. S. and Louise (Folsom) Parsons, both of whom were natives of Maine. The father, whose birth occurred in 1840, died in 1915. The mother, who was born in 1845, passed away in 1913. They were married in the Pine Tree state, but in the '60s emigrated westward and located in Illinois, whence in 1870 they removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where the father engaged in the machine business. In 1899 they came to North Dakota and he took up land in Richland county. He met with gratifying success and from time to time acquired title to additional land until at one time he owned sixteen hundred acres. In 1902 he sold out and during the remainder of his life lived retired. In politics he was a staunch republican and he took a keen interest in public affairs, being especially concerned for the welfare of the school system, serving for some time upon the school board. He was a man of liberal education, a graduate of Bates College of Lewis-

ton, Maine, and his wide knowledge and sound judgment gave him a position of leadership in his community. To him and his wife were born six children, namely: Ottie, the wife of W. J. Medland, a banker of Park River, this state; Arthur L.; Cleve M., an attorney of Hettinger, North Dakota; Roy, who is farming near Chinook, Montana; Stella, who is now Mrs. Downing, residing near Velve, this state; and Ralph I., a wheat buyer living in Canada. The Parsons family is of English descent but has been established in this country for a number of generations. A great-great-grandfather of our subject participated in the Revolutionary war.

Arthur L. Parsons received his elementary and secondary education in the schools of Geneseo, Illinois, graduating from the high school in 1891. He subsequently entered the College of Law of the Minnesota State University, which conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. in 1896. He was admitted to the bar in Minnesota and also in North Dakota and in the year of his graduation began the active practice of his profession at Lidgerwood, where he has since remained with the exception of two years, during which he was connected with Emerson H. Smith at Fargo. He returned to Lidgerwood in 1907 and the confidence which the general public has in his ability is evidenced by the large and profitable patronage which he enjoys. He prepares his cases carefully and is convincing in the presentation of his argument before the court with the result that he has gained a favorable verdict in most instances. He practices in all the courts and stands high among his professional brethren. In connection with his law practice he conducts an insurance business and writes many policies annually.

In 1900 occurred the marriage of Mr. Parsons and Miss Floy Goss, of Durand, Wisconsin, by whom he has three children, Ruth, Dorothy and Arthur D.

Mr. Parsons is an adherent of the republican party and for two years was mayor of Lidgerwood, giving the municipality an efficient and businesslike administration. He has been clerk of the school board during the entire period of his residence in Lidgerwood and has also served as city attorney for several terms. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, and fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Woodmen, these associations indicating the rules which govern his conduct. He is not only a successful attorney, but is also a public-spirited citizen and a man of unquestioned integrity, and all who have come in contact with him hold him in the highest esteem.

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#### FRANK M. JOHNSON.

Frank M. Johnson, one of the leading business men of Alice, North Dakota, is now engaged in general merchandising but formerly devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he was also successful. He was born in Iowa county, Iowa, on the 3d of June, 1866, a son of Alexander P. and Mary (Wade) Johnson, both natives of Peoria county, Illinois, where they were reared and married. In 1852 they removed to Iowa county, Iowa, becoming pioneer settlers of that part of the state. At the time of the Civil war the father enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, under the command of Colonel Robert Ingersoll. After the close of the war he returned to Iowa and farmed there until 1888, when he removed to South Dakota. Five years later he came to North Dakota, locating in Sargent county, where he passed his last years. His wife is still living and makes her home with her two sons, Frank M. and Thomas F.

Frank M. Johnson attended the public schools in the pursuit of an education and during his boyhood and youth gained valuable training in farming through assisting his father. On reaching manhood he decided to follow the occupation to which he had been reared and for a number of years was successfully engaged in farming in Sargent county. In 1913, however, he came to Cass county and in partnership with his brother, Thomas F., is now engaged in the mercantile business in Alice. They carry a well selected stock and have built up a large and lucrative patronage, their reliable business methods commending them to the confidence of the general public. They still retain their land holdings, owning seven hundred and twenty acres in Sargent county.

Frank M. Johnson casts his ballot in support of the democratic party, but has never

been an aspirant for office, finding that his private affairs require his entire time and attention. He belongs to the Masonic order and in all relations of life strives to live up to the high moral teachings of the craft. He has not only won the respect of all who have come in contact with him, but has also gained the warm personal regard of many.

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P. J. ENGESETH.

P. J. Engeseth, engaged in the general practice of law at Minot, was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, August 23, 1873, a son of John Engeseth, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. He continued his education after leaving the common schools in the Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and in the University of South Dakota, in which he pursued his law course, graduating in the class of 1904. He was reared to farm life and during vacation periods throughout his college days he worked at farm labor in Wisconsin, thus providing for the expenses of his university work. In 1901 he came to the northwest, settling at Dell Rapids, South Dakota, where he remained until in the spring of 1908 he came to Minot. Here he entered upon the practice of law and with the exception of a year spent in California has since continued an active member of the Minot bar, devoting his attention to general practice and also making a specialty of collections and mortgage foreclosures. He devotes his entire time to his professional duties and has made steady advancement in his chosen field of labor.

On the 12th of August, 1915, Mr. Engeseth was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Johnson, a native of Painted Woods, North Dakota, and a daughter of John A. Johnson, who is an agriculturist now residing in Painted Woods. In his political views Mr. Engeseth is independent nor has he ever aspired to office holding. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks Lodge, No. 1089, of Minot, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His attention, however, has always been largely concentrated upon his professional duties and he early recognized the fact that industry is just as essential in law practice as in any other field of labor. He has therefore closely applied himself to the work of preparing his cases and does not enter the courts until well qualified to present his cause in the strong, clear light of common sense and of sound reasoning.

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JOHN R. JONES.

The life record of John R. Jones, of Hankinson, Richland county, should serve to spur the ambition of those who are beginning their independent career, for from a poor boy he has worked his way upward until he is now one of the leading capitalists of this section of North Dakota. He is the largest land owner in Richland county, is president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hankinson, of the First State Bank of Rutland, the First National Bank of Wyndmere, and of the Security State Bank of McIntosh, South Dakota, and is a stockholder in many other banks in North and South Dakota, and also has many other important business interests. Although the greater part of his time has been given to his business affairs, he has not failed to cooperate with movements seeking the advancement of his community along lines of moral and civic progress, and he is recognized as one of the foremost citizens of his county.

Mr. Jones was born in Winnebago, Wisconsin, on the 12th of August, 1856, a son of Evan and Margaret (Roberts) Jones. The father was born in Wales, but came to the United States in his young manhood, locating in Wisconsin, where he was married to Miss Roberts, also a native of Wales. He purchased land from the government as the section where he settled was then largely undeveloped, and he devoted the remainder of his life to operating his homestead. He was a republican in politics, and for years served as marshal of Neenah, Wisconsin, making an excellent record in that office. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom our subject is the eldest and of whom ten survive.

John R. Jones received excellent educational opportunities and was graduated from Ripon College, at Ripon, Wisconsin, in 1882. For some time he worked in lumber yards and was subsequently superintendent of various mills in northern Wisconsin, but in 1886 he removed to Hankinson, North Dakota, where he was connected with a corporation engaged in the lumber and machinery business. At length he bought out the concern and has since continued independently in those lines of business. He has succeeded beyond his greatest expectations, and his annual business has reached a large figure, and in addition to his business at Hankinson he has lumber yards at Rutland, North Dakota, and at New Effington and Hammer, South Dakota.

In 1886 Mr. Jones was married, in northern Michigan, to Miss Victoria Hamilton, and to this union was born a daughter, who is now a missionary in Canton, China. The wife and mother died on the 18th of March, 1887. Mr. Jones was later married to Mary E. Stilwell, of Ripon, Wisconsin, and to them have been born five children: John S. and Harold M., both attending college; and Edith Belle; Daniel L. and Mary Carol, all at home.

Mr. Jones casts his ballot in support of the measures and candidates of the republican party, but has never taken an active part in politics. He and his family are all devout members of the Congregational church at Hankinson, in which Mr. Jones is very much interested, being an active church member and very liberal in his contributions toward the support of the church. He is widely known throughout the state and all who have been brought in contact with him hold him in high esteem, and he has many warm personal friends among his business associates and neighbors.

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#### ARNE O. TUSKIND.

Arne O. Tuskind, of Davenport, has varied business interests in Cass county. He is engaged in merchandising in Davenport, is president of the Farmers State Bank of that town and also has an interest in a valuable farm. He was born in Norway on the 31st of January, 1862, and his parents were Ole and Carrie (Bratfor) Tuskind, both of whom were born in the land of the midnight sun. In 1871 the family crossed the Atlantic to the United States and, making their way to the middle west, settled in Iowa, where they lived for one year. In 1872 they removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and took up their abode on a farm on the Sheyenne river, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The place was a tract of wild prairie when it came into the possession of the family and the first residence was a log cabin with a sod roof, which remained the family home for ten years. In time, however, excellent improvements were made on the farm. Five of the nine children are still living.

Arne O. Tuskind received his education in the common schools and remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, when he obtained employment as a clerk in a store at Davenport. He worked in that capacity for seven years and then engaged in general merchandising on his own account. He has an excellent store in Davenport and has gained a gratifying patronage. He is also president of the Farmers State Bank of that town and was one of the organizers of the institution, which holds the entire confidence of the community. He is likewise treasurer of the local telephone company and he still owns an interest in the old homestead, which comprises five hundred and fifty acres of improved land.

Mr. Tuskind was married in 1890 to Miss Josie Johnson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States in her girlhood. They have become the parents of five children: Carl, who was employed as a bookkeeper in the Moore building in Fargo and who is deceased; Clarence, at home; Stella, who is attending high school at Fargo; and Eugene and Arnold.

Mr. Tuskind is a democrat and has taken much interest in public affairs. He has served as president of the village board, of which he is now treasurer, and for ten years he was president of the board of education, doing much in that time to advance the interests of the public schools. He holds membership in Lodge No. 29, K. P., in which he has held all of the chairs, and he has served as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. He is likewise identified with Modern Woodmen, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Yeomen. Both he and his wife are members of

the Lutheran church, and he is serving as secretary thereof. His is a well rounded character, and in his life he has combined business activity with public service and with work along the lines of moral advancement and development. All who have been brought in contact with him hold him in high esteem, and his personal friends are many.

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#### B. H. SCHNEIDER.

B. H. Schneider is the efficient and popular cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Davenport, Cass county, and is also a landowner. He was born in that county on the 3d of September, 1882, a son of Louis and Johanna Schneider. His parents, who were natives of Wisconsin, removed to this state in 1879 and located upon a farm four miles north of Davenport, where the father passed away in 1909 and where the mother still makes her home. They became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living.

B. H. Schneider remained at home until he attained his majority and acquired his education in the public schools and in a business college at Fargo. On completing his course there he accepted a position as bookkeeper at Valley City, where he remained for a year, after which he became assistant cashier in the Sawyer State Bank, which office he filled for two years. At the end of that time his father died and he returned home to take charge of the farm, which he operated for six years. He then aided in organizing the Farmers State Bank at Davenport, of which he has since served as cashier. He understands business conditions, manifests excellent judgment in deciding various questions of policy, and under his direction the bank has prospered. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land and has an interest in the homestead.

On the 24th of December, 1914, Mr. Schneider was married to Miss Mary Liechty, who was born in Indiana and is a daughter of C. S. and Mary (Witmer) Liechty, both of whom are living in this county.

Mr. Schneider votes the republican ticket and has served as township clerk and is now filling the office of village clerk. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church and take an active interest in the spread of its influence. Mr. Schneider is a young man of marked energy and ability, and his continued success seems assured.

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#### LEWIS H. PAIGE.

Lewis H. Paige, an attorney practicing at Berthold, was born in Oronoco, Minnesota, May 4, 1860, a son of Foster A. and Clara M. (Beals) Paige, both of whom are natives of the state of Vermont. The father was a farmer and in 1858 left New England, removing westward to Minnesota, at which time he settled near Oronoco, but after about three years returned to Vermont, where he remained until 1881. He then became a resident of Glendon, Minnesota, where he engaged in merchandising for seven years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Fargo and for about eighteen years acceptably filled the responsible position of bookkeeper with the Fargo Loan Agency. His death there occurred in August, 1909, and his widow now resides with her son Lewis in Berthold. The father was born in 1832, so that he was seventy-seven years of age at the time of his demise. To him and his wife were born five children: Julia, deceased; Lewis H.; Foster, who is manager of a large farm near Fargo and is also a large landowner; Nathaniel, who died in childhood; and Marie, a violinist residing in Portland, Oregon.

Taken by his parents to New England in his early childhood, Lewis H. Paige attended school at St. Albans, Vermont, and afterward pursued a special course in chemistry at Fargo. Later he studied law with W. C. Dodge, of Fargo, and when twenty-three years of age he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the offices connected with the elevator of the Northern Pacific Company at Fargo. Two years later he entered the employ of the New Hampshire Trust Company, for which he traveled in western Minnesota and South Dakota until 1886, when he accepted the position of manager with the W. B. Clark Investment Com-

pany at Fargo, remaining there until 1891. In the meantime he read law with Mr. Dodge for about four or five years and in the fall of 1891 entered the office of that attorney, with whom he remained until the fall of 1893, having been admitted to the bar on the 4th of October, 1889. In the fall of 1893 he went to the Pacific coast with the intention of locating in that section of the country, but after spending about a year in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma he returned to Fargo, where he entered the employ of the Fargo Loan Agency, with which he continued until the fall of 1904. He was afterward employed by the firm of Wells & Dickey until 1906, when he removed to Berthold and opened a law office, since which time he has there engaged in the practice of law and in the real estate and loan business. He purchased the town site and he has since made two additions to Berthold and he now owns three business properties and an attractive residence in the town. He is also an extensive owner of North Dakota farm lands, but the greater part of his attention is given to the practice of law.

In May, 1893, Mr. Paige was married to Miss Estelle W. Power, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, a daughter of William A. and May (Walter) Power, natives of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Elmira, New York, respectively. The father served in the Civil war as a member of the Ninth Illinois Cavalry for four years, was twice wounded in battle and was promoted to the rank of adjutant. At the close of his military service he returned to New York, where he engaged in railroad work until May, 1880, when he came to the west, settling in what is now Leonard, North Dakota. There he engaged in stock farming and breeding, continuing at that point until 1893, when his health failed and he went to the Milwaukee Soldiers' Home, where he is now located. His wife is living with her daughter, Mrs. Paige, at the age of sixty-five years, while Mr. Power has reached the age of seventy-four years. Mrs. Paige is the only child and was educated in the schools of Fargo, completing a high school course.

In his political views Mr. Paige is a democrat, but has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Almost his entire attention is given to his law practice and his ability in that line has brought him a good clientage.

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#### CHARLES ELMER BACHELLER.

Charles Elmer Batcheller, cashier of the First National Bank of Fingal and proprietor of the Poplar Grove Jersey Farm, which adjoins the town, was born at Stockton, New York, October 10, 1863, a son of George Stillman and Eliza Ann (Lamphear) Batcheller. The genealogy of the Batcheller family in America was compiled and published in a volume of six hundred pages March 21, 1898, by Frederick C. Pierce, of Chicago, the ancestry being traced back to the beginning of the seventeenth century in England, at which time members of the family figured prominently in public affairs. The Rev. Stephen Batcheller, "Puritan Emigrant," was among the first to come to America, while others were William, Joseph and Alexander Batcheller. Three hundred representatives of the family took part in the Revolutionary war, as recorded in the genealogical volume, and twenty of the name received pensions. Many of the descendants have been and are prominent in the learned professions and in various walks of life. Different branches of the family have spelled the name in various ways. Captain Joseph Batcheller, grandfather of Charles E. Batcheller, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, June 3, 1778, and died in 1870. He was married January 18, 1810, in Smithfield, New York, to Dorothy Needham, who was born April 22, 1789, and passed away February 20, 1865. Their son, George Stillman Batcheller, was born at Pomfret, New York, July 5, 1825, and wedded Eliza Ann Lamphear, who was born November 18, 1834, and passed away March 9, 1881. Of their family of six children five were daughters.

The only son, Charles E. Batcheller, attended the district schools and the State Normal at Fredonia, New York, and afterward took up railroad work as station agent and operator on the New York Central, continuing in that connection for six years. Coming to North Dakota in 1892, he was afterward connected with the Northern Pacific Railway Company for eighteen months and then accepted the position of assistant cashier in the First National

Bank at Buffalo, North Dakota, with which he remained for five years. In 1899 he removed to Fingal, where he organized the State Bank of Fingal, which in 1904 was merged into the First National Bank. In 1900 the company erected the present bank building, which is splendidly equipped for the conduct of the business. Since the establishment of the bank Mr. Batcheller has continuously filled the position of cashier. There has been nothing spectacular in its history but a steady, continuous growth that is most gratifying. The bank has a paid in capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars and a surplus of five thousand dollars. Its total demand deposits amount to fifty-seven thousand three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and its total time deposits to ninety-four thousand eight hundred and forty-eight dollars. Mr. Batcheller also owns a valuable farm of three hundred acres adjoining the town of Fingal, of which he has two hundred acres under cultivation, while the balance is devoted to pasture and the raising of alfalfa. The place is well fenced and there is good water, while the residence, barns and outbuildings are all commodious and substantial. Here Mr. Batcheller is engaged in the raising of thoroughbred stock, making a specialty of Jersey cattle, which he has exhibited at the county and state fairs, and at the state fairs of 1910, 1911 and 1912 he carried off all the first prizes. He now has over seventy head of Jersey cattle on his place and finds a ready market for all the increase.

On the 28th of June, 1899, Mr. Batcheller was united in marriage to Miss Laura Donahoe, of Huron county, Ontario, a daughter of Peter Donahoe, who was born near Toronto, Ontario, and Eliza (Kenny) Donahoe, also of Ontario. The grandfather, Brian Donahoe, was a native of Ireland and his father removed to Canada with his seven sons, most of whom emigrated to the United States.

Fraternally Mr. Batcheller is connected with the Masons as a member of lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. At the present time he is serving on the governor's staff and he visited the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco as one of Governor Hanna's aids. His standing in financial circles is indicated by the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the North Dakota Bankers' Association, succeeding J. L. Caskel, of Grafton, who in turn succeeded Governor L. B. Hanna. Mr. Batcheller is vice president of the State Society of the Sons of American Revolution. He belongs to the Congregational church and is a past president of the North Dakota Christian Endeavor Union. His wife is a lady of much more than average ability and has been a valuable assistant to her husband through the excellent advice which she has given him in relation to his banking and stock raising interests.

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#### WILLIAM D. WILSON.

William D. Wilson, of Minot, who has farming interests in Ward county, was born in Ontario, Canada, July 3, 1877, a son of William and Isabella (Caithness) Wilson, natives of Canada and Scotland respectively. The father, who was a contractor and builder, came to the United States in 1891, settling in Fargo where he engaged in business until he retired. He afterward removed to Minot, where he passed away in 1907, while his widow still makes her home in that city. Their family numbered eight children, of whom William D. Wilson is the fifth in order of birth.

In a high school in Canada William D. Wilson completed his education and when a youth of sixteen entered a telegraph office at Fargo as an apprentice. He continued there as an operator until 1897 and afterward spent a year in Grand Forks in the same capacity and a similar period at Moorhead, Minnesota. In 1899 he arrived in Minot as manager for the Western Union and Great Northern Companies, occupying that position for six years. In 1900 however, he filed on land in Ward county and when he left the telegraph office took up his abode upon the farm, which is situated ten miles from Minot. With characteristic diligence and determination he bent his energies to the development, cultivation and improvement of his place and resided thereon until the fall of 1912, when he established his home in the city of Minot in order to afford his children better educational opportunities. He is the present manager and secretary of the Minot Dairy Company, of which he is one of the stockholders, and he still gives his attention to the further development of three hundred

and sixty acres of excellent farm land, devoting the greater part of his time to his agricultural interests.

In January, 1900, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Edith Blom, who was born in Ortonville, Minnesota, a daughter of Rudolph and Caroline (Johnson) Blom, both of whom were natives of Stockholm, Sweden, whence the mother came to the United States at the age of sixteen years. The father was about twenty years of age when he crossed the Atlantic, settling in Minnesota. The Johnson family established their home near Chicago, and Mr. Blom engaged in general merchandising for some time and eventually removed to Minot after residing in Fargo for a number of years. He retired from business in that city and is now enjoying a well earned rest, but his wife passed away in Minot in 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have become the parents of three children: Lucile Bernice, a high school pupil in Minot; Helen Mae, also attending school; and Woodrow Donald, three years of age.

Mr. Wilson is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, having filled all of the offices in the local lodge and representing the organization in the Grand Lodge, in which he has likewise been called to official position. He is now master Woodman at Minot. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he served on the township school board for four years. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, the teachings of which have been a dominant force in his life, guiding him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. He seeks those things which are most worth while not only for himself, but for the community, working for the intellectual and moral progress as well as for the material development of the district.

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#### JOHN G. BOATMAN.

John G. Boatman, postmaster at Milnor, was born in Sedalia, Missouri, July 7, 1860, a son of Thornton and Rebecca (Brownfield) Boatman. The father was a native of Kentucky and of Scotch descent, while the mother's birth occurred in Virginia. In early life they removed to Missouri with their respective families and near Sedalia, that state, were married, establishing their home there and continuing their residence near that city until called to their final rest. The father was a miller by trade and became the owner of a large mill, but at the time of the Civil war this was burned to the ground by the soldiers. He then turned his attention to farming and continued in active connection with business pursuits until he retired from business life, spending the last ten years in the enjoyment of a well earned rest in Sedalia. He died in 1901, having for more than a quarter of a century survived his wife, who passed away in 1875. In their family were eight children and all are yet living.

John G. Boatman, the third in order of birth, obtained his education in the schools of Sedalia, which he attended until he reached the age of fourteen years and then at his mother's death began to earn his own living. He was employed in different ways at Sedalia until seventeen years of age, when he began freighting by team to the mining camps out of Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. For three months he freighted express for the state penitentiary at Canon City and spent about a year in that city, but in 1879 returned to Missouri, where he invested his earnings in a farm of two hundred acres near Sedalia. He then began farming on his own account and the result of his labors was soon seen in highly cultivated fields.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Boatman chose Miss Maggie Hamilton, whom he wedded in 1882, while she was visiting in Sedalia. They have become the parents of four children: Charlie and Price engaged in farming; Roy, employed in a lumber yard at Milnor, and Leila, the wife of Franz Gustavson.

Following their marriage Mr. Boatman and his wife remained in Missouri until 1885, when he disposed of his property interests there and purchased a farm in Woodbury county, Iowa, comprising two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. He lived thereon for about seventeen years, when he disposed of that property and in 1902 went to Sargent county, North Dakota, where he invested in three hundred and twenty acres of land in Milnor township, adjoining the corporation limits of the town of Milnor. Since that time he has

further extended the boundaries of his farm by the purchase of a quarter section and he also rents four hundred acres adjoining, so that he now farms about eight hundred acres, being one of the extensive agriculturists of the community. His business affairs are wisely directed and are bringing to him substantial and gratifying success.

Mr. Boatman is the oldest member of Anchor Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., at Milnor and is a most loyal and exemplary representative of the craft. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his political belief that of the democratic party. In 1913 he received the appointment to the position of postmaster of Milnor under President Wilson and still serves in that capacity, making as excellent a record in office as he had previously done as a private citizen and as a business man. He has never been afraid of hard work and seems always to have realized the full force of the old Greek adage: "Earn thy reward; the gods give naught to sloth."

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#### H. G. BROTEN.

H. G. Broten, who is serving as postmaster of Davenport, and is also engaged in merchandising there, is a native of Cass county, born on the 29th of May, 1884. His parents, Ole A. and Lena (Brink) Broten, were both natives of Norway, where they remained until 1865, in which year they emigrated to the United States. After residing for about fifteen years in Minnesota they removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and took up their residence on a farm. The father passed away in 1909, but the mother is still living. Our subject's paternal grandfather also survives and has reached the advanced age of ninety-five years.

H. G. Broten is one of a family of four children, all of whom are living and all are married. He passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. On beginning his business career he became a clerk in a store at Davenport, in which connection he continued for two years. He was then assistant station agent at that place for a time, after which he was a brakeman on the Great Northern Railroad for two years. He next engaged in the flour and feed business at Davenport, with which he is still connected. In 1911 he established a newspaper, known as the Davenport News, which he conducted for a time. He now holds the office of postmaster and is systematic and accurate in the discharge of his duties. He also conducts a store in connection with the postoffice and owns a good business block in Davenport. Although comparatively a young man he has gained a measure of success that many of his seniors might well envy.

Mr. Broten was married in 1911 to Miss Edna Zimmerman, who was born in Canada of the marriage of Jacob and Elizabeth (Brill) Zimmerman. Her parents are still living and reside upon a farm in Cass county, this state.

Mr. Broten is a republican and takes a keen interest in everything that affects the general welfare. He is now serving as chairman of the village board and manifests the same care and thought in directing the affairs of the municipality as he does in managing his private business interests. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and has many friends in that order and in the community at large.

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#### ABRAM S. TAYLOR.

Abram S. Taylor, a grocer at Sheldon, was born in Schoharie county, New York, August 11, 1845. His father, William Taylor, one of the early residents of the Empire state, removed westward to Wisconsin and thence went to Elgin, Illinois, where he spent his remaining days. He was a lawyer by profession and while in Wisconsin engaged also in the real estate business. After his removal to Illinois he purchased what was known as the Banner farm of that state, situated forty miles out of Chicago and four miles from Elgin and comprising a half section of land. He then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and continued the further development and improvement of his notably fine place

up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1867. A number of years before he had wedded Margaret Shotts, a native of New York, who died in 1848. Mr. Taylor, the father, was married three times.

Ahram S. Taylor began his education in the schools of the Empire state, continued his studies in Sheboygan and also attended an academy at Elgin, Illinois. It was while he was a student there that the Civil war began and he volunteered for service in the Union army, joining the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry on the 25th of December, 1862, and remaining with his command until the Christmas season of 1865. Later he engaged in farming in Illinois and in 1876 removed to Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. While there making his home he traveled for a hardware house, devoting six years to that business. Later he went to South Dakota, where he secured a squatter's claim, and as soon as possible he filed on his land, giving his attention to farming there for eighteen years, his labors resulting in bringing about a marked transformation in the appearance of his place. When the work of the farm was put aside he removed to Shelby, South Dakota, where he engaged in the lumber business for a year and a half. In 1902, however, he came to North Dakota and established a lumber yard in Glenburn, where he continued for a year, hauling his lumber from Minot to Glenburn, a distance of twenty-two miles, up to the time when the railroad was put through. In 1904 he removed to Sheldon, where he opened a hardware store which he owned and managed for eight years, and on selling out in that line he established a grocery business, which he is now conducting. He has gradually worked his way upward and is enjoying a profitable trade.

In 1867 Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Clara Bradley, who was born in Vermont, September 20, 1850, her parents being old residents of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had five children, namely: Eveline, who was born May 16, 1869, and passed away in 1895; Cora, whose natal day was May 16, 1870; Lisle, born in 1877; Charlie, born in 1879; and Blanch, whose birth occurred in 1898.

In his political views Mr. Taylor is a democrat and while living in Walworth county, South Dakota, served as registrar of deeds and as county commissioner. At the time he was chosen for the first named office he was the only democrat elected on the ticket, having a majority of one hundred and fifty over his opponent—a fact which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. At the close of his first term he was again nominated and won the election by a majority of two hundred and fifty notwithstanding Walworth is a strong republican county. He is a member of the Fraternal Bankers Society, as is his wife. They attend the Presbyterian church but Mrs. Taylor is an Episcopalian in religious faith. Well known in Sheldon, they are highly esteemed because of the possession of traits of character which have kept them in line with all those interests and movements which work for the uplift of the individual and the benefit of the community.

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#### CHARLES L. STEVENSON.

Charles L. Stevenson, who for fourteen years has been actively connected with the State Bank of Berthold, of which he was one of the founders and of which he is now the president, came to his present position well qualified by previous experience in the banking business at Minto and before that time in other places. Practically his entire life has been passed in North Dakota, although he was born in Kingston, Canada, August 4, 1875, a son of James and Louisa (Jacobi) Stevenson, the former a native of the north of Ireland, while the latter was born in Germany. In the fall of 1876 they arrived in this state and settled on the Turtle river near Grand Forks, where Mr. Stevenson secured and developed a homestead which he continued to cultivate until 1914, when he disposed of that property and now makes his home in California. His wife passed away in 1913. He has never been active in politics but was always loyal to the best interests of his community and during his residence in this state served on the local board of education.

Of a family of eight children Charles L. Stevenson was the third. His educational opportunities were very limited, as he did not get to attend school after reaching the age of twelve years, at which time he entered a bank in the employ of his uncle at Ardoch,

North Dakota. He was a little barefooted urchin clad in jeans trousers, and no one would have predicted that he would some day be at the head of a banking institution himself. The diligence, determination and industry which have been his salient features were early manifest and there were times when he would be left for two or three days alone in the bank. He received twenty-five dollars for seven months' work and at the end of that time he pursued a three months' course in a business college in Minneapolis. He then returned home and acted as bookkeeper and also as postmaster for a cousin who was employed in a general store. He severed that business connection when sixteen years of age and went into the Bank of Minto at Minto, this state, in the position of assistant cashier, there remaining for about nine years, although in the meantime he was advanced to the position of cashier. He resigned in 1902 and came to Berthold, where he purchased lots and erected the present bank building, founding the State Bank of Berthold, which institution he entered as it first cashier. Five years later he purchased the interests of other stockholders and became president of the institution, in which connection he still continues. He is engaged in the general banking business and his wise direction of the interests of the bank, manifest in a progressiveness that is tempered by safe conservatism, has brought well merited success to the institution. He is also a director of the Farmers Elevator Company and the owner of considerable farm land and in 1914 cultivated fifteen hundred acres, while in 1915 he gave personal supervision to the tilling of seven hundred and forty acres. He was at one time proprietor of a drug store in Berthold but has recently disposed of that business to his brother and now largely concentrates his attention upon his banking business.

On the 23d of June, 1902, Mr. Stevenson was married to Miss Laura Hughes, a native of North Dakota and a daughter of John and Sarah Hughes. Her father, a farmer by occupation, became one of the early residents of this state and is now living retired in Minto. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have been born two children: Frances, born June 24, 1903; and Jack L., July 31, 1909. In his political views Mr. Stevenson is a democrat but has never aspired to office. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was formerly treasurer, and with the Elks lodge at Minot. His long connection with the business interests of Berthold has made him widely known in Ward county and his part of the state, and the substantial and reliable qualities which he has displayed have gained for him the goodwill and confidence of colleagues and contemporaries.

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#### CHARLES F. TRUAX.

Charles F. Truax is a well known representative of the printing business and also of the cattle industry in western North Dakota. He is the owner of a large and well equipped printing establishment at Minot and in that connection is conducting a constantly increasing business. He is a western man by birth, training and preference. He was born at Sauk Center, Minnesota, October 19, 1869, a son of James Wright and Chloe Anna (Wheeler) Truax. The father was born in Ogdensburg, New York, in 1833, and the mother's birth occurred on Barnharts Island, Canada, in January, 1842. In early life Mr. Truax engaged in railroad work and after the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as a member of Company A, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, with which he served for full four years. He was wounded in battle and for a time was confined in the hospital by his injuries. After his recovery he continued to work in the hospital until the war closed. Later he engaged in driving a Red River cart until 1875, when he began railroad work, in which he continued actively until 1900. He was then elected county judge at Williston, North Dakota, where he served until two years prior to his death. He had also become a landowner of the state, securing a claim under a soldier's right, his place being located two miles north of Williston. His widow now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Charles F. Truax is the youngest in a family of six children, of whom three are yet living. He attended the public schools of Hastings, Minnesota, completing the work of the eighth grade, after which he entered the newspaper office of Dan Chamberlain, who was conducting a daily paper and with whom he remained for about two years. He then went into the Gazette office of Irving Todd & Son in Hastings, Minnesota, continuing there for



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seven or eight years, after which he engaged in railroad work with his father until 1902. On the 29th of March, 1889, he arrived in Minot and when he withdrew from active connection with railroad work he established the Ward County Independent. A year later he formed a partnership with G. D. Colcord for the publication of a weekly paper and they have an office equipped for all kinds of commercial and law printing and job work. He is likewise engaged in the cattle business. Indefatigable industry has been the salient factor in his growing success, winning him a place among the substantial business men of Minot. His investments in real estate include farm lands in Mountrail county, which he has rented and which brings to him a good financial return.

On the 28th of June, 1901, Mr. Truax was united in marriage to Miss Martha Dalziel Gibb, a native of London, Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of William and Katie (Carter) Gibb, both of whom were born in Scotland. Emigrating to the United States, they located first in New Jersey, subsequently removed to Lake Park, Minnesota, and in 1886 came to Minot, North Dakota. Here Mr. Gibb began ranching, raising cattle and horses, and now carries on his operations in Mountrail county, on the Missouri river. He is at present serving as postmaster of Brookbank, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Truax have three children, namely: Charles Abraham, who was born in 1903; William Raymond, whose natal year was 1905; and Theodore Gibb, whose birth occurred in 1907.

Mr. Truax and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and fraternally he is connected with the Masons. He has passed through all of the chairs of the blue lodge and of the Royal Arch chapter and served as senior warden and captain general and is now serving as generalissimo in the Knights Templar commandery and is a charter member of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. In politics he is a republican but has had no aspiration for political office. He has served, however, as a member of the board of education for seven years and at this writing is its president. The cause of education finds in him indeed a stalwart champion and one whose efforts have been directly beneficial in promoting the interests of the schools. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of the innate powers and talents which are his and his advancement has resulted largely from close application and determination to accomplish what he undertakes.

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#### WALTER E. KRICK.

Walter E. Krick, owner and publisher of the Berthold Tribune of Berthold, Ward county, was born in Caledonia, Minnesota, February 23, 1873, a son of Theobald and Isabel (Holden) Krick. The father was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1832, and the Mother's birth occurred in Trondhjem, Norway. In early life Theobald Krick became a shoe manufacturer and in the year 1850 he left his native land for the United States, landing at New York, where he worked for others for a time. He then went to Canada and was associated in business with two brothers for a year or two. He afterward removed to Caledonia, Minnesota, where he engaged in the shoe business, continuing in that city until his death in 1898. His wife, who was born in 1843, is still a resident of Caledonia.

Walter E. Krick, the eldest of their four children, pursued his education in the schools of Caledonia, which he attended to the age of fifteen, when he secured a position in a printing office at a salary of fifty cents per week. He remained in that establishment until he was the owner of a half interest in the business, having gradually worked his way upward, thoroughly acquainting himself with every phase of the trade. In 1902 he sold out and in August, 1903, went to Berthold, North Dakota, where he purchased the Tribune, a weekly paper, which he has since published. His office is thoroughly equipped for all commercial work and his entire attention is devoted to his printing interests. Since the paper was founded its name has never been changed and under the direction of Mr. Krick the Tribune has become a most interesting journal, devoted to community affairs and to the dissemination of general news.

In May, 1901, occurred the marriage of Mr. Krick and Miss Anstis Lucille Harries, a native of Caledonia, Minnesota, and a daughter of Captain W. H. and Anna (Dunbar) Harries, who were early settlers of that place. Her father served as a member of congress from the

first district of Minnesota in 1893 and was revenue collector in Minnesota under the Cleveland administration. He was also county attorney of Houston county and is the present commandant of the Soldiers' Home of Minnesota. At the time of the Civil war he served with the First Wisconsin Regiment throughout the entire period of hostilities, was wounded in battle and was confined to a hospital for a long period. He still carries the bullet over his heart, it being so near the vital organ that it cannot be removed. His wife passed away about 1883. To Mr. and Mrs. Krick have been born three children, Estelle Isabel, Alice Beatrice and Robert Walter.

Mr. Krick is the present secretary of the Masonic lodge at Berthold and belongs also to the Odd Fellows lodge, the Woodmen camp and the Modern Brotherhood of America at Berthold and to the Elks lodge at Minot. In politics he is a stalwart republican and is now serving as president of his village. He was the first postmaster of Berthold under President Taft and he has been a member of the board of education, maintaining at all times a deep and helpful interest in public affairs relating to the public welfare and the upbuilding of the locality in which he makes his home.

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#### A. L. BAYLEY.

A. L. Bayley was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, June 10, 1874, the son of S. E. and Melissa (Sanford) Bayley, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Wisconsin. His parents were married in Wisconsin, whither the father had gone as a young man, and where they continued to live until the year 1880, when they joined the pioneers then emigrating to Dakota territory, settling on a government homestead in Cornell township, Cass county, near Buffalo, which the father proved up and operated for more than two decades. The mother passed away in 1890, and some years later the father went to live with his son, R. E. Bayley, with whom he still makes his home.

A. L. Bayley attended the public schools and supplemented the education so acquired by taking a business course and a year's preparatory course in Fargo College and by study in the State Agricultural College. He left the latter institution in the year 1898, when in his sophomore year, and accepted a position with S. G. More of Buffalo, North Dakota, as assistant cashier of the Bank of Buffalo, which bank was later nationalized, becoming the First National Bank of Buffalo. In the year 1903 Mr. Bayley severed his connection with the First National Bank of Buffalo to accept the cashiership of the then newly organized State Bank of Alice and as such officer has since assisted in directing the financial policies of that institution until it has grown to be one of the sound and prosperous banks of the state. He is also interested in agriculture as he owns two hundred and forty acres of good land near Alice.

On June 8, 1907, Mr. Bayley was married to Miss Maud A. Dickinson, a daughter of Hon. and Mrs. F. H. Dickinson of Ayr, North Dakota. Her father served two terms in the state legislature and is at present residing with his wife on a fine farm near Ayr, North Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Bayley have been born four children, three of whom are living, namely: Howard E., Douglas D. and Edgar L.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bayley are members of the Moravian church of Alice and of Aurora Chapter, No. 59, O. E. S. of Buffalo, North Dakota. Mr. Bayley also holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Modern Woodmen of America; Buffalo Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; and Enderlin Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M.

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#### CHARLES J. BUCK.

Charles J. Buck, the popular and efficient young cashier of the Embden State Bank, has been connected with banking since beginning his career and has advanced steadily in his chosen work. He was born in Chaffee, Cass county, April 13, 1883, of the marriage of Fred and Dorothea (Theile) Buck, both natives of Germany, where they resided until 1875. In

that year they emigrated to the United States and, making their way to the middle west, settled in Dearborn, Michigan, which is now within the city limits of Detroit. After remaining there for two years they removed to Fargo, North Dakota, which was then about as large as the village of Embden is at the present time. The father was made section boss on the Northern Pacific Railroad, with which he was connected for five years, after which he took up a homestead in Walburg township and turned his attention to farming. He bought other land and his holdings in time totaled six hundred and forty acres. In 1898, however, he removed to North Carolina and made investments in land there, which proved unfortunate, as he met with financial reverses. He then returned to North Dakota and bought a half section of land in Gill township, Cass county, which he still owns. For the last five years he has lived retired in Fargo.

Charles J. Buck was reared at home and acquired his education in the public schools and in the Dakota Business College at Fargo, where he took a business course, graduating from that institution with the class of 1905. He then secured a position as assistant cashier in the Medina State Bank at Medina, North Dakota, remaining with that institution for one and a half years, after which he became cashier of a bank at Chaffee which was owned by the same people as the Medina State Bank. Nine months later, however, the bank at Chaffee was sold to a number of the leading farmers of the district and Mr. Buck, in February, 1908, removed to Embden, becoming assistant cashier of the State Bank at that place which had been established the previous September. As the cashier, C. A. Wheelock, was a non-resident, Mr. Buck assumed the duties of that office and directed the policies of the institution, discharging his important duties with discretion. In 1912 the bank was bought by the local farmers and Mr. Buck was formally elected cashier. He makes the safeguarding of the interests of the depositors and stockholders his first concern, but also promotes the legitimate trade expansion of the community by a judicious extension of credit.

Mr. Buck was married on the 11th of October, 1910, to Miss Nora Corcoran, of Chaffee, by whom he has a son, Vincent J. He is identified with the Modern Woodmen and with Jamestown Lodge No. 995, B. P. O. E. In politics he is a stalwart republican, but although he takes a praiseworthy interest in public affairs, he has never sought official preferment. He has concentrated his energies upon his banking business and has gained recognition as one of the leaders in local financial circles.

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#### RICHARD N. LEE.

Richard N. Lee, the editor of the Walcott Reporter of Walcott, Richland county, is well known in his section of the state and his paper is recognized as an excellent weekly. He was born in Grant county, Minnesota, on the 14th of August, 1879, the oldest child of Ole and Carrie (Hauger) Lee, both natives of Norway, the former born in 1845 and the latter in 1855. They came to the United States with their respective parents, grew to manhood and womanhood in this country, and were married in Red Wing, Minnesota. The father farmed during the greater part of his active life, but was for a time a hotel keeper in Red Wing and also served on the police force there. Subsequently he took up a claim in Grant county, Minnesota, and still later removed to the vicinity of McIntosh, where he purchased land. The town was platted on his land and in addition to farming he conducted a butcher shop in McIntosh for some time. In 1900 he removed to North Dakota and settled on a farm in Viking township, Richland county, which he operated until he retired. At that time he sold his farm and he has since resided in Walcott, where he owns a good residence. He is a democrat and while living in Grant county, Minnesota, served as supervisor of Gorton township. He and his wife are both identified with the Norwegian Lutheran church, in the work of which they have always taken a deep interest. Six of their eight children survive.

Richard N. Lee was educated in the country schools and in the high school at McIntosh, Minnesota. In his youth he learned the printer's trade and in 1902 entered the employ of George Van Arman the proprietor of the Walcott Reporter. Five years later Mr. Lee purchased the paper, which he has since successfully conducted. It has a circulation of six

hundred and is well patronized by the local merchants as an advertising medium. He also has a well equipped job printing plant and does considerable work of that character. He owns the fine cement block building in which his plant is located and also holds title to his comfortable residence. He is recognized as an able newspaper man and has also gained a gratifying financial success.

In March, 1906, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Van Arman, a daughter of George and Nettie (Heath) Van Arman, and they have become parents of three children, two of whom are living, Ramona and Grace. He is independent in politics and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. His wife is a consistent member of the Congregational church and takes an active interest in its work. Mr. Lee devotes his entire time to his business, which is one secret of his success. He has made the Reporter not only an up-to-date and reliable disseminator of news, but also an important factor in the formation of public opinion and in the promotion of projects for the general good.

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#### FRED O. FOLDEN.

Fred O. Folden, who owns and conducts a drug store at Clifford, Traill county, was born in Norway, September 11, 1864, of the marriage of Ole and Serine Folden, both also natives of that country. The father passed away there and subsequently, in 1879, the mother came to America, locating in Minnesota. Later she removed to Traill county, North Dakota, where she passed away.

Fred O. Folden is one of a family of eight children, of whom five are living. He received his education in Norway, where he remained until 1879, in which year he came to America with his mother. After living for a time in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand, he decided to try his fortunes in North Dakota and located in Griggs county. He remained there for two years but in 1888 came to Traill county and two years later purchased a drug store at Clifford and has gained recognition as one of the up-to-date and reliable merchants of the town. He carries a good stock, his prices are reasonable, he has gained an enviable reputation for fair dealing and as the years have passed his patronage has shown a steady growth. He also owns stock in the Farmers Elevator and in the Traill County Telephone Company, both prosperous local enterprises.

In 1904 occurred the marriage of Mr. Folden and Miss Ingeborg Jacobson and they have two sons, Osear E. and Ernest O. Mr. Folden is a republican in his political belief and for nine years served as clerk of the school board. In 1896, under McKinley's administration, he was appointed postmaster of Clifford and was continued in that office until 1915, making an unusual record not only as to the length of his service but also as regards the ability with which he discharged his duties. He holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his family attend the Lutheran church. He is entitled to the credit which is given to a self-made man, for he came to this country a poor boy and through his own efforts has gained a competence and has also won a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

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#### IVER A. CASPERSON.

Iver A. Caspersen, who is successfully engaged in merchandising in Walcott, Richland county, was born in Norway, March 27, 1864, a son of Casper and Ingeborg (Peterson) Olsen. The father, who was born in 1822, died in 1913, but the mother, whose birth occurred in 1827, is still living and makes her home with the subject of this review. They were married in Norway in 1848 and remained in that country until 1882 when they emigrated to the United States and located in Walcott, North Dakota. The father spent the rest of his life in honorable retirement, having accumulated a competence. He was a very active member of the Lutheran church and in his daily life exemplified the teachings of Christian-

ity. To him and his wife were born four children, namely: Mrs. Anna Farup, who died in 1914; Mrs. M. N. Wigtil, a widow residing in Walcott; O. C., who is farming three hundred and twenty acres of land three miles from Walcott; and Iver A.

Iver A. Casperson was reared upon a farm and early became accustomed to agricultural work. On beginning his independent career he worked as a farm hand and when he had acquired sufficient capital he invested in land, which he cultivated for a time. He then supplemented the education which he had previously acquired by attending school at Willmore Seminary, after which he engaged in teaching in English schools for ten years. In 1895 he entered the business world, becoming clerk in a store, in which capacity he worked for six years. At the end of that time he purchased an interest in a mercantile establishment and is now a large stockholder in the Walcott Mercantile Company, which owns a large store and which has built up an extensive and profitable patronage. They carry a well selected stock of general merchandise and spare no pains to satisfy the wants of their customers.

In 1897 Mr. Casperson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Anderson, a daughter of Carl Anderson, an early settler of North Dakota and a successful farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Casperson have six children: Mabel and Charles, who are attending high school; Aleta and Inga, who are in school; Elmer; and Mildred.

Mr. Casperson casts his ballot in support of the candidates and measures of the republican party and for fifteen years served as township school treasurer, while for eight years he was clerk of Walcott. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and in all the relations of life he measures up to high standards of manhood. He is considered one of the valuable citizens of Walcott and his personal friends are many.

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#### JOHN OLSON.

John Olson, who is residing on section 30, Hill township, and owns thirteen hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in Cass county, is now one of the wealthiest men in his township but when he came to this state he was without capital other than his enterprise, his sound judgment and his determination to win prosperity in this new country. He was born in Sweden on the 2d of February, 1859, a son of Olof and Johanna Olson, both of whom lived and died in that country.

The subject of this review remained at home during the period of his boyhood and youth and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He continued to reside in his native country for a number of years after reaching his majority but in 1886 crossed the Atlantic to the United States and made his way direct to North Dakota, arriving in Cass county on the last of June. When he reached New York city he had but ten dollars in money and when he arrived in North Dakota he had not even a dollar. It was imperative that he obtain work at once and he hired out as a farm hand, working in that capacity for two or three years. He carefully saved his money and in 1888 purchased a relinquishment on a homestead—his present home farm—on which he located in the following spring. He at once began the cultivation and improvement of his land, which he has brought to a high state of development. He proved very successful as a farmer from the start and from time to time has bought additional land, now owning thirteen hundred and sixty acres of the finest land in Cass county. He is practical and progressive in carrying on his farm work, being ready to substitute a new method for an old if it promises to be more efficient, and in managing the business phase of farming he displays sound judgment. He has firm faith in the future of the state and is contributing in no small measure to the agricultural development of his section. In addition to his large land holdings he owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company at Alice.

On the 28th of December, 1887, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Mathilda Jensen, a native of Denmark, who came to America on the same ship as her husband. They have become the parents of five children: Oscar, at home; Minnie, a public school teacher; Amelia, who is also teaching school; Herman, at home; and Clara, who is likewise a teacher. The three daughters are all graduates of the State Normal School at Valley City.

Mr. Olson studies public questions carefully and casts an independent ballot. He has served as a member of the township board of trustees for the last fifteen years and for many years has been school treasurer and a member of the school board. He has given the same care and thought to the discharge of his official duties that he gives to the conduct of his business interests and has made an excellent record in office. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and at all times they seek to exemplify the teachings of that organization in their daily lives. He is one of the foremost residents of Cass county and not only holds the respect but also the warm regard of those who have been associated with him.

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#### S. WESTLAND.

S. Westland, one of the prosperous farmers of Reed township, Cass county, was born in Sweden, September 19, 1850, a son of Peter and Mary Westland, further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He was reared in his native land and there attended the common schools. In 1882, when about thirty-two years of age, he came to America and made his way to Cass county, North Dakota, where he cultivated a rented farm for three years. At the expiration of that period he removed to Dickey county, this state, where he took up a homestead, upon which he lived for six years. He then sold that place and purchased his present home farm of two hundred and twenty-one acres on sections 1 and 36, Reed township, Cass county. He has erected excellent buildings and made other improvements upon his place and in his work uses improved machinery and up-to-date methods. When he came to this country he had no capital, but his energy and good management have enabled him to accumulate a competence.

In 1873 Mr. Westland was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jensen and they have nine children: Mary, at home; Carrie, the wife of Louis Holmquist, a resident of Minnesota; Katie, who is at home; Otilie, who is teaching school; John S., at home; Hannah, also a teacher by profession; Paul E., who is at home; Victor, who is attending normal school at Moorhead, Minnesota; and Goodwin F., who is in college at Fargo.

Mr. Westland is a republican in politics but has never desired to hold office. He and his family belong to the Lutheran church and further its advancement in every way possible. He is recognized as a good citizen and a man of unswerving integrity and there are many who hold him in warm personal regard.

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#### JENS PEDERSEN.

Jens Pedersen, a pioneer merchant of Milnor and one of the substantial citizens that Denmark has furnished to Sargent county, was born on the island of Falster, off the Danish coast, June 19, 1855, a son of Peder and Marie (Rasmussen) Paulson. The father, who was a wagon maker by trade, died when his son Jens was but seven years of age. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Paulson was married again, becoming the wife of Rasmus Christofferson, who came with his family to the new world in 1873 and settled in Michigan.

Jens Pedersen did not remain there but continued on to St. Paul and soon afterward went to work in Minneapolis. He had previously learned the blacksmith's trade and he secured employment in a carriage shop in Minneapolis, in which he remained for four and a half years. He then removed to Renville county, Minnesota, where he embarked in business independently, opening a blacksmith shop which he carefully and successfully conducted. He also purchased one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, which he cultivated in connection with his other interests, and subsequently a further purchase added one hundred and sixty acres to his holdings.

While residing upon his farm Mr. Pedersen was married in 1878 to Miss Marie Hoff, who was born in Norway, near Drammen, but came to the United States with her parents, Christian and Turina (Olsen) Hoff, who settled in Cottonwood county, Minnesota.

For three years Mr. Pedersen resided in Renville county and afterward removed to Richland county, North Dakota, in 1882, after having disposed of the interests which he had previously held. He settled three miles east of McLeod, in Richland county, and as land in that locality was still in the possession of the government, he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres, on which he built a log house. In the spring of 1883, however, he left that place and went to Sargent county, opening a blacksmith shop in the town of Linton, two and a half miles east of Milnor. He continued to engage in blacksmithing there until the latter part of August, 1883, when he bought city lots in the new town of Milnor, which was opened up by the railroad on the 14th of August, 1883. He built a shop and also a dwelling, the shop being just across the street from the site of his present store. All of the buildings in the town of Linton were then removed to Milnor but Mr. Pedersen built a home in the west part of the village, three blocks from the main street. His was the first building erected in the village and he continued to engage in blacksmithing there until 1889. In the meantime he purchased a half section of land in Milnor township adjoining the town site and this he developed and cultivated, while engaging at the same time in blacksmithing. In 1889 he established a store for the sale of farm implements in the next block south of his blacksmith shop, purchasing property there for the purpose. He continued in that business until the fall of 1898, when he sold the building for a creamery, having assisted in organizing the Milnor Creamery Company, a cooperative creamery. The enterprise, however, did not prove profitable and was discontinued. Mr. Pedersen later purchased the Helgerson-Skjenstad-Burch general store, which had been established and conducted at Linton by Nathan Linton and had been removed to Milnor when the town was changed. This was practically the first store in the county. Mr. Pedersen carried on business in the same location until 1905, when a fire occurred, destroying the building, although he saved much of the stock. He afterward erected a cement and brick building nearly fireproof and in the meantime he has largely increased his stock and has won a growing trade. The store was called the Pioneer Store by Mr. Linton and is still conducted under that name. In 1912 Mr. Pedersen erected a solid concrete warehouse adjoining his store. In 1902 he disposed of his farm lands and is now engaged in general merchandise business and is a stockholder in the Milnor National Bank and a stockholder and the vice president of the Farmers Mill and Grain Company and one of its directors.

Mr. Pedersen has one of the fine homes of his town and also has five acres across the street, extending down to the lake. In politics he is a democrat and in 1885 and 1886 served as county commissioner. He is a member of the executive committee of the democratic state central committee and is one of the recognized leaders of his party in the southeastern section of North Dakota. He has been a delegate to the national convention and he does everything in his power to promote the growth and ensure the success of the party. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Milnor. His life has ever been characterized by strong purpose and close application, and progressiveness and even-paced energy have carried him into important commercial and business relations. At the same time his interests have been of public benefit, for in all that he has done his work has contributed to general progress and improvement.

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#### CORNELIUS RUST.

Among the many Norwegians who have become valued citizens of the northwest is Cornelius Rust, of Raymond township, Cass county, who owns eight hundred and fifty acres of good land and also has other business interests. He was born in Norway on the 15th of August, 1851, of the marriage of Elias and Christina Rust, both natives of that country. The father died there, and the mother subsequently emigrated to the United States, her demise occurring in Minnesota. Seven of their twelve children are living.

Cornelius Rust received his education in his native land but when about twenty years of age came to the United States and going to the middle west, located in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he lived for eight years. In 1879 he removed to Cass county, North Dakota,

and took up his residence on section 3, Raymond township. Upon his farm he built a small house, twelve by fourteen feet, and that remained his residence for three years. He has since erected a large and well designed dwelling and has made other improvements upon his farm, which is now one of the valuable places of the county. Its value is increased by a fine grove which he planted, and he also has all kinds of fruit upon the farm. In addition to his home place he owns other land, his total holdings being eight hundred and fifty acres, all of which is improved. He owns stock in three farmers' elevators and is a director in the one at Prosper.

In 1882 Mr. Rust was married to Miss Betsy Kylo, who was born in Norway and by whom he has seven children: Emma, at home; Herman P., who is farming in this county; Charles; Josephine, the wife of Oscar Peterson, of Prosper; and Edward, George and Clarence, all at home.

Mr. Rust is a republican and has served on the school board for several terms. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church, the teachings of which govern their conduct. They have made many warm friends in the county, where both are well known, and he is recognized as one of the most substantial men of his locality. When he came to this country, however, he was without capital, and his success is due entirely to his enterprise and wise management.

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#### JOHN F. ROTZIEN.

John F. Rotzien is well known in Cass county and is the efficient manager of the Farmers elevator at Addison, which does a large and profitable business. He was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on the 29th of April, 1878, a son of John and Falava (Mayer) Rotzien, both natives of Germany, whence they were brought to this country by their respective parents when children. They were married in Wisconsin and took up their abode upon a farm near Fond du Lac, where they resided until 1887, when they went to McLeod county, Minnesota, where the father is still living.

John F. Rotzien was reared at home and received his education in the public schools. However, his opportunities along that line were very limited as he did not attend school after his mother's death, which occurred when he was but nine years of age. He received valuable training in farm work, assisting his father from early boyhood until he was twenty-five years of age. For the last seven years of that time he was also engaged in the live stock business, buying the first earload of stock when he was but eighteen years old. He continued to buy and ship stock for a number of years and in 1903 he also turned his attention to the lumber business in Price county, Wisconsin. He continued active in that field until 1910 and was subsequently for two years engaged in the diting business in Minnesota. In 1912, however, he came to North Dakota and became manager of the Reliance Company's elevator at Linton, remaining there until 1914, when he was given charge of the Farmers elevator at Addison, the business of which he has since directed.

In 1907 Mr. Rotzien was married to Miss Irene Whiting, of Clitherall, Minnesota, by whom he has two children, Courtney R. and Doris Irene. Mr. Rotzien casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has not taken an active part in politics. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Latter Day Saints church, to the support of which they contribute. He is a successful business man, a good citizen and a loyal friend, and all who have come in contact with him hold him in high esteem.

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#### ATLEY A. PETERSON.

One of the leading business enterprises in Clifford is the general store owned by Peterson, Rygg & Company and the establishment and building up of this business has been due in large measure to Atley A. Peterson, the senior member of the firm. He is energetic and far-sighted in the management of his affairs and has been one of the most important factors in

promoting the commercial growth of Clifford. He was born in Wisconsin September 19, 1872, and is a son of Peter N. and Inga (Senesson) Peterson, who were born in Norway but emigrated to America in 1854. They located upon a farm in Wisconsin and the father concentrated his attention upon agricultural pursuits until the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Union army, in which he served until the close of hostilities. He received a slight wound in the arm but was fortunate in escaping other injury. Both he and his wife still reside upon the homestead. To them were born fourteen children, of whom eleven are still living.

Atley A. Peterson was reared under the parental roof and at the usual age entered the public schools, to which he is indebted for his early education. After completing the course there offered he attended Valparaiso College in Indiana, thus still further preparing himself for the responsibilities of life. In 1894, when a young man of about twenty-two years, he came to Traill county, North Dakota, and began clerking in a store at Clifford. He worked in the employ of others for twelve years and during two years of that time was a traveling salesman, thus securing valuable information in regard to business conditions and methods in various places. In 1906 he went into business for himself, becoming a member of Peterson, Rygg & Company, which has since conducted a general store. During the ten years that the concern has been in existence its business has grown rapidly and has now reached gratifying proportions. Practically all lines of goods are carried and as the owners of the store are painstaking in their endeavor to meet the peculiar needs of their community they are able to turn over their capital rapidly and this insures them of increased profits. They use up-to-date merchandising methods and their progressiveness and reliability have gained them the patronage of the representative people of the community. Mr. Peterson gives the most careful attention to the management of the store and much of the success of the business has been due to his sound judgment and enterprise. The firm also holds stock in the Farmers Elevator at Clifford.

On the 6th of September, 1897, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Oswald, who was born in Wisconsin and is a daughter of Christian and Elena Oswald, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter survives. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have five children, namely: Viola, who was born June 26, 1899, and is now attending normal school at Mayville, North Dakota; Isadora, who was born September 29, 1901; Clifford, whose birth occurred on the 20th of July, 1904; Atley, born April 11, 1909; and Carl, born October 10, 1915.

Mr. Peterson supports the democratic party at the polls and has taken quite an active part in public affairs. For eight years he served as treasurer of his township and proved capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is indicated by the fact that he is a member of the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. He is enthusiastic over the opportunities offered by North Dakota and has great faith in its future. When he removed here he had no capital but he was not afraid of work and was quick to recognize and utilize chances for advancement and is now financially independent.

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#### CAISTER TREE.

Caister Tree is one of the well known residents of Wheatland and has gained gratifying success as the proprietor of a meat market there. He also has other business interests and owns considerable land. A native of Canada, he was born in Woodstock, January 19, 1875, a son of Horace and Louisa (Caister) Tree, both of whom were also natives of the Dominion. In 1881 they removed with their family to Cass county, North Dakota, and became residents of Casselton, where the father passed away. Subsequently the mother returned to Canada and there spent her last years. They were the parents of six children but one is now deceased.

Caister Tree remained at home until he became of age and his education was acquired in the common schools. On beginning his independent career he engaged in the butcher business in Wheatland and has since continued in that connection. He has one of the best meat markets in the town and has built up a large and profitable trade. He also buys and sells

stock and in addition to the interests already mentioned conducts a dray line. He has demonstrated his faith in the future of the state by investing in land, owning a quarter section in McHenry county and also holding title to other property there. He owns the building in which his meat market is located and his commodious and comfortable residence.

Mr. Tree was married in 1900 to Miss Minnie Brintnell, who was born in Canada, a daughter of J. C. and Johann Brintnell. Her father served in the United States army for three years, but his demise occurred in Canada. The mother is still living and makes her home in Canada. To them were born six children, of whom five are living. Mr. and Mrs. Tree have two children, Merle B. and Lyle C.

Mr. Tree gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving acceptably as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with Casselton Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., at Casselton, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. They can be depended upon to further the cause of right and justice in every way possible, and their sterling qualities of character have gained them the sincere respect of their fellow citizens.

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#### EDWARD ARNOLD.

Edward Arnold, manager of the Northwestern Elevator Company's elevator at Everest, is also engaged in merchandising there and is well known throughout Cass county. He was born at Lockport, New York, on the 18th of March, 1874, a son of George P. and Kate (Hilderman) Arnold, both of whom were natives of New York state. The father learned the hatter's and furrier's trades in his youth and devoted a number of years to work along those lines. In 1882, however, he came to North Dakota and took up a homestead and a preemption claim of one hundred and sixty acres each in Moraine township, Grand Forks county. In due time he proved up on his land and continued to reside there, devoting his attention to farming until 1910, when he sold out and removed to Larimore, where he engaged in the fur business for several years. Previous to taking up his residence in Larimore he had spent a number of winters there working at his trade.

Edward Arnold was educated in the common schools and passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof. When twenty-one years old he apprenticed himself to the miller's trade, at which he worked for five years, but in 1900 he became identified with the grain business, becoming second man in the Northwestern elevator at Larimore, and in the intervening years has gained an enviable reputation as an enterprising and astute business man. Since 1914 he has engaged in the merchandising business in Everest on his own account and that undertaking has proved profitable.

On the 14th of June, 1909, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Theresa Tritchler, of Casselton, by whom he has two children, Elwood G. and Ralph.

Mr. Arnold is a republican but has never been an office seeker. He is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Yeomen. Both he and his wife belong to the Catholic church, the influence of which they seek to extend in all possible ways. They have gained many warm personal friends and are held in high esteem because of the integrity of their lives.

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#### A. H. MERRILL.

A. H. Merrill, manager of the White Lumber Company's branch at Mooreton, has been engaged in the lumber business for many years and understands it thoroughly. A native of Maine, he was born November 4, 1852, and is a son of Adolpbus and Susan P. (Perkins) Merrill, also natives of the Pine Tree state, the former born in 1830 and the latter in 1827. The paternal grandfather was A. H. Merrill, who owned the state quarries in Brownville, Maine, and who was a man of wealth, his estate being valued at three hundred thousand dollars. In his early life he resided in Massachusetts but was for many years a resident of

Maine. The maternal grandfather was Joseph Perkins a representative of a well known New England family. Adolphus Merrill worked in the quarries all of his life and passed away in Maine in 1908. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged. They were married in Maine on the 26th of June, 1851, and became the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest and of whom ten are living.

A. H. Merrill received his general education in the common and high schools and subsequently attended the Bangor Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1886. He then went to Utah, where he did missionary work for the Congregational church for a time, but on the 5th of December, 1887, he removed to North Dakota and for ten years engaged in teaching school. In 1899 he took charge of a humberyard, which he conducted until 1909, and during that time also published a newspaper. He is now manager of the White Lumber Company's branch at Mooreton and is recognized as one of the most able representatives of that concern, with which he has been connected for a number of years.

In 1876 Mr. Merrill was married to Miss Augusta Sampson, also a native of Maine. Both belong to the Congregational church, in the work of which they take an active interest. Mr. Merrill casts his ballot in support of the prohibition party as he believes that many of the problems which confront the country will be solved when the liquor traffic is done away with. He has served as clerk of the school board and is deeply interested in everything that promotes the moral and intellectual advancement of his community. He devotes practically his entire time to his business and the responsible duties devolving upon him are discharged to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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#### ANDREW O. HEADLAND.

Andrew O. Headland possesses the spirit of enterprise which is rapidly working a marked transformation in North Dakota, developing the state along lines of substantial progress and improvement. He has won success as a farmer of Stanley township, Cass county, and is also president of the Farmers Elevator at Sanders. He was born in Norway, March 10, 1874. His parents, O. E. and Bertha Headland, were likewise natives of that country but in June, 1875, emigrated to the United States. They located upon a farm in Cass county, North Dakota, where both passed away. To them were born ten children, one of whom is deceased.

Andrew O. Headland remained at home until he became of age and then purchased the farm where he now lives, on section 2, Stanley township. The place comprises a half section of excellent land and he also has holdings in Minnesota farm lands. In the development of his place he follows the most progressive methods, carefully rotating his crops, studying the needs of the soil and procuring the best seed. He also utilizes the latest improved farm machinery in facilitating the work of the fields and caring for the harvests, and his efforts are attended with excellent results. He is president of and a large stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Sanders and is also vice president of the River Line Telephone Company. All this indicates his progressive spirit, showing him to be a man who never neglects his opportunities but wisely uses his chances for the attainment of individual success, while at the same time he contributes to public progress.

Mr. Headland was married in 1908 to Miss Clara C. Gallagher, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, by whom he has three children: Bernice Selina, Andrew Oliver and Adele Gurina. Mrs. Headland had never lived upon a farm up to the time of her marriage but adapted herself very readily to farm life and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the benefit and improvement of the farm and the advancement of agriculturists as a class. She is an ardent believer in the Non-Partisan League, regarding it as the means by which the farmers will become organized into a compact body, and instead of being merely producers and tillers of the soil, will also have voice in the government and in the management of public affairs. She believes that the women of the farm should have the most modern equipment to aid them in their housework and she is a believer in the conservation of forces that the best results may be secured. While not taking an active part in the work for woman suf-

frage, she is a firm advocate of the cause and feels that woman, having proven herself the equal of man in intelligence and capacity, should have equal voice with him in the management of the affairs which so closely affect her life, for every public question bears strongly upon the home.

Mr. Headland is a republican and is now serving as chairman of Stanley township, while for twenty years he was a member of the school board. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and in his daily life exemplifies the beneficent spirit and teachings of the craft. He has a wide acquaintance in this part of the state and the many substantial and admirable qualities which he has displayed have gained for him the warm and enduring regard of his many friends.

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#### I. M. BUNN.

I. M. Bunn, who owns and operates an elevator at Buffalo, is well known throughout that section of the state as an expert grain buyer and excellent business man. A native of Minnesota, he was born in Goodhue county on the 25th of September, 1862, of the marriage of Isaac M. and Cynthia (Cryle) Bunn, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they grew to maturity and where their marriage occurred. They continued to reside there until the '50s, when, with their three children, they removed to Goodhue county, Minnesota, and located upon a farm, where they resided until called by death.

I. M. Bunn passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He also learned the carpenter's trade and after removing to Mayville, Traill county, North Dakota, he engaged in carpentering independently. On the 2d of January, 1890, he went to Lake Superior, Wisconsin, where he followed his trade for two years, after which he returned to North Dakota and identified himself with the grain business, entering the employ of the Amenia & Sharon Land Company. He was given charge of their elevator at Amenia, where he remained for ten years, but in 1900 he went to Ward county and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land ten miles north of Minot. He proved up on this farm but in 1902 sold it and returned to Cass county, again engaging in the grain business. He was manager of Armour's elevator at Page until 1904, when he took charge of the Farmers elevator at Chaffee. On the 1st of July, 1916, he resigned that position and purchased an elevator at Buffalo, North Dakota, where he is now engaged in business. He is an excellent judge of grain and keeps in close touch with the market, and has therefore steadily prospered.

In 1883 Mr. Bunn was married at Larimore, North Dakota, to Miss Nellie Stull, by whom he had four children. Three of the number survive: Maud, the wife of S. T. Sonsterud, of Grand Forks, this state; George B., who is manager of a grain elevator at Myra, Cass county; and Iva, a stenographer at Fargo. The wife and mother passed away in 1900, and two years later Mr. Bunn was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Carroll, of Goodhue county, Minnesota.

Mr. Bunn is a democrat in politics, but although he takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, he has never sought nor desired office, his business interests requiring his undivided time and attention. In all relations of life he conforms to high ethical standards, and he is not only respected as a man of ability but is also highly esteemed because of his integrity and his pleasing personal qualities.

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#### MORGAN J. FORD

Morgan J. Ford, cashier of the Farmers Bank of Wheatland, is recognized as a leader in financial and business circles of Cass county. His birth occurred in Huron, Ontario, Canada, April 11, 1869, and his parents were Dennis and Bridget (King) Ford, both natives of Ireland. The father, who was born in 1832, died in 1888, but the mother, whose natal year was 1833, survived him for over two decades, dying in 1909. They were married in Canada,

to which country the father had removed when a youth of eighteen years, and there they continued to live until 1878, when they came to North Dakota and settled in Gill township, Cass county. The father took up a homestead and tree claim, on both of which he proved up, and he continued to reside upon his land until called by death. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church, the teachings of which guided his life. To him and his wife were born eleven children, seven of whom are still living.

Morgan J. Ford attended the common schools in the acquirement of his early education and subsequently was for one year a student in the University of Minnesota. His boyhood and youth were passed upon the home farm, and he early became familiar with practical methods of agriculture, which knowledge proved of great value to him when he began farming independently. In 1912, however, he turned his attention to another field of activity, removing to Casselton and working for the Frank Lynch Company for two years, after which he took up his residence in Wheatland and accepted the position of cashier of the Farmers Bank. He has since held that office and in the management of the affairs of the bank has manifested sound judgment and an understanding of the basic principles of finance that underlie banking procedure. He owns nine hundred and sixty acres of fine land, and the financial independence which he has gained is all the more notable in that he is a self-made man.

In 1902 occurred the marriage of Mr. Ford and Miss Mary Langer, who was born in North Dakota and is a daughter of Frank J. Langer, an early settler of Cass county. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of four children: John and Weldon, both of whom are in school; and Morgan Dennis and Mary Evelyn, twins.

The republican party has in Mr. Ford a staunch adherent, but his business interests leave him no time to take an active part in politics. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church, the work of which he furthers in every way possible. He is recognized as a valued citizen, and his personal friends are many as his predominant characteristics are such as invariably inspire confidence and regard.

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#### WILLIAM McCOSH.

William McCosh, a general merchant of Ayr, North Dakota, was born in Ontario, Canada, March 3, 1873, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Cullen) McCosh, the former a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, and the latter of Nova Scotia. In his young manhood the father emigrated to Ontario, where his marriage occurred and where he successfully engaged in farming until he retired from active life, spending his last years in the enjoyment of a period of rest in Kincardine. He died in 1913, but his wife is still living and makes her home with a daughter in Saskatchewan.

William McCosh passed the days of his boyhood and youth at home and received the greater part of his education in the public schools. In 1894 he came to North Dakota and during the following winter was a student at the Agricultural College at Fargo. In the spring, however, he began to work at bridge building, but after two months entered the employ of Park, Grant & Morris, wholesale grocers of Fargo, with whom he remained for a year. He then became connected with the wholesale grocery house of Lewis, Vidger & Company, remaining with that firm for about eight months, after which he accepted a position with T. E. Yerxa, a grocer of Fargo. He remained in that employ for about seven years, but in November, 1903, entered business for himself, becoming a member of the Ayr Store Company, an incorporated concern, which conducts one of the leading general stores of Cass county. From time to time he has bought more stock in the company, now owning more than one-half, and since 1905 he has served as manager of the concern. His long connection with various phases of merchandising well qualifies him for this responsible position, and under his direction the store has proved a very profitable concern. He not only understands how to buy to advantage, but has also made the sales department very efficient and his policy of giving full value for money received has commended the store to the patronage of the public. In addition to general merchandise good lines of hardware and farm machinery are handled, and the company also has the agency for the Overland automobile.

In 1905 Mr. McCosh was married to Miss Catherine Chapman, of Ayr, North Dakota, and they have become the parents of four children, Frances, Jessie, Edwin and Catherine. Mr. McCosh is a staunch republican and for many years served as town clerk, while at present he holds the office of school director. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Modern Woodmen; Hiram Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., at Page, also the chapter, R. A. M., and Dakota Consistory. His religious faith is indicated by the fact that he is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs, and in business as in other phases of life he guides his conduct by the teachings of Christianity. He possesses sound judgment and foresight and the determination necessary to carry his projects to successful completion. He is justly considered one of the important factors in the commercial life of the city of Ayr.

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#### CARL O. STROM.

Carl O. Strom, cashier of the Bank of Berthold, was born at Madelia, Minnesota, January 24, 1890, a son of Peter and Thora (Helickson) Strom, both of whom are natives of Norway. The father came to the new world when a young man of twenty-three years and the mother was brought to America by her parents when a little maiden of seven summers. Peter Strom directed his attention to farming and has continuously resided in Watonwan county, Minnesota, yet occupying the old homestead, to the cultivation of which he has devoted so many years of his life. He has served as township assessor for thirty-one years, called again and again to that office by the vote of his fellow citizens, who appreciate his fairness and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties. His family numbered seven children.

Carl O. Strom, the youngest, attended the high school at Madelia and afterward the Mankato (Minn.) College, being graduated from both schools. He remained at home until nineteen years of age and the summer months were devoted to farm work. He then left Minnesota and for one year engaged in teaching school in Idaho, after which he was employed at farm labor through the summer season and attended school in the winter months for about two years, realizing that a broader education would enable him to better cope with the conditions of business life. He then opened a real estate office in Madelia, where he remained for about six months, after which he became interested in the banking business at Kensington, Minnesota, in the capacity of bookkeeper. Three months later he went to Drake, North Dakota, and later to Fessenden, this state, where he was employed as bookkeeper until he came to Berthold in April, 1913. He entered the bank here as bookkeeper, but after a short time was promoted to the position of assistant cashier and has since been made cashier continuing in this connection for two years, his entire time and attention being devoted to the interests of the bank.

In politics Mr. Strom is a republican, but has never sought nor desired office. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Berthold and in that organization has many warm friends. He is yet a young man, but has already gained a creditable position, and many a man his senior might well envy the success which he has already achieved.

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#### FRED A. IRISH.

Through the successive steps of an orderly progression Fred A. Irish has reached the responsible and important position of vice president of the First National Bank of Fargo and is accounted one of the prominent figures in financial circles in this state. He was born at Taylors Falls, Minnesota, on the 29th of September, 1870, and was but nine years of age when he went to Moorhead, Minnesota, in company with his parents, John S. and Emma J. Irish. The father was a boat builder and contractor and led an active, busy and useful life.

Fred A. Irish with the glowing enthusiasm of youth, entered upon the pursuit of an

education and received liberal training in that direction. Moreover, throughout his life he has been a reader and a student of human nature and in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons. When his text books were put aside he turned to the banking business, securing a position in the First National Bank at Moorhead, Minnesota, where he remained as assistant cashier until 1902. In that year he removed to Fargo and was appointed to the position of assistant cashier in the Red River Valley National Bank, with which he remained for about four years. On the 1st of January, 1906, he was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Fargo and acted in that capacity until he was chosen vice president of the same institution. He recognizes the fact that the bank which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors is most worthy of public trust and he has ever in its conduct adhered to a progressive policy that is tempered by conservatism.

In 1904 Mr. Irish was united in marriage to Miss Mila Brown, of Aberdeen, South Dakota. In politics he is a republican, stalwart in support of the party, but has never been an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. The community knows him as a public-spirited citizen, one whose interest in the general welfare is deep and sincere, finding expression in many tangible efforts to promote the public good. He has always lived in the west and the spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country has found exemplification in his business career.

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#### H. E. SIEVERT.

H. E. Sievert, the owner and publisher of the Wyndmere Pioneer, one of the excellent weekly papers of that section of the state, was born in Calumet county, Wisconsin, March 9, 1889, a son of E. C. and Helena (Bettner) Sievert, born respectively in Calumet county, Wisconsin, in 1863 and in New Richland, Minnesota, in 1870. They were married in the Badger state and resided there for eight years thereafter. At the end of that time they removed to Minnesota and they are now residing at New Richland, that state. The father has a machine, wagon and blacksmith shop and is quite successful in business. In politics he is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. To him and his wife have been born four children: A. F., a druggist of Great Bend, this state; H. E.; H. W., who is engaged in the lumber business at Freeborn, Minnesota; and Nita Fern, at home.

H. E. Sievert was educated in the New Richland high school, from which he was graduated in 1908, and subsequently he clerked in a store for a year and a half. At the end of that time he entered the newspaper business at New Richland and for two years served as foreman of an office there. In 1913 he removed to Wyndmere, North Dakota, and purchased the Wyndmere Pioneer, which has a circulation of seven hundred. Its news columns are up-to-date and reliable and its editorials are forceful and concise. Mr. Sievert also does job printing and has gained a gratifying patronage along that line. He is a republican and conducts the Pioneer as a republican newspaper. Since becoming a resident of Wyndmere he has gained many personal friends and his ability as a newspaper man is generally recognized.

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#### RICHARD C. HOCKING.

Richard C. Hocking is a member of the firm of Coil, Hocking & Company and is manager of their store, which is one of the best in Wheatland. He is well known in Cass county, where he has spent the greater part of his life, his birth there occurring on the 12th of January, 1879. His parents, John S. and Mary J. (Matters) Hocking, were both born in England and emigrated to the United States in their youth. They were married in Michigan, where they remained until 1877, when they removed to Cass county, North Dakota, taking up a homestead and tree claim. The father was a poor man when he came

to this state but has gained a gratifying measure of success and is now well-to-do. He and his wife are still living upon the home farm. To them were born eleven children, of whom nine survive.

Richard C. Hocking was educated in the common schools of Cass county, and also in Macalester College at St. Paul, which he attended for three years, and in a business college at Minneapolis. On finishing his schooling he became bookkeeper for a cold storage company of Minneapolis, where he remained for three years. He was subsequently bookkeeper for the Twin City Rapid Transit Company for nineteen months but in 1904 returned to Cass county, North Dakota, and engaged in merchandising under the style of Coil, Hocking & Company, which firm carries a well selected line of goods and is well patronized, its liberal business policy enabling it to retain custom once gained.

In 1901 Mr. Hocking was married to Miss Catherine S. Hawley, who was born in Canada and by whom he has two children, Catherine E. and Richard Wendell.

Mr. Hocking gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never been an aspirant for office. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic blue lodge and Royal Arch chapter and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His business ability and enterprise are generally acknowledged, and he is also recognized as a public-spirited citizen and as a man of sterling qualities.

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#### LEVI RICE.

Among the pioneers who, in spite of obstacles and privations, established their homes in Cass county in the early days of its history and who, as the years passed, developed the prairie into well improved farms, is numbered Levi Rice, who is now living retired in Tower City, enjoying a richly deserved period of rest and leisure. His birth occurred in Nova Scotia on the 23d of August, 1840, and he is a son of Levi and Margaret (Robison) Rice, natives of Annapolis county, Nova Scotia, where their entire lives were passed. The father devoted his time and energy to agricultural pursuits.

Levi Rice was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the pursuit of an education. When seventeen years of age he went to Bigby, Nova Scotia, where he apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade under his brother Abner. He worked at carpentering in Bigby for twenty-three years, gaining an enviable reputation as an expert and conscientious workman, but in 1880 he decided to try his fortune in North Dakota, which he believed offered unusual opportunities to the man who was not afraid of hard work and was determined to succeed. He located in Cass county and homesteaded eighty acres on section 32, Cornell township, which he soon brought under cultivation, and later, from time to time he bought other land, becoming the owner of five hundred and eighty acres in all. He concentrated his energies upon the operation of his farm, and his industry and efficient methods resulted in the production of good crops which brought a high price on the market. In 1902, feeling that he had accumulated a competence, he gave up the work of the farm and removed to Tower City, where he has since lived retired. He owns stock in the Farmers elevator at Tower City.

Mr. Rice is one of the substantial men of his county and his residence is comfortable and commodious, but during the first winter that he resided in this state he lived in an eight foot square shanty, where he kept bachelor's hall. The following year, however, his wife and his son Francis joined him and he built a shed addition to his shack which served as the family residence for two years. At the end of that time he was able to erect a good dwelling.

On the 3d of February, 1867, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Cassandra Hawksworth, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (McCormack) Hawksworth and a native of Bigby, Nova Scotia, in which country her parents spent their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have one son, Francis T., a lumber merchant of Tower City, who married Katherine Wasam and has two children, Clifford and Marjory.

Mr. Rice supports the republican party at the polls, being convinced that the adoption of its policies would make for prosperity and the solution of many problems of the day,





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and he manifests a commendable interest in everything that affects the general welfare. He has served for a number of years as a member of the school board, proving capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. Both he and his wife are members of the Federated church and no good cause appeals to them in vain.

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#### LARS OLSGARD.

Lars Olsgard, vice president of the Bank of Wyndmere, was born in Richland county, North Dakota, November 21, 1879, and is a son of Ola and Guri (Sorbel) Olsgard, both natives of Norway, the former born on the 13th of May, 1845, and the latter in 1855. The father emigrated to the United States in young manhood and settled in Richland county, North Dakota, in 1871, being one of the early pioneers of the county. He took up land and now owns three hundred and eighty acres, from which he derives a substantial income. When he came to this state he was in straitened circumstances, but he was energetic and possessed good judgment and in time gained financial independence. He is an active member of the Lutheran church which he aided in organizing, and his political belief is that of the republican party. He is a well educated man and keeps informed on all questions of public interest. He was married in Richland county to Miss Guri Sorbel, who died on the 7th of April, 1911. They were the parents of three children: Sophia, the wife of Gustav G. Mellem, a hardware merchant of Wyndmere; Nels, who is living on the old home farm; and Lars. Both of the grandfathers of our subject died in Norway.

Lars Olsgard received an excellent education, graduating from Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1897. In 1900 he engaged in the hardware business in Wyndmere and so continued for three years, after which he entered the First National Bank as assistant cashier. After being connected with that bank for four years he was made vice president of the Bank of Wyndmere, in which capacity he is still serving. The institution is capitalized at ten thousand dollars, has a surplus of five thousand dollars and its average deposits are two hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Olsgard devotes practically his entire time to his duties in connection with the bank and his detailed knowledge of the business and his good judgment are important factors in the success of the institution. He began his career without capital but has gained a gratifying measure of success and now owns considerable land in the county.

On the 9th of June, 1907, Mr. Olsgard was united in marriage to Miss Freda Franz, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, and they have three children, Pearl, Evelyn and Viola. He is a republican but does not take an active part in politics. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Masonic blue lodge, the commandery and Shrine and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He takes a commendable interest in the advancement of his community along moral, civic and commercial lines and is recognized as a valuable citizen.

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#### S. F. SHERMAN.

As cashier of the First National Bank of Tower City, S. F. Sherman has demonstrated his business acumen and sound judgment and his advice is often sought on matters of investment. He was born in the city which is still his home on the 6th of December, 1881, a son of R. P. and Sarah E. (Philips) Sherman, the former of whom was born in New York and the latter in Michigan. They were married in the Wolverine state, which remained their home until 1880, when they became settlers of Cass county, North Dakota. The father established a bank at Tower City, which he conducted for thirty years and which was known as the Tower City Bank. In 1911 he retired from business, having accumulated a competence, and removed to California, where he and his wife are still living. All of their four children survive.

S. F. Sherman was reared under the parental roof and received his early education in the public schools of Tower City. Upon completing his preparatory work he attended the

University of Michigan. Subsequently he entered his father's bank as assistant cashier, which office he held until 1903, when a reorganization was effected, the institution becoming known as the First National Bank, of which he became cashier. He has ably managed the affairs of the bank, and the volume of its business has grown steadily from year to year. He makes the safeguarding of the interests of depositors and stockholders his first concern and yet has been able to promote the financial and commercial expansion of the community by judiciously extended credit. In addition to his banking interests he is an extensive landowner.

In 1905 Mr. Sherman was married to Miss Gertrude E. Smith, also a native of Tower City and a daughter of Henry V. and Louisa (Chapman) Smith, natives of Minnesota. Her father is deceased, but her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have two sons, Richard Henry and Frederick Smith.

Mr. Sherman casts his ballot in support of the candidates and measures of the republican party and has taken an active interest in affairs of local government. He has served capably as mayor and for the past fourteen years has been clerk of the board of education, doing much in that time to promote the advancement of the public schools. His fraternal affiliations are with Cereal Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs; Tower City Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.; and Valley City Lodge, No. 1110, B. P. O. E. Both he and his wife attend the Federated church, and they at all times stand for righteousness and moral advancement. They are widely known, and the circle of their friends is an extensive one.

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#### O. B. GRAY.

Agricultural interests in North Dakota find a prominent representative in O. B. Gray, one of the large landowners of Cass county, operating one thousand acres in Rochester township, three miles from Page. He is also identified with the business interests of the town as a dealer in agricultural implements and has built up a large trade in that connection. Mr. Gray is a native of Wisconsin. He was born in Boscobel, March 5, 1865, a son of Joseph W. and Emeline (Stone) Gray, both of whom were natives of the state of New York, where they were reared and married. About 1852 they migrated to Wisconsin, where the father acquired a farm of three hundred and five acres near Boscobel, remaining thereon until 1880, when he came to North Dakota and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres. He also secured an additional tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Colgate township, Cass county, as a tree claim and devoted his energies to the cultivation and improvement of his land until the death of his wife about 1903. He afterward made his home among his children but continued to operate his farm, the boundaries of which he had extended until it comprised four hundred and eighty acres. He was busily engaged in the cultivation and supervision of that place up to the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1913. In politics he was a republican but never an office seeker.

O. B. Gray spent his youthful days under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools. He was twenty-one years of age when he became a wage earner, securing employment at farm labor. In 1888 he arrived in Page and engaged in the meat and live stock business, operating along those lines for nineteen years. Later he purchased the controlling interest in the Ayr State Bank, with which he was identified for about a year and a half, and in 1909 he established his present implement business. He made his first investment in land in 1895, when he purchased a quarter section, but since that time he has made other investments at various intervals until his holdings embraced one thousand acres, all of which is operated under his immediate supervision. His is one of those fine and splendidly developed farms which have made the state famous. He employs the most progressive methods in the operation of his fields and in the conduct of every phase of the business and his success is the logical, legitimate and well merited results of his efforts.

On the 8th of May, 1892, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss Kate Hanley, of North Freedom, Wisconsin, by whom he had seven children, six of whom still survive, as follows: Clarence, who works in his father's store; Edith, a student in the State Normal School at Mayville, North Dakota; and Lewis, Inez, Merrill and James, all at home.

Mr. Gray gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the following organizations: Hiram Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., of Page; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Fargo Lodge, No. 260, B. P. O. E.; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Modern Woodmen of America at Page. He has ever maintained an even balance in his life by his activities outside of the pale of business and yet he never allows other things to interfere with the capable management of his commercial and agricultural interests. He is justly accounted one of the foremost business men of Cass county and is a representative of that class of men who have made North Dakota one of the great agricultural states of the Union.

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#### W. H. BARNETT.

Among the practitioners at the bar of Fargo, W. H. Barnett is well known and contemporaries and colleagues accord him a prominent and enviable position in the profession. He has been a resident of the capital since 1880 and in the intervening years has practiced law, his ability bringing him prominently to the front in a calling where advancement is secured only through individual merit. He was born in Wisconsin on the 23d of July, 1856, and is a son of William D. and Julia A. (Huntley) Barnett, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. The father went to Wisconsin in 1846 and there passed away in the year 1868. His widow still survives and makes her home with her son, W. H. Barnett, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Although she has now advanced far on life's journey she is still enjoying excellent health. She was the mother of three children, two of whom survive.

W. H. Barnett was reared and educated in Wisconsin and supplemented his public school course by a course in the law department of the State University at Madison, from which he was graduated with the class of 1880. He then sought a favorable field for practice and came to Fargo, where he opened a law office and has since followed his profession. He served as assistant states attorney for two years and was then elected states attorney, which position he occupied for four years. He also filled the office of assistant United States attorney by appointment for a term of five years. Through all the intervening period since his arrival in Fargo his practice has been extensive and of an important character. Along with those qualities found indispensable to the lawyer—a keen, rapid, logical mind, plus the business sense and a capacity for hard work—he brought to the starting point of his legal career certain rare gifts—eloquent language and a strong personality. An elegant presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to correctly apply its principles, are features in his effectiveness as an advocate.

In 1883 Mr. Barnett wedded Miss Lelah Tillotson, and in the city of their residence they are widely and favorably known, occupying a prominent position in social circles. Mr. Barnett is an earnest republican and has served as police magistrate of Fargo for eleven years. His interests, however, chiefly center in his profession and his devotion to his clients' interests has become proverbial. He has been retained in connection with much of the most important litigation tried in the courts at Fargo and the records bear testimony to his ability and success.

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#### GEORGE W. KELLEY.

George W. Kelley is one of those who have contributed to the business growth and expansion of Tower City and who aided in organizing the Farmers Elevator Company there, of which he has since served as manager. He owns eight hundred acres of land and is one of the well-to-do residents of Cass county. A native of Minnesota, his birth occurred on the 16th of February, 1859, and his parents were John and Jane (Hammel) Kelley, both of whom were born in Ireland. In 1850 they emigrated to America and after residing in New Jersey for four years removed to Minnesota, where they lived on a farm until 1880. In that year

they arrived in Cass county, North Dakota, and there they spent their remaining years. Two of their three children are still living.

George W. Kelley was educated in the common schools of Minnesota and remained under the parental roof until he reached man's estate. In 1879 he came to North Dakota and took up land on section 8 Cornell township, Cass county, which he at once began to bring under cultivation. He devoted twenty-five years to farming and from time to time bought additional land, acquiring in all eight hundred acres, all of which is improved. On leaving the farm he removed to Tower City and helped to organize the Farmers elevator there, of which he has since served as manager. He is an accurate judge of the quality of grain, keeps in close touch with the markets and possesses sound judgment, and has proved very successful as manager of the elevator, which does a large business. He is also vice president of the First National Bank of Tower City and is treasurer and secretary of the local telephone company, his sagacity and enterprise being factors in the advancement of the interests of those concerns.

Mr. Kelley was married in 1894 to Miss Myrtle Beil, a native of Indiana, by whom he has had eight children: George R., Vera, John, Myrtle, Muriel, Helen and Roy, all of whom are at home; and Frederick, who is deceased. Mr. Kelley is a staunch adherent of the republican party and for four years served as county commissioner, while for a number of years he held the office of school director. He is a member of Tower City Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., and the teachings of the order are exemplified in his conduct. When he began his independent career he had no capital and he has at all times depended upon his own resources. The gratifying measure of success which he has gained is therefore evidence of his ability.

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#### GEORGE C. OTTIS.

George C. Ottis, the proprietor of the leading store in Wyndmere, also has a number of other important business connections and has been a leading factor in the development of his town and county. He was born in Cass county, North Dakota, September 17, 1875, a son of Samuel and Carrie (Eikery) Ottis, the former of whom was born in Denmark in 1841 and the latter in Wisconsin in 1847. The father served in the Danish army during the war between Germany and Denmark, but in 1864 he emigrated to the United States and made his way to Minnesota, where he farmed for a few years. In 1871 he came to Dakota territory and took up a homestead, which he developed into a well improved farm. He has been very successful in business and still owns two sections of land after giving land to his children. He also owns his residence at Kindred, where he is living retired. His political support is given the republican party, and he is a member of the Lutheran church. He was married in Fillmore county, Minnesota, to Miss Carrie Eikery, who died in 1891. Of their children four sons are living, namely: Louis, who is residing on the old homestead; George C.; Bernhard, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and John, cashier of the bank at Kindred.

George C. Ottis attended the public schools and was later for two years a student in the Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, where he completed the commercial course. Subsequently he engaged in merchandising in Kindred for two years, after which, in 1900, he removed to Wyndmere, where he has since remained. He began business on a small scale but his store is now the largest in the town and the volume of his trade is growing steadily. He has prospered from the beginning as he has always adhered closely to the strictest commercial ethics and as he has spared no pains to supply the wants of his customers. In addition to his store he is financially interested in the Noonan Security Bank, the Davenport Bank and the First State Bank at Ophelm, Montana, of which he is a director. He also owns stock in a number of enterprises, including an elevator and a creamery, and he holds title to a section of good land. He is one of the most successful men of Richland county, and his record is the more creditable in that he has always depended entirely upon his own efforts.

Mr. Ottis was married in 1903 to Miss Clara Hollingby, a native of Osage, Iowa, by whom he has a daughter, Irene. He votes the republican ticket but is not otherwise active in

politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic blue lodge, commandery and Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and its teachings have guided his life. He is not only widely known and highly respected throughout the county but there are many who are his warm personal friends.

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L. H. STINE.

L. H. Stine, of Tower City, is one of those men who, having gained a competence through the cultivation of the soil, have now retired and are enjoying a well deserved period of rest and leisure. He was born in Hungary on the 3d of December, 1870, a son of Frank and Rosa Stine, also natives of that country. The father died in Hungary, but in 1884 the mother came to America and passed her last years in this country, dying in Minnesota in 1889.

L. H. Stine, who is the only child born to his parents, came to the United States when but twelve years of age and resided in Minnesota until 1892, in which year he came to North Dakota and settled upon a farm in Barnes county. He devoted his time and energy to agricultural pursuits and as the years passed his resources increased steadily, for he was practical and progressive in his methods and managed his business affairs well. In 1915 he sold his farm and removed to Tower City, where he is now practically living retired. In partnership with another gentleman, Mr. Stine purchased the store of W. W. Kueg & Company at Tower City in the early summer of 1916, and they now carry a stock valued at about twenty-five thousand dollars. Although he does not give his personal attention to the business, his son George is assisting in the management of the store. Mr. Stine also recently purchased one of the most modern residences of the city and there he, and his family are now living.

Mr. Stine was married in 1894 to Miss Lenna F. Felstad, a native of Norway, who, however, was brought to this country by her parents when but five years old. To this union have been born four children: George, who attended college at Fargo and is now connected with his father's store; Gertrude, a college student; Louis, a high-school student; and Walter.

Mr. Stine votes the republican ticket and he is now serving as a member of the school board, while he was formerly on the township board. He is identified with Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., with the Masons, the Workmen and the Yeomen and is well known in local fraternal circles. Both he and his wife attend the Federated church, to the advancement of whose work they give freely of time and money. Mr. Stine came to this country without resources other than his strength, energy and sound judgment, and the success which he has gained is due entirely to his own efforts. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, hold him in high esteem and warm regard.

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NELS K. NELSON.

Among those who have contributed in no small measure to the agricultural development of the southeastern part of North Dakota is Nels K. Nelson, who resides on section 6, Empire township, Cass county, and who owns nine quarter sections of good land in that county. A native of Norway, he was born on the 17th of July, 1874, a son of Karolius and Olianna (Arnson) Nelson, who in 1884 emigrated to the United States with their family. The father took up a homestead near Milnor, Sargent county, North Dakota, and also pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres, which he subsequently sold. He has become the owner of other land, however, holding title to three hundred and twenty acres near Milnor, and is now living retired at that place.

Nels K. Nelson accompanied his parents to this country when he was ten years of age and continued to reside under the parental roof until he reached man's estate. He attended the common schools and thus gained a good education. After he became of age he bought

one hundred and sixty acres of land and a year later purchased a second quarter section, his labors as a farmer being from the first rewarded with excellent crops. As the years have passed he has added to his holdings from time to time and they now comprise nine quarter sections, or fourteen hundred and forty acres, of as fine land as there is in Cass county. He has depended upon his own efforts, and the fact that he is now a man of independent means is evidence of his energy, his knowledge of the best methods of agriculture and the wise management of his business affairs. He owns stock in the Ayr State Bank and in the Ayr Farmers Elevator, in which he is a member of the board of directors, and is recognized as one of the leading citizens of his county.

In 1900 occurred the marriage of Mr. Nelson and Miss Nellie M. Lindstrom, of Eric township, Cass county, and they have become the parents of six children, of whom three are still living, Anna S., Gordon A. and Elmer.

Mr. Nelson is a republican in politics but has never had the time nor inclination to take an active part in public affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and both he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church. During the three decades that he has resided in this state he has witnessed a remarkable transformation, for when he arrived here it was still largely a frontier region and the most farsighted could not have predicted its present high state of development.

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#### DAVID M. MALLOWGH.

David M. Mallough is engaged in farming on sections 24 and 25, Howe township, Cass county, where he owns three hundred and twenty acres of land, and since 1907 has also owned an elevator at Embden with a capacity of twenty-five thousand bushels. A native of Canada, he was born on the 18th of April, 1879, and is a son of Joseph and Christina (Smith) Mallough, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in Scotland. Both removed to Canada in their youth, but in 1880 they took up their residence in Cass county, North Dakota. The father homesteaded land there and continued to cultivate it until his demise. His wife also passed away in that county. All but one of their ten children are still living.

David M. Mallough remained at home until he became of age and divided his time between attending school and assisting his father with the farm work. Beginning his independent career, he determined to follow the occupation to which he had been reared, purchased land and began to cultivate it on his own account. After following agricultural pursuits for seven years on section 14, Howe township, he removed to his present farm, which comprises three hundred and twenty acres on sections 24 and 25, that township. He raises both grain and stock and as he is at once energetic and practical his activities yield him a good financial return. In 1907 he entered the grain business and now owns a large elevator at Embden which yields him a good profit.

In 1901 Mr. Mallough was married to Miss Anna McConnell, a daughter of John McConnell, a retired farmer living in Embden. He was born in Canada on the 17th of October, 1849, and his parents were David and Anna (Hamilton) McConnell, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Scotland. The mother removed to the Dominion, however, in her youth and there her marriage occurred. Both Mr. and Mrs. David McConnell resided in the Dominion until called to their reward. They had eight children but five are now deceased.

John McConnell remained at home until he was twenty-three years old, when he began farming on his own account in his native country. Later he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, but a short time later went to the vicinity of Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he took up a claim and built a small shanty, in which he lived for six months. He then returned to Cass county, this state, and bought a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time and energies until 1913, when, having accumulated a competence, he retired from active life and removed to Embden, where he is now living. He is a republican in politics, but has never sought office and fraternally is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. When he came to North Dakota he had no money, but he possessed energy and sound judgment and he has gained a place among the substantial men of his county. He is an elder of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. She was in her maidenhood Miss Jane

Armour and was born in Canada. They were married in 1877 in that country and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Anna, now Mrs. Mallough; Minnie, the wife of Albert Hilkey; John; Ida, who is a graduate of the State Normal School at Valley City and is now teaching; and William, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallough are the parents of two children, Lloyd C. and Lila May. Mr. Mallough is an adherent of the republican party and has served his district acceptably as school director, but has never sought to figure prominently in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic blue lodge at Casselton and with the American Yeomen at Casselton. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church, the work of which they seek to further, and the sincerity of their faith is evidenced in the rectitude of their daily lives. He is recognized as a man of foresight, energy and business acumen and has been a factor in the commercial advancement of Embden as well as in the agricultural development of his township.

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#### HON. FRANK H. DICKINSON.

Hon. Frank H. Dickinson, formerly a member of the North Dakota legislature and an active representative of farming interests on section 10, Ayr township, Cass county, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, December 12, 1858, a son of John W. and Cynthia Ann (Stiles) Dickinson, both of whom were natives of New York. They were married in Michigan and located on a farm four miles from Battle Creek, where they resided up to the time of Mr. Dickinson's death.

The usual experiences of the farm lad were those that came to Frank H. Dickinson in his boyhood and youth. He was educated in the district schools and at the Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso. He taught for two winter terms in Michigan and in the spring of 1880 he arrived in North Dakota. During the first year of his residence in this state he was employed as a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Fargo. In 1881 he returned to Michigan for his bride and when he returned to North Dakota following his marriage he located in Tower City, where he began dealing in fruit. In 1883 he went to Ayr, becoming one of the founders of the town, which he named. There he engaged in the mercantile business and was the first postmaster of the town, holding the office for twenty years. He was also the first station agent of Ayr and occupied that position for five years. He operated the first grain elevator and he continued to engage in merchandising for twenty-one years. In the early '90s he organized and incorporated the Ayr Stores Company, one of the important mercantile enterprises of Cass county, but after effecting its organization he sold his interest and has since given his attention to the management and direction of his extensive land holdings, owning at one time an equity in twenty-six quarter sections of land. He has been one of the largest dealers in North Dakota farm lands, selling sixty-seven quarter sections in one season, which land was a part of the estate of ex-Governor Smith of Vermont. Mr. Dickinson has engaged in farming since 1886, cultivating from ten to fifteen hundred acres, and he now owns thirteen quarter sections or two thousand eighty acres. His possessions make him one of the large landowners of the state and his agricultural interests are conducted along the most progressive lines, embodying all the advanced methods of farming and the utilization of the latest improved machinery.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Dickinson chose Miss Ida V. Chilson, of Battle Creek, Michigan, by whom he has three children, namely: Maud A., who is the wife of A. L. Bayley, a banker of Alice, North Dakota; Vern C., deputy sheriff of Cass county, North Dakota; and Dean D., at home.

A republican in politics, for years Mr. Dickinson was an incumbent in various township offices. He was the first township clerk after the organization of his township and in 1902 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature. On the expiration of his term he was renominated by acclamation in the republican convention and was elected and served for a second term. He gave careful consideration to each question which came up for settlement, studied closely the vital political problems of the day and his support of measures resulted from a belief in their efficacy as factors in the welfare of the commonwealth. Frater-

nally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the following branches: Hiram Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., of Page; Casselton Chapter, R. A. M.; Auburn Commandery, K. T., of Fargo; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. His wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. Both are well known in Cass county and other parts of the state and Mr. Dickinson is accorded a very prominent position in political and agricultural circles.

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#### MELVIN N. MALLORY.

Melvin N. Mallory, cashier of the First National Bank of Page, Cass county, has been connected with this institution since 1912. His residence in the state, however, covers the intervening years from 1903. He was born in Plainview, Minnesota, November 10, 1877, a son of Julius W. and Ellen E. (Wedge) Mallory. The father was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, and the mother's birthplace was probably Waupun, Wisconsin, where they were married. In 1864 they removed to Plainview, Minnesota, and Mr. Mallory was engaged in farming for a number of years, his life's labors being ended in death in 1902. His widow is still residing in Plainview.

Melvin N. Mallory was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the Plainview high school. He also attended Hamline University at St. Paul, Minnesota, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1900, winning the degree of Ph. B. In 1903 he arrived in North Dakota and engaged in the drug business, with which he was identified in Plainview, Lisbon and Hope until the spring of 1912, when he removed to Page and entered the First National Bank as assistant cashier. In the spring of 1914 he was advanced to the position of cashier and is now serving in that capacity, making an excellent record through his capability, loyalty and enterprise. He is a stockholder in the institution and is a member of its board of directors.

In 1908 Mr. Mallory was united in marriage to Miss Violet Morrish, of Mayville, North Dakota, by whom he has a son, Howard Byron. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the city in which they make their home. In politics Mr. Mallory is a republican and fraternally is connected with Occidental Lodge, F. & A. M., of Hope, North Dakota. He has made continuous progress since starting out in the business world on his own account and each forward step has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. There has been nothing spectacular in his career and nothing esoteric. He has worked on along the well defined lines of labor and his close application, perseverance and enterprise have been the means of winning for him advancement.

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#### RICHARD S. TYLER.

Richard S. Tyler, who died on the 8th of January, 1903, was one of the leading and dominant figures in the upbuilding of Fargo and eastern North Dakota. He was born in Tompkins county, New York, on the 3d of December, 1848, the youngest son of Oliver and Harriet (Lampman) Tyler, who were natives of the Empire state and descendants of old New England families. The mother was of Huguenot ancestry, while several members of the Tyler family served in the Revolutionary war both as private and officer. Oliver Tyler, the father, was a farmer by occupation and during the boyhood of his son Richard moved, with his family, to Sterling, Illinois, where there seemed a fine prospect in the then rapidly developing state of Illinois. Richard, the son, was too young to appreciate the conditions and opportunities, and not liking the new country returned to his native county of Tompkins and secured a clerkship in a general store, at Dryden, New York. After several years of clerkship there, he became connected with a wholesale grocery house in Syracuse, New York, and later still with a larger one in the same line in New York city.

From the latter Mr. Tyler came to Fargo during what was known as the "Boom Days" of 1881 and took up his residence here. From the first he foresaw the developments of the



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state, and believed in the future of his newly adopted city. He became a heavy investor in both business and residence property, platted the addition to the city northwest of town known as Tyler's addition and occupied himself in buying and selling real estate. Later he became interested in, and was one of the promoters of the Fargo Southern Railroad, now merged into the Milwaukee Railroad, and acquired extensive holdings in lands and town sites along the route of the new railroad, from Fargo, to Ortonville, Minnesota. In Wahpeton, North Dakota, he platted an addition of his holdings under the name of the R. S. Tyler Addition, and also joined the late N. K. Hubbard, who was interested with him there in another large tract in the platting of the Hubbard and Tyler Addition to the southern portion of that city.

His great activities were, however, expended in the development and upbuilding of Fargo, where he has left the impress of his individuality upon many lines of activity which have contributed toward its progress and welfare. He became one of the chief factors in the organization of the Fargo Commercial Club and was its first president. As such he did much to secure favorable freight rates to the end of making Fargo a wholesale center and distributing point for the state, a position which he hoped to see her occupy. In every movement for the advancement and upbuilding of the city he was a conspicuous figure and his labors were directly beneficial and resultant. After the fire of 1893 which swept away the business portion of the town Mr. Tyler erected the present Tyler building at 21 Broadway, in which he established the office of R. S. Tyler & Company. Here he conducted successfully the mortgage and loan, as well as real estate business which is still continued by his widow under the firm name of R. S. Tyler Company, Incorporated.

In 1887 Mr. Tyler married Miss Annie A. Dwight, daughter of Jeremiah W. and Rebecca A. (Cady) Dwight. She is descended in the paternal line from an old Massachusetts family, which, as well as the Cadys, came from England and did active service in colonial times. Mrs. Tyler's father came in 1879 to North Dakota seeking investments, purchased large tracts of farm lands in Richland and Steele counties and organized, under the laws of the State of New York the Dwight Farm & Land Company of North Dakota. In this company Mr. Tyler was a stockholder and director up to the time of his death, and assisted in its management by his wise counsel and sound judgment.

In 1893 Mr. Tyler was appointed a world's fair commissioner from this state but resigned, owing to a pressure of private business which made it impossible for him to give the work due attention. He was a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and his life was an exemplification of the basic principles of that fraternity. His career was characterized by farsighted judgment, integrity of purpose, judgment and honest dealings, great enterprise and unrelaxing effort. A man of well balanced powers and capacities in business affairs, his was the record of a strenuous life and of a strong individuality, sure of itself, stable in purpose, quick and keen in perception, swift in decision, energetic and persistent in action, upright, honest, honorable and loyal in all relations, a prominent figure and factor in the early development of both city and state.

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#### WILLIAM HALTER.

William Halter is an independent grain dealer owning and operating a grain elevator at Ayr. He was born in Sheldon, Iowa, January 31, 1886, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Kanes) Halter, who were natives of France and Germany respectively. They came to the United States with their parents, who were pioneer settlers of the state of Iowa, and it was at Sheldon, Iowa, that Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Halter were married. In 1896 they removed to Moody county, South Dakota, where they still reside.

William Halter was reared under the parental roof and the common schools afforded him his educational privileges. At the age of nineteen years he became connected with the grain trade, entering the employ of Frank Mead of Flandreau, South Dakota, with whom he remained for three and one-half years, during which time he gained broad experience in the business. He next took charge of an elevator at Bryant, South Dakota, in the employ of F. C. Smith, with whom he was thus connected for two years. He afterward entered the

employ of the Bennett Grain Company of Flandreau, South Dakota, and for one month was at Edgerton, Minnesota, after which he took charge of an elevator for the firm at Airlie, Minnesota. A year later, or in 1911, he came to North Dakota and took charge of the elevator at Flasher for the Occidental Elevator Company, with which he was thus connected until 1913. At that date he organized the Flasher Grain Company, of which he was made manager, secretary and treasurer. When a year had passed that elevator was sold to farmers of the vicinity and Mr. Halter removed to Almont, North Dakota, where he had charge of an elevator for the Farmers Union Mercantile Company. On the 10th of July, 1915, he purchased the elevator of the Winter, Truesdell & Ames Company at Ayr and is now operating the business independently. His long experience in connection with the grain trade has well qualified him for his undertaking. He is familiar with every phase of the grain business and his interests are wisely and capably directed, bringing to him success. In addition to his other interests he owns an equity in a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres near Flasher.

On the 1st of February, 1913, Mr. Halter was united in marriage to Miss Maud Leonard, of Flasher. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, belonging to Mandan Lodge No. 1256. Located during his business career at various points, he has become one of the well known grain buyers of North Dakota and has gained high respect by reason of the integrity and enterprise of his methods.

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#### WILLIAM BRUCE DOUGLAS.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Fargo and wherever known in North Dakota, Mr. Douglas was spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life was so thorough in its activity, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it became an integral part of the history of the city of Fargo. In no sense a man in public life, he nevertheless exerted an immeasurable influence on the place of his residence because of his professional ability and his public spirit and when he passed away his death was the occasion of deep and wide spread regret.

Mr. Douglas was born at Lockport, New York, on the 29th of June, 1849, the only child of Asa and Mary (Bruce) Douglas, who spent their entire lives in the Empire state. He was a lineal descendant of Robert Bruce, the noted Scottish chief, and was justly proud of his noble line of ancestry. He displayed many of the sterling traits which characterize the people of the land of hills and heather. He began his education in the common schools of New York and afterward became a student in Dartmouth College, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He began operations in the west, when in 1881 he made his way to Fargo and from that time until his demise he was one of its most prominent citizens, contributing in very large and substantial measure to the development and upbuilding of the city. He entered at once upon the active practice of law as well as upon real estate operations and he had large farming interests in Cass county and other parts of the state. He proved his faith in the future of Fargo by erecting twenty-one houses on what is now known as Douglas Terrace. This was a large tract of land adjoining the city which he platted as one of the sub-divisions of Fargo. Into still another field he extended his labors, organizing the Northwestern Mutual Savings and Loan Association, of which he remained the attorney until his death.

In 1878 Mr. Douglas was united in marriage to Miss Flora R. Newhall, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Daniel and Malissa (Tenny) Newhall, who were natives of Massachusetts and Vermont respectively. In early life they removed to the middle west, settling in Wisconsin, where their remaining days were passed. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas became parents of one child, a daughter, Maie Bruce, who was born March 9, 1879, and in January, 1903, became the wife of Dr. J. H. Rindlaub, by whom she has three sons, Bruce Douglas, John Douglas and Newhall Douglas.

It was on the 30th of January, 1913, that William Bruce Douglas was called to his final

rest, after which his remains were interred in Riverside cemetery. There was a deep feeling of regret throughout the community when the news of his demise was circulated for he had become firmly entrenched in public regard. He was a prominent and well known Mason, retaining his membership in the York and Scottish Rite bodies in Lockport, New York, while of El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Fargo he was a member. He also belonged to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he lived up to the teachings of both societies. He was a colonel in the New York State National Guard and held membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, being a lineal descendant of Captain William Douglas who fought in the battle of Bennington. The fraternal spirit was strong within him and he had great appreciation for the social amenities of life. Moreover, he was known as a farsighted, sagacious and enterprising business man and his activities were ever of a character that contributed to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success. He came to Fargo in the early days of the city's development and remained one of its valued and honored residents until his life's labors were ended.

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#### AUGUST SJOQUIST.

August Sjoquist, a successful merchant of Dwight, was born in Sweden on the 9th of May, 1872, a son of Carl and Mary Sjoquist, also natives of that country, who later followed him here. In 1892 he emigrated to the United States and, making his way to Richland county, North Dakota, settled in Dwight township.

He received his education in the public schools of Dwight, which he attended during the winter months, and during the summer vacations worked on farms. He took up a quarter section as a homestead in what is now Lisbon township, but in 1902 sold that place. He had previously engaged in the mercantile business in Dwight in connection with his brother, Oscar Sjoquist, under the style of Sjoquist Brothers. In 1904 he bought the interest of his brother and has since been sole proprietor of the business. He has erected a large brick business block, in which his store is located and which would be a credit to a town much larger than Dwight. He began as a poor boy, but through industry and good management has built up a large and profitable business. He carries an excellent and varied stock of general merchandise, including seeds, and his reasonable prices and fair dealing commend him to the continued patronage of the public. Being interested in the welfare of the community he is an avowed advocate of diversified farming and improvements of farming facilities.

In May, 1902, Mr. Sjoquist was united in marriage to Miss Gena Carlson, who was born in Dwight and is a daughter of Clement Carlson, of Danish descent, an early farmer of Richland county. To this union have been born three children: Evelyn, Carleton and Grace. Carleton died at the age of ten years, February 7, 1916, from malignant heart disease and his death is deeply mourned by his parents.

Mr. Sjoquist is a republican and takes a keen interest in the affairs of local government. He has served as postmaster of Dwight since 1906 and has discharged his duties in that capacity with accuracy and dispatch. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen. He devotes the greater part of his time to his mercantile business and ranks as a leading citizen of Richland county.

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#### WILLIAM E. CHISMAN.

For more than thirteen years William E. Chisman has engaged in the real estate business in Ransom county and is numbered among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Lisbon. He was born in Iowa, January 31, 1873, a son of Simon K. Chisman, whose birth occurred in Wilmington, Dearborn county, Indiana, in 1854. The father became a farmer, following that occupation for many years in Iowa, to which state he was taken in 1857. It was in January, 1874, that he married Fidelia Forsyth, who was born in Iowa on the 6th of April, 1850. They became the parents of nine children, of whom William E. is the eldest, and

eight of the number are yet living. The father is to some extent leading a retired life in Blakesburg but deals in real estate. The mother also survives.

William E. Chisman pursued his education in the district schools of Iowa and also had a business course in Ottumwa. He then taught school for two terms in Iowa and subsequently came to North Dakota, immediately settling in Lisbon. Here he has made his home continuously since 1903 and throughout the entire period has been engaged in the real estate business. Ambition and energy have been the salient features in his business career and from the first he has met with success. He knows every phase of the real estate business and is familiar with the property that is upon the market, so that he has been able to negotiate many important realty transfers.

On the 14th of January, 1909, Mr. Chisman was united in marriage to Miss Beulah K. Armacost, who was born in Union City, Indiana, in 1880, her parents being Allen K. and Eva (Bryan) Armacost. Five children were born to her parents, of whom Mrs. Chisman was the youngest, and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children, but the firstborn died in infancy. The others are: Uarda, who was born in Lisbon, March 4, 1912; and Lyman K., born January 26, 1915.

In his political views Mr. Chisman has always been a stalwart republican and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Royal Neighbors of America. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and their influence is always on the side of progress and moral uplift. Mr. Chisman heartily cooperates in all plans and measures for the general good and his efforts have been far-reaching and beneficial.

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#### MARTIN N. OLSON.

Martin N. Olson, a druggist of Fingal, was born in Waupun, Wisconsin, in January, 1858, a son of Ole Olson, a native of Norway, who soon after his marriage came to the United States, establishing the family home in Waupun, where he lived for two years. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and spent his remaining days upon the home farm, passing away at the age of sixty-five years. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom Martin N. is the third in order of birth.

After acquiring his education in the schools of Waupun Martin N. Olson devoted considerable time to assisting in the work of the home farm. At the age of eighteen years he began clerking and was employed in that capacity until 1889, when he came to North Dakota and established a drug store at Buffalo, where he continued in business for four years. In 1893 he removed to Fingal and opened the first drug store in the town, since which time he has continued in the business, having now a modern establishment, while the line of goods which he carries represents the best that the market affords in his line.

In 1882 Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Lena Hanson, a native of Iowa. They were married, however, in Minnesota, where Mr. Olson spent a few years before coming to North Dakota. Mrs. Olson passed away in 1885, leaving two sons, Oscar and Clarence. The latter is now a farmer of Barnes county, while the former is engaged in the drug business in Minnewakan, having learned the business under the direction of his father. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Olson was married in June, 1893, to Miss Ada E. Miller, a native of Ontario, Canada, and a daughter of Edward and Helen (McCleave) Miller. They were natives of Ontario, but came to the United States about 1886, locating at Buffalo, North Dakota. Mr. Miller passed away in 1891 and the mother now resides at Balfour, North Dakota. There were seven children born to their union all of whom are living. To Mr. and Mrs. Olson has been born a daughter, Alma, who is now a student in the University of North Dakota.

Mr. Olson has always avoided public office, yet has served as clerk of the school board for ten years and is a stalwart champion of the cause of education. His wife was appointed postmistress of Fingal in 1901, succeeding her husband, who had held the position for four years and who resigned in her favor, so that she has now filled the position for fifteen years. Mr. Olson is a Royal Arch Mason and also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Neo-

men. Realizing that a new country offers opportunities to the man who is quick to recognize and utilize advantages, Martin N. Olson came to North Dakota and found here the business chances which he sought. He has steadily worked his way upward and Fingal counts him as one of its progressive business men.

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HON. A. L. PEART.

Hon. A. L. Peart, the owner of a general store at Chaffee, is an important factor in the business life of his community and has also been prominent in public affairs, having served for two terms as a member of the state legislature. He was born in New York on the 16th of September, 1852, and his parents were Thomas and Charlotte (Ray) Peart. The father was a native of England and the mother of the north of Ireland, but both came to the United States when children and grew to maturity in New York state, where they were married. In 1857 they removed westward, locating at Mankato, Minnesota, where both died. To them were born ten children, of whom four are deceased.

A. L. Peart remained with his parents until he attained his majority and received a high school education. On leaving home he began working with the civil engineer of a railroad company and was so employed for eight years. In 1888 he came to North Dakota and settled in Cass county, where for twenty-three years he engaged in the grain business. In 1900, however, he turned his attention to general merchandising and for the last nine years has conducted a store in Chaffee. He carries a well selected line of general merchandise of high quality, and his reasonable prices and constant efforts to please his patrons have resulted in building up a large and lucrative patronage.

In 1888 Mr. Peart was united in marriage to Miss Mary Dwyer, who died in 1890. Five years later he married Miss Alice Hill, a native of the Empire state, and they have become the parents of three children, Leslie J., Ralph R. and Edith R., all of whom are at home.

Mr. Peart is a staunch republican and is recognized as a leader in his party. In 1906 and 1908 he represented his district in the state legislature and made an excellent record in that connection, supporting measures which have proved of public benefit. He is now serving as clerk of the school board and takes a keen interest in the welfare of the schools. Fraternally he belongs to the Yoemen, the Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic order. He holds membership in the blue lodge at Buffalo, this state, and also belongs to the Scottish Rite bodies and has had the honor of conferring upon candidates all of the degrees up to the thirty-second degree. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and their lives are guided by high standards of morality.

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JOHN L. GUNKEL.

John L. Gunkel, the oldest banker in Casselton and the cashier of the Cass County National Bank, is recognized as a leader in financial circles in Cass county, and his ability and integrity are generally acknowledged. He was born in Germany on the 11th of January, 1858, a son of Carl and Therese (Diethe) Gunkel, both likewise natives of that country. The father was born in 1820 and died in 1885, while the mother was born in 1821 and passed away in 1896. The paternal grandparents of our subject removed from Hanover to Saxony, where the father of our subject was born, and came to the United States many years ago, and the maternal grandparents were Saxons. Carl and Therese Gunkel were married in Germany and continued to reside there until 1870, when they emigrated to the United States. They made their way to the middle west and settled upon a farm in Racine county, Wisconsin, where they resided until the father purchased land in Milwaukee county, Wisconsin. They made their home there until 1880, in which year they came to North Dakota and took up a homestead in Cass county. Mr. Gunkel passed the remainder of his life there and became one of the leaders in public affairs. His high standing among his fellow citizens is indicated by the fact that Gunkel township was named in his honor. Although he had but little money

when he came to the United States, his energy and the wise management of his affairs enabled him to win financial success and he became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land. His political belief was that of the republican party, and he was a member of the Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born three children: Rose, the wife of Frank Milker, a resident of California; Charlie, who owns a ranch in the western part of North Dakota and who also holds a state office in the department connected with school lands; and John L.

The last named attended the public schools of Milwaukee and after finishing his education worked as a clerk for a few years. In 1879, when twenty-one years of age, he came to North Dakota and engaged in banking. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Casselton and for fifteen years served as cashier of that institution. Subsequently he accepted the position of cashier of the Cass County National Bank, in which capacity he has since served. He is also a director in the institution, which is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, has a surplus and undivided profits of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars, and average deposits of from three hundred and fifty to four hundred thousand dollars. Its policy, which is largely directed by Mr. Gunkel, has been one of progressiveness, combined with that conservatism which is necessary to safeguard the interests of stockholders and depositors, and its business has grown steadily, as it has the confidence of the general public. Mr. Gunkel has also dealt extensively in farm loans for a number of years and represents many important eastern concerns.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of Mr. Gunkel and Miss Mary A. Goodyear, who was born in Pennsylvania. They have had three children, two of whom are living, namely: George, who is engaged in the real estate business in Casselton; and Mabel, the wife of Dr. H. W. Miller, of Casselton.

Mr. Gunkel is a democrat and for the last two decades has been city treasurer, his long retention in the office proving the acceptability of his services. He holds membership in the Episcopal church and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias, in which he has held the office of keeper of the records and seal for ten years. He is a self-made man, as he had no capital when he began his independent career and as he has always depended solely upon his own enterprise and good judgment, and the success which he has gained is proof of his ability and energy.

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#### EARL B. WEIBLE, M. D.

Dr. Earl B. Weible, actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Berthold, was born at Jamestown, New York, December 7, 1882, a son of James S. and Mary (Sniffin) Weible. The father, who was born near Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1843, was engaged in the oil business in that state in early life, but about 1886 removed to North Dakota and became owner of a farm of five sections four miles north of Hunter. He made frequent trips back to Jamestown, New York, until he removed his family to North Dakota after he had been a resident of the state for six years. He continued upon the farm for about twenty-six years, carefully, ably and successfully managing his agricultural interests until, feeling that his capital was sufficient to enable him to retire, he took up his abode in Fargo, where he now resides. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served as a gunner on a gunboat of the United States navy throughout the entire period of hostilities. Although he was in several engagements, he was never wounded or in the hospital. He has never been ambitious to hold political office and in fact has frequently refused to become a candidate. His worth as a citizen, however, has been widely acknowledged in the communities in which he has lived, and Weible Station in North Dakota was named in his honor.

Dr. Weible is the youngest of a family of five sons and in his youthful days attended school at Jamestown, New York, while later he became a student in the district schools near his father's farm in North Dakota and in the high school at Fargo. He next entered the University of Minnesota, where he completed his more specifically literary course and then, in preparation for a professional career, entered the Baltimore College of Medicine, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. His studies, however, were not pursued con-

tinuously, for about the time that he left the high school he secured a position as reporter on the Minneapolis Journal and was employed in that capacity and in the art department of the paper in connection with the cartoonist for about three years. It was subsequent to this time that he pursued his university course and prepared for medical practice. After winning his professional degree he spent one year in the General Hospital at Fargo, North Dakota. For a year he resided in Heaton and then came to Berthold, where he has since engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery, making steady progress in his profession, to which he devotes his entire time, his capability being widely recognized. He is very careful in diagnosing his cases, keeps in touch with the latest scientific investigations and discoveries and belongs to the Ward County Medical Society.

Dr. Weible is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Berthold and in politics maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment and never seeking office. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church, but attends other churches in Berthold. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of high regard as a man, as a citizen and as a physician.

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#### F. J. PHILLIPS.

F. J. Phillips, who owns a well patronized meat market in Chaffee and is one of the town's substantial business men, is a native of New York, born on the 15th of June, 1853. He is a son of Daniel and Almada (Cook) Phillips, who passed their entire lives in the Empire state. They were the parents of three children, all of whom are still living.

F. J. Phillips received a common school education, but when sixteen years of age began his independent career. He was variously employed in the east until 1878 but in that year removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead near Amenia. He operated his farm successfully until 1891, when he sold the place and removed to Casselton, where he engaged in the butcher business for two years. He then sold out and in 1899 removed to Chaffee, where he has since owned a meat market. He conducts the place in strict accordance with the rules of sanitation and as his meat is of excellent quality and his business dealings are above question he has built up a large and profitable business. He owns the building in which his market is located and also holds title to his comfortable residence.

Mr. Phillips was married in 1886 to Miss Elizabeth Smith, a native of Canada, by whom he has four children: C. A., who is now holding the office of postmaster at Chaffee; Myrtle, the wife of Thomas Molland; Adelaide, a graduate of the Valley City Normal School and now principal of the school at Chaffee; and Clinton F., who is attending college at Fargo.

Mr. Phillips is a staunch republican in politics and in 1904 was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt and held that office for ten years, proving capable and systematic in the discharge of his duties. He has also served as school director. He belongs to Casselton Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of Casselton, and also holds membership in the Scottish Rite bodies and in the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He is likewise identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Modern Brotherhood and these fraternal associations indicate much of the character of the rules that govern his conduct. His wife holds membership in the Christian church.

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#### FREDERICK LEONARD ANDERSON.

Frederick Leonard Anderson, postmaster of Minot, to which position he was appointed by President Wilson, August 1, 1916, was born in New Rockford, Eddy county, North Dakota, May 8, 1889, a son of Hans E. and Stina (Blid) Anderson. The father was born in the town of Amal, Sweden, and was there reared and educated, becoming a farmer. In 1881 he arrived in America and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Eddy county, North Dakota, where he entered government land. He at once began the development of that hitherto wild tract, converting the raw prairie into productive fields which he continued to cultivate until 1915,

when he retired from farm life and removed to Minot, while his sons now operate the old home place. To him and his wife were born four children: Gus E. and Emma, who were born ere the emigration of the parents from Sweden; and Carl Adolph and Frederick, natives of Eddy county.

It was in that county that the last named spent the days of his boyhood and youth, supplementing his district school education by high school training and by further study in the Phillips Academy at New Rockford, North Dakota. Subsequently he entered the Farmers & Merchants Bank at that place and afterward was employed by Armour & Company at Fargo. Still later he removed to Washburn, North Dakota, and in 1910 became a resident of Minot, where he entered into the abstract business as manager of the Ward County Abstract Company and later became title examiner for the Brush, McWilliams Company, continuing in this business until 1916. In 1915 he was appointed a director of the First International Bank of Minot and thus entered into active connection with the management of financial interests in his city. On the 1st of August, 1916, he was appointed by President Wilson postmaster at Minot, being the youngest man in the United States to have charge of a first class office, entering upon his duties on the 1st of September.

At Minot, on the 2d of August, 1913, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Clara M. Olson, who was born at Aneta, North Dakota, a daughter of Martin Olson, of Aneta, who was born in Norway and became one of the early settlers of Nelson county, North Dakota, where he has long followed the occupation of farming. Fraternaly Mr. Anderson is connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Minot, but joined the order at Washburn, North Dakota, in 1908. He belongs to the Lutheran church and his present position indicates his political affiliation. He is one of the progressive young business men of his city, popular among his fellow townsmen, capable in business, and there is no fear but what he will prove an excellent officer in the position to which he has so recently been called.

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#### REV. JOSEPH J. RAITH.

Rev. Joseph J. Raith, pastor of St. Leo's Roman Catholic church at Minot, was born in Teisnach, Niederbayern, Bavaria, Germany, October 12, 1875, a son of Mathias and Anna Mary (Vogel) Raith. The father was a native of the same place and there was reared and educated. He learned the cloth weaving trade, which he followed for a number of years but in the later part of his life turned his attention to farming, his death occurring in Bavaria, November 20, 1905. His wife's birth occurred at Lam, in Niederbayern Bavaria, where she grew to womanhood, was educated and married. She survived her husband for two years, passing away November 27, 1907.

In his native town Rev. Joseph J. Raith pursued his studies to the age of fifteen years and then came to the new world, making his way to Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, where he entered St. Lawrence College, in which he pursued a classical course, being graduated in 1894. For his philosophy course he matriculated at St. Viateur's College at Bourbonnais, Kankakee county, Illinois, where he completed his work in philosophy and also devoted a year to the study of theology. He next entered St. Paul's Theological Seminary at St. Paul, Minnesota, and there completing his preparation for the priesthood, was ordained at Fargo, North Dakota, January 29, 1901, by the Rt. Rev. John Shanley. From the 24th of February until the 28th of May of the same year he was on duty at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo and afterward was appointed rector of St. Leo's church at Minot, where he has continued from May, 1901, until the present time. At the time of his arrival there was a little church edifice fifty by thirty feet. The parish, however, owned some property and Father Raith bought more ground and built thereon a new church and parish house, the church being erected at a cost of over fifty thousand dollars, while the property is valued altogether at eighty-five thousand dollars. He has done good work among his people here, greatly upbuilding the church, and he is also active in Minot Council, No. 1150, K. C., of which he is the chaplain. He is greatly loved by his people and is often called upon to act as their adviser in material as well as spiritual things, for his people have come to know him as a man of broad sympathy and marked helpfulness of spirit. The building of a school is



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under contemplation and the land is purchased and the plans drawn. The zeal with which he has labored in Minot is indicated in the fact that he has secured for his parish the handsomest church edifice of the city and one of the finest in all the state.

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#### HOLLAND FROST.

Holland Frost has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and now owns an excellent farm in Hill township, Cass county. His birth occurred in New York on the 7th of May, 1845, and he is a son of Orlando and Abigail B. (Robbins) Frost, both likewise natives of that state, whence in 1882 they removed to North Dakota, where both passed away. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are still living.

Holland Frost was educated in the public schools and remained at home until he attained his majority. He then began farming in New York and so continued until 1881, when he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, settling on a part of his present farm on section 28, Hill township. He took up a homestead, to which he has since added by purchase, his holdings now comprising seven hundred and twenty acres, all of which is under cultivation. He has erected a number of good buildings, has planted a fine grove and takes justifiable pride in the attractive appearance of his place. He carries on general farming and his well directed labors secure him a good income. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers elevator at Tower City.

Mr. Frost was married May 28, 1879, to Miss Abigail H. Case also a native of the Empire state. They have become the parents of five children, namely: Leon H., a resident of Montana; Mabel A., deceased; Alma J., the wife of E. Sproul, who lives in Montana; Ella A., who married W. C. Maloney; and Marian, at home.

Mr. Frost votes the republican ticket and has taken quite an active part in public affairs. He has served for twelve years as supervisor and for thirty years has been clerk of the school board. He is a self-made man as he began his career without capital and has gained his success entirely through his own efforts.

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#### ERNA D. WALLACE.

Erna D. Wallace, a resident farmer of Cass county living on section 3, Rich township, was born in Cass county, Michigan, on the 2d of September, 1869, a son of Victor Wallace, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. He was a youth of fourteen years on the removal of the family to North Dakota. His education was largely acquired in the common schools of Michigan and in the school of experience he has also learned many valuable lessons. He was early trained to the work of the fields through the assistance which he gave his father in the development of the home farm and in 1891, on attaining his majority, he began farming for himself. During the first year he cultivated all of section 35, Rochester township. The following year he purchased a half section comprising his present home farm, on which he has since resided. To that purchase, however, he has added until he now owns an entire section and his six hundred and forty acre tract of valuable and productive land constitutes one of the fine farms of Cass county. One half of this is situated in Page township and the remaining three hundred and twenty acres in Rich township. He also cultivates two hundred and forty acres besides his own holdings, so that he is one of the extensive farmers of this part of the state.

In 1891 Mr. Wallace was married to Miss Emma Burman of Clarksville, Ohio. Of their five children four survive as follows: Clarence N., who was assistant manager of the Farmers Elevator at Page, North Dakota, but is now farming in Rich township, Cass county; and Ralph V., Florence E. and Ellen J., all at home.

Politically Mr. Wallace is a republican, earnest in his advocacy of the principles of the party. He served as a member of the township board for several years and for the past eight or ten years has been township assessor. He is interested in all that pertains to public progress and cooperates in many measures for the general good. His wife is a member of

the Baptist church and they are among the well known citizens of Cass county, where they have many friends. Aside from his other interests Mr. Wallace is a stockholder in the Page Farmers Elevator & Lumber Company. In business affairs his judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his enterprise unflinching and thus he is steadily progressing along the path of success.

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#### EINER WOLD.

Einer Wold, who is successfully engaged in merchandising in Galchutt, Richland county, was born in Norway on the 3d of August, 1857. His parents, Ola and Anna (Eagen) Wold, who were likewise natives of that country, emigrated with their family to the United States in 1876. They at once came to North Dakota and settled on a homestead in Richland county. The father had but seven hundred dollars when he came to this state but as the years passed his circumstances improved and he became one of the substantial citizens of his locality. He was a republican in politics, and his religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. To him and his wife were born three children, two of whom are living: Lars, who is farming in Richland county; and Einer.

The latter received the greater part of his education in Norway, but after his arrival in North Dakota attended school for three months in Richland county, thus perfecting himself in the English language. He became familiar with farm work as a boy and on beginning his independent career began farming on his own account, but after devoting ten years to that occupation he removed to Galchutt in 1892 and established a general store which he has since conducted. He carries goods of high quality and this fact combined with his liberal business policy and reasonable prices has enabled him to build up a gratifying trade. He also owns a farm.

In 1882 Mr. Wold was married to Miss Liv Reine, who was born in Norway and is a daughter of Knute Reine. She accompanied her father to the United States in her girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Wold have become the parents of eight children: Christina, the wife of Charles Johnson, a farmer residing near Charlesville, Minnesota; Olga, who works in her father's store; Lillie, the wife of John Jacobson, a railroad man residing at Breckenridge, Minnesota; Lora, the wife of Ted Jacobson of Galchutt; Oscar, a dispatcher residing at Delworth, Minnesota; Clarence, who is farming; Sylvia, who is employed in the hotel at Galchutt; and Elora.

Mr. Wold supports the republican party at the polls and for ten years held the office of justice of the peace. He is a communicant of the Lutheran church and in all of the relations of life measures up to high standards of manhood.

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#### LARS RYGG.

Lars Rygg, who is a member of the well known firm of Peterson, Rygg & Company, general merchants of Clifford, is resourceful and enterprising in the management of his business interests. A native of Norway, he was born on the 19th of June, 1871, a son of Absalom and Kristi Rygg, both also natives of that country, where they passed their entire lives. Of their fifteen children thirteen survive.

Lars Rygg was reared at home and attended the public schools of Norway in the acquirement of his education. When fifteen years old he put aside his text books and began clerking in a general store, where he remained for fifteen years, gaining during that time a thorough knowledge of retail merchandising. In 1902 he emigrated to America and came to Traill county, North Dakota. After a few months he secured a position as a clerk in a store in Clifford and in 1906 he joined Atley A. Peterson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, in the formation of the firm of Peterson, Rygg & Company. They carry a large and well selected line of general merchandise and are accorded a liberal and representative patronage. Their store is conducted along the most up-to-date lines and they follow a liberal business policy, seeking always to improve their service to their customers.

Mr. Rygg was married on the 1st of February, 1906, to Miss Carrie Flolo, who was born in Norway and by whom he has four children: Minnie, whose birth occurred on the 13th of November, 1906; Alice, who was born April 16, 1908; and Alfred and Jennie, twins, born March 14, 1909.

Mr. Rygg is an advocate of republican principles and supports the policies and candidates of that party at the polls. Both he and his wife are identified with the Lutheran church and their lives are guided by high standards of ethics. He has never regretted having come to this country, for he has gained a large measure of prosperity and is now one of the leading merchants of his town although when he emigrated here he was practically empty-handed. He owns a fine residence in Clifford and the firm is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his town and county and is always ready to cooperate with others in securing the general advancement. He is widely known and has many personal friends.

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#### HENRY T. LEE.

Henry T. Lee, county commissioner of Barnes county and a farmer who resides two miles west of Fingal, was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, September 27, 1873, a son of T. J. Lee, who was a native of Kongsberg, Norway, and came to America in 1869. In 1878 he brought his family to North Dakota, establishing his home on his present farm, seven miles west of Fingal, where he still carries on general agricultural pursuits. A sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this work. His family numbered nine children, of whom Henry T. is the eldest.

Henry T. Lee spent his youthful days upon his father's farm, mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools and afterward becoming a student in the State Agricultural College at Fargo, where he remained for three years. In 1899 he purchased his present farm property, situated two and a half miles west of Fingal, upon which he has planted a large grove of trees and has also set out an extensive orchard containing apple, plum and cherry trees. He likewise raises raspberries and gooseberries and his farm comprises three hundred and twenty acres of rich land, mostly given over to grain raising. He usually has also about forty head of stock upon his place.

In 1899 Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Clara Roos, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Dr. Carl Roos, a dentist and one of the pioneer settlers of Clay county, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Lee hold membership in the Lutheran church and he belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Women. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has been road overseer of his township, also town clerk for the past nine years, and in 1914 he was elected county commissioner of Barnes county, which position he is still filling. He is a good citizen and an honest, intelligent county official. His home constitutes one of the attractive features of the landscape, for he has a fine place, his trees forming a square which encloses ten acres. He is progressive and prosperous and ranks with North Dakota's representative men.

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#### WILLIAM T. SPRAKE, D. D. S.

Dr. William T. Sprake has gained a large practice in Casselton and the surrounding country and stands high in professional circles in Cass county. His birth occurred in Minnesota on the 14th of December, 1863, and he is a son of Oliver and Rowena (Thomas) Sprake. The father was born in New Hampshire and the mother in Vermont, but in 1855 they removed to Minnesota, from which state the father enlisted in the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil war. He served for three years and his company was among those assigned to put down the Indian uprising in Minnesota in 1863. He continued to reside in that state until his demise, being employed as general agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. His wife is still living and makes her home in California.

Dr. William T. Sprake is one of a family of four children, of whom three are still living. He received the greater part of his education in Minnesota, graduating from the high school at Red Wing, that state, but subsequently attended California College in California, where he took a dental course. He began the practice of his profession there in 1886, but after a year located at Fargo, North Dakota. In 1888 he took up his residence in Casselton, where he has since remained and where he has gained a gratifying success in his chosen work. He understands the scientific principles which underlie the practice of dentistry, is skillful in the use of the various dental instruments and is recognized as one of the most able representatives of his profession in the county. He has prospered financially and has invested in city property.

Dr. Sprake was married in 1896 to Zoe Watson, by whom he has had three children: Tyler W., Rowena A., deceased, and J. Marshal. The Doctor is a republican in politics and has taken an active part in city affairs, having served for four years as mayor of Casselton and having also held the offices of alderman and city auditor. Fraternally he belongs to Colfax Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Casselton, to the Knights of Pythias, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and their many excellent qualities have gained them the esteem of all who have come in contact with them.

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#### SIMON V. HOAG.

Simon V. Hoag is a retired farmer now living in Fargo. For a long period he was actively identified with agricultural interests, but he has now passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey and is enjoying a period of rest. This seems to be the course which nature intended, for in youth and early manhood an individual is possessed of energy, courage and ambition, to which in mature years he adds sound judgment and enterprise. These qualities, if well directed, bring the measure of success that enables one in the evening of life to rest from further labor. Mr. Hoag was born in Montgomery county, New York, September 8, 1833, his parents being Stephen and Elizabeth (Needer) Hoag, who were also natives of the Empire state, but removed to Ohio, settling on a farm near Toledo, where they resided until called to the home beyond. They had a family of seven children, of whom two are living.

Simon V. Hoag remained in his native state to the age of twenty years and then went with his parents to Ohio, where he resided until 1856, when he removed to a farm in Whiteside county, Illinois. In 1861 he responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting as a member of Company C, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and took part in various hotly contested engagements. He was the first man that rode into Gettysburg when the advance guard entered that city just before the battle. During all his service he was never wounded, although his hat was shot through and he had other narrow escapes. With the close of hostilities he was mustered out at St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Hoag then returned to Whiteside county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming until 1870, after which he removed to Yankton, South Dakota. There he took up a preemption claim upon which he remained for a year, and at the end of that time he went to Cass county, North Dakota, arriving in May, 1871. He secured a claim situated on section 34, Harwood township, and with characteristic energy began its development and improvement. He and his son now own four hundred and eighty acres of land all splendidly improved, and for a long period he was one of the successful agriculturists of the community.

Mr. Hoag has been married twice. In 1861 he wedded Miss Martha A. Bradley, a native of Ohio, who passed away in 1866 and whose remains were interred in a cemetery in Fulton county, Ohio. In 1876 Mr. Hoag was again married, his second union being with Miss S. Lizzie Leverett, a native of New Hampshire. To them were born ten children, seven of whom still survive, as follows: Stephen H., who lives on the home farm; Gertrude E., who resides at home and is principal of a school at Fargo; Phebe C. Vowles, of Edgeley; Mary J., who is engaged at Morris, Minnesota; Nellie, at home; Cora, a college student; and Bender, who is yet on the old homestead farm.

Mr. Hoag now occupies a fine home in Fargo and is enjoying well earned rest. He has filled all of the township offices and has ever been loyal in his citizenship. He was also one of the first county commissioners of Cass county and has ever given his political allegiance to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Fargo and with the Grand Army post, of which he was one of the organizers. He thus comes in close relation with his old army comrades and their reminiscences are most interesting to him. All through his life he has had that deep attachment for the stars and stripes which he manifested when he followed the nation's banner upon the battlefields of the south.

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#### ALEXANDER McDONALD.

Alexander McDonald, who is manager of the Lynchburg Farmers Elevator Company at Lynchburg North Dakota, and also has charge of the Amenia Elevator Company's lumberyards, has had many years' experience in the grain business and is recognized as one of the most able men in that line of activity in the state. He was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 18th of January, 1870, and is a son of Alexander and Christie (Stewart) McDonald, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ontario. The father emigrated to Canada in his young manhood and continued to reside there until his death. He was a farmer by occupation and was well known and highly respected in his community.

Alexander McDonald remained in Canada until he was eighteen years of age and received his education in the public schools. In 1889 he came to the States, settling at Crary, Ramsey county, North Dakota, where he worked as a farm hand for two years. He then accepted a position as second man in the old Minneapolis & Northern elevator at Crary, which has since gone out of existence. He remained in the employ of that firm for sixteen years and during two years of that time was their manager at Levant, North Dakota, and for twelve years had charge of their interests at Willow City. In 1910 he became manager of the Occident elevator at Clyde, but in 1914 he resigned that position in order to accept his present place in the employ of the Lynchburg Farmers Elevator Company. He has charge of two elevators owned by that concern and is also manager of the Amenia Elevator Company's lumberyards. He understands every phase of the grain business and is so conducting the elevators under his charge that they yield a good profit to their owners.

In 1902 occurred the marriage of Mr. McDonald and Miss Margaret Campbell, also a native of Ontario, by whom he has three children: Sarah Christina; Ada Alexandria and Glen Roy.

Mr. McDonald supports the republican party at the polls and fraternally is identified with Willow City Lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M.; and Clyde Lodge, No. 70, K. P. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and can be counted upon to support movements seeking the moral advancement of their community. Mr. McDonald's dominant characteristics are determination, enterprise and honesty, traits which seldom fail to lead to success, and he is respected by all who come in contact with him.

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#### HON. WILLIAM E. PURCELL.

Hon. William E. Purcell, former United States senator from North Dakota, is one of the most prominent men in the southeastern part of the state. He is now engaged in the practice of law at Wahpeton and is recognized as the most able attorney in the state. He also has important business interests which connect him with the material development of North Dakota and at all times he is willing to aid in any project calculated to promote its advancement.

Mr. Purcell was born in Flemington, New Jersey, on the 3d of August, 1856, the tenth of eleven children whose parents were Joseph and Johanna (Dugan) Purcell, both natives of Ireland. The father, who was born in 1810, died in 1894, and the mother, whose birth

occurred in 1822, passed away in 1880. They were married in Ireland and continued to reside there for a considerable period thereafter, but in 1851 emigrated to the United States with their eight children, one of whom, however, died on the ocean. The family home was established at Flemington, New Jersey, where the father worked as a laborer. Three children were added to the family after the removal to this country. Seven are deceased. Those living are as follows: James served in the Union Army throughout the Civil war and was incarcerated for three months in a Confederate prison. He was captured three times at the battle of Winchester and was also wounded in that engagement. Following the close of hostilities he turned his attention to farming and to the hotel business and as he managed his affairs well he accumulated a competence which now enables him to live retired. He makes his home in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Maggie, now Mrs. Michael Slattery, resides in Flemington, New Jersey. Richard R. is a prominent lawyer of Helena, Montana, and is now serving as mayor of that city; William E., of Wahpeton, completes the family. The parents were members of the Roman Catholic church, and the father gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. The paternal grandfather, John Purell, was a small farmer who passed his entire life in Ireland. He reached a very advanced age and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. To him and his wife were born fourteen children. The maternal grandfather, Dennis Dugan, who also engaged in farming on a small scale in Ireland, likewise continued to reside in that country until called by death. He had two daughters, both of whom are deceased.

William E. Purell attended the public schools of his native town and when a boy was compelled to help provide for his own support. He was for a time a hired hand on a farm, was subsequently employed in a pottery and for a short period worked as a laborer. He attended night school, thus supplementing the education which he had previously acquired. Believing that the legal profession offered excellent opportunities, he took up the study of law and in February, 1880, was admitted to the bar of New Jersey. He still has his certificate of admission, which was signed by Governor George B. McClelland. Mr. Purell practiced in that state for a year but at the end of that time decided to remove to the west, which he believed had a great future in store. He located at Wahpeton, Richland county, North Dakota, where he at once opened an office for practice. It was not long before his thorough legal knowledge, his keen insight and convincing logic won recognition and for years he has held a foremost place among the lawyers of the state. He has built up a clientele remarkable both for its extent and its importance, and he is without a doubt the best known attorney in North Dakota. He practices in all of the courts in North Dakota and in South Dakota and Minnesota as well.

Mr. Purell has invested heavily in land in this state and personally oversees his farming interests, which are extensive. He is also vice president of the Peoples Bank and of the First National Bank of Hankinson, and in the management of his business affairs he displays foresight and sound judgment.

Mr. Purell has not confined his attention to professional and business interests but for years has taken a very active part in public affairs. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a staunch adherent of the democratic party and is influential in the state organization. He was a delegate to the national convention at Baltimore in 1912 and also to the convention which nominated Grover Cleveland for a second term, and for two years he served as a member of the democratic national committee. He has held a number of offices of public trust. He served as state's attorney for Richland county and as United States attorney, to which office he was appointed by President Cleveland on the 5th of April, 1888, and which he held until July, 1889, when he became a member of the state constitutional convention. He was also a member of the joint committee that apportioned the indebtedness of the territory between the two states of North and South Dakota. For one term he served as state senator and later still higher honor was given him, as he was appointed by Governor John Burke United States senator to fill a vacancy caused by resignation of Fountain L. Thompson. He represented this state in the upper house of congress for about fourteen months and made an excellent record, manifesting a thorough knowledge of conditions in the country and insight as to the probable effect of proposed measures. In 1914 he was a candidate for senator but was defeated.

Mr. Purell was married on the 3d of April, 1889, to Miss Myra E. Stevens, who was born in Lake City, Minnesota, and is a daughter of Mott T. Stevens, who is now engaged in

the hardware business at Wahpeton. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Purell is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and is also identified with the Knights of Columbus. He is public-spirited to a marked degree and uses his influence for and gives his time and thought to the advancement of his community and state. His interest in the public schools has found expression in able service as a school director, and the moral, civic and material progress of Wahpeton has been furthered by his cooperation in various plans for improvement. As a lawyer he has gained distinction, as a business man he has been successful and as a public official he has ever proved loyal to the trust reposed in him and capable in the discharge of his duties.

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#### T. A. THOMPSON.

T. A. Thompson, who is serving as cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Page, Cass county, aided in organizing that institution and has been largely responsible for its continued growth and prosperity. He is a native son of Cass county and his natal day was the 17th of May, 1883. His parents, W. J. and Isabella (Beattie) Thompson, were natives respectively of Scotland and of Canada, and in 1879 they removed with their family to Cass county, North Dakota, where the father homesteaded land. The family circle includes eight children.

T. A. Thompson was reared in this county and after completing his general education attended a commercial college, thus fitting himself to enter business circles. For six years he was connected with merchandising in Page but at the end of that time was appointed cashier of the Farmers State Bank, which he helped organize in 1905. The policy which he pursues is one of progressiveness, tempered by sufficient conservatism to amply safeguard the interests of stockholders and depositors, and the institution has gained the confidence of the public. He has invested in North Dakota land and owns a half section in Cass and Barnes counties, from which he derives a substantial addition to his income.

Mr. Thompson is a republican and is now serving as treasurer of Page, in which capacity he is proving capable and efficient. He holds membership in the Modern Brotherhood of America and has many friends within and without that organization. He is always willing to cooperate in movements seeking the advancement of his community and is recognized as a valued citizen of his town and county.

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#### ISAAC T. BARNETT.

Isaac T. Barnett is acceptably filling the office of postmaster of Ayr and is also conducting a confectionery and stationery store there. His birth occurred in Columbus, Ohio, on the 16th of November, 1853, and he is a son of Isaac and Alice (Bolton) Barnett, both of whom were natives of England but came to America in 1849. The father followed railroad-ing during the greater part of his life and for twenty-seven years was a locomotive engineer. In 1856 he removed to Kentucky, whence he later went to Vincennes, Indiana, where both he and his wife passed away.

Isaac T. Barnett remained at home until he attained his majority and in addition to attending the common schools he took a course in a business college. In 1876 he went to Minnesota, where he lived until 1879, when he became a resident of Cass county, North Dakota, and began farming land which he took up as a claim. He lived there for three years and then sold that place and purchased another farm in Eldred township, which he disposed of after living on it for two years. He next went to the vicinity of Buffalo and in 1897 removed to Ayr and engaged in the restaurant business for eight years. He is now, however, the owner of a confectionery and stationery store and is meeting with gratifying success in the conduct of his interests. He is also postmaster of Ayr, which office he has held since 1907, and the systematic way in which he discharges his duties has won him the commendation of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Barnett was married in 1883 to Miss Eliza M. Boston, who was born in Pennsylvania of the marriage of Christopher and Hannah A. (Mead) Boston, both natives of the Keystone state. The father served in the Union army during the Civil war and died while at the front. The mother subsequently remarried, becoming the wife of William Smith, and removed with her husband successively to Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin and Tennessee, where her demise occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are the parents of four children, namely: **Alice**, the wife of Frank Young, a resident of Morden, Manitoba; Bertha I., who died on the 30th of May, 1906, and was laid to rest in the Buffalo cemetery; Chester A., who was married June 1, 1916, to Miss Margaret Alice Collins, of Mandan, North Dakota, and is now engaged in the grain business at Harmon, this state; and Ida L., who died June 13, 1906, and was buried in the Buffalo cemetery.

Mr. Barnett is a staunch republican and for a quarter of a century has served his district as a member of the school board. Fraternally he belongs to Colfax Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., at Casselton, and the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He and his family attend the Presbyterian church, and his wife takes part in the various activities of that organization. Mr. Barnett had practically nothing when he came to North Dakota but he was not afraid to work hard and gave much thought to the management of his affairs and as the years have passed his capital has increased until he is now in comfortable circumstances.

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#### WILLIAM STREHLOW.

William Strehlow, who since 1913 has ably filled the office of postmaster of Casselton, Cass county, was born in Germany on the 30th of April, 1844, a son of Fredrick and Mary (Menge) Strehlow, both natives of that country, the former born in 1817 and the latter in 1819. The paternal grandfather, August Strehlow, was a farmer and passed his entire life in Germany, where he died in 1849. The parents of our subject were married in their native land but in 1850 emigrated to the United States, settling near Watertown, Wisconsin, where the father purchased land. He remained there until 1864 and then removed to Winona county, Minnesota, where he became a landowner, continuing to reside there until his death in 1886. He had survived his wife since August, 1881. His political belief was that of the democratic party, and he held a number of township offices. His religious affiliation was with the Moravian church and in its teachings were found the guiding principles of his life. Although he came to this country with very little capital, he gained gratifying success and won financial independence. To him and his wife were born eight children, three of whom survive: August, who is living retired in Winona, Minnesota; Mrs. Ferdinand Piper, a widow living in Fargo, North Dakota; and William.

The last named received his education in Wisconsin and during his boyhood and youth also gained a thorough knowledge of farm work. In October, 1861, when but seventeen years of age, he enlisted in the Third Wisconsin Cavalry for service in the Civil war and remained with his command until he was mustered out on the 14th of February, 1865. During the greater part of the time he was on scout duty, but he participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove and Van Buren and in the siege of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was thrice wounded, twice by bayonets and once by bullet but was never in the hospital.

Mr. Strehlow first came to North Dakota in 1877, in which year he filed a claim on a soldier's warrant and in the following year, 1878, took up his permanent residence here. He proved up on his claim but, although he owned it for a number of years, he did not make his home there after 1879, in which year he removed to the city of Casselton, where he has since resided. He had only five hundred dollars when he came to North Dakota but is now one of the substantial men of Cass county, owning a section of excellent land and also having other interests in Casselton. On the 30th of June, 1913, he was appointed postmaster of Casselton and now devotes his entire time to his duties in that office. He is systematic in his management of the work and is proving an active and efficient postmaster.

Mr. Strehlow was married in 1869 to Miss Marie Buehholz, also a native of Germany, and to their union have been born seven children: W. F., assistant cashier of the First National

Bank of Casselton; R. H., a druggist of Casselton; H. F., who is engaged in the drug business in McHenry, this state; Regina, the wife of Rev. Arthur Meilecke, of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin; Della and Mary, both at home; and Emma, the wife of J. R. Bishop, who is engaged in the real estate business in Casselton.

Mr. Strehlow is a prominent democrat and has held a number of local offices. For two terms he was county commissioner and for two terms he served as mayor of Casselton, while for a number of terms he was on the town council. He has always given the strictest attention to the discharge of his official duties and has brought the same close attention and thought to bear upon the direction of public affairs that he has given to the management of his private interests. His religious faith is that of the Moravian church. During the many years that he has resided in Cass county he has become widely known and those who have been most intimately associated with him are his staunchest friends, which indicates his genuine worth.

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#### EDMOND C. LEWIS.

Edmond C. Lewis, of Milnor, is engaged in the real estate business and is also interested in farming and the qualities of a substantial, enterprising business man are his. He was born in Ashland, New York, October 19, 1877, and is a son of Daniel L. and Fidelia Lewis, the former a native of Sunside and the latter of Ashland, New York. They continued their residence in the Empire state throughout their entire lives and there reared their family.

Edmond C. Lewis acquired his education in the schools of New York and continued his residence there until 1900, when, at the age of twenty-three, he determined to try his fortune west of the Mississippi river and went to Minnesota, settling in Grant county, where he remained for two years. In 1902 he arrived in Milnor, North Dakota, where he established a land office, and through the intervening period to the present, covering fourteen years, he has been continuously engaged in the real estate business and is thoroughly familiar with property values throughout the southeastern section of the state. Moreover, he has negotiated many important realty transfers and has thus contributed to the material development, settlement and upbuilding of Sargent county. He is likewise interested in farming, owning land in this county, and his well managed agricultural interests are one of the sources of his growing success.

In June, 1907, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Harriet I. Woodruff, a native of Minneapolis. They have become the parents of three children, Fidelia, Eleanor and Winnifred. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mr. Lewis is identified with Anchor Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., and with the Yeomen. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and wide reading has kept him in touch with the vital and significant issues and problems of the day, but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He does everything possible for the development and welfare of his section of the state, however, and his devotion to the general good is widely recognized.

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#### H. A. MALCHOSE.

H. A. Malchosa, who has made an excellent record as cashier of the Ayr State Bank, was born at Sabin, Minnesota, on the 10th of December, 1886. His father, H. A. Malchosa, was born in Germany but came to the United States in early manhood and for a time resided in Wisconsin, where he married Miss Mary Schmidt, a native of that state. They at length removed to Minnesota, where he followed the blacksmith's trade, which he had learned in his native land and where he passed away in 1887. His wife survives and still lives in Minnesota.

H. A. Malchosa, who is one of a family of five children, of whom four survive, received

his general education in the common schools and prepared for business life by taking a course in a commercial college at Fargo. He remained at home until he was of age and then began clerking in a store. In 1910 he removed to Ayr, North Dakota, and became a salesman in a store, which position he filled until 1911. He was then made assistant cashier of the State Bank of Ayr and two years later his ability was recognized by election to the position of cashier, which he has since held. He has given careful study to the principles of finance which underlie all successful banking, is thoroughly familiar with the minutiae of banking practice and seeks to make the institution a factor in the development of local business enterprises and at the same time pursues a conservative policy that protects the interests of stockholders and depositors.

In 1912 Mr. Malchose was united in marriage to Agnes Punton, a native of Ayr and a daughter of Thor and Elizabeth (Bell) Punton, both natives of Scotland, who came to America about 1880. They at once located on a farm in Cass county, North Dakota, and have since resided here. Mr. and Mrs. Malchose have two sons, Kenneth, whose natal day was the 29th of August, 1913; and Hubert A. born December 17, 1915.

Mr. Malchose gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served ably as justice of the peace of Ayr. Fraternally he belongs to Harrison Lodge, No. 101, A. F. & A. M., and to the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he is now serving as clerk. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, whose activities are furthered by their support and helpful interest. He is recognized as one of the most enterprising young business men of the county and his continued success seems assured.

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#### BUDD WILLIAM COONS.

Budd William Coons, a veterinary surgeon and farmer residing at Lisbon, was born in Lac qui Parle county, Minnesota, on the 12th of June, 1883, his parents being William and Mary (Dodge) Coons, who have been lifelong residents of Lac qui Parle county save for a period of five years when they resided near the southern boundary line in Ransom county, North Dakota. The wife and mother passed away in 1914 but the father is still living.

Budd W. Coons acquired a common school education in Dawson, Minnesota, and afterward went to work for his father, who was a veterinary surgeon and under whose direction he largely acquainted himself with the practical phases of the profession. He also studied for several years and entered the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915, thus getting in close touch with the most advanced scientific methods. Prior to his college days he practiced veterinary surgery at Ivanhoe, Minnesota, for three years and upon completing his collegiate course he located in Lisbon, where he opened an office and has since been actively engaged. A liberal practice is now accorded him, making constant demands upon his time and energies. He also owns a quarter section of land in Sargent county, which he is farming.

Dr. Coons belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Canby, Minnesota, and to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Lisbon, while his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a republican, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, his success resulting from careful preparation and close application.

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#### EVAN C. SALVERSON.

Evan C. Salverson, active in the business circles of Berthold, where since 1913 he has conducted a general store that is bringing to him substantial profit, was born in Ada, Norman county, Minnesota, April 23, 1882, a son of Nels T. and Bessie (Lomen) Salverson, the former a native of Chicago, Illinois, and the latter of Decorah, Iowa. At the present time the father is engaged in farming. He came to the Red River valley in 1878 and has resided

at various places now making his home at Conrad, Minnesota, where he is living practically retired. He served on the police force at Ada, Minnesota, for a number of years. His wife died in 1888.

Evan C. Salverson was the third in order of birth in a family of five children. He attended the schools of Ada, Minnesota, becoming a high school pupil there, and when sixteen years of age he secured a clerkship in a general store in that place. He continued to reside with his parents until twenty-eight years of age, when he went to Minneapolis, where he was in the employ of others as clerk and salesman until 1913, when he removed to Berthold and engaged in merchandising on his own account. He has since continued actively in business, conducting a general store which includes a good line of clothing, shoes, dry goods, groceries and in fact everything to be found in a first class establishment of this character. By close attention to business, enterprise and honorable dealing he has built up a trade that is now gratifying.

In January, 1909, Mr. Salverson was married to Miss Libbie Strebelow, who was born at Herscher, Illinois, a daughter of Adolph and Christine Strebelow, both of whom were natives of Sweden, although the former was of German descent. They are now living retired at Kankakee, Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Salverson has been born a son, Farrell, whose natal day was January 10, 1910.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Salverson maintains an independent course in politics, voting according to the dictates of his judgment without regard to party ties. His business success is attributable entirely to his enterprise and determination, for he has depended entirely upon his own resources, working his way steadily upward along the well defined lines of labor.

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#### CHRISTEN WESTERGAARD.

Christen Westergaard, who has gained well deserved success as a farmer in Hill township, Cass county, was born in Denmark on the 11th of February, 1848, and is a son of Christen and Anna Marie Raunsmed Westergaard, who spent their entire lives in that country. Five of the nine children born to their union survive.

Christen Westergaard grew to manhood in Denmark and there received his education. For four years before his emigration to America he was employed as a gardener and horticulturist in that country, having previously acquired an excellent knowledge of that business. In 1872 he came to the United States and first located at Chicago, Illinois, but later went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in gardening for one season, after which he returned to Chicago and lived there for three years. He then went to Sherburne county, Minnesota, but in the spring of 1878 he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, locating upon the farm which is still in his possession. It comprises three hundred and twenty acres on section 14, Hill township, and is well improved with substantial and commodious buildings. He has always been very much interested in horticulture, and has met with marked success in that line, especially with evergreen trees. He raises both grain and stock and so manages his affairs that he receives a good financial return from his labor. He is also one of the stockholders in the Farmers elevator at Buffalo, Cass county.

Mr. Westergaard was married July 22, 1872, to Miss Marie Anderson, a native of Denmark, who came to America on the same boat as did her future husband. They were married in Chicago and have become the parents of four children; Christen, who is engaged in chicken raising in the state of Washington; Maren, deceased; Louise, at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Westergaard casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and since 1884 has served continuously as clerk of the township board. For years he held the office of treasurer of the school board, his repeated election to offices of trust indicating the confidence which is placed in his integrity and ability. He was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows but is not now affiliated with that organization. Although he now devotes his entire time to his farm work, for several years after his arrival in this state he printed a monthly Danish paper which was known as the Day of Light.

He is a great reader and possesses quite an extensive library. He has taken a deep interest in preserving historical data and has a very fine collection of old magazines, papers, etc., which he intends to present to the State Historical Society. The measure of success which is now his is doubly creditable in that he is a self-made man, having depended upon his own efforts alone since beginning his independent career.

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#### JACOB WESTERGAARD.

Jacob Westergaard, a prosperous and energetic farmer of Hill township, owns four hundred acres of fine land on sections 15, 22 and 23, and concentrates his energies upon its cultivation. He was born in Denmark on the 25th of May, 1852, of the marriage of Christen and Anna Marie Westergaard, also natives of that country, where they lived until called by death. Five of their nine children still survive.

Jacob Westergaard grew to manhood under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools of his native land. On emigrating to America in 1879 he made his way to Cass county, North Dakota, and settled on his present farm in Hill township. He understands practical methods of agriculture, is enterprising and alert, and he has added to his holdings from time to time until he now owns four hundred acres on sections 15, 22 and 23. He has erected fine buildings and has planted a grove which now adds appreciably to the value and attractiveness of his farm. He derives a good income from his land and is also interested financially in the Farmers elevator at Buffalo, Cass county.

Mr. Westergaard was married in 1882 to Miss Christina Anderson, by whom he had two sons, Waldemar, who is now living in California; and Edward, at home. In 1908 Mr. Westergaard was again married, Mrs. Anna Wagley becoming his wife. She was born in Norway and in 1881 came to the United States. Her death occurred May 9, 1916.

Mr. Westergaard supports the democratic party at the polls and has held a number of local offices, including that of school treasurer, in which capacity he has served for years. He has made all that he has since coming to America and has never regretted his emigration to this country, for here he has found excellent opportunities and also congenial conditions of life.

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#### OLIVER B. GORDER.

Oliver B. Gorder, a lumber merchant of Berthold, belongs to that class of representative and alert young business men who are the real builders of the northwest. He was born in Pope county, Minnesota, September 29, 1887, a son of Jacob and Annie (Holton) Gorder, who are natives of Norway, born in 1861 and 1864 respectively. Both came to America in childhood days and were reared and married in Minnesota. The father devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, became a landowner and continued to engage in general farming in Minnesota up to the time of his retirement from active business life. He and his wife now reside at Starbuck, Pope county. It was upon the old homestead in that county that they reared their family of eight children.

Oliver B. Gorder, who was the fourth in order of birth, attended the high school at Glenwood, Minnesota, and spent a year as a student in a business college at Minneapolis. When eighteen years of age he entered a bank at Elbow Lake, Minnesota, in the capacity of bookkeeper and the following year was advanced to the position of cashier of the Citizens State Bank at Barrett. A year later he removed to Drake, North Dakota, to accept the position of cashier of the Merchants State Bank, in which connection he continued for two years and then became cashier of the First National Bank at Kramer, North Dakota, where he remained for a little more than one year. He next came to Berthold and was cashier of the Bank of Berthold for about two years, subsequent to which time he spent eighteen months as cashier of the State Bank at Nashua, Montana. On the expiration of that period he returned to Berthold and engaged in the lumber business, opening a yard under the

name of the Gorder Lumber Company. He carries a large and complete line of lumber, sash, doors and building material and has won a liberal patronage, his business having assumed large and gratifying proportions. He is also the owner of farm lands in this state but devotes the greater part of his attention to the lumber business.

On the 14th of May, 1913, Mr. Gorder was married to Miss Matilda Sampson, who was born at Rio, Wisconsin, a daughter of Samuel and Esther (Jargeson) Sampson, both of whom are natives of Norway. The father has made farming his life work and still occupies the old homestead near Rio. Mr. and Mrs. Gorder have become parents of an interesting little daughter, Thelma Elaine. The parents are members of the Synod Lutheran church of Berthold and Mr. Gorder gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He served as a member of the city council while at Kramer and also occupied the position of school treasurer. He stands for those things which are most worth while in the public life of city and state, working ever for public welfare along the lines of material, social, political, intellectual and moral progress.

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#### HON. MARTIN THORESON.

Hon. Martin Thoreson, serving for the second term as a member of the state senate, following three terms in the house of representatives, has thus been prominently identified with the work of framing the legislative measures of the state through the past decade. In private life he is known as a representative farmer of Barnes county and as a capable financier, being president of the Farmers State Bank at Kathryn. He was born near Christiania, Norway, February 12, 1856, and his father, Thor Olson, was also a native of Christiania. In that country he engaged in farming to the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-eight years of age.

Martin Thoreson spent his boyhood in Norway and after his school days were over he went to Christiania, at the age of fifteen and there learned the baker's trade, with which he became thoroughly familiar. He afterward embarked in the business on his own account and seven years later he determined to try his fortune in America, for favorable reports reached him concerning the opportunities and advantages afforded in the new world. In 1883 he arrived in North Dakota, making his way at once to Barnes county, where he filed on eighty acres of land, the greater part of the land which was open to homesteading having then been taken up. He farmed there for a few years and then traded that place for other property, to which he has added by purchase until he is now the owner of two sections or twelve hundred and eighty acres. He is regarded as one of the representative agriculturists of his county, carrying on his farm work along most progressive lines. He closely studies the condition of the soil and understands thoroughly what will produce the best crops. He has erected a fine residence and has planted a splendid grove which furnishes protection on the north and west to a tract of about thirteen acres. In addition to the production of grain he also raises some cattle and horses and his business affairs are most wisely conducted, his work being thoroughly systematized, while his efforts are put forth at all times so as to produce the best possible results. He has also become president and one of the large stockholders of the Farmers State Bank at Kathryn.

In January, 1876, Mr. Thoreson was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Olson, also a native of Christiania, Norway, and their children are: John M., who is now conducting a general store at Kathryn; James Gustav, who for several years was a teacher but is now farming near his father's place; O. W. and Arthur M., both at home; and three deceased. Two of these were named Ragna and the other Tor.

Mr. Thoreson has ever been deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the community in which he resides and for a quarter of a century has served as clerk of his school district. He has been a close student of the signs of the times in relation to public affairs and his influence and aid have ever been given on the side of advancement and upbuilding of public interests. The recognition of his progressive citizenship on the part of his fellowmen was indicated when in 1904 he was elected on the republican ticket to the state legislature, and so excellent a record did he make during his first term that he was reelected

in 1906 and again in 1908. While a member of the house he introduced the first bill to regulate automobile traffic in the state. In 1910 he was chosen to represent his district in the state senate and was again elected in 1914, so that his present term will continue until 1918. He has been connected with much important constructive legislation and gives the most thoughtful and earnest consideration to the vital questions which come up for settlement affecting the welfare of the commonwealth and in so doing not only considers present expediency but also future good. Fraternaly he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while in religious faith he and his wife are connected with the Lutheran church. He is withal a modest man, but the consensus of opinion places him among the most prominent and representative citizens of his section of the state and in the house of representatives and senate he has ever been regarded as the peer of many of the ablest members of the general assembly.

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#### HENRY B. THOMPSON.

Henry B. Thompson, an attorney at Milnor, has been successfully engaged in the practice of law in Sargent county since 1905. Advancement at the bar is proverbially slow and yet he has made substantial progress, gaining a clientage that many an older lawyer might well envy. His home has never been far from the place of his present residence, for he was born just across the line in Minnesota at Fergus Falls on the 26th of May, 1878, his parents being Bernt and Inger (Guldseth) Thompson, who were born, reared and married in Norway. It was in the year 1867 that they bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world making their way to Minnesota. They settled in Ottertail county, near Fergus Falls, and there resided until called to their final rest, the death of the father occurring in 1902, while the mother survived for two years, passing away in 1904. They had a family of eleven children, five of whom have passed away. Of the six surviving there is one daughter and of the five sons who are yet living three are lawyers and two are farmers.

Henry B. Thompson is the youngest of this family. Liberal educational opportunities were accorded him, of which he made good use. He supplemented his public school training by study in the Park Region College at Fergus Falls and in the Minneapolis Academy, being graduated from the latter institution. He then determined to make the practice of law his life work and with that end in view matriculated in the State University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, entering the law department, in which he completed his course in 1904. The following year he came to Sargent county and opened an office in Milnor, where he has since gained a large and distinctively representative clientage. He handles his legal interests with ability, carefully preparing his cases and presenting his cause with clearness and force. His ability in this direction is now widely recognized and he has been called to the office of city attorney.

In his political views Mr. Thompson is a democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Fergus Falls. His entire life has been passed in the district in which he still makes his home and among his staunch friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present, a fact which indicates that his entire life has been honorable and straightforward.

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#### FRANK L. STANLEY.

Among the progressive and successful merchants of Casselton, Cass county, is Frank L. Stanley, who was born in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, December 19, 1853, a son of Le Roy and Harriett (Wigeley) Stanley. The father, who was born in the state of New York in 1821, died in 1872, while the mother, whose birth occurred in 1830, passed away in 1854 in early womanhood. Her father, William Wigeley, died in the state of New York

in 1876, when more than ninety years of age. The parents of our subject were married in Michigan, where both had removed in youth, and began their married life upon a farm. Subsequently the father purchased his father's old homestead and continued to reside there until called by death. He was a democrat and held a number of local offices, proving a trustworthy and efficient official. Following the death of his first wife he married a widow, Mrs. Dennis, by whom he had one daughter, now deceased. Two sons were born to his first union, but the brother of our subject, Adelmer, died in 1882.

Frank L. Stanley received his education in southern Michigan and during his boyhood also became familiar with farm work through assisting his father. On beginning his independent career he engaged in the pump business at Galesburg, Michigan, where he remained for two years, but in 1880 he removed to North Dakota and took up both homestead and tree claims in Cass county, proving up on his land, where he resided for a number of years. Subsequently he engaged in the ice business in Casselton but after eight years sold that business and established a flour and feed store, which he conducted for four years. In 1901 he became interested in a general store conducted under the style of the Knight, Stanley & Finney Company and in March, 1904, he sold his interest therein and in connection with his son, George H. Stanley, established a grocery store in that same month. They have gained a gratifying patronage and custom once gained is usually retained as they carry an excellent stock of goods and as their policy is to give the greatest value possible for the money received. Mr. Stanley is ranked among the substantial business men of his town, and his success is especially noteworthy in that he had but five hundred dollars when he reached North Dakota.

In 1879 Mr. Stanley was united in marriage to Miss Emily Holmes, a native of Lagrange, Indiana, by whom he has three sons. George H. was educated in the Casselton high school and in a commercial college at Fargo and is now his father's partner in business. He has taken an active part in public affairs and is at present serving capably as mayor of Casselton. Le Roy, who was graduated from the Casselton high school, subsequently attended business college at Minneapolis and is now a resident of Fresno, California, and manager of the California Pine Box & Lumber Company. Adelmer also prepared for business life by taking a commercial course in Minneapolis and is now connected with a wholesale hardware company in that city.

Frank L. Stanley is a democrat but has never taken a very active part in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the latter organization has passed through all of the chairs. Although his business requires the greater part of his time and attention he recognizes the demands which the public welfare makes upon every citizen and is willing to cooperate with others in seeking the advancement of his community.

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#### SPERO MANSON.

Spero Manson is a partner in the firm of Manson Brothers, who have established and are conducting the leading confectionery and ice cream business in Minot, having an establishment that is not surpassed west of Minneapolis. He comes of a race that is famed for their productions in confectionery and ice cream, being a native of Zante, Greece, where his birth occurred September 22, 1884. His parents, Tashis and Andriana (Roukanas) Manson, were also natives of that beautiful land of art and history and were there reared and educated. The father was an oil expert and refiner and his exporting business extended all over Europe. He died in Greece in 1899 and his widow still resides in her native land.

Spero Manson acquired his education in the schools of his native country and in 1902 came to the new world, making his way to Montreal, Canada. After nine months he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1903 and there engaged in the grocery business, while subsequently he became a resident of Syracuse, New York, where he conducted a candy and ice cream establishment for two years. He afterward returned to St. Louis, where he opened a grocery store in partnership with his brother. He was afterward employed by the Great Northern Railroad as supervisor of labor for the Minot and Dakota division, with

headquarters at Minot, whither he came in 1909. For about two years he occupied that position and on the 21st of August, 1910, he and his two brothers, Harry and Angelo, established the Manson Brothers confectionery and ice cream store on Main street in the Waverley Hotel building. Their store is thoroughly modern in its equipment and appointment. Their business is the finest of the kind in North Dakota and indeed is recognized as the best place of this character west of Minneapolis. They manufacture all their confectionery and do a large wholesale jobbing business. They base the upbuilding of their trade upon the excellence of the product which they handle and this is bringing to them a constantly growing patronage. They also own and operate a place on Main street equipped with billiard tables and bowling alleys and have a large patronage. Moreover the brothers have three hundred and twenty acres of land in Radville, Saskatchewan, Canada, which they devote to the raising of wheat.

Mr. Manson is a member of the Greek Orthodox church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He was the first of his family to come to America and his brothers followed. He is of a very progressive type of business man, watchful of all opportunities pointing to success, and his spirit of enterprise is indicated in his membership in the Association of Commerce and his hearty cooperation with its plans and movements for the benefit of Minot. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, No. 1089, at Minot, the Knights of Pythias and the United Commercial Travelers. He has won the high regard of his contemporaries in the business circles of the city, who recognize him as a valuable addition to its commercial interests.

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#### JOHN H. WERNER.

John H. Werner, cashier of the German-American State Bank of Burlington and also prominently identified with business interests of the town in other connections, was born in Hesse, Germany, July 21, 1875, a son of John and Martha (Arnhart) Werner. The father devoted his life to farming and mining and died in Germany about 1905, while the mother still resides in that country.

John H. Werner is the eldest of the family of four children and the only one who came to the United States. He attended school in his native country and when a youth of fifteen bade adieu to friends and native land preparatory to coming to the new world. Crossing the Atlantic, he located in Floyd county, Iowa, at which time he could not even speak the English language, and his financial resources were extremely limited, in fact he was practically penniless. For two years he worked on farms and afterward removed to Washington county, Minnesota, where he was employed at farm labor for a similar period. In the spring of 1896 he removed to Valley City, North Dakota, and for a year was employed at farm labor in that vicinity, but, ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he then leased land. In 1900 he came to Burlington and homesteaded in Ward county, after which he concentrated his efforts upon the development and improvement of his place until 1909, when he took up his abode in Burlington and became the first cashier of the German-American State Bank, which he had assisted in organizing. He still continues in that connection and is one of the stockholders of the institution, the success of which is attributable in no small measure to his business discernment, close application and progressive methods. He is a courteous and obliging official and is ever willing to extend the aid of the bank to its patrons to a point that will not jeopardize the stability of the institution. He is also the secretary and treasurer of the Olson-Werner Grain Company and he is the owner of considerable land in Ward county but devotes practically his entire time to the management and control of the bank.

In February, 1903, Mr. Werner was married to Miss Helen Wittenberg, who was born at Valley City, North Dakota, and who passed away March 12, 1909, leaving three children: Robert C., born December 9, 1904; Martha C., born January 27, 1906; and Elmer, born May 12, 1907. In July, 1911, Mr. Werner wedded Miss Minnie C. Wittenberg, a sister of his first wife and also a native of Valley City, North Dakota. There are two children of this marriage: Ralph, born December 9, 1912; and Melvin, born January 30, 1914.



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Fraternally Mr. Werner is connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Burlington, of which he is clerk, and with the Elks Lodge, No. 1089, at Minot. In politics he is an independent republican, for while his views are usually in accord with republican principles, he does not feel bound to support the candidates of the party if his judgment dictates a different course. He is now treasurer of the Burlington school district and also treasurer of Burlington township, and he was director of the Botz school district before coming to Burlington and was a member of the town board for several years, or during all the time he lived in the district. He is one of the five republican candidates for presidential electors for the state of North Dakota in the election in 1916. Mr. Werner is numbered among those who have been active in developing this section of the state and transforming it from a pioneer district into a region pervaded by an air of progress and prosperity. His work has been directly resultant along lines of general improvement and at the same time he has substantially promoted his private business interests.

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#### CHARLEY A. WALLOCH.

Charley A. Walloch, proprietor of the only implement business at Forman, was born at Yankton, South Dakota, in 1879, a son of Joseph and Mary (Serulech) Walloch. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States in 1864 and settled first in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained for five years. He afterward removed to South Dakota, where he still makes his home, devoting his time and energies to the occupation of farming. His wife, who was born in Prussia, Germany, passed away in 1898.

Charley A. Walloch was the third in order of birth in a family of seven children. He pursued his education in the schools of Yankton and of St. Paul, Minnesota, and after his textbooks were put aside he was employed for a short time on the railroad and afterward entered the employ of a St. Paul land company, with which he continued for four years. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account and carefully saved his earnings until the sum was sufficient to enable him to start in business for himself. He then established a hardware store in Forman in the year 1909 and he bought out an implement business in Forman, to which he added a complete line of hardware. The trade has grown gradually from the beginning, and owing to the enterprise and resourcefulness of the owner, the undertaking has become an assured success. In addition to capably managing his mercantile interests Mr. Walloch also acts as manager of the Forman electric light plant, of which he is half owner. He is the only implement dealer of his town and aside from his other interests he is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Forman. For seven years he has been most actively identified with the business life of the community and his well directed efforts constitute a strong element in his increasing prosperity.

In his political views Mr. Walloch is a republican and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Catholic church, of which he is one of the trustees. Recently he has been appointed a member of the Forman school board and he is willing at all times to aid and cooperate in any measure that he deems beneficial to the community.

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#### THOMAS GILBERTSON.

Thomas Gilbertson, now living retired at Lisbon, having put aside the activities of business life, was born in Norway on the 15th of June, 1860, a son of Gilbert and Carrie (Olson) Gilbertson, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun and who in the year 1866 came to the United States, settling at Spring Grove, Houston county, Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming. In 1886 he removed with his family to Lisbon, where the mother passed away the following year, and since that time Gilbert Gilbertson has made his home with his son Thomas, having now reached the very advanced age of ninety-two years.

When a little lad of but six summers Thomas Gilbertson was brought by his parents

to the new world and his education was acquired in the common schools of Minnesota. Through the period of his boyhood and youth he assisted in the operation of the home farm and continued to aid his father until the removal to Lisbon. Soon afterward he was appointed deputy sheriff of Ransom county, in which position he served from 1886 until 1889 inclusive. He was afterward employed by J. C. Holt of Lisbon in his merchandise and implement store for three years, at the end of which time he accepted a position as road collector for the State Bank of Lisbon, in which capacity he served for seven years. In 1899 he formed a partnership with E. Billing, and under the firm style of Billing & Gilbertson they conducted an extensive business in farm machinery for seven years. In 1906, however, Mr. Gilbertson sold his interest and since that date has given his attention to looking after his investments. He was at one time a heavy holder of farm lands, but now owns only three quarter sections. He has, however, important investments along other lines, being one of the stockholders of the Citizens Bank of Lisbon, where he is recognized as a most prominent resident.

In 1888 Mr. Gilbertson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Knudson, a native of Fillmore county, Minnesota, by whom he has six children, as follows: Cora, who is the wife of Dr. I. C. Vangsens, of Beresford, South Dakota; Mina, a teacher in the Lisbon high school; and Gida, Bertha, Elida and Alice, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Gilbertson is an earnest republican and has served as a member of the board of county commissioners for six years and for a similar period as a member of the board of aldermen in Lisbon, in both of which connections he has exercised his official prerogatives in a manner that has greatly furthered the public welfare and upheld public interests. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit which forms the basic principle of the various fraternal organizations in which he holds membership. He belongs to Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Valley City Lodge, No. 1011, B. P. O. E.; Lisbon Lodge, No. 69, K. P.; Lisbon Camp, No. 1916, M. W. A.; and the Homesteaders. He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church, to the support of which they contribute generously. In a word, their influence has always been on the side of progress and improvement and their worth in the community has been widely acknowledged, Mr. Gilbertson having made a most creditable record as a public official and business man, while in social circles he has gained the warm regard of many.

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#### JOSEPH ROACH.

Joseph Roach was one of the makers of North Dakota, prominently connected with its agricultural, commercial and financial development, while upon its political history he left his impress as legislator and public official. His marked ability kept him prominently before the people and enabled him to so utilize his time, talents and opportunities that he became one of the foremost factors in the development of the state. He was born in Washington county, New York, June 11, 1845, a son of Phineas and Johanna (Woodward) Roach, the former of Irish birth, while the latter was of American parentage. Phineas Roach became a farmer of New York and when his son Joseph was ten years of age removed with his family to Northfield, Minnesota. In that state the son spent forty-one years of his life, completing his education in Hamline University. He was reared to the occupation of farming and turned to that pursuit as a life work, developing and improving a farm near Castle Rock, Dakota County.

Joseph Roach was a lad of but sixteen years at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and in 1863, when but eighteen years of age, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry, with which he served until the close of hostilities and then returned home with a most creditable military record. His attention was given to farming in Dakota county until 1884 and in 1882 he was elected county commissioner, in which position he made a most excellent record. After two years' incumbency, however, he resigned and removed to Northfield, Rice county, Minnesota, where, he engaged in the live stock business and at the same time carried on farming at Castle Rock until 1896, when he came to North Dakota, establishing his home in Minot. He

was prominently and extensively engaged in ranching for some time, handling live stock in large numbers and winning success through the capable management of his business interests. As a pioneer citizen and capable business man he did much toward developing his section of the northwest. He owned and controlled large interests in the western part of the state and in the early days had thousands of cattle running on the plains. Later he turned his attention to the banking business at Minot, although this was not his initial experience in that field, for previously he had been vice president of the Citizens Bank of Northfield, Minnesota, and he went to Minot in 1896 to become receiver for the First National Bank, which position he resigned a year later. Subsequently he reentered the financial field, organizing the Great Northern Bank of Minot in 1897. This section of the state was without a banking institution after the First National Bank of Minot had become defunct, and a number of the prominent pioneer settlers induced Mr. Roach to organize the Great Northern Bank, which was capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars and which under the management of Mr. Roach enjoyed a remarkable growth. In 1902 it was reorganized and nationalized, becoming the Second National Bank, at which time the capital stock was increased to twenty-five thousand dollars. A few years later this was further increased to fifty thousand dollars and in 1910 its capital was doubled, becoming one hundred thousand dollars. The bank is today one of the strongest financial institutions in the state. Mr. Roach became the first president of the Second National Bank at Minot, remaining its chief executive officer and directing head until his death, which occurred on the 31st of October, 1913, his demise resulting from injuries received when a runaway team crashed into his carriage a few days before. He had become one of the large landowners of Ward county, having made judicious investments in property from time to time, and thus he left his family in very comfortable financial circumstances.

It was on the 30th of May, 1867, that Mr. Roach was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor S. Clague, who was born on the Isle of Man, and their children were as follows: Philip A., who is engaged in the meat business in Minot; Lizzie Luella, the wife of A. H. Roise, proprietor of a clothing and men's furnishing goods store in Minot; and Frank W., who is vice president of the Second National Bank of Minot and is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Roach gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and was elected on its ticket to the Minnesota legislature, in which he served for two terms. He was not, however, in sympathy with Bryan and his free silver policy and thus became a republican, remaining for years as a strong political force in his section of North Dakota. For an extended period he was chairman of the republican central committee and led his party through a series of successes. Later he was elected chairman of the republican state central committee and left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the political annals of North Dakota. In 1902 he was elected mayor of Minot and gave to the city a splendid administration, characterized by practical, progressive and businesslike methods, which constituted the real foundation for the growth of the "magic city of Minot."

Mr. Roach's life was ever guided by the highest principles and North Dakota has had no citizen more worthy of the respect of his fellowmen. He was a devoted member of the Episcopal church and an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained high rank. He belonged to the blue lodge and chapter at Northfield, Minnesota, to De Molay Commandery, K. T., at Minot, and to Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks, and when he passed away in 1913 at the age of sixty-eight years, four months and twenty days, his remains lay in state in the Masonic Temple at Minot and were buried in Northfield, Minnesota, with Masonic honors. The whole northwest sorrowed over his demise, the news of which brought a sense of personal bereavement to hundreds. He was loved and respected by young and old, rich and poor, and his circle of friends included some of the humblest and some of the highest of the land. The late James J. Hill, railroad magnate, was one of his closest associates. They were boys together and the empire builder of the northwest had complete confidence in the integrity and ability of the Minot banker. Thus Mr. Roach was able to do much for his city through the aid of his old friend, Mr. Hill, and at all times he was most loyal to the interests of city, county and state. A few days after the death of Mr. Roach Mr. Hill visited Minot, expressing great sorrow over the demise of his friend. Wherever he was known deep regret was felt. His success

in business in no way affected his attitude toward those less fortunate and to his friends he was always "Joe." There are many who have reason to thank him for his timely assistance, many who received from him the start that led to their success, for he never turned anyone away whom he regarded as worthy. He was a splendid reader of human nature and his business judgment was excellent and thus he was able to assist many by advice as well as by material aid. His life was indeed characterized by "many little unnumbered acts of kindness and of love." He held to high ideals in business, in citizenship and in his social relations. He was devoted to his family and counted it his greatest happiness to contribute to their welfare. He remained throughout his life a strong man—strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor and his good name. Life was to him purposeful and out of the struggle with small opportunities he came finally into a field broad and active in its usefulness, his business ever balancing up with the principles of truth and honor. His public-spirited citizenship led him to become an active worker for the general good and he remained for many years the strong center of the community in which he lived.

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#### PATRICK M. CASEY.

Farming interests of Ransom county find a worthy representative in Patrick M. Casey, who owns and cultivates the south half of section 8, Tuller township. He was born in Outagamie county, Wisconsin, March 2, 1880, a son of John Casey, whose birth occurred in Ireland in 1835 and who came to the United States about 1862, settling in Wisconsin, where he took up the occupation of farming. He bought land in Outagamie county and continued its cultivation throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1901. He married Elizabeth O'Brien, who was born in Ireland in 1841 and came to the United States in 1870, giving her hand in marriage to Mr. Casey in the following year. They had a family of six children: John and James, twins, born in 1873, the former now a farmer of Island Park township, Ransom county, while the latter follows farming in Wisconsin; Mary, who was born in 1874 and is now living in Lisbon, North Dakota; Anna, who was born in 1876 and is now a member of the Dominican Order of Catholic Sisters stationed in Chicago; Catherine, who was born in 1877 and is now residing in Lisbon; and Patrick M. The mother of these children passed away in 1912.

Patrick M. Casey is indebted to the district school system of Wisconsin for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his youthful days. He worked with his father upon the home farm until the latter's death and then took over the management of the homestead, which he cultivated until 1909. His brother James had already settled in this state and after visiting at his brother's home Patrick M. Casey determined to become a resident of North Dakota. He lived with his brother for about three years and then purchased the southwest quarter of section 4, Island Park township, Ransom county. Later he purchased the southwest quarter of section 19, Elliott township, but disposed of that tract in 1914 and bought the south half of section 8, Tuller township, constituting his present home farm. This is a valuable property, highly improved and carefully cultivated and managed. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and is engaged in the raising of Duroc-Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle. His home, which is situated on the south half of section 19, Tuller township, is the oldest residence in the county, and the farm which he occupies was one of the first to be developed. In addition to further cultivating and improving this place Mr. Casey has become the president of the Farmers Equity Elevator of Lisbon, so serving for the past three years, and he is also the vice president of the North Dakota Union, a farmers' organization.

On the 28th of January, 1915, Mr. Casey was married to Miss Elizabeth Cooper, who was born in Worthington, Minnesota, in 1895, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Waldhelm) Cooper, who were pioneer residents of Minnesota, in which state the father is now living. For many years he devoted his attention to farming but has retired from business. The mother died when her daughter Elizabeth was but five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Casey have one daughter, Dorothy Lucille, born July 11, 1916.

In his political views Mr. Casey is a democrat and has served as assessor of Island Park township and in other local offices, including that of school trustee. He has long been recognized as a prominent leader and active worker in democratic circles and at the present writing is the nominee of his party for the office of state treasurer, the nomination coming to him without opposition. He belongs to the Catholic church of Lisbon, of which his wife is also a communicant, and he is a member of Fargo Lodge, No. 782, K. C. He is a very energetic man, alert and enterprising, ready to meet any emergency and ready to respond to any call of duty. He is leaving the impress of his capability and individuality upon the agricultural development and the political history of the state.

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MARCUS M. BEIGHLE.

Marcus M. Beighle, a retired farmer now living at Sawyer, has long been identified with the interests of Ward county, where he located in pioneer times, becoming the teacher of the first school in Willis township. He was born at Roberts, Ford county, Illinois, February 2, 1878, a son of Elias B. and Catherine (Wallace) Beighle, mentioned in connection with the sketch of C. S. Beighle, which appears elsewhere in this work. He pursued his early education in the district schools of his native county and afterward attended a seminary at Onarga, Illinois. When not busy with his textbooks he worked upon the home farm, where he remained until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when in 1900 he left Illinois and came to North Dakota. He took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, Willis township, and through the intervening period until 1913 was actively and successfully engaged in general farming. At that date he removed to Sawyer but later in the year went to California and spent some time in travel. In 1915 he returned to Sawyer, where he purchased town lots and is now erecting a residence, while his homestead property he rents, deriving a good income from his farm, which comprises four hundred acres in Willis township. He also owns other real estate in Sawyer.

It was in Willis township on the 18th of June, 1905, that Mr. Beighle was united in marriage to Miss Clara Putney, who was born in Minnesota and afterward lived in Nebraska and Kansas before coming to North Dakota. She is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Putney, who in 1900 homesteaded in Willis township, Ward county. Mr. and Mrs. Beighle have a son, Clarence Elias, who was born November 6, 1906, on the home farm in Willis township.

The parents are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Beighle gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, having been one of the original members of the camp at Sawyer. He assisted in organizing the Farmers Telephone Company of Willis township and he taught the first school there, having previously taught in Ford county, Illinois, for a year before coming to North Dakota. He assisted in organizing district No. 64 and was the first treasurer of the school board. He has also been township treasurer and was township assessor and he has been an active and helpful supporter of many plans and movements for the general good.

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THOMAS J. McCULLY.

Thomas J. McCully, postmaster of Sheldon and a retired farmer of Ransom county, is of Canadian birth and of Irish lineage. He was born in Ontario, March 1, 1861, a son of James McCully, whose birth occurred near Londonderry, Ireland, in 1832. He came to the United States in 1880, settling in Cass county, Michigan. He followed farming while in Canada but at the present time is living retired, spending his time among his children. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susanna Kyle, was born in Ontario in 1840 and passed away in 1873. They had but two children, the elder being a daughter, Jerusha, who became the wife of James Rothwell, of Seattle, Washington, and died in February, 1913.

Thomas J. McCully, the only son, pursued his education in the schools of Ontario and worked with his father upon the home farm until his removal to Michigan. He established a home of his own by his marriage on the 3d of February, 1885, to Miss Belle Broday, who was born in Michigan in 1864, a daughter of Hugh and Anna (Jones) Broday, who were pioneer settlers of Michigan, where the father followed the occupation of farming. He died in the year 1875, while his wife passed away in 1902, having survived him for more than a quarter of a century. Their daughter Belle was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children. To Mr. and Mrs. McCully have been born six children, as follows: Mac, who was born December 21, 1885, and is the wife of Lee Vale, of Courtenay, North Dakota; Cecil, who was born March 19, 1888, and is at home; Harold V., whose birth occurred September 26, 1893, and who resides in Sheldon; Don C., who was born August 18, 1898, and is at home; Hubert, whose natal day was February 3, 1905; and Kenneth, born November 2, 1910.

Mr. McCully was a resident of Michigan from 1880 until the spring of 1886 and through that period engaged in general farming. On the 31st of March of the latter year he came to North Dakota, settling on a farm on section 19, township 136, range 54, in Ransom county. There he remained for ten years, his time being devoted to general farming, after which he purchased four hundred and eighty acres of land in Shenford township, continuing his residence thereon until 1909. At that time he went to Sheldon in order to give his children the benefits of the educational opportunities offered in the schools of the city. It was his purpose to live retired after his removal to Sheldon but on the 3d of February, 1915, he accepted the appointment of postmaster. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he felt that he would be better content with some business interest or regular duties. In the fall of 1880 he had taken out his first naturalization papers in Michigan and the second papers were taken out in Lisbon in 1888. He has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is quite active and well known in connection with public interests and is prominent in fraternal circles. In 1890 he joined Sheldon Lodge, A. O. U. W., and he is also connected with the Masons, having membership in the blue lodge at Sheldon, in the Scottish Rite bodies at Fargo and in El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. For four years he served as treasurer of his lodge and is now its steward. He is a charter member of the Homesteaders at Sheldon, which organization was formed in 1908, and throughout the intervening period he has been its vice president. Both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. McCully is one of the trustees. He takes an active and helpful interest in all that pertains to the public welfare along political, intellectual and moral lines and his cooperation can ever be counted upon to further plans and measures for the general good.

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#### MRS. ANNIE SEELIG.

Mrs. Annie Seelig is occupying an attractive home at Leonard, Cass county, which she has recently erected. She was born in Scott county, Minnesota, June 25, 1872, a daughter of Henry and Johnette (Enguld) Ihme, both of whom were natives of Germany. In early life they came to the United States and made their way to Minnesota, where they were married. The father followed the occupation of farming in that state for a number of years and in 1878 came to Dakota, taking up his abode at Leonard, Cass county, where he resided until his death. His wife survives and yet makes her home in Leonard.

Of their family of nine children Mrs. Seelig is the eldest. She was a little maiden of but six years when the family became residents of Cass county and there she pursued her education in the public schools, remaining at home up to the time of her marriage. It was on the 9th of November, 1900, that she became the wife of Herman H. Seelig, who was born in Winona, Minnesota, September 10, 1871, and came to Dakota with his parents, Ernest and Johanna (Pesch) Seelig, who settled in Cass county, near Leonard. It was in that locality that he obtained his education and there resided up to the time of his marriage. He afterward took up his abode upon a farm in Cass county, which he cultivated for

two years. On the expiration of that period Mr. and Mrs. Seelig removed to Leonard and purchased a hotel, which they conducted under the name of the Seelig Hotel, remaining the proprietors thereof for ten years. They then sold out and removed to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where they remained for a few months. Subsequently they returned to North Dakota and Mr. Seelig purchased a general store in Anselm, conducting business at this place until his death, which occurred December 21, 1915. He was a progressive and enterprising business man, alert and energetic, and he won a substantial measure of success which was the merited reward of his labors.

Mr. and Mrs. Seelig became the parents of four children: Mamie, Ruby, Elsie and Henry. Mr. Seelig held membership in the Lutheran church and fraternally was connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. His life was upright and honorable and wherever he went he made friends by reason of his many excellent traits of character. Since her husband's death Mrs. Seelig has returned to Leonard, where she has erected a comfortable residence, which she now occupies. She is still interested in farming at Medina, North Dakota, and her property there returns to her a good income.

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#### CHARLES H. NEWTON.

Charles H. Newton has passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and now resides upon a farm in Cass county, near Harwood. He is a veteran of the Civil war and the same spirit of loyalty that prompted his active defense of the Union has been manifest throughout the days of peace. He was born at Windsor, Vermont, December 15, 1839, his parents being Daniel and Rosalind (McFall) Newton, natives of Vermont and Ireland respectively. They were married in the Green Mountain state and there continued to reside until called to their final rest. They had a family of two sons, the elder being Martin, who is still living in Vermont.

The younger son, Charles H. Newton, was reared and educated in Vermont and when a young man of twenty-one years responded to the call for troops following the outbreak of the Civil war. He joined Company G, Fourth Vermont Infantry, as a private and held all the non-commissioned offices and later advanced to the rank of first lieutenant. He served throughout the entire period of the struggle and was in many important engagements, including the battles of the Peninsula, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Malvern Hill, the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, the first and second engagements at Fredericksburg, the battle of Gettysburg and a number of others of less importance. At the Battle of the Wilderness he was four times wounded, one bullet piercing his left lung, and he lay on the field for seven days before his wounds received attention. At the close of the war he was mustered out at Halls Hill, Virginia, and returned to his home with a most creditable military record, having been most faithful in his support of the Union, his valor and loyalty being displayed on many a southern battlefield.

On again reaching Vermont Mr. Newton turned his attention to farming. He had been married in 1864 to Miss Prudence Jane Smith, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Ira and Hannah (Jacobs) Smith, who were born in the states of Connecticut and Vermont respectively. Both passed away in the Green Mountain state. Mr. and Mrs. Newton remained in New England until 1882, when he came to North Dakota and secured a half section of land in Steele county upon which they established their home, living there for five years, during which time he added many improvements to the property. In 1888 he removed to Cass county and became superintendent of the farm of H. F. Miller, comprising three thousand acres. Of this he was superintendent for eight years, at the end of which time he removed to the farm upon which he now resides near Harwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton had no children of their own but reared an adopted daughter from the time she was sixteen months old. Mrs. Newton passed away December 11, 1913, and was laid to rest in the Oak Grove cemetery at Harwood. She was a consistent member of the Universalist church, to which Mr. Newton has belonged for forty years, always taking an active part in the church work. In politics he is an earnest republican, unalter-

ing in his allegiance to the party, and he has served as assessor, justice of the peace and as county commissioner of Cass county for five years, discharging his duties with marked capability and fidelity. He belongs to the Grand Army post at Fargo and greatly enjoys meeting with the "boys in blue" and recounting incidents that occurred during the Civil war. He is today one of the esteemed and honored residents of Cass county, well meriting the uniform regard which is tendered him.

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WILLIAM J. TURNBULL.

William J. Turnbull, a representative farmer of Cass county, was born in Ontario, Canada, May 21, 1856, a son of Alex and Nancy (Moore) Turnbull, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ireland. They were married in Canada and in that country the mother passed away in the year 1909, but the father is still living. In their family were six children, five of whom survive.

William J. Turnbull was reared and educated in Canada and in 1882 crossed the border into the United States. He traveled over the country to a considerable extent for three years and in 1885 came to North Dakota, settling on the farm which he now owns and occupies, comprising two hundred and eighty-five acres of valuable land on the banks of the Sheyenne river in Harwood township. This is known as the Elmwood Farm and is a valuable property, splendidly improved and all in a high state of cultivation.

In 1895 Mr. Turnbull was united in marriage to Miss Mabel E. Smith, who is a native of Vermont and was adopted by Charles H. Newton and his wife when sixteen months old. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, namely: Agnes Newton, a graduate of the high school; and Sybil Anna.

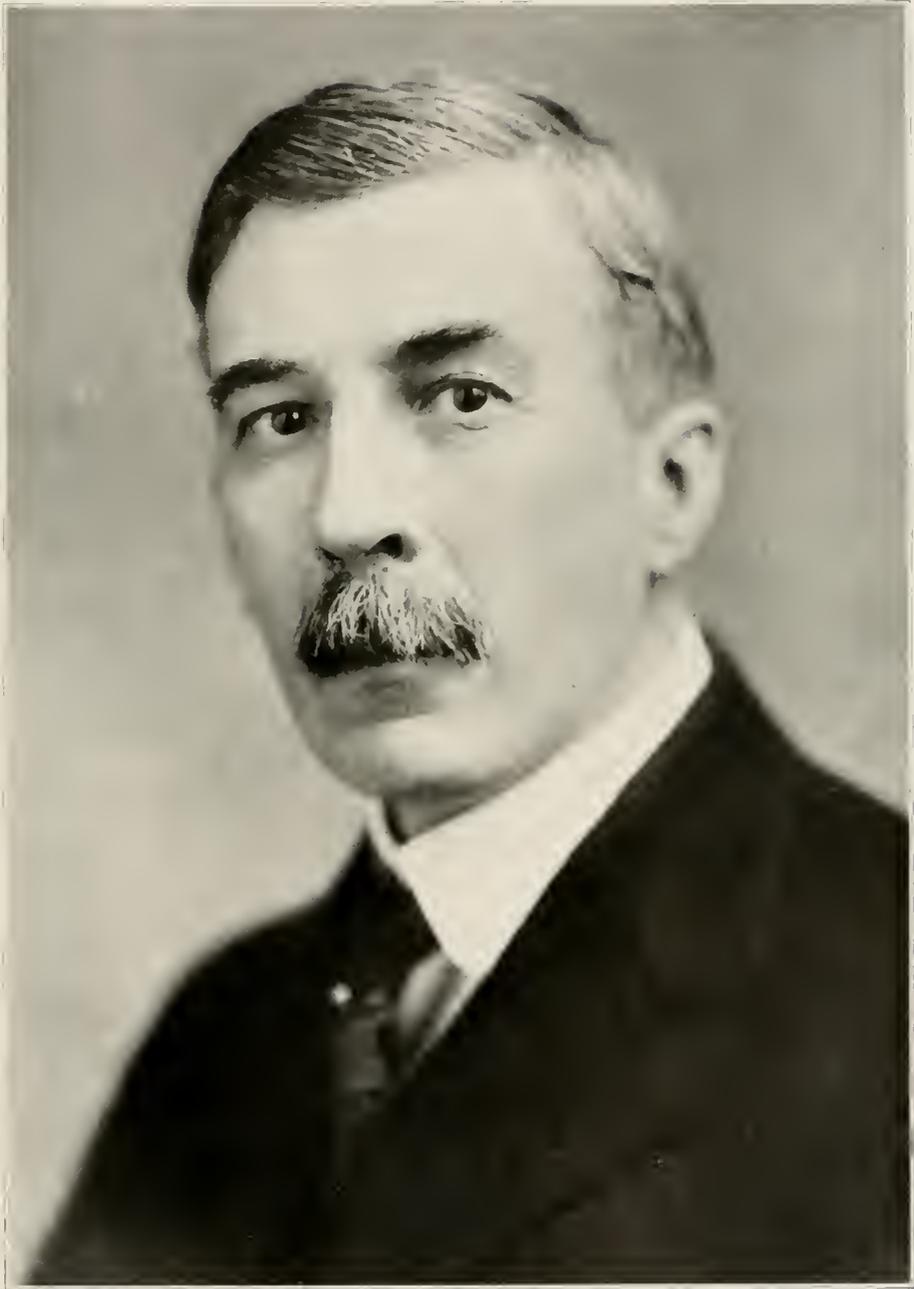
Mr. Turnbull was reared in the Presbyterian faith and his wife in the Universalist. His political support is given the republican party and he has filled some local offices. He served as assessor for four years, was road supervisor for nine years and is now president of the school board in his district. He is also one of the directors of the Farmers Elevator of Harwood and is a member of the Yeomen lodge. He and his wife are well known in this locality and have a large and growing circle of friends.

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J. P. HARDY.

Association has been the watchword of the age—a recognition of the fact that results are accomplished by united effort. This spirit has led to the formation throughout the country of commercial clubs planned to further the development and upbuilding of the sections in which they are located. J. P. Hardy is now secretary of the Fargo Commercial Club and under his direction good work has been accomplished for the city in the extension of its trade relations, in the improvement of its public interests and in the development of those activities which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

Mr. Hardy is a native of London, England. He was born September 28, 1862, of the marriage of J. P. and Mary (Hardy) Hardy, both of whom died in England. There the subject of this review was reared and he completed his more specifically literary course by study in St. Paul's College at Stony Stratford. Later he became a student in the medical department of London University—King's College—and in 1883 he came to the United States, landing at New York on the 17th of March. From the eastern metropolis he made his way westward and took up his abode upon a farm in Dane county, Wisconsin, where he spent three years, after which he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, March 15, 1886, and soon afterward found employment with the firm of Nugent & Brown, printers and bookbinders, with whom he remained until the fall of 1887. He then went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and for six months was in the employ of the James H. Bishop Paper Company. At the end of that time he became connected with the house of A. C. Bansman, printer and binder, and in the spring of 1889 he returned to Fargo, where for six months he was employed by E. A.



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Webb in the printing business. He then again entered the service of Nugent & Brown in the capacity of traveling salesman, representing them upon the road until the summer of 1891, when he became traveling representative for the firm of Walker Brothers, with whom he remained in that capacity until 1895, when he was admitted to a partnership and was made general manager of the business, continuing in that capacity until 1913. He then sold his interest and accepted the secretaryship of the Fargo Commercial Club, in which capacity he has since ably served, doing effective work for the benefit of the city, his efforts being a tangible element in its business progress.

In 1891 Mr. Hardy was united in marriage to Miss Camille Parker, of Fargo, but a native of Lincoln, Nebraska. To this union has been born one son, John P., whose natal day was June 7, 1907.

Mr. Hardy is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Shiloh Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; Enoch Lodge of Perfection; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, No. 1, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also has membership with Fargo Lodge, No. 260, B. P. O. E.; Fargo Lodge, No. 2; Fargo Lodge, A. O. U. W.; and Fargo Council U. C. T. He served for two terms as chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, is stage director of the Scottish Rite bodies and is high priest and prophet of the Mystic Shrine. He was president of the Fargo Commercial Club in 1911-12 and is the present president of the State Federation of Commercial Clubs and is the secretary of the National Parks Transcontinental Highway Association. He belongs to the Rea Country Club, the Automobile Club, of which he was the president in 1912, and to the Town Criers Club. He also belongs to the Manufacturers Association, of which he is the secretary and he is the secretary of the Fargo-Morehead Baseball Club. He is a jury commissioner of the federal courts of the district of North Dakota and a member of the park board of Fargo. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Episcopal church. In politics he is independent. He finds outlet for his activities along many other lines and he votes according to the dictates of his judgment rather than because he is bound by party ties. His interests are wide and varied, touching every phase of business and social life and covering the great economic problems of the country. He utilizes practical effort in work toward high ideals and his labors are far-reaching and resultant.

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#### T. S. HUNT.

Banking institutions are largely the heart of the commercial body, indicating the healthfulness of trade. It is certainly true that a safe, reliable banking concern will do more than any other business interest to establish public confidence in times of panic or financial depression, and the bank that is most worthy of credit is that which most carefully and surely safeguards the interests of its depositors. Such an institution is the Farmers National Bank of La Moure, of which T. S. Hunt is the cashier. He was born in Martinsville, Illinois, on the 30th of July, 1866, and is a son of Laurentio G. and Henrietta S. (Hill) Hunt. The father is a native of Vermont and represents an old New England family, his ancestors having come to the United States from England prior to the Revolutionary war. In the maternal line T. S. Hunt comes from Holland Dutch stock, but the family was also founded in America during the colonial epoch in the history of this country by ancestors who settled in the Mohawk valley in New York. Both the Hunt and Hill families in 1837 removed westward to Michigan and Laurentio G. Hunt became one of the teachers on the frontier, the lady who afterward became his wife being one of his pupils. They were married in Michigan and two of their children were born in that state. Subsequently Mr. Hunt removed with his family to Illinois and there enlisted in the Union army, serving throughout the entire period of the Civil war. He then returned to his Illinois home but in 1869 again went to Michigan, where he engaged in farming. Both he and his wife are still living at an advanced age.

T. S. Hunt supplemented a public school education by study in the normal school at St. Cloud, Minnesota, where his parents resided for seven or eight years. In 1888 he left St. Cloud and came to North Dakota, establishing his home in Sherbrooke, Steele county, where

he took up educational work, teaching in the district schools for three years. At the end of that period he purchased the Steele County Tribune, a weekly paper published in Sherbrooke. He edited the journal until 1895, when he sold that plant and bought the Fessenden Advertiser of Fessenden, Wells county, North Dakota, continuing to publish the latter paper for two and one-half years. In 1898 he returned to Steele county and the following fall was elected county auditor, in which capacity he was continued by reelection for two terms. In 1902 he became one of the organizers of the Sharon State Bank and was tendered and accepted the position of cashier of the new institution, continuing in that important connection until 1908, when he was offered the cashiership of the Farmers State Bank at La Moure. This institution was nationalized in 1910 as the Farmers National Bank, Mr. Hunt remaining as the cashier. He is a popular and obliging official, doing everything in his power to further the interests of the institution and at the same time assisting and favoring its patrons as much as possible without hazarding the stability of the bank.

In 1895 Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Eva Pope, of Hope, North Dakota, by whom he has a daughter, Ruth, who is now attending Jamestown College at Jamestown, North Dakota. In politics a progressive republican, Mr. Hunt has served for several years as a member of the city council of La Moure, exercising his official prerogatives in support of various well devised plans for promoting the city's progress and upholding those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. Fraternally he is connected with Mackay Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M.; Lisbon Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M.; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Hunt is a typical representative of the spirit of upbuilding which has dominated the northwest. He has back of him a worthy ancestry and his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith. As they aided in the settlement and development of New England, so is he furthering the upbuilding of a great empire in the north, neglecting no duty or opportunity that comes to him to advance public welfare.

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#### JUDGE EVAN BENSON GOSS.

Judge Evan Benson Goss, serving on the supreme court bench of North Dakota, is a son of Benson Oliver and Hope (Nutter) Goss, the former a native of St. Lawrence county, New York, born in 1845, while the latter is a native of Vermont. They are now residents of Michigan.

Judge Goss was born near Rockford, Michigan, December 8, 1872. Spending his boyhood days under the parental roof he determined upon the practice of law as a life work and prepared for his profession at the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor. His advancement at the bar has been continuous. Following his admission he engaged in practice at Grand Rapids, Michigan, from which place he removed to Bottineau, North Dakota, in December, 1895. No dreary novitiate awaited him, for although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, his ability soon won him recognition that gained him a liberal clientage. He was elected states attorney for Bottineau county and was reelected for a second term. Still higher official honors awaited him, for in June, 1905, he qualified as district judge of the eighth judicial district and was reelected in 1908. In November, 1910, he was elected a member of the supreme court of North Dakota. After entering upon the work of his chosen calling it was soon recognized that his is a natural discrimination as to legal ethics and that he is thoroughly well read in the minutiae of the law, being able to base his arguments upon rare knowledge of and familiarity with precedents and to present a case upon its merits. He never failed to recognize the main point at issue and never neglected to make a thorough preparation. His pleas were characterized by a terse and decisive logic and a lucid presentation rather than by flights of oratory and his power was the greater before court or jury from the fact that he ever made it his aim to secure justice and not to enshroud the cause in a sentimental garb or illusion that would thwart the principles of right and equity involved.

On the 24th of November, 1898, Judge Goss was united in marriage, in Willow City, North Dakota, to Miss Louisa Wright, and they have one daughter, Marion Eleanor. Judge

and Mrs. Goss are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his fraternal relations he is a Mason and an Elk, in the former organization taking the degrees of the York Rite and afterward of the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and upon its ticket he was elected to the supreme court bench in 1910. His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. The judge on the bench fails more frequently, perhaps, from a deficiency in that broad-mindedness which not only comprehends the details of a situation quickly but also insures a complete self-control under even the most exasperating conditions than from any other cause; and the judge who makes a success in the discharge of his multitudinous delicate duties is a man of well rounded character, finely balanced mind and splendid intellectual attainments. That Judge Goss is regarded as such a jurist is a uniformly accepted fact.

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TELVIN P. KINNEBERG.

Telvin P. Kinneberg, cashier of the Fort Ransom State Bank, is a well known representative of financial interests in Fort Ransom, where he has made an excellent record as an enterprising young business man. He was born at Spring Grove, Houston county, Minnesota, January 14, 1895, and is a son of Peter and Matilda (Glasrud) Kinneberg, the former a native of Norway. They were married, however, at Spring Grove, Minnesota, where the father still makes his home, but the mother passed away in 1902. They had a family of four children, of whom Telvin is the eldest.

In the public schools of Spring Grove, Telvin P. Kinneberg began his education, which he supplemented by a commercial course in the Wisconsin Business College at La Crosse, Wisconsin, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914. He had been reared to the occupation of farming and during the summer following his graduation assisted his father in the further cultivation of the old home place. In the fall of that year he attended college again but only remained for a few months. He then went to Hickson, North Dakota, where he accepted a position in a bank in order to get the training. After four months he secured the position of assistant cashier in the Fort Ransom State Bank and so continued until March 3, 1916, when he was made cashier and is now acting in that capacity. This bank was organized in 1907 with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, at which time A. K. Tweto was elected president, O. N. Hatlie vice president, and Gill Jacobson cashier. The present officers are: Ingval Johnson, president; Lena Jacobson, vice president; and T. P. Kinneberg, cashier. In his relations with the public the cashier is always courteous and obliging and willing to extend any favor that will not jeopardize the stability of the bank, regarding it as the first duty of a bank official to safeguard the interests of the depositors.

In his political views Mr. Kinneberg is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek office. Fraternally he is connected with Lisbon Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., and his religious faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Already in business circles he has attained a position which many a man of twice his years might well envy and his friends, knowing his salient qualities and characteristics, predict that his future will be a successful one.

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RAY H. FARMER.

Financial interests in Burke county have a representative in Ray H. Farmer, president of the Bank of Flaxton. He was born in Chamberlain, Brule county, South Dakota, June 21, 1882, a son of W. J. and Anna B. (Middaw) Farmer. The father, a native of Indiana, is largely a self-educated as well as a self-made man. He became a pioneer settler of South Dakota, arriving in an early day at Chamberlain, where he engaged in the practice of law. He became a prominent and influential citizen of that locality and filled

various county offices, while upon public thought and opinion he exerted a beneficial and widely felt influence. He has now retired from active practice and makes his home in Chamberlain. His wife is a native of Indiana but was reared, educated and married in Iowa.

Ray H. Farmer obtained his education in the public schools of his native city and after leaving the high school entered the Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell, South Dakota, after which he made his initial step in the business world as an employe in the National Bank of Huron at Huron, South Dakota, with which he was connected for nine years. He started in as office boy and worked his way upward to the position of assistant cashier, which position he resigned in 1913 to become president of the First Bank of Flaxton, in which capacity he still continues, actively directing the interests and development of that institution.

On the 10th of March, 1914, Mr. Farmer was married to Miss Carrie A. Morrison, of Pine River, Minnesota, who was born at Pierre, South Dakota, and educated at Miller, that state. She afterward taught school at Miller and at Brookings, South Dakota, and following her marriage came with her husband to Flaxton, where she passed away February 22, 1916, her death being deeply regretted by many friends.

In his political views Mr. Farmer is an earnest republican. He has served as a member of the town board of Flaxton and in the spring of 1916 was elected mayor, which position he is now acceptably filling. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp of Flaxton and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and he is an active and prominent member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving on the board of managers. His has been an active and well spent life characterized by high principles and a ready recognition of the rights of others at all times.

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#### CHARLES E. JONES.

Charles E. Jones is the secretary of the Jones Lumber & Implement Company of Lisbon and is well known in commercial circles in the state, having been a traveling salesman in North Dakota ere entering upon his present business connection. He was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, May 31, 1871, a son of J. B. and LeVene Marie (Egbert) Jones. The father was general agent for the International Harvester Company throughout the entire period of his active business life and is now vice president of the Jones Lumber and Implement Company of Lisbon. His wife died in 1907. They were the parents of six children: Albert E.; Jesse, deceased; Charles E.; Myra; Freeman; and Bertha, deceased.

C. E. Jones spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native city and after completing a course in the high school there attended Hamline University for two years, thus being well equipped for life's practical and responsible duties. He came west to North Dakota in 1890, when a young man of nineteen years, and, establishing his headquarters at Fargo, began traveling for the Aultman-Miller Company of Akron, Ohio, which he represented in this state for two years. He was afterward general agent for the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company, located at Horicon, Wisconsin, until 1898, and in the latter year he began traveling for the Deere & Webber Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, which he represented until January 1, 1905. In that year, in connection with his two brothers and his father, he incorporated the Jones Lumber & Implement Company of Lisbon, the business being capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, with A. E. Jones as president; J. B. Jones, vice president; C. E. Jones, secretary; and Freeman Jones, treasurer. They opened business with a large stock of lumber and building materials as well as farm implements and from the beginning their trade has constantly and steadily increased, making theirs one of the important commercial enterprises of Lisbon and the southeastern part of the state.

On the 8th of May, 1895, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Harriet E. Campbell, by whom he had two children, namely: Ernest S., who is deceased; and Dorothy E., born August 17, 1902. In his political views C. E. Jones is a stalwart republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and he is now serving as a member of the

city council of Lisbon, in which connection he exercises his official prerogatives in support of many plans and measures for the general good. He is very prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masonic lodge and chapter at Lisbon and the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection in Minneapolis. He is also identified with the Elks, the Woodmen, the Workmen, and the United Commercial Travelers and in these organizations has many friends who are appreciative of his sterling worth, his genial nature and his unfeigned cordiality. He has gained high regard wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

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FREEMAN JONES.

Freeman Jones, the treasurer of the Jones Lumber & Implement Company of Lisbon, was born January 15, 1879, in Hudson, Wisconsin, and there, in pursuit of his education, passed through consecutive grades to the high school. He dates his residence in North Dakota from 1897, in which year he made his way to Fargo and entered the employ of the Fargo Mercantile Company, which he represented upon the road until 1903. He afterward traveled for the Ferris & Grady Cigar Company for one year and in the fall of 1904 removed to Lisbon and became active in the organization of the Jones Lumber & Implement Company. He remained in connection with the business until 1910, when he sold out and went to Minneapolis, where he was employed by the Deere & Webber Company until March 15, 1914. He then returned to Lisbon and again purchased an interest in the Jones Lumber & Implement Company, with which he is now identified in the capacity of treasurer, bending every effort and energy to the upbuilding and development of the business, which long since has assumed profitable proportions.

Freeman Jones is loyal to the teachings of the various fraternities to which he belongs. He is a Royal Arch Mason, identified with the chapter at Lisbon, and he is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the United Commercial Travelers, while in politics he is an independent republican, not feeling himself bound by party ties. He stands for that which is progressive in citizenship but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests.

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MRS. SARAH KIENENBERGER.

Mrs. Sarah Kienenberger is the owner of an excellent farm on section 12, Elliott township, Ransom county, and displays good business ability in the management of her interests. She is the widow of William Kienenberger who was born in Peru, Illinois, June 15, 1858, and was the son of George and Katherine (Sinner) Kienenberger, who were natives of France and Germany respectively. In early life they became residents of Illinois, where they were married.

William Kienenberger was reared and educated in his native state and when a young man went to Iowa, where he established his home. He there married Sarah Belzer, who was born in Black Hawk county, Iowa, July 10, 1861, the daughter of Lewis and Mary (Krebbs) Belzer, the latter a daughter of Martin Krebs, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Lewis Belzer was born at Gunsheim-on-the-Rhine, Germany, and there lived until twelve years of age, when he came with his parents to the United States, the family home being established in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The father purchased land and lived thereon during the boyhood years of Lewis Belzer. After some time the parents, Ludwig and Elizabeth (Draut) Belzer, went to Black Hawk county, Iowa, and purchased land. Their son Lewis also had a farm in that state and continued its cultivation until 1868, when he removed to Franklin county, Iowa, where he resided until 1890. He then went to Colorado but after eleven years returned to Ackley, Franklin county, Iowa, where his wife passed away. The death of Mr. Belzer occurred in Charles City, Iowa. In their family were twelve children, of whom five died in infancy, the others being: Mrs. Kienenberger; Frank; Luella, the wife of John Yenter living in Stanton, Nebraska; Edward, a resident of Colorado; Mary, the wife

of Abe Hunsberger of Nebraska; Fred A. who is living in New Mexico; and Frieda A., a twin sister of Fred and the wife of Amos Fry, of Canada.

Mrs. Kienenberger pursued her education in the public schools of Franklin county, Iowa, and on the first of January, 1884, was married. They lived in Iowa for nineteen years thereafter and she removed to North Dakota, purchasing the southwest quarter of section 14 and the southeast quarter of section 15 in Alleghany township, Ransom county in 1904. After residing upon that place for a number of years she sold out and purchased the southwest quarter of section 13, which farm continued to be her home for some years when it was sold and she removed to her present home property, which is the southeast quarter of section 12, Elliott township. Mr. Kienenberger passed away in Iowa, July 13, 1903. Mrs. Kienenberger manages the farm and is thoroughly familiar with the most progressive agricultural methods, carefully directing the work incident to the development of the fields and the sale of the crops. She came to North Dakota with her seven children and has provided for them a good home and has surrounded them with many of the comforts of life. Aside from her farming interests she holds stock in the Farmer's Elevator at Elliott.

Mrs. Kienenberger had a family of eight children, of whom one died in infancy, the others being Cora, the wife of C. E. Wagoner, of Washington; Estella, the wife of J. W. Allen, of Canada; Gertrude A., the wife of William Zink, of Elliott township; Frank B., a resident farmer of Elliott township; Walter C., living in Montana; and Ezra W. and Chester L., who are both living at home and are active in the work on the farm. Mrs. Kienenberger provided her family with good educational opportunities. She is a member of the Evangelical Church and has guided her life by its teachings. During the twelve years of her residence in Ransom county she has become widely known and has gained many friends by reason of her personal worth as well as her ability in other connections.

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#### FRANK LYNCH.

Frank Lynch, of Casselton, is recognized as one of the foremost citizens of North Dakota, as he is not only one of the largest capitalists of the state but is also prominently identified with its development along moral and educational lines. He was born in Coshocton, Ohio, December 19, 1853, a son of James and Sarah (Platt) Lynch, natives respectively of Ireland and New Jersey. The paternal grandfather, Hugh Lynch, was a well-to-do merchant in Ireland and following his emigration to this country retired from active life. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. James Lynch settled near Coshocton, Ohio, upon emigrating to this country and there engaged in farming although he had followed the stonemason's trade while living in Ireland. In 1854 he removed to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and ten years later went to Plainview, Minnesota, where he passed the remainder of his life. He gained a gratifying measure of success and was highly esteemed in his community. In politics he supported the republican party and his fellow citizens called him to a number of minor offices. Fraternally he was a Mason and both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. To their union were born seven children, three of whom besides our subject survive, as follows. Thomas J., who is living retired in San Diego, California, served for four and a half years in the Civil war as a member of the First Wisconsin Cavalry. Among other engagements he participated in the battle of Chickamauga and while at the front sustained a wound in the leg. Samuel P. is now living retired in New York state; J. A., who is a resident of North Yakima, Washington, was for eighteen years United States government agent for the Yakima Indians. He has the title of major.

Frank Lynch received his education in the public schools of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and Plainview, Minnesota, and on beginning his independent career engaged in farming in Minnesota. Subsequently he turned his attention to the farm implement business, conducting a store at Plainview for five years, but in 1882 he removed to Casselton, North Dakota, and established an implement business there. He still conducts the business, which has grown to large proportions and is one of the most important enterprises of Cass county. He also negotiates many farm loans and mortgages and aside from the interests in North Dakota already mentioned he owns ten sections of land in the state. He owns a

two-thirds interest in and is president of the Benson Lumber Company of San Diego, California, the Benson Timber Company of Oregon and the Clatskanie-Nebalem Railway Company, which together are capitalized at three million dollars. The Benson Timber Company of Oregon owns seventeen thousand acres of timber land and does a large lumbering and logging business, being an important factor in the industrial development of the Pacific coast. It has had a prosperous year although conditions in general have been had and its mills have been busy when others were closed down. The Benson Lumber Company of San Diego, California, contracts with the Merchants & Shipowners Tug Boat Company of San Francisco for the use of the tug Hercules during the summer seasons and tows five enormous ocean log rafts from Wallace slough, Oregon, to San Diego, where the rafts are sawed into lumber. Each raft is about nine hundred feet long, fifty-eight feet wide and draws about twenty-six feet of water, or as much as the largest trans-Atlantic liners. It requires about one hundred and thirty-five tons of steel chain to bind each raft together as it contains approximately five million feet of logs, or enough lumber to build two hundred eight-room houses. Some rafts carry a deck load of three hundred thousand cedar poles, or enough to build a power line many miles, and it takes ten men two months to build one raft. The logs in these rafts are sufficient to keep the company's sawmill in San Diego running for a year. The large shipment of logs attracts wide attention in the lumber world, being reported in detail in the American Lumberman. The activities of the Benson Lumber Company of San Diego, California, and of the Benson Lumber Company of Oregon were also mentioned at length in the Scientific American.

Mr. Lynch was president of the Amenia-Sharon Land Company for two years and during that time built a railroad from Addison to Chaffee, a distance of twelve miles, to enable the company to market its wheat. At that time the concern owned more cultivated land than any other company in the state. Mr. Lynch has the power to recognize opportunities that others fail to see and also the ability to plan large things, these faculties combined with his excellent administrative ability, have enabled him to plan and carry to successful completion enterprises affecting the development of large sections of the country.

Mr. Lynch has always taken a great interest in the general welfare and has given freely of his time to the public service. He is president of the board of trustees of Wesley College at Grand Forks, which is affiliated with the State University. He is also a member of the executive committee of the North Dakota Law Enforcement League, of which he was president for a number of years, and he has done a great deal of work in behalf of prohibition. He has spent considerable money in the enforcement of the law and has been largely instrumental in keeping the state dry. It is needless to state that he is known throughout the state and that he has the entire confidence of the people, a fact which was demonstrated when he was urged to accept the nomination on the republican ticket for governor at the last election. However, he refused the honor on account of his vast business interests.

In 1878 Mr. Lynch was united in marriage to Miss Georgia A. Allen, of Plainview, Minnesota. For two terms he served as mayor of Casselton, bringing to bear his astuteness and business ability in directing the affairs of the municipality. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose work they take a deep interest. He owns a beautiful home in San Diego, California, and spends considerable time there.

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#### BENJAMIN PORTER.

Benjamin Porter, of Ellendale, agent for the Baldwin estate and practicing at the bar of Dickey county, was born in Livingston county, New York, October 15, 1851, a son of Samuel and Belinda (Stewart) Porter, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, where the mother died, after which the father came to North Dakota in 1883 and made his home with his son Benjamin to the time of his demise.

Benjamin Porter supplemented his public school education by study in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, New York, in the Dansville Academy at Dansville, New York,

and in the Haverling Union School at Bath, New York, thus being liberally trained for life's practical and responsible duties. After completing his education he devoted his attention to farming until he reached his twenty-fifth year, when he turned from agriculture to a professional career, entering upon the study of law in the office of Daniel Holliday at Canaseraga, New York, who directed his reading for three years, after which he was admitted to the New York bar. In 1879 he came to the west and, settling in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was for two and one-half years identified with the law firm of Stewart & Sweet, the junior partner being now assistant secretary of commerce. In 1882 Mr. Porter arrived in North Dakota and settled on unsurveyed government land on the section which constitutes the present site of Fullerton. He subsequently entered as a homestead the southwest quarter of that section and thus came into possession of some of the rich farming land of the district. From the beginning of his residence in Dickey county he has been prominently connected with its public affairs and for four years filled the office of clerk of the courts, while for two years he was states attorney. He now makes his home in Ellendale for the purpose of educating his children. Aside from the time he devotes to law practice he has been for the past fourteen years agent for the Baldwin estate in North Dakota. In his law practice he specializes to a large extent in probate work and has administered many estates, his well known fairness and probity well qualifying him for the business. He has made judicious investment in farm lands in Dickey county, where he owns between five and six hundred acres of land.

In 1890 Mr. Porter was married to Miss Mary Herbert, of Lowell, Michigan, who at that time was a teacher in the schools of Dickey county. They have become parents of six children: Edward F., who received the Rhodes scholarship in December, 1912, and is now attending Oxford University; Amyas Leigh, a student in the State University at Grand Forks; Herbert Preston, who is a teacher in the Grafton State Institute for Feeble Minded; Hector, a graduate of the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale; Jacob Benjamin, attending the State Normal and Industrial School; and John Ruskin, a pupil in the Ellendale high school.

Politically Mr. Porter is a democrat but has had no ambition to hold office outside the strict path of his profession. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Presbyterian church, while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. From pioneer times he has been a resident of Dickey county, his connection with its interests covering more than a third of a century, and throughout the entire period, while carefully managing his individual interests, he has at the same time cooperated in all the movements planned for the upbuilding and betterment of the district and thus contributed to the progress of the state.

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#### EMIL A. MOVIUS.

That North Dakota offers excellent opportunities to the young man of ambition and energy but without capital has been proven by the record of Emil A. Movius, who was one of the leading capitalists of Lidgerwood and Richland county. He was president of the First National Bank of Lidgerwood and of the Movius Land & Loan Company, which is capitalized for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. A native of Germany, he was born on the 5th of May, 1858, and was a son of John W. and Henriette (Bratz) Movius, also natives of that country, the former born in Burow. On emigrating to the United States the father settled at Glenwood, Minnesota, where he purchased land and also took up a homestead. He was a physician and practiced his profession successfully in Minnesota for a number of years. He passed away at New Ulm, that state. A more extended genealogy of the Movius family appears in the sketch of John H. Movius on another page of this volume.

Emil A. Movius accompanied his parents to this country in 1867 and completed his education, which had been begun in Germany, in the schools of Ortonville, Minnesota, and Big Stone City, South Dakota. During his boyhood he gained valuable knowledge of farming through assisting with the work of the home place and after completing his education he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he engaged in the



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implement business at Big Stone City for three years but in 1887 came to North Dakota and took up his residence in Lidgerwood, where he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life. For a considerable period he was engaged in the implement, furniture, livery and real estate business in connection with his brother, John H. Movius but later established a general mercantile business, to the conduct of which he devoted his time until he was burned out. He then concentrated his energies upon his real estate and banking interests, in which business he operated on a large scale. A number of years previously, or in 1888, he organized the Movius State Bank and in 1901 he established the First National Bank, which has larger deposits than any other bank in Richland county. In 1913 the institution erected a beautiful building, which it occupies, and its business is steadily growing. It is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars, has a surplus and undivided profits of over twenty-five thousand dollars and its deposits total over five hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. In addition to its regular banking business the First National writes fire, hail and tornado insurance and does considerable business in those lines. Mr. Movius was also president of the German State Bank of Mott, North Dakota, and the Farmers State Bank of Great Bend, North Dakota.

Although he gave careful attention to the management of the banks of which he was president, he devoted much of his time to the direction of the affairs of the Movius Land & Loan Company, of which he was the president and which is capitalized for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The concern buys and sells land and makes loans on land and is one of the largest companies of the kind in North Dakota. It has a surplus of fifty thousand dollars and pays excellent dividends to its stockholders, all of whom are members of the Movius family.

Mr. Movius was married in 1881 to Miss Addie Waring, who was born in Virginia but reared in Missouri, and they became the parents of two children: John W., who is connected with the First National Bank of Lidgerwood; and George W., who is a graduate of Shattuek School at Faribault, Minnesota, and is now attending the State University of Minnesota at Minneapolis.

The republican party had in Mr. Movius a staunch adherent and he did much to secure its victory at the polls in his county. Recognition of his ability to think in terms of the general welfare and of his sound judgment led to his election to the state legislature. He not only served acceptably in the house of representatives but was also for four terms a member of the state senate, and whether in the lower or upper house he proved an able and discriminating lawmaker, supporting those measures calculated to promote the welfare of the state and opposing those which were ill advised. He was a loyal and consistent Mason and was identified with the blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith was indicated by the fact that he was a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which he took an active part. Although he was perhaps most intimately connected with the business and financial life of his community, he was at all times willing to support movements seeking its civic and moral advancement, and he was recognized as a broad-minded man of many interests and of unusual public spirit. His death, which occurred July 6, 1916, removed from Lidgerwood one of its foremost and honored citizens, who commanded the love and respect of all who knew him.

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JOHN H. MOVIUS.

John H. Movius, of Lidgerwood, president and manager of the Movius Land & Loan Company, devotes the greater part of his time to looking after the land business of the concern, which is one of the largest of its kind in the state, and he also has a number of other important interests in Richland county. A native of Germany, he was born on the 24th of June, 1860, a son of John W. and Henriette (Bratz) Movius, who were born in that country on the 23d of July, 1821, and the 30th of November, 1822, respectively. The genealogy of the family is traced back to Rambau von der Movius, who is said to have owned a castle at Wartislaf, near Stettin, in Pommerania, in 1463. The grandfather of our subject, Johann Friedrich Movius, was born January 28, 1789, and became head forester

for a nobleman at Golnow, Germany. He married Charlotte Zahl and lived to an advanced age, passing away on the 21st of February, 1873. The maternal grandparents were August and Wilhelmina (Erdmann) Bratz, born respectively on the 24th of July, 1798, and on the 27th of April, 1796. The grandfather died on the 10th of October, 1863, and the grandmother passed away at Odessa, Minnesota, on the 30th of April, 1876.

John W. Movius was educated for the medical profession in Germany and after removing to this country practiced in Glenwood, Sleepy Eye and New Ulm, Minnesota, gaining an enviable reputation as a physician. At that time he was quite well off but lost heavily by an investment in a mill and also from the grasshopper plague. He was well informed on all questions of general interest and was a public speaker of more than usual ability, making his points clearly and forcefully. He was appointed one of the first supervisors of Bigstone county, Minnesota, and was recognized as a leader in local republican circles. He was a man of strong character and one of his salient traits was his loyalty and devotion to his friends. The motive force of his life was his Christian faith and for years he was a devout member of the Lutheran church, later becoming identified with the Evangelical Association. He was married on the 23d of October, 1840, and passed away on the 21st of October, 1877, at New Ulm, Minnesota. His widow survived for almost thirty years, dying in Lidgerwood, North Dakota, on the 22d of August, 1907. To their union were born eleven children, five of whom are still living. A sketch of William R. appears elsewhere in this work. Ernest F. is a retired minister of the Evangelical Association, residing in Lidgerwood. He was educated in Germany and was accounted one of the ablest ministers of his denomination in the Dakotas. He had charge of churches in both North and South Dakota and also served as presiding elder in both states. A sketch of E. A., deceased, appears elsewhere in this work. Anna married Emil Sellin, who is engaged in the machine and automobile business in Odessa, Minnesota, and who has large farm holdings. John H. is the next in order of birth. Mary O. is now president of the First National Bank of Lidgerwood.

John H. Movius received his education in the public schools of New Ulm, Minnesota, and in a private school conducted by Professor Campbell. After finishing his education he engaged in the machine business in Bigstone City, South Dakota, with his brother, E. A. Movius, remaining in that connection from 1883 until 1887. In the latter year they arrived in Lidgerwood and established a machine business there. Subsequently they began dealing in furniture, became the owners of livery and sales stables and also established a general store. They also turned their attention to banking and subsequently organized the Movius Land & Loan Company. They started in business in debt but the firm is now among the most important factors in the business life of that part of the state. In 1902 they suffered a fire loss of thirty thousand dollars on their store and after allowing for this loss their year's profit totaled forty-two thousand dollars. The land company is capitalized for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and does an enormous business, buying and selling land outright and loaning money on land as security. Our subject concentrates his energies largely upon this phase of his business interests and is recognized as an authority on lands and farm loans. He is also vice president of the First National Bank of Lidgerwood and of the Farmers State Bank at Great Bend and president of the First National Bank of Veblen, South Dakota.

On New Year's day, 1895, Mr. Movius was united in marriage to Miss Margaret W. Wagner, a daughter of Charles Wagner, and to this union have been born five children. Eva graduated from the high school and later took a preparatory course at Poughkeepsie, New York. She is now studying in a school of expression and music at Los Angeles, California. Carl E. has completed the regular course in the Galahad School for Boys at Hudson, Wisconsin, and is now a student at Princeton College in Princeton, New Jersey. H. Gretchen was the youngest student graduated from the Lidgerwood high school, completing the course there when not yet fourteen years of age. She subsequently took further preparatory work at Poughkeepsie, New York, and then entered Vassar College. Although she was one of the youngest students to enter that famous school she has made an excellent record, especially in mathematics. Virginia and Gilbert Hurst are both attending high school at Lidgerwood.

Mr. Movius is a republican in politics and has been president of the local school board

and trustee of the State Science School at Wahpeton. He holds membership in the Evangelical Association, and his wife is a communicant of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through the chairs; with the Rebeckahs, in which he has served as noble grand; and with the Masonic blue lodge, of which he has been master; the Royal Arch Chapter; the consistory; and the Shrine. Although he has given the strictest attention to his business affairs and has become one of the wealthy men of his county, he has never forgotten that there are other interests in life than the material ones and has given freely of his time and energy to the promotion of the educational, civic and moral advancement of his community.

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#### A. P. LIES.

The business interests of Cathay have a worthy representative in A. P. Lies, a well known merchant of that place. He was born near Fergus Falls, Minnesota, November 24, 1877, but his parents, Peter and Margaret Lies, were both natives of Germany. On their emigration to the new world they located in Minnesota, whence they came to North Dakota in 1892, settling about ten miles north of Cathay, where they continued to reside until life's labors were ended. The father was a farmer by occupation and in Minnesota he acquired a tract of government land, which he improved and cultivated until coming to this state.

A. P. Lies spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native state, attending school and assisting in the work of the home farm. He accompanied his parents on their removal to North Dakota and remained with them until he attained his majority. He then went to McLean county, where he filed a claim and proved up on the same, remaining there about one year. After selling his place he returned to Wells county and secured a position in the general store of W. P. Wyard, at Cathay, by whom he was employed for about seven years. During that time he obtained an excellent knowledge of merchandising and in 1905 purchased a half interest in the business, which was then conducted under the firm style of Wyard & Company. In 1908 he bought out his partner, who had established the store in 1893, and Mr. Lies has since been alone in business. He carries a large and well selected stock of general merchandise and enjoys a liberal patronage which has come to him through fair and honorable dealing. In 1914 he started a garage and auto sales business, handling the Maxwell cars, of which he has sold a large number, and maintaining a service station for the Maxwells. He is also interested in farming, operating land in McLean county.

In 1907 Mr. Lies married Miss Margaret Hammill, who was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, and they have become the parents of five children: Margaret, Norman, Howard, Delores and Jerome. They are communicants of the Catholic church of Sykeston and Mr. Lies is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Cathay. He is a democrat in politics and has filled the office of justice of the peace in a most capable and satisfactory manner. He possesses excellent business and executive ability and the success that he has attained is certainly well merited, being the result of his own unaided efforts.

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#### THOMAS K. MORK.

For nine years Thomas K. Mork has been prominently identified with the business interests of Napoleon and is today president of the Merchants Bank of that city. He was born in Norway on the 15th of September, 1858, a son of Kolben T. and Ingeborg Mork, who came to the United States in 1882 and located in Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota. Three years later they removed to Day county, South Dakota, where the father home steaded one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he resided until called to his final rest in 1908. The mother is still living and now makes her home with a daughter in Alberta, Canada.

Thomas K. Mork passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native country, where he attended the public schools. Later he entered the University of Christiania,

Norway, from which he was graduated with the class of 1879, the degree of pharmacy being conferred upon him. In the fall after his graduation, Mr. Mork crossed the Atlantic and for two years made his home in Montevideo, Minnesota. At the end of that time he removed to Cyrus, the same state, where he conducted a drug store for three years, and then opened the first drug store in Wheaton, Minnesota, which was also one of the first business enterprises of that then new village. He became prominently identified with the development of the place and continued in business there for twenty-four years.

In 1907 Mr. Mork removed from Wheaton, Minnesota, to Napoleon, North Dakota, where he established himself in the drug and general merchandise business, and in March, 1908, became one of the organizers of the Merchants Bank of Napoleon. Three years later, having acquired the majority of the stock, he was made president of the bank, which he has since served in that capacity. It is one of the substantial moneyed institutions of that part of the state and is a credit to the men in control of its affairs. In 1913 Mr. Mork sold his mercantile interests and now gives his entire attention to the banking business. Besides his town property he owns sixteen hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Logan county and twelve hundred and eighty acres in Montana. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, who usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Mork was married in Cyrus, Minnesota, in 1884, to Miss Margaret Sulve, a native of Wisconsin, and to them have been born three children, those still living being: Alma, the wife of G. V. Holset, cashier of the Merchants Bank of Napoleon; and Margaret, at home.

Mr. Mork is a democrat in politics and has served as county coroner for several years both in Minnesota and North Dakota. He has also filled the office of city clerk and is never remiss in duties of citizenship. He is a Knights Templar Mason and belongs to Travers Lodge, No. 189, A. F. & A. M., of Wheaton, Minnesota, of which he was the organizer, being the first Mason to locate in that place. He had previously belonged to Sunset Lodge, No. 109, of Montevideo. He is a member of Kodiah Chapter, R. A. M., of Browns Valley, Minnesota; of Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E.; of the Modern Woodmen of America; and of the American Yeomen. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church and are people of prominence in the community where they reside. Mr. Mork is a very progressive and public-spirited citizen, taking a commendable interest in public affairs and never withholding his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the general welfare.

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#### REV. JOHN BAKER.

Rev. John Baker, vicar general of the diocese with headquarters at Valley City, was born on the 10th of February, 1878, in the grand duchy of Luxemburg, Germany, a son of Michael and Margaret (Thein) Baker, representatives of an old Luxemburg family. The father is a merchant and is still engaged in business in Luxemburg.

Rev. John Baker was the elder of two sons and in the attainment of his education attended the College of Luxemburg and afterward entered the seminary attached to the cathedral at that place. Having prepared for the priesthood, he was ordained at the cathedral on the 10th of August, 1902, and being assigned to duty in the United States, arrived in North Dakota in September, 1903. He was sent to Jamestown as assistant priest and there remained until October, 1904, when he was made pastor of the church at Oakes and also had charge of nearby missions, his parish covering Diekey and a part of Lamoure county. He was the first pastor of the parish and he had to build up the work from the foundation. At the time of his arrival there were only eighteen Catholic families in the parish. During the eleven years of his connection with the work there he was instrumental in securing the erection of a fine church and rectory and in 1907 he had a brick schoolhouse erected. He had to buy the land upon which the church building was erected. The membership has increased to ninety families, the efforts of Father Baker being largely responsible for bringing in the greater number of these, most of whom are Americans. In 1913 he was provided with an assistant in order to take care of the needs of his

large parish, for there were churches established at La Moure, Dickey and Berlin, all having substantial houses of worship. Father Baker was very popular in his first parish and his transfer to Valley City was the cause of much sadness and regret among his early parishioners. Before his departure he was given a fine automobile, which was purchased by popular subscription, people of all classes giving for this purpose.

On the 20th of November, 1915, Father Baker was assigned to duty at Valley City, where at the present time he is erecting a school building sixty-five feet by fifty-eight feet, two stories in height, with a twelve foot basement. It is a brick structure with stone trimmings, having four class rooms, and arrangements are being perfected whereby children coming from a distance can be boarded. The school is strictly modern in its equipment and was erected at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars. The Franciscan Sisters of Rochester, Minnesota, are in charge of the school. In August, 1910, Bishop O'Reilly appointed Father Baker vicar general of the diocese, which embraces more than one-half of the state, and in July, 1911, Bishop O'Reilly made him inspector of the Catholic schools of the diocese, necessitating his visiting the various schools and seeing that they are properly supplied with teachers. He is thus very active in building up the work of the Catholic church in its various branches and his influence in behalf of the church has been widely and beneficially felt.

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#### GUY GROVE.

Guy Grove, hotel proprietor of Crosby, was born in Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, about eight miles east of Mason City, March 31, 1871, a son of M. Z. and Sarah J. (Young) Grove. The father was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, and in early childhood he was taken to Winnebago county, Illinois, where he attended the district schools. He afterward gave his attention to farming there until he reached early manhood, when he went to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, where he again carried on agricultural pursuits for a time. Later he became proprietor of a general store at Algona, Iowa, where he remained until 1899, when he removed to Morris, Stevens county, Minnesota, where he engaged in the real estate business, looking after the interests of his brother, John Grove, who is one of the best known and most prominent dealers in farm lands in that state. M. Z. Grove, however, is now engaged in the furniture business at Morris. His wife was born near Janesville, Wisconsin, and was educated in the district and high schools. In young womanhood she went to Iowa and taught school near Mitchell, that state. She was accompanied to Iowa by her mother, who was then a widow, her father having died of fever at Vera Cruz, Mexico, when a soldier in the Mexican war, a short time before the birth of Mrs. Grove. It was in Charles City, Iowa, that M. Z. Grove and Sarah J. Young were married and they are now highly respected residents of Morris, Minnesota, aged seventy-two and sixty-nine years respectively.

Guy Grove attended school in Rockford, Iowa, while living on the home farm with his parents and afterward was graduated from the high school at Algona, Iowa. He started in the business world as a clerk in a shoe and harness store in Algona, where he remained for four years, and afterward engaged in the grocery business with his father for six years. He then removed to Breckenridge, Minnesota, where he handled real estate operations for his uncle, who was making his headquarters at Morris, Minnesota, and while in that connection Mr. Grove was largely instrumental in inducing many farmers to settle in the Red River valley of Minnesota through his sale of farm lands. In 1901 he removed to St. Paul, where he continued in the same business for his uncle, being thus engaged until 1906, when he entered the service of the Great Northern Railroad Company as town site agent, representing the corporation in several states. In the fall of 1906 he visited the old town site of Crosby, which was located a mile and a half from the present site. It was the purpose of the Great Northern to join the Soo Line at a point a mile and a half east of the nearest town, which was Crosby, and the railroad company laid out a town site at the junction of these roads, sending Mr. Grove to buy the land for the new town and also for other town sites that were to be laid out along the proposed line of the Great Northern.

Visiting the old town of Crosby, Mr. Grove induced the people to move to the new town site at the junction of the two railroads and therefore he was the founder and promoter of the present progressive little city. He continued in the service of the railroad company in connection with the establishment of town sites in North Dakota, Montana and Washington, selling lots and taking an active part in the establishment and development of forty-eight towns in all. His work was a most important element in promoting the growth and progress of the section of the country through which the railroad passed and he remained with the company until 1910, when he resigned, purchasing from the Great Northern all the lots which they had yet remaining in the town of Crosby. He also bought eighty acres adjoining the town and took up his abode there. Plating a part of his eighty acre tract, he sold the lots for residence purposes and also disposed of a part of the tract as acreage property. In 1911 he built the Pilgrim Hotel on Main street, a modern brick structure, and he also erected the Grove Auditorium adjoining the hotel. He thus displayed his confidence in the future growth of the city and through his enterprising and progressive methods he secured the cooperation of the citizens of the town in promoting many of its projects resulting in further development and upbuilding. He has erected two business blocks in Crosby, has also built ten houses in the town and has probably done more for its improvement than any other of its citizens. His work has indeed made him a typical representative of the spirit of western progress.

At Albion, Iowa, on the 10th of September, 1891, Mr. Grove was married to Miss Mahala Wheeler, who was born a mile and a half from Albion, a daughter of William Carpenteur and Clementine (Long) Wheeler. Her father was born near Wheeling, Virginia, now West Virginia, and acquired his education in the schools of Kentucky. He was left an orphan at the age of eighteen years together with eight brothers and sisters. Later he removed to Indiana, where he married and subsequently settled in Marshall county, Iowa, near Albion, where he entered government land and engaged in farming, becoming the most prominent man and wealthy citizen of that part of the state. He afterward removed to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he passed away in 1908. His wife was born in Wayneville, Indiana, where she was reared and married, and she passed away in Cedar Falls soon after the death of her husband. Mr. Wheeler was a Mason and never missed a single meeting of his lodge for thirty-five years.

Mrs. Grove attended the public and high schools of Albion and was graduated from Albion Seminary in the class of 1891, after which she pursued post graduate work in the Cedar Falls Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa. She afterward became a teacher in the department of music in the Algona Normal School, where she remained from 1893 until 1895, and for twenty years she taught piano and gave rudimentary voice instruction. In more recent years she has been very active in club and suffrage work and has accomplished splendid results in both connections. At St. Paul, Minnesota, she became actively interested in the work of the Associated Charities in connection with Mrs. W. J. Wilder and she also took a leading part in club life there in connection with the City Federation of Women's Clubs. After the removal to North Dakota she continued her club activities and in 1915 organized a greater number of clubs in this state in connection with the General Federation of Women's Clubs than any other and in recognition of what she accomplished was presented with a silver loving cup. She secured the cooperation of the different clubs of Crosby in organizing and establishing the Crosby public library and she is a key member of the endowment fund of the North Dakota Wesleyan College. She has been equally active in support of the suffrage cause and was district president of the "Votes for Women League," in which connection she made public addresses throughout the counties of Burke, Renville and Divide and was instrumental in carrying those counties for the cause which she advocated. At the State Federation of Women's Clubs held in Jamestown, North Dakota, she met in debate the state president of the Women's Federation, who was an anti-suffrage advocate, and Mrs. Grove won the debate.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove have a daughter, Inez, who is an accomplished musician, being a graduate in music of the University of Minnesota. They attend the Presbyterian church and he holds membership in Algona Lodge, No. 273, A. O. U. W., at Algona, Iowa. Mrs. Grove is a past matron of Constellation Chapter, O. E. S., of St. Paul, and organized an Eastern Star chapter at Crosby, which she instituted as grand marshal. Mr. Grove has

never sought nor desired public office but no man is less remiss in the duties of citizenship but he prefers that his public service shall be done as a private citizen. His labors have indeed been beneficial in upbuilding the community in which he lives and he is adding to the popularity of the town by the conduct of a first class hotel. Having been upon the road for many years, he understands what the traveling man wants and expects in hotel life and he puts forth every effort to meet this demand, so that his hostelry is now most popular. Aside from business, however, Mr. and Mrs. Grove take a most prominent part in promoting public progress along all those lines which work for individual betterment and community improvement, giving their aid and influence to all those plans and measures which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride and which promote higher ideals of citizenship.

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#### PAUL ADAMS.

On the list of leading financiers in the southeastern part of North Dakota appears the name of Paul Adams, a young and enterprising banker who is proving his worth and resourcefulness in the capable manner in which he aids in directing the interests of the First National Bank of La Moure, of which he is the cashier. He was born in Gowanda, New York, August 28, 1876, a son of Isaac M. and Emaline (Twitchell) Adams, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. The ancestral line in New England can be traced back to about the year 1640 and representatives of both the Adams and Twitchell families served in the Revolutionary war. The paternal great-great-grandfather of Paul Adams had seven sons who defended the interests of the colonists in the struggle for independence, and of that number two were killed at Lexington and one at Bunker Hill, theirs being among the first blood shed in the revolution which by seven years of warfare established the American republic. Isaac M. Adams was for years a commercial salesman and in 1882 came west to North Dakota, settling at Grand Rapids in Lamoure county. He continued his work upon the road, representing the Winona Wagon Company of Winona, Minnesota. Upon his arrival in this state he filed on a homestead on which he resided while here. Not only did he maintain his home in Lamoure county but also had a residence in Fargo as well for several years, the mother there spending the winter months with her children in order that they might have the benefit of the educational opportunities afforded in that city. In 1896 Mr. Adams removed with his family to Minneapolis, where he has made his home for the past twenty years. He was one of the influential residents of Lamoure county and was a very prominent factor in securing prohibition for North Dakota. During the past decade he has lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Paul Adams mastered the course in the Fargo high school and afterward attended the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1900, winning the Bachelor of Science degree. The following year he organized the First State Bank of Cold Spring, Minnesota, of which he was made cashier, also becoming a member of the board of directors. He was identified with that institution for four years and in the spring of 1906 came to La Moure as cashier of the First National Bank, in which capacity he has now been active for the past ten years. He is familiar with every phase of the banking business and the success of this institution is attributable in no small measure to his spirit of enterprise and progressiveness, which, however, is tempered by a safe conservatism. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Lloyd Mortgage Company of La Moure. In addition to his banking interests he is the owner of several tracts of farm land in Lamoure county, having seven hundred acres adjoining the town site of Grand Rapids.

In 1904 Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Olive Marshall, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, by whom he has four children, namely: Milton, Charles M., Jane P., and Paul, Jr. Politically an earnest republican, Mr. Adams has served as a member of the city board of aldermen and in fact is acting in that capacity at the present time. He has been city treasurer of La Moure and his work has been a helpful element in promoting the progress and upbuilding of this locality. Fraternally he is connected with Mackay Lodge, No. 18,

F. & A. M., and with the Sons of the American Revolution. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and they endorse and follow those principles which make for genuine worth in the individual and for progressive citizenship. Mr. Adams has made wise use of his time, talents and opportunities and his record is creditable, being in harmony with that of an honored ancestry—an ancestry on whose record appear various names on the honor roll.

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REV. TH. K. GAUSTAD.

Rev. Th. K. Gaustad, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Enderlin, was born in Norway on the 1st of March, 1857, a son of Knute and Randi (Russeld) Gaustad, both of whom are yet residents of Norway, the former being now eighty-nine years of age, while the latter has reached the age of eighty-five.

After attending the public schools of his native land Rev. Gaustad continued his education in a military preparatory school and still later completed his education in the United States. He had crossed the Atlantic in 1881, making his way to St. Paul, after which he entered the Augsburg Seminary at Minneapolis, pursuing a four years' literary course. He spent three more years in mastering a theological course and on the 10th of June, 1889, was ordained to the Lutheran ministry. His first pastorate was at Vining, Minnesota, where he presided over the Lutheran church for six years. He was then called to Sims, North Dakota, where he did missionary work, his labors extending into Montana and over a very broad territory. He presided over a church in Mandan, one in Sims, another at Taylor and a fourth at Belfield, being the regular minister of all four churches in addition to continuing his mission work. He was instrumental in erecting a house of worship at Sims and another at Taylor and he laid the corner stone of the church at Belfield. He also organized the churches at Parkins and at Driscoll and in his mission work he had charge of a territory now presided over by seven ministers. In 1906 he was appointed to his present charge at Enderlin and since his arrival there he has built one country church, St. Paul's, thirteen miles south-east of Enderlin, presiding over three country churches as well as the Enderlin congregation. He preaches twice every Sunday and sometimes three times and he is untiring in his efforts to promote the cause of Christianity, his labors being most effective in advancing the interests of his denomination.

On the 24th of March, 1891, Rev. Gaustad was united in marriage to Miss Julia Nelson, of Fergus Falls, her father being Hans Nelson, who for fourteen years served as county treasurer of Ottertail county, Minnesota. To them have been born four children, three of whom survive, namely: Hulda C. and Ragna M., twins; and Victor J. The two daughters were graduated from the Enderlin high school with the highest honors, both winning scholarships, and subsequently they entered St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, from which they were graduated in the class of 1915, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree. They are now both successfully teaching in the public schools. Mrs. Gaustad is a lady of liberal education and broad culture and was prominently identified with school work for many years, continuing to teach for about thirteen years after her marriage.

In his political views Rev. Gaustad is a republican but has always refused preferment along political lines. It has been his earnest desire and purpose to concentrate his efforts upon the work of the church and its upbuilding has been greatly promoted through his zeal, determination and persuasive logic.

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ORLIN MONTE JONES.

The development of some of the western cities has been so rapid as to seem almost magical, but on the whole these towns have been builded along substantial lines with a recognition of the needs in city building as gleaned from experience elsewhere. Orlin Monte Jones is numbered among those who, engaged in merchandising, are contributing to the sub-

stantial progress of Crosby, where he owns and conducts a hardware store. He was born upon a farm near Wells, Minnesota, April 28, 1879. His father, James Murdant Jones, a native of Utica, New York, was a lad of four years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Rochester, Minnesota, where he acquired his education, while later he engaged in farming in that locality. At length he retired, taking up his abode in Rochester, and in 1915 he removed to Crosby, North Dakota, where he now is enjoying a well earned rest. He wedded Mary A. McCumber, who was born at Crete, Illinois, and went to Rochester, Minnesota, with her parents, who were farming people of that locality. She acquired a high school education there and afterward engaged in teaching school at Rochester up to the time of her marriage. She then went to her husband's farm, where she passed away in August, 1911. She was a sister of United States Senator McCumber of North Dakota.

The youthful days of Orlin M. Jones were spent on the old homestead farm near Rochester and following the completion of his public school education he spent three years in the Red River University, now the North Dakota State Science School at Wahpeton. In 1902 he entered the government service as assistant clerk to the pension committee of the United States senate at Washington, D. C., and there remained until March 3, 1912. While in the capital he assisted Colonel Lounsberry, of whom he is a personal friend, in preparing the history of North Dakota. Upon coming to Crosby in 1912 he became active in the management of the hardware business which he and his brother, George W., had established in 1906, and he is now concentrating his energies upon the further development and conduct of their interests, being a wide-awake and progressive merchant who has ever recognized that satisfied customers are the best advertisement and puts forth every effort to please his patrons.

On the 7th of April, 1908, in Washington, D. C., Mr. Jones was married to Miss May L. Gunning, who was born in the national capital and there pursued her education until graduated from the high school. She is a daughter of John W. and Abby Louise (Swan) Gunning. Her father, a native of Massachusetts, moved to Washington, District of Columbia, with his father shortly after the Civil war and has for the past thirty years been connected with the city postoffice at Washington. His wife was a native of Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have become parents of two children, Orlin M. and one not yet named. Fraternally Mr. Jones is a charter member of Crosby Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M., and he also has membership with the Modern Samaritans of Wahpeton. Politically he is a republican and in April, 1914, was elected a member of the city council of Crosby, while at the present time he is also serving as president of the board of health. He takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare of city and county and maintains a progressive stand on all important public questions. The spirit of western enterprise has actuated him at every point in his career and opportunity is to him the call to duty and activity.

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#### HON. J. A. T. BJORNSON.

Hon. J. A. T. Bjornson is the vice president of the First National Bank of La Moure and is accounted one of the most prominent citizens not alone by reason of the extent and importance of his business connections but also owing to the active part which he has taken in shaping public thought and action. He has been a close student of the significant and vital political problems and issues of the day and three times has been chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the laws which in those sessions found their way to the statute books of the state. Mr. Bjornson is a native of Perry, Dane county, Wisconsin. He was born January 1, 1861, a son of Gabriel and Gunhild (Torgerson) Bjornson, both of whom were natives of Norway, whence they came to the new world in young manhood and womanhood, the father arriving about 1843, while the mother came five or six years later. They were married in Wisconsin and for many years continued their residence in that state. After coming to the new world Mr. Bjornson took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar, after which he practiced for many years in Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1851 he was elected a member of the legislature of the former state, being one of the first, if not the first, Norwegian ever

chosen to a state office in the United States. About 1880 he removed to Ada, Minnesota, where he subsequently served for several years as county judge, being an incumbent of the office at the time of his death, which occurred in 1889. His widow survives and is still living in Ada in her eighty-seventh year.

Hon. J. A. T. Bjornson was educated in the high school of Madison, Wisconsin, and in the State University in that city, being graduated from the latter institution with the class of 1882, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. Later he turned his attention to the drug business, becoming proprietor of a store in Ada, Minnesota, where he remained until 1886, when he removed to McIntosh county, North Dakota. He opened a drug store in the old town of Hoskins, which was then the county seat, but in 1888 the county seat and practically the town of Hoskins were removed to Ashley, whither Mr. Bjornson took his business, continuing as proprietor of a drug store there until 1892, when he sold out. He then removed to Kulm, Lamoure county, when the Soo Railroad was built through that town and there continued in the drug business until 1911, when he established his home in the city of La Moure and purchased an interest in the First National Bank there. At that time he was made a director of the institution and soon afterward was elected vice president, in which position he still continues.

In 1894 Mr. Bjornson was united in marriage to Miss Anna F. Milne, of Ellendale, Diekey county, North Dakota, by whom he has six children, four daughters and two sons, as follows: Marvell M. and Gunhild K., who are attending the University of Wisconsin; Marion L., Perry M., Anna E.; and J. A. T., Jr.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Bjornson is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Maple River Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M., of Edgeley, North Dakota; Edgeley Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., of Fargo; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. He is likewise connected with Golden Glen Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., of Edgeley. In his political views Mr. Bjornson has always been an earnest democrat and was first elected to the state legislature in 1900. After an interval of ten years he was again chosen for the same office and in 1912 was returned to the general assembly, being elected in a strong republican district—a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the trust reposed in him as a loyal and patriotic citizen. He has never been afraid to make his opinion known. His position upon any vital question has never been an equivocal one, for he stands firmly in support of the principles in which he believes, nor is his judgment ever hasty or ill advised, for he closely studies the questions which come up for settlement and votes for what he considers the best interests of the commonwealth. He has also proven himself a wide-awake and progressive business man, his efforts being a factor in the material development of the districts in which he has lived.

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#### F. S. TOFFLEMIRE.

F. S. Tofflemire, vice president of the First State Bank of Sawyer, is a representative of that little band of substantial citizens that Illinois has furnished to the town in which he now lives. He was born in Boone county, Illinois, May 6, 1878, a son of Anderson and Angeline (Gilbert) Tofflemire. The father was born in Canada, on the shore of Lake Erie, but was reared and educated in Illinois, to which state his parents removed soon after his birth. He followed farming in that state for a time and in 1882 removed to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, settling near Mason City, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits until he came to North Dakota and entered a homestead in Ward county, near Sawyer. He then farmed his land until he secured title to his property and in 1902 he took up his abode in Sawyer, where he is now living retired. His father lived in Illinois when it was an Indian country, being one of the pioneer settlers of Winnebago county, and Anderson Tofflemire became one of the pioneer settlers of North Dakota, where he, too, experienced the hardships and privations of frontier life. In Boone county, Illinois, he married Miss Angeline Gilbert, who was a native of New York and who passed away in Sawyer in 1909.

When a little lad of four years F. S. Tofflemire became a pupil in a district school near

Mason City, Iowa, and afterward attended the Mason City high school. When a young man he engaged in clerking in a store and in 1902 he arrived at Sawyer, North Dakota, where he homesteaded and engaged in farming. In 1901, in connection with his brother, he conducted a cattle ranch in the hills of Ward county and still owns that property, which is now rented. In 1906 he and his brother, J. E. Tofflemire, organized the First State Bank of Sawyer, but had previously become identified with the business interests of the town, where in 1902 they opened a general merchandise store which they conducted until 1904. In 1905 and 1906 they engaged in shipping horses and in the latter year organized the First State Bank, which is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has a surplus of five thousand dollars. This is the only bank in Sawyer that is conducted by residents of the town. Their policy has found justification in their success and their methods have awakened the confidence and respect of the public. It was F. S. Tofflemire who erected the first building on the town site of Sawyer when the town was laid out and he has ever been most active in the further development and progress of the place. He and his brother also organized the First State Bank of Lone Tree and the Security State Bank at Benedict, North Dakota, in both of which they hold office. They are among the most enterprising and successful men of Sawyer and Ward county.

In 1903, at Thornton, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Mr. Tofflemire and Miss Elva Richmond, who was born in Iowa and obtained her education near Thornton, that state, while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, Lyman and Tina Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Tofflemire are members of the Congregational church and his political support is given to the republican party. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community and is a representative of that class of men who have recognized the opportunities of the northwest and have utilized its natural resources in the upbuilding of their section of the state.

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#### JOSEPH F. IRA.

Joseph F. Ira, engaged in general farming in Ransom county, his home being in Island Park township, was born in northeastern Iowa on the 24th of December, 1882, a son of Joseph Ira, who was born in Iowa, November 1, 1857, and who was but twelve years of age at the time of his father's death. He is still residing in his native state, where he carries on farming, and he is also agent for fire and farmers' insurance, being connected with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Des Moines. He is now a director of the Bohemian Mutual Insurance Company of Spillville, Iowa, is a director of the Bohemian Savings Bank of Protivin, Iowa, and in connection with his farming interests specializes in the raising of Poland China hogs and high grade shorthorn cattle. As the years have gone on his business affairs have increased in volume and importance, making him one of the valued and representative citizens of his district. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party. In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Riha, who was born in Austria-Hungary in 1859 and was but two years of age when brought to the United States by her parents, who settled near the present site of Protivin. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ira, Sr., have been born eight children, as follows: Joseph F., of this review; Frank, who follows farming in Iowa; Adolph, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits at Waubun, Minnesota; William, Edward and Lewis, who are farmers living on the Iowa homestead; Mrs. Anna Adamec, who resides near Protivin, Iowa; and Rosie, at home. Joseph Ira, the father, certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. He has reared a family who do credit to his name and at the same time he has so directed his business affairs as to gain a comfortable competence. His educational opportunities were very limited, for after his father's death, which occurred when the son was but twelve years of age, he had to provide for his own support and aid in the support of his mother. However, through reading, experience and observation he has become a well educated man. He passed through the conditions and privations incident to pioneer life in Iowa but as the years went on so utilized his time and opportunities that he gained a place among the substantial and honored residents of his community.

Joseph F. Ira, whose name introduces this review, supplemented his district school education by study in the Waueoma (Ia.) high school and in Valder's College at Decorah, Iowa. He made good use of his opportunities, displayed special aptitude in his studies and the ambition which has characterized his entire life was noticeably manifest even in his school days. He remained upon the home farm, assisting his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years, and devoted eight years to general farming and threshing. He was married to Miss Mary Kalishek, who was born in Iowa near the birthplace of her husband, her parents being Martin and Elizabeth (Novotny) Kalishek, who were natives of Iowa. Their family numbered twelve children, of whom Mrs. Ira was the fourth in order of birth, and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children, namely: Clarence, born August 12, 1904; Lilly, whose natal day was April 17, 1907; Edward, whose birth occurred October 26, 1910; and Joseph M., born September 12, 1912.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ira located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he received from his father and resided there for about three years, at the end of which time he disposed of his Iowa property and on the 2d of April, 1906, arrived in North Dakota. He took up his abode on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 9, Island Park township, two miles west of Lisbon, and there he has since engaged in general agricultural pursuits but makes a specialty of raising seed grain. His place is thoroughly modern in its equipment. He uses the most improved machinery and farm implements in the development of his place and has all the latest conveniences to facilitate the work of the fields and render farm life easy. His home is an attractive one and there are good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He is now raising thoroughbred Percheron horses and he also operates a threshing outfit each season.

In his political views Mr. Ira is an earnest democrat and is the present assessor of Island Park township. He belongs to the Lisbon Catholic church and he is well known in this part of the state as one of its enterprising and progressive agriculturists.

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#### JACOB STROH.

Practical and intelligently directed effort is fast proving that North Dakota may be converted into a prosperous agricultural region, and Jacob Stroh is among the number who are successfully engaged in farming in Ransom county, his home being in Elliott township. He was born in the northwestern part of Russia in 1868 and is a son of Henry Stroh, whose birth occurred in that country, where he followed the occupation of farming and still makes his home. He married Anna Hofman, also a native of Russia, and they became the parents of five children, of whom Jacob is the third in order of birth. One of the sons, George, is taking an active part in the present European war.

Through the period of his minority Jacob Stroh remained a resident of his native land, but the favorable reports which he heard concerning business conditions on this side the Atlantic led him to determine to try his fortune in the new world and accordingly in 1892, when about twenty-four years of age, he sailed for the United States. He first settled in northeastern Nebraska, where he took up the occupation of farming, there remaining for thirteen years, or until 1905, when he came to North Dakota. He immediately settled on section 28, Elliott township, Ransom county, securing a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, which he farmed for a year. At the end of that time he purchased four hundred and eighty acres on section 29, Elliott township, and has since given his undivided attention to the improvement and cultivation of this tract, which comprises six hundred and eighty acres. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation. He also raises cattle for dairy purposes. His farm is splendidly equipped according to modern agricultural standards. The buildings are substantial and the farm machinery embodies the latest inventions and improvements along that line.

In Russia Mr. Stroh was united in marriage to Miss Mary Schifner, who was born in the same locality as her husband and they have become the parents of twelve children. Henry, Anna, Jacob, John, George, Mary, William, Lena, Carl, Albert, Esther and Sara.

The family record is a notable one in that the circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. The eldest son, Henry, is married and lives about five miles southeast of the homestead. The daughter Anna has become the wife of John Urbach and their farm is a mile and a half southeast of the home of her father.

In his political views Mr. Stroh has been an earnest republican since becoming a naturalized American citizen and his interest in the moral development of the community is indicated in his membership in the Congregational church at Englevale. His has been a very active and useful life and his labors have brought splendid results. When he came to America he had very limited capital, but success has attended his efforts as the years have passed and today he is the owner of one of the fine farms of Ransom county, splendidly improved in every particular. In 1908 he returned to Russia on a visit, spending a month there, but was satisfied to again come to the United States, preferring to live in the land of freedom and limitless opportunities.

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#### JOSEPH HUMPHREY.

Joseph Humphrey, one of the prosperous and representative agriculturists of Cass county, where he has resided continuously during the past third of a century, is the owner of a well improved farm comprising three hundred and twenty acres on section 18, Kenyon township. His birth occurred in Ontario, Canada, on the 20th of May, 1858, his parents being Thomas and Jane (Weyers) Humphrey, who spent their entire lives in Canada. By occupation the father was a farmer.

Joseph Humphrey acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and when a young man of about twenty-four years was married. In March, 1882, he came to North Dakota, and for three years worked as a farm hand. On the expiration of that period, in 1885, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 18, Kenyon township, where he has resided continuously throughout the intervening thirty-one years. About six years after he had made his first purchase he bought an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixty acres, so that his farm embraces a half section. Through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a gratifying measure of success and now has a handsome country home and a well improved farm. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Grandin.

In January, 1882, Mr. Humphrey was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Young, by whom he has five children, as follows: T. Burnett, at home; Hazel E., the wife of Harris Thom, who is the cashier of the First National Bank of Drayton, North Dakota; and Flossie J., Vivian R. and Virgin Grant, all at home.

Politically Mr. Humphrey is a staunch republican and he has ably served as a member of the town board for three years, while for a similar period he has been on the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. His record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, for he came to this state empty handed and by diligence and industry has gained a place among the substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens of Cass county.

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#### HJALMAR MILLER.

Hjalmar Miller, who is the owner of a garage and blacksmith shop at Kiddville, Ransom county, was born in Norway on the 8th of July, 1882, his parents being Miller and Carrie (Israelson) Andreson, both of whom were born and reared in Norway. The father still resides there, but the mother passed away in 1887.

Hjalmar Miller is the youngest living of the five children of his father's family. The first seventeen years of his life were spent at home and then he learned the blacksmith's trade and also began running a steam engine. He worked at his trade in Norway until 1907.

when he came to the new world, making his way first to St. John, New Brunswick. He afterward removed to Tacoma, Washington, where he established a machine shop which he conducted for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to North Dakota and settled in Kiddville, where in 1909 he purchased the blacksmith shop of Alfred Thomson. He has since conducted the business and has enlarged the scope of his activities to include the ownership and management of a garage, in which he does auto repairing as well as handling all kinds of automobile supplies. He also has an oxy-acetylene welding outfit.

Mr. Miller was married in Norway to Miss Brynhild Jacobson, who was born in the land of the midnight sun, April 18, 1875. They have a nice home at Kiddville, near Mr. Miller's shop. In politics he is a republican. He belongs to the Sons of Norway and is president of the local organization at Fort Ransom. His religious faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Mr. Miller 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 utilization has worked his way steadily upward to success, being now at the head of a growing and profitable business.

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#### NELS A. HERRE.

Nels A. Herre, a wealthy farmer residing in Herberg township, Traill county, where he owns six hundred and seventy-five acres of excellent land, is a native of Norway and has manifested the sturdy characteristics of his race. He was born on the 14th of August, 1852, of the marriage of Andrew and Julia Herre, both also natives of that country. In 1860 they removed with their family to America and first located in Wisconsin, where the mother passed away. The father subsequently became a resident of North Dakota and here his demise occurred.

Nels A. Herre, who is the only one living of a family of four children, was reared in Wisconsin as he was but a child when the family emigrated to the United States. He is indebted for his education to the public schools of that state, and after putting aside his textbooks engaged in farming there until 1877, when he came to North Dakota and filed on land on section 32, Herberg township, Traill county. He has since resided upon his homestead but has increased the boundaries of the place from time to time until it now comprises six hundred and seventy-five acres, all of which is finely improved. His success as an agriculturist has been due not to any fortunate circumstances but to his enterprise, his untiring industry and his good management.

In 1879 occurred the marriage of Mr. Herre and Miss Johanna Sunfry, who was also born in Norway. Both belong to the Lutheran church and in their lives seek to conform to the teachings of that organization. He has supported the republican party since becoming of age but has never sought nor desired office. When he came to this state conditions were those of the frontier and there were few who were able to foresee the marvelous transformation which it was destined to undergo within four decades. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his adopted state from the first and at all times has sought to further its advancement. He found here excellent opportunities and through his readiness in utilizing them has gained more than financial independence, although at the time of his arrival here he was practically empty handed.

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#### GEORGE W. BLANCHARD.

George W. Blanchard, a retired farmer residing in Lisbon, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, September 1, 1854. His father, Richard A. Blanchard, a native of Vermont, removed to St. Lawrence county, New York, about 1845, and there devoted his life to farming throughout his remaining days. He wedded Mary Hall, a native of Jefferson county, New York, and a representative of one of its old families. Their marriage occurred in that county and they became the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living.

George W. Blanchard, who was the fourth in order of birth, pursued his education in the public schools of his native county and remained upon his father's farm until he attained his majority, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In the year in which he reached man's estate he was married to Miss Marinda Colton, the wedding ceremony being performed March 24, 1875. She was born in St. Lawrence county, June 6, 1858, a daughter of Aaron and Maria (Cassady) Colton, who were long residents of St. Lawrence county but accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard to Dakota in 1880, the latter having been the younger of their two children. The mother died in this state in the fall of 1903 and Mr. Colton passed away in Florida in the winter of 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard have two children: Leon M., who was born in New York, July 19, 1879, and is now a North Dakota farmer; and Eva, who was born in this state August 21, 1886, and is the wife of Walter E. Murray, who resides upon a farm adjoining the city limits of Lisbon on the south.

It was on the 11th of November, 1880, that Mr. Blanchard arrived with his family in Ransom county and settled on a homestead eleven miles southwest of Lisbon, entering a claim of one hundred and sixty acres. He devoted his attention to the cultivation and improvement of that place until 1888, when he and his family took up their abode in the town. Two years later, however, he purchased and moved to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres three and one-half miles south of Lisbon, situated on section 26, township 134, tract 56. In connection with that place he cultivated another farm which he later purchased, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. His second purchase made him owner of the west half of section 25, adjoining his first purchase on the east. This farm he cultivated for five years, at the end of which time he and his family removed to Virginia, where they remained for a period of two years. They then again came to North Dakota and Mr. Blanchard secured a homestead upon which they lived until 1913, when they removed to Lisbon. They are now spending their summers in the north and the winter seasons in Florida. Mr. Blanchard has rented his farm, from which he derives a good annual income, while he enjoys a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

In his political views Mr. Blanchard is a republican and while living in his native county served for three years as justice of the peace. For two years he has been road supervisor in Highland Park township, Ransom county, but whether in office or out of it is always loyal and progressive in matters of citizenship. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Lisbon and he and his wife are members of the First Baptist church. Its house of worship was the first erected in Lisbon and Mr. Blanchard was one who donated much time and effort to completing the structure, serving on the board of trustees. When he first came to North Dakota there were no railroads and practically no conveniences of any kind, while Tower City was the nearest market, and often they drove to Fargo to secure provisions. They experienced all of the privations attendant upon pioneer life but have lived to witness remarkable changes, for the efforts of the frontiersmen have been attended with results that have made Ransom county a populous and prosperous section of the state.

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CARL J. SCHOW.

The attractiveness of Cass county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, content with the opportunities here offered in business and in other connections. Among this number is Carl J. Schow, who was born in 1874 upon the farm in Noble township on which he still makes his home, his parents being Martin and Dorothea B. (Jerke) Schow, both of whom were natives of Norway. Ere leaving that land the father served for five years in the army and also engaged in merchandising in that country for seven years but, thinking to win success more rapidly in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in 1866, taking passage on a sailing vessel which was fourteen weeks and three days in reaching the harbor of Quebec, Canada. From that point he made his way to Winona, Minnesota, where he worked as a miller for four years. At the end of that time he removed to the Red River valley of North Dakota, making the trip with ox teams and located upon the farm now occupied by his son Carl, in the year 1870.

This was a wild frontier region in which the work of civilization and development had scarcely been begun. He was among the first to plant the seeds of development and growth in this part of the state and in the early days he bore all the hardships and privations which are common to the lot of the frontier settler. He built a log cabin which he covered with a sod roof, the ground serving as the floor, while rough boards formed the door, from which hung the proverbial lath string. There was a mud and stiek chimney, a fire place serving to heat the little building. As the years passed on, however, and Mr. Schow prospered in his undertakings he added fine modern improvements to the farm, which he converted into a valuable property. The land responded readily to his care and cultivation and he gathered rich crops which found a ready sale on the market. He was thus busily and actively identified with farming interests in Cass county until his death, which occurred in 1907, his wife surviving him for seven years and passing away in 1914. In their family were nine children, of whom seven are yet living.

Carl J. Schow was reared on the old homestead farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. He was trained to the work of the fields and continued to assist his father until he attained his majority, when he took charge of the old homestead which he has since cultivated. He is now the owner of seven hundred acres of excellent land, much of which has been placed under the plow and produces fine crops. He also makes a specialty of raising stock and keeps on hand good grades of horses, cattle and hogs. He receives good prices for his stock and his business is successfully conducted, his prosperity resulting from his enterprise, capability and sound judgment.

In his political opinions Mr. Schow is a democrat but is not an office seeker. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, in which he has filled all the chairs and his brethren of that fraternity entertain for him warm regard. In fact he is one of the highly respected citizens of the community, esteemed and honored wherever known and most of all where he is best known. He deserves to be mentioned among the pioneer residents of this part of the state, having for forty-two years witnessed the growth and progress which has brought about the present prosperity and upbuilding of Cass county.

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#### JOSEPH JACOBSON.

Joseph Jacobson, conducting a wholesale and retail butchering business at Burlington and owning valuable farm lands in that part of the state, was born in Stevens county, Minnesota, December 8, 1884, a son of Christian and Margaret (Fussom) Jacobson, both of whom were natives of Norway but in early life came to the United States, their marriage being celebrated at Albert Lea, Minnesota. On crossing the Atlantic Mr. Jacobson made his way at once to that state, where he homesteaded land in a district where the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers. Upon the farm which he there developed he spent his remaining days, passing away at the age of fifty-one years. His wife still owns the old homestead but now resides at Cyrus, Minnesota. In their western frontier home they reared a family of twelve children, of whom Joseph is the tenth in order of birth.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools Joseph Jacobson continued his education at Cyrus, Minnesota, and when fifteen years of age he began learning the butcher's trade at that place. He worked for his brother for three years and about 1903 came to Minot, where he was employed as cutter in a meat market for about three years. He then proved up some land in Williams county and after active connection with agricultural pursuits for several years he went to Burlington in 1910 and has since engaged in the general meat business there, conducting both a wholesale and retail trade. His business has assumed extensive proportions and has become one of the profitable commercial enterprises of the city. He still owns three hundred and twenty acres of rich farm land in the state, which he rents, the income therefrom adding materially to his financial resources.

On the 27th of November, 1905, Mr. Jacobson was married to Miss Laura Amondson, who was born at Swan Lake, Minnesota, a daughter of Lars Amondson, who continued his residence in Minnesota until called to the home beyond. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson have two children: Russell Carl, born November 29, 1910; and Ray Nathan, born September 27, 1912.



JOSEPH JACOBSON



Mr. Jacobson belongs to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., and the Modern Woodmen camp, in which he holds the office of banker, and he is a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics he has always maintained an attitude of non-partisanship. He is serving at present on the board of supervisors and for three years was chairman of the township board. His duties of citizenship are promptly and faithfully discharged. He is a man of strong purpose, accomplishing what he undertakes and actuated at all times by high and honorable motives.

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#### RAGNVALD A. NESTOS.

Ragnvald A. Nestos, a member of the North Dakota bar, practicing in Minot, as senior partner of the firm of Nestos, Carroll & Herigstad, was born in Voss, Norway, April 12, 1877, a son of Andres R. and Herborg (Saue) Nestaas, who were also natives of Voss, the father born October 31, 1845, and the mother on the 12th of August, 1851. They still reside on the old home farm in Norway, the father having devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. He is also a noted speaker and lay preacher and devotes a portion of his time to temperance work. In community affairs he has taken an active and helpful interest and has filled a number of local and school offices in Voss, his influence ever being on the side of advancement and improvement.

Ragnvald A. Nestos is the second in order of birth in a family of ten children and is the eldest of the seven now living. He attended the public schools of his home district until he was confirmed, after which he came to the new world at the age of sixteen years, making his way direct to Buxton, North Dakota, where he continued his education as a public school pupil. In 1898 he entered the Mayville Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900, and in the fall of that year he became a student in the State University of Wisconsin, where he won his degree in the spring of 1902. In the fall of that year he entered the law department of the University of North Dakota and was graduated in June, 1904, thus qualifying for the profession to which he is now devoting his life. In the meantime, however, he worked for others as a farm hand, working in the winter for his board, and he was also employed for some time in the harness shop of his uncle at Buxton. In 1898 he passed the teachers' examination and followed teaching for three terms near Buxton. In the fall of 1900 he proved up a homestead in Pierce county and while engaged in making the necessary improvements upon his farm he also worked as a bookkeeper and performed other activities that would increase his income. In a word he did everything possible that would enable him to secure an education, his own labor providing for the expenses of his normal and university courses.

Admitted to the bar in 1904, Mr. Nestos located at Minot on the 1st of July of that year for the practice of law, forming a partnership with C. A. Johnson, which connection was continued for six years. He afterward practiced alone until January 1, 1913, when he formed a partnership with Dorr H. Carroll. On the 1st of March, 1915, they were joined by Mr. Herigstad, forming the present firm of Nestos, Carroll & Herigstad. They are engaged in the general practice of law and have a very extensive clientage, connecting them with the most important litigation held in the courts of the district. Mr. Nestos has made steady progress in his profession since starting out upon the practice of law.

In politics Mr. Nestos is a progressive republican and in 1910 was elected a member of the state legislature, serving in the house for two years. In 1912 he was elected states attorney and was reelected in 1914, so that he is now serving in that position at Minot for the second term. In March, 1916, he became a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator with three other candidates in the field, but at the primaries June 28, Senator McCumber was renominated, Mr. Nestos being second in the race and receiving a splendid vote. He became one of the original members of the library board of Minot, in which capacity he is still acting, and was for three years president of the State Library Association and ex-officio member of the State Library Commission. At the present time he is secretary of the executive committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, which position he has filled for six years, and he is a member of the Synod Lutheran church. He

is a member of the National Bar Association and also a member of the State Bar Association, and for the past three years he has been a member of the committee on grievances and disbarment. He is recognized as a broad-minded man who looks at vital questions from no narrow nor selfish standpoint but regards the interests of the community at large and works for public progress along lines that relate not only to the things of the present but also to the opportunities of the future.

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CHRIS O. VELLINE.

Chris O. Velline, postmaster at Buttzville, where he is also engaged in general merchandising, was born in the western part of Norway, January 5, 1874, a son of Ole Velline, who was born and reared in the land of the midnight sun and there spent his entire life, his attention being given to farming. He married Bertha Thue and they became the parents of five children. The mother died in 1909, but the father is still living in Norway.

Chris O. Velline, the eldest of their family, pursued his education in the schools of Norway and worked upon his father's farm until he came to the new world. He was a youth of nineteen years when he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the United States in 1893. He first settled in Cass county, North Dakota, where he remained for a period of seven years. There he engaged in farming and also to some extent in merchandising and later he turned his attention to the grain business, which he followed for thirteen years, first in Horace and afterward in Minnewaukan. Still later he was at Hatton and at Gardner and eventually removed to Buttzville, becoming associated with the Andrews & Gage elevator, with which he was connected for six years. During that period he established a general store in 1910 and has since conducted the business, enjoying a large and gratifying trade. He is likewise agent at Buttzville for the William H. White Lumber Company, having taken over its business in the town in 1907. His commercial affairs are carefully conducted and his sound judgment and enterprise are bringing to him substantial success.

In 1900 Mr. Velline was married to Miss Christina Thompson, who was born in Norway, December 20, 1876, and came alone to the United States, making her way to Cass county, North Dakota, where she became acquainted with Mr. Velline, who sought her hand in marriage, the wedding being celebrated in Fargo. They have become parents of seven children, as follows: Osear T., born September 7, 1901; Wilford, whose birth occurred April 12, 1903; Albert, whose natal day was November 20, 1905; Christ, Jr., born in December, 1907; Sidney, born in December, 1909; Aagot, whose birth occurred in 1911; and Douglas, born in 1913.

On the 15th of October, 1909, Mr. Velline was appointed to the position of postmaster of Buttzville and still continues in that office, the duties of which he discharges with promptness and fidelity. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M., while both he and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at St. Olas, about four miles north of Buttzville.

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DAVID LLOYD.

David Lloyd, president of the First National Bank of La Moure, was born in Wales on the 20th of May, 1849, a son of David and Ann (Roberts) Lloyd, who came to the United States in 1850 and settled in Iowa county, Wisconsin, where the father took up a homestead and resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1888. For fifteen years he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1873.

David Lloyd supplemented his common school education, acquired in Wisconsin, by study in the State Normal School at Whitewater, but in the interval, when but seventeen years of age, he had taken up the profession of teaching and for fifteen years he continued to teach during the winter months, while in the summer seasons he devoted his attention to

farming. It was in 1883 that he arrived in La Moure and through the intervening period, covering a third of a century, he has been closely identified with the business development and public interests of his city. He first engaged in the lumber trade in partnership with his brother-in-law, A. J. Lockman, organizing the Wisconsin Lumber Company. The first lumber that was shipped into La Moure by train was consigned to this firm and as the years passed they built up an extensive business, their sales amounting to a million and a quarter feet of lumber annually. Mr. Lloyd remained an active member of that firm for twelve years, at the end of which time he sold his interests in the business in order to give his attention exclusively to the buying and selling of land and to making loans on farm mortgages, having established business along those lines in 1885. In the past thirty-one years he has loaned three million dollars and has never made a foreclosure during that period—a fact which indicates the sterling character of the man. On many occasions he has extended time of payment and thus assisted the settlers to secure title to their property. In connection with his brother Robert he owns six thousand acres of land in North and South Dakota and they are also extensive holders of bank stock in Mount Horeb, Ridgeway and Arena, Wisconsin. They likewise have large investments in Wisconsin farm lands and in town property.

Mr. Lloyd belongs to Mackay Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., of La Moure. For forty-six years he has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, having joined the lodge in Mazomanie, Wisconsin, in 1870. He has taken the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection in the Scottish Rite at Fargo and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. It is this spirit which has been manifest in his business relations, prompting him to extend a helping hand on many occasions. He has never believed that success in business must be sought at the cost of other men's prosperity. On the contrary, he has adopted constructive measures, building up rather than destroying and knowing that what helps one helps the entire community. His efforts have been a most potent force in developing various sections of the northwest and such citizens are the real founders and promoters of the commonwealth.

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#### SIGURD BUE.

Sigurd Bue, cashier and director of the Citizens National Bank at Crosby, was born in Ostrander, Fillmore county, Minnesota, August 29, 1883, a son of the Rev. Ole A. and Caroline Bue. His youthful experiences were those of the farm bred boy who divides his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of an education. After attending the district schools he became a high school pupil at Spring Valley, Minnesota, and later attended St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, being graduated on the completion of the academic and college courses, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1905. Liberal education facilities thus qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties, developing his latent talents and powers and making him ready to meet any emergency that might arise in his business career. He has always been identified with banking, for following his graduation he accepted a clerical position in the First National Bank at Halsted, Minnesota. In 1906 he went to Berwick, McHenry county, North Dakota, and was employed in the Berwick State Bank as bookkeeper until the fall of 1908. He then became assistant cashier in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Bowdon, Wells county, and in the fall of 1911 removed to Kenmare, where he was cashier of the Citizens State Bank until he arrived in Crosby to become cashier of the Citizens State Bank, which has since become the Citizens National Bank. This is his present connection. Each step in his career has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

On the 3d of January, 1914, Mr. Bue was married to Miss Eleanor Rushfeldt, of Hawley, Minnesota, who spent her entire life there until, having completed the high school course, she entered the normal school at Moorhead, Minnesota. Later she became a music student in St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, and afterward was a teacher in the high school at Ada. She proved a most capable educator and was called to the position of county superintendent of schools in Clay county, which position she occupied for two terms of two years each. This was an elective office and her fitness for the position was thus demonstrated by the endorsement of the voters of that locality. Her father, Hans Rushfeldt, is a native

of Norway and when a young man of eighteen years crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way to Minnesota, where he engaged in farming for a time. He also worked as a laborer on the railroad in western Minnesota and is now engaged in merchandising at Hawley, that state. In the early days he was a driver on the freight line from Mandan, North Dakota, to Deadwood, South Dakota, and thus in various ways has been closely identified with the development and upbuilding of the west. Mr. and Mrs. Bue have become parents of a daughter, Eleanor Marie, born at Crosby, October 27, 1914.

Mr. Bue is a director of the Crosby Commercial Club and a director and treasurer of the Divide County of Fair Association. His political support is given to the republican party and both he and his wife are active and devoted members of the Norwegian Lutheran church in Crosby. While one of the newcomers of the town, he is much interested in its development and is willing to do everything in his power to aid in its upbuilding and promote its progress in the future.

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#### J. M. ROHE.

J. M. Rohe, a partner in the firm of Rohe & Rohe, dealers in agricultural implements at Kenmare, and enjoying the distinction of being the youngest county commissioner ever elected to the office in Ward county, was born in Minden, Kearney county, Nebraska, January 6, 1882, a son of the Rev. M. C. H. and Matta Marie (Larsen) Rohe. The father, a native of Denmark, came to America in 1873, and continued his education, begun in the common schools of his native land, in the Augsburg Seminary at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he studied for the ministry and in due time was graduated. He was ordained a minister of the United Danish Lutheran church and accepted the pastorate of the church at Luck, Polk county, Wisconsin, where he remained for six years. He then accepted a call from the church at Minden, Nebraska, where he continued for five years, and in 1886 he went to St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, where he had charge of a church for three years. In 1890 he became pastor at Osakis, Minnesota, leaving there in 1898 to go to West Branch, Iowa, where he engaged in preaching until 1900. In that year he became pastor of the church at Kenmare, North Dakota, and so continued to the time of his death, which occurred January 16, 1906, when he was sixty-one years of age. His life had been one of great usefulness in promoting the moral progress of the communities in which he lived and labored, his teaching having a marked influence over the lives of many. His widow, a native of Denmark, became a resident of Minnesota in her early girlhood and was there educated. In 1875 she became the wife of Rev. Rohe and since his death she has continued to make her home in Kenmare.

J. M. Rohe was the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children, of whom eight are yet living. He obtained his education in the various towns in which the family resided and in which his father filled pastorates. He left school in 1898, when sixteen years of age, coming with his two older brothers to Kenmare in its pioneer days. He was employed in various capacities around town, also as a farm hand and as a coal miner until 1903, when he established the implement business of J. M. Rohe & Company. Since then the firm style has been changed to Rohe & Rohe, his partners being his two younger brothers. They have an excellent store and are accorded a liberal patronage owing to their thoroughly reliable business methods and unfaltering enterprise. In 1909 he organized the First State Bank of Niobe, of which he became vice president and of which he is now president, having been elected to that office in 1916.

On the 18th of June, 1914, at Kenmare, Mr. Rohe was united in marriage to Miss Henreina E. Elliott, who was born in Walsh county, North Dakota, September 2, 1893, a daughter of Samuel and Jean (Stuart) Elliott, who are natives of the province of Ontario, Canada, where they were reared, educated and married. They became early settlers of Renville county, North Dakota, where the father homesteaded near Grano, and Mrs. Rohe, who was born in Walsh county, North Dakota, September 2, 1893, largely acquired her education in the schools of Renville county. The parents continued to reside upon the old home farm there until 1913 and then removed to Kenmare, where they now reside. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Rohe died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Rohe is a staunch democrat and in 1911 was elected alderman of Kenmare, in which position he served for two years. In 1912 he was elected clerk of the school board and yet occupies that position. On the 26th of June, 1914, he was appointed county commissioner of Ward county to succeed F. L. Sanders, who died in office, and in November, 1914, he was elected to the position for a four years' term, so that he is the present incumbent in the office and, moreover, he is the youngest man ever chosen to the position in Ward county. In his official capacity he is paying much attention to the subject of taxation and he gives earnest consideration to all the questions which come up for settlement, seeking ever the welfare of the community. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Kenmare; the Danish Brotherhood, No. 198; Golden Link Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., of Kenmare, of which he has been secretary, and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen at Kenmare. His religious faith is that of the Danish Lutheran church, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which she takes a very active and helpful part, being secretary of the Sunday school at the present time. Mr. Rohe built an attractive home in Kenmare and he is also the owner of a farm in Burke county, which he homesteaded and which he now rents. He and his wife occupy an enviable social position and his is a commendable business record, while in public office he subordinates partisanship to the general welfare and personal aggrandizement to the public good.

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#### FRANK A. MATHIEU.

For twenty years Frank A. Mathieu has been a resident of North Dakota and is now engaged in general merchandising at Elliott. He was born at Alma, Wisconsin, January 7, 1863, a son of Peter Mathieu, whose birth occurred in Alsace, Germany, February 14, 1821. He was a young man of twenty-five years when in 1846 he came to the United States, settling in Baltimore, Maryland, where he followed the glassblower's trade, which he had previously learned in the fatherland. He was the second man in America to blow a wine bottle. On leaving Baltimore he removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained for ten years, still engaging in glassblowing. He afterward worked for a number of years in Zanesville, Ohio, and finally removed to Wisconsin, where he invested in between five and six hundred acres of land in Nelson township, Buffalo county, there carrying on general farming. He remained a prominent and representative agriculturist of that county up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1902. He was twice married. He first wedded a Miss Melling and two weeks after their marriage they crossed the Atlantic to the new world. They had a family of four children. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Mathieu wedded Johanna Hecker, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was married in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They had a family of fourteen children, of whom Frank A. was the sixth, and eleven of the number are yet living. The wife and mother passed away in 1892.

In the schools of Wisconsin, Frank A. Mathieu obtained his education and afterward gave his attention to farming in connection with his father, whom he thus assisted until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He was married on the 21st of June, 1892, to Miss Eliza Perrin, who was born in London, England, in 1870 and accompanied her parents, Edward and Mary C. (Griffin) Perrin, on their removal to Canada. Later they became residents of South Dakota, settling in Brown county, where the father still engages in farming.

It was in 1887 that Frank A. Mathieu became a resident of Verdon, Brown county, South Dakota, where he engaged in general merchandising for a period of nine years. He then removed to Sanborn, North Dakota, where he conducted a store for seven years. He afterward spent three months at Church's Ferry and subsequently erected a store building and embarked in general merchandising at Pleasant Lake, North Dakota, where he remained for five months. At the end of that time, however, he went to McIntosh, Minnesota, where he engaged in business for seven years, but met with disaster, fire destroying his building. The stock he had sold just twenty-eight days before. He then went to St. Thomas and again entered the mercantile field but after five months removed to Bantry, North Dakota, where he continued until April 15, 1911. He next established himself in business at Crary, and remained there for four and a half years, and in the fall of 1915 he removed to Elliott, where he opened a general store which he is now successfully conducting. He has built up a

good trade here and has a well appointed establishment, carrying a carefully selected line of goods and putting forth every effort to meet the demands of his patrons. He has made his home in North Dakota since 1896 and since 1887 has been engaged in merchandising, meeting with substantial success through the intervening years, his prosperity resulting entirely through his own efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathieu have become the parents of nine children; Ruth I., deceased; Joyce F., the wife of E. E. Anderson, of Crary, North Dakota; Olive E., Gladys E. and Boyd G., all at home; Curtis W., who has passed away; and Byron F., Cleo E. and Burtis P., all at home. The family is widely and favorably known in Elliott and Ransom county and they have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Mathieu is a self-made man, who gained his start in life by working in river camps and elsewhere, thus obtaining sufficient funds to enable him to engage in business on his own account. Diligence has ever been one of his strong characteristics and what he has planned he has accomplished, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken.

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#### MRS. CORA E. SABIN.

Mrs. Cora E. Sabin, county superintendent of schools in Lamoure county, is a native of Platteville, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Thomas and Eliza Jenkins. Her parents were born in England but in childhood came to the United States with their respective parents, both the Sabin and Jenkins families being established in Wisconsin, where the father and mother of Mrs. Cora E. Sabin grew to adult age. They were married and located on a farm in Wisconsin and Mr. Jenkins was one of those who made his way to the California gold fields in 1849. He died in Dickey county, North Dakota, in 1904 and the mother is now living in Wisconsin, making her home among her children.

Mrs. Cora E. Sabin was educated in the schools of Platteville, Wisconsin, and in the State Normal School there, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1901. Prior to the completion of her course, however, she taught school for one term and in September, 1901, she resumed her educational work as a member of the teaching staff of the Blanchardville (Wis.) city schools. In June, 1902, she came to North Dakota, settling at Oakes, where she filled in a vacancy for two months as teacher in a country school. She was then called to La Moure to accept a position in the city schools.

In June, 1903, Cora E. Jenkins became the wife of John Leland Sabin, a retail lumber dealer of La Moure, and to them was born a son, Richard Leland. Mr. Sabin died August 8, 1911, and following his demise, or in 1912, Mrs. Sabin resumed the profession of teaching. In 1913 she secured a leave of absence and spent some months in travel in the West Indies, in Panama and in the northern part of South America. After her return she continued teaching until November, 1915, at which time she was appointed county superintendent of schools to fill a vacancy occasioned by the former appointment of the incumbent in that position to the position of assistant state superintendent of schools.

Mrs. Sabin is a member of Bartholomew Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S., at La Moure and belongs to the Civic Improvement League. In fact she is active in all matters of public concern pertaining to the advancement of La Moure and her outlook is broad, her opinions sound and convincing. She has proven a most efficient and popular teacher and in the position of county superintendent is making a splendid record, doing much to advance the standard of the schools and raise the educational interests of the county to a higher level.

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#### F. BOMAN.

F. Boman, living in Reed township, Cass county, is familiar with every phase of pioneer life in this part of the state from the time when he aided in breaking the sod with ox teams, trudging on day after day after the slow treading oxen in order to prepare the land for cultivation. Many changes have occurred since that time and as the work of progress has been carried forward Mr. Boman has gained prosperity and is now a well-to-do citizen.

He was born in Sweden on the 31st of March, 1849, a son of Carl and Fredericka Boman, mentioned in connection with the sketch of Elias Bowman on another page of this work.

In the schools of his native country F. Boman pursued his education and was a young man of twenty-three years when he left his old home and came to the new world, settling in North Dakota. This was in the year 1872. After landing on the Atlantic seacoast he continued his journey across the country and made a settlement on section 30, Reed township, Cass county. There he built a log cabin and by hand sawed the lumber which he used for the floor, doors and roof. For eight years he occupied that primitive little home and during the first two years of his stay upon the farm he worked in Fargo, walking from his farm to the city each morning and returning at night. It was necessary for him to do this in order to gain the ready money which would enable him to develop his land, as he came to the new world practically empty handed. With ox teams he broke the sod and put in his crops, which in due time brought forth good harvests. To his original holdings he has added until he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of good land well improved. He has built thereon an attractive residence and has modern equipments and the latest improved machinery upon his farm to facilitate the work of the fields. In addition to his other interests he is one of the directors of the telephone company.

In 1875 Mr. Boman was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Johnson, a native of Sweden who came to America at the same time that Mr. Boman crossed the Atlantic. Having no children of their own, they have, out of the kindness of their hearts, reared and educated five boys, the eldest of whom is now deceased, while one of the number is still with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Boman are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested, Mr. Boman serving as one of the directors and as treasurer of the church. His political support is given to the republican party and he is now serving as chairman of the town board, while for twenty-five years he has been school treasurer. For twenty years he has owned and operated a threshing machine and his work in that connection has made him widely known. His life has been a most active and busy one crowned with a substantial measure of prosperity. In all his business dealings he has been found thoroughly reliable and, while he has given most of his attention to his farm work, he has yet found time to cooperate and aid in measures and movements for the public good.

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#### FRED P. BENNETT.

Fred P. Bennett, cashier of the La Moure State Bank, was born in Green Point, Long Island, September 10, 1872, his parents being George M. D. and Emma (Buckelew) Bennett, both representatives of old American families. On the paternal side were several who fought in the Revolutionary war and in the War of 1812, while George M. D. Bennett was a veteran of the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 and serving until 1865 as an engineer on one of the blockading boats. Subsequently he was for many years chief engineer at the Grand Central depot in New York city and there passed away about 1885. His wife died during the infancy of their son Fred.

In the city schools of Westfield, New Jersey, Fred P. Bennett pursued his early education and afterward continued his studies in the Fargo high school, to which city he went with an aunt and uncle in 1885. In 1887, soon after completing his studies, he entered the First National Bank of Fargo as office boy and remained with that institution for eighteen years, serving in the capacity of teller for eight years prior to severing his connection with the bank. In 1905 he came to La Moure and organized the Farmers State Bank, which has since been nationalized as the Farmers National Bank. He was made cashier of this institution on its organization and after so continuing for two years he sold his interest therein and organized the La Moure State Bank, of which he has since been cashier. His broad experience in the banking business and his spirit of enterprise and progressiveness have been the dominant factors in the development of the bank's business. He is ever a courteous and obliging official, extending every possible favor to the patrons of the bank to a point that does not interfere with its safety. In the intervening years he has also been quite extensively engaged in the buying and selling of North Dakota farm lands and in this connection has done not a little to develop business interests.

Since his arrival in La Moure Mr. Bennett has always been in the vanguard in those movements launched for the purpose of advancing his city's interests and converting it into a modern and progressive municipality. He was a leading spirit in the establishment of the water works and also the establishment of the electric lighting plant of La Moure and in the laying of the concrete sidewalks throughout the city. In fact he has been identified with every step for the progress and development of La Moure, in all playing a leading and helpful part.

In 1892 Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Lillian E. Jordan, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. Both the sons died in infancy. The daughters are Ethel Charlotte, who is attending the State Normal School at Valley City; and Louise Annette, who is her father's private stenographer.

Mr. Bennett and his family are members of the Episcopal church and take active part in the moral welfare of the community as well as its material interests. Mr. Bennett has ever been quick to recognize possibilities not only for the advancement of individual interests but for the public good as well and has wrought along lines of far-reaching effect and benefit. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with Mackay Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., of La Moure, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at La Moure.

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#### SEWARD C. HOEL.

Seward C. Hoel, a druggist of Milnor, was born at Christine, Richland county, North Dakota, March 5, 1882, a son of Einar Hoel, whose birth occurred in Norway in 1846. He was a highly educated man who devoted his life largely to teaching and to literary pursuits. He came to the United States in the early '70s and settled in Wisconsin, but after remaining there for a short time removed to North Dakota, establishing his home in the Red River valley. He homesteaded land in what is now Richland county and spent practically the remainder of his life in that locality, devoting his attention to general farming. He was a republican and became prominent as a political leader of his county, his influence being a potent one in promoting the interests and securing the success of his party. With the development of that section of the state he was closely associated, for he was one of the first three men who settled in the Red River valley, which at that time was rather swampy and in many places was covered with water. But notwithstanding the difficulties presented he wisely and carefully directed his labors and raised the largest crop of wheat per acre in that valley, harvesting forty bushels per acre. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Richland Lutheran church and was greatly interested in church work, giving active support to all efforts to advance the religious development of the district. He died in the year 1888 and in his passing the community lost one of its most valued and representative citizens.

Mrs. Hoel, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Caroline Foss, was born in Norway and during her infancy was brought by her mother to the United States. Her father had come to the United States in 1865 and the family followed a short time later after he had made preparations for a home for them in the new world. They were early settlers of North Dakota, the father securing a claim in Richland county, in the same district in which the Hoel homestead was located. The Foss family settled in what is now Eagle township, while the Hoel family made their home in what is now known as Walcott township. The marriage of Einar Hoel and Hannah C. Foss occurred in 1881 and they became the parents of four children, of whom Seward C. is the eldest. Three of the four are yet living, the others being: Alfred, who is engaged in farming in Richland county; and Olaf, who is now engaged in business at Christine, North Dakota. The mother passed away in 1891, having for three years survived her husband.

Seward C. Hoel pursued his education in the graded schools of Richland county and in the Agricultural College at Fargo. He then entered upon a pharmaceutical course at the Agricultural College and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1912. His time had been largely devoted to farming until he reached the age of twenty-three years, but he did



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not find that occupation altogether congenial and hence turned to other pursuits. He first served an apprenticeship in the drug store of M. M. Borman at Abercrombie, spending two years in that connection. He afterward went to Forman, where he was employed in the Hanson drug store for a short time. The following year he removed to Akely, Minnesota, and spent one summer as an employe of the Kruger Drug Company. In the following autumn he entered the Agricultural College and following his graduation he removed to Cooperstown, where he assumed the management of the Cooperstown Drug Company, occupying that position for a period of two and a half years. He then removed to Milnor and purchased the drug stock of the Nickells Drug Company. This purchase was made on the 29th of May, 1915, and from the beginning the business has proven profitable, his trade steadily growing owing to his capable management, reliable methods and indefatigable energy.

On the 20th of October, 1915, Mr. Hoel was married at Frazee, Minnesota, to Miss Nettie Elise Wellman, who was there born on the 19th of December, 1885, and is a daughter of Captain David Lewis Wellman, a Civil war veteran, who was a member of Company S, Fourth Minnesota Regiment, and whose wife, Mrs. Anna Wellman, was born in Minnesota. Captain Wellman, however, was a native of New York and throughout his entire life followed the occupation of farming. He died in 1907 and his widow now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hoel, the latter being the youngest of her five children, all of whom are living.

Mr. Hoel votes with the democratic party but does not seek office as a reward for party fealty, his interest centering in his business. He is member of Shiloh Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., at Fargo, and of Cooperstown Lodge, No. 1, K. P., and both he and his wife are loyal members of the Milnor Methodist church. Their influence is always on the side of right and truth and they do all in their power to promote the growth of the church and extend its influence.

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#### RAY BENJAMIN TOWN.

Ray Benjamin Town, progressive business man of Flaxton, was born on a farm in the town of Leon, Cattaraugus county, New York, on the 23d of February, 1874. His father, Benjamin T. Town, was born and spent his life in the same locality, and his mother, Emily Gail Town, was born in the town of Eden, Erie county, New York, and later with her parents removed to Garden City, Minnesota, where she resided until the time of her marriage.

R. B. Town received his education in the "district" and village schools of his birthplace and at the age of seventeen began work as a helper in the office of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company at Athol Springs, New York, where he remained for nearly a year, when he returned to the old home and spent a year in farming and working in the lumber woods. In the early spring of 1893 he removed to the city of Minneapolis, where he was employed for several years in the office of George W. Jenks, a banker and broker. When he severed that connection he went with the H. C. Akley Lumber Company and remained with that firm until the spring of 1901. On the 13th of September, 1899, he was married to Miss Belle M. Dolphin, who is a native of St. Peter, Minnesota, and attended school at that place and Minneapolis.

In the spring of 1901 Mr. Town came to North Dakota looking for a location in which to start in business for himself and finally landed in the then unplatted town of Postville now Flaxton and, being satisfied with the prospects for this country, decided to locate. About the 1st of May, 1901, Mr. Town arrived in Bowbells with a carload of household goods and a team with which he moved his belongings to the present site of Flaxton, putting up a tent while constructing the first store building to be built in the new town site, in which building he and C. G. Davis opened up a general merchandise business under the firm name of Davis & Town, their firm acting as the town site agents during the first year. At this time Mr. Town's brother, W. S. Town, purchased the interests of Mr. Davis and the business was continued by them until the fall of 1903 when they sold out the general store to con-

tinue the farm implement business that Mr. Town had started with R. B. Burger of Bowbells. This business was incorporated during the year 1906 and has continued since that time as one of the leading implement houses of Burke county. During this time Mr. Town filed on a choice quarter section of land near Flaxton which he proved up. During their residence on the homestead a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Town. This was their only child and they were called upon to mourn his death when he was about nine years old.

Mr. Town is affiliated with the democratic party in politics though not taking an active part in political matters, never having sought an elective office. He has however filled various offices in local affairs, such as township, village, and school.

Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, and he and his wife also belong to the Eastern Star. In church affairs they have always taken an active part, both belonging to the Church of Christ, Mr. Town being a member of the state board of missions. It was in their home that the first Sunday school of Flaxton was organized. This school has the distinction of having lived throughout the history of Flaxton, now being the Sunday school of St. Paul's Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Town are not of the kind that seek public recognition but are always to be depended upon to furnish their help and means for any movement for the betterment of the community in which they live or the community at large. Wherever they are known they are held in high esteem and most of all where they are the best known. In an interview with the writer Mr. Town showed himself to be an enthusiastic booster for North Dakota and was particularly proud of the progress that has been made by the people of this state, speaking of the development he has witnessed from the unbroken prairie to a highly cultivated farming community, with all modern conveniences, such as rural delivery, rural telephone, a splendid school system with high schools in nearly every village of the state and electric lights in all the villages and on many of the farms, and all this within the short time of fifteen years from the date of settlement.

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#### ANDREW J. OLSON.

Andrew J. Olson is engaged in general merchandising and in farming in Fort Ransom township, Ransom county, and is a representative of that large class of substantial citizens that Norway has furnished to this state—men who have recognized the opportunities here offered and in their utilization have contributed to the upbuilding of the commonwealth. He was born in Norway, November 29, 1875, a son of Ole H. Olson, whose birth occurred in that country February 27, 1843. He came to the United States in 1881, bringing with him his wife and four children, and made Ransom county his destination, settling in Fort Ransom township. There he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred June 1, 1915. He was one of North Dakota's early settlers and for thirty-five years continued his residence here, contributing largely to its agricultural development. He married Anna Anderson, who was a native of Norway, born in 1845, and they became the parents of four children, of whom Andrew J. is the second. The mother passed away in 1904.

Andrew J. Olson is indebted to the public school system of Ransom county for his educational opportunities. He attended the district school near his father's home and through the summer months worked in the fields, being thus employed until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He was but six years of age when brought by his parents to the United States and he remembers many of the privations and hardships that attended the early settlers here, such as were incident to frontier life. In August, 1897, he embarked in general merchandising, establishing a general store at the northeast corner of section 15, Fort Ransom township, range 58, township 135, and from the beginning the business has prospered. He also has ninety-two acres of farm land, situated on sections 4 and 15, from which he derives a good rental. He is an enterprising business man, watchful of all opportunities, and his success is well merited. Aside from his other interests Mr. Olson is a stockholder in the Norwegian-American Steamship Company and holds an interest in two of the farmers' mills of this locality, one at Englevale and the other at Catherine, North Dakota.

Mr. Olson married Miss Sarah Anderson, who was born December 15, 1878, a daughter

of Eric S. and Lena (Furan) Anderson, who were early settlers of Minnesota and in 1880 came to North Dakota, where the father followed the occupation of farming. They had a family of twelve children and to Mr. and Mrs. Olson have been born nine children: Agnes O., who was born September 19, 1897; Elmer L., born July 11, 1899; Susanna J., November 15, 1901; Isabel J., February 20, 1904; Arnold J., July 12, 1907; Borgel M., October 9, 1909; Harold M., July 23, 1911; Gmnder J., October 23, 1912; and Olaf H., January 18, 1915.

In his political views Mr. Olson is a stalwart republican and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth, ability and public spirit, chose him as their representative in the state legislature, where he served from January 1, 1909, to January 1, 1911. He has likewise filled local offices, acting as township treasurer since attaining his majority. He has been school treasurer and is a staunch champion of the cause of public education. He has served on the republican central committee at intervals for the past ten or fifteen years and does everything in his power to promote the success of his party because of his firm belief in its principles. He belongs to the Sons of Norway, which organization has its headquarters in Minneapolis, and he is treasurer of the local lodge at Fort Ransom. The organization had its origin in Norway. His religious faith is that of the Scandinavian Lutheran church and to its teachings he is loyal. He has manifested admirable and substantial qualities as a business man, as a citizen and as an advocate of those forces which work for the betterment of the individual and the community.

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#### CHRISTOPHER R. SIMON.

Christopher R. Simon engages in farming on section 2, Elliott township, Ransom county. He was born near Indianola, Warren county, Iowa, August 22, 1869, a son of Theodosius D. and Rebecca J. (Eicher) Simon. Both were natives of Noble county, Ohio, where they were reared and married and upon removing to Illinois they settled in McLean county where they lived for a year. At the end of that time they established their home near Springfield, Missouri, and a year later removed to Warren county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives, save for a period of ten years passed in Madison county, Iowa. During that time the father lived retired from business in Winterset and there passed away in 1911. He had always followed farming as a life work and his diligence and enterprise in that field brought him deserved success. His wife survived him for a brief period, passing away in December, 1914. They were the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters, all of whom are yet living.

Christopher R. Simon, the fifth in order of birth, obtained his education in the schools of his native county and was early trained in farm work, assisting his father in the cultivation of the fields until twenty-one years of age. He then rented his father's farm, which he tilled for four years and at the end of that time he established a retail shoe business in Perry, Iowa, conducting the store for two years, at the end of which time he sold out.

It was on the 16th of December, 1896, that Mr. Simon married Miss Hattie B. Peck who was born in Warren county, Iowa, November 23, 1870, a daughter of John and Margaret (Coon) Peck, who were farming people of the Hawkeye state. Mr. and Mrs. Simon have become the parents of four children; Earl, Lucile, Lloyd and Margaret, all at home.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Simon rented a farm in Warren county, Iowa, and there carried on agricultural pursuits for four years. In 1901 he went to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and six acres of land but soon afterward sold that property and for a year thereafter cultivated a rented farm. He next bought a hundred acres, on which he lived for three years, and after selling that property again cultivated a rented farm for a year. In 1906 he removed to North Dakota and purchased the northwest quarter of section 2 in Elliott township, Ransom county. This was a tract of wild land on which were no trees nor improvements. He erected a good building, planted trees and continued the work of further developing his property. Subsequently he purchased the southwest quarter of the same section and brought that, too, under cultivation. He next bought the southeast quarter of section 35 in Springer township and is now farming four hundred and eighty acres of his own land and also rents and cultivates three hundred and twenty acres adjoining. He is

thus extensively engaged in farming, devoting his time to the development and improvement of eight hundred acres. He likewise engages in raising shorthorn cattle, having a herd of about twenty-five head on his place, and he also has seventy-five head of Duroc-Jersey hogs. There are no improvements of the modern farm that are lacking upon his place. His work is carried on along the most practical and progressive lines and he finds that city with its privileges easy of access because of the fact that he drives an Overland car and thus in a short time can reach a given point. Fraternally Mr. Simon is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a past grand of his lodge. His political support is given to the republican party and for three years he served on the township board, taking an active interest in all that pertained to public welfare and doing everything in his power to advance the general good. During the years of his residence in North Dakota he has made steady progress in business and has wisely utilized his time and opportunities so that success in substantial measure is now his and he ranks with the most prominent of those who are extensively engaged in farming in Ransom county.

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#### ANDREW A. BRUCE.

Rising above the heads of the mass are many men of sterling worth and value who by sheer perseverance and determination have conquered fortune and by their own unaided efforts have risen from the ranks of the commonplace to eminence and positions of respect and trust; but the brilliant qualities of mind which mark the great lawyer and successful jurist are to a certain extent God-given. The use of time, talent and opportunity, however, determine the position of an individual in any chosen walk of life, and that Judge Bruce is accounted one of the foremost lawyers of the Mississippi valley is due no more to his keen and brilliant mind than to his close application, his thorough study and his conscientious regard for the responsibility that devolves upon him.

Judge Bruce was born at Nunda Drug, Madras Presidency, India, April 15, 1866, a son of General Edward Archibald and Anne Young (McMaster) Bruce. The Scotch nativity of his parents led to their return to Europe and the education of their son there. He was a student at Holmesdale House, in Sussex, England, from 1874 until 1879 and in the latter year matriculated in Bath College at Bath, England, where he remained for two years. On the death of his parents, in 1881, he came alone to the United States and after working on a farm for some years he entered the University of Wisconsin, from which he won the B. A. degree in 1890 and the LL. B. degree in 1892. He was valedictorian of his class and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. In 1890 he was appointed secretary to the justices of the supreme court of Wisconsin, which office he filled for two years, after which he became chief clerk in the law department of the Wisconsin Central Railway Company, so continuing until 1893. He was then made attorney for the state board of factory inspectors of Illinois, remaining in that position for two years, and in 1893 he also entered upon the private practice of law in Chicago, continuing a member of the bar in that city for five years. In 1898 he was called to the University of Wisconsin as assistant professor of law, remaining in that position until 1902, and was professor of law from 1902 until 1911, in the University of North Dakota, acting as dean of the College of Law from 1904 until he severed his connection with the institution. His elevation to the supreme bench came in November, 1911, when he was elected an associate justice of North Dakota. A man of well balanced intellect, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice and possessed of comprehensive general information, he combines therewith an analytical mind and a self-control that enables him to lose his individuality, his personal feelings and his peculiarities of disposition in the dignity, impartiality and equity of the office. His reported opinions are monuments to his profound legal learning, showing a thorough mastery of the questions involved, a rare simplicity of style and an admirable terseness and clearness in the statement of the principles upon which the opinions rest.

On the 29th of June, 1899, in River Forest, Illinois, Judge Bruce was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bacon Pickett, a niece of General George Pickett and a daughter of Joseph

D. Pickett, who was superintendent of public instruction in Kentucky. Judge and Mrs. Bruce have a daughter and son, Glen and Edward McMaster.

In religious faith Judge Bruce is an Episcopalian, while fraternally he is identified with the York Rite Masons, the Mystic Shrine and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa societies. He is a republican. His work in behalf of his profession has been of wide scope. He has been a close student of the science of government and of the grave problems which have to do with the political, economic and sociological conditions of the country. He took a leading part in the enactment and enforcement of the child labor and sweat shop laws of both Illinois and Wisconsin. He has been in much demand as a public speaker and has been a frequent contributor to magazines and newspapers, his writing covering many subjects bearing upon his profession and others of more general interest, including a book on "Property and Society." He is an ex-president of the state board of bar examiners of North Dakota and he was a delegate to the universal congress of lawyers and jurists in St. Louis in 1904. He belongs to the American Bar Association, in which he has served as a member of the general council and a manager of the comparative law bureau. He has been honored with the presidency of the North Dakota State Bar Association, was made a commissioner on uniform state laws for North Dakota, and has served on the executive committee of the national conference. Nature endowed him with marked ability and he has used his talents wisely and well, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the laws and upon the judicial history of the states in which he has lived. To an understanding of uncommon acuteness and vigor he has added a thorough and conscientious preparatory training, while he has exemplified in his practice and upon the bench all the higher elements of the truly great lawyer and jurist.

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#### GEORGE WELLINGTON JONES.

George Wellington Jones, a partner in the hardware firm of Jones Brothers, at Crosby and one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of the town, his labors at all times being resultant along the lines of progress and improvement, was born upon a farm in Rochester, Minnesota, March 11, 1877, his parents being James M. and Mary A. (McCumber) Jones, mentioned elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of their son, O. M. Jones.

George W. Jones was educated in the city schools of Rochester, Minnesota, and in a business college there and afterward traveled for two years. Later he became proprietor of a small confectionery store at Kenyon, Minnesota, where he remained for three years and in 1905 he removed to Flaxton, North Dakota, where he established a hotel which he conducted for a year. In June, 1906, he arrived in Crosby and opened the first hotel of the town, it being also the first two story building. After conducting the business for three months he was joined by his brother, O. M. Jones, and they opened a hardware business under the firm style of Jones Brothers. In the intervening years they have since built up a large trade and their commercial enterprise constitutes a very substantial force in the development of the business interests of this section.

In 1906 George W. Jones was married to Miss Nellie Hunter, of Noonan, North Dakota, who was born and reared in Indiana and in 1904 came to this state with her parents, who homesteaded near Noonan. She is a daughter of W. J. and Sarah Hunter, natives of Indiana, where they were identified with farming interests until they established their home upon a farm in North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have become parents of six children: George W., Earl, Clinton, Ruth, Hazel and Arda, all at home.

Mr. Jones is a stalwart advocate of republican principles and served as a member of the first city council following the organization of the village. He was also clerk of the school board for two years and has been president of the school board for the past six years, in which connection he was largely instrumental in securing the erection of a new modern brick schoolhouse seventy-six by eighty-two feet. The citizens said that his project was impractical, that it could not be carried out, but he demonstrated that it could be done and Crosby is today justly proud of her school building. He is a director of the city park board, of the Crosby Commercial Club and of the Divide County Fair Association. Mr. Jones is rated as a

man who has and is doing as much, if not more, for the new town of Crosby than any other citizen. He is always ready with time and money to further its projects and to promote any movement that will benefit the community. He is indeed a man of marked public spirit and is at the same time a progressive and enterprising business man who well deserves the success which has come to him.

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#### EDGAR LEOPOLD MORROW.

Edgar Leopold Morrow is engaged in the manufacture and sale of harness and saddlery at Kenmare, carrying the largest stock of goods west of Minneapolis. He was born at Hagersville, near Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, November 23, 1870, a son of William and Sarah (Ellicott) Morrow. The father was born in Ireland and in his childhood days became a resident of Canada, where he was reared and educated. He followed farming in the vicinity of Hamilton until his death, which occurred in 1898. His wife, a native of Canada, passed away January 10, 1916, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Edgar L. Morrow, spending his youthful days upon the home farm near Hagersville, attended the district schools and worked in the fields for his father until he reached the age of twenty. In 1891 he removed to Manitou, Canada, and was there employed as a harvest hand. He had one of his feet frozen, necessitating its amputation, and this forced him into seeking some other means of livelihood and he decided upon the trade of harness making, serving a long apprenticeship at that line in Boissevain, Manitoba. He afterward worked at his trade in Winnipeg and other places in Manitoba, for eleven years and in 1901 he arrived in Kenmare, Ward county, at which time he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of land six and one-half miles from the town. He cultivated the property, complying with the law in regard to improvement and occupancy. In 1904 he opened a harness making establishment and in 1905 bought lots in Kenmare and erected thereon a modern business building for store and factory purposes, selling his homestead in order to buy machinery and stock and thus start the business. His plant is equipped with all kinds of electrically driven machinery for the manufacture of harness and his factory is built along the most sanitary lines. All around are large glass windows giving daylight to every corner of the shop, and something of the volume of business which he has developed is indicated in the fact that he carries the largest stock of harness and horse goods west of Minneapolis, and he also handles trunks, bags and other goods of similar nature. He does work for the farmers and ranchmen for many miles around, and while he started in with a stock valued at only four hundred dollars, he now carries a stock valued at five thousand dollars.

Mr. Morrow is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Kenmare and has passed through all the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1914 he was elected alderman for the short term and in 1915 was reelected, so that he is now serving in that capacity. He maintains a stalwart position in support of measures for the general good and is regarded as one of Kenmare's reliable officials and one of its most active and progressive business men.

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#### CHARLES F. GIBSON.

Charles F. Gibson, a representative farmer of North Dakota living in Cass county, has made his home in this state since 1881 and has therefore been a witness of much of its growth and development. He now has a splendidly improved property situated on section 14, Durbin township, his farm comprising three hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land. Mr. Gibson is a native of Canada, born November 29, 1862, his parents being William and Jane (Gillespie) Gibson, the former a native of Scotland and

the latter of Canada. They were married in Canada, where their remaining days were passed, and there they reared their family of five children.

Charles F. Gibson, the only survivor of the family, spent his boyhood and youth in his native country, remaining at home until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he started out to make his way in the world. Crossing the border into the United States, he came to North Dakota and for thirty-six years has been continuously a resident of Cass county. In 1884 he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, his holdings today embracing three hundred and twenty acres on section 14, Durbin township. His labors have wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of this place, which he has improved with fine buildings. He makes a specialty of stock raising in connection with general farming and has good grades of horses, cattle and hogs upon his place. The equipments of a model farm are there to be seen and an air of neatness and thrift pervades the place, indicating his careful supervision, his methods at all times being practical and progressive. He is a stockholder in and the secretary of the Farmers Elevator of Mapleton and is one of the directors of the local telephone company.

In 1886 Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Janie Weir, a native of Canada and a daughter of Ralph and Harriett (Shaver) Weir, who were also born in that country. They made their home on a farm in Cass county, North Dakota, for a period of fifteen years but then disposed of their property and returned to Canada, now residing in Alberta. To them were born six children, four of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are the parents of two children, namely: Edith Grace, who is a graduate of the State Normal School at Moorhead, Minnesota, and now follows the profession of teaching; and Ralph William, at home.

Mr. Gibson holds membership in the Masonic lodge at Casselton and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for twenty years he has filled the office of township clerk, making a most creditable record in the position, as is indicated by his long continuance therein. He and his wife deserve much credit for what they have accomplished. They have worked together, Mrs. Gibson's capable management of her home supplementing the efforts of her husband in the fields, and they are now reaping the benefits of their labor, being in possession of a handsome competence which enables them to enjoy all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

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#### ALFRED E. SEVAREID.

Alfred E. Severeid, cashier of the Merchants State Bank at Velva, was born in Kenyon, Minnesota, October 20, 1882, his parents being Erick and Caroline (Krogstrom) Severeid, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Sweden. The father came to America in 1853, settling in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he took up a homestead and devoted his remaining days to the cultivation and improvement of a farm, being ranked with the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the district. He died March 5, 1892, while his widow survived until May 15, 1913.

Alfred E. Severeid began his education in the common schools of Goodhue county and later entered Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906. While in college he won distinction in athletics, especially in baseball, making an excellent record as a pitcher. He took up the profession of teaching in North Dakota and after six months removed to Ruso, where he was employed in a bank for three years. In January, 1910, he accepted the cashiership of the Merchants State Bank at Velva and has held that position continuously since, his thorough knowledge of the banking business, his close application, unremitting energy and unvarying courtesy contributing in substantial measure to the success of the institution. The other officers are: C. M. Anderson, president; and A. O. Anderson, vice president. The bank is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars and the deposits amount to two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, the bank having the largest home deposits of any bank in the county. The institution was organized in 1900 and entered upon a substantial growth which makes it one of the strong and reliable moneyed

concerns of McHenry county. In addition to his connection with the bank Mr. Sevareid is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Velva Supply Company and is the secretary and treasurer of the Velva Land & Loan Company. He also has farming interests here and in 1908 homesteaded in McHenry county.

On the 14th of October, 1909, Mr. Sevareid was married to Miss Clara Hougen, a daughter of the Rev. John O. and Agnes Hougen, natives of Norway and Iowa, respectively. The father has devoted his life to the work of the ministry and is now preaching in Tacoma, Washington, but his wife has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Sevareid have three children, Paul A., Arnold E. and John W.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Sevareid is that of the Lutheran church. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has served as a member of the city council in Velva. In 1912 he ran for state senator on the democratic ticket and only lost by a few votes in a strong republican district. He is now a trustee of Northwestern College. At the outset of his career he recognized the fact that industry is the basis of success and his continuous progress in the business world is due to the fact that he has made industry the beacon light of his life. While naturally the greater part of his time and attention is given to his business activities, he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and gives loyal support to plans and measures for promoting public progress.

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#### WILLIAM R. MOVIOUS.

William R. Movius, the chief stockholder in the Lidgerwood Mill Company, one of the important industrial concerns of Richland county, was born in Germany on the 1st of November, 1850, and received an excellent education in his native land, attending high school and college. Following his removal to this country he engaged in merchandising in Big Stone City, South Dakota, where he remained for three years, after which he devoted a similar period of time to agricultural pursuits. He then returned to Big Stone City and for three years dealt in real estate. He continued to reside there until 1890 and was recognized as one of its leading citizens. He served as the first postmaster for twelve years, proving very efficient in that capacity.

Soon after his arrival in Lidgerwood, North Dakota, in 1890, Mr. Movius built a large flour mill, which, however, burned four years later. He at once rebuilt and has continued in business to the present time. The mill, which is conducted under the name of the Lidgerwood Mill Company, has a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels per day and ships flour all over the United States. As it is in the heart of one of the best wheat producing regions in the world and is thoroughly equipped with the most improved machinery, while the utmost care is taken in the manufacture of the flour, it is but natural that the flour should be of an unusually high quality and should find a ready sale. Mr. Movius is president and general manager of the company and to him is due the greatest credit for the success of the business. He is also interested in the First National Bank and in the Movius Land & Loan Company.

Mr. Movius was married in 1876 to Miss Marcella Murray, a native of Fillmore county, Minnesota, and a daughter of Duncan Murray. Her father, who was of Highland Scotch descent, removed from Nova Scotia to Fillmore county, Minnesota, in the early days of the history of that state. Subsequently he came to Dakota, where he was frozen to death in a blizzard. Mr. and Mrs. Movius have eight children: Arthur J., a physician located at Billings, Montana; Winfred D., who is associated with his father in the mill; Marcella, the wife of Dr. N. J. Shields, of Wahpeton, this state; Pearl, who married A. W. Rosenkranz, bookkeeper and electrician in the mill; Rex Murray, who is engaged in the real estate business in Plentywood, Montana; Walter R., who is employed in a real estate office in Billings; Harold E., who is ranching in Montana, and Margaret, the wife of H. E. Warren, of Jackson, Tennessee, who is superintendent of the dining car service on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad.

Mr. Movius casts his ballot in support of the measures and candidates of the democratic



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party and has served acceptably as a member of the city council and as a member of the school board. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which he contributes, and he strives to conform his life to the teachings of Christianity. He has contributed in no small measure to the industrial and business development of his section and has also done his part in promoting the advancement of his community along moral and civic lines.

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MANUEL F. BLANCO.

Manuel F. Blanco, vice president of the First State Bank of Jud, was born in New York city on the 1st of July, 1887, his parents being Joseph L. and Jessie (Koch) Blanco, the former a native of Spain and the latter of Brooklyn, New York. When a young man the father came to the United States, arriving about 1875, his journey being made for the purpose of managing the New York properties of his uncle, who lived in Spain. He continued in charge of those interests in the eastern metropolis for fifteen years but in 1890 left the Atlantic coast for the west, making his way to Lamoure county, North Dakota. He settled eight miles southwest of Edgeley, where he purchased a relinquishment on a tree claim of one hundred and sixty acres. Taking up his abode thereon, he engaged in the sheep business, with which he was identified for twelve or thirteen years, after which he sold his sheep and gave his undivided attention to general farming, raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He died upon his farm March 31, 1914, and is still survived by his widow, who yet resides in Edgeley.

Manuel F. Blanco supplemented his district school training by a term's study in the agricultural college at Fargo and after his textbooks were put aside he was employed for about a year and a half by the Pomona Valley Telephone Company, after which he made his initial step in connection with the banking business on the 1st of April, 1910, entering the First National Bank of Edgeley in the capacity of bookkeeper. On the 1st of September, 1911, he removed to Jud to accept a similar position in the First State Bank and on the 1st of May, 1912, he was appointed assistant cashier of the institution, while on the 1st of January, 1914, he was made vice president of the bank and so continues, in which connection he is bending his energies and efforts to administrative direction and executive control.

On the 25th of June, 1913, Mr. Blanco was married to Miss Olive Gunthorp, a daughter of the Hon. Charles Gunthorp, a prominent business man and the present state representative of Edgeley, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Blanco have become parents of a daughter, Elizabeth. Fraternally he is connected with Maple River Lodge, No. 41, F. & A. M., of Edgeley, and he also belongs to Golden Glen Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., at that place. Politically he is a republican and has served as president of the town board of Jud, being actuated in his public connections as well as in his business relations by a spirit of undaunted enterprise and progress.

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WALTER JOHNSON.

The broad prairies of North Dakota have attracted to the state enterprising agriculturists who have recognized the advantages here offered for the development of productive farms, and not only have they carried forward the specific work for which they came but they have also here reared families who have continued the work, further carrying on the agricultural development of the state. Among the representatives of this younger generation is Walter Johnson, who was born in Tuller township, Ransom county, December 22, 1880, and it is in that township that he still makes his home. His father, Abram Johnson, was born near Spring Valley, New Jersey, and in 1880 came to North Dakota, where he homesteaded the place upon which Walter Johnson now resides, there remaining until his death, which occurred in 1908. He made a specialty of raising high grade shorthorns and

Shropshire sheep in addition to the work of general farming. He married Rachel Lozier, a native of Rochester, New Jersey, and they became the parents of six children, of whom Walter was the third. The mother died in 1905.

To the district school system of the state Walter Johnson is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which prepared him for life's practical duties. He was married on the 3d of June, 1914, to Miss Luella Boek, who was born in Minnesota, August 14, 1896, a daughter of John and Helena Boek, who are also natives of that state and who came to North Dakota in 1904. The father has devoted his life to general farming and both he and his wife are now residents of Lisbon, this state. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Johnson is the eldest, and by her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Harold Erwin, born April 18, 1915.

Mr. Johnson worked with his father on the old homestead farm until the latter's death, at which time he and his brother Lester purchased the place and have since operated the farm, Walter Johnson taking the south half of section 28, Tuller township, and also forty acres on section 33. He is still living in the house in which he was born and which was erected by his father, who was a carpenter and who built nearly all of the earlier buildings of the county, together with the schoolhouses and various business blocks in Lisbon. Walter Johnson devotes his attention not only to the cultivation of his fields but also to the purchase and sale of stock and both branches of his business are proving profitable. He has upon his place substantial buildings and modern equipment in the way of improved farm machinery which facilitates the work of the fields. He is also a stockholder in the Equity Elevator Company of St. Paul and in the Equity Elevator Company of Lisbon, and he is a director and stockholder in the Farmers Southeastern Telephone Company. He speculates quite extensively in Minnesota lands and his business affairs are all carefully and wisely managed, bringing to him substantial and growing success.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is an earnest republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For one year he filled the office of school treasurer and with the exception of a period of two years has continuously served as township treasurer since the organization of the township. He is interested in all matters pertaining to the general good and wherever possible aids in the work of public progress. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen as a member of the lodge at Lisbon and in that organization and in other connections he is popular, having the qualities which make for strong friendships and kindly regard.

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#### EDWARD R. SINKLER.

Edward R. Sinkler, practicing law in Minot, was born at Waupun, Wisconsin, May 3, 1871, a son of Adolph F. and Esther (Thorlson) Sinkler, natives of Sweden and Norway respectively. The father crossed the Atlantic in 1865, when about twenty-five years of age and took up his abode at Waupun, where he engaged in blacksmithing until 1877. In that year he removed to Walnut Grove, Minnesota, and afterward to Grafton, North Dakota, making the trip to Grafton in 1881 on the first train that entered the town. There he engaged in the liquor business for a year but afterward took up his abode upon a farm, whereon he resided until 1896, when he returned to Grafton. There he lived retired for six years, after which he established his home at Boscobel, Wisconsin, where he still lives retired. His wife also survives.

Edward R. Sinkler, who was the second in a family of four children, completed his public school education by graduation from the high school at Grafton and in 1889 he completed a course in the North Dakota University. He also attended St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, and the Northwestern University Law School, in which he pursued his studies from 1894 until 1896. His school days, however, did not compass a continuous period, for other activities intervened ere he prepared for the bar. At the age of twenty-one he became a professional baseball player and in that manner earned his way through college and the university. When he had completed his law course he entered

at once upon the practice of his profession at Grafton, North Dakota, in 1896, and there remained until 1909, when he came to Minot, where he has since continued in the general practice of law. His ability was soon demonstrated in the capable manner in which he handled the cases entrusted to his care. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. He has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed and he stands high, especially in the discussion of legal matters before the court, where his comprehensive knowledge of the law is manifest. As he has prospered he has made judicious investment in real estate and has become the owner of valuable farm land in Ward, Pembina and Williams counties, which he rents, devoting his entire attention to his law practice.

On the 17th of May, 1896, Mr. Sinkler was married to Miss Gurly Christenson, a native of Chicago and a daughter of W. F. and Salien Christenson, the latter a native of Sweden. The father was born at Trondhjem, Norway, and when a young man came to the new world, arriving in Chicago about 1867. He is a cabinetmaker by trade and is now engaged in the manufacture of high grade furniture for the Tobey Furniture Company. Mr. and Mrs. Sinkler have become the parents of three children: Volborg, attending the Northwestern University at Chicago; Swanhild, who is also a student in Chicago; and Gurly, now a high school student in Chicago.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Sinkler is an Odd Fellow and Elk. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the American Yeomen and the Sons of Norway. His political support is given to the republican party and he served as states attorney of Walsh county from 1900 until 1904. At the present time, however, he does not take active part in politics aside from exercising his right of franchise. He prefers to concentrate his entire attention upon his professional duties and at the bar he has made a most creditable record, for he throws himself easily and naturally into the argument with a self possession and a deliberation that indicates no straining after effect but a precision and clearness in his statement and an acuteness in his argument which speaks a mind trained in the severest school of investigation and to which the closest reasoning has become habitual and easy.

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#### JUDGE BRICK M. PIERCE.

Judge Brick M. Pierce, a resident of Crosby and judge of Divide county, was born in Barry county, Michigan, March 30, 1878, a son of Joseph J. and Frances (Harwood) Pierce. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, acquired a common school education and as a young man took up the insurance business, which he followed throughout his entire life. In the early days, or in 1883, he established his home at Pipestone, Minnesota, and there continued to reside until death called him in 1900. His wife, a native of Michigan, spent her girlhood days at Battle Creek, that state, and is now living in Pipestone, Minnesota.

It was there that Judge Pierce was reared and in the public schools passed through consecutive grades until he became a high school pupil. In early manhood he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Minnesota and in North Dakota. He took up the business of a traveling photographer, being thus engaged for a time, and later he entered the Leeds State Bank at Leeds, North Dakota, in the capacity of assistant cashier. After five years he removed to Noonan, North Dakota, where he was assistant cashier in the First International Bank for six years or until the division of the county. He was then appointed county judge by the county commissioners of Divide county in 1910 and occupied that position until 1912, when he became a candidate for the office and was elected. Two years later he was reelected against strong opposition and in 1916 was again chosen for the office, which position he is now acceptably filling, his decisions being at all times fair and impartial, being based upon the law and the equity in the case. That his course is highly commended by public opinion is indicated in the fact that he has been three times chosen by popular suffrage. In politics he is a republican but is a man of very liberal views and will not sacrifice the public welfare to partisanship.

On the 20th of December, 1911, Judge Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Daugherty at Noonan. She was born in Indiana and in her early girlhood came to North Dakota. For a time she taught school and was principal of the schools at Ambrose, Imperial and Noonan, being thus engaged up to the time of her marriage. She has become the mother of two children: Marion, born in Crosby, October 11, 1912; and Morris, born July 28, 1914.

Judge Pierce has filled several minor offices in Crosby and at Noonan, and is now president of the Crosby park board. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Minot, with the Masonic lodge at Crosby, of which he is senior deacon, and with the Royal Arch chapter at Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada. He is broad and liberal in his religious views and it is characteristic of him that he is always working for the interest of some plan or project for the benefit and good of the community in which he lives. He believes particularly that each city should establish parks and playgrounds for the children, recognizing the fact that healthful recreation is not only a source of physical strength but also an element in good citizenship. His position in regard to affairs of city and county is that there are many desirable things, not strictly speaking necessities, for which money may properly be spent but that discretion and care should be used in expenditure. For twenty-one years he has been a resident of North Dakota and in the early days he traveled extensively all over the state doing photographic work. He is enthusiastic concerning its agricultural advantages, especially in Divide county, and is doing effective work in making known the advantages offered in that district along the line of successful farming. He has erected a home in Crosby and he is now putting forth earnest effort to secure the erection of a courthouse in the town. A stalwart champion of education, he believes that no investment gives better value than the building of schoolhouses and the providing of educational facilities to train the young. He has a wide acquaintance and his friends, who are many, are numbered among all classes of people. Those who read between the lines of this review will readily see that Judge Pierce is a big, broad-minded man, looking at the vital questions of life from no narrow, selfish nor contracted standpoint, and appreciation of his worth on the part of his fellow townsmen is indicated in the fact that he was elected without opposition to the county bench in 1916.

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#### JOHN T. PETERSON.

John T. Peterson, a general merchant of Englevale, was born in Iowa in 1871, a son of Torkel Peterson, who was a native of Norway and on coming to the United States in 1871 settled in Cresco, Iowa. Subsequently he removed to Wisconsin, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1878. His wife, Mrs. Annie Marie Peterson, was also a native of Norway, in which country their marriage was celebrated. They had a family of three children, of whom John T. was the third. The mother long survived her husband, passing away in May, 1916.

John T. Peterson largely acquired his education in the district schools of Wisconsin, although in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons. When his textbooks were put aside he began concentrating his efforts upon work on his father's farm and was thus engaged until seventeen years of age, when he removed to Fort Ransom, North Dakota, and entered the employ of E. S. Sovlace, a general merchant, with whom he remained for sixteen years, his long connection with that house plainly indicating his capability and thorough reliability. In 1906 he removed to Englevale, where he embarked in general merchandising on his own account and through the intervening period of ten years has since carried on a growing business here, his success being attributable to his honorable dealing, close application and enterprising methods. He has the largest establishment of the kind in Englevale and in addition is proprietor of a general mercantile store at Fort Ransom. He is likewise interested in farm lands but from the standpoint of investment only, as he does not personally cultivate his fields. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Englevale and in business affairs displays sound judgment and keen sagacity.

In 1897 Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Rulsvold, who was born in Norway in 1879, being the youngest in a family of seven children. To them have been born three children, namely: Harold, whose natal day was December 25, 1903; Viola, who was born January 27, 1906, and passed away in July, 1915; and Willard, born January 28, 1910.

In politics Mr. Peterson is an earnest republican but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He has served, however, as president and director of the school board of Hanson township, Ransom county, and he is a member of the Englevale Lutheran church, of which he is also a trustee. His has been an active and well spent life and from the age of seventeen years he has depended entirely upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved is the direct and merited reward of his own labors.

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#### ELLSWORTH C. ANDRUS.

Ellsworth C. Andrus, manager of the Andrews elevator at Elliott, was born near Buffalo, New York, August 17, 1862, a son of Sylvester B. Andrus, whose birth occurred in the Empire state in 1838 and who in 1882 came to North Dakota, settling first at Fargo. The following year he removed to Dickey county, establishing his home on section 14, township 132, range 59. The township was afterward known as the James River Valley township and there Mr. Andrus took up the occupation of farming and in 1889 began specializing in shorthorn Durhams, being known throughout the county for his fine herd. The father died in March, 1897, and the community mourned the loss of one of its valued and representative citizens. In New York he married Miss Hariett Underbill, who was born in 1839, in the same locality as her husband, and they became the parents of six children, of whom one died in childhood, while five are still living. The mother yet survives and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Elliott, four miles east of Glover, North Dakota.

Ellsworth C. Andrus, the eldest in the family, was a young lad when his parents removed westward, and in Rochester, Minnesota, he attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school and afterward pursuing a course in the Rochester Business College, from which he was graduated. Subsequently he removed to Fargo in 1882 and there worked at the carpenter's trade, spending a year in that city. In 1883 he went to Dickey county, North Dakota, and became interested in the raising of shorthorn cattle and in general farming. There he remained until 1897, when he removed to Oakes, this state, continuing his residence there for four years, his time and energies being devoted to the grain trade and to carpentering. In 1901 he established his home in Elliott and for six years here represented the Andrews Grain Company of Minneapolis. On the expiration of that period he embarked in business on his own account and so continued for four years, or until he met with losses, his mill being destroyed by fire in 1912. He then returned to the employ of the Andrews Company and was made manager at Elliott, which responsible position he is now filling. He thoroughly understands the grain trade and carefully directs the interests of the company at this point, the business here proving a profitable one. For seven years Mr. Andrus managed a lumber and implement business for the C. E. Jones Lumber & Implement Company of Lisbon, which he conducted in connection with the grain trade, but now concentrates his entire attention upon the management and control of the Andrews elevator at Elliott.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Andrus and Miss Ida L. Rapp, who was born in Wisconsin in 1868 and removed with her parents, Casper and Catherine Rapp, to North Dakota, the family home being established in Dickey county. In 1882 they became residents of Sargent county, settling on section 5, Denver township. There the father passed away in 1885 and the mother is now living with a daughter at Fryburg, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Andrus have become the parents of two sons: Earl C., who was born October 5, 1891, and died in 1911; and Guy C., who was born in November, 1895.

In his political views Mr. Andrus is a republican and when in Dickey county held the office of assessor in his township. He was also school clerk for eight years and afterward

was again called to the position of assessor and was also clerk in James River Valley township. Since his removal to Ransom county he has been for ten years clerk in Elliott township and assessor for four years, occupying the latter position at the present time. Still higher political honors, however, have been conferred upon him by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability, for in 1911 he went to Bismarek as the representative of the fourteenth district, which includes Ransom county. He was again asked to become a member of the general assembly but refused. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Oakes, with the United Workmen lodge at Lisbon, with the Knights of Pythias lodge of Lisbon, with the blue lodge, chapter and commandery at Lisbon and with El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, his membership being at Lisbon. His life is characterized by high and honorable purpose and as the years have passed he has gained the high and well merited regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### MARCUS MORTON CHATFIELD.

Marcus Morton Chatfield, member of the Minot bar, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 19, 1876, a son of Marcus Morton and Helen L. (Willson) Chatfield. The mother was born in New York in 1847. The father, whose birth occurred in Ohio in 1840, became a farmer and in the year 1858 removed to Minnesota, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until the year 1901, when he filed on land north of Minot, in Bottineau county, in what is now Chatfield township, there remaining until about a year prior to his death, which occurred in January, 1911. His widow still survives and is now a resident of Minot. Mr. Chatfield was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for four years and nine months as a member of Company B, First Iowa Cavalry, and when active hostilities closed he was sent with his regiment to the Texas border because of the troubles in Mexico during the reign of Emperor Maximilian. He was never wounded but suffered with black measles, which confined him in the hospital for a time. It was his army experience that practically caused his death, for it left him with physical conditions from which he never recovered. He was always quite prominent in the communities in which he lived, not because he sought public recognition but because his ability was recognized by his fellow townsmen. He served as county commissioner in Rock county, Minnesota, and held various township offices. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, of which he was a staunch advocate. He was a man of broad sympathy and was continually extending a helping hand to those who needed assistance.

His son and namesake, Marcus M. Chatfield of Minot, was the sixth in order of birth in a family of eleven children. He attended school in southern Minnesota but says that his best education was obtained from the meadows, brooks, birds and fields. However, he attended the country schools until he was sixteen years of age, after which he spent two years as a student in the State Normal School at Mankato. Still later he entered the University of North Dakota and was graduated from the law department with the class of 1905. He began teaching when seventeen years of age, following that profession for about three years during the winter seasons, while in the summer months he engaged in farming. At the time of the Spanish-American war he enlisted as a member of Company G, Fifteenth Minnesota Regiment, serving with the rank of corporal. He spent two months at Camp Randall and at Fort Snelling and was then transferred to Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, and later to Camp McKenzie, Augusta, Georgia. His regiment was not called upon for active service at the front, however, and he was mustered out in Georgia, March 27, 1899. After returning home he engaged in teaching for a year, then attended school for two years and afterward taught again for a year in Minnesota. On the expiration of that period he came to North Dakota, filed on land and proved up his claim. It was in the fall of 1903 that he entered the State University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. Having thus prepared for the bar, he began practice in Minot, where he has since been an active member of the profession. For a brief period he practiced with R. M. Andrews and was afterward alone in practice until 1911, when he entered into partnership with John L. Fahey, which connection

continued until the death of Mr. Fahey on the 9th of September, 1915. Mr. Chatfield is again alone and is devoting his attention to general law practice, being recognized as one of the able lawyers of the Minot bar. He is also a landowner of North Dakota, having two quarter sections in the state. While he devotes practically his entire attention to his law practice, he makes fine chickens his hobby and raises the beautiful Hondan breed, keeping about one hundred birds on hand. He finds pleasure and recreation in raising chickens and his work in that connection is of great interest to him.

On the 12th of June, 1906, Mr. Chatfield was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Birkett, who was born in or near Ellsworth, Minnesota, and resided on a farm there until she became the wife of our subject. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Miles Birkett, the former a native of Ontario, Canada, and the latter of Iowa. Miles Birkett came to the United States when very young, settling first in Iowa, but soon after the Civil war took up a claim at Ellsworth, Minnesota, where he still resides. In 1863, when between sixteen and seventeen years of age, he enlisted in an Iowa regiment and served with the Union army until the close of hostilities. Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield have five children, as follows: Miles Birkett, born August 12, 1908; Gertrude, whose natal day was November 25, 1909; Marcus Morton, whose birth occurred on the 20th of December, 1911; Helen, born July 16, 1913; and Keith, born July 26, 1915.

Mr. Chatfield is identified with several fraternal organizations, belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is a republican, inclined to affiliate with the progressive wing of the party. In 1909 he was elected a member of the state legislature but is not a seeker for political honors or office. He is now president of the school board of Harrison district, which includes a part of the city of Minot. He belongs to the Congregational church and is interested in all those forces which work for the material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress of the community. He stands for advancement at all times and his work has been a tangible element in bringing about needed reforms and improvements in Minot. In the practice of law, too, his course has been a forward one and he is concentrating his energies upon his professional duties in a manner that has made his devotion to his clients' interests proverbial.

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#### RENARD A. WERNER.

Renard A. Werner, president of the First State Bank of Alfred, in which he owns a large majority of the stock, was born in Redwood county, Minnesota, July 13, 1878, a son of August and Lottie Werner, the former a native of Berlin, Germany, while the latter was born near Ripon, Wisconsin. The father came to the United States when a youth of fourteen years, crossing the Atlantic as a stowaway. After three days on the vessel he made himself known and was put to work in the kitchen peeling potatoes, by which means he paid his passage over, the voyage lasting four months, for the ship was one of the old-time sailing vessels. Immediately after his arrival he was paid two hundred and fifty dollars to act as a substitute for a man who had been drafted for service in the Civil war and for three years he rendered military aid to the government, while the money which had been paid him was sent to his mother to bring her and his six brothers to this country.

After the war August Werner went to New Ulm, Minnesota, and two years later removed to Lamberton, that state, taking up a homestead which was then sixty-five miles from a railroad. He immediately began to develop and improve his property and as his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised four hundred and eighty acres. There he carried on general farming until 1911, when he left one of his sons upon the old homestead and removed to Lamberton, where he is now living retired.

Renard A. Werner completed his public school education in the high school at Lamberton with the class of 1898, after which he entered the Northwestern College at Naperville, Illinois, where he won the Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation with the class of 1903. It was his intention to enter Rush Medical College of Chicago but at that time the college raised its entrance requirements and Mr. Werner gave up the idea of studying medicine. His college work was pursued after his return from service in the Spanish-American war.

He had enlisted in May, 1898, and was held in the detention camps at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, and at Camp Hamilton in Lexington, Kentucky, being mustered out at New Ulm, Minnesota, in the following November.

After his graduation from the Northwestern College at Naperville, Illinois, Mr. Werner came to this state and through the succeeding winter engaged in teaching at Diekey, Lamoure county. He afterward took charge of the implement business of H. D. Maek of Diekey and continued in that position for almost a year, when on a trip to Fargo he met O. W. Kerr of the O. W. Kerr Company, investment bankers, and formed plans whereby in connection with Mr. Kerr he established the Logan County Bank at Gackle. He was placed in charge of the institution as cashier and continued in that capacity from the opening of the bank in September, 1905, until the 1st of January, 1914, when he severed his connection with that institution and bought a controlling interest in the First State Bank of Alfred, of which he had been one of the organizers in 1909. He became its president and is now at the head of the bank, which has entered upon a successful existence, basing its management upon the rules which govern and safeguard thoroughly reliable banking institutions. He is also an extensive holder of farm lands, owning nine hundred and eighty acres in Stutsman, Lamoure and Logan counties, and from his farm property he derives a most gratifying annual income.

In 1905 Mr. Werner was married to Miss Luella Brunner, of Diekey, and they have become parents of three children: Burnett, Chrystal and Kermit. Mr. Werner exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and while never seeking political office, has served as a member of the school board for some years. He is prominent in local Masonic circles as a member of Diekey Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., and Edgeley Chapter, R. A. M. He also belongs to Lincoln Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., of Diekey. He has a wide acquaintance in the southeastern part of the state, where he has operated in business circles along lines that have led to the advancement of public prosperity as well as individual success.

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#### PROFESSOR ARTHUR GRISWOLD CRANE.

Professor Arthur Griswold Crane, president of the State Normal School at Minot, laid the foundation for the success of this institution in that he inaugurated the policy and formulated the system of work of the institution. He is today widely recognized as an able educator and the Minot Normal is an expression of his ability and resourcefulness. He was born September 1, 1877, in Delaware county, New York, a son of Edward Payson and Mary Ward (Griswold) Crane, natives of New York city and of Madison, New Jersey, respectively. The father was a Presbyterian minister and in 1881 removed with his family to the west, settling in Olmsted county, Minnesota, where he remained for four years. He afterward resided in various parts of that state and in Iowa until 1909, when he came to North Dakota and for three years was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Minto. He subsequently removed to Central City, Iowa, where his wife died, and since that time Rev. Crane has returned to New York, where he now makes his home. At the time of the Civil war he served for about two years as chaplain of the Twenty-ninth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry.

Professor Crane of this review is the younger of the two children in his father's family. He attended the public schools of Minnesota and Iowa, completing a high school course, and taking his college work at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, winning the Bachelor of Science degree with the class of 1902. He afterward took post graduate work in Columbia University of New York. He continued at home until he attained his majority, although he had worked for others to some extent previous to that time. He was principal of the Menahga, Minnesota, schools for a year, after which he completed his college course, at the end of which time he accepted the position of city superintendent of schools at Minto, there remaining from 1902 until 1905. For two years he was principal of the Fergus county high school at Lewistown, Montana, and for five years was superintendent of the city schools at Jamestown, North Dakota, coming to Minot to accept the presidency of the State Normal School in the fall of 1912. He was the first to occupy that position and there were no buildings erected at the time of his arrival in Minot. He took an active interest in

securing the equipment for the school and formulating plans for its development, and the course of instruction which he inaugurated has placed the Minot Normal on a par with other schools of the kind throughout the northwest. During his residence here he has become the owner of a pleasant home and he also has timber lands in Minnesota.

On the 27th of August, 1904, Mr. Crane was married to Miss Lura May De Arment, who was born at Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, a daughter of George and Cassie (Tiffany) De Arment. The father has always followed the occupation of farming and still lives in the east at the age of sixty-five years, but his wife passed away in 1911. For a number of terms he served as county commissioner of Crawford county, Pennsylvania.

Professor Crane is an active member of the Presbyterian church, having served as elder of the church at Lewistown, Montana, and as trustee at Jamestown, North Dakota. In politics he has always maintained a non-partisan course. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Minot and to the Phi Beta Kappa and the Delta Sigma Rho, honorary fraternities. He is an honored member of the State Educational Association, of which he was president in 1915, and he is a director of the American Public School Peace League. His entire career has been one of steady progress and the steps in his progression are easily discernible, resulting from developing ability and the wise utilization of his native talent. At twenty years of age he was a teacher in the district school; at twenty-five superintendent of the city schools of Minto; at thirty superintendent of the city schools of Jamestown; and at thirty-five became president of the State Normal School at Minot, entering the new field of work on his birthday. His has been a valuable contribution to the educational development of the northwest. He holds to high standards and is continually seeking out new methods which will promote the efficiency of the institution. His work in this connection has been attended with far-reaching results and his colleagues and contemporaries accord him an eminent position in the educational circles of this state.

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#### NELS NELSEN.

Nels Nelsen, a retired merchant living at Kenmare, was born near Aarhus, Denmark, on the 19th of September, 1863, a son of Casper and Anna (Jensen) Nelsen, who were also natives of the same country. The father always remained a resident of Denmark and there followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He served in the war between that country and Germany in 1864, being sergeant in an infantry regiment, with which he was connected for four years. His death resulted from wounds sustained in the war and his wife also passed away in Denmark.

After completing his education Nels Nelsen worked at the carpenter's trade in his native country to the age of twenty-four years, when he started for the new world and became a resident of Stearns county, Minnesota. There he engaged in carpentering for six years and later removed to Roberts county, South Dakota, where he homesteaded near Sisseton. After proving up on his property and occupying it for seven years he sold his farm and in 1901 arrived at Kenmare, Ward county, North Dakota, where he purchased lots and established an implement business, while later he extended the scope of his activities by adding a stock of hardware and groceries. He remained for fourteen years one of the leading and representative merchants of the town, conducting an extensive business under the firm style of Nels Nelsen & Company, his trade covering a wide territory. The integrity of his business methods, his enterprise and indefatigable energy brought him very gratifying success and he conducted the store until 1915, when he sold out and retired from active business life. He, however, still owns the business block which he occupied, together with farm property in Benson county and a two story residence in Kenmare which he erected. He also has considerable other town property and was instrumental in promoting the building of the new hall which is now being erected by the Danish Brotherhood in Kenmare. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company and is serving as director on its board. From his real estate holdings he now derives a very substantial annual income and at all times his investments have been made most judiciously, indicating his sound business judgment and keen sagacity and discernment.

In 1902, at Kenmare, Mr. Nelsen was united in marriage to Miss Annie Peterson, who was born, reared and educated in Stearns county, Minnesota, and in 1901 came to Kenmare with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Soren Peterson, who are natives of Denmark and now reside in the state of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have a family of five children: Edna, Emma, Henry, Thelma and Mabel, all born in Kenmare.

In his political views Mr. Nelsen has ever been an earnest republican since becoming a naturalized American citizen. Native-born citizens, it often seems, come by the privileges of American life too easily to appreciate them in the fullest degree. At least some of those who have sacrificed and suffered to obtain them value these blessings more highly than those to whom they have come as a matter of course. Among the adopted sons of North Dakota who have had high regard for the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship is numbered Mr. Nelsen, whose worth in the community is widely acknowledged. Several times he has been elected alderman of his city and is now a member of the council. After serving two terms he was again chosen to that office in 1913 and once more in 1915. He has likewise been a member of the school board for five years and there is no plan or measure for the benefit and improvement of the community in which he does not take an active and helpful part. He is a charter member of the Danish Brotherhood, No. 198, at Kenmare, and in fact was one of the chief promoters in its organization. He built the first hall for the society over his store and was the first president, occupying that position for many years, being reelected term after term, every six months, for six years. There is no member of the organization who has done more for its upbuilding or who is a more loyal supporter of its principles and purposes. He belongs to the Danish Lutheran church and is justly regarded as the chief representative of the Danish people in the southern part of Ward county.

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#### CARL LINDEMANN.

Carl Lindemann, a retired farmer now making his home in Enderlin, was born in Germany, October 30, 1853, a son of Ferdinand and Julia (Petrich) Lindemann, who came to the United States in 1882 and settled in Cass county, North Dakota, where the father passed away in 1908 and the mother in 1914.

Carl Lindemann was educated in the public schools of Germany and at nineteen years of age left home, starting out in the business world on his own account. For three years he was employed as a farm hand and in 1875 he entered the German army, with which he served for three years. Subsequently he was made foreman of a large farm, in which capacity he continued until 1882, when he joined his father and came to the United States.

Immediately after his arrival in the northwest Mr. Lindemann entered a homestead claim in Cass county, on which he built a frame house. The first cow that he ever owned was stabled in a snowdrift and his first barn was built of bulrushes. He had a capital of three hundred dollars on coming to the new world and his father gave him enough money to enable him to build his house. Today he owns thirty-seven hundred acres of valuable farming land in North Dakota, comprising almost six sections in Barnes, Cass and Ransom counties. He is one of the well-to-do residents of Ransom county and his success is attributable entirely to his own efforts, his sound business judgment and his unremitting industry. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his holdings until his real estate now supplies him with a most substantial annual income. He continued to give his personal supervision to the cultivation of his land until 1909, when he left his farm and removed to Enderlin, where he has since enjoyed well earned rest.

On the 19th of December, 1882, Mr. Lindemann was united in marriage to Miss Louise Kieselbach, who is a native of Germany and emigrated to the United States in November, 1882. To them have been born five children, four of whom survive, namely Leo C. A., who is married and is cashier of the State Bank at Ralston, Montana; Rex P.; Laurence H., who married Agnes Sack; and Bodo H.

In his political views Mr. Lindemann is independent, his opinions being the result of broad reading and careful consideration of the vital questions and issues of the day. He served for fifteen years as township assessor and for about the same period was a member

of the school board while living in Cass county. He and his family are all members of the Lutheran church and his interest in public affairs is not that of a casual observer but of one who manifests hearty cooperation in all well devised plans and measures for the general good. While carefully managing and controlling his important and increasing business affairs, he has at the same time fully met his obligations of citizenship and is most public-spirited and loyal to the land of his adoption.

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#### CHARLES BREWER.

Charles Brewer, of Bismarck, filling the position of secretary of the state board of regents, has been a resident of North Dakota since 1891 and figured in connection with newspaper publication at Fargo until called to public office. Since 1912 he has been continuously connected with public service. He was born in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, June 21, 1868, a son of Thomas F. and Harriett E. (Oehler) Brewer, who were natives of Michigan and North Carolina respectively. At the time of the Civil war the father responded to the call of the country to defend the Union, enlisting as a private of the Eighth Michigan Cavalry, with which he served throughout the period of hostilities, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements and marching with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. He was twice wounded and was mustered out at Salisbury, North Carolina, in July, 1865. His death occurred in the year 1871, while his wife, surviving him for sixteen years, passed away in 1887.

Charles Brewer, spending his youthful days in the state of his nativity, attended Davidson College of North Carolina to the sophomore year and afterward continued his education in the University of South Carolina at Columbia, where he was graduated in June, 1891, with the Bachelor of Arts degree. In August of the same year he came to North Dakota, settling in Fargo, where he was connected with the daily Forum, remaining in active identification with newspaper publication there until 1912, when he was called to public office, being appointed secretary of the North Dakota game and fish board. The excellent record which he made in that connection led to his appointment to the position of secretary of the state board of regents in July, 1915, at which time he removed to Bismarck, where he is now making his home.

On the 26th of November, 1914, at Moorhead, Minnesota, Mr. Brewer was united in marriage to Miss Marie Malland. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has always been an advocate of republican principles since attaining his majority and is an earnest party worker. He has never stood for an elective office, but his capability has recommended him for appointment to secretaryships in which he has made an excellent record. It is his custom to thoroughly master anything that he undertakes and he has made it his purpose to gain a thorough understanding of the duties of his position, which he discharges in a methodical, systematic manner that has gained him the commendation of the various members of the board of regents.

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#### WILLIAM J. CURREN.

William J. Curren, a contractor of Valley City, was born in Huron county, Ontario, July 27, 1877. His father, Con Curren, came to North Dakota in 1882, establishing his home eight miles south of Buffalo, where he secured a homestead, preemption and tree claim, residing upon the property for five years. He then sold out and bought a farm south of Leonard, which he cultivated for a time, but afterward disposed of that property and bought a place fourteen miles south of Casselton. After devoting several years to the further cultivation of that property he removed with his family to a farm south of Ross, North Dakota, where he continued to make his home until death called him in November, 1915. His widow is still living on the farm where her husband passed away.

William J. Curren, the eldest of their nine children, after acquiring a public school edu-

cation turned his attention to farming, which he followed until he reached the age of twenty years. He then took up the occupation of carpentering, at which he worked in Casselton until 1901, when he removed to Valley City. In 1904 he began contracting and building on his own account and has become one of the leaders in this line of business in the city. Among the many fine structures which he has erected are the Normal dormitory, the city hall, the county hospital, the Elks building, the George M. Young block and the Masonic Temple in Valley City, as well as fine structures in many other towns. During the past four years he has been engaged on the erection of the state asylum at Jamestown, which is being built at a cost of four hundred thousand dollars. He is also engaged in the construction of the new Congregational church at Valley City and the Grand Theater building, which is indeed a fine building and would prove a credit to a city of much greater size. He understands every phase of the building business in principle and detail and is doing an immense business at the present time.

In 1901 Mr. Curren was married to Miss Margaret Conlon, a daughter of Patrick Conlon, who came direct from Ireland to Valley City and was joined by his family in 1884. The children of this marriage are Ralph, Evelyn, Mary and Dorothy.

Mr. Curren holds membership with the Knights of Columbus and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a most enterprising, active and progressive business man, utilizing every legitimate opportunity and doing his best to improve every advantage that comes to him. He has shown both ability and wisdom in the conduct of his affairs and is withal modest and unassuming, but his work is the story that tells the tale of his skill and his success, placing him with the leading contractors of his section of the state.

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#### CHRIST O. BRINK.

Christ O. Brink was one of the first settlers of Cass county and for many years was actively identified with the development of this region, first as a farmer and later as a merchant. He is now living retired, however, on his farm on section 18, Stanley township, and is enjoying a period of rest and leisure which is richly deserved. He was born in Norway on the 10th of July, 1845, a son of Ole and Carrie (Nelson) Hanson. The father passed away in Norway but the mother subsequently came to the United States and made her home with a daughter living in Davenport, Cass county, this state, until called by death.

Christ O. Brink pursued his education in the common schools of Norway and after putting aside his textbooks continued to reside in that country until 1867, when, as a young man, he came to the United States. He first settled in Houston county, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand, and on leaving that county he turned his attention to the river service, working on steamboats plying between St. Paul and St. Louis. In 1872 he arrived in North Dakota and located upon his present home farm on section 18, Stanley township, Cass county. Subsequently he filed on eighty acres, which was all the law allowed at that time as a homestead, took up eighty acres on soldier's scrip and purchased eighty acres from the railroad. He at once began the cultivation and development of his land and later, when his resources permitted, bought an adjoining tract of land, his holdings now totaling four hundred and twelve acres. About 1890 he removed to Horace and engaged in merchandising, continuing to conduct a store there until 1906 in partnership with his son-in-law, H. H. Thue, who is now the sole proprietor of the business, Mr. Brink having retired. He was as successful as a merchant as he had been as a farmer and was recognized as one of the foremost business men of Horace. He is still one of the stockholders in the Farmers Elevator at Horace.

Mr. Brink was married in Norway to Miss Carrie Hanson, and they have had five children, four of whom survive, namely: Ole, who is operating his father's home farm; Carrie, the wife of H. H. Thue, a merchant of Horace; John, a farmer of Baker county, Minnesota; and Mary, who married Ole Adsero, a business man of Fargo.

Mr. Brink is a staunch supporter of the republican party, believing firmly in the wisdom of its policies, and for thirteen years he has served as a member of the board of trustees, during the greater part of which time he has been chairman of that body. While

living in Horace he held the office of postmaster for ten years and proved capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He and his wife hold membership in the Scandinavian Lutheran church and conform their lives to high standards of ethics. When they came to this country there was little evidence of civilization and the most farsighted could not predict the great and rapid change which has come about in the intervening years, making this a prosperous and highly developed farming section in which all of the comforts and conveniences of modern life are enjoyed.

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CHARLES A. CLARK,

Charles A. Clark, a general merchant and the postmaster of Alfred, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, March 19, 1869, his parents being Andrew and Margaret (Thomas) Clark, the former a native of New York and the latter of Wales. Mrs. Clark came with her parents to the United States when a little maiden of seven summers and it was in Wisconsin that she gave her hand in marriage to Andrew Clark, after which they continued their residence in Grant county, that state, until 1878, when a removal was made to Martin county, Minnesota, where for a considerable period the father was actively engaged in farming. At length he retired from business life and removed to Cass county, where he resided in the enjoyment of well earned rest to the time of his death seven years later.

Charles A. Clark is indebted to the district school system of Minnesota for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. He remained upon his father's farm until he reached his twenty-first year and then turned his attention to the livery business in Winnebago City, there remaining active for two years. He next engaged in farming in Martin county, Minnesota, and afterward removed to Cass county, where he lived for two years. In 1903 he came to North Dakota, filing on a homestead in Lamour county, three miles southeast of Alfred, on which he resided for five years and which he still owns. In 1908 he removed to Alfred and opened a general merchandise store, since which time he has built up the leading mercantile business of the town. On the 30th of July, 1912, he was appointed postmaster of Alfred, which position he filled until 1915, when his wife was appointed to succeed him, although he is still acting as postmaster.

In 1892 occurred the marriage of Mr. Clark and Miss Stella Doolittle, of Martin county, Minnesota, and to them have been born five children: Erma, the wife of John A. Nelson, of Alfred; Laura, the wife of Ole Braaten, a grain buyer of Holliday, North Dakota; Harold, who assists his father in the store; and Eva and Francis, at home.

Mr. Clark votes with the republican party and has continuously served on the town board since the organization of the township. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and their social qualities have won them personal popularity throughout the district in which they reside.

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WILLIAM P. KEENAN.

William P. Keenan, manager of the Monarch elevator and otherwise identified with the business interests of Englevale, Ransom county, as one of the proprietors of a hotel and livery business and as a stock raiser and shipper, was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1876, a son of John and Clara K. (Loomis) Keenan, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad for about fifteen years, or until his removal to North Dakota. He made his way to Englevale and rented a farm and also purchased a hotel and livery business, which he conducted for ten years, or up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1908. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in Englevale. Of their family of seven children all are still living and reside in or near Englevale.

William P. Keenan began his education in the public schools of Belvidere, Allegany county, New York, and continued his studies at Englevale after the removal of the family

to this state. When eighteen years of age he was appointed manager of the Monarch elevator and still conducts the business. It was a heavy responsibility for one of his years to assume, but he proved adequate to the demands made upon him and under his guidance the business has steadily grown and developed, so that he is well known in grain trade circles in his part of the state. In association with his brother, Harry L. Keenan, he purchased the interests of the heirs in the hotel and livery business formerly owned by his father and this they have since conducted. They are also engaged in buying and shipping stock and in raising cattle on the farm and the various branches of their business are proving profitable.

Mr. Keenan is a Catholic in religious faith, being a communicant of the church at Englevale. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and has been secretary-treasurer of the local camp for eight years. In politics he is a democrat and for four years was clerk of Hasson township, Ransom county. The community recognizes in him one of its leading business men, alert and energetic, possessing the ability to cope with any situation that may arise in the conduct of his interests.

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#### OLE HICKS.

From the Scandinavian peninsula have come many substantial citizens of North Dakota, men who are industrious and who in all business relations are found reliable as well as enterprising. To this class belongs Ole Hicks, who was born in Sweden, April 21, 1845, and is a son of Hakan and Karin Hicks, also natives of that country, where they continued their residence until 1869, when they came to the new world, settling first in Clay county, Minnesota. There the father resided until his death and the mother afterward passed away in the same county. Their family numbered eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, of whom six are yet living.

Ole Hicks continued his residence in his native country through the period of his boyhood and youth and acquired his education in the public schools there. He came to America in 1870, the year following the arrival of his parents, and, making his way to North Dakota, took up his abode upon the farm which he now occupies on section 24, Pleasant township, Cass county. It has been his home continuously for forty-six years and he is accounted one of the honored pioneer settlers of the district. In the early days he had to encounter many hardships and difficulties, but these have vanished before his persistent efforts as the mist before the morning sun, and as the years have gone on he has added to his original holdings until he now owns six hundred and forty acres of arable land. The soil is naturally rich and productive and he has gradually enhanced the value of his property by adding to it many modern improvements. In the early days, however, he occupied a log cabin, making his home therein for four years, at the end of which time he built a more modern and commodious residence. He has added to his place many substantial outbuildings, including a fine silo. He also has a large barn built of cement blocks, which he made upon his farm. In addition to tilling his soil he raises stock, keeping on hand high grades, and this branch of his business is proving to him an important source of revenue. He is most diligent and determined in carrying on his work, brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent, energetic and honorable effort. Year by year his financial resources have increased and he is now numbered among the substantial farmers of the county. Moreover, he has other business interests, being now vice president of the Hickson State Bank and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Hickson.

In 1872 Mr. Hicks was married to Miss Marit Larson, a native of Sweden who came to the United States in 1870. Nine children were born to them: Hilma, the wife of Carl Paulson; Lewis, a farmer of Cass county; Minnie, James August and Clara, all deceased; Clara, the second of the name, now at home; Olive, also at home; Annie, the wife of Elmer Pearson; and Viola, at home. The wife and mother passed away in August, 1914, and was laid to rest in the Klara cemetery. Her death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for her many sterling traits of character had endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. She was a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Hicks also belongs to the Lutheran church and his influence is always given on the

side of right, progress, improvement and reform. In politics he is a republican and for a number of years he served on the township board. He is also deeply interested in the cause of education and for a quarter of a century has been a member of the school board. He does everything in his power to further the public welfare and his activities are far-reaching and beneficial.

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ELMER E. ELLIOTT.

The spirit of modern business enterprise finds a worthy representative in Elmer E. Elliott, a merchant of Sanborn, who became one of the pioneer business men of Barnes county, entering into active connection with its commercial interests in 1882 as one of the proprietors of the store of which he is now the owner. He was born in Helen township, McLeod county, Minnesota, December 25, 1861, a son of Robert N. and Hannah M. (Hankinson) Elliott, the former a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and the latter of the state of New York. The paternal grandfather, Henry Elliott, was a representative of one of the old New England families which was established in Connecticut about 1660. The Hankinsons were also of Colonial stock and settled in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Mrs. Hannah (Hankinson) Elliott was a great-granddaughter of Captain Thomas Machin, who was the engineer in charge of the construction and placing of the chain across the Hudson river during the Revolutionary war whereby the British ships were prevented from going up that stream. Henry Elliott became a Methodist clergyman and was a member of the original Erie conference, having settled in Ohio at a very early period in the development of that state. He there married Lucy A. Taft, who came of the same ancestral line as ex-President W. H. Taft. In 1855 he removed to Minnesota and became one of the pioneer residents of McLeod county, where he contributed largely to both the material and moral progress of the community as a substantial citizen and an earnest preacher. He lived to be eighty years of age, while his wife reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Robert N. Elliott accompanied his parents to Minnesota, took up land and for a time engaged in farming but afterward turned his attention to the lumber business, in which he continued until his death at the age of sixty years. He was very prominent in Masonic circles and was a valued resident of the community in which he made his home. His family numbered but two children: Elmer E., and Sadie H., now the wife of F. W. Goodrich, of Minneapolis.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools of McLeod county Elmer E. Elliott continued his studies in the Duluth high school and for a time he received practical business training as the assistant of his father in the lumberyard. In 1881 he entered into partnership with J. F. Jaberg and the latter made his way to Sanborn, North Dakota, where he established the business that is now conducted by Mr. Elliott, who joined his partner in 1882. They conducted the store under a firm relationship until 1895, when Mr. Elliott disposed of his interest to Mr. Jaberg, but in 1903 he bought back the store, which he has since conducted. He carries a large line of hardware, meeting the varied wants of the community, and in addition to his store he has a large warehouse.

In November, 1888, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Jennie A. Biggs, of Vermilion county, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas Biggs. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, of whom Helen and Howard, twins, and Gertrude are all deceased. The others are: Robert, who is in business with his father; Lois, attending college at Fargo; and Kenneth, also in school.

Mr. Elliott has ever taken a keen interest in public affairs and wide reading has kept him in close touch with the vital and significant problems of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He was chairman of the republican board of Barnes county for several terms in territorial days and was selected as representative from his county to the constitutional convention which convened on the 4th of July, 1889, and formed the organic laws of the state. As a member of that board he served on two of its important committees, the bill of rights and the educational committee. He has ever manifested a keen interest in public questions but has since avoided public office, preferring that as a private citizen his work shall be done in behalf of the community and state in which

he lives. He is a man of marked intellectual force and of more than ordinary ability in several directions and he possesses in large measure the commercial sense, whereby he has won success in the conduct of his affairs.

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#### BERNHARD OTTIS.

Bernhard Ottis, the proprietor of a drug store in Wyndmere, is also postmaster of the town. He was born in Cass county on the 23d of June, 1878, a son of Samuel and Carrie (Eikery) Ottis, the former of whom was born in Denmark in 1841 and the latter in Wisconsin in 1847. The father served in the Danish army in the war between Germany and Denmark but in 1864 he emigrated to the United States and made his way to Minnesota, where he farmed for a few years. In 1871, however, he came to Dakota territory and took up a homestead which he developed into a well improved farm. He has been very successful in business and still owns two sections after giving land to his children. He also owns his residence at Kindred, where he is living retired. His political belief is that of the republican party and he is a member of the Lutheran church. He was married in Fillmore county, Minnesota, to Miss Carrie Eikery, who died in 1891. Of their children four sons are living, namely: Louis, who is residing on the old homestead; George, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Bernhard; and John, cashier of the bank at Kindred.

Bernhard Ottis was educated in the common schools of Kindred, in Concordia College of Moorhead, Minnesota, in a business college of Minneapolis and in Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, graduating from the last named in pharmacy in 1900. The following year he removed to Wyndmere and established a drug store which he has since successfully conducted. He has built up a good business and has an enviable reputation for accuracy in filling prescriptions, for a high quality of goods and for honorable business methods. He also owns considerable real estate.

In 1904 Mr. Ottis was married to Miss Kate Kramer, who was born in Richland county, and they have two sons, Kenneth and La Verne Wilson. Mr. Ottis is a stalwart democrat and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. In March, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of Wyndmere and is proving very efficient in the discharge of his duties. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and fraternally is identified with Lodge, No. 1093, B. P. O. E., at Fergus Falls; with the Masonic lodge, commandery and Shrine; and with the Modern Woodmen.

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#### WILLIAM LINDEMANN.

William Lindemann, a resident of Enderlin, was born in Germany on the 20th of April, 1860, and is a son of Ferdinand and Julia (Petrich) Lindemann, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of Carl Lindemann. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, William Lindemann attended the public schools of his native country and remained upon the home farm with his father until the family emigrated to the new world in 1882. After arriving in North Dakota William Lindemann was employed as a farm hand for four or five years, at the end of which time he secured a position in the shops of the Soo Railroad in Enderlin. He had previously learned the boiler maker's trade in Germany and for fifteen years he continued to work in the Soo shops but in 1901 fell from an engine and broke his arm. This caused him to quit the shops, at which time he purchased a pool and billiard hall which he has since conducted, and the business is now liberally patronized. His present place is located in the First National Bank building and is one of the finest appointed billiard and pool halls in Ransom county, showing the latest equipments and furnishings for amusements of that character.

In 1888 Mr. Lindemann was united in marriage to Miss Ada Bartlett, of Cass county, North Dakota, who was born in Germany and was brought to the United States by her parents when four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Lindemann now have five children, namely:



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Adolph G., who is the cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Colgan, North Dakota; Rosa, assistant postmistress of Enderlin; Rudolph, who is employed as clerk in Pennington's store at Enderlin; Harry, a bookkeeper in the Soo Railway offices; and Russell, at home.

Mr. Lindemann's study of political questions and issues of the day has led him to give his allegiance to the republican party, for he feels that its platform contains the best elements of good government. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees and with the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church, finding the guiding principles of their lives in its teachings. Mr. Lindemann has led a busy and useful life and his diligence and earnest effort have been the salient forces in winning for him success.

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#### C. W. BURGES.

C. W. Burges, cashier of the First State Bank at Jud, was born in Lincolnshire, England, on the 13th of November, 1886, a son of George and Elizabeth (Pearson) Burges. The latter died during the early boyhood of C. W. Burges and the father afterward married Bessie Baggaley, his home being still in Lincolnshire.

C. W. Burges was educated in the Holbeach public schools and in the Holbeach grammar school of Holbeach, England. On attaining his majority he came to the United States in 1907, making his way to Edgeley, North Dakota, where for three years he occupied the position of assistant postmaster. Subsequently he was employed in the hardware store of Erickson & Gunthorp for one year. In the fall of 1911 he went to Jud and was assistant cashier in the First State Bank until January 28, 1915, when he was advanced to the position of cashier, in which capacity he is now serving, ably and efficiently discharging his duties and proving a courteous and obliging official of the bank.

On the 7th of September, 1914, Mr. Burges was married to Miss Laura Wold, of Casselton, North Dakota, and they are now parents of a son, Richard George. In politics Mr. Burges is a republican, and while he has held no political offices, he has served as treasurer of the school board. He belongs to Maple River Lodge, No. 41, F. & A. M., of Edgeley, and Edgeley Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Episcopal church, while his wife is identified with the Norwegian Lutheran church. He is a progressive man, alert to the possibilities of a business situation and to the opportunities for the upbuilding of the town, and he attacks any project of the latter class with the same enthusiasm that he does any plan to advance business affairs.

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#### DAVID CLARK, JR.

David Clark, Jr., cashier of the First National Bank at Kenmare, was born at Malta, Minnesota, May 28, 1880, a son of David K. J. and Mary A. (Moon) Clark. The father was born in Ohio, acquired his education there and when a young man removed to Minnesota, becoming one of the early settlers in the southern part of the state. He was the first man to file on a homestead in Malta township, Bigstone county, and he became a very progressive and prosperous farmer and stock raiser of that locality but in later years retired from active farm life and removed to Ortonville, Minnesota, where he passed away in 1906. His wife, who shared with him all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, as well as their subsequent prosperity, is still living in Ortonville.

David Clark, Jr., spent his youthful days upon his father's farm and acquired his early education in the common schools, supplemented by a course in the high school of Ortonville. He lost his hand when nine years of age and on this account he turned his attention to financial interests. In young manhood he entered the employ of the Bank of Ortonville, with which he was connected for five years, during which time he gained a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the business. In 1902 he removed to McKinney, North Dakota, and established the first bank at that place. After conducting it for three years he cast in his lot with the

citizens of Kenmare in 1905 and was appointed cashier of the Security State Bank. In 1906 he and his associates purchased the First National Bank at Kenmare and consolidated the two institutions, which were continued under the name of the First National Bank, of which Mr. Clark has since been the cashier. He is in full charge of the business, directing its interests and shaping its policy, and he is a very successful and popular business man of the town. He is a director of the Norma State Bank of Norma and of the Tolley State Bank of Tolley. His plans in business are well defined and carefully executed and he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is also extensively engaged in dealing in horses. He makes trips to Idaho and Wyoming, where he is well acquainted with the cowboys, and in those states he buys carloads of range horses, which he sells in North Dakota. He is regarded as a good judge of horses, being seldom, if ever, at fault in his opinion concerning the worth of an animal, and he seems to know just how to train and develop them so as to produce the best results.

On the 6th of August, 1903, at Ortonville, occurred the marriage of Mr. Clark and Miss Addie Foster, who was born in New York state and was educated in Gloversville, New York, to the time when she accompanied her parents, L. W. and Eugenia (Bogardus) Foster, to Britton, South Dakota, where her father turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He, too, was a native of New York, and became one of the early settlers of South Dakota, where he homesteaded land, but afterward removed to Minnesota, where he followed farming until he retired from that branch of activity and established his home at Havana, North Dakota, where he is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have become the parents of two children: Riley F., who was born at McKinney, North Dakota, July 17, 1904; and Kenneth K., born in Kenmare, August 23, 1906.

Mr. Clark exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and for the past ten years has served as treasurer of the Kenmare school district. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks Lodge No. 1089 at Minot. He is a popular man in Kenmare and one of its leading citizens, always interested and active in support of the betterment of the town along all lines of substantial and permanent progress and improvement.

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#### A. A. BURGESS.

A. A. Burgess has the distinction of being the oldest merchant now in business in Sheldon and, moreover, he is proprietor of the largest department store in the town, if not in Ransom county. Concentrating his efforts along this line, he has studied every phase of the business and his comprehensive understanding of the trade has been one of the salient features of his growing success.

Mr. Burgess was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 20th of August, 1872, a son of James and Agnes (Peary) Burgess, both of whom were born, reared and married in Scotland. Not long after their marriage, however, they left the hills and heather for a land beyond the seas and established their home upon a farm in Canada, where the father carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in the early '90s. The mother survived him for a number of years and passed away while visiting at the home of her son in Sheldon.

A. A. Burgess obtained a public school education in Canada, where he continued his residence until 1888, when he came to what was then Dakota territory, for the division between the states had not then been made. He established his home in Sheldon and entered the employ of a mercantile firm, with which he was associated for six years. A year after resigning his position with that house he engaged in business for himself and from the beginning the enterprise prospered. When his trade had expanded to such an extent that more commodious quarters were required he built his present modern store building, fifty by sixty feet, with a commodious warehouse at the rear, thus giving him ample facilities for displaying his large stock of goods and meeting the demands of his customers. He has ever regarded satisfied patrons as the best advertisement and has put forth earnest effort to please his customers.

In September, 1915, Mr. Burgess was married to Miss Maud Sackrider, of Oakes, North

Dakota. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his political views Mr. Burgess is a republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. At the present time he is the nominee in his district for the office of representative to the state legislature and for three years he served as a member of the town board of Sheldon, in which connection he was largely instrumental in laying the first cement sidewalks of the town. This method of improving the streets has now been extended throughout the town, doing away entirely with the old board sidewalks. Fraternaly Mr. Burgess is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and his brethren of that fraternity entertain for him warm regard. In fact he is held in high esteem by all with whom he has come in contact in every relation of life as his salient qualities are such as commend him to the confidence and goodwill of those whom he has met in business or in other relations.

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GEORGE H. LEICK.

George H. Leick, cashier of the State Bank of Grand Rapids, was born in Madelia, Minnesota, May 14, 1887, a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Deheck) Leick, both of whom are natives of Luxemburg, Germany. In young manhood and womanhood they came to the United States and were married in Wisconsin, where they resided until 1871, when they removed to Madelia, Minnesota, where they still make their home. The father devoted his active life to the occupation of farming but has lived retired since 1900, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

While spending his youthful days under the parental roof George H. Leick attended the public schools of Madelia and afterward benefited by instruction in the commercial college of Mankato, Minnesota, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1909. He then went to St. Paul, where he was employed in various ways until January, 1910, when he came to North Dakota and made his initial step in connection with the banking business as assistant cashier of the Security State Bank at Strasburg. In July, 1911, he went to Adrian, where he was assistant cashier of the First State Bank until the 15th of December following, when he was advanced to the position of cashier. On the 20th of March, 1912, he was offered and accepted the cashiership of the State Bank of Grand Rapids, in which position he has since served, the institution finding in him an efficient officer and the public a courteous and obliging representative.

On the 10th of June, 1913, Mr. Leick was united in marriage to Miss Mary Belle McKinnon, of Mapleton, Minnesota, and they have two children, Bernard M. and Elizabeth M. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Leick is identified with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a democrat and has served as clerk of the school board but has never been ambitious to hold political office, feeling that his best chance of success is by giving undivided attention to the business interests entrusted to his care.

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T. T. KINNEBERG.

Among the substantial citizens of Cass county that Norway has furnished is numbered T. T. Kinneberg, who makes his home in the village of Hickson, with the business interests of which he has been actively identified for a number of years. He is now president of the Hickson State Bank and is also engaged in the real estate business. His activities have been carefully and systematically directed and he seems to have accomplished at any one point in his career the full possibilities for successful accomplishment at that point. He was born in Norway, September 16, 1869, a son of T. P. and Carrie Kinneberg, who were also natives of the same country. There they remained until 1884, when they came to the United States, settling at Houston, Minnesota, where they still make their home.

T. T. Kinneberg spent the first fourteen years of his life in the land of his nativity and then accompanied his parents to the new world, the voyage across the Atlantic being long remembered because of the novel experiences which it brought to him. He supplemented his

early education by further study in this country and from the age of nine years he has made his own way in the world. During the early period of his residence in America he worked as a farm hand in Cass county and his life was one of unremitting diligence and earnest toil. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account and carefully directed his efforts so that in 1895 he removed to Hickson, erected a store building and conducted a fruit store. He also operated a barber shop but afterward rented his store building, which, however, he still owns. He then turned his attention to real estate and other business interests. He is also a successful auctioneer. He entered financial circles in connection with the Hickson State Bank, of which he is the president, and as its chief executive officer he is wisely and carefully directing and safeguarding its interests. He is also the owner of four hundred acres of land in Cass county and Canada.

In 1897 Mr. Kinneberg was married to Miss Rangdine O. Tuskind, a native of Cass county, and to them have been born two children, Randall and Milford.

In his political views Mr. Kinneberg is a republican and for fourteen years filled the office of township clerk, his long continuance in the position indicating most clearly his capability in office and the confidence and trust reposed in him. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, to the teachings of which they loyally adhere. They are people of the highest respectability and enjoy the friendship and kindly regard of many with whom they come in contact.

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#### JALMER HERRE.

Jalmer Herre is one of the younger farmers of Traill county and is also one of the most substantial as he holds title to seven hundred and sixty-six acres of fine land. A native son of the county, he was born in Elm River township on the 18th of July, 1883, of the marriage of Alford and Alfred Johnson, natives of Norway, who emigrated to the United States in 1860 and first located in Wisconsin. Eighteen years later they removed with their family to North Dakota and settled upon a farm in Traill county, where they passed their remaining days.

Jalmer Herre, their only child, was just three months old when his mother died and he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Nels Herre. He was reared under their roof and received his education in the public schools of Traill county and in the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo. He is progressive in his methods of farming, profiting by the experience of investigators who are seeking to make agriculture more of an exact science and utilizing the most improved farm machinery. He seldom fails to harvest large crops and as he understands the importance of studying the market so as to sell to the best advantage he realizes a large financial return from his land. He owns three hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Herberg township, on which his residence is located, and three hundred and twenty acres on section 8, the same township, and one hundred and twenty-six acres on section 6, Elm River township. All of his land is well improved and everything is kept in excellent condition.

Mr. Herre supports the republican party and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. He is now serving on the township board and is proving a very able official. He ranks among the foremost farmers of his county and has done much to promote an interest in scientific agriculture in this section. He has passed his entire life here and his genuine worth is indicated by the fact that those who have known him most intimately are his warmest friends.

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#### EMERY H. VOGELSANG.

Emery H. Vogelsang, of Grand Rapids, is a partner in the firm of Pence & Vogelsang, owners of one of the leading mercantile establishments of Lamoure county, and in the conduct of his interests he displays the spirit of modern business development. He was born in Faribault county, Minnesota, July 9, 1887, a son of Henry W. and Dorothy E. (Schroeder)

Vogelsang, who were natives of Germany, in which country they were reared and married, while two of their children were born there ere their emigration to the new world. When they made the voyage across the briny deep to the United States and crossed the country to Minnesota they settled in Faribault county, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming, he and his wife spending their remaining days in that locality, her death occurring in March, 1912, while he survived until January, 1916.

Emery H. Vogelsang was reared and educated in the public schools of Faribault county and in the Mankato Business College at Mankato, Minnesota, after which he started out in the commercial world as a clerk in a general store at New Richland, Minnesota. There he remained for three years and in 1904 he came to North Dakota, securing a position in the Chicago Store at Lisbon. A year later he went to Berlin, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time the store was purchased by the firm of Cunningham & Lawrence, of La Moure, and Mr. Vogelkang was retained as manager of the business, in which capacity he capably served for three years. At the end of that time he returned home and assisted his father upon the farm for a year but in 1911 he once more came to North Dakota, where he entered into partnership with C. E. Pence, purchasing the mercantile business of Deisem & Franks at Grand Rapids. Under the management of the new firm the business has been built up to one of the most important mercantile enterprises of the county. They are most careful concerning the personnel of the house, the line of goods carried and the treatment accorded patrons, and their enterprising methods have resulted in the attainment of a large patronage.

In 1908 Mr. Vogelsang was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Remmick, of Berlin, North Dakota, and they have three children, Luverne, Richard and Margaret. Mr. Vogelsang votes with the republican party and fraternally is connected with La Moure Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M.; La Moure Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F.; and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife has membership with the Latter Day Saints. His interests reach out along various lines affecting public welfare and his support can always be counted upon to further plans and projects for the general good. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail, for he recognizes the fact that while opportunities slip away from the sluggish and tauntingly play before the dreamer, they yield their rewards to the man of persistent, earnest effort.

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#### CLARENCE L. SMITH.

Clarence L. Smith devotes his time and energies to farming and stock raising, owning the south half of section 1, Elliott township, Ransom county. He was born in Iowa, June 1, 1881, a son of Lewis and Emma (Owen) Smith. The father was born in Indiana and when but fourteen months old was taken by his parents to Appanoose county, Iowa. He was reared to the occupation of farming, which he chose as a life work, remaining for a long period in Iowa, after which he resided for fifteen years in Seattle, Washington. He now makes his home with his son Clarence. His wife, who was born in Indiana, was quite young when she went with her people to Iowa. Her death occurred April 15, 1895. In their family were five children: Mrs. Maud Wright, who was born February 3, 1880; Clarence L.; Elmer, who was born December 10, 1882, and died in February, 1913; Pearl S., who was born April 2, 1886; and Mrs. Ethel Millisack, born April 15, 1888.

At the usual age Clarence L. Smith began his education, attending the district schools of Appanoose county, Iowa, and when quite young he engaged in the work of the fields, continuing to assist his father until he reached the age of sixteen, after which he was employed as a farm hand by others for about four years. In 1900 he came to North Dakota and has since been a resident of this state. For two years after his arrival he was employed on farms and then, ambitious to engage in business on his own account, rented land for two years. Subsequently, having carefully saved his earnings, he purchased the southeast quarter of section 2, Elliott township, Ransom county. After selling that property he bought the south half of section 1, in the same township, and has since made his home thereon. Later he purchased the southeast quarter of section 36, Springer township, and his

next purchase added to his holdings the west half of section 6, Island Park township, all in Ransom county, so that he is now the owner of five quarter sections, or eight hundred acres of good North Dakota farming land. He is now specializing in the raising of thoroughbred Hereford cattle. He has a herd of two hundred and thirty head of cattle, of which seventy-one are thoroughbreds, while the remainder are all high grade stock. He is also raising full blooded Duroc-Jersey stock, having seventy sows and three hundred and fifty pigs. He also engages to some extent in the breeding and raising of horses, having two of the best stallions in the state, one a Percheron and the other a Shire. He now has eighty-five head of horses on his farm and thus his stock raising interests are extensive and important and he is doing not a little to improve the grade of stock raised in this section of the state. He also engages in general agricultural pursuits, producing considerable grain, and he operates a threshing machine and buys and sells stock as a side line in addition to breeding. His place is known as the Star Stock Farm and is accounted one of the best equipped and splendidly developed farms in the state. The buildings are thoroughly modern and attractive, the machinery which he uses embodies the latest improvements in agricultural implements, his herds are of the best and his hogs also represent the highest breeding. In 1912 he built a silo upon his place and in 1913 erected a second silo, finding the feed stored therein to be the best and most profitable for cattle feed. Each year he plants from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty acres to corn, which crop cleans the soil and makes the succeeding crop of wheat extremely large.

On the 9th of December, 1903, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Vinnie Warren, who was born in North Dakota, June 20, 1883, a daughter of Homer and Ruth (Sumner) Warren, who were early residents of North Dakota, coming to this state from New York in 1878. They had five children, of whom Mrs. Smith was the third in order of birth, and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Edna, born October 23, 1904; Earl, September 19, 1908; and Donald, May 4, 1916.

In politics Mr. Smith is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him although he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and lends his aid and co-operation to many measures for the general good. He prefers business activity to office holding, however, and concentrates his time and energies upon his extensive and important farming interests, the result being seen in his large farm with its excellent equipment. There is no phase of modern farming or stock raising with which he is not familiar and he utilizes the latest scientific and progressive methods in promoting his interests, so that his labors may well be accepted as a standard.

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#### KNUTE T. HAGEN.

That Knute T. Hagen of Minot is an efficient and popular clerk of the district courts is indicated by the fact that he is now serving for his fourth term in that office. His birth occurred in Hallingdal, Norway, January 16, 1870, and he is a son of Taloff and Betsey (Daklien) Hagen, both likewise natives of that place. In 1882 they left Norway and emigrated to the United States, continuing their journey westward to Traill county, North Dakota, where the father engaged in farming. In 1884 they removed to Minot and six years later the father passed away there, his demise occurring May 10, 1890. The mother survives and now resides four miles east of Minot. The father gave his political allegiance to the republican party, but never aspired to public office.

Knute T. Hagen, who is the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine children, attended school in Norway until the removal of the family to this country. He continued his education in the public schools of Traill county and later took a course in a business college at Grand Forks. When fourteen years of age he began earning his own living and until twenty years old worked as a farm hand and on the railroad. He next engaged in horse ranching but after several years turned his attention to merchandising, conducting a men's furnishing store in Minot for two years. At the expiration of that period he became connected with the feed and grain business and so continued for six years, or until elected clerk of the district courts. He is now serving his fourth term in that office, his efficiency

in the discharge of his duties having been rewarded by reelection. He has invested heavily in North Dakota real estate, owning twelve hundred acres of good farm land near Minot.

Mr. Hagen was united in marriage on the 16th of June, 1903, to Miss Ida Jensen, who was born near Kasson, Minnesota, and is the daughter of Ole and Emily (Gassman) Jensen. In 1900 they removed to Minot but are now residents of Bellingham, Washington, where the father is engaged in the sawmill business.

Mr. Hagen gives his political allegiance to the republican party and does all in his power to further its success at the polls. He is a communicant of the Lutheran church and was one of the first members of the local congregation. He does not belong to any fraternal organizations, as he prefers to spend his leisure time at home. He devotes his entire attention to the work of his office, which he performs in a systematic and efficient manner. He is widely known and all who have been brought in contact with him esteem him highly.

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#### FRANK J. KALISHEK.

Frank J. Kalishek, engaged in general farming in Island Park township, Ransom county, his place being pleasantly and conveniently located near Lisbon, was born in Iowa on the 21st of May, 1886. His father, Martin Kalishek, was a native of Bohemia but in his early childhood was brought by his parents to the United States, the family home being established in northeastern Iowa, where the father took up the occupation of farming, which he has since followed in the Hawkeye state. He married Elizabeth Novotny, also a native of Bohemia, whence she was brought by her parents to the new world in her early girlhood, the home of the Novotny family being established near that of the Kalishek family.

Frank J. Kalishek is the fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children. He was educated in the schools of Iowa and was early trained to farm work, being familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He continued to assist his father until he attained his majority, or in 1907, when he left home and removed to North Dakota, settling on one hundred and sixty acres of land, constituting the southwest quarter of section 9, Island Park township, Ransom county. Two years later he further completed arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage in 1909 to Miss Maud Zahasky, who was born in Iowa in 1883, a daughter of Joseph and Anna Zahasky, who were also natives of Bohemia and on coming to the new world established their home in Iowa. The father died there in 1893, and the mother passed away September 18, 1916.

Since coming to this state Mr. Kalishek has been continuously engaged in general farming and is meeting with a fair measure of success in his undertaking. His interest centers in his place, which is now carefully developed and improved according to progressive methods. He is a member of the Lisbon Catholic church and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has no ambition for office, preferring to concentrate his undivided time and attention upon his farm, which is supplied with modern equipment and has become an excellent dividend paying property.

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#### JASPER SWEET.

Jasper Sweet, of Roger, is now living retired, although for an extended period he was actively connected with farming interests in Barnes county. His birth occurred in Cicero, New York, January 2, 1844, a son of Clark and Eveline (Waite) Sweet, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. The father was a millwright by trade and built three sawmills in the Empire state, after which he removed to Michigan in 1849. He spent a number of years in Calhoun county and then removed to Jackson, Michigan, where his last days were passed, his death occurring when he was more than eighty years of age. He is survived by six of his fourteen children, Jasper Sweet being the third in order of birth. The eldest son enlisted at Marshall, Michigan, in response to the first call for troops to serve

for three months in the Civil war and later joined the army for three years' service. He had almost completed that term when he became ill and died at the front.

Jasper Sweet spent his boyhood days in Michigan and on starting out in life on his own account engaged in railroad work, being employed for five years in the shops at Jackson. In 1880 he came to North Dakota and preempted land in Stewart township, Barnes county, where he remained for seven years. He then sold that property and removed to Rogers township, where he homesteaded and to the original tract of one hundred and sixty acres he added by purchase three more quarters, so that he now has an entire section of land. He continued to devote his energies to the work of developing and improving that property until the town of Roger was started, when he took up his abode there and is now living retired from active business, although he still owns his farm property five miles west of Roger, deriving therefrom a substantial annual income.

On the 21st of March, 1865, Mr. Sweet was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Van Fleet, of Geneva, New York, a daughter of Daniel Van Fleet, a native of Holland, who in young manhood came to America and after living for a time in Orange county, Pennsylvania, established his home at Geneva, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Sweet were born four children: Mattie, who has passed away; Carrie, the widow of J. R. Colman, of Valley City; Charles, a grain buyer, living at Sawyer, North Dakota; and Byron, who is a buyer for the Farmers' Elevator at Roger.

Mr. Sweet gives his political support to the republican party and has served on the town board and as township assessor for several years, while for a number of years he was also a member of the school board. He is a Royal Arch Mason and also a member of Roger Lodge, I. O. O. F. He enjoys life and has many friends by reason of his genial disposition and uniform courtesy. He now devotes a portion of the year to travel and believes in the axiom, "See America first." He and his wife have been spending their winters in California, greatly enjoying their stay in that sunny clime. A broad-minded man, thoroughly American in spirit and interests, he has proven himself a worthy citizen and one whom Barnes county is proud to claim.

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#### EINAR A. MADSON.

Burlington's business interests find an active representative in Einar A. Madson, who is there engaged in merchandising. He was born in Denmark, August 18, 1884, and his parents, Nels and Christina (Christenson) Madson, were natives of the same country. In the year 1885 the father brought his family to the United States, establishing his home at Hutchinson, Minnesota, where he continued in business until about the year 1905, when he retired, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. His death occurred in 1911 and his widow now resides in the state of Washington. Their family numbered nine children.

Einar A. Madson, brought to America in infancy, attended school in Hutchinson, Minnesota, and for two years was a student in Aansgar College. He remained at home to the age of twenty years, although he earned his own living for some time before leaving the parental roof. In the spring of 1905 he removed to North Dakota, settling at Kenmare, Ward county, where he remained as a clerk in a store for about six months. He then removed to Burlington, where he engaged in buying and shipping grain for a year. He was afterward employed by C. A. Bugge in handling lumber at Burlington for three years, at the end of which time he became a partner in a general mercantile store of Burlington under the firm style of C. A. Bugge & Company. This firm also conducts stores at Foxholm, Ward county, and Raymond, Montana, and they have an extensive business, making theirs a splendid dividend paying proposition. Mr. Madson has also made investments in property and now owns considerable land in this state.

On the 30th of October, 1912, occurred the marriage of Mr. Madson and Miss Crystanza Sorenson, who was born in Denmark. Her father died during her infancy and her mother is now a resident of Hutchinson. Mr. and Mrs. Madson have but one child, Kenneth Einar, born August 30, 1914.



EINAR A. MADSON



Mr. Madson is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Burlington and he holds membership in the Lutheran church, but as there is no congregation of that denomination in Burlington attends the Presbyterian church. In politics he is an independent republican and is now serving as postmaster of Burlington, to which office he was appointed in 1909. He has also held various other local offices and he can always be counted upon to further the public welfare whether in office or out of it. He is never content to choose the second best but works toward high ideals and his labors have been an element in promoting local progress.

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FRED L. CONKLIN.

Fred L. Conklin, who has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Bismarek since 1898, is a man watchful of opportunities pointing to success and the readiness with which he discriminates between the essential and the non-essential in all business affairs has been one of the elements in his growing prosperity and business prominence. Mr. Conklin was born at Wolcott, New York, August 15, 1876, a son of Marion and Martha (L'Amoreaux) Conklin, who were also natives of the Empire state. In the year 1883 they left the east and removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, where they now reside. The father is a distinguished lawyer and has been judge and states attorney at Jamestown.

Fred L. Conklin was a little lad of seven summers at the time his parents left the Empire state and came to the northwest, so that his education was largely acquired in the schools of Jamestown. He removed to Bismarek in 1898, when a young man of twenty-two years, and here entered the real estate and insurance field, since which time he has devoted his energies to the business, his close application, concentration of purpose and indefatigable energy winning for him growing and substantial success. He is now a director in the Bismarek Building & Loan Association and a director of the Provident Insurance Company.

About the time of his removal to Bismarek Mr. Conklin enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company H but was made first lieutenant of Company B of the First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry and served for about nine months in the Philippines.

On the 27th of March, 1897, in Bismarek, North Dakota, Mr. Conklin was united in marriage to Miss Edith Winchester. 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 no attraction for him. He attends the Episcopal church and he has membership with the Masonic fraternity. He belongs to the Bismarek Commercial Club, of which he has served as president, and he cooperates in all its plans and measures for the upbuilding and development of the city. In fact he is actively interested in any question which has bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of the community.

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JAMES B. CASEY.

James B. Casey, who follows farming on section 5, Island Park township, Ransom county, was born at Black Creek, Wisconsin, May 29, 1872, a son of John and Elizabeth (O'Brien) Casey, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Dublin, Ireland. In early life they came to the new world, each settling in Wisconsin. Their marriage was celebrated in Black Creek, where they began their domestic life and continued to reside throughout their remaining days. Both have now passed away.

James B. Casey was one of twins, who were the oldest in a family of six children. He pursued his education in the district schools of Binghamton, Wisconsin, after which he assisted his father, and later secured employment in a paper mill at Appleton, Wisconsin, where he remained for about a year. Then, in connection with his twin brother, John Casey, he rented a farm in Ellington township, Ontagamie county, where they engaged in farming for three years. James B. Casey then sold the interest to his brother and began farming

independently in the same township, where he remained for one year, cultivating a tract of rented land. At the end of that time he disposed of his interests there and went to Washington, where he purchased a quarter section and also homesteaded a quarter section near Wilbur. After living in that locality for a year he disposed of his interests there and for a few months was employed in Spokane, Washington, but later returned to Wisconsin and bought a farm in his old home county, after which he carried on general agricultural pursuits for two years. He then disposed of his property and afterward worked in the woods, conducting a lumber camp in northern Wisconsin for a year. On the expiration of that period he came to North Dakota and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land, on which he now resides. This he bought in 1907. It is situated on section 5, Island Park township, Ransom county, and is a well developed farm property, on which he devotes his energies to the raising of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He also engages in stock raising, making a specialty of mule-foot hogs. He also has high grade cattle and thirteen head of Percheron horses. He has erected all of the buildings upon his place, including a new barn thirty-six by eighty feet, thoroughly modern in construction, with cement floor and stalls. He put in an electric light plant on his place, the power being generated by a flowing well. There is no equipment of the model farm that is lacking upon his place. He has a complete threshing outfit and an Altman & Taylor tractor with a thirty to sixty horse power. He has taken a course in gas engineering and is thus well equipped to do much of the mechanical work about his place. He and his brother established the Equity elevator at Lisbon, in which he is still a stockholder, and he is likewise a stockholder in the Terminal elevator at St. Paul. He drives a Regal car and he knows how to make the most of life, enjoying his success and keeping at all times in touch with the most progressive activities and interests of the day.

On the 9th of January, 1912, Mr. Casey was married to Miss Mary McNalley, who was born in Fargo and was reared in Lisbon, North Dakota. Four children have been born to them, Gertrude, James Bernard, Irene and John, all of whom are living. The parents are communicants of the Catholic church at Lisbon. Mrs. Casey is a graduate of the Lisbon high school and prior to her marriage occupied the position of stenographer with Tom Curtis and also at the Bemmels mill in Lisbon.

Politically Mr. Casey is a democrat and for two years served as township treasurer of Island Park township, Ransom county. He has membership with the Knights of Columbus of Fargo and also with the Moose lodge at Lisbon.

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#### HON. ALEXANDER W. CUNNINGHAM.

Hon. Alexander W. Cunningham, engaged in farming on section 9, Grand Rapids township, Lamoure county, is a native of New York. He was born May 23, 1853, of the marriage of Alexander and Adeline (Davis) Cunningham, the former a native of the Empire state, and the latter of Massachusetts. On the father's side the family comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry and on the mother's side is of English extraction. Alexander Cunningham, Sr., was a farmer of New York until 1867, when he removed to Calhoun county, Michigan, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until the time of his death.

Alexander W. Cunningham was a youth of fourteen years at the time of the removal of the family to the west and he attained his majority in Calhoun county. He attended the public schools of New York and Michigan and at the age of twenty-two years started out in business life independently as a farmer, devoting five or six years to the cultivation of a farm in Calhoun county. In March, 1881, attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, he came to North Dakota, settling in Stutsman county, where he purchased a relinquishment on a homestead seven miles northwest of Jamestown. There he resided for twelve years, devoting his energies to the development and improvement of his property, after which he removed to Lamoure county, leasing the Cold Springs farm of two thousand and eighty acres, which he operated for eighteen years. In the meantime, however, in 1905 he purchased six hundred and forty-six acres on sections 5 and 6, Grand Rapids township, and still owns that property, while in 1910 he bought his present home farm a half mile east

of the village of Grand Rapids, comprising three hundred and eighty acres. To this he removed in 1911 and is now concentrating his energies upon its further cultivation and improvement, all of his farm work being conducted along most progressive methods.

In 1875 Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Jennie Perry, of Concord, Michigan, and they have become the parents of three sons and three daughters: Durward, deceased; George, who is operating the home farm; Arthur, deceased; Eva, the wife of E. H. Griffin, of Fairmont, Minnesota; Lina, the wife of John Crist, a farmer of Lamoure county; and Marion, the wife of Mark Stienchfield, of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Cunningham is a republican in his political views and his worth as a citizen is indicated in the fact that in 1907 his fellow townsmen chose him to represent his district in the state legislature, where he made so excellent a record that in 1909 he was reelected and again in 1911, serving for a third term. He was connected with much important constructive legislation and left his impress upon various laws that found their way to the statute books of the state. He served for years on the school board and has taken a most active and helpful part in educational matters, while to his children he has given excellent advantages in that direction. He is a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while he and his wife hold membership in the Catholic church. As a business man and political leader he has won prominence and is recognized in the community as one who has been influential in molding public thought and action.

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#### SCOTT ZINK.

Scott Zink is the owner of an excellent farm, comprising the east half of section 10, Elliott township, Ransom county, to the development and cultivation of which he has devoted his energies for twelve years, having taken up his abode upon this place in 1905. He has always been a resident of the middle west. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, June 20, 1854, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Thompson) Zink. The former was born near the town of Saxon, Pennsylvania, in 1813 and remained in that state until about the time when he attained his majority. Removing to Ohio, he there learned the tanner's trade and afterward he journeyed on horseback to Fulton county, Illinois, and eventually became a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm, upon which he resided until his death in 1890. He was a pioneer settler of Illinois and experienced all the hardships and privations of frontier life. His wife was also born in Pennsylvania and she passed away in 1861, leaving four children: Mary E., born in 1848; John A., who was born in 1850 and died in 1915; Adeline, born in 1852; and Scott.

The last named obtained his education in the district schools of Illinois and remained with his parents until he reached his majority. About that time, or in June, 1875, he was married to Miss Louise Stinson, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1876, a daughter of William and Eliza Stinson, who removed westward with their family during the early girlhood of Mrs. Zink. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Zink: Anna L., who was born December 22, 1876, and died when about twenty-five years of age; Cora M., who was born June 7, 1878, and became the wife of William Richard but died July 1, 1899; Martha E., who was born May 17, 1885, and is the wife of John Carey, of Marcus, Iowa; and John W., who was born January 21, 1887, and is now farming in Elliott township, Ransom county, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Zink began their domestic life in Illinois, where they remained until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when they removed to Tama county, Iowa, where he carried on farming for thirteen years. He then became a resident of Cherokee county, Iowa, where he made his home for fifteen years, and in the spring of that year he brought his family to North Dakota, arriving in 1905, at which time he took up his abode upon the east half of section 10, Elliott township, Ransom county. He has since given his entire time and attention to general agricultural pursuits and his careful and systematic management of his work has been one of the strong elements in his success. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Elliott and in the Farmers Telephone Company. His business affairs

have brought to him a substantial measure of success which is well deserved by reason of the integrity of his methods.

In 1902 Mr. Zink was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife, who died in April of that year. After about five years, or on the 6th of February, 1907, he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Thomas, of this state. In politics he is a republican and he has served as road commissioner and also as school director. Fraternally he is connected with Lisbon Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., and is loyal to the teachings of that organization.

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#### CHARLES J. CLARK.

Charles J. Clark, president of the First State Bank at Crosby, was the organizer and first president of the Crosby Milling Company, and is numbered with that class of men whose efforts in town building and development have brought about results that seem almost magical. He has always lived in the west and possesses that spirit of western enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the growth of this section of the country. He was born at Lake City, Wabasha county, Minnesota, May 18, 1874, a son of D. K. J. Clark, mentioned in connection with the sketch of David Clark, Jr., on another page of this work.

In the schools of Ortonville Charles J. Clark obtained his education, pursuing a high school course and later a course at the Curtis Business College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also attended Hamline University. In early manhood he went to Bigstone county, Minnesota, and later conducted business as a horse dealer in Ortonville, where he remained until 1901, when he came to North Dakota, settling on a homestead in Ward county, near Kenmare. He proved up his property and afterward took up his abode in the town, where he began buying and selling horses. He would make trips to Montana and Idaho, from which points he shipped range horses, selling them in North Dakota and in markets farther east. He also conducted a livery barn at Kenmare until 1905, when he sold out and removed to the old town of Crosby, which was then in Williams county, forty miles from a railroad. There he organized the First State Bank and became its cashier. When the town was moved to the new town site in 1906 he took his bank there and has since conducted the business with gratifying success, continuing as the cashier until 1913, when he became president and has since been its chief officer and executive head. In 1915 the First State Bank erected a modern bank building handsomely equipped with high class fixtures, marble floors and other modern appointments. The different departments are well arranged for the conduct of the business and include a ladies' rest room, a directors' room and other private rooms for the transaction of business with the customers. This is regarded as the most thoroughly up-to-date banking house of any of its size in the state and would be a credit to a city of much greater population than Crosby. The town certainly has reason to be proud of this institution, which owes its success to the enterprising and progressive methods of Mr. Clark. He also organized the Divide County Security Company at Crosby in 1910 for the conduct of a farm mortgage, land and loan business and is now its president and general manager. He also continues to deal in horses, which he ships from Idaho and Montana, and he likewise owns and farms land in Divide county and from some of it secures a good rental. In 1913 the world's record for raising oats was established on his farm adjoining Crosby, in Divide county, this land producing an average of a fraction over one hundred and fifty-five bushels to the acre by measure and an average of two hundred and twelve and a half bushels to the acre by weight. The yield of oats on this particular farm was certified to by the neighboring citizens, who formed a committee to examine the field and measure its production in weight and measure. The record is one of which Mr. Clark has every reason to be proud and, moreover, it indicates the great productiveness of North Dakota soil in this section of the state. He was the organizer and first president of the Crosby Milling Company.

On the 25th of December, 1902, at McKinney, North Dakota, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Laura E. Stevens, a native of Detroit, Minnesota. Her parents died when

she was a child and she was reared and educated by an uncle, who resided at Ortonville, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have four children: Janice, whose birth occurred in Kenmare, North Dakota; and Donald, Douglas and Porter, all of whom were born in Crosby.

In politics Mr. Clark is a republican. He filled the office of deputy sheriff of Ward county while living at Kenmare and he was the first president of the park board at Crosby. He aided in organizing the Divide County Fair Association, of which he is a director, and he assisted in organizing the Hospital Association of Crosby. He belongs to Crosby Lodge, F. & A. M., to the Elks lodge at Minot and to the Knights of the Maccabees, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His life work is indeed the expression of intense and intelligently directed activity, crowned by substantial and well merited results. What he undertakes he accomplishes, his plans being well formulated and carefully executed. He has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way, and possessing the character and ability that inspire confidence in others, the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important business and public relations.

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#### FRED ALBERT KEUP.

Fred Albert Keup, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Columbus, Burke county, is one of the substantial citizens that Wisconsin has sent to North Dakota. His birth occurred in Oshkosh, January 6, 1880, his parents being William and Wilhelmina (Bremer) Keup. The father's birth occurred in the town of Stettin, Germany, in 1835 and there he was reared and learned the miller's trade, which he followed in his native country to the age of twenty-nine years. He crossed the Atlantic to America in 1864 and established his home at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he secured work in flour mills, eventually winning promotion to the position of superintendent. In that connection he continued for a quarter of a century, after which he retired and removed to Wautoma, Wisconsin, where he now makes his home, being most comfortably situated. His wife was born at Treptow, Germany, in 1837 and they became the parents of one child ere their emigration to the new world. Eventually their family numbered seven children, six of whom were born in Wisconsin, and all are yet living.

At the usual age Fred A. Keup became a pupil in the public schools of Oshkosh, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, and following his graduation therefrom he attended the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, of which he is also a graduate. He next entered the employ of J. F. Thompson, who owned a chain of banks, Mr. Keup becoming clerk in the bank at Thompson, Iowa. For seven years he was in the employ of Mr. Thompson at different points in Iowa and in 1905 he arrived in Columbus, at which time the town was situated on section 16, school land, seven miles northwest of the present town site. When the Soo Line was built through Columbus was removed to its present site along the railroad. Mr. Keup organized the Farmers State Bank in the old town and in 1906 removed to the new town, his bank building being the third building erected in the town. Upon the organization of the bank he became its cashier and still continues in that capacity, in which connection he is directing the interests of the oldest bank in Columbus. He is president of the Security State Bank of Wildrose, North Dakota, and a director of the Security State Bank at Noonan, North Dakota, and of the Woodman-Jacobson Lumber Company of Opheim, Montana. He also owns farm lands in Burke county, on which he raises shorthorn cattle and breeds Percheron horses and other registered stock.

On the 2d of September, 1908, at Osage, Iowa, Mr. Keup was united in marriage to Miss Ina Louise Hallingby, who was born in Osage and after attending high school there continued her education at the Iowa Normal School at Cedar Falls and in the Cedar Valley Seminary at Cedar Valley, Iowa. She afterward engaged in teaching in the high school in Osage up to the time of her marriage. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hallingby, were natives of Norway and there the father learned the business of cabinetmaking, after which he was for many years proprietor of a furniture store in Osage, where he and his wife still make their home, although he is now living retired.

In his political views Mr. Keup is a republican. When Burke county was set off from

Ward county in 1902 Henry Ackerman was elected public administrator, but died while in office and Mr. Keup was appointed to fill out the unexpired term, after which he was elected to the position in 1912 and served for four years. He continued in the office altogether for six years but did not seek reelection in 1916. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Forest City, Iowa, and with the Scottish Rite bodies at Grand Forks, where he also has membership in Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Williston, North Dakota, and is a charter member of both the Modern Woodmen camp and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen at Columbus. He owns a modern home in the town and is not only its pioneer banker but one of its most progressive and valued citizens, respected by young and old, rich and poor.

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#### VALDEMAR C. JENSEN.

Valdemar C. Jensen, cashier of the State Bank of Elliott, was born near Aalborg, Denmark, November 2, 1889, and obtained his education in the schools of that country but, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, sailed from Copenhagen in 1904 and landed at New York. He then made his way across the country to Brandt, South Dakota, where he lived with a brother and attended school there, remaining until 1907. In that year he began clerking in the State Bank of Brandt and received his initial experience in the banking business during the succeeding two years. In 1909 he went to Elliott and was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Elliott, in which he became a stockholder and was made cashier and also one of the directors. Under his efficient management the bank has more than doubled its earnings. He is a courteous and obliging official and his ability is recognized by his associates in business.

On the 18th of June, 1913, Mr. Jensen was married to Miss Georgia H. Howell, a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have a daughter, Beverly, who was born September 14, 1915.

Since coming to the northwest Mr. Jensen has invested in land, having first purchased the southeast quarter of section 16, Alleghany township, Ransom county, in 1912. Three years later he bought the east half of section 13, Elliott township, and in 1916 traded that property for the southwest quarter of section 28 and the southwest quarter of section 27, Elliott township. The State Bank, of which he is cashier, was organized in 1909 with H. P. Holen as president and G. O. Swartz as vice president. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and today has a surplus of ten thousand dollars and undivided profits of five thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars. There has been no change in the presidency and cashiership, but W. E. Johnson has succeeded Mr. Swartz in the position of vice president. The company owns a good bank building and the bank is in excellent standing. Aside from a general banking business they deal in real estate, mortgages and loans, and Mr. Jensen is one of the stockholders and the secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company. In his political views he is a republican but not an office seeker. He is, however, much interested in the welfare and progress of the community in which he lives and puts forth every effort to advance its growth and upbuilding.

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#### JOHN SHELDON GEE.

John Sheldon Gee, a retired hardware merchant of Flaxton, and the president of the Burke County Fair and Agricultural Society, was born July 3, 1860, at Virgil, Cortland county, New York. His father, John L. Gee, was born and reared in Pennsylvania and in early manhood removed to New York, after which he engaged in farming in Cortland county for many years. Eventually he homesteaded near Marshall, Lyon county, Minnesota, becoming one of its pioneer settlers and there carrying on general agricultural pursuits for a third of a century. At length he retired from the farm and took up his abode in Monticello, Min-

nesota. He married Felicia Seamons, who was born in New York and spent her last days in Monticello.

John S. Gee continued a resident of the Empire state until he accompanied his parents on their removal to Minnesota, after which he assisted his father in the work of the home farm until he had attained his majority. He then purchased land in Lyon county, Minnesota, and engaged in farming on his own account until 1900, when he sold that property and made his way to Flaxton, North Dakota, taking up a homestead claim in the vicinity of the town. He cultivated that property until he secured the title thereto, after which he became a resident of Flaxton. He was appointed postmaster in 1901 and occupied that position continuously for fifteen years, or until January, 1916. Upon his retirement from that position he entered the employment of the Flaxton Hardware Company, with which he is still connected. He owns his homestead property, upon which there has never been a mortgage. He is accounted a successful man and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

In February, 1882, Mr. Gee was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Marron, at Marshall, Lyon county, Minnesota. She was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, near Platteville, a daughter of Owen and Ellen Marron, who were natives of Ireland, and on coming to the new world settled in Wisconsin. After leaving that state they became residents of Lyon county, Minnesota, and there Mrs. Gee was reared upon the home farm, completing her education by graduating from the high school at Marshall. To Mr. and Mrs. Gee have been born nine children, of whom six are living; Maud, the wife of George Wilson, a farmer of Saskatchewan, Canada; Vernon Lynn and Roland, who are also farming in Saskatchewan; Etta, the wife of Jay Olney, a farmer of Steele, North Dakota; and Harold and Lyle, at home.

In politics Mr. Gee is a republican and for ten years he has served on the school board of Flaxton. He is president of the Burke County Fair and Agricultural Society. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason, belonging to the lodge and chapter at Marshall, Minnesota. He also became a charter member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Flaxton, in which he has filled all the chairs. He is a man of kindly spirit, of genial disposition and sterling worth, pleasant and agreeable in manner and looked upon as one of the most substantial and valued citizens of his town. He owes his success entirely to his own efforts, for he started out empty-handed, working his way upward to success by reason of his close application and diligence.

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#### H. JOHN MOVIUS, M. D.

Dr. H. John Movius, who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Edgeley, was born at Lidgerwood, North Dakota, April 14, 1888, a son of Ernest F. and Mary (Rosencrans) Movius, who were natives of Germany. The father and mother emigrated to America about the time they reached manhood and womanhood, settling in Minnesota, where they lived for a time, but afterward removing to North Dakota. The father had partially prepared for the ministry in his native country and completed his studies in the new world after which he engaged in preaching for the Evangelical denomination and was for eighteen years presiding elder. He retired from the ministry on account of heart trouble and then engaged in the lumber business in Lidgerwood, but is now living retired at the age of sixty-two years while his wife has reached the age of fifty-eight years.

Dr. Movius completed a high school education at Lidgerwood and afterward won his Bachelor of Arts degree upon the completion of a classical course in the University of North Dakota, being numbered among the alumni of 1911. He next entered Rush Medical College at Chicago and graduated with the class of 1913, after which he spent six months as an interne in the Presbyterian Hospital of that city and twelve months in the City Hospital at St. Louis, Missouri. He then went to Washington with the intention of locating in that state, but did not like the country and retraced his steps as far east as Edgeley, where he opened an office in January, 1915, and entered upon the active practice of medicine, in which he is now meeting with splendid success. Aside from his practice he is a stockholder in the Provident Life Insurance Company of Bismarck and the American Druggists' Syndicate and he is also the owner of a quarter section of land in Lamoure county.

On the 20th of June, 1914, Dr. Movius was married to Miss Mabel Preece, a daughter of Edward and Etta (Groene) Preece, who were natives of St. Louis. The father died in 1905 and the mother is now living with Dr. and Mrs. Movius, who have one child, H. John, born May 5, 1915.

Fraternally Dr. Movius is connected with the Masons, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, the Yeomen and also Alpha Kappa Kappa, a Greek letter fraternity, while of the Phi Delta Theta he is an honorary. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church, to the teachings of which he is most loyal. Along professional lines he is connected with the Bismarck State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus he keeps in close touch with the advance of the profession and his ability is evidenced by the large practice which he now enjoys.

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#### ALVIN D. POE.

Alvin D. Poe is one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Tower City, Cass county, where he is engaged in the real estate business. He is confident of the great future in store for North Dakota and has given proof of his faith in the state by investing heavily in land. In pursuit of his education he attended the common and high schools and a business college. In 1900 he came to Tower City and made his home with and entered the employ of an uncle, who was in the implement business. Subsequently he turned his attention to the real estate field, in which he is now active. His land is in Cass and Barnes counties and he is recognized as one of the substantial men of Tower City. He is also engaged in the seed business and is energetic and farsighted and displays sound judgment in the management of his affairs.

Mr. Poe is a republican, believing in the wisdom of the policies of that party, and he is now filling the office of justice of the peace. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic lodge and in his daily life exemplifies the teachings of the craft concerning the brotherhood of man. In the conduct of his private business affairs he has also contributed to the development of his town and county.

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#### SPENCER D. REED, D. C.

Dr. Spencer D. Reed, a chiropractic practitioner at Valley City, was born in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1872, the only child of Chauncey J. and Elizabeth (De Witt) Reed. The father, a native of Binghamton, New York, removed to Pennsylvania in early manhood and there engaged in the sale of musical instruments, conducting business at Tunkhannock during his active life with the exception of four years when he engaged in the music store business in Washington, D. C. He served his country in the Civil war as a captain of the Eighty-ninth New York. His wife was also a lover of music and excelled as an amateur musician. She was a daughter of the American Revolution, her grandfather De Witt having served as a soldier under Washington. The love of music was inherited by Dr. Reed and music and horses were his hobbies for some years. After attending the schools of his native city he was employed by piano dealers for a number of years and was also the director of Reed's Band of Tunkhannock. He later decided to take up the study of veterinary surgery but gave it up for the study of osteopathy, in which he completed a course by graduation. However, preferring the chiropractic method of treatment, he studied for practice in that field and was graduated two years later, in 1910. Removing to Valley City, North Dakota, he opened an office and has since won a large practice. He was one of the leaders in the movement which gained recognition for the profession in America, North Dakota being the first state to recognize chiropractic and establishing a very high standard which must be met by those who desire to practice in



DR. SPENCER D. REED



North Dakota. Dr. Reed was appointed on the first board of chiropractic examiners ever appointed in the world and he holds the second license ever issued.

On the 25th of December, 1912, Dr. Reed was married to Miss Maud Moss, a daughter of F. C. Moss, and the children of this marriage are Frances Elizabeth and Spencer De Witt. The Doctor has membership with the Knights of Pythias, the Moose, the Eagles and the Maccabees and he is president of the Valley City Municipal Band, in which connection he has done much to improve the organization and raise the standard of its work. His attention, however, is chiefly devoted to his profession and he is now editor and publisher of *The Northwestern Chiropractor*, a monthly magazine issued at Valley City in the interests of the profession. He has just completed a sanitarium with accommodation for twenty patients, and his practice has been attended with most excellent results, proving the worth of his methods and his efficacy in treating specific cases. His business has steadily grown and his newly erected sanitarium is the visible proof of his steady professional advance.

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#### CHARLES E. GRADY.

Charles E. Grady, a farmer living on section 15, Elm River township, Traill county, is numbered among those ambitious, enterprising men whose labors have made North Dakota a great agricultural state. He was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 1st of April, 1875, and spent his youthful days under the parental roof, acquiring a public school education, after which he pursued a business course in Fargo College. He has since been actively identified with agricultural interests and made his first purchase of land in 1897, when he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Elm River township, Traill county. He then began farming independently and the following year he purchased an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixty acres, so that he now owns three hundred and twenty acres, while his wife owns two hundred and nine acres. He is now operating his own land and eighty acres of that which belongs to Mrs. Grady. He is a most energetic agriculturist, studying closely modern methods of farming, and his persistency of purpose and diligence have resulted in the attainment of gratifying success.

On the 4th of December, 1911, Mr. Grady was united in marriage to Miss Anna Foster, of Elm River township, by whom he has a son, Merrill Charles. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as township treasurer for about twelve years, while for several years he has also acted as clerk of the school board. Fraternally Mr. Grady is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, to the teachings of which they loyally adhere.

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#### FRED G. CHURCH.

Fred G. Church is a resident farmer of Island Park township, Ransom county, his home being on section 7, where he owns and cultivates an excellent tract of land devoted to general farming and stock raising. He was born near Coeymans-on-the-Hudson in New York, about twelve miles south of Albany, on the 28th of November, 1857, and is a son of William James and Elizabeth Tenyck (Holmes) Church. The father was a native of England and when about nineteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the United States and established his home in New York. For two years he served as a soldier in the Civil war and subsequently he settled in Grundy county, Illinois, where he lived for about five years. He then removed to Ford county, Illinois, where he spent one year, after which he established his home about ten miles from Pontiac, Illinois, living in that locality until 1887. He engaged in teaching school and was also a preacher of the United Brethren church, his life thus constituting an influence for uplift. He was living in Indiana when in 1908 he was called to the home beyond, having survived his wife, who had passed away in February, 1885. They had a family of three children, of which one died in infancy, the others being Fred G. and Elias Palmer, who is a resident of Swope county, North Dakota.

Fred G. Church is indebted to the public school system of Illinois for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed and on attaining his majority he engaged in farming on his own account. He continued his residence in that state until he reached the age of forty-three years when he removed to White county, Indiana, where he lived for nine years. He came to North Dakota in 1910 and purchased the northeast quarter of section 7, Island Park township, Ransom county, upon which he still makes his home. He also bought one hundred and sixty acres of section 18 in Hanson township, which he has rented. His time and attention are given to general farming and stock raising and he handles Holstein cattle and Duroc hogs. Both branches of his business are proving profitable because his interests are wisely directed and enterprise actuates him at every point in his career.

Mr. Church was married in Livingston county, Illinois, to Miss Rozelle Barber, who was born in that county, December 27, 1859, the daughter of Charles W. and Adeline (Harris) Barber, who removed from Michigan to Illinois where the father engaged in farming and carpentering. Mr. and Mrs. Church have become the parents of five children: Susie, who is the wife of Edward Wilson of Illinois; Robert William, who is living at Havre, Montana; Earl, a resident of Indiana; Rozelle, the wife of Otto Brush, of Ransom county; and Ruby, at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1908 and her death was deeply regretted by many friends.

In his political views Mr. Church has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but he has never been an aspirant for office and has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He has served, however, as a school director and the cause of education finds him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and to its teachings he is loyal.

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#### WALTER D. POWELL.

Walter D. Powell, who since the fall of 1915 has been engaged in general merchandising at Jud, North Dakota, success attending his enterprising and intelligently directed efforts, was born near Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, April 14, 1870, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Dougherty) Powell, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. The father, who followed the occupation of farming, removed to Benton county, Iowa, in 1865 and there purchased land which he cultivated and improved until 1879, when he became a resident of Nebraska. He followed farming in the latter state until 1883 and then went to Faulk county, South Dakota, where he secured a homestead. As years passed on he continued the work of further development up to the time of his death which occurred in June, 1907. He had long survived his wife who died in September, 1881.

Walter D. Powell was reared and educated in Iowa and Nebraska and remained with his father until he reached the age of fourteen years. In 1883, when he was a youth of thirteen, he and his uncle killed the last buffalo bull seen east of the Missouri river in South Dakota, mention of which fact is made in the historical records of South Dakota. He was a youth of fourteen when he left home and began earning his own living as a clerk in a general store. He was employed as a salesman for ten years, spending a part of that time in a wholesale shoe house in Chicago. He afterward went upon the road as a traveling salesman, selling shoes for four years for a Chicago concern while for thirteen years he represented the Foot-Schultz Company of St. Paul, his territory being North Dakota. On the 1st of January, 1914, he left the road and rested for a time, but in the fall of 1915 re-entered business circles by establishing a general mercantile store at Jud, North Dakota, where he carries a very large stock of goods and enjoys an extensive and growing patronage.

On the 29th of May, 1895, Mr. Powell was married to Miss Maggie Debus, a daughter of Josephine and Matilda (Rohr) Debus, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America at an early age and settled near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the father purchased land which he continued to cultivate throughout the residue of his days, his death occurring in July, 1898, while his wife died in 1879. To Mr. and Mrs. Powell have been born four children: Dunning, born July 31, 1896; Leslie, who was born June 10, 1902, and died August 21, 1905; Raymond, born October 18, 1905; and Florence, born May 6, 1910.

Mr. Powell is well known in Masonic circles in which he has attained high rank, being now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and the United Commercial Travelers. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has always taken an active interest in political affairs. It was he who originated the plan of voting by mail in North Dakota. He is a member of the State Historical Society and is interested in everything pertaining to the early records of the state. He is also a collector of Indian relics and has over three thousand specimens. His business and other activities have made him widely known in the state and North Dakota has reason to be proud of him as one of its representative citizens.

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#### A. L. RAMSTAD.

A. L. Ramstad has been very successful as a farmer and is residing on his place on section 14, Pleasant township, Cass county. His birth occurred on the 1st of March, 1861, near Christiania, Norway, and he is a son of L. J. and Martha C. Ramstad, both of whom were likewise natives of that country, where the mother died. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four are deceased. In 1871 the father emigrated to the United States and passed away here.

A. L. Ramstad accompanied a brother to America when he was but nine years of age and for five years thereafter lived in Spring Grove, Minnesota. At the end of that time he removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and took up his residence upon a farm on section 14, Pleasant township, on which he has lived continuously since and which he now owns. He has planted a fine grove and erected excellent buildings in addition to making other improvements upon the place. For a number of years after coming to this state pioneer conditions existed here and his first house was a sod shanty with a sod roof but after two years he was able to build a log house, which has now been replaced with a commodious and well arranged residence. He keeps everything about the place in excellent condition and in his farm work follows the latest methods and uses the newest machinery.

In 1885 Mr. Ramstad was married to Miss Sigrid Lommen, who was born in Houston county, Minnesota. Her parents, G. J. and Aagot Lommen, were born in Norway and in the early '50s came to the United States, settling on a farm near Spring Grove, Minnesota, where both passed away. Two of their eight children are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Ramstad have become the parents of nine children, namely: Aagot M. and Leonard G., at home; George A., who is teaching school; Hilda E.; Arthur S.; Ruth I., who is a graduate of the normal school; Clarence I.; Isabel C.; and Ethel M.

Mr. Ramstad is an adherent of the democratic party and has served his district as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church and at all times seek to uphold high standards of morality. He deserves much credit for the success which he has gained, as from early boyhood he has been dependent upon his own resources and is therefore a self-made man.

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#### FRANK H. MICHEEL.

Frank H. Micheel, a farmer of Elliott township, Ransom county, was born in Winona county, Minnesota, July 5, 1869. His father, Fred Micheel, a native of Prussia, Germany, was born in 1838 and came to the United States in 1868, settling in Winona county, where he purchased a quarter section of land upon which he established his home and there resided until his death, which occurred in 1907. He always carried on general farming and stock raising and brought his place to a high state of development. He was married to Wilhelmina Richard, who was born in Prussia in 1839. Their marriage was celebrated in Germany and immediately afterward they sailed for the new world. Mrs. Micheel survives her husband and is now living in Winona, Minnesota, enjoying excellent health. The old homestead property was sold to Charles Hoppe, who married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Micheel and

is farming the home place. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Micheel were eight children: Frank H.; Mrs. Anna Kellender, living in Michigan; Mrs. Elizabeth Prudell, of St. Charles, Minnesota; Emil, now deceased; Mrs. Mary Hoppe, on the old homestead; Martha, who is with her mother in Winona; Herman, of South Dakota; and Robert, living in St. Charles, Minnesota.

Frank H. Micheel was educated in the district schools of his native county and after his textbooks were put aside he remained with his father until he reached the age of nineteen years. At that time, or in 1888, he removed to South Dakota, where he was employed at farm work for three summers. He then began farming on his own account and remained in that locality until 1902, when he came to North Dakota. He purchased the east half of section 12, Elliott township, Ransom county, and has since been engaged in general farming, the result of his labors being seen in highly cultivated fields which are splendidly developed. He is also a stockholder of the Farmers Elevator Company of Elliott and also the Farmers Elevator Company of Lisbon. He was one of the organizers of the former company and has been active in winning for it substantial success. Otherwise his interests are centered entirely on his farm.

Mr. Micheel was married to Miss Rebecca Jennings, who was born in North Carolina in 1873 and is a daughter of William and Ann Jennings, who were early residents of that state and there lived until death called them, the father passing away in 1910, while the mother died in 1889. In their family were ten children, of whom Mrs. Micheel is the youngest.

In his political views Mr. Micheel is an earnest republican. While in Brookings county, South Dakota, he served as school director in 1900 and 1901. He afterward became a director of the Farmers Elevator Company at Lisbon and so continued from 1910 until 1914. He is now on the board of directors of the Farmers Elevator Company at Elliott, to which office he was called in June, 1916. In 1915 he was elected to the office of road supervisor and was reelected in 1916, a fact which indicates that he made an excellent record in that position. He belongs to the Lutheran church, while his wife adheres to the Baptist faith, and both are highly esteemed in the community where they make their home.

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#### EDWARD H. GROSS.

One of the attractive mercantile establishments of Kenmare is the jewelry store of Edward H. Gross, an alert, enterprising business man whose success is attributable to his persistent, earnest and intelligently directed efforts. He was born in Shakopee, Scott county, Minnesota, November 8, 1879. His father, H. F. Gross, was a native of Germany and in his boyhood days came to the new world, being largely reared and educated in Scott county, Minnesota. He afterward went to St. Paul, where he learned the barber's trade, being the first man to serve an apprenticeship at the trade in St. Paul. Later he opened a shop in Shakopee, where he continued to engage in business for forty years. In early manhood he wedded Mary Werner, who is also a native of Germany, and on coming to the United States settled in Carver county, Minnesota, where she was reared, educated and married. She survives her husband, who passed away some years ago, and she still makes her home in Shakopee, with her oldest son, F. J. Gross, who still conducts the barber shop at the old stand.

In his native town Edward H. Gross pursued his education, attending the graded and high schools. He worked for a short time in the shipping room of the Plymouth Clothing Company of Minneapolis, and also clerked in a store in St. James, Minnesota, during the summer of 1897. In 1898 he entered upon an apprenticeship to the jewelry business, working at the bench in Shakopee for a year. He afterward went to Osceola, Wisconsin, where he spent three years and in the spring of 1902 arrived in Kenmare, Ward county, North Dakota, where he opened a jewelry store which he has since conducted. He began business on a very small scale, occupying a corner in a drug store, but he has constantly increased his stock to meet the growing demands of the trade and now owns a modern and well equipped store building in which he handles a large and attractive line of jewelry. His store is equipped with mahogany fixtures and its tasteful arrangement and the beautiful line of goods which he carries make it an establishment which would be a credit to a city of much larger size.

He is a graduate of Millords School of Optics and of the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology at Chicago. Throughout his business career he has followed methods which neither seek nor require disguise, and his energy and ability have brought him a substantial measure of success.

On the 2d of September, 1903, in Spencer, Wisconsin, Mr. Gross was united in marriage to Miss Irene Heath, who was there born, reared and educated, her parents being Edward and Mary Heath, who are natives of New York and became early settlers of Wisconsin. The father became a druggist of Spencer, in which business he continued until his death, which occurred September 16, 1909. Mrs. Heath still resides in Spencer. Mrs. Gross successfully engaged in teaching school in Wisconsin prior to her marriage. She has become the mother of one child, Heath, who was born in Kenmare, October 29, 1904. They occupy a modern residence which was erected by Mr. Gross, conveniently arranged and comfortably furnished.

In politics Mr. Gross is a republican and in 1916 was elected city treasurer of Kenmare. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and he is identified with the Masonic lodge, the Odd Fellows lodge, in which he has held office, and the Elks lodge at Minot. His has been a busy, useful and active life, bringing to him a substantial measure of success which has been the legitimate outcome of close application and persistent, honorable effort.

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JACOB H. HERRMANN.

Jacob H. Herrmann, agent at Alfred for the Maxwell motor car, was born in Russia, March 23, 1861, a son of Jacob and Christina (Lehr) Herrmann, who were also natives of that country, where the father followed farming throughout his entire life, his death resulting from the effects of a fall from a horse in 1874. His widow long survived him, passing away December 25, 1914.

Jacob H. Herrmann was a lad of but thirteen years at the time of his father's death and he remained with his mother until he reached the age of twenty-three, when he came to America and took up his abode in Scotland, South Dakota. This was in the year 1884. He afterward removed to Ransom county, North Dakota, where he purchased land on contract, but lost the property after investing sixteen hundred dollars in it. His next purchase made him the owner of a quarter section in Lamoure county, which he at once began to develop and improve, and with that as the nucleus he kept adding to his holdings until he is today the owner of seven quarters, or eleven hundred and twenty acres of valuable farm land. All through the years he persistently and energetically cultivated his fields, bringing his land to a high state of development, plowing, planting and harvesting and investing the proceeds from the sale of his crops in other land. Thus he carried on general farming until 1910, when he removed to Alfred and opened a general merchandise store which he conducted for eleven months. He then traded the property for another farm but has resided in Alfred since 1910, in which year he erected a commodious and attractive residence there. Recently he has established another mercantile enterprise for the sale of hardware and farm implements and he is also dealing in automobiles, handling the Maxwell car. In business affairs he displays sound judgment and keen discrimination and he never falls short of the accomplishment of any task to which he resolutely sets himself.

In March, 1882, Mr. Herrmann was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Kurtz, a daughter of Johannes and Maggie (Harffner) Kurtz, who were natives of Prussia. The three children born of this marriage are: Walter, who follows farming near Alfred and who is also associated with his father in the mercantile business; Bertha, the wife of John Klundt, an implement dealer of Alfred; and Jacob P., who follows farming near Alfred.

In religious faith Mr. Herrmann is connected with the Evangelical denomination, while his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. Several times his fellow townsmen have called him to public office and he has ever discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. He served for eight years as town treasurer, as school treasurer for eleven years, as township assessor for three years and as road overseer for three years. He has never had occasion to regret his resolution to come to the new world, for he found here excellent oppor-

tunities open to young men of industry and perseverance. He worked hard to gain a start but in the course of years has reaped the reward of earnest labor and is now numbered among the men of affluence of Lamoure county.

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NELS A. LIUDAHL.

Nels A. Liudahl, who is farming on section 14, Davenport township, Cass county, has found in North Dakota the opportunities which he sought and through the utilization of which he has gained financial independence, owning six hundred and forty acres of excellent land. A native of Norway, he was born on the 4th of June, 1847, a son of Amund and Turi (Sundet) Liudahl, who in 1861 came with their family to the United States, locating in Houston county, Minnesota, where the father passed away. In 1883 the mother came to North Dakota and passed her remaining days with her son Amund.

Nels A. Lindahl received the greater part of his education in the common schools of Norway but attended school for a few months after removing to the United States with his parents at the age of fourteen years. He continued to reside in Houston county, Minnesota, for a number of years after reaching maturity and following his marriage engaged in farming in that county on his own account, having purchased three hundred and sixty acres of land. However, the chinch bug destroyed all his crops and after six years of hardship he was compelled to leave it all and in 1880 he became a resident of North Dakota. He bought a homestead relinquishment on his present home farm and at once began to develop and improve the place, which is now one of the valuable properties of this locality. He has added to his holdings and now owns six hundred and forty acres of excellent land, from which he derives a handsome yearly income. He is up-to-date in his farming methods and uses improved machinery in his work, his progressiveness being one of the factors of his success.

In 1874 Mr. Lindahl was married to Miss Aase Peterson Enger, a native of Norway, who came to this country with her parents in 1861. To their union have been born eight children, but only three survive, namely: Albert and Osear, who are operating the home farm; and Norah, at home.

Mr. Lindahl is a republican in politics and for a number of years served as a member of the board of township trustees, while for the past quarter of a century he has served as school treasurer, doing much in that time to promote the welfare of the public schools. He and his family belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church, the work of which they further in every way possible. Mr. Lindahl has made many sincere friends and all who have been brought into contact with him hold him in high esteem, his salient characteristics being such as invariably command respect.

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ROBERT E. M. CAIN.

Robert E. M. Cain is the owner of valuable farm property on section 22, Tuller township, Ransom county, and has made his home in this state since 1902. He was born in Warren county, Illinois, November 20, 1868, a son of Robert and Charlotte (Redgrave) Cain, who were of English birth. The father was born on the Isle of Man and the mother in London, in which city they were married, the latter's natal day being December 4, 1845, while the former's was April 4, 1846. They came to the United States in March, 1868, and made their way to Warren county, Illinois, settling about eight miles from the city of Monmouth, where they remained until the spring of 1881, when they became residents of Greene county, Iowa, where again the father took up farming and still makes his home. His wife has passed away, however, her death having occurred in May, 1903. In their family were five children: Robert E. M.; Herbert R. J.; George Frank; Alfred R., and Chester G.

Robert E. M. Cain obtained his education in the public schools of Illinois and Iowa and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, after which he learned the harness making trade under John Grey at Jefferson, Iowa, following that pursuit as an

employe for three years. He then opened a shop at Clear Lake, Iowa, where he continued in the business for ten years, when he sold out at that point and removed to North Dakota.

On the 19th of June, 1895, Mr. Cain was married to Miss Lizzie Gilmore, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, September 16, 1871, the daughter of Isaac N. and Susan (Russel) Gilmore, but the latter died when Mrs. Cain was but twelve years of age. Mr. Gilmore and his family continued to make their home in Iowa until 1916 when they removed to Arkansas. Having lost his first wife, the father married again. The children of the first marriage were seven in number: Mrs. Cain; Margaret, the wife of Gus Wilson; Glen; Edith, the wife of J. M. McGuire; Elwin; Grace; and Elmer. The last named is deceased. The oldest daughter was educated in the schools of Iowa and lived at home until her marriage. She became the mother of two sons but one has passed away, the other being Lawrence G., who was born March 25, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain began their domestic life in Iowa but after seven years, or in 1902, came to North Dakota, where he purchased the southeast quarter of section 22, Tuller township, Ransom county, taking up his abode there on the 26th of March. With characteristic energy he began the development of the farm and soon brought about a marked transformation in its appearance. In 1906 he bought the northeast quarter of the same section and is now farming the entire tract, most of which is under cultivation. It is the oldest developed farm in the township and was the property of Mr. Tuller for whom the township was named. In addition to raising various grains, Mr. Cain also devotes some time to stock raising, having on hand twenty-five head of shorthorn cattle, fifty head of Duroc-Jersey hogs and sixteen head of Percheron horses. He is also one of the largest poultry raisers in the county and keeps all kinds and this adds not a little to his income, through the sale of both chickens and eggs. His business affairs are carefully and wisely managed and the spirit of enterprise guides him in all that he undertakes. In his political views Mr. Cain is a republican. He served as township supervisor for the past six years and for three years has been township reporter for the government post. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church in Lishon and has always guided his life by the teachings of the church, being a man honorable and upright in every relation so that he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

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#### ROBERT FRANCIS FLINT.

In the newer states of the Union, where governments have been organized along modern lines to meet present day needs and keep in touch with present day tendencies, there have been established offices which demand as their occupants men of practical business ability, sound judgment and marked public spirit as well as a knowledge of general political issues. Such an official is found in Robert Francis Flint, of Bismarck, now commissioner of agriculture and labor for North Dakota. He is a western man by birth, training and experience and knows the needs and demands of the west. His birth occurred upon a farm in Morrison county, Minnesota, January 13, 1872. His father, Francis Flint, was a native of Stafford, Vermont, born in 1846, but in childhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Minnesota, where he was reared. In early manhood he wedded Jennie Russell, a native of Scotland, who had also been taken to Minnesota during her childhood days. The ancestry of the Flint family can be traced back to Thomas Flint, a native of Wales, who in 1640 left that little rock ribbed country and faced the dangers then incident to the long voyage across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. He became one of the first settlers of Salem Village, Massachusetts, now known as South Danvers, and his descendants in the new world are numerous. Among the number was Francis Flint, father of Robert F. Flint, who at the time of the Civil war proved his loyalty to his country by enlisting in the Second Minnesota Light Artillery, which he joined on the 14th of January, 1862, when a youth of but sixteen years. He served until August 16, 1865, when, the war having ended, he was honorably discharged at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He was captured near Franklin, Tennessee, and for four months was incarcerated in Libby prison, so that he had all of the experiences of life in that loathsome prison pen. During his service he was promoted to the rank of corporal.

Death claimed him October 23, 1908, and in his passing the community in which he lived lost a most valued and worthy citizen.

Robert Francis Flint spent his youth in his native state, attending the public schools and assisting in the work of his father's farm until he attained his majority. At that time he secured employment in the store and creamery at Royalton, Minnesota, where he remained until July, 1899, when the opportunities of North Dakota attracted him and he made his way to Hanover, Oliver county. There he established the first creamery in the county and soon afterward went to New Salem, North Dakota, where he managed a creamery for five years. His practical experience in this connection led to his selection for dairy commissioner, to which office he was appointed in 1905. He carefully directed the duties of the position and organized the department upon practical lines of far-reaching and beneficial effect. He continued to fill that position until January, 1915, when he was elected commissioner of agriculture and labor and is now filling the position, in which he manifests the same thoroughness and sagacity that he displayed in his former connections.

On the 20th of February, 1900, at Mandan, North Dakota, Mr. Flint was married to Miss Camille St. Cyr. Mrs. Flint's father, Abner St. Cyr, was a Civil war veteran, serving with the rank of lieutenant in a company of the Fourth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. While at the front he was badly wounded in the siege of Vicksburg, which incapacitated him for further service in the field. He died in 1886. To Mr. and Mrs. Flint has been born a son, Robert Jerome, whose birth occurred November 18, 1912.

Mr. Flint is a Master Mason, loyal to the teachings and purposes of the fraternity. He makes his official duties his first interest, however, and is continually studying in order to make the work of the department more efficient and of greater value to the general public. The worth of his work is widely acknowledged and receives the high endorsement of state officials and the commonwealth.

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#### C. W. SHIEK.

C. W. Shiek, engaged in teaming and in the livery business and also in carpentering at Grand Rapids, Lamoure county, is a native of Michigan, his birth having occurred in Kalamazoo on the 18th of September, 1871, his parents being Carl and Louisa Shiek, who were natives of Germany. In early life they came to the new world and settled in Michigan. At the outbreak of the Civil war the father proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting for service in Company D, First Regiment of Michigan Lancers and was honorably discharged March 22, 1862. He again enlisted in the Fourteenth Michigan Light Artillery on October 21, 1863, at Detroit, was made second lieutenant March 17, 1865, and honorably discharged at Jackson, Michigan, July 1, 1865. He then went to Kalamazoo and Parma, Michigan, where he engaged in farming until 1883, when he removed to Grand Rapids, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead five miles northeast of the town. He at once began to develop and improve that property and continued its cultivation until his death but resided in the town during that period and in 1883 built a hotel there, freighting everything from Ellendale, a distance of thirty-five miles. He died May 26, 1886, and in his passing the community lost one of its valued and representative citizens who had taken an active and helpful part in upbuilding the district. His widow survived him for a long period and died in 1908.

C. W. Shiek began his education in the schools of Parma, Michigan, and continued his studies in Grand Rapids, North Dakota. He was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He farmed until 1890 and in the fall of that year went to Minnesota, spending the winter at work in Duluth. The following spring he removed to North Branch and rented a farm which he cultivated for a time. He returned to North Dakota in the fall of 1891 and devoted the succeeding eleven years to general farming. In 1902 he went to Seattle, Washington, where he was employed until July 31, 1902, when he removed to Alaska, where he engaged in prospecting for a marble company. He left there in November for Tacoma, Washington, where he was employed until July 7, 1903. He then returned to Grand Rapids and is now

engaged in the draying business, in carpentering and in the livery business. In the thirteen years that have intervened he has won a liberal patronage, his various lines of business bringing to him a good living as the result of his industry and close application.

On the 25th of December, 1895, Mr. Shiek was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Rungua. Politically he is a republican and has served as constable for six years, while for a similar period he has occupied the position of township treasurer, to which he was reelected in the spring of 1916 for another two years' term. He belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. In matters of citizenship he is thoroughly loyal, as is indicated by his long retention in office, in which he has made a most creditable and satisfactory record.

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#### N. C. ANDERSON.

N. C. Anderson is now living retired at Clifford but for a long period was actively engaged in general farming and in other business interests, wherein his carefully directed labors and sound business judgment brought him substantial success. Mr. Anderson was born in Sweden, April 27, 1841, a son of Anders Carlson and Carrie Larson. The mother died in Sweden and in 1873 the father followed his sons to the United States, spending his last days in Minnesota, where he passed away in 1876.

N. C. Anderson acquired his education in the public schools of Sweden and spent his youthful days under the parental roof but in 1870 came to the United States, attracted by the almost limitless opportunities here offered to the energetic and ambitious young man. He settled first at Meeker, Minnesota, but during the succeeding nine years drifted around, working at various occupations in that state, in Iowa, and in Ontario, Canada. In 1879, however, he took up his permanent abode in North Dakota, journeying across the country from Clear Lake, Iowa, with his wife and two children, in a covered wagon drawn by a team of horses. It was his intention to homestead in this state but on reaching Fargo he found that he had but seven dollars and a half. Winter was coming on and he and his wife decided that their small capital was hardly sufficient to enable them to spend the winter on the homestead and they decided to remain in the city, where Mr. Anderson might secure employment. He obtained work at carpentering, although he had not been trained to the trade, and his first job netted him twenty dollars. Later he took out a drayman's license and for two years was engaged in the draying business, during which time he purchased a lot, whereon he erected a frame dwelling. Immediately afterward he and his wife began keeping boarders and prospered in the undertaking. In 1880 he began the construction of a brick house, which adjoins the old Central Hotel on First avenue North and is still standing. This was the first house built on that street. In that building for six years Mr. Anderson conducted a hotel under the name of the Red River House, it being one of the popular hostleries of Fargo. In 1885 he sold his hotel and removed to his farm in Norman township, Traill county, which he had purchased in 1883 and to his original quarter section he added from time to time until he owned a full section. In 1892 he purchased the section on which the town of Clifford now stands and at that time he owned two sections, or twelve hundred and eighty acres of valuable North Dakota land. Since then, however, he has sold five quarter sections and now owns but four hundred and eighty acres of the original tract. He carried on farming with success for a number of years but about 1902 left the farm and took up his abode in Clifford, where he has since lived retired. He is a stockholder in the Clifford Farmers Elevator Company.

In 1877 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Carrie Johnson, a native of Sweden, the marriage ceremony being performed in Canada. This union has been blessed with six children but only three survive, as follows: Victoria, the wife of John Nelson, a farmer of Norman township, Traill county; Nels, who follows farming in Montana; and William, who operates the homestead farm. The wife and mother passed away March 31, 1912.

In politics Mr. Anderson is a republican but is liberal in his views and at local elections casts his ballot for the men whom he deems best qualified for office rather than for party. He served as chairman of the town board while living on the farm for a period of ten years

and for a number of years was assessor and also a member of the school board. In early days in Norman township, Traill county, he was one of the dominant factors in building schoolhouses and establishing a system of education. He holds membership in the Church of the Latter Day Saints. In 1913 Mr. Anderson made a trip back to Sweden, which was the first time he had visited his native country in forty-three years. His unfaltering industry and his business ability have brought him substantial success as the years have gone on. He worked persistently and energetically and as the years have passed his business affairs have been so carefully and wisely directed that success in substantial measure has come to him, enabling him now to rest from further labor and enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

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#### JENS OSCAR JENSEN.

Jens Oscar Jensen, cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Kathryn, was born at Oakville, Barnes county, North Dakota, January 13, 1888, a son of Hans M. and Emma (Hovde) Jensen, both of whom were natives of Norway, the former having been born in Nunstad and the latter at Telemarken. On coming to America the father settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, as a pioneer and in 1878 removed to Barnes county, North Dakota, homesteading land at Oakville, a mile southeast of Kathryn. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of that tract of land, upon which he has since made his home, and he now has an excellent farm of four hundred and sixty acres on which he is cultivating grain of various kinds, specializing somewhat in corn and timothy. He is also engaged in raising shorthorn cattle, of which he has some very fine specimens.

His family numbered six children, of whom Jens Oscar Jensen was the fifth in order of birth, and spending his youthful days upon the home farm, he divided his time between the work of the fields and attendance at the district schools, while later he pursued a course of study in the Dakota Business College at Fargo. On the 7th of December, 1908, he made his initial step in the business world by entering the Bank of Leal, at Leal, Barnes county, where he filled the position of assistant cashier and was also a stockholder and a member of the board of directors for several years. At the end of 1915 he resigned and removed to Kathryn, where he organized the Farmers State Bank, which was opened on the 1st of March, 1916. He is one of its stockholders and directors as well as the efficient and capable cashier, while Hon. Martin Thoreson is the president. The bank is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars. The owners thereof purchased a good frame building in which to open the bank and on the 1st of May, 1916, began the erection of their present modern bank building—a brick structure with stone trimmings. In addition to a fireproof vault and the latest design of burglar proof safe, they have a number of safe deposit boxes which they rent. The bank has met with success from the beginning and in a few weeks the deposits exceeded the capital. Mr. Jensen's previous experience well qualifies him for the work which devolves upon him in this connection and his capability is demonstrated in the success which has already attended the institution.

Mr. Jensen is well known in Masonic circles and for three years was secretary of the lodge at Leal. He is also a member of the Royal Arch chapter at Valley City and he belongs to the North Dakota Bankers Association, while his interests are further indicated in his membership in the Lutheran church. Those who know him esteem him highly as a man of worth and one who already has made such a start in life as promises success and advancement in the future.

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#### EARL J. BOISE.

Earl J. Boise, who for six years has been actively and successfully engaged in the hardware business at Grand Rapids, Lamoure county, was born in Nashville, Michigan, June 21, 1877. His father, LeRoy C. Boise, was a native of Ohio and devoted his life to farming and carpentering but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considera-

tions to respond to the country's call for troops, serving for two and one-half years as captain of Company G, Twentieth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, having in the meantime removed westward to the Wolverine state. After the close of his military experience he returned to Michigan and for several years worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1880 he came to North Dakota, settling in Lamoure county, where he secured a homestead two and one-half miles northwest of Grand Rapids. This place he improved and in the early days he also was identified with building operations as well as with farming, leading a most active, busy and useful life. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth, called him to the office of county commissioner on three occasions and his long service was characterized by marked devotion to the general good. He continued his farming operations until 1894, when he removed to Minneapolis, where he engaged in the real estate business, residing in that city throughout his remaining days. He passed away July 18, 1898, at the age of seventy-eight years, while his widow, who bore the maiden name of Helen M. Towl and is a native of Vermont, is still living at the age of seventy-five years.

Earl J. Boise was a little lad of but four summers when brought by his parents to North Dakota and remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he began work as a farm hand, but ambitious to own land and engage in business for himself, he homesteaded four miles southwest of Dickey, in 1900 and bent every energy to the development and improvement of his farm, which he cultivated for seven years and which he still owns. In 1908 he went to Minneapolis and was in the employ of the city for two years but in 1910 he returned to Lamoure county and has since engaged in the hardware business at Grand Rapids, conducting an excellent store. He erected a business house in 1910 and through the intervening years has concentrated his efforts upon the conduct of his commercial interests, his trade steadily growing, his well satisfied patrons being his best advertisement.

In June, 1904, Mr. Boise wedded Miss Grace L. Harrington and they have become parents of five children: Ethel, who was born on the 13th of April, 1905; Charles, whose birth occurred March 14, 1907; Francis, whose natal day was December 30, 1909; Edward, born December 20, 1911; and Phillip, who was born April 26, 1914.

The parents are members of the Methodist church, while Mr. Boise belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, although he does not seek nor desire public office. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and plans for the public good always receive his endorsement and support.

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#### FRANK E. WARREN.

Frank E. Warren, who is engaged in the hardware business in Elliott, was born at Pine Island, Goodyear county, Minnesota, January 30, 1881, son of Charles H. and Ruth A. (Sumner) Warren. The father was a farmer by occupation and was born in the state of New York and removed to Minnesota just after the Civil war. He there resided until 1884 when he came to North Dakota and established his home in Bale township, Ransom county, where he secured a tree claim. There he engaged in farming until 1906 when he retired and removed to Elliott where he still makes his home, but his wife died in 1894. In their family were five children.

Frank E. Warren, who was the second in order of birth, pursued his education in the district schools and Highland Park College of Des Moines, Iowa, which he attended for six months, taking the machinist's course. He was able to devote that period to study by reason of the fact that he had earned the money to meet his tuition and other expenses. As soon as old enough he took a homestead and meeting the requirements of the law as to point of residence and improvements he secured the title to the property. After farming there for one year he went to college in Des Moines and in the summer returned and assisted in the harvest fields. Before taking his homestead he had become interested in a threshing outfit. In 1907 he entered into partnership with Arthur Belzer and opened a general store in Elliott, this

relation continuing until December, 1909, when the store and all its contents were destroyed by fire. Mr. Warren, who was then postmaster of the town established the post office in his own home and conducted it there until 1910, when he removed the post office into a store building which he had erected. At the same time he put in a small line of hardware and has continued to increase his stock until it is now complete and his trade has increased until a liberal patronage is accorded him, making the business a profitable one. He has the agency for the Case Machine Company and also handles auto supplies, paints, glass, etc. He continued to act as postmaster until November, 1915.

It was on the 17th of November, 1906, that Mr. Warren was united in marriage to Miss Lilah Viola Phelps, who was born at Indianola, Iowa, in 1889. They have become the parents of three children: Frances, born in 1910; Ruth, born in 1913, and Dean E., born in 1915. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Warren is a past foreman of the local organization of Yeomen and a member of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a republican and for the past eight years has been township treasurer of Elliott. He takes a great interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community, does all in his power to promote the success of his party and stands at all times for those measures of improvement which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

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#### MADS DAHL.

Mads Dahl, a lumberman at Columbus, was born in Norway, February 5, 1868, a son of Ole and Carrie (Sundseth) Dahl. The father was born in 1843 and took up the occupations of farming and carpentering, following the latter during much of his life. He is now living on a farm at Thronbjem, Norway, where his wife passed away.

Mads Dahl spent his youthful days on the old homestead dividing his time between the acquirement of a country school education and work in the fields until he reached the age of fifteen years. The previous year he had visited America in company with an uncle who was a sea captain. When a youth of fifteen he wished to become a seaman but his parents objected. However, he shipped on a sailing vessel and visited all parts of the world. His first trip was made on a lumber ship to Melbourne, Australia, covering fourteen thousand miles in eight months. He followed the sea for ten years, acting all of the time as cook. When twenty-five years of age, however, he returned to America and established his home near Hillsboro, North Dakota, where he worked on the farm of his uncle for nine years. In 1900 he filed on a homestead in Ward county and in 1902 took up his abode thereon, continuing its cultivation and development until 1909, when he retired and removed to Columbus. There he followed carpentering until 1914, when he formed a partnership with John A. Walter and organized the Independent Lumber Company, establishing a large lumberyard at Columbus, of which he is the manager, his attention being now concentrated upon his commercial interests. He still owns the one hundred and sixty acre tract in his homestead, together with an adjoining quarter section, both of which he rents. In the town he has erected a fine modern residence and he has further extended his business interests by becoming the owner of the Columbus Wood Works, having the only wood works and planing mill in Burke county. His business has steadily grown in volume and importance and his enterprises are now bringing a substantial financial return. He is also a stockholder in the Columbus Implement Company, Incorporated.

Upon his farm, in the fall of 1902, Mr. Dahl was united in marriage to Miss Annie Florine, who passed away at Columbus in 1909. She was born in Arcadia, Wisconsin, and on removing to Ward county, North Dakota, secured a homestead. On the 3d of July, 1912, at Bowbells, North Dakota, Mr. Dahl was married to Miss Lizzie Hanson, who was born in Norway and was only a year old when taken by her parents to St. James, Minnesota, where she was reared. Later they removed to Ward county and homesteaded. The father has now passed away but the mother is living in Burke county. Mr. and Mrs. Dahl have become the parents of two children: Clara, born June 11, 1913; and Orville, November 1, 1914.

In politics Mr. Dahl is a socialist and while on the home farm served as supervisor of Short Creek township and also as justice of the peace. For two years he was tax assessor

of Columbus and in 1915 he was elected a member of the city council, in which capacity he is now serving, exercising his official prerogatives in support of all plans and measures which he believes will prove of benefit. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as he started out in life empty handed and his success is therefore attributable entirely to his earnest, persistent efforts, intelligently directed.

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#### HON. WILLIAM WATT.

Hon. William Watt operates nine hundred and sixty acres of fine land in Watson township, Cass county, and has gained financial independence from his extensive agricultural operations. He is also well known in political circles, having served for two terms in the state legislature. A native of Scotland, Mr. Watt's birth occurred on the 11th of April, 1869. He is one of the eight children born to the union of Andrew and Jane (Steele) Watt. The parents were born in Scotland but in 1880 emigrated with their family to Canada, whence, four years later, they removed to Watson township, Cass county, North Dakota, settling on section 1. The father passed away upon his farm in 1904, but the mother survives and makes her home in Fargo. Six of their children are still living.

William Watt received a common school education and accompanied his parents on their various removals, remaining at home until 1897. He then homesteaded the farm on which he is now living on section 12, Watson township, and he has made many improvements upon the place. He has purchased additional land and now operates nine hundred and sixty acres, raising large amounts of grain and considerable stock annually. Although his farming interests demand the greater part of his time, he is also serving as a director of the Farmers Security Bank of Chaffee and of the Farmers Bank of Leonard.

Mr. Watt was married in 1897 to Miss Margaret Moffat, of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, by whom he has five children: Andrew and Agnes Mary, high school students; James M.; William A.; and Alexander. Mr. Watt is staunch in his adherence to the republican party and has served as township treasurer and supervisor. He has also been honored by election to the state legislature, serving as a member of that body in 1913 and again in 1915, his record during his first term being so creditable that he was chosen for the office a second time. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Chaffee and fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Casselton and to the Scottish Rite bodies at Fargo. His life has been one of well directed industry and the success which he has achieved is well deserved.

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#### SAM C. FELTIS.

Sam C. Feltis, county commissioner in Lamoure county and well known as a prominent representative of Masonry, is now living retired in La Moure. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, February 12, 1863, a son of William and Mary A. (McCarl) Feltis, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of Vermont. They were married in the state of New York, where they resided for several years thereafter and then removed to Canada but in that country remained for only a comparatively brief period, after which they returned to the States. Removing westward, they settled in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where they made their home until called to their final rest. The father passed away, however, while on a visit to his son Sam, in North Dakota and his remains were interred in the cemetery at La Moure.

Sam C. Feltis is indebted to the public school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and in 1881, when a youth of eighteen years, he came to North Dakota, making his way to Fargo. Through the succeeding four years he was employed in that city and in Cass county as a farm hand, and in 1884 he filed on a homestead on section 6, Ovid township,

Lamoure county, on which he proved up. In 1886 he began farming for himself and continued to occupy his homestead property until 1903 or 1904, when he removed to his place on section 5, Ovid township. He now owns five hundred and eighty acres of excellent and highly improved land, all of which is situated on sections 5 and 6, Ovid township. His farm is one of the most fertile and productive in the state and all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century are found thereon. In 1916 he established his home in La Moure, where he is now living retired.

In 1890 Mr. Feltis was united in marriage to Miss Hannah E. De Long, of Lamoure county, and to them have been born eight children, namely: Glidden, who follows farming in Greenville township, Lamoure county; Ethel, the wife of Charles Peterson, of Greenville township, Lamoure county; Oscar, an agriculturist of Greenville township, Lamoure county; Ida, who gave her hand in marriage to Edward Tresmer, of Verona, Lamoure county; Frances, the wife of Elmer Nystul, who cultivates the farm of his father-in-law; Waldo, deceased; and Daisy and Alice, both at home.

Mr. Feltis' study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give his support to the republican party and he is now serving through the vote of his fellow townsmen as a member of the board of county commissioners. He belongs to La Moure Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M.; has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Dakota Consistory, No. 1, S. P. R. S.; is a member of El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and belongs also to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. Imbued by laudable ambition and prompted by strong purpose, he has made good use of his time and opportunities as the years have passed and has acquired property the value of which increases with the passing years, making him one of the well-to-do men of Lamoure county.

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#### ROSCOE F. LEWIS.

Roscoe F. Lewis, mayor of Kenmare now serving for the second term, consented to fill this position only upon the urgent written request of fifty per cent of the voters, for his ambition is not in the line of office holding, as he has always preferred to concentrate his efforts upon his business affairs. He was for some time actively connected with the Kenmare Coal & Brick Company and is now extensively interested in lands. He was born near Marengo, Iowa county, Iowa, September 26, 1880. His father, Levi Lewis, is a native of Vermont and there remained until after he attained his majority. In the Green Mountain state he wedded Eliza Matteson, who was also born there, and in 1866 they left New England for Iowa, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Iowa county. The father purchased land and began the development of a new farm which he continued to cultivate and improve until 1890. He then turned his attention to the insurance business, being elected one of the officers of an insurance company. He removed to Victor and became president of the Farmers Savings Bank at that place. He is still identified with banking interests in Iowa and Poweshiek counties of the state of Iowa and makes his home in Victor at the age of eighty years. His wife there passed away in 1908.

Roscoe F. Lewis spent the first ten years of his life on the old homestead farm near Marengo, Iowa, after which, following the removal of the family to Victor, he became a pupil in the city schools there, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1898. He then took up the occupation of farming on the old home place but in 1900 turned his attention to the insurance business, in which he engaged for two years. In 1902 he arrived in Kenmare, North Dakota, where he conducted a coal and brick business until January, 1906, when he again took up his abode in Iowa and engaged in the hardware trade, purchasing an interest in a store at Deep River. He conducted his mercantile interests there until January, 1910, when he returned to Kenmare, assuming the management of the Kenmare Coal & Brick Company. He continued active in that line until 1916, when he sold out. He is now concentrating his efforts and attention upon his landed interests and his official duties. He has made extensive investments in property and is now the owner of eighty-one quarter sections in Morton county, a part of

which is under cultivation, while the remainder is in pasture, his holdings being used for farming and grazing purposes and embracing altogether about ten thousand acres.

On the 7th of July, 1903, at Victor, Iowa, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Edna Rowland, a daughter of David and Virginia Eliza Rowland. Her father's birth occurred near Hagerstown, Maryland, and in that state he was reared and educated. Later he began farming in Iowa at an early period in the development of that state, carrying on agricultural pursuits at Victor until 1892, when he retired and has since enjoyed a well earned rest. His wife, however, passed away in Victor in 1900. It was in the schools of that city that Mrs. Lewis pursued her education, being a classmate of Mr. Lewis, and the friendship thus formed ripened into a love that was consummated in marriage. Thus they entered upon a most happy life and Mr. Lewis has never had occasion to regret that he chose "that old sweetheart of mine" with whom to travel life's journey. Their marriage has been blessed with one daughter, Beatrice Eliza, who was born in Kenmare, January 21, 1905, and is now studying music while attending the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are prominent and influential residents of their town, occupying a leading position in social circles. Mr. Lewis has served as treasurer of the Commercial Club and his political allegiance is staunchly given to the republican party. While he was managing the Kenmare Coal & Brick Company he was asked by his friends to become a candidate for mayor but refused. Still others asked him to accept the nomination but again he declined, and at length he was presented with a petition that was signed by fifty per cent of the voters, soliciting him to accept the office. He then consented to run, was elected in the spring of 1914 and gave to the city a progressive and businesslike administration, so that at the close of his two years' term he was reelected and is again the incumbent in the office of chief executive. Throughout the community in which he lives he is spoken of in terms of the warmest regard, high respect being entertained for him by all with whom he has come in contact. Anyone meeting him face to face would know at once that he is an individual embodying all the elements of what in this country we term a "square" man—one in whom to have confidence, a dependable man in any relation and any emergency. His quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, with a total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal, foretold a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

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#### WILLIAM D. WENDT.

William D. Wendt is proving very efficient as county superintendent of schools and is constantly seeking to advance the standard of work done. He was born at Preston, Iowa, October 12, 1883, a son of Otto and Caroline (Bade) Wendt. His parents were born respectively in Schleswig, Germany, and in Hamburg, Germany, and were married in that country, where they remained until April, 1882. They then emigrated to the United States and, making their way to the middle west, settled at Preston, Iowa, where the father engaged in building and contracting. He is still following that business there and is well known throughout his community. For a number of years he served as a member of the village council, making an excellent record in that connection. To him and his wife have been born eight children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

William D. Wendt attended the common and high schools at Preston and after graduating from the latter institution in 1899, he began teaching in Jackson county, Iowa, although he was then but sixteen years of age. After two months, however, he again entered school, matriculating in Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he studied for a year. He then again turned his attention to teaching and followed that profession in Jackson county for two and a half years, after which he entered the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of B. Di. He attended school during the summers and taught during the winters, thus earning the money to pay his college expenses. He was also associated with his father in the contracting and building

business to some extent and after completing his college course he continued to work at that business during the summer months. For two years he was principal of schools at Auburn, Iowa, but in December, 1905, he came to North Dakota and filed on a claim, to which he removed on the 25th of May, 1906. For eight months he resided on his land, which is situated eleven miles southwest of Berthold, Ward county, and while living there taught the school at Berthold. In June, 1907, he was made deputy county superintendent of schools and removed to Minot, where he has since resided. In the fall of 1914 he was elected county superintendent on the non-partisan ticket and took office January 1, 1915. His seven and a half years' service as deputy superintendent eminently qualified him for the duties of his present position and under his direction the schools are kept up to a high standard of efficiency. His work as a teacher has given him first-hand knowledge of the problems of the schoolroom and this, combined with his executive ability, enables him to ably direct the work of the schools and to secure the cooperation of those under him. He has invested in farm lands in the state and also owns a commodious bungalow in Minot which he erected himself with the assistance of one man for part of the time.

Professor Wendt was married on the 18th of December, 1911, to Miss Gertrude Holcomb, a native of Boone, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Hoffman) Holcomb. On her father's side she is of English descent, but her maternal grandfather was German, while the maternal grandmother was Irish. In 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb removed to Ward county, North Dakota, and the father homesteaded land. He devoted his life to farming and gained a gratifying measure of success. He passed away in February, 1908, but is survived by his wife, who resides in Minot. Mr. and Mrs. Wendt have a son, Robert William, whose birth occurred August 27, 1915.

Professor Wendt is independent in politics and keeps well informed on all the problems, both local and national, that come before the voters for solution. He is a member of the Masonic blue lodge at Minot and of the Eastern Star at Auburn, Iowa, and bases his conduct upon the principle of brotherhood. He is widely known throughout the county and is esteemed not only as an efficient and conscientious public official but also as a man of sterling worth and agreeable personality.

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#### S. J. HILL, M. D., D. D. S.

Dr. S. J. Hill came to Fargo in 1878 and for about thirty years continued in the active practice of dentistry in this city. He was among the pioneer representatives of the profession in the state and was accorded a liberal patronage, his business bringing him substantial success. Not alone in professional circles, however, has he figured prominently in connection with the history of the state. In other ways he has been a leader in public thought and action and upon him have been bestowed high official honors, of which he was fully worthy.

Dr. Hill is a native of Canton, New York, born May 3, 1846, his parents being Ephraim and Mary M. (Reed) Hill, who were likewise natives of the Empire state, where they spent their entire lives. They had a family of five children, three of whom are yet living.

Dr. Hill was reared and educated in New York and in 1864 when a youth of eighteen years he responded to the country's call for troops for the Civil war, enlisting as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Forty-first New York Volunteer Infantry. He joined that command as a private and served until the close of the war, going with Sherman on the march to the sea. Following the cessation of hostilities he returned to his home and there remained until 1867, in which year he went to Michigan, where he spent one and a half years. He then again returned home and attended school in Ovid and at Lima, New York. He afterward took up the study of medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. E. W. Bryan and later was graduated from the medical school in Cleveland, Ohio, with the class of 1872.

Dr. Hill then located in Waterloo, New York, where he remained for a short time and after which he removed to Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in practice for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he went to Le Mars, Iowa, and a year later



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removed to Cherokee, Iowa, where he continued until 1878. In that year he made his way to Fargo, North Dakota, where he has since resided. In the meantime he took up the study of dentistry, which he practiced in Fargo for about thirty years, having a well appointed office and receiving a liberal patronage. He kept in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and was familiar with all its scientific researches and investigations. He had the first license which was issued in the territory and his work was very satisfactory to his patrons.

On the 2d of February, 1872, Dr. Hill was married to Miss Anna A. Sowles, who was a native of Alburg, Vermont, and a daughter of S. B. and Lurancy (Marvin) Sowles. To this union were born five children: Alice M., the wife of A. L. Peart, a resident of Chaffee, North Dakota; Agnes L., at home; Mary E., the wife of E. H. Elwin, of Breckenridge, Minnesota; Edith L., who has departed this life; and Ernest S., a resident of Fargo. The last named is first lieutenant of Company B, First North Dakota National Guard, and June 24, 1916, left for the front in the Mexican trouble. He is also a Scottish Rite Mason, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and a Forester. On the 10th of September, 1895, the wife and mother passed away and her remains were interred in Riverside cemetery. On the 11th of June, 1904, Dr. Hill was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Jennie Benedict, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1879 Dr. Hill was made a Mason and since that time has received all the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites up to and including the honorary thirty-third degree. He was elected secretary of the Consistory and is now serving as secretary of the lodge. In the Knights Templar commandery he has filled all of the chairs and is past grand commander. In the Royal Arch chapter he is past grand high priest, in the blue lodge past grand master and in the Order of the Eastern Star is past grand patron. He also belongs to the Yeomen lodge. His wife is past matron of the Eastern Star, for eight years was secretary of the Rebecca lodge of Odd Fellows and for one year served as president and has been president of the local branch of the Woman's Relief Corps and national chaplain. Dr. Hill is a member of Fargo Post, No. 5, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander, and since then has been department commander of North Dakota and is now serving his third term as assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general. Politically he is a republican, earnest in support of the party, which has elected him to a number of local offices. He served for six years as a member of the city council and was president of that body. He filled the office of city assessor for two years and then resigned and for twelve years he was a member of the city assessment committee. For three years he was a member of the board of education and during two years of that time acted as its president. He was made president of the first board of dental examiners appointed by Governor Pierce and was appointed by Governor Miller for a five years' term, during which period he was president of the board. In 1894, however, he resigned. He is the present secretary of Shiloh Masons and is widely known among the brethren of the fraternity. His life has been in consistent harmony with the teachings of the craft which has as its basic element a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind, and which inculcates among its members the spirit of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. In other connections, too, Dr. Hill is widely and favorably known and his popularity is based upon his many sterling traits of character which have been manifest in every relation into which he has entered.

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#### JULIUS S. BIXBY.

Julius S. Bixby, a farmer residing on section 34, Island Park township, Ransom county, was born in Lake county, Ohio, November 6, 1862, and is a son of Dewitt and Louisa (Dunbar) Bixby, who were also natives of the Buckeye state and were farming people. The father has now passed away but the mother is still living. In 1882 they removed with their family to North Dakota, establishing their home on section 34, Island Park township, purchasing the right to that property, which was a wild and unimproved tract of land. The labors of the father wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, for he

brought it to a high state of cultivation and continued to till the soil until his death, which occurred in 1912.

Julius S. Bixby was the third in order of birth in a family of four children and in his youthful days pursued his education in the public schools of his native county. He was twenty years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the northwest with Ransom county as their destination. Following his arrival here he took up a claim, comprising the northeast quarter of section 34, made the required improvements and resided thereon for the stated length of time, thus securing title to the property. He afterward purchased the southeast quarter of section 34, Island Park township, and a later purchase made him the owner of the north half of section 35. He next purchased the west half of section 36, also the southeast quarter of section 27, and forty-five acres on section 26, together with the southwest quarter of section 34, so that his holdings total thirteen hundred and twenty-five acres, about one-half of which is under cultivation. He is engaged quite extensively in stock raising, handling Red Polled and shorthorn cattle, having on hand about one hundred and twenty-five head of registered stock. He also keeps on an average twenty-five head of Percheron horses and one hundred and seventy-five head of Shropshire sheep and his live stock interests constitute one of the important and profitable branches of his business.

In 1888 Mr. Bixby was married to Miss Lillian Parkhurst and they have become the parents of ten children: Millie; Goldie; Julia; Frances; Freda; Hazel, Theo. and Sidney, all three of whom died in infancy; Harley; and June.

In his political views Mr. Bixby is a republican and has filled a number of township offices, the duties of which he discharged with such capability and fidelity that his fellow townsmen elected him to represent his district in the state legislature. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, the Homesteaders and the Knights of Pythias lodge, all of Lisbon, and also to the Methodist Episcopal church there, and he has ever been deeply and helpfully interested in those things which work for good citizenship and for the material and moral progress of the community in which he lives.

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#### HON. BENJAMIN H. MALLOWGH.

Hon. Benjamin H. Mallough, of Gill township, Cass county, is making an excellent record as a member of the state senate and formerly for two terms held the office of state representative. He was born in Canada November 28, 1860, of the marriage of Joseph and Rebecca (Shannon) Mallough, further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Benjamin H. Mallough was reared in the Dominion and received his education in the schools of that country, continuing his study through the high school. He remained at home until he was grown but in 1881 removed to Cass county, North Dakota, and two years later took up a homestead, on which he lived for six years, after which he bought his present farm on section 33, Gill township. He at once began to improve his place, which he has brought to a high state of development. He owns three hundred and twenty acres and also cultivates three hundred and twenty acres of rented land. He is enterprising and progressive and derives a handsome income from his agricultural interests.

Mr. Mallough was married in 1889 to Miss Lillie Collins, a native of Canada and a daughter of Edmund and Ann (Stanley) Collins, both of whom were also born in that country but came to North Dakota with their family in 1880. They are still living upon a farm in Cass county and are highly esteemed in their community. Mr. and Mrs. Mallough have become the parents of six children, namely: Rebecca M., deceased; Loraine M., the wife of F. A. Post, of Casselton; Howard B., who is a graduate of the high school and is at home; Frederick S., deceased; Blanch, also deceased; and Lucile Eleanor.

Mr. Mallough has for years taken an active part in politics and is recognized as a leader in the republican party. In 1901 and again in 1903 he was state representative from his district and at the present time is serving as senator from the eleventh district. His careful study of public questions, his well balanced judgment and his devotion to the public good, combined with his former experience in legislative work, admirably fit him for his present position. He has held a number of local offices and for years was chairman of the township

board and for nine years was chairman of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 31, I. O. O. F., of Wheatland, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and with the Masonic order, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree and in which he has held a number of offices. Both he and his wife are active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is serving as steward and trustee. He is a man of many sided interests and along varied lines of activity has promoted the advancement of his community.

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#### HON. CHRISTIAN STARK DEISEM.

North Dakota has every reason to honor her pioneers—the men who, leaving behind them the comforts and advantages of civilization, planted lonely homes upon the frontier, becoming the vanguard in that work of development which has resulted in the establishment of a great commonwealth on the prairies of the northwest. Among this number was Christian Stark Deisem, a pioneer hotel proprietor of Bismarck and of Fort Buford and the first merchant of Lamoure county. He now makes his home in the city of La Moure, where for many years he has been closely associated with its commercial activity. A native of Pennsylvania, Christian S. Deisem was born at Honey Brook, Chester county, November 4, 1848, a son of C. S. and Catherine (Stark) Deisem, who were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. In the year 1836 the father came to the new world, settling in Pennsylvania, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for a few years. He then removed to Ohio and purchased land which he improved and cultivated throughout his remaining days, becoming one of the respected and valued citizens of that community. In 1890 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in February of that year at the age of seventy-nine, and he survived only until March, 1891, his death occurring when he had passed the eightieth milestone.

Educated in the common schools of Ohio, Christian S. Deisem was not quite sixteen years of age when in October, 1864, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On account of his youth he was transferred to the quartermaster's department and he was mustered out on the 5th of July, 1865, after the war had been brought to a successful termination. He then went to Chicago and secured a position as brakeman on the Illinois Central Railroad, being thus employed for four years. In 1871 he arrived in North Dakota, then Dakota territory, for it was not until eighteen years had passed that the division of the state occurred. He took charge of the Northern Pacific Hotel at Bismarck on the day the rails were laid into the city but in November, 1873, returned to Ohio, where he spent the winter. He came again to North Dakota in 1874, and made the first trip with the mail from Fort Hancock to Buford. He took charge of a hotel at Fort Buford, at which period the Indians were rather dangerous, for at that time they were "lifting seals." He conducted the hotel for a year and then returned to Ohio in 1875, after which he engaged in merchandising until 1880, when he sold out and again came to the northwest, establishing a store at Grand Rapids, Lamoure county, where he also took up land. He bears the distinction of being the first merchant and of erecting the first store building in Lamoure county. He made his home at Grand Rapids until 1898, when he opened another store in La Moure and changed his residence to that point. There he has since remained and throughout all the intervening period he has been a most prominent and influential citizen, dominating many movements which have resulted in public progress, improvement and prosperity.

In public life he has rendered distinguished service to the people. He was a member of the first state senate and took active part in shaping the legislature which formed the policy of the state and placed the new commonwealth upon a broad and substantial basis. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as a member of the state central committee for six years and for sixteen years was chairman of the county central committee. He was a member of the sixth legislative assembly in 1898 and 1899 and was instrumental in securing the passage of much important legislation, including the act establishing the binding twine plant at the penitentiary. In further recognition of his worth and devotion to the best interests of the county the voters of his party on the 28th of June, 1916, gave him the

nomination, which is equivalent to the election, as county treasurer over three former county officials. From 1904 until 1906 he was a member of the state railway commission and then was reelected and served until 1908, acting as president of the board during both terms. In this connection he closely studies the questions affecting the railroads of the state, seeking to protect the interests of the people and of the corporations in an equitable manner which would further all legitimate interests.

On the 27th of November, 1907, Mr. Deisem suffered a severe loss in the destruction by fire of his department store at La Moure, which establishment was the finest in that part of the state. His loss was estimated at forty-five thousand dollars but with unfaltering courage he rebuilt and again established the enterprise. He had been identified with Lamoure county as one of its progressive merchants continuously since 1880, developing his business to meet the demands of a growing population. In the spring of 1916 he sold out, however, and now devotes most of his time to the management of a European hotel. He still owns a considerable amount of real estate in La Moure but has disposed of his agricultural holdings. Throughout all the years he has occupied a position of leadership in business circles, his enterprising spirit prompting him to take an advanced stand in the work of developing town and county along the lines of substantial and material progress.

On the 25th of December, 1876, Mr. Deisem was married to Miss Alice E. Franks, of Doylestown, Ohio, where the marriage was celebrated. Mrs. Deisem passed away August 27, 1891, at Grand Rapids, and on the 21st of June, 1893, Mr. Deisem wedded Miss Anna Maisel, of Jamestown, North Dakota. Again Mr. Deisem was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in the Mayo Brothers Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, August 16, 1915. His children are eight in number. Louise K., who was graduated from the Minnesota State University, afterward became instructor in science at Berkeley University of California but her brilliant career was cut short by death at Healdsburg, California. Nina is the wife of Arthur E. May, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Florence is the wife of Frank L. Bowen, station agent at La Moure, North Dakota. Ray F. is living in Spokane. Lucy P. Lynch resides at Vananda, Montana. Albert is at home. Sydney is deceased. Dorothy completes the family.

Mr. Deisem is prominent in fraternal circles as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and his influence has always been a potent force for good, contributing in substantial measure to the material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress of city, county and state. Almost continuously for forty-five years he has lived in North Dakota, a typical pioneer settler, popular throughout the state which he has seen develop from a few scattered frontier settlements into a great and populous commonwealth. He has had much to do with shaping its destiny and promoting its progress from the time when Indians constituted the major portion of its population and rendered life on the frontier somewhat hazardous. He has lived to see the great broad prairies claimed by the white man for the purposes of civilization and converted into rich and productive farms, while here and there towns and villages have sprung up and all of the advantages of the older east have been introduced until it rivals in its school system and public service all the older states. Mr. Deisem has worked persistently to bring about this condition and his fellow townsmen appreciate the worth of his service and honor him as one of North Dakota's

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#### FRANK E. PACKARD.

Among the state officers of North Dakota is numbered Frank E. Packard, who is filling the position of chairman of the tax commission by appointment of Governor Burke. He has long been recognized as a prominent republican, but with him citizenship transcends party lines and devotion to the public welfare is one of his marked characteristics. His loyalty to his country was manifest by service in the Spanish-American war and has found tangible expression in many ways during his connection with North Dakota.

Mr. Packard was born on a farm in Wright county, Iowa, November 18, 1873. His father, Frank D. Packard, a native of Massachusetts, was born in 1849 and at the time of

the Civil war he served for six months in the Iowa volunteer infantry, although but a young lad in his teens when he joined the army. His father, Cyrenus Packard, was also a veteran of the Civil war, enlisting early in 1862 as a member of Company H, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he held the rank of first lieutenant. He was in command of his company when killed at the battle of Little Rock, Arkansas. Frank D. Packard was united in marriage to Miss Harriett J. Olden, a native of New Jersey, who died in the year 1874. The father long survived and in 1900 came to North Dakota, settling at Grand Forks, where he passed away in April, 1914.

Their son, Frank E. Packard, spent his youthful days under the parental roof and supplemented a public school education by study in Hamline University at St. Paul, Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. In the meantime the same spirit of patriotic loyalty which had characterized his father and his grandfather was manifested by his enlistment in April, 1898, for service in the Spanish-American war with the Thirteenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He was in the Philippines on active duty for a year, participating in the capture of Manila and in other military operations in the islands, which resulted in quelling the incipient rebellion there. In October, 1899, he was honorably discharged at San Francisco and returned to his home in Wadena, Minnesota. He then continued his education by entering Hamline University, from which, as stated, he was graduated in 1901. He then engaged in newspaper work, and was associated with the Pioneer Press and the Minneapolis Journal. In 1902 he went to Crookston, Minnesota, and edited the Journal and in 1905 he was associated with the Grand Forks Herald. Then in 1906 he helped organize the Times. In 1907 he went to Valley City and edited and was also owner and business manager of the Times Record. He remained there until his appointment on the tax commission by the governor in 1912.

On the 16th of September, 1903, in Crookston, Minnesota, Mr. Packard was united in marriage to Miss Beulah R. Richardson, by whom he has two children, Beryl L. and Clare G. Mr. Packard is a Presbyterian in religious belief and his political opinions are those of the republican party. The only public office he has held is that which he is now filling, having in July, 1912, received from Governor Burke the appointment as tax commissioner for a term of five years. He is making a most creditable record in office, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity, his work being performed in a capable, thorough and systematic manner. He has made it his purpose to study the questions relating to the office most carefully and his opinions are the result of sound judgment and wise discrimination.

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#### OLE O. TOLLEFSRUD.

Ole O. Tollefsrud is one of the most successful and most extensive farmers in Cass county and the success which he has gained is doubly notable in that he is a self-made man, having come to this country without capital. For a number of years he has resided in Noble township and is widely known and highly esteemed. He was born in Norway on New Year's Day, 1849, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Tollefsrud. The mother died when our subject was but five years of age and he has but a faint recollection of her. His father passed away in 1867.

Ole O. Tollefsrud was reared in his native country and was educated in the public schools there. In 1871, in early manhood, he left Norway and came to the United States. For about a month he remained in Albert Lea, Minnesota, but then removed to Decorah, Iowa. He worked as a farm hand in Winneshiek county for seven years, but about March 1, 1878, he came to what is now North Dakota and preempted one hundred and sixty acres and took up eighty acres as a tree claim in Noble township, Cass county. A year later the homestead law went into effect and he changed his preemption into a homestead claim. He has resided on his farm on section 34 for thirty-eight years and as prosperity has come to him he has increased his holdings and now owns nine hundred and eighty acres of the best land in Cass county. There is no farm in this part of the county that is more completely equipped for twentieth century farming and everything is kept in excellent repair, while the fertility of the land itself is carefully conserved. An idea of the extensive scale of his

agricultural operations may be gathered from the fact that he owns a threshing machine which he uses solely for threshing his wheat and that of his sons. He formerly paid a threshing bill amounting to as much as eleven hundred dollars in a year and he decided that it would be good business to own his own machine. When he came to North Dakota his sole worldly possessions were a team and wagon and he had a wife and three children to support. The unusual degree of success which he has gained is evidence of his enterprise, his thorough knowledge of farming and his business acumen.

Mr. Tollefsrud was married on the 17th of November, 1871, to Miss Bertha M. Tandsater, who was also born in Norway and who made the voyage across the Atlantic on the same ship as Mr. Tollefsrud. To their union have been born seven children: Minnie, the wife of James Nelson, a resident of the state of Washington; Olaf, who is homesteading land in Minnesota; Natalie, the wife of Nels Iverson, a farmer of Minnesota; Louis, who is farming in Cass county; Amanda, at home; Olena, the wife of John Wahl, who is farming in Cass county; and Helmar, at home.

Mr. Tollefsrud gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for a number of years served as school treasurer. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and the house of worship of that organization is built on land which he gave for that purpose. He is public-spirited and gives of his time and means to various undertakings which he believes will promote the general welfare. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of Cass county and it has no more highly esteemed citizen than he.

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#### HANS CHRISTIANSON.

Hans Christianson, who is residing on his excellent farm on section 6, Stanley township, Cass county, formerly devoted much of his time to carpentering but for a number of years has concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits. He was born in Norway, February 12, 1848, a son of Christian Christianson, who passed away in Norway. Hans Christianson was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools of his native land, although his educational opportunities were somewhat limited. In 1870, when about twenty-two years of age, he crossed the Atlantic to America and, making his way westward, located in Duluth, Minnesota. His first work in this country was chopping wood, but later he followed the carpenter's trade, which he had learned in Norway. After remaining in Duluth for three years he went to Calumet, Michigan, where he worked at carpentering for two and a half years, after which he returned to Duluth. He spent the winter there, but in the spring of 1876 came to North Dakota and homesteaded his present farm in Stanley township, Cass county. Although he continued to reside upon his farm, for nine years he followed his trade, walking every week, during good weather, from his home to Fargo, a distance of eight miles. Later he turned his attention largely to farming, but at intervals worked at his trade. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land and derives a good income from the sale of his crops. He also owns stock in the Farmers Elevator at Horace. He is now one of the substantial men of his county but when he came to the United States he had no money and had to stop at Chicago on his way to Duluth and work for two months in order to get enough money to pay his fare to the latter city. Not only was he without capital but he could not speak a word of English, which seriously handicapped him in his efforts to gain a start. However, he overcame all difficulties and obstacles and his determination and energy have been rewarded.

Mr. Christianson was married in 1871 to Miss Ella Haakenson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States the year of her marriage. They have had eight children, of whom seven are still living, namely: Harry, a resident of Horace, North Dakota; Emil and Albert, both of whom are living in Fargo; Caspar, a railroad man, residing in Minnesota; Eddie, at home; Hannah, who married Theodore Halverson, of Horace; and Emma, the wife of Christ Hoff, who is engaged in railroading in Minnesota.

Mr. Christianson casts his ballot in support of the candidates and measures of the republican party and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. For several years he has been a member of the board of township trustees and he has also served on the school

board, proving capable and conscientious in the discharge of his official duties. For four decades he has resided in this state and during that period has been an interested witness of and a factor in its remarkable development from a pioneer region to a prosperous and highly civilized commonwealth.

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RICHDARD W. JONES.

Richard W. Jones, of Minot, actively interested in farming in Ward county, was born in Ashland, Kentucky, October 14, 1858, a son of William and Elizabeth (Adams) Jones. The father's birth occurred on the present site of the city of Ashland, Kentucky, while the mother was born at Salem, Ohio. The paternal grandfather was the owner of five thousand acres of land that included the present site of Ashland and he also owned many slaves. William Jones became actively associated with him in the conduct of the plantation but at the time of the Civil war he and four of his brothers joined the Confederate army and he died at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1864. His wife was a resident of Ashland, Kentucky, until her death in 1863. He had served for a time as city marshal of Ashland but was never an aspirant for office.

In a family of three children Richard W. Jones was the youngest. He attended school at Webster, Ohio, and at Stockdale, that state, and continued his education in Rio Grande College at McCarthy, Ohio. When a youth of fifteen he worked as a farm hand for one season and during the next year was employed in a large store at Stockdale, Ohio, where he continued for ten years, his capability and trustworthiness being indicated in his long retention by the firm. He afterward entered the employ of a contractor who was engaged in building macadamized roads and two years later he was appointed the second engineer in that line of work, building a road two hundred and fifty miles in length and acting as public inspector of road building, waterways and other state projects for three years.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Jones came to North Dakota in the year 1886 and settled at Wahpeton, where he was in the employ of the Dwight Farming Land Company for two years. In 1887 he arrived in Minot, which was then but a small village extending but three blocks on Main street. He entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company, checking out material from the 1st of April to the 1st of August of that year. He next entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company as car accountant in the general offices and continued with that firm for nine years. Later he went upon the road as mail weigher for the Great Northern and subsequently he entered the freight service, acting as freight conductor for some time. After he left the employ of the railroad company he was appointed collector by the Minot National Bank, in which position he continued for eight months. Turning his attention to the live stock business near Minot, he devoted two years to that work and then opened a wholesale and retail coal yard in Minot, conducting the business for seven years. Since then he has largely devoted his time to farming, with which he has been connected to a greater or less extent since 1887, and he now has three hundred and twenty acres of farm lands in North Dakota, two and a half miles from Minot. He rented this land until 1914, since which time he has personally superintended its cultivation and improvement. He makes his home, however, in the city, having a comfortable residence at No. 312 Main street. He is now assistant superintendent of Haulon & Okes, general contractors of Minneapolis.

In January, 1892, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Villa Pool, who was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, a daughter of Edward and Emily (Bakewell) Pool, who were natives of England and became early settlers of Allamakee county. Subsequently they removed to North Dakota, settling at Devils Lake, and the father engaged in stock raising there for some time but afterward established his home at Towner, where he lived until 1887, when he became a resident of Minot, where he resided for a number of years, herding his cattle on the range extending to White Earth river. He is now operating a gold mine at Northport, Washington, but Mrs. Pool still resides in Minot. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have a daughter, Erma A., who is a graduate of the Minot high school and attended the University of Minnesota, and who was married February 9, 1916, to Day Okes, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Fraternally Mr. Jones is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, yet he does not feel himself bound by party ties and frequently casts an independent ballot. He is the present bailiff at Minot but has never been an office seeker, preferring always to concentrate his attention and energies upon his business affairs, which, wisely directed, have brought to him a substantial success. His interests have been carefully managed and conducted and his industry has formed the basis of his growing success.

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#### HON. ANTON T. KRAABEL.

Hon. Anton T. Kraabel, whose name figures on the pages of North Dakota's history in connection with the office of lieutenant governor, and who in business circles has won a substantial position as a hardware dealer of Clifford, was born in Norway, October 16, 1862, a son of Torger and Ragnbild (Brekke) Kraabel, who came to the United States in 1867 and established their home at Coon Valley, Wisconsin. The father was a carpenter and contractor and was prominently identified with building interests in Wisconsin up to the time of his retirement from active business life in 1896. He then removed to Clifford, North Dakota, and took up his abode with his son Anton, with whom he lived until his death, which occurred in the year 1904, his wife passing away in 1903.

Anton T. Kraabel was but five years of age when the family came to the new world and in the common schools acquired his education. He was twenty years of age, when, in 1882, he came to North Dakota, spending the first year after his arrival in Portland, Trail county, where he secured a clerkship in a hardware store. In the fall of 1883 he removed to Clifford to take charge of the lumberyards of the firm of Beidler & Robinson. After two years he embarked in the general mercantile business at Clifford and subsequently opened a hardware store, operating the two business concerns separately. For the past thirty years he has figured as the leading business man of Clifford, controlling important commercial interests. His trade has steadily grown and he has kept in touch with advanced commercial methods. He has ever closely studied the needs of the people and has maintained the highest standards in the personnel of the house, in the character of goods carried and in the treatment accorded patrons.

In 1892 Mr. Kraabel was married to Miss Mary Oswald, of Viroqua, Wisconsin, and this union has been blessed with seven children as follows: Torger Oswald, who is a graduate of Luther College at Decorah, Iowa; Ragnar Evald and Alf McKinley, who are students in Luther College, and Elvida Constance, Thelma Aloise, Ragnhild Eline and Maynard Orvis, all of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Kraabel is a staunch republican, recognized for many years as one of the prominent party leaders in his section of the state. For several years he served as township clerk and township treasurer, also as a member of the school board and in 1902 he was elected to the state legislature, while in 1904 he was elected to the state senate and in 1906 was reelected from the central district. Other high political honors awaited him in his election to the office of lieutenant governor of North Dakota in 1912. He has had much to do with shaping the political history of the state and his influence has been a potent factor in promoting the public good. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and his activities have furthered public advancement along many lines, his work being ever an element of reform, of progress and improvement.

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#### HENRY H. URBACH.

Each year steady progress is made along agricultural lines in North Dakota and men of enterprise are utilizing the soil for cultivation with good results. Successfully engaged in farming in Ransom county is Henry H. Urbach, who makes his residence on section 33, Elliott township. He was born in Russia, November 18, 1875, the son of Heinrich and



HON. ANTON T. KRAABEL



Catherine (Dick) Urbach, who in the year 1877 came with their family to the new world, settling in Clay county, Nebraska. The father took up the occupation of farming, which he followed there for twenty-three years and later he spent seven years as a farmer in Madison county, Nebraska. In 1907 he came to North Dakota, settling in Ransom county, where he still makes his home.

Henry H. Urbach is the second in order of birth in a family of eight children. He was but two years old when brought to the new world so that his youth was largely spent in Clay county, Nebraska, where he pursued his education. When not busy with his text books he worked with his father and afterwards went to Madison county, Nebraska, where he rented land and engaged in farming on his own account. Upon removing to Ransom county he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land on section 33, in Elliott township and has since actively and successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. His labors are manifest in the excellent appearance of his place, which is one of the well developed farms of the locality. In 1900 he built a fine barn and in 1914 a large machine shop. He keeps everything about his place in good repair and an artesian well furnishes an unending supply of water that is piped not only to the house but to various points on the farm. Everything is in good condition, indicative of his progressive spirit and indefatigable energy.

In Clay county, Nebraska, Mr. Urbach was married to Miss Kate Reischel, who was born in Fillmore county, Nebraska, December 2, 1877. They have a family of seven children: Henry J., Amelia, Alma, Leslie, Sarah, Raymond, Audrey. The oldest son is a graduate of the Lisbon schools and is assisting his father on the home farm. The family attend the Congregational church, of which the parents are members. Mr. Urbach gives his political allegiance to the republican party. While his attention is chiefly concentrated upon his business opportunities, he is ever ready to assist in the movements for the general good of the community and is numbered with that substantial class of men whose work is an element in upholding the social and moral status of the community and in advancing its material and intellectual progress.

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CHARLES J. KING, M. D.

Dr. Charles J. King, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Columbus, has based his financial advancement upon a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the scientific principles of his profession, combined with a knowledge gleaned from practical experience. He was born in Sheldon, Iowa, November 27, 1879, a son of R. J. and Marie (Arquette) King. The father was born in Albany, New York, and after attending the city schools removed westward to Iowa in early manhood, settling near Dubuque, where he purchased land and engaged in farming until he reached the age of twenty-six. He afterward followed farming near Sheldon, Iowa, until he retired from active business life, his home being now at Rock Rapids, Iowa. His wife was a native of Quebec, Canada, and in her early girlhood went to Dubuque county, Iowa, being married at Farley, that state. Her last days were spent at George, Iowa.

Dr. King was reared upon the home farm between George and Sheldon, in Lyon county, Iowa, and attended a district school in the neighborhood. He did not wish to follow agricultural pursuits as a life work, however, and determined upon a professional career. In 1899 therefore he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, the medical department of the University of Illinois, and was graduated in 1904 with the degree of M. D. For a year thereafter he served as interne in the Dearborn Post Graduate Hospital of Chicago and he also spent a year in doing post graduate work. In 1906 he removed to McHenry, Foster county, North Dakota, where he practiced for six and a half years, and in 1913 he opened an office in Columbus, devoting his attention to the general practice of medicine and surgery. He is accorded a liberal clientele and his efforts are attended with excellent results in checking the ravages of disease. In addition to his practice Dr. King is quite extensively interested in raising cattle and believes every farmer should have a considerable amount of live stock upon his place. He is putting forth every effort to improve the grade of cattle and other live stock raised and he is a staunch advocate of modern diversified farming,

believing in the rotation of crops and the application of scientific methods in the development of the great agricultural state of North Dakota.

On the 14th of July, 1908, Dr. King was married to Miss Alvina Thiede at Tagus, North Dakota. She was born in Crawford county, Wisconsin, and her parents, who were farming people of that state, are now connected with agricultural interests near McHenry, Foster county, North Dakota. Mrs. King was graduated from the high school at Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, and there engaged in teaching school for two years, while in 1905 she became a schoolteacher of North Dakota. She now has one son, Royal Ross, who was born in McHenry, Foster county, North Dakota, October 26, 1911.

Politically Dr. King is a democrat and in 1915 was elected coroner of Burke county, a position he is now filling. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows at Buford and the Elks lodge at Jamestown, North Dakota. He has also attained high rank in Masonry as a member of the lodge at Cooperstown, the Scottish Rite bodies in Fargo and El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine, also at Fargo. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Northwestern District Medical Society and the North Dakota Medical Society and is a fellow of the American Medical Association. In 1915 he was president of the Columbus Commercial Club. When he came to this state he had a thorough college training in his profession, supplemented by broad hospital experience and post graduate study, but he possessed no capital. Today he is the owner of an excellent farm in Foster county and another in Burke county besides his fine modern residence in the town of Columbus. North Dakota has not been generous to him above others, his success being won through persistent, earnest effort in his profession and judicious investment in property. He is very conscientious in the discharge of all his professional duties and through broad reading and study he keeps in touch with modern methods of thought and practice.

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#### GEORGE JUSTIN JOHNSON.

George Justin Johnson, filling the position of state bank examiner and making his home at Bismarek, is a western man by birth, training and preference and possesses the enterprising spirit which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the states of the Mississippi valley. He was born in Jefferson, Iowa, June 12, 1878, and is of English descent, although his paternal grandfather was a native of Virginia, showing that the family was founded in the new world in colonial times. His father, Amos Johnson, was born in Delaware, Ohio, and in his youthful days became a resident of Cedar county, Iowa, where he met and married Miss Rachel McBurney, a native of Canada. The death of Mr. Johnson occurred in the year 1903.

Spending his youthful days in his native city, George J. Johnson there pursued a public school education, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, after which he entered a business college of Des Moines. When his course there was completed he was appointed to the position of deputy county auditor of Greene county, Iowa, serving in that capacity for three years. He next entered the City Bank at Jefferson and remained in that connection for three years, at the end of which time he became a resident of North Dakota, removing to Grand Forks, where he was appointed to a position in the loan department of the Union National Bank. A year later he became head bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Crookston, Minnesota, where he continued for a year and on the expiration of that period he returned to Jefferson, Iowa, where he remained until the summer of 1905. Continuing in the banking field, he went to Des Moines as assistant cashier of the Mechanics Savings Bank, which position he filled for three years and then again came to North Dakota. He was elected to the presidency of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Monango, where he continued until 1913, when he was appointed chief deputy to the state bank examiner. In May, 1915, he was advanced to the position of state bank examiner, in which capacity he is now serving. His long experience in connection with the banking business thoroughly qualifies him for the duties that now devolve upon him.

Fraternally Mr. Johnson is an Elk and Mason, being a member of Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M., having attained the Scottish Rite degrees and being a member of

El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and by reason thereof, as well as his ability, he was appointed to the office which he is now capably filling. He is making an excellent record, discharging his duties with a sense of conscientious obligation that leaves nothing to be desired.

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GEORGE PRATT.

That North Dakota has proved a land of opportunity to the man of enterprise and determination is evidenced in the record of George Pratt, one of the best known farmers of Kenyon township, Cass county, who came to this state absolutely without capital and by his own efforts became in time the owner of seventeen hundred and sixty acres of good land, much of which he has now given to his children. A native of Ontario, Canada, he was born on the 28th of March, 1851, a son of James and Ann (Miller) Pratt, both natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married. In 1849 they removed to Canada and their first child was born on the River St. Lawrence while they were on their way to their new home in the Dominion. They lived in Canada until 1882, when they came to this state, where our subject had previously removed, and the father purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land on the Red river, in what is now Noble township. He was a leader in his locality and it was he who suggested the name for the township. He continued to reside on his farm for several years but at length retired and removed to Grandin, where both he and his wife passed away.

George Pratt received his education in his native province and remained there for a number of years after attaining his majority but in the spring of 1880 came to North Dakota and preempted one hundred and sixty acres of his present home farm, but not having enough money to pay for the place under the preemption law, changed the claim to a homestead. He has resided upon this farm for thirty-six years and has made it one of the most highly developed and best improved places of the township. When he arrived here he had no money and in order to provide for his own support and for that of his wife and children he worked for a time for a farmer living nine miles distant from his homestead. There were many obstacles to be overcome and privations to be endured, but these were accepted as a matter of course and in time the prairie became well cultivated fields. From March until July of the first year of his residence in this state his wife and children lived in a barn while he erected a small frame house. It was not long before he had gained a start and he continued to work hard to save his money carefully and gradually purchased more land until his holdings totaled seventeen hundred and sixty acres. He has since given each of his sons three hundred and twenty acres and each of his daughters a quarter section or the equivalent in money but still holds title to eight hundred acres. His financial independence is due to his own industry and business acumen, his investments having been wisely made and all of his affairs well managed. He owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of Gardner and in the Farmers Cooperative Store in Gardner.

Mr. Pratt was married on the 3d of December, 1873, in Ontario, Canada, to Miss Mathilda Dempsey, a native of that province, and they have six children: Maggie L., who is the widow of C. Rinton and resides in Gardner; Susan E., the wife of Harry Peek, who is living in Alberta, Canada; John D. and William J., who are farming in Kenyon township; Annie R., the wife of Harry Fisher, of Gilby, North Dakota; and Robert W., at home.

Mr. Pratt is a stalwart republican and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He formed the first school district in his section and for several years served ably as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. During the thirty-six years that he has resided in Cass county he has seen a change in conditions that the most farsighted could hardly have predicted and takes great satisfaction in the knowledge that he has been a factor in the development of his part of the county. When he came to this state he came on the first special train that went as far as Fargo. At that

time settlers were few and the greater part of the state was yet unreclaimed for the purpose of civilization. However, he has always had firm faith in the future of North Dakota, a faith which the years have justified.

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JOHN N. SAND.

John N. Sand, the owner of a farm of six hundred and eighty acres in Lamoure county, his home being situated on section 4, Black Loam township, is a representative of that substantial element in the citizenship of the state that Norway has furnished. He was born August 26, 1876, in that country, a son of Nels and Methe (Sand) Sand, both of whom were natives of the same country, where the father spent his entire life as a laborer. After his death his widow came to America and has since married again.

John N. Sand was reared and educated in Norway to the age of twelve years, when he accompanied his mother to the new world and completed his education in the schools of Lamoure county, North Dakota. He afterward made his home with an uncle until he was old enough to start out in life on his own account, when he began work as a farm hand, being thus employed until 1895. In that year he homesteaded where he now lives on section 4, Black Loam township, and to his original holdings he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased until he is now the owner of six hundred and eighty acres of excellent land, constituting one of the well improved farm properties of Lamoure county. He has wrought a marked change in the appearance of the place, which he has divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, in the midst of which stand substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery. In addition to tilling his fields he feeds about a carload of cattle each year and his stock raising interests are an element in his growing prosperity.

In November, 1895, Mr. Sand was united in marriage to Miss Annie Foss and they have become the parents of eight children, Clara, Alfred, Gust, Signe, Henry, Jennie, Roy and Leo, all of whom are at home with the exception of the eldest daughter, who is now the wife of Carl Holt, a farmer of Gladstone township, Lamoure county.

The family adhere to the faith of the Lutheran church and are loyal to its teachings. Politically Mr. Sand is a republican and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth as a citizen, have called him to public office. He served as township clerk for ten years and at the present time is a member of the board of county commissioners, while for six years he has been a member of the school board. He is thoroughly dependable when public interests are at stake, standing at all times for progress and improvement and for the further upbuilding and development of the county.

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JULIUS J. GITS.

Julius J. Gits, a retired merchant living at Noonan, was born at Iseghem, Belgium, in the province of West Flanders, October 13, 1865, his parents being Frances E. and Louisa (Cornette) Gits, who were likewise natives of that country. The father was a blacksmith by trade and also conducted a hardware store at Iseghem, where he married and reared his family. On the advice of his son Julius, who had previously come to America, he disposed of his business in his native country and made his way to the new world, settling at Ghent, Lyon county, Minnesota, in 1883. There he engaged in farming and afterward became the proprietor of a blacksmith shop, while still later he carried on general merchandising in Ghent, where there was a large colony of Belgian settlers. Eventually he retired from active connection with that business, having obtained a substantial competence, and he and his wife are now living in Ghent in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof in his native city, Julius J. Gits there attended the public schools until graduated with honors from the high school. He was eighteen years of age when he bade adieu to friends, family and native land and started

for America to find a favorable location for the family. His father having read many advertisements and articles in the papers inviting settlement in Minnesota, he made his way to Ghent, that state, and feeling that conditions were such as he wished, he sent for his father and the family. For three years Julius J. Gits was employed as a clerk in a dry goods store at Faribault, Minnesota, and in 1887 he went to Yankton, Dakota, where he established a dry goods store, conducting business there for three years. He then took his stock to Faribault and also bought out his former employer, there establishing himself in business, in which he actively continued until 1900. On disposing of his interests at that place he removed to Marshall, Minnesota, where he conducted a dry goods and general merchandise store on his own account until 1904. Once more he sold out and on account of his wife's impaired health removed to Roswell, New Mexico, where he opened a general store and also became an extensive stockholder in a bank, but the bank failed and by the time his affairs were settled up Mr. Gits found that he had little left. In 1905 he established his home in Portal, North Dakota, where he again embarked in general merchandising. The houses with which he had previously traded and who recognized his irreproachable honesty gave him credit and for a year he conducted a profitable business at Portal. He was again getting on his feet financially when the store was destroyed by fire, all of the stock going up in the flames. His insurance enabled him to cover his debts and once more he started out to find a new location. He made his way to Noonan, at which time there was nothing there except the town site. Mr. Gits purchased the first lot in the new town site November 14, 1906, and erected the first building in the town, hauling the lumber and his new stock of goods from Portal, a distance of thirty miles, in wagons through a snow storm while four feet of snow lay upon the ground. When he returned from Portal to his new location he could not find the lot he bought because it was covered with snow. He started over again in a small way, a lone merchant on the snow-covered prairie. He saw hard times, for it was a very severe winter, but he persevered and success ultimately crowned his efforts. In the spring of 1907 others arrived in Noonan and the town grew, but Mr. Gits was its first resident and first merchant and he deserves much credit for promoting the upbuilding and progress of the locality.

In 1913 he incorporated his business interests under the name of the Noonan Supply Company and admitted a partner but retained half of the stock. For six months he continued in the business after the incorporation and then sold out in 1914, being now retired from active connection with mercantile interests. He is the proprietor of the Gits Land Company of Noonan, which handles city lots and farm lands that he is selling largely to Belgian families. He has brought one hundred people here from Lyon county, Minnesota, all Belgian farmers, and in 1914 he made a trip to Belgium to bring French and Belgian agriculturists to this district, thereby contributing in large and substantial measure to its rapid upbuilding and development. He owns the remainder of the town site of Noonan, comprising over one hundred lots, and he built the hotel in Noonan, which he still owns and from which he receives a good rental. He has splendidly devised plans for colonizing and settling the district and his work is meeting with excellent results. He deserves his financial success, but more than that he deserves the respect and high regard of his fellow townsmen because of what he has accomplished for the public benefit. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the division of Williams county, thus creating Divide county, and he was untiring in his efforts to make Noonan the county seat.

On the 14th of August, 1887, Mr. Gits was married to Miss Lettie E. Tripp, at Yankton, South Dakota. She was born in the town of Shirley, Erie county, New York, a daughter of Hiram C. and Minerva Ann (Ray) Tripp, who were also natives of Erie county, where they were reared, educated and married. The father was a wagon maker at Shirley but because of failing health he sold out his business and removed to Minnesota, after which he engaged in farming near Cannon City, becoming one of the pioneers of that district. He died upon his farm at the venerable age of eighty-six years, while his wife spent her last days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gits, in Noonan, passing away in 1909. Mrs. Gits was reared upon the home farm near Cannon City and after attending the public schools became a student in St. Mary's school at Faribault, Minnesota, while prior to her marriage she engaged for a time in teaching. She comes from a prominent old New York family and has every reason to be proud of her ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Gits have one child, Louis Francis, who

was born in Yankton, South Dakota, in June, 1889, and is now successfully engaged in general merchandising at Taunton, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Gits hold membership in the Roman Catholic church and it was he who accomplished the removal of the church building from Kermit to Noonan. In politics he is a republican but would never consent to accept public office. Mr. Gits is a forceful and resourceful business man who recognizes and utilizes opportunities which others pass heedlessly by and by the capable control of his business affairs he has won substantial and well merited success. Obstacles, difficulties and hardships have barred his path at various times, but these he has overcome by determined and persistent effort and he is now one of the substantial and prosperous citizens of Divide county.

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#### WILLIAM B. MAERCKLEIN.

One of the most progressive and wide-awake young business men of McIntosh county is William B. Maercklein, who is now serving as cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Danzig, where he makes his home. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 1st of September, 1885, and is a son of William J. and Minnie (Froehlich) Maercklein of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of Dr. E. H. Maercklein on another page of this volume.

William B. Maercklein passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Milwaukee, where he was educated, and in 1906 came to Ashley, North Dakota, taking up a homestead in McIntosh county, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted two years. He then accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Ashley State Bank, with which he was connected for five years, gaining an excellent knowledge of the banking business during that time. He was then made cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Danzig, which position he is still holding, while George Gackle serves as president and J. H. Wishek as vice president. Mr. Maercklein is also a stockholder and director of the bank, which has a capital of ten thousand dollars; surplus and undivided profits of three thousand dollars; and sixty-five thousand dollars in deposits. He is secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Elevator Company of Danzig, assists in the operation of two elevators and is manager of a retail business, handling hardware, farm machinery, etc. He is straightforward and reliable in all his dealings and the success that has come to him is certainly well merited.

On the 14th of April, 1914, Mr. Maercklein married Miss Fayette Collins, a daughter of Sidney M. Collins, who was formerly a farmer and surveyor residing in Ashley. Both her parents are now deceased. Mr. Maercklein is independent in politics and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He stands high in business circles and still further success undoubtedly awaits him.

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#### LEONARD M. GULDEN.

Leonard M. Gulden is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, his home being at Englevale. He was born in Kandiyohi county, Minnesota, June 13, 1879, his parents being Leonard and Catherine (Siebenbrunner) Gulden. The father was born in Wittenburg, Germany, and in 1844 was brought to the United States, being then but four years of age, his parents settling at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin. Later, however, he went to Minnesota, becoming a resident of New Ulm at a period when that section of the state was upon the far western frontier. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the United States army and was engaged largely in warfare against the Indians, who, taking advantage of conditions in the country, rose against the settlers in the northwest. He witnessed the Indian massacre at New Ulm and he fought under General Selby, the famous Indian fighter. For four years he was with the army, rendering valuable service to his country. In 1865 he returned to New Ulm, where he was engaged in general merchandising, and at the present time he is living in Douglas county, Minnesota. His wife, who was of Austrian birth, came with her parents

to the United States when a little maiden of four summers and her people also settled at New Ulm, where they remained until the death of her father.

Leonard M. Gulden was the fourth in a family of seven children and after attending the common schools near his father's home became a high school student at Osakis, Minnesota, where he was graduated with the class of 1904. After completing his education he taught school for four years in Douglas, Todd, Beltrami and Itasca counties, Minnesota. While thus engaged he was also conducting a number of bee farms, becoming recognized as one of the leading apiarists of the state. For four years he produced and sold honey. During that period he secured a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Itasca county, Minnesota, and conforming to the law regarding residence and improvements, secured his title to that property after five years. Later he turned his attention to merchandising in Annandale, Minnesota, and there remained for eight months. In August, 1909, he became a resident of Englevale, where he once more embarked in merchandising, in which he continued until December 25, 1914. He then formed a partnership with his brother and entered the real estate business, in which he is now engaged, and the thoroughness which has characterized him throughout his entire life is manifest in his understanding of the realty market.

On the 25th of December, 1908, Mr. Gulden was married to Miss Lillian Akin, who was born near Redfield, South Dakota, in 1886, her parents being Fred and Mary (Hammond) Akin, who were early residents of Wisconsin and later removed to Minnesota. Mrs. Gulden was the sixth of their nine children. Her father died in 1915 and her mother is now living in Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Gulden have become the parents of two children: Phosine C., born December 14, 1910; and Georgia D., born January 15, 1912.

Mr. Gulden is an independent voter, supporting men and measures rather than party. On the 11th of May, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of Englevale, passing his civil examination with ninety-two and three-fourths per cent. He owns the building in which the postoffice is located, and also another store building in Englevale, together with one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 9, Hanson township, which he is renting. He also acts as agent for six different automobile manufacturers. Thus it will be seen that he is leading a most active, busy and useful life. He and his wife are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Englevale, and they have gained many friends in Ransom county throughout the period of their residence here.

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#### A. J. AMES, M. D.

Dr. A. J. Ames, engaged in the practice of medicine at Forbes, was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, March 24, 1866, a son of Dr. Curtis B. and Eliza (Hopper) Ames, the former a native of Roscoe, Illinois, and the latter of Oswego, New York. In his childhood days the father accompanied his parents to Minnesota, the paternal grandfather of Dr. A. J. Ames, being one of the first settlers on the west side of the river in Minneapolis and the first physician to practice in that locality. Dr. Curtis B. Ames was reared to manhood in Minneapolis, pursued a public school education there and afterward entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886. He then removed to Minnesota and practiced in Hutchinson for several years, while subsequently he practiced at different periods in Watertown, Rockford and Delano, Minnesota, but at the present time is living retired and has returned to Minneapolis, where he now makes his home. He served for a short time with the Third Minnesota Infantry during the Civil war and on one occasion was captured but was exchanged and later was sent home on account of illness. He then went out with General Sibley to fight the Indians in the Little Crow uprising. His wife, who is also living, was the daughter of a noted Indian scout and pioneer.

Dr. A. J. Ames was reared in Hutchinson, Minneapolis and Delano and attended the public schools in all three cities. He afterward entered Williston Seminary of Massachusetts and subsequently was graduated from Phillips Andover with the class of 1886. For thirteen years he was a portrait artist and then determined to practice medicine. He entered the medical department of the University of Illinois and completed his course with the class of

1901. He practiced two years in Chicago while taking his four-year course. Later he located in Minneapolis, where he practiced for about three years and then removed to Wheaton, Minnesota, where he spent a like period of time. In 1906 he went to Forbes, North Dakota, where he has since remained in the active practice of his profession. He comes from a family of physicians and is therefore "to the manner born." He is a member of the Southern District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In September, 1893, Dr. Ames was joined in wedlock with Miss Dora H. Hartshorn and they became the parents of a son, Ross M., who was born January 5, 1895, and died January 20, 1900.

The Doctor is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M., and Dakota Consistory, No. 1, and he is also identified with El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His study of political questions and conditions has led him to advocate socialistic views and for two years he has done able service for the community as a member of the town council, while at the present writing he is county physician for the western district of Dickey county.

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#### O. K. HANSON.

North Dakota is largely indebted to the Scandinavian peninsula for its population. From the countries of Sweden and Norway have come many substantial citizens who have taken advantage of the natural resources furnished in this part of the country and have aided in promoting the work of development and civilization here. Among this number is O. K. Hanson, who follows farming in Raymond township, Cass county. He was born in Norway on the 30th of October, 1853, his parents being Hans and Matilda (Helgenson) Hanson, who were also born in the land of the midnight sun, where they resided until 1878, when they crossed the Atlantic to the new world. The family located in North Dakota and the parents lived with their son O. K. Hanson until they were called to their final rest. In the family were seven children, three of whom survive.

In the schools of Norway O. K. Hanson pursued his education and when nineteen years of age bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States, hoping to find better business conditions in the new world than he felt he could secure in his native country. He settled in Rice county, Minnesota, where he worked as a common laborer for five years, and on the expiration of that period he came to Cass county, purchasing the farm whereon he now resides. To his original investment, however, he has added from time to time until he is now the owner of a valuable property of six hundred and forty acres on sections 16 and 22, Raymond township. He has added many modern improvements to the place, making it a valuable farm property on which is a fine grove and other attractive features. He carefully tills the soil, producing excellent crops, and as the years have gone by success has attended his efforts. Moreover, he is regarded as a most enterprising business man in other directions. He became one of the organizers of the State Bank at Prosper, of which he is the president, and he is also a stockholder and director in the Farmers Elevator at that place and a stockholder in the insurance company. He likewise has an interest in copper mines in Oregon, owns a half section in Brown county, South Dakota, and is vice president of the bank at Houghton, South Dakota, and at all times his investments have been judiciously made and have brought to him substantial returns. For more than thirty years he has operated a thresher in connection with his farming interests and has done work throughout his part of the county. In fact, his life has been one of untiring industry and thrift and his success is the merited and just reward of his own labor.

On July 18, 1887, Mr. Hanson was married to Miss Mary Anderson, of Goodhue county, Minnesota, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Peterson) Anderson. Her mother died January 12, 1914, aged eighty-one years. Her father died December 14, 1901, aged seventy-four years. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanson: Henry F., who is married

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and has two children, Robert M. and Frances L., and resides on the home farm; Martin F.; Fred; Mabel R.; Hilda; Evelyn, and three who died in infancy.

The parents and their children are members of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Hanson has served as one of the directors. He contributes generously to the support of the church and takes an active interest in its welfare and upbuilding, never neglecting his duties in relation to the moral development of the community any more than he neglects his business affairs. Fraternally he is connected with both the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is a stalwart republican and has served as road commissioner and as a member of the school board. He cares little for public office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests, and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion. He has become one of the successful, prominent and influential men of his community and is justly acknowledged among the representative citizens of Cass county.

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#### CARL F. KAZ.

Among the young men of Logan county who have already displayed marked business ability is Carl F. Kaz, who is now serving so acceptably as assistant cashier of the State Bank of Gackle. His entire life has been spent in North Dakota and he takes a just pride in its development and prosperity. He was born in Logan county on the 12th of December, 1894, and is a son of Carl and Louisa (Fercho) Kaz, who came to this country from Germany in early life and first located in Michigan. From that state they removed to Lamoure county, North Dakota, where the father was employed as a ranch hand for a time, but on coming to Logan county he purchased land. He improved his property and as time has passed he has prospered in his farming operations, steadily adding to his possessions until he is now the owner of seven quarter sections of land besides some city lots in Bismarek. He has not only gained financial success but has also become prominent in public affairs and is now serving as county auditor of Logan county. He has efficiently filled that position since 1906 and now makes his home in Napoleon, the county seat. His wife is also living and both are held in high esteem.

Carl F. Kaz grew to manhood in Logan county and is indebted to its public schools for his early education. Later he attended the Bismarek Business College and the Dakota Business College at Fargo, thus obtaining a good practical knowledge, which has been of great benefit to him since starting out in life for himself. At intervals he was employed as clerk in the auditor's office under his father during vacations while still in school, and in 1913 accepted a position as stenographer in the Medina State Bank at Medina, North Dakota, where he remained three months. The following seven months he was clerk in the state treasurer's office at Bismarek and for ten months was in the office of the register of deeds at Napoleon. In August, 1915, he went to Gackle and accepted the position of assistant cashier in the State Bank of Gackle, which important position he is still filling to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The bank has a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and deposits amounting to eighty-five thousand dollars. It was organized in 1909 and its present officers are H. H. France, president; A. Zimmerman, vice president; R. S. Metler, cashier; and C. F. Kaz, assistant cashier.

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#### FRANK O. JOHNSON.

Frank O. Johnson, proprietor of a hardware store at Tolley, has been identified with commercial interests in that town since 1905. He was born in Chisago City, Minnesota, April 3, 1872, a son of Magnus and Johanna Johnson, who were natives of Sweden but in 1869 came to the new world, establishing their home in Minnesota. The father secured a government claim there and at once began to develop and improve the property, continu-

ously cultivating that tract of land until 1898. He then retired and removed to the town of Chisago City, where he spent his remaining days, covering a period of eleven years, his death occurring in 1909. His widow survives at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

The youthful days of Frank O. Johnson were spent under the parental roof in Minnesota to the age of seventeen years, when he began providing for his own support by working in a hardware store. He spent ten years in connection with the hardware trade and for four years was on the road selling farm machinery. In 1902 he removed to McKinney, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead which he occupied for three years, carefully and persistently improving and developing the place during that period. He was also interested in a hardware store in McKinney and continued his connection with the same until 1905, when he removed to the newly founded town of Tolley. There he opened a hardware store which he has since successfully conducted, carrying a mammoth stock of goods for a town of that size, drawing his patronage from a wide territory. His sales are now very extensive and the business has become a profitable feature in the commercial circles of Renville county. He also owns another store building besides that which he occupies in Tolley and he is the owner of twelve hundred and forty acres of farm land from which he derives a gratifying annual rental. He is likewise a stockholder in the Provident Life Insurance Company of Bismarek.

In December, 1904, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Mabel Brown, by whom he has eight children, namely: Vern and Vera, twins; Lyle; Evelyn; Marjorie; Neva; and twins not yet named. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are identified with the Lutheran church. He has attained high rank in Masonic circles, being now a member of the Mystic Shrine, and he is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the United Commercial Travelers. He votes with the republican party and since locating in Tolley has served as town treasurer and as a member of the school board, acting as president of the board for six years. He is ever deeply interested in the cause of education and does everything in his power to promote the interests of the schools, recognizing in them one of the bulwarks of the nation.

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#### WILLIAM EDWARD HOLBEIN.

William Edward Holbein, secretary of the Minot Commercial Club, was born in Summit county, Ohio, on the 23d of July, 1872, a son of Elias and Lydia (Kulp) Holbein. The father was also a native of the Buckeye state, and was there reared and educated, after which he learned the harness-maker's trade according to the old methods when all work was done by hand. He followed that business as a life work and thus provided for his family. His wife was also born in Ohio, where she has always lived, her home now being in Wadsworth, near which place the elder Mr. Holbein passed away. They removed to that place during the infancy of their son William, who in that place pursued his education, completing a part of the high school course, after which he attended normal school. He made his initial step in the business world in the capacity of printer's devil, and continued in active connection with the printing business until 1915.

The year 1907 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, and at different times he resided at Willow City, Westhope and Overly, moving to Lansford in 1909, where he established the Lansford Journal. In 1915 he was appointed secretary of the North Dakota Commission to the Panama-Pacific-International Exposition at San Francisco, and was in full charge of the North Dakota building at the fair. He devoted eleven months to that work, and was a popular commissioner. At the end of that time he was appointed secretary of the Minot Commercial Club, and still continues in that capacity. Under his direction the Commercial Club has made great strides forward, extending the scope of its usefulness, activity and interests, and its secretary has become a popular and highly valued citizen of Minot. All of his life's experiences have gone to further his work in this direction. The newspaper field is a school in which one is constantly broadening his knowledge, and while at the San Francisco exposition Mr. Holbein was studying methods of exploitation and extension of business interests, and continually coming in touch with men who are doing things in the

world. Thus he was storing up the information which is now serving as the basis for his splendid work in connection with the Minot Commercial Club.

Fraternally Mr. Holbein is connected with the Masonic lodge, with membership in the Lansford, North Dakota, lodge, in which he has held several important offices. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and in 1914 he was a candidate for commissioner of agriculture and labor of the state of North Dakota. He has been very prominent in the activities of the North Dakota Press Association, serving as its secretary in the years 1911, 1912, 1913, and a part of 1914, and during that period the membership of the organization increased from seventy-six to three hundred, largely owing to his efforts.

He was reared as a member of the Reformed church, the church of his forbears. His influence in every particular is on the side of advancement, progress and improvement, so that he has contributed in large measure to the material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress of the communities in which he has lived.

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#### GUS G. SCHEELER.

Gus G. Scheeler, engaged in general merchandising in Kintyre, was born in Boxbutte county, Nebraska, in November, 1887, a son of Lewis and Jennie (Richardson) Scheeler, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Pennsylvania. At an early day the father went to Nebraska, where he took up a homestead claim which he owned and cultivated for five years. He then removed to Dakota territory, where he operated a ranch for nine years and on the expiration of that period became a resident of Logan county, North Dakota, where he bought land and engaged in ranching until 1906. In that year he established his home in Napoleon, where he began dealing in land and in grain, but in 1915 he discontinued his operations in connection with the grain trade, confining his attention to his real estate dealing.

Gus G. Scheeler was reared and educated in South Dakota and in Napoleon, North Dakota, and after his textbooks were put aside he was employed by a creamery company for four years. He next began buying grain for his father, with whom he was associated in business for five seasons, and for one season he bought grain for the Farmers Elevator Company at Brittin, North Dakota. On the 18th of April, 1916, he purchased the general merchandise stock of M. R. Farrell, the founder of Kintyre and the oldest merchant in the town but now a resident of Washington. Mr. Scheeler carries a large stock and enjoys an extensive patronage, his business methods commending him to the support of the public. He has ever realized that satisfied customers are the best advertisement and he has therefore put forth every effort to please and oblige his patrons, while the integrity and honor of his business methods are recognized by all. In addition to his mercantile interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Kintyre.

On the 20th of June, 1916, Mr. Scheeler was married to Miss Jeanette Cornie, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Cornie, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Wales. Coming to America in early life, they settled in Illinois and since 1903 have been residents of Napoleon, North Dakota. In his political views Mr. Scheeler maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment without regard to party ties. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his honorable and useful life has made him a valued and representative citizen of the community in which he makes his home.

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#### JAMES M. COLTER.

James M. Colter, postmaster of Voltaire and actively identified with farming interests in McHenry county since 1900, was born in Bruce county, Ontario, Canada, January 20, 1860, a son of James and Agnes (Hawthorne) Colter, who are natives of Ireland and Canada respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and was identified with agricultural interests in Canada until 1897, when he came to North Dakota, where he carried on a farm

until 1906. He then retired from active business life and returned to Canada, where he now resides at the age of seventy-nine years, while his wife is seventy-six years of age. On the 17th of November, 1916, they celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding.

James M. Colter was reared and educated in Canada, remaining under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He afterward worked at the carpenter's trade in Winnipeg for two years and then, thinking to find better business opportunities across the border, he came to North Dakota in 1884, settling in Pembina county. Through the succeeding sixteen years he devoted his time and energies to teaching school and for seven consecutive years was a successful teacher at Hensel, this state. In 1900 he removed to McHenry county and took up a homestead claim which he at once began to develop and cultivate. His time and energies have since been given to the improvement of his place and from time to time he has bought more land, now owning four hundred acres which pays to him a substantial annual income owing to the care and labor which he bestows upon the farm. He now makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and has an excellent herd upon his place. While thus actively engaged in farming and stock raising, he makes his home in Voltaire and in 1914 was appointed postmaster of the town, which position he is now filling.

On the 1st of January, 1895, Mr. Colter was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Turner and to them was born a daughter, Myrtle T., whose natal day was October 10, 1913. On that day the mother passed away and later Mr. Colter wedded her sister, Mrs. May Pringle, who became his wife December 21, 1915. Fraternally Mr. Colter is connected with the Masons, the Yeomen and the Foresters. His religious belief is that of the Methodist church and his life is guided according to its teachings. Politically he is an earnest republican and for five years has filled the office of assessor of Voltaire township and has also been township clerk. He has likewise served on the school board since 1901 and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion who puts forth every possible effort to advance the interests and raise the standard of the schools of his community.

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#### ALBERT E. JONES.

Albert E. Jones, of Lisbon, active in the business circles of the city as a real estate dealer and president of the Jones Lumber & Implement Company, is actuated in all that he does by a progressive spirit that never falls short of the accomplishment of his purpose. He was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, on the 13th of May, 1865, and is a son of Jerome B. and Maria L. (Egbert) Jones, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They were married in Wisconsin, however, having removed to that state with their respective parents. The mother died in 1908 but the father is still a resident of Hudson, where he is living retired after long connection with active business interests there.

Liberal educational opportunities were accorded Albert E. Jones, who after completing a course in the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, entered the employ of the McCormick Harvester Company in 1885. He was associated therewith until 1890, when he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, and continued in the machine business with other firms until 1896. He then embarked in the real estate business on his own account in Fargo, continuing there until 1899, when he removed to Lisbon, where he opened a real estate office, since which time he has handled property both for himself and others, negotiating many important realty transfers. In 1904 he organized the Jones Lumber & Implement Company, of which he became president, with C. E. Jones as the secretary and his brother, F. J. Jones, as treasurer. Theirs is one of the leading business enterprises of the southeastern part of the state. In connection with his real estate business Mr. Jones maintains a branch office in Steele, where he purchased and sold a thirty-five thousand acre tract and also owns another tract of four thousand acres. His operations in the real estate field outstrip those of almost any other dealer in North Dakota and have constituted an element in the substantial development, settlement and improvement of the state.

On the 13th day of May, 1890, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Durell, of Mitchell, South Dakota, by whom he has two sons and a daughter, namely: Jerome B., a graduate of the Culver Military School of Culver, Indiana, and now connected

with the Clearlake Lumber Company at Clearlake, Washington; Marsbal D., who is also a graduate of the Culver Military School and is now connected with the Humbird Lumber Company of Sandpoint, Idaho; and Grace Loraine, who attends Stanley Hall in Minneapolis.

In his political views Mr. Jones is a republican and his fellow townsmen chose him as their representative in the state legislature, in which he served from 1908 until 1912 or for two terms. He was for three years mayor of Lisbon and his administration was characterized by progressiveness, reform and improvement. He belongs to Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Lisbon Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, K. T., of Lisbon; El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo; Fargo Lodge, No. 260, B. P. O. E.; Lisbon Lodge, No. 69, K. P.; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife hold membership in the Episcopal church and it is a matter of wide recognition that Mr. Jones is ever loyal to any cause which he espouses. What he undertakes he accomplishes and he labors just as zealously and earnestly for the public good when in office as he does for the advancement of his individual interests in business.

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#### NICHOLAS N. HERMANN.

Nicholas N. Hermann, owner and editor of the Marion Sentinel, published at Marion, Lamoure county, claims Wisconsin as his native state, for his birth occurred in the city of Jefferson in August, 1879, his parents being Matt and Mary (Biewer) Hermann, who were natives of Germany. In early life they came to America and became residents of Chicago, in which city the father served as a member of the police force. He afterward removed to Jefferson, Wisconsin, where he also acted as a night watchman in a private plant, and in that town his remaining days were passed. He died in September, 1913, and is survived by his wife.

The boyhood and youth of Nicholas N. Hermann were spent in Jefferson, where he attended the public schools and made his home until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He learned the printer's trade in that city and afterward spent two years in working at his trade in Chicago. In 1905 he arrived in North Dakota, attracted by the developing opportunities of this section of the country. He filed on a claim in Adams county and improved and operated his farm for two years, after which he took up his abode in Marion and bought the newspaper plant and equipment of the Marion Sentinel. He has since published the paper, which is a weekly journal, winning therefor a liberal circulation.

In November, 1908, Mr. Hermann was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Auth and they have become the parents of three children: LeRoy, born in January, 1910; Evelyn, in January, 1912; and Paul, in February, 1914.

Mr. Hermann has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a communicant of the Catholic church. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and in its support he publishes his paper. His time is not altogether given to his newspaper interests, however, for he conducts a real estate business and has negotiated many important realty transfers.

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#### SUMNER S. RENFREW.

For fifteen years Sumner S. Renfrew has been prominently identified with the business interests of Harvey and is today one of the leading citizens of the town, taking a very active part in its upbuilding and development along various lines. He was born in Plainfield, Iowa, on the 3d of December, 1861, and is a son of John and Sarah (Pratt) Renfrew, who were married in that state, although the father was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and the mother of New York. On coming to the new world in 1856 John Renfrew made his way direct to Plainfield, Iowa, where he continued to reside until 1880, when he removed to Park Rapids, Minnesota. There he took up land and engaged in farming for some time.

As a democrat he was prominent in politics and held many offices, including that of probate judge. He died at the home of his son Sumner in 1908, having survived his wife for several years as she passed away in Park Rapids, Minnesota, in 1892. In the family of this worthy couple were five children, namely: James, a resident of New Rockford, North Dakota; Sumner S., of this review; Robert, deceased; John P., a farmer of Fratuna, North Dakota; and Mary J., the wife of George Crossen, a farmer of Wells county, North Dakota.

Sumner S. Renfrew obtained his education in the graded schools of Iowa, but at the age of fourteen years he laid aside his textbooks and began working on farms, being thus employed until 1885. He then learned the creamery business in Plainfield and at the end of a year and a half established the Rose Hill creamery, which he owned and managed for two years. From 1887 to 1891 he was engaged in shipping horses to northern Minnesota but in the latter year went to southern Illinois, where he put in operation three fruit evaporators. In 1893, however, he sold out that business and came to Harvey, North Dakota, taking up a claim in Wells county, three miles north of the town. He proved up on his land and engaged in farming with good success for eight years. At the end of that time he rented his land and removed to Harvey, where in the spring of 1902 he built a twenty thousand bushel elevator, which he operated until 1906, when he purchased another with a capacity of sixty thousand bushels on the railroad. It is the largest elevator in the village and in its management Mr. Renfrew has also been successful. In 1908 he purchased an interest in the Bank of Harvey and has since served as its president. He established the Harvey Electric Light & Power Company in 1910 and two years later was made treasurer of the corporation, in which capacity he is now serving. In 1912 he bought a third interest in the Harvey Flour Mill Company and is acting as its vice president. It will thus be seen that his business interests are varied and extensive and in their control he has manifested excellent business and executive ability. He has acquired a large amount of farming land, amounting to about forty-five hundred acres, all improved and under cultivation.

In 1884 Mr. Renfrew was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Kellogg, of Plainfield, Iowa, and they have become the parents of two children: Flossie, now the wife of Jack Rich, living near Chinook, Montana; and True W., who is engaged in ranching near Harlem, Montana.

The republican party finds in Mr. Renfrew a staunch supporter of its principles and he has been a member of the city council of Harvey for eight years. He has done much toward the upbuilding and development of the city, where he owns a large amount of real estate, both business and residence property, which he rents, and he also conducts a garage, handling the Overland automobiles. Upright and honorable in all his dealings he stands high in business circles and has won the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

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#### HUDSON B. HENDRICKS.

Hudson B. Hendricks is a partner in the firm of Clow & Hendricks, who are leading merchants at Merricourt, where they carry an extensive stock of goods and conduct a most substantial business. Throughout his entire life Hudson B. Hendricks has displayed the spirit of western enterprise. He was born in Olmsted county, Minnesota, November 27, 1859, a son of John B. and Celia (White) Hendricks, who were natives of Vermont. The father followed merchandising during much of his life and upon his removal to Minnesota in 1854 established business at Chatfield, where he remained until 1888 when he sold out and retired from active commercial life. He then removed to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he spent his remaining days, passing away December 22, 1913. For two years he had survived his wife, who died November 2, 1911.

In his native state Hudson B. Hendricks was reared and educated and in 1881 he went to Fargo, North Dakota, and soon afterward to Tower City, this state, where he lived for about two years. In 1882 he removed to Lisbon and in 1883 he went to Minnesota and purchased his father's store, which he conducted until 1887 and then sold out, returning to Lisbon, where he has since been associated in business with C. D. Clow, who is also his

partner in the Merricourt store. The latter was established in November, 1908, and the firm owns its own building and carries an enormous stock of goods for a town of this size, drawing its patronage from a wide territory. Its annual sales have reached extensive and growing proportions indicative of the business ability and enterprise of the owners.

On the 4th of February, 1903, Mr. Hendricks was united in marriage to Miss Ann White, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Atcheson) White, natives of Ireland. The father died in New York, after which the mother removed to the west and passed away in Minnesota, April 9, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks hold membership in the Episcopal church and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity in which he has attained high rank, being now identified with the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and while living in Lisbon he served as a member of the city council and was defeated by only fourteen votes for the office of sheriff of Ransom county. He has been more or less active in local political circles, but he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs which are of constantly growing volume and importance, so that he has become recognized as one of the representative merchants of his part of the state.

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#### EDWARD F. SAVAGE.

Edward F. Savage has been extensively engaged in farming in North Dakota, where he arrived in pioneer times and secured a homestead near Bismarek. In 1912 he retired from agricultural life, but indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and in order to be occupied he is now clerking in a drug store in Braddock. He was born in New York city, June 8, 1865, a son of William and Mary (Josephs) Savage, who were also natives of the Empire state. The father was a carpenter and cabinetmaker by trade and followed those pursuits throughout the entire period of his residence in New York or until 1889, when he removed to North Dakota, establishing his home at Braddock. There he resided with his son Edward until his death, which occurred in April, 1906, when he was eighty-two years of age. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1869. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for aid, and although he did not do active duty on the firing line, his service as a member of the bridge corps was of an equally important and responsible character.

During his boyhood days Edward F. Savage became a resident of Taylor county, Iowa, where he was reared and educated, there remaining until 1884, when he made his way to Bismarek, North Dakota, and entered a homestead claim. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of that property and eventually bought more land until he was the owner of a valuable farm of six hundred acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation and to which he added many improvements. He continued to till the soil until 1912, when he sold that property and removed to Braddock, where, as previously stated, he accepted a clerkship in a drug store because he could not content himself to sit down and have no occupation.

On the 6th of October, 1887, Mr. Savage was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ida Roop, a daughter of Joseph M. and Julia (Meyers) Roop, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ashland, Ohio. The father became a farmer of the Buckeye state and there continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until 1883, when he came to North Dakota, settling in Emmons county, where he entered a homestead and also bought railroad land, devoting his remaining days to the further development and improvement of his property. He died in 1906 and his widow is now living in Bismarek. Their daughter, Mrs. Savage, passed away in October, 1902, and in January, 1909, Mr. Savage was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Katherine McLaughlin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Maddock, who were natives of England and Scotland respectively. They early became residents of Canada, settling in Ontario. Mrs. Savage had four children by her former marriage, Gordon, Edna, John and Arehlene.

Mrs. Savage was appointed postmistress of Braddock on the 19th of January, 1914, and Mr. Savage became deputy postmaster. For fourteen years he filled the office of treasurer in Logan township and his public duties have ever been discharged with a most con-

scientious sense of obligation. Politically he is an earnest republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Much of his life has been spent west of the Mississippi and the spirit of western enterprise and progress has been manifest throughout his entire career. In this way he has won his success and has gained a place among the representative citizens of Emmons county.

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#### NELS IVERSON.

Among the progressive and representative business men of Mohall, Nels Iverson, cashier of the Mohall Security Bank, is numbered. He was born at River Falls, Wisconsin, in March, 1871, and is a son of H. J. and Anna Iverson, who were natives of Norway and who came to America in 1854. Making his way to Wisconsin, H. J. Iverson there secured a government claim and at once began the arduous task of transforming the wild land into productive fields. He continued the further cultivation and improvement of his farm until 1910, when he retired from active business life and now lives at Renville, Minnesota. Before starting out in business for himself he attended school in St. Paul in order to gain a knowledge of the English language and further promote his preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. He also worked in a hotel for three years. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops and for three years was engaged in active duty at the front with the Thirtieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. In 1898 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in May of that year.

Nels Iverson, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, attended the public schools of River Falls, Wisconsin, and after attaining his majority devoted ten years to mercantile pursuits in Wisconsin and Renville, Minnesota. In 1903 he arrived in Mohall, North Dakota, and embarked in the banking business, buying out the interest of M. O. Hall, for whom the town was named. It was in 1905 that he became proprietor of the Mohall Bank, which has a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The officers of the bank are: H. J. Dale, president; Mrs. S. Mason, vice president; Nels Iverson, cashier; and P. H. Lambert, assistant cashier. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Iverson is the president of the Renville County Land & Loan Company, which is conducting an extensive business in the purchase and sale of lands and in placing loans. His discrimination is keen and his sound business judgment, supplementing his unflinching enterprise, has brought to him gratifying success.

In June, 1905, Mr. Iverson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Benson and they have become the parents of four children, David M., Neal J., Elizabeth and Virginia. The family attend the Methodist church, of which the parents are members, and Mr. Iverson is a loyal adherent of the Masonic order. Politically he is a republican and has served in several local offices, to which he has been called by the vote of his fellow townsmen. He was for a number of years a member of the town council and in 1903 was chosen school treasurer, which office he is still filling. His aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further all measures and plans for the public good and he loyally supports every project that is a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

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#### HENRY J. SORLIEN.

Henry J. Sorlien, a well known representative of the business interests of Bergen, being vice president of the First State Bank and one of the partners in the Bergen Auto Company, was born in Bode, Humboldt county, Iowa, December 16, 1882, a son of John H. and Bertha (Knudsen) Sorlien, who were natives of Norway. The father, a stockman and farmer, came to America in early life, settling in Humboldt county, Iowa, where he pur-

chased land and carried on farming throughout his remaining days. He passed away August 5, 1907, and is still survived by his widow.

Henry J. Sorlien spent his youthful days upon the old homestead farm in Iowa and after attending the public schools entered upon an academic course at Albert Lea, Minnesota, while later he attended Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. For one winter he taught school in North Dakota and then entered the employ of the Ross-Davidson Banking Company, with which he remained for four months. In January, 1907, he accepted the cashiership of the First State Bank of Bergen, in which he became a stockholder. He continued to serve as cashier for seven and a half years and was then made vice president, with Martin Apland as president and J. B. Palm cashier. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus and undivided profits of forty-five hundred dollars, while the deposits amount to one hundred thousand dollars. The bank was organized in November, 1905, and entered upon a period of progressive and prosperous existence. In addition to his connection with the bank Mr. Sorlien is one of three partners in the Bergen Auto Company, which handles Ford, Dodge and Paige cars and does general repair work on automobiles. The company sold four hundred and seventy-five Fords in the summer of 1916. Mr. Sorlien is also interested with Martin Apland in farming and stock raising, handling thoroughbred stock. They make a specialty of shorthorn cattle and have at the head of the herd a bull valued at nine hundred dollars which has taken premiums at many fairs. They also have a number of cows which cost as high as five hundred dollars. They are farming fourteen hundred acres of land and own about three thousand acres. Mr. Sorlien has thus gradually extended his business connections and interests and today occupies a leading position among the most progressive and enterprising citizens of McHenry county, contributing in large measure to its substantial development and improvement.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Sorlien has served as town treasurer, as justice of the peace and as school treasurer and co-operates heartily in all plans and measures which are for the public good and tend to promote civic virtue and civic pride. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Bergen regards him as a valuable asset to its business circles and it was also a fortunate day for Mr. Sorlien when he allied his interests with those of McHenry county, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has gradually won substantial success.

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#### ERNEST CARROLL HILBORN.

Ernest Carroll Hilborn, manager of extensive nurseries at Valley City, in which connection his business has reached large and profitable proportions, conducts his interests under the name of the Northwest Nursery Company. In the management of these interests he has displayed marked foresight, ability and enterprise and it is to such men that the state owes her substantial development. He was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, December 31, 1876, a son of Edwin and Celia (Pond) Hilborn, the former a pioneer settler of Wisconsin. The latter was a sister of Major J. B. Pond, the well known lyceum manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hilborn both died when their son, Ernest C., was still quite young and he then removed to Rogers, North Dakota, where his sister, Mrs. F. A. Sandberg, resided. By working on farms he was able to pay his expenses through the grades and to enter the Valley City Normal School. By teaching country school and by selling trees to the farmers on the prairies during the vacations he made enough money to enable him to complete the course at the normal school, graduating in 1903. He then entered the State University, in which he completed a three years' course in two years, graduating with the class of 1905. When his university work was completed he accepted the position of superintendent of the public schools of Enderlin, North Dakota, in which position he continued for three years. Through his experience in selling trees to the farmers during his vacations he became impressed with the need of a home nursery in which the young trees and fruit stock would be acclimated to the conditions of the northwest from the beginning and therefore much better

sued for planting in this district than stock grown elsewhere. He was so thoroughly convinced of the opportunity which such a project offered that he returned to Valley City and promoted the Northwest Nursery Company, establishing the nursery in 1908. They started on rented land, having twenty-six acres, but have steadily increased their holdings until they now own four hundred and forty acres adjacent to Valley City, while theirs is the largest nursery between Minneapolis and the Rocky Mountains. They carry every kind of forest trees, besides fruit trees, apples, plums, etc., and small fruits. While originally their market was North Dakota, their trade has so extended that their sales now reach into Montana, South Dakota, western Minnesota and Wyoming. The business has grown continuously from the beginning and Mr. Hilborn has been most successful in its management. He possesses phenomenal energy and marked ability. They grow willows, poplars, green ash and box elders by the million and these trees do well when transplanted owing to the fact that they have been grown on the prairies and are put into the same kind of soil and have the same climatic conditions in the districts to which they are shipped. The same applies to apples and other fruits and to their small fruits as well. Their nursery stock has proven eminently satisfactory wherever it has been shipped and theirs has become one of the most extensive business enterprises of this state, exceeding in volume almost every undertaking of similar character in the northwest. They employ a large force permanently and during certain seasons have from sixty to seventy men at the nurseries beside a number of office employes and a large staff of salesmen on the road.

On the 29th of July, 1908, Mr. Hilborn was united in marriage to Miss Grace Washburn, of Oxfordville, New Hampshire, who was a teacher in the Enderlin high school and is a graduate of the Minnesota University. Their children are Ruth Alice and Edith Harriett.

Mr. Hilborn belongs to the Masonic lodge and to the Congregational church and is superintendent of the Sunday school, connections which indicate the rules which govern him in his conduct toward his fellow men and guide him in all his business interests. He is truly a self-made man, having provided the means for his own education and for his start in the business world. Prompt, energetic and notably reliable, he possesses in large measure that quality of common sense which is too often lacking and which in its absence causes many failures. Fortunate in possessing character and ability that inspire confidence in others, the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important relations and Valley City numbers him among its most representative and valued business men.

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#### FRED HEINRICH.

Fred Heinrich, prominently identified with financial interests of Dickey county as cashier of the First State Bank of Merricourt, was born in Russia, May 3, 1880, a son of Gottfried and Christina (Sinkbeil) Heinrich, who are also natives of Russia where the father engaged in farming until 1881 when he came to America, settling in Hutchinson county, South Dakota. There he secured a homestead and at once began the development and improvement of his place, continuing the work of farming there until 1889 when he sold the property and removed to McIntosh county, North Dakota, where he purchased the land upon which he has since lived. He is now sixty-eight years of age while his wife has reached the age of sixty-five.

Fred Heinrich was but a year old when his parents brought their family to the new world and thus to all intents and purposes he is an American. His education was acquired in the schools of South and North Dakota where his early training was that of the farm boy for he remained upon the homestead with his parents until he attained his majority, when in connection with his father he embarked in the general merchandising business at Ashley, North Dakota, where he remained in business for five years. He was then elected register of deeds in McIntosh county and so acceptably filled the office that he was twice reelected, thus serving for three terms. On the first of May, 1913, in company with others, he purchased the First State Bank at Merricourt and has since served as cashier with T. S. Johnstone as president and Christian Becker as vice president. The bank is capitalized at ten thousand dollars and has a surplus and profits of eight thousand dollars, while their

deposits amount to seventy-five thousand dollars. The company has erected a modern bank building on the principal corner of the town and the business is still growing along substantial lines, the policy of the bank being such as to gain the confidence and support of the general public.

In February, 1905, Mr. Heinrich was married to Miss Emma Becker, a daughter of Christian and Carolina (Schlinker) Becker, who are natives of Russia and became pioneer settlers of North Dakota. Mr. Becker is now in charge of the bank at Linton, North Dakota, which is owned by the same people as the First State Bank at Merricourt, and is conducted under the name of the German-American State Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich have become the parents of three children, of whom two are yet living: Arthur, born January 24, 1906; and Lavinia Irene, born May 15, 1912. They lost one son, Theodore O., who was born July 7, 1907, and passed away October 24, 1910.

The parents are members of the German-Lutheran church and Mr. Heinrich is a republican in his political views. He has served as town clerk for a year, as school treasurer for two years and as village treasurer and is always alert to the best interests of his community, doing all in his power to further public progress and promote those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

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#### WALTER A. DENISON.

Walter A. Denison, cashier of the First State Bank of Cathay, North Dakota, is a native of the Buckeye state, his birth occurring in Dayton, Ohio, on the 20th of September, 1869. He was only nine years of age when he came west in 1878 and became a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was reared and educated, pursuing a high school course in that city. In 1893 he came to Cathay, North Dakota, as station agent when the railroad was built and put in operation. He filled that position in a most satisfactory manner for fourteen years but in 1907 became identified with the banking business as a stockholder and cashier of the First State Bank of Cathay, in which capacity he is still serving. The bank was organized in 1904, by T. L. Beiseker, who became its first president and is still in control, while C. L. Bishop is acting as vice president. Its capital is ten thousand dollars, with undivided profits of five thousand dollars and a surplus of ten thousand dollars. The affairs of the bank are in a most flourishing condition and its officers are men of known reliability and trustworthiness. In addition to banking Mr. Denison is also interested in farming and is successfully operating two sections of land in Wells county but makes his home in Cathay.

In 1894 Mr. Denison was united in marriage to Miss Emily Sims, who is a native of England and was about seven years of age when she came to the United States and became a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she made her home until she became the wife of Mr. Denison. Four children have been born to them, of whom three are living, namely: Alice, Phyllis and Clinton. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

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#### K. A. BAKKE.

K. A. Bakke, senior member of the firm of Bakke & Trapp, dealers in farm implements at Marion, was born in Norway on the 5th of December, 1868, but almost his entire life has been passed on this side of the Atlantic, for he was but five years of age when brought to the United States by his parents, Amund and Margaret (Ulsaker) Bakke, who were likewise natives of the land of the midnight sun, whence they crossed the Atlantic to the new world in 1873, making their way to Goodhue county, Minnesota. Mr. Bakke rented land there and cultivated a farm until 1876, when he removed to North Dakota, which was thirteen years before the admission of the state into the Union. He settled on a homestead twenty-five miles southwest of Fargo, near Kindred, and at once began the arduous task of converting the wild prairie into productive fields. He persevered in the undertaking and improved and

operated his land for fourteen years, at the end of which time he sold out to his sons, K. A. and Thore Bakke, although he continued to make his home on the farm throughout his remaining days. He passed away January 30, 1914, having for more than forty years survived his wife, who died in 1873, just a month after their arrival in America.

K. A. Bakke was reared and educated in Minnesota and North Dakota, remaining with his father until he reached the age of twenty-seven years. Not long afterward he and his brother purchased the old home place of the father and devoted about three years to its further development and improvement. K. A. Bakke then sold his interest to his brother and took up the profession of teaching, which he successfully followed for two years in Cass county and for five years in Richland county. In 1903 he arrived in Marion, where he engaged in the hardware business in partnership with O. T. Holtgard, that relation being maintained until 1906, when Mr. Holtgard disposed of his interest to B. Tobiason. After a time Mr. Bakke bought out his partner and later disposed of his store to a St. Paul firm, but after three years he bought it back and in 1915 admitted John R. Trapp to a partnership under the present firm style of Bakke & Trapp. They have a well appointed store and their sales reach gratifying proportions, for their stock includes a full line of shelf and heavy hardware and their business methods commend them to the confidence and respect of the public. In 1909 Mr. Bakke bought a half section of land three miles from Marion which he improved.

In November, 1906, Mr. Bakke was united in marriage to Mrs. Ellie Root and they have become the parents of five sons, Arthur, Irvin, Oswald, Woodrow and Morris. In religious faith Mr. Bakke is a Lutheran, while his wife belongs to the Congregational church. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, being a member of Dickey Lodge, No. 63, A. F. & A. M., of Dickey, North Dakota, and he is most loyal to the teachings of the craft. Politically he is a republican and has served as town clerk of Marion, while for six years he has been a member of the school board. He is deeply interested in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community and is never remiss in the duties of citizenship.

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#### MARK JOHNSON.

Mark Johnson, manager of the Potter, Garrick & Potter elevator of Fullerton, also actively engaged in farming and well known as one of the representative citizens of Dickey county, was born in Yorkshire, England, March 1, 1875, a son of David and Harriett (Rawling) Johnson, both of whom were natives of the same county, whence they emigrated to Canada in the year 1880. They settled first in Toronto, Ontario, but after five years removed to a farm upon which they lived until they crossed the border into the United States, establishing their home at Ellendale, Dickey county, North Dakota. There the father purchased land on which he engaged in general farming for a considerable period but during the past eight years he has lived retired in Ellendale, enjoying a rest to which his former labors justly entitle him.

Mark Johnson, having acquired his education in the Ellendale public schools, turned to the occupation of farming as a life work on attaining his majority and in 1904 made his first purchase of land, becoming owner of one hundred and sixty acres two and one-half miles west of Fullerton. In 1909 he purchased three hundred and twenty acres adjoining the original tract and continues to operate his farm, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, employing the most modern scientific methods in the production of his crops and the care of his stock. He is an extensive breeder and raiser of Duroc-Jersey hogs and Gallo-way cattle and his live stock interests constitute an important feature of his business. In 1909 he further extended his activities by accepting the position of manager of the elevator at Fullerton owned by the Caldwell Elevator Company, which sold to the firm of Potter, Garrick & Potter in 1915. Mr. Johnson has had charge of this elevator for seven years and during 1915 purchased two hundred thousand bushels of grain for the company. He displays marked business enterprise and in matters of importance his judgment is seldom, if ever, at fault.

In 1910 occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Minnie Singleton, of Oakes, North Dakota, and they have many friends in Fullerton and throughout the surrounding district.

Mr. Johnson belongs to Fullerton Lodge, I. O. O. F., and in politics is a republican, active in the local ranks of his party. For the past twelve years he has been a member of the republican central committee of Dickey county and has at different times served as a delegate to the state conventions of his party, while in the republican caucus of 1916 he was nominated for the office of county treasurer. His opinions carry weight in party councils, for his loyalty is recognized and his fellow townsmen, moreover, appreciate his ability and trustworthiness, knowing that on all occasions he has manifested a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

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JOHN R. TRAPP.

John R. Trapp, junior partner in the firm of Bakke & Trapp, hardware and implement dealers of Marion, was born in Wisconsin in November, 1879, a son of Dillman C. and Lena (Greening) Trapp. The father, a native of Wisconsin, is a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit in the Badger state until 1881, when he went to South Dakota and purchased land in Grant county, thereafter devoting his attention to its improvement and cultivation until 1904, when he arrived in Lamoure county, North Dakota, and invested in land three miles from Marion. This he is still operating, being numbered among the representative agriculturists of his locality.

John R. Trapp was reared and educated in Grant county, South Dakota, and the spirit of western enterprise and progress has found expression in his life throughout his entire connection with the interests of the Dakotas. His youthful days were largely devoted to the acquirement of a public school education and after he attained his majority he purchased land in Grant county, South Dakota, bending his energies toward its further development and improvement. This he continued to cultivate for thirteen years and in the fall of 1906 he came to Lamoure county, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land four miles south of Marion. With characteristic energy he began to improve that property and there carried on general farming until 1912, when he rented the place and removed to Marion, purchasing an interest in a hardware business. Selling out in September, 1915, he soon afterward purchased an interest in the hardware and implement business of K. A. Bakke, forming the present firm of Bakke & Trapp. His interest centers not only in trying to make sales but he also tries to please his patrons and the prices of the firm are fair and reasonable. In addition to his commercial interests Mr. Trapp is engaged in the insurance business, handling both fire and lightning insurance.

On the 16th of March, 1904, Mr. Trapp was united in marriage to Miss Mary Moser and to them have been born three children: Earl, Ethel and Lyle. The parents are members of the German Evangelical church and Mr. Trapp votes with the republican party, believing that its platform contains the best elements of good government.

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LEWIS M. DOERSCHLAG.

Lewis M. Doerschlag, who since 1903 has been engaged in general merchandising in Braddock and is now senior partner in the L. M. Doerschlag Company, which controls an extensive business, has throughout his entire life displayed a spirit of marked enterprise and progress. He has readily recognized and utilized business opportunities and has extended his efforts into the field of banking and of farming, all of which interests are conducted with equal success. He was born May 2, 1861, in Germany, while his parents were on a visit in that country. He is a son of Alfred P. and Caroline (Hendricks) Doerschlag, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father became a wholesale liquor dealer in Madison, Wisconsin, having crossed the Atlantic to the new world in 1852, after which he continued to make his home in the Wisconsin capital. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, becoming a lieutenant in a Wisconsin regiment, with which

he served until killed in battle. His widow survives and is now a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lewis M. Doerschlag was but an infant at the time his father was killed. He afterward was taken to Beloit, Iowa, where his youthful days were passed and his education was acquired. He later engaged in railroading for a time and at length removed to South Dakota, where he made his home until December 25, 1884, when he arrived in Emmons county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead which he improved and developed. He only followed farming for four years, however, and then turned his attention to the cattle business, in which he has engaged at intervals since 1888. He has been interested in merchandising since 1903, at which date he established a general store in Braddock which he is now conducting under the firm style of the L. M. Doerschlag Company, for James McCusker and S. J. Moen have been admitted to partnership. They carry a large and carefully selected stock of goods and enjoy an extensive and well merited patronage. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Doerschlag is active in financial circles, being now president of the Emmons County State Bank at Braddock, which is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and which has deposits amounting to about one hundred thousand dollars. The other officers of the bank are J. William Baxter, vice president; H. W. Allen, cashier; and John Allensworth, assistant cashier. Mr. Doerschlag is also a stockholder and director in the Braddock Elevator Company and he has valuable and extensive farming interests, owning thirty-two hundred acres of land.

In April, 1897, Mr. Doerschlag was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Robinson and they have become the parents of five children: Fay, Ray, Gladys, Nellie and Maxine. The family attend the Union church and Mr. Doerschlag gives his political support to the republican party, but while interested in the vital questions and issues of the day and well informed concerning the political situation, he does not seek nor desire office, having always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have been continually growing in volume and importance. His commercial and financial connections are now extensive and he ranks among the prosperous and prominent citizens of Emmons county.

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#### THOMAS D. MORROW.

Thomas D. Morrow, attorney at law practicing at Drake, is a native son of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred at River Falls, that state, on the 7th of December, 1874, his parents being Thomas D. and Agnes (McClure) Morrow, who were natives of the north of Ireland. The father came to America in 1846 and it was in 1865 that Agnes McClure crossed the Atlantic. He was a river man and for several years worked on boats but in 1851 went to Wisconsin, where he took up land and began farming, devoting his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of his property until his life's labors were ended in death in April, 1898. His widow survived him for about thirteen years, passing away January 1, 1911.

Thomas D. Morrow was reared and educated in his native city, attending the State Normal School there. He afterward took up the profession of teaching as well as the occupation of farming in Traverse county, Minnesota, where he remained for three years, but with the desire to become a member of the bar he entered the University of Minnesota in 1900 and was graduated on the completion of the law course in June, 1903. He then removed to Bowdon, North Dakota, and entered upon the practice of his profession, while at the same time he filed on a homestead and also served as postmaster of the town. For three years he practiced there and then removed to Denhoff, where he followed his profession for two years. At the end of that time the county was divided and the county seat was established at McClusky. Mr. Morrow was appointed state's attorney and accordingly removed to McClusky, where for four years he occupied the office, making an excellent record in that position. In 1914 he removed to Drake, McHenry county, where he has since engaged in the private practice of law. His ability is widely recognized and is attested by many well known and prominent citizens of the northern part of the state. He is now accorded a large and distinctively representative clientele that connects him with much important litigation

and his presentation of a cause before the courts is always clear and lucid, never failing to impress court or jury and seldom failing to win the desired verdict. Mr. Morrow was the first states attorney of Sheridan county and was very active in bringing about the division of the county, which he named.

On the 22d of October, 1905, Mr. Morrow was united in marriage to Miss Ida Olafson and they have become the parents of four children: Harry L., born June 10, 1907; Phillip S., December 18, 1908; Thomas D., May 6, 1911; and Duane McClure, December 15, 1914.

Mr. Morrow exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. In the first named organization he has attained high rank and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church and warm regard is entertained for them throughout the community in which they live.

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#### CALVIN SPENCE BEIGHLE.

With the development of Ward county Calvin Spence Beighle, now a retired farmer living in Sawyer, has been closely associated. He was born in Ford county, Illinois, December 5, 1871, a son of Elias B. and Catherine (Wallace) Beighle. The father's birth occurred in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1836 and there he was reared and educated, removing to Adams county, Ohio, in 1851, making the trip westward by boat on the Ohio river. He engaged in farming near the town of Tranquility for eleven years, or until 1862, when, in response to the country's call for troops, he enlisted as a member of Company D, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, with which he served for two and a half years. He was promoted successively to the rank of corporal, sergeant and first sergeant and he was on active duty in Tennessee, guarding the mountain passes until honorably discharged in 1865. He then returned to Adams county, Ohio, and in 1869 removed to Ford county, Illinois, where he continuously engaged in farming until 1904, when he retired from business life and took up his abode in Roberts, where he passed away in 1909. At different times he held local offices in his township, was also connected with the school board and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born in Adams county, Ohio, near Tranquility, in 1842, was reared and educated there and passed away on the old homestead farm in Illinois in 1883.

Calvin S. Beighle spent his youthful days under the parental roof and supplemented his district school training by study in Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois. In early manhood he taught school in his native county for five years and in 1900 he arrived in Ward county, North Dakota, taking up a homestead on section 27, Willis township, near Sawyer. He was accompanied by his two brothers and a sister, Miss Turie Beighle, and all took up homesteads. They were the first settlers in their part of Ward county who were actual farmers, their neighbors all being ranchmen. Calvin S. Beighle proved up on his property in 1901 and returned to Roberts, Illinois, where he engaged in the farm implement business until 1906. He then again located on his homestead, which he further cultivated and improved until 1912, when he retired and went to Sawyer, renting his farms, comprising four hundred eighty acres. He is now secretary, treasurer and manager of the Farmers Elevator Company at Sawyer.

On the 2d of April, 1902, at Roberts, Illinois, Mr. Beighle was married to Miss Irene B. Bunker, who was born at that place and there obtained her education. She is a daughter of J. E. and Hannah M. (Bigelow) Bunker, natives of Maine. Her father was a sailor and served in the United States Navy during the Civil war. After the close of hostilities he went upon a whaling vessel and in that connection twice sailed around the world, but eventually established his home in Ford county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Beighle has been born a daughter, Grace Louella, whose birth occurred in Roberts, Illinois, in 1912.

With community affairs Mr. Beighle has been closely associated. He was the organizer of Willis township, Ward county, and was the first chairman of the township board. He

also served on the school board as long as he remained upon the farm and at the present time he is a member of the town and village boards and also of the school board of Sawyer. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1914 he was its candidate for representative in the state legislature. He belongs to the Congregational church and is a member of its choir, possessing an excellent voice. He is rated as one of Sawyer's progressive citizens, enterprising and alert, and what he has accomplished entitles him to rank with the leading men of the town.

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GILBERT W. STEWART.

Gilbert W. Stewart, editor and proprietor of the Wilton News, published at Wilton, North Dakota, was born on the 24th of July, 1874, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his parents being William G. and Jennie (Wright) Stewart, the former born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and the latter in Ohio in 1849. The mother is now deceased, but the father, who is a Presbyterian minister, is still living in the Keystone state.

Gilbert W. Stewart passed his boyhood and youth in Pennsylvania and acquired his early education in the public schools near Pittsburgh. Later he was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania, with the degree of A. B., and later entered the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, having previously determined to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian church. Before attending the last named institution, however, he had taught school for one year and was in the employ of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company for a time.

In 1905 Mr. Stewart came to North Dakota and entered upon his ministerial labors. He began preaching in the wilderness among the cowboys, who played many jokes upon him, so that his life among them was not a particularly enviable one. For two summers he had charge of a church at Haley, North Dakota, seventy-five miles south of Dickinson, and then removed to Wilton as pastor of the Presbyterian church, which he served for two years. He next had charge of the church at New Salem for a time but later returned to Wilton and on the 1st of September, 1910, purchased the Wilton News. This paper was established by M. H. Jewel and John Satterlain, of Washburn, who sold it to E. A. Hull, and from him Mr. Stewart purchased it. Under his management it has gained a large circulation and has become a paying enterprise with a good advertising patronage.

It was on the 1st of September, 1909, that Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Macomber, a daughter of Walter P. and Jeanette Macomber, who are natives of Maine and Pennsylvania respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have two children: Gilbert W., Jr., and Jeanette Macomber. They are people of prominence in the community where they reside and wherever known are held in the highest esteem. Mr. Stewart is a progressive republican in politics. Both personally and through his paper he exerts a wide influence for good, doing all in his power to promote the moral and material welfare of town and county.

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FRANK W. YOUNGMAN.

Frank W. Youngman, who is engaged in the general real estate, loan and collection business at Minot, was born at Ellsworth, Wisconsin, September 12, 1863, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sepp) Youngman, who were natives of Germany, the former born in 1827 and the latter in 1842. Jacob Youngman was a youth of sixteen years when in 1843 he crossed the Atlantic and his wife was eleven years of age when she came to the United States. In early manhood he engaged in merchandising. After living for a time in southeastern Indiana he removed to Wisconsin about 1852, settling in Ellsworth county. The trip was made with a party of emigrants who drove ox teams to their destination. He secured a farm of two hundred and forty acres and continued his residence upon his home place up to the time of his demise. At various periods he was called to public office, serving at one time as treasurer of his county and in various township positions. He died June 4, 1884, while his wife



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survived until September 9, 1886. In their family were nine children, of whom Frank W. Youngman was the fourth in order of birth.

Frank W. Youngman attended the public schools of Wisconsin and pursued a business course in St. Paul, where he was graduated with the class of 1882. He arrived first in Dakota territory in 1882, at which time he took up his abode at Mitchell, where he learned the drug business. There he remained until 1886, when because of the close confinement of the store he disposed of his interests at that place and returned to St. Paul, where he engaged in the real estate business until 1894. He then came to North Dakota and was employed as a salesman by the firm of Wemott, Howard & Company, wholesale importers of cut glass and silverware, with headquarters at Grand Forks and Minot, but in 1901 he removed to Minot, where he opened a real estate office and has since been active in that line of business. In 1907 he established the Frank W. Youngman Land Company and has since conducted a general real estate, loan and collection business, having a good clientele which makes his undertaking a profitable one. He is also the owner of farm lands in North Dakota, which he rents, as he devotes his entire attention to his real estate business and loan and collection interests in Minot. He displays sound business judgment and keen sagacity and his unfaltering energy has been one of the salient features in his growing success.

On the 26th of February, 1901, Mr. Youngman was united in marriage to Miss Ida V. Lindquist, a native of Chicago and a daughter of John and Albertina Lindquist, who were born in Sweden and are now deceased. After emigrating to the United States they established their home at Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Youngman have one son, Frank W., Jr., who was born December 23, 1902, and is now attending school.

In politics Mr. Youngman is a progressive republican but has never been an office seeker. He is well known in Masonic circles, holding membership in Adoniram Lodge, No. 91, F. & A. M., of which he was the first master, in Tirian Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., and De Molay Commandery, No. 10, K. T., all of Minot. He also belongs to the Consistory at Fargo and to Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He has served several times as junior warden in the commandery and scribe in the chapter. He was the first commercial traveler to locate in Minot and organized the Minot Council No. 277, U. C. T., of which he was elected the first senior councilor. He also organized the Commercial Club of Minot, was one of its directors, and for several years was its secretary and treasurer and at all times has been deeply interested in those activities which work for the upbuilding and benefit of his city. All such receive his hearty indorsement and cooperation, for he is a most public-spirited man and one who recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship.

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#### T. E. SLEIGHT.

During a period of sixteen years, covering his residence in North Dakota, T. E. Sleight has gained a substantial and enviable position in business circles at Drake, where he is connected with various enterprises that have to do with the development, progress and upbuilding of town and county. He now operates an elevator at that place and is also the owner of the electric light plant and an ice cream factory. Moreover, he is one of the most prominent farmers of McHenry county and his section of the state, owning and cultivating eighteen hundred and forty acres of land. The story of his progress should serve to inspire and stimulate others who must depend upon their own resources, as Mr. Sleight has done from the age of thirteen years. He was born in Iowa county, Iowa, May 21, 1864, and is a son of Thomas E. and Laura A. (Predmore) Sleight, who were natives of England. The father came to America at the age of twenty-one years and settled in Hagerstown, Indiana, where he worked at the machinist's trade for some time. He then removed to Iowa county, Iowa, where he entered land, after which his time and energies were devoted to general farming until his death, which occurred April 14, 1898, when he had attained a venerable age. His wife survived him until June 19, 1902.

T. E. Sleight remained upon the home farm until thirteen years of age, when he started

out to earn his own living, and since that time has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. He went to Des Moines, where he learned the machinist's trade, and then took up railroading, becoming a passenger conductor on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, in which position he continued for a number of years. In 1900 he arrived in North Dakota and filed on a homestead in McHenry county, which he began to develop and improve. At the same time he continued to run his train on the Soo Railroad and remained active in railroad work until 1904. He has never ceased his operations along agricultural lines, however, and from time to time has added to his property as his financial resources have increased until his holdings now embrace eighteen hundred and forty acres, all of which he farms, and from this extensive tract he derives a gratifying annual income. His farm work is carried on along practical and progressive lines productive of good results. When he abandoned railroading in 1904 he established a grain and elevator business and also conducted a general store and lumberyard. He still remains active in the grain trade, being the owner of an elevator at Drake, and in addition he has the electric light plant there and also engages in the manufacture of ice cream. His business interests have thus become extensive and important, ranking him with the alert and enterprising men of McHenry county whose efforts have been a most potent element in promoting the material progress and upbuilding of the district. In addition to his other holdings he owns eleven dwelling houses in Drake. His property holdings also include city realty in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in addition he is a stockholder in the Providence Life Insurance Company of Bismarck and the Underwriters of Duluth, Minnesota.

In July, 1905, Mr. Sleight was married to Miss Anna Schaefer. They hold membership in the Congregational church and Mr. Sleight is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he is an earnest republican and does everything in his power to promote the growth and ensure the success of his party because of his earnest belief in its principles. He was the first mayor of Drake and aided substantially in organizing and developing the city and establishing its policy. He has also served on the city council and for sixteen years has been the efficient and valued president of the school board. He organized the school districts, incorporated the town, organized the township and named it. It will thus be seen that his time and energies have been by no means concentrated upon the attainment of individual success. He is never remiss in any duty of citizenship but on the contrary has been a leading spirit in promoting public progress and enterprise.

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#### JOHN FRANCIS BOOTH.

John Francis Booth, farming on section 12, Sawyer township, Ward county, was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, October 11, 1862, a son of Charles Gossard and Mary (Laws) Booth. The father's birth occurred on the Hudson, in New York, and there he remained until he reached early manhood. He became a contractor and architect and to those pursuits devoted his attention until the time of the Civil war, when he enlisted in a New York regiment for active service at the front. He was married in the Empire state and in 1866 left New York for Red Wing, Minnesota, traveling westward partly by train and partly by boat. He became a pioneer contractor of that section and there remained until 1870, when he removed to Sioux Falls, Dakota territory, where he engaged in carpentering. He also worked at Sioux City, Iowa, and was employed as an architect until 1881, when he withdrew from that field of business and opened an undertaking establishment at Sioux Falls, where he also conducted an art gallery. There he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1913, when he was seventy-eight years of age. His wife was born in England and in her girlhood became a resident of New York, where she was reared and married. She passed away in Red Wing, Minnesota, in 1869.

John F. Booth was educated in the district schools at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, then a frontier town, and in the fall of 1879, when a young man, he went to the present site of Huron, South Dakota, where he engaged in hunting and trapping for two years, or until 1881, after which he was employed at farm labor until 1882. At that date he went to the Mouse river in company with his brother Ed and James Wilson, and traveling overland by wagon,

they eventually reached Stevens county, now Ward county, North Dakota, settling near the present site of the town of Sawyer. John F. Booth was one of the first settlers in that locality, there being at the time only three or four settlers who had come two or three weeks before Mr. Booth came and who had settled along the Mouse river. Mr. Booth squatted on some land before a survey was made and built a log house, cutting logs in the woods. While he broke some sod he largely devoted his attention to hunting and trapping, securing fox, beaver, mink and other fur-bearing animals. He also hunted deer, the hides of which were sold for the linings of coats and robes. He had to go to Bismarck, a distance of one hundred and twenty miles, for supplies, generally making the trip twice a year. During the first two or three years of his residence in Ward county he was employed near Fort Stevenson, working on the Tom Winston ranch as a hand in the harvest field in order to secure ready money. After five years he began farming on his own account, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits from 1886 until 1892, when he took sheep on shares and raised large bands of sheep. In 1900, however, he disposed of his sheep and turned his attention to cattle raising, in which he continued until 1910. In that year he put some of his land under cultivation and is now farming three hundred and fifty acres in Ward county. He at first secured pre-emption and tree claims and later he took up a homestead and owns five hundred and twenty acres. He is now one of the best known farmers in Ward county and his work is carried on along the most progressive lines. He uses a tractor engine and other modern equipment and improvements and his farm is adorned with a fine residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, which furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He lived in Ward county before a single town in the county had been established and even before the county as such had an existence.

In 1887 Mr. Booth was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary A. Wilson at her father's farm near what was then known as Scriptown, now Velva. She is a daughter of James Wilson, who came to North Dakota in company with Mr. Booth and his brother. Mrs. Booth was born in Sioux Falls, Dakota territory, and was reared and educated in Ward county, where she arrived when a little maiden of but nine summers, coming in 1882. She was one of the first children born in Sioux Falls, Dakota, and she has lived to see remarkable changes in her native state and in the locality where she now makes her home. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have become the parents of six children, Charles, Edward, Lawrence, Verne and Vance, twins, and Pearl, all born where the family homestead is now maintained. The eldest son married Nellie Arbuckle and yet lives on his father's farm.

Mr. Booth is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics is a republican. For the past two years he has served as justice of the peace of Sawyer township and he has been a member of the school board in district No. 16 for seven years. He is contented, however, to concentrate his efforts upon his business affairs and while he is now successfully engaged in the cultivation of his land, he also raises registered shorthorn cattle. He likewise owns three houses in Sawyer, which he rents, and his business affairs are thus being wisely and profitably conducted.

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#### ELDRED B. ROSCOE.

A valuable farming property comprising seven hundred and twenty acres pays tribute to the care and cultivation of Eldred B. Roscoe, whose home is situated on section 26, Roscoe township, Lamoure county. From pioneer times the family has been a prominent one in that county and Eldred B. Roscoe has five brothers who are successful and enterprising farmers and valued citizens of that locality, while the township in which he lives was named in honor of his father. He was born in Nova Scotia, November 21, 1861, and is a son of Milledge and Susan (Robinson) Roscoe, who were also natives of Nova Scotia. The father was a farmer and in the spring of 1880 brought his family to North Dakota, filing on a homestead in Lamoure county which he developed and improved, converting the wild land into a productive and well kept farm which he continued to cultivate until 1900, when he retired from business life and removed to Dickey, there remaining until his death, which

occurred in October, 1905. His widow is still a resident of Dickey and is now seventy-eight years of age.

Eldred B. Roseoe was reared and educated in his native country, where he remained to the age of nineteen years and then came with his parents to North Dakota. He, too, filed on a homestead and with characteristic energy began the arduous task of breaking the sod and preparing the fields for the plow. Year after year he carefully tilled his farm until 1901, when he disposed of that property and purchased his father's old home place, adding thereto until his landed possessions comprise seven hundred and twenty acres of fine land. He has since lived upon that farm, which responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it, as his work is at once of a practical and progressive character. His place is pleasantly situated four and one-half miles northwest of Grand Rapids and five miles southeast of Dickey, so that the advantages of town life are easily obtainable.

On the 18th of December, 1888, Mr. Roseoe was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Walter, of Wisconsin, and they became parents of five children: Ena, Milledge, Ethel, Florence and Asenath. The wife and mother passed away October 18, 1900, after three weeks' illness, her death being deeply regretted by many friends who had learned to esteem her for her admirable traits of character.

Mr. Roseoe gives his political support to the democratic party and has served on the town board, while for a number of years he was also a member of the school board. He was also at one time the democratic nominee for the office of representative to the state legislature and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Baptist church, to the teachings of which he loyally adheres, ever attempting to follow the Golden Rule in all his relations with his fellowmen.

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#### HARRY H. FRANCE.

One of the most prominent business men and influential citizens of Logan county is Harry H. France, president of the State Bank of Gackle and a dealer in lumber and grain. He was born on the 6th of March, 1861, in Summit county, Ohio, of which state his parents, Isaac W. and Mary A. (Wise) France, were also natives. In early life the father learned the harness maker's trade, which he followed for some years, and then purchased land in Summit county and turned his attention to farming. He made many improvements upon his farm and engaged in its cultivation for many years but is now living retired in Greensburg, Ohio, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, honored and respected by all who know him. His wife is also living as are all of their seven children, the youngest being now forty-five years of age.

Harry H. France grew to manhood in his native state and was educated in the schools of Greensburg. After putting aside his books he learned the carpenter's and millwright's trades, at which he continued to work in Ohio and Minnesota for about ten years. He was next employed as manager of lumberyards for different firms, and in that capacity came to Gackle, North Dakota, in 1905, being placed in charge of the lumberyard of Salzer & Company. On coming to Logan county he took up a homestead and has since devoted a portion of his time to its improvement and operation. After serving as manager of the lumberyard in Gackle for six years he purchased an interest in the business and is still a partner in the firm and is manager of the enterprise. As previously stated he is also president of the State Bank of Gackle and is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of the same place.

On the 9th of December, 1888, Mr. France was united in marriage to Miss Emily M. Richard, a daughter of David and Anna (Hoover) Richard, who were natives of Ohio. Her parents were still residing in that state when the Civil war broke out and the father enlisted in an Ohio regiment, serving until hostilities ceased. Subsequently he removed to Minnesota and purchased land sixteen miles from Minneapolis, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in December, 1913. His widow is still living. Mr. and Mrs. France are the parents of four children, namely: Oscar, who is now assistant cashier of the Logan County Bank at Gackle; Abbie, at home; Myrtle, the wife of

Henry Brooks, a farmer living near Nortonville, North Dakota; and Isaac W., a carpenter of Gackle.

In religious faith Mr. France is a Methodist and his political support is given the men and measures of the republican party. He has been honored with official positions of prominence, having served as a representative in the general assembly during the sessions of 1911 and 1913. He has also served as school clerk continuously since attaining his majority, the cause of education having always found in him a warm friend. He is worthy of the high esteem in which he is uniformly held for his life has been above reproach. In his business dealings he has always been found upright and honorable and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed.

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JOHN SWENSON.

John Swenson, of Mohall, who is filling the office of states attorney of Renville county, was born in Kansas in April, 1877, a son of Nels and Betty (Anderson) Swenson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. In the year 1865 the father bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, attracted by the favorable reports which he had heard concerning the business opportunities that could be enjoyed on this side of the Atlantic. He made his way to Kansas, where he took up a homestead claim which he developed and improved throughout his remaining days. He died in December, 1902, while his widow survived until May, 1915. They were numbered among the worthy and respected residents of the community in which they long lived.

John Swenson spent the period of his early boyhood in Kansas and attended the public schools, but when a lad of only thirteen years he left home and was employed as a farm hand for several years. Since that time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources and deserves much credit for the success which he has achieved. In 1901 he arrived in Renville county, North Dakota, and for five years was employed in a store in Mohall. Later he proved up on a homestead and afterward went to Grand Forks, where he became a law student in the State University. He was graduated with the class of June, 1910, and in the fall of the same year was elected states attorney of Renville county, which position he acceptably filled for two years. The succeeding two years were devoted to the private practice of law but in 1914 he was again elected states attorney and is now occupying that position. He is a strong and forceful lawyer, clear in argument, logical in his deductions. He still owns his homestead property of one hundred and sixty acres and also a tract of equal size adjoining it, and his farming interests are bringing to him a substantial return.

Mr. Swenson has always voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one. He is a Mason of high rank and has become a member of the Mystic Shrine. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. Whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts, for by persistent energy he has worked his way upward, utilizing every opportunity that has come to hand, and, prompted by a laudable ambition, he has directed his efforts to a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability.

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W. E. DICKINSON.

Important financial interests of Dickey county are in charge of W. E. Dickinson, who is the cashier of the Fullerton State Bank and also manager of the Fullerton elevator. The steps of an orderly progression have brought him to the position which he now occupies as a representative business man of his community. He was born in St. Charles, Minnesota, May 22, 1876, a son of Jerry and Mary (Pike) Dickinson, the former a native of New York and the latter of Illinois. They were married, however, in Wisconsin, to which state they had removed in childhood with their respective parents, both families having been pioneers

of Illinois and of Wisconsin. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dickinson became residents of Minnesota, where for many years the former was identified with the grain business, while from the farm lands which he owned he received a good rental. Both he and his wife passed away at Balaton, Minnesota.

W. E. Dickinson completed his education in the Balaton high school and in his boyhood worked upon his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. At the age of sixteen he took up the study of telegraphy, to which he devoted his attention for four years. He afterward engaged in the hardware and machinery business in Balaton in partnership with George A. Tate and was identified with that undertaking for four years. Through the succeeding year he was employed by the Northwestern Railway Company in the capacity of brakeman and later he turned his attention to the grain trade in Balaton, where in connection with Mr. Tate he operated an independent elevator for four years.

In 1906 Mr. Dickinson arrived in North Dakota, making his way to Oakes, where for a year he had charge of the Blackenburg elevator, and in 1907 he came to Fullerton as manager of the elevator of the Marshall, McCartney Company. The business was reorganized in 1914 under the name of the Fullerton Elevator Company, Mr. Dickinson remaining in charge after the reorganization and so continuing to the present time. In 1912 he accepted the position of cashier of the Fullerton State Bank and is also serving in that capacity at the present time. He is most faithful to the important interests entrusted to his care and his business ability constitutes an element in their growing success. Individually he owns three hundred and twenty acres of farm land four miles west of Fullerton, which he is converting into one of the highly improved farms of Dickey county.

In 1907 was celebrated the marriage of W. E. Dickinson and Miss Mabel Selle, of Poyette, Wisconsin, and to them have been born four children: Jerry, Gene, Conrad and Joe B.—a promising family of young sons of whom the parents have every reason to be proud. Mr. Dickinson belongs to Oakes Lodge, F. & A. M.; and Fullerton Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F., and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit upon which those organizations rest. Early trained to habits of industry, economy and perseverance, those qualities have constituted the basis upon which he has builded his later success, gaining a creditable place in the business circles of his county.

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#### WILLIAM BAXTER.

William Baxter, vice president of the Emmons County State Bank at Braddock, was formerly actively identified with farming and stock raising interests, which he conducted on an extensive scale. He came to the northwest from Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in that state on the 8th of October, 1864. His parents, John and Esther (McCreary) Baxter, were also natives of the Keystone state and the father there followed farming throughout his entire life. Both he and his wife passed away in the year 1870.

William Baxter was reared in Pennsylvania and was also educated there. He worked out as a farm hand in the Keystone state until 1884, when he went to Ohio and was employed as engineer in a planing mill until 1886. In March of the latter year he arrived in Emmons county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead which he improved, and after winning title to that property he bought more land from time to time as his financial resources increased until he is now the owner of over fifteen hundred acres, constituting a very valuable property. He was busily and successfully engaged in farming until 1913, when he removed to Braddock, where he also owns property. He is now in considerable measure living retired from the active conduct of business yet is the vice president of the Emmons County State Bank, in which he owns an interest.

Mr. Baxter has three children, Nellie, John Bernard and William Wayne. Mr. Baxter holds membership in the Presbyterian church, while his wife is of the Catholic faith. In politics he is a republican and for eight and one-half years he served as county commissioner of Emmons county, discharging his duties most promptly and faithfully, his efforts contributing much to the welfare of the county. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of

Pythias. For three decades he has lived in Emmons county and throughout the entire period of his residence here has so conducted his interests and directed his life that he enjoys in the fullest measure the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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HENRY P. WEBER.

Henry P. Weber, engaged in the abstract business at Mohall, was born in Will county, Illinois, December 18, 1880, a son of Otto A. and Julia (Lee) Weber, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Norway. In early boyhood the father came to the United States and established his home in Illinois. He took up the occupation of farming and bought land in that state which he cultivated for several years. Prior to that time, however, he learned the carpenter's trade and also followed it to some extent. In 1886 he became a resident of Renville county, Minnesota, where he purchased land and carried on general farming for a number of years or until he retired from active business life. He and his wife are now residents of Franklin, Minnesota.

Henry P. Weber was a lad of but six years at the time of the removal of the family to Minnesota and in that state he pursued his education, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then started out in the business world on his own account and for five years was employed as a bookkeeper in Minot. He afterward filled the office of deputy register of deeds in Ward county for three years, on the expiration of which period he engaged in the abstract business in Minot for two years. In 1910 he arrived in Mohall, where he opened a set of abstract books, and he is now conducting business along that line under the name of the Renville County Abstract Company, in which connection he has gained a large clientage that makes his business a profitable one.

On the 1st of January, 1902, Mr. Weber was married to Miss Cecelia Torbenson and they have become parents of three children, Ernest L., Arthur C. and Laura I. Mr. and Mrs. Weber are members of the Lutheran church and his political endorsement is given to the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart champion. He is now serving for the second term as city treasurer of Mohall and he is also a member of the school board, of which he served as clerk for two years. His aid and influence are always given on the side of improvement and advancement and his efforts have been a potent element in the work of public progress in the northern part of the state.

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W. L. JOHNSON.

W. L. Johnson, cashier of the Ashley State Bank and well known as one of the progressive young business men of Ashley, was born in Hoskins, McIntosh county, North Dakota, November 27, 1887, a son of Clarence D. and Louisa (Castor) Johnson, the former a native of Buckeye, Hardin county, Iowa, and the latter of Michigan. In 1885 Clarence D. Johnson, then a young man, removed to South Dakota, becoming the first white settler of Brown county, and later he made his way northward, establishing his home near Green Lake, McIntosh county, North Dakota. When the old town of Hoskins was laid out he removed to that point and there remained until the town was moved to Ashley, of which place he then became a resident, continuing to make his home there up to the time of his death, which occurred in November, 1898. He was a republican in his political views and was elected the first sheriff of McIntosh county, acceptably occupying the office for two terms. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Ashley accounted him one of her foremost citizens.

To the public schools of Ashley, W. L. Johnson is indebted for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed and later he attended school in Oregon, the mother having removed with her family to that state after her husband's death. There she still makes her home, but after six years spent in Oregon, W. L. Johnson in 1906 returned to McIntosh county,

settling at Wishek, where he received his initial training in the banking business as an employe in the First State Bank, with which he was connected for two years. He then returned to Ashley to accept the cashiership of the Ashley State Bank, in which important position he has since continued. Aside from his interest in the bank he owns two hundred and forty acres of land in McIntosh county and his farming interests constitute an element of his growing success.

In 1910 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Warren, of Whitehall, Wisconsin, and to them has been born one child, Claire W. In politics Mr. Johnson is a republican and fraternally he is connected with Ashley Lodge, No. 115, I. O. O. F. He is a young man who early in life has learned the lesson of the value of earnest, persistent effort, and the intelligent direction of his labors has brought to him substantial and well merited success.

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#### MORTEN MORTENSEN.

Among the farming population of Cass county a large percentage have come from Norway and have proved their worth as citizens in aiding in the development and upbuilding of the district in which they have located. Among the number whose work has been a most creditable and valuable force in advancing the agricultural development of Cass county is Morten Mortensen, who was born in the land of the midnight sun December 3, 1850, his parents being Morten and Kari Mortensen, who were also natives of that country, where their entire lives were passed. They had a family of ten children, seven of whom are living, three being still residents of Norway, while four have come to America.

Morten Mortensen was reared and educated in Norway and in 1870 crossed the Atlantic, making his way to Minnesota, where he spent a year. On the 1st of April, 1871, he arrived in North Dakota, taking up his abode in Harwood township, Cass county, where he lived for several years. In 1877 he filed on the farm which he now occupies on section 28, Harwood township, comprising at the present time two hundred acres of fine land which he has since splendidly improved. When he first came to the county he worked at the carpenter's trade but with the exception of a brief period has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and success has rewarded his efforts in substantial measure.

In 1890 Mr. Mortensen was united in marriage to Miss Ingrid Youngberg, a native of Sweden who came to the United States in 1882, locating in Cass county, North Dakota. To them have been born three children, namely: Minnie A., who is a graduate of the Oak Grove Seminary and is now teaching school; Martin Arthur, deceased; and Oliver Kenneth, who is ten years of age.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and, possessing many sterling traits of character, they have gained the warm regard and friendship of many with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Mortensen is independent in politics and for a period of ten years has filled the office of township clerk. He has also long been a member of the township board of supervisors, of which he was chairman for several years. His has been an active and well spent life and he is a self-made man who as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well.

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#### THEODORE S. LINDLAND.

Native-born citizens, it often seems, come by the privileges of American life too easily to appreciate them in the fullest degree. At least some of those who have sacrificed and suffered to obtain them value these blessings more highly than those to whom they come as a matter of course. Believing that he might have better opportunities in the new world than he could secure in his native land, Theodore S. Lindland, when a young man of twenty years, crossed the Atlantic to America and made his way direct to North Dakota, since which time he has continued a valued and representative resident of the state. He is now successfully engaged in the practice of law at Valley City, although in previous years he



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was identified with agricultural interests in Barnes county. His birth occurred at Sogndal, Norway, October 30, 1867, his parents being Tonnes and Hansine (Rosslund) Lindland, the former also a native of Sogndal, Norway, while the latter is a representative of old Scandinavian stock. The father died during the boyhood of his son Theodore, who obtained his education in the public schools of Norway and during the course of his studies took up the study of English. He was a young man of nineteen years when in 1887 he crossed the Atlantic and made his way direct to Barnes county, where resided his brother, A. W. Lindland, who had become owner of a farm in the township of Thordenskjold and who had come to the new world in 1884. After living in this country for fifteen years, however, he returned to Norway in 1899 and occupies the old family homestead there.

Theodore S. Lindland took up the occupation of farming and two years later, in order to further perfect himself in the use of the English language, he attended Willmar Seminary at Willmar, Minnesota, where he pursued his studies from 1889 until 1891. Returning to Barnes county, he was occupied in various ways. For a time he was a student in the State Normal School at Valley City and for several terms he taught school but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for it was his desire to become a member of the bar and with that end in view he began studying in the office of Frank J. Young, under whose direction he read law until admitted to the bar in October, 1896. He afterward practiced with Mr. Young, who was a member of the firm of Young & Burke, and when Mr. Young withdrew from that firm Mr. Lindland became the associate of Mr. Burke on the 1st of January, 1900, under the firm style of Burke & Lindland. That association was maintained until 1905, when Mr. Burke became district judge, and through the intervening period to the present Mr. Lindland has practiced alone. He is withal an earnest student, well versed in the principles of jurisprudence and seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle. His strength lies in counsel rather than in pleading and his judgment is most sound and discriminating. His ability has won him a good clientele of a distinctively representative character. Fraternally Mr. Lindland is a prominent Mason, having taken the degrees of lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine, and he exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit and purpose of the craft.

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#### HON. DENNIS EDWARD BLAKE.

Hon. Dennis Edward Blake, now living at St. Paul, is vice president of the Citizens State Bank of Lisbon and has been one of the legislators of North Dakota. Throughout the period of his residence in this state he ever seemed to readily recognize its possibilities and labored effectively to promote its welfare and advance its progress. He was born in Huron county, Ontario, January 25, 1869, a son of Thomas and Mary (Geary) Blake, both of whom were natives of Ireland. In his childhood days the father came with his parents to the United States and settled in Vermont, where he was reared to manhood and then removed to Canada. He turned his attention to farming and stock raising and was for many years one of the extensive stock buyers and shippers of Huron county. He married Mary Geary, who in her girlhood days was brought to the United States by her parents, who established their home in Clark county, Wisconsin. It was in the year 1881 that Mr. Blake removed with his family to Wahpeton, North Dakota, where he and his older sons took up land amid the wild rice districts of that part of Ransom county which is now Sargent county. He and one son secured three quarter sections, a part of which is still owned by the son. Locating upon that place, the father concentrated his energies upon its development and improvement and passed away upon the farm in 1885.

Dennis E. Blake was a youth of twelve years at the time of the removal to this state and in the public schools of Wahpeton and in the district schools near his father's home he acquired his education. He also attended the Milnor Normal School and through broad study in his youthful days and through later experiences he has become a well informed man, possessing an observing eye and retentive memory. He took up the profession of teaching as a vocation and for ten years gave his attention to educational work. During that

period he also became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land and increased his holdings to three hundred and twenty acres. During the last year in which he engaged in teaching he took care of eighteen head of stock as well as managing his school, for all through the decade of his educational work he was farming as well. In 1898 he established a lumber yard and in 1899 became connected with the banking business at De Lamere, Sargent county, under the name of the De Lamere State Bank, which was capitalized for ten thousand dollars and had a surplus of fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Blake was president of the bank for eight years and he also owned and conducted extensive mercantile interests at that place but in 1914 disposed of his banking and commercial connections at De Lamere and removed to Lisbon, investing largely in the stock of the Citizens State Bank, of which he was made vice president. His business affairs have been most wisely managed and he is today a large owner of farm lands in Ransom county.

His activities have ever covered a broad scope and have been a marked element in promoting public progress. While in De Lamere he was instrumental in organizing the Tri-County Drainage Company, an eighty thousand dollar project, and he it was who pushed the work of putting in the ditch to a successful completion. The result of his labors was so satisfactory and beneficial that his fellow townsmen, who recognized his public spirit in this connection, elected him to the legislature, on which occasion he polled every republican vote in his district. In 1916 he was elected president of the Fourth District Group of the North Dakota Bankers Association. With keen insight he recognized opportunities which he utilized to the benefit of his individual fortunes and for the public prosperity as well.

In 1892 Mr. Blake was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe C. Blouin, of De Lamere, by whom he had six children, five of whom still survive, as follows: Margaret C., who completed the five year course in the State Normal School at Valley City; Henry and Grace P., both of whom are graduates of the Lisbon high school; and George and Madge, high school students.

Mr. Blake is a prominent representative of Masonry, belonging to Corner Stone Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M., of Fergus Falls; Minneapolis Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He and his wife are members of Minerva Chapter, No. 67, O. E. S. He likewise belongs to Lisbon Lodge, No. 69, K. P., to El Lizri Temple, No. 8, D. O. K. K., and to several beneficial orders. He studies closely questions and issues of the day and his view of any vital situation is a comprehensive one.

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#### CECIL C. CHAMBERLAIN.

Cecil C. Chamberlain, postmaster of Enderlin, was born in Maine on the 11th of February, 1853, a son of Luther and Cornelia (Hammond) Chamberlain, who were also natives of the Pine Tree state and representatives of old New England families which were represented in the American soldiery of the Revolutionary war. Cecil C. Chamberlain was educated at the Maine State College in Orono, where he was graduated with the class of 1878, winning the degree of Bachelor of Science. He began teaching school during his college term and followed that profession through five terms. In the fall of 1878 he went west to Geneseo, Illinois, where he engaged in the lumber business, continuing active along that line until 1881, when he removed to Anoka, Minnesota, where he was identified with the lumber trade for two years. He afterward engaged in the furniture business there for three years but in the summer of 1887 removed to Sault Saint Marie, Canada, where he conducted a real estate business. In 1889, however, he returned to Minnesota, settling in Duluth, where he conducted a hardware store until the fall of 1891, at which date he arrived at Enderlin and accepted a position with the Sawyer & Arnold Lumber Company. About 1898 the company sold out to the Salzer Lumber Company, with which Mr. Chamberlain remained until 1903, in which year he organized the Chamberlain & Wallace Lumber Company, Incorporated, of which he became secretary and treasurer. He is still active in the management and control of that business, which is today one of the important commer-

cial enterprises of the city, and at the same time he is filling the office of postmaster, to which he was appointed in April, 1915.

In 1881 Mr. Chamberlain was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Eldridge, of Minneapolis, who was born in England. They had a daughter, Edith, who passed away in 1908, when eighteen years of age. They also adopted a daughter, Jennie, who is now living in Spokane, Washington.

In his political views Mr. Chamberlain is a stalwart democrat and for several years served as a member of the board of aldermen and as a member of the school board. Fraternaly he is identified with the following organizations: Liberty Lodge, No. 49, A. F. & A. M.; Enderlin Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M.; and Maple River Lodge, No. 124, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their interest has ever been manifest along lines which uplift and benefit. Actuated by a spirit of laudable ambition, Mr. Chamberlain left New England to seek his fortune in the middle west and gradually he has advanced, the steps in his orderly progression being easily discernible. The course which he has followed commends him to the confidence and goodwill of all and his fellow townsmen have come to know that he is a man to be trusted and that his word is as good as any bond.

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#### HENRY E. BYORUM.

Henry E. Byorum, cashier of the Second National Bank of Minot, and by reason of his business activity and enterprise accounted one of the substantial and progressive residents of that city, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 9, 1872, a son of Ole and Ellen (Nelson) Byorum. The mother was a native of Chicago, born April 10, 1848. The father's birth occurred in Norway, December 21, 1844, and in early life he became a resident of the new world: He engaged in the general produce and grocery business for a time and afterward opened an undertaking establishment in Minneapolis. His wife's parents were early settlers of Minnesota, taking up their abode near Houston. Mrs. Byorum resided with relatives during her girlhood, having lost her parents. Some of her relatives removed to Wisconsin, settling on claims near Eau Claire and it was there that she met and married Mr. Byorum, with whom she soon afterward removed to Minneapolis. It was in the fall of 1871 that they took up their abode in that city, where Mrs. Byorum still resides but Mr. Byorum passed away in the spring of 1902. He had served as city assessor of Minneapolis for one term, as a member of the board of aldermen and also represented his district in the state legislature. He exerted considerable influence over public thought and action and was one of the worthy and highly esteemed residents of that place.

Henry E. Byorum is the eldest in a family of five children and at the usual age he became a public school pupil in Minneapolis, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the South Side high school with the class of 1892. He afterward spent eighteen months as a student in the University of Minnesota. While attending school he began working for others, depending upon his own resources for a living from the age of thirteen years. He handled a newspaper, also worked for his father in the store and was otherwise employed. At the time of the gold excitement in Alaska he was about twenty-five years of age and in the preceding years he had learned to place correct valuation upon industry, perseverance and determination. Wishing to win success in the gold fields he made his way to Alaska, landing at Valdez. He was eighteen months on the trail to Dawson, at the end of which time his supplies were exhausted. He secured employment in the mines there through the winter and with a partner engaged in prospecting again in the spring. He continued in Alaska for three and a half years and because of his father's illness he returned to Minneapolis, remaining in that city through the winter. The next spring he went to Northfield, Minnesota, where he entered the Northfield National Bank, in the capacity of bookkeeper, spending eighteen months in that institution. He afterward in company with Joseph Roach went to Minot in the fall of 1903 and entered the Second National Bank as teller. There his ability soon after won him promotion to the position of assistant cashier and in January, 1913, he became the cashier, in which capacity

he still continues, devoting practically his entire time to the bank, the success of which is attributable in considerable measure in his efforts, business ability and enterprise. For five years he has been manager and secretary of the Minot Clearing House Association.

On the 19th of May, 1913, Mr. Byorum was married to Miss Hazel F. Moon, who was born in Ortonville, Minnesota, a daughter of Owen H. Moon, who resided on a farm in Minnesota but removed to North Dakota and settled on a claim near Sherwood. There he remained for a number of years, after which he came to Minot. He was engaged as a traveling salesman for a number of years and is now building inspector for the city of Minot. Mr. and Mrs. Byorum have two children: Henry Moon, born March 28, 1914; and Glen Edward, born August 3, 1916. Fraternally Mr. Byorum is a Mason, connected with capitular and chivalric Masonry. He has served as master of his lodge, as high priest and treasurer of the chapter and is also treasurer of the commandery. He likewise belongs to the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks and he is treasurer of the Masonic Temple Building Association of Minot. He also belongs to the Sons of Norway. Politically he is an independent republican and is now filling the office of commissioner of finance and revenue at Minot. He was elected and served for a number of terms as school treasurer in the Harrison district and is interested in all those efforts which work for the upbuilding and development of the city in which he makes his home and for the general progress of the state. His efforts are put forth along lines which take recognition of the needs of the community and the commonwealth and at all times his public spirit has been a factor in advancing public progress.

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#### JOHN J. GILSETH.

The rapid growth and development of some of the cities of the northwest deserve to be ranked with the wonders of the world. Mohall is one of the enterprising towns which have sprung up along the northern border of the state, entering upon a period of progress that seems almost magical. Its rapid and substantial development, however, is due to the enterprising efforts of its business men, which number includes John J. Gilseth, a lumber merchant, who since 1903 has been closely identified with the town and its interests. He was born in Norway, June 2, 1865, a son of John and Karri (Peterson) Gilseth. The father was a laboring man in his native country. In 1865 he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Redwing, Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he engaged in carpentering and contracting, there carrying on business until his life's labors were ended in death in 1875. His wife passed away in June, 1865.

John J. Gilseth was but eight days old when his mother died. He was reared and educated in Norway to the age of fifteen years and then came to the United States, establishing his home in Todd county, Minnesota, where he was employed at farm labor for several years. Later he began farming on his own account and purchased land in that county which he developed and improved for four years. At the end of that time he went to South Dakota and bought land in Roberts county, where he carried on farming for four years. In 1901 he came to Bottineau county, where he secured a homestead which he developed and improved, carrying on farming for about three years. After selling that place he took up his abode in Mohall, where he opened a lumberyard in 1903, and through the intervening period he has conducted the business with growing success, his patronage being now extensive, so that the business returns to him substantial profits. He also owns an interest in three quarter sections of land in Bottineau county, and extending his efforts in connection with the lumber trade, he is now conducting yards at Loraine, Sherwood and Greene, all in Renville county. Well defined plans, carefully executed, have constituted the basis of his growing success and made him one of the leading and prosperous merchants of his part of the state. He is also president of the Mohall Telephone Company.

In March, 1893, Mr. Gilseth was married to Miss Nettie C. Hole and they have become the parents of ten children: Mabel L., Myrtle J., Alice, Pauli, Fred O., Mina and Viola, all yet living; Carl, who died when a year old; Matilda, who died at the age of ten days; and Theodore, who was thirteen months old when he passed away.

In politics Mr. Gilseth follows an independent course, voting according to the dictates

of his judgment and the exigencies of the case. He served on the school board in Bottineau county and for one term, 1913 and 1914, was mayor of Mohall but is not ambitious in the way of office holding, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and is loyal to the teachings of the craft. In commercial circles he has constantly extended his efforts and his enterprise has brought excellent results.

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#### WILLIAM H. COLE.

William H. Cole, president of the Stirum State Bank, is actuated by a spirit of progress not only in his business affairs but in his relations to the public and ever seeks the substantial welfare and upbuilding of the district in which he lives. A native of Wisconsin, he was born near Oshkosh, September 27, 1860, was educated in the schools of that state and in 1882, when a young man of twenty-two years, came to North Dakota. He homesteaded a claim in Vivian township, Sargent county, being the last man in the township to take up government land. His tract, located on section 4, was undeveloped and unimproved, but while residing thereon he wrought a marked transformation in its appearance, bringing the wild prairie to a high state of cultivation and greatly enhancing its fertility by the practical and progressive methods which he followed. From time to time he added to his holdings by the further purchase of quarter sections and now owns altogether five quarters. He continued to reside upon his farm until 1907, when he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Stirum, where he established the Stirum State Bank, of which he became the president. He still continues in that position and is the active head of the bank. His farm also claims much of his attention and both branches of his business are carefully, wisely and successfully managed. His judgment is sound and his discrimination keen and as the years pass his success is increasing.

On the 29th of June, 1900, Mr. Cole was married to Miss Clara Mallinson, a native of Minnesota, who came to North Dakota about the same time as Mr. Cole and settled in the same locality. They now have a daughter, Florence, who is in school.

Fraternally Mr. Cole is connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Cogswell. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve in various township and school offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He has never sought to win any spectacular position in connection with the interests of the state but has day by day met the duties that have devolved upon him as a law-abiding, loyal and progressive citizen and has thus contributed much to the substantial improvement of the county in which he lives.

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#### ALVIN C. METCALF.

Alvin C. Metcalf is known as the father of the town of Drake, McHenry county, and his efforts in its behalf have been of far-reaching effect in promoting its material development, its upbuilding and improvement. Alert and enterprising, he has diligently labored along the lines of honorable success and his judicious investment and untiring activity have made him one of the men of affluence in McHenry county. He was born in Indiana, July 8, 1842, a son of Henry O. and Mary M. (Fleming) Metcalf, the former a native of New York and the latter of Louisville, Kentucky. The father was a plasterer by trade and in early life left New York for Indiana, where he resided until 1845, when he took his family to Illinois, purchasing land in Bureau county, where he carried on general farming for fifteen years. He then went to Iowa and bought a farm in Linn county which he continued to further develop and improve throughout his remaining days. His death occurred in 1896, while his wife passed away in October, 1911, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Alvin C. Metcalf spent the greater part of his boyhood and youth at Princeton, Illinois, and in 1861, when a youth of nineteen years, responded to the country's call for troops to aid

in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company E, Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, with which he served for four and a half years, or throughout the entire period of the Civil war. He was four times wounded and was also injured in a railroad wreck. His military record was most creditable and commendable, for at all times he was brave and loyal to duty. When the war was over he joined his parents, who had removed to Iowa, and in Linn county he purchased land which he improved and developed, carrying on general farming there for thirty-five years. He is still the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in that county. He resided for a year at Central City and for a year in Walker, Iowa, and in 1900 he removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, where he secured a homestead claim a mile and a quarter west of the town of Drake. This he cultivated and improved for two years, since which time he has rented it. In 1902 he founded the town of Drake and there established a mercantile enterprise, conducting the store with growing success for eight years. He then sold his stock of goods but still owns the building. After retiring from the mercantile field he removed to Alberta, Canada, where he took up a homestead and still owns a half section of land there. After farming in Alberta for three years he returned to Drake, where he has since resided. His business affairs have been so carefully, wisely and successfully conducted that he is now numbered among the men of wealth in McHenry county.

On the 17th of November, 1866, Mr. Metcalf was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Alexander, a daughter of John and Margaret (Boak) Alexander, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer and followed that pursuit in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa, his last days being spent in Linn county, Iowa, where he located in the period of its pioneer development and continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1891, when seventy-seven years of age. His wife survived until 1895 and died at the age of seventy-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf were born eight children: Marcella, Leonidas L., Essie M., Delia A., Lena, Clarence C., and Arthur U., all of whom are living; and Margaret M., who died in infancy.

Mr. Metcalf belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Drake and is one of the owners of the Odd Fellows' hall which has recently been erected there. He is also a loyal representative of the Masonic fraternity and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical Methodist church. Politically he is an earnest republican and has served as alderman of Drake and as justice of the peace. He has been a member of the school board for several years and its treasurer for two years. He is as true and loyal to the duties of citizenship today as he was when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. Patriotism has always been one of his marked characteristics and his devotion to the general good has been manifest in many tangible ways.

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#### GEORGE H. DEXTER.

George H. Dexter, engaged in the real estate business in Braddock, was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, in August, 1862, a son of Peabody and Jeanette (Hall) Dexter, the former a native of Nova Scotia and the latter of New York. The father was a stone mason by trade and when but seven years of age went to Wisconsin with his parents. He afterward took up the occupation of farming, which he followed in that state until he removed to Minnesota, where he bought land which he cultivated for six years. He next went to Bigstone county, that state, where he operated a farm throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in December, 1910, while his wife survived until October, 1911.

George H. Dexter was a lad of twelve years when his parents went to Minnesota and there he completed his education, remaining upon the home farm until eighteen years of age. He then began earning his living as a farm hand and was thus employed until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when he went to Wausau, Wisconsin, where he spent one winter working in a planing mill. He was next at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he engaged in the real estate business for four years and later removed to the state of New York, where he took charge of a building and loan association for a year. He afterward turned his attention to railroading, accepting the position of brakeman on the New York Central, by which corporation he was employed for about eight years, the last year being spent as a conductor.

He left the road in order to enlist for service in the Spanish-American war and went with the Two Hundred and Second New York Volunteer Infantry to Cuba, serving with that command for a year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Des Moines, Iowa, where he operated a milk route for a year and then, again taking up his abode in Minnesota, he engaged in carpentering and painting for a year and a half. In 1902 he arrived in Emmons county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead which he improved and developed for twelve years and which he still owns, deriving therefrom a substantial rental. He also owns another half section which he rents, but for the past eight years he has been concentrating his efforts on the real estate business and in the spring of 1916 opened an office in Braddock, at which point he is now engaged in the sale of farm lands and town property as well. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Temvik.

In June, 1899, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dexter and Miss Elzada Surring and they have become parents of three children, Virgil, Violet and Leonard.

Mr. Dexter gives his political support to the republican party and for two years served as justice of the peace of Highland township, Emmons county, but has always preferred to concentrate his efforts upon his business affairs rather than occupy public office. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Those who know him esteem him for his sterling worth and substantial traits of character, and those who have had business connections with him have found him thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising.

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#### EDGAR B. KNAPP.

Edgar B. Knapp, who is engaged in farming on section 29, Island Park township, Ransom county, was born at Brookdale, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1857, a son of Zophar and Aurilla (Chalker) Knapp, the former born in New York in 1828, while the latter was born in Brookdale, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, in 1830. They came west in the fall of 1880, settling first at Moorhead, Minnesota, where they remained for two years. In 1882 they removed to Ransom county, North Dakota, and thereafter lived with their children in Island Park township. The father was called to his final rest December 24, 1890, when sixty-two years of age, and the mother now makes her home with a daughter, Mrs. William Mangold, in Fargo, at the age of eighty-six years.

Edgar B. Knapp was the second in a family of six children. He pursued his education in the schools of Brookdale, Pennsylvania, and afterward worked in a mill owned by his father until he came west. In 1878 he made his way to Winona, Minnesota, and was there employed as a farm hand by the month for a year. On the 18th of March, 1879, he went to Fargo, and in that locality again worked at farm labor for a year. He spent the following winter in the woods and in 1880 removed to Ransom county, where he took up a claim, his tract of land being entirely raw and undeveloped. In the succeeding winter he conducted a lumber camp at York Mills, Minnesota, and from 1881 until 1882 inclusive he spent the summer months in work at the carpenter's trade in Fargo and at Moorhead, Minnesota.

On Christmas Day, 1883, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Helen Sanders, who was born in Trumbull, Ohio, in 1854 and spent her girlhood there, pursuing her education in the public schools until she completed a high school course. It was while upon a visit in Moorhead, Minnesota, that she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Knapp, who sought her hand in marriage, and soon afterward their wedding was celebrated. She is a daughter of Grove and Mary (Worthing) Sanders, who are farming people and have always lived in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have become the parents of three children: Harry G., who is a graduate of the State University of North Dakota and of Rush Medical College of Chicago and is now a practicing physician of Minot; E. Bert, a mining engineer located at Timmins, Ontario; and Marjory E., who is a graduate of the Lisbon high school and of Fargo College and is now a professor of science at Pembina, North Dakota.

About two years after his marriage, or in 1885, Mr. Knapp removed to Ransom county and purchased the southwest quarter of section 20 and later the northwest quarter of section 29, in the same township, and at the end of two years added to his holdings the north

half of the northeast quarter of section 29. His next purchase made him the owner of the east half of section 31 and he is now farming seven hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land, all of which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. At different times he has bought and sold other land and his real estate dealings have added not a little to his profits. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and also raises Durham cattle, having fifty head upon his place. He also has twenty-seven head of Percheron horses and forty-five head of Duroc-Jersey hogs. He erected all of the buildings upon his farm and hauled the first load of lumber taken west of Lisbon, bringing it from Fargo. In 1911 he erected two large barns upon his place, of modern construction and equipment, and everything about his farm is indicative of his practical and progressive spirit. His residence was erected in 1892 and is commodious and comfortable. He drives a Mitchell car and provides every possible convenience for his family. In addition to his agricultural interests he is the owner of an interest in an elevator at Elliott, but he maintains his residence in Lisbon.

In politics Mr. Knapp is a republican but has never been active as an office seeker although for four years he served as treasurer of Ransom county. He has also been school director for ten years. In Masonic circles he is prominent, having taken the degrees of lodge, chapter and commandery, and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is notably prompt, energetic and reliable and possesses in large measure the quality of common sense which is too often lacking and without which success is never achieved. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins and he has made industry the beacon light of his life.

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#### CHARLES HEIN.

Charles Hein is intimately connected with many business enterprises of Hankinson, Richland county, and is especially active as vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and as president and treasurer of the Hankinson Nursery Company, which sells nursery stock throughout North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. He has also made an excellent record as an official, having served in a number of public offices.

Mr. Hein was born in Germany on the 15th of March, 1856, and there continued to live until he was twelve years of age, when he accompanied his parents, Gottlieb and Amalie (Bethke) Hein, to America. The family landed in New York city in June, 1868, and at once proceeded westward to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where they lived for three years. They then returned to New York city but after residing there for a year came to Dakota territory and settled in what is now Belford township, Richland county, North Dakota. There the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his demise, which occurred in February, 1895.

Charles Hein accompanied the family on their various removals and after reaching mature years engaged in farming in Richland county until 1890. He then removed to Hankinson and engaged in the mercantile business and in buying and selling live stock until the fall of 1899, when he disposed of those interests and turned his attention to real estate and banking. He bought and sold land in this state and in South Dakota outright and his operations netted him a good profit. He still owns four hundred acres of land near Hankinson and is still interested in the real estate business to some extent. He finds, however, that his duties as vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hankinson demand much of his time and attention and he has made an enviable reputation as a financier. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, has a surplus of fifteen thousand dollars and its average deposits are one hundred thousand dollars. The institution was organized in 1899 by Mr. Hein and John R. Jones, the latter being still the president thereof. Mr. Hein is likewise connected with banks at Rutland and Ellendale, North Dakota, and at Chelsea, South Dakota, and is a stockholder and director of the United Grain Commission Company of Duluth, Minnesota, and a stockholder in the United States Life Insurance Company of Chicago, the Hankinson Auto Company, which has the agency for the Studebaker car, and the Wiperman Mercantile Company of Hankinson. He is also president and manager of the Farmers Elevator Company of Hankinson. He finds time to take an important part in the management of the affairs of the Hankinson Nursery Company, of



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which he is president and treasurer and which was established in 1904. It is a large nursery concern and its territory covers not only the Dakotas but also Minnesota and Montana. He is very much interested in this company and, in fact, gives more attention to it than to any other of his business interests. His wide experience, his sound judgment and financial acumen are important factors in the growth of all of the companies with which he is connected and his advice is often sought on business matters.

Mr. Hein was married in Richland county on the 10th of November, 1882, to Miss Fredricka Schroder, who was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 27th of March, 1860. To their union have been born eight children, as follows: Louisa E., the wife of Paul Kim, who is engaged in the automobile business in Hankinson; Emma, who is clerking in a store in Hankinson; Louis C., a merchant of Plentywood, Montana; Charles G., a resident of Duluth, Minnesota; Richard H., at home; Alfred, a druggist; Lora, who is a teacher by profession; and Wilhelmina, at home.

Mr. Hein is recognized as one of the leaders of the democratic party in Richland county and beginning with 1897 held the office of county commissioner for five years, during two years of which time he was chairman of the board. He was then for some time school director and did all in his power to advance the educational interests of the county. He was also the first mayor of Hankinson and in that as in all other offices which he has held proved efficient and conscientious, giving the municipality a businesslike and public-spirited administration. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, the commandery and the Shrine at Fargo. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he has been a member for twenty years, and has served as state delegate to the conventions of that order at Peoria and Buffalo. His religious faith is that of the German Evangelical church and at all times his influence is on the side of righteousness and justice. When he came to this state he had but twelve dollars, but he possessed assets more valuable than capital, namely, ambition, energy and sound judgment, and through the exercise of those qualities he has become one of the foremost citizens and one of the leading business men of his section of the state.

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#### JOHN ROSCOE.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of Lamoure county without learning of the close and prominent connection of the Roscoe family, whose efforts have been a most potent element in promoting the agricultural development and upbuilding of that section of the state. The family comes from Nova Scotia, the parents being Milledge and Susan (Robinson) Roscoe, mentioned in connection with the sketch of E. B. Roscoe on another page of this work. John Roscoe was born in Nova Scotia, July 23, 1858, and there acquired his education and spent his youthful days. The year 1880 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, then a young man of twenty-two years, at which time he filed on a homestead on what is now section 26, Roscoe township, Lamoure county, five miles northwest of Grand Rapids. He at once began the work of improving his place and within a short time furrows had been turned and fields developed, bringing forth substantial crops. Since then he has added to his holdings whenever his financial resources have permitted and he is now the owner of an entire section of land. After farming for a time he began work for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, acting as section foreman for six years. He then returned to the farm, upon which he has now remained for twenty-four years and has made it one of the finest improved places in the state, adorned with a substantial and commodious residence and large barns and outbuildings. The place is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and the latest improvements in farm machinery are found upon his place, indicative of his progressive spirit. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Poland China hogs and he has met with substantial success in the conduct of his farm owing to his practical and progressive methods. He has become a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Dickey, also in the Dickey Grain Company and in the Farmers Elevator Company.

On the 30th of May, 1890, occurred the marriage of Mr. Roscoe and Miss Bertha

Seidschlag, and they have become parents of nine children: Arthur; Effie L.; Albert E.; John; Henry; Carl and Milledge, twins; Bertha M.; and Franklin, who is deceased. In religious belief the parents are Baptists, interested in the work of the church and doing what they can to extend its influence. Mr. Roseco is a thirty-second degree Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft, and he is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican and has served as assessor of his township, while for twenty-four years he has been a school director, being deeply interested in the cause of education, recognizing that public instruction is the bulwark of the nation, qualifying the young for larger responsibilities and more efficient service. His own life is characterized by admirable traits which make his record in harmony with that of a family long prominent and honored in Lamoure county.

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#### HANS KNUDSON.

Hans Knudson, the owner of a well improved farm on section 14, Adrian township, Lamoure county, was born in Denmark, August 19, 1864, a son of Knute and Marie Knudson, who were also natives of that country. The father, who was a carpenter, worked at his trade throughout his entire life in Denmark, his labors being ended in death in January, 1898. His widow survived him for thirteen years, passing away in March, 1911.

Hans Knudson was reared and educated in Denmark, there remaining until 1884, when he crossed the Atlantic, attracted by the favorable reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities offered in the United States. Making his way to Minnesota, he purchased land in Cottonwood county, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres. Later he went to Clay county, where he bought three hundred and twenty acres, and there he engaged in general farming until 1901, when he sold that property and removed to Lamoure county, North Dakota, where he invested in fourteen hundred acres situated on sections 13, 14 and 23, Adrian township, his buildings being on section 14. He has made splendid improvements upon the place, converting it into a valuable and productive farm which constitutes one of the attractive features of the landscape. Every accessory of the model farm property is here found and the methods which he employs in its further development bring him substantial results. He is also a stockholder in the Equity Elevator at Adrian.

In July, 1887, Mr. Knudson was married to Miss Carrie Emily and they have become the parents of ten children, Agnes, Mamie, Elmer, Francis and Elvina, twins, Roy, Knute, Bert, Glenn and Grover. Politically Mr. Knudson is a republican and has filled the offices of township trustee and school director. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and guide their lives by its teachings, their many substantial and admirable qualities gaining for them a large circle of friends in the community.

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#### HON. C. E. KNOX.

Hon. C. E. Knox, member of the state legislature, farmer, grain buyer, and one of the foremost citizens of Dickey county, resides on a farm adjoining the town of Oakes. He was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, October 14, 1861, a son of Charles B. and Rhoda (Parker) Knox, the former a native of New York and the latter of Maine. They accompanied their respective parents to Wisconsin in childhood and were married in Hudson, that state, after which they removed to Dickinson county, Iowa, in 1867, and there spent their remaining days, the father being actively engaged in the live stock business.

C. E. Knox began his education in the district schools and continued his studies under his mother's instruction, she having been a successful school teacher in her early life. On reaching young manhood he, too, took up the profession of teaching and for ten years was identified with educational work. He was one of eight children, all of whom became school-teachers and held first grade certificates. As early as his twenty-second year he identified himself with the grain trade and with farming and stock raising and to these occupations

has since given his attention. He was connected with grain buying in both Iowa and Minnesota and in 1903 came to North Dakota, settling at Oakes. Three years later he embarked in the grain trade on his own account and soon afterward purchased the elevator which he now owns and operates at Oakes, while subsequently he became the owner of an elevator in Ludden. Further extending his operations in the grain trade, he is today the owner of two elevators in Oakes, one in Ludden and one in Glover. He also owns and cultivates five hundred and sixty acres of land two and a half miles east of Oakes and resides upon that place. It is a well improved property, in the midst of which stands a comfortable and commodious residence, and the success which he has achieved in business affairs enables him to enjoy not only the necessities but some of the luxuries of life.

In 1897 Mr. Knox was united in marriage to Miss Zadie E. Clark, of Emmet county, Iowa, and they have become the parents of three children, Daisy Belle, Ethel and Doris. Mr. and Mrs. Knox hold membership in the Methodist church and he belongs also to Oakes Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., and to the Modern Brotherhood of America. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and his opinions carry weight in its councils, for he is one of its active and prominent representatives in Dickey county. For the past eight years he has represented his district in the state legislature, having four times been elected to that body, a fact which indicates that his record has been satisfactory to his constituents and has been characterized by a loyal regard for the best interests of the community and commonwealth. He has also served for eight years as chairman of the town board and for ten years has been a member of the school board. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the state and is best liked where best known.

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#### GEORGE A. LENHART.

George A. Lenhart was one of the founders and promoters of the Farmers State Bank at Hazelton, of which he has been cashier since its organization in 1909. North Dakota claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Davenport on the 28th of June, 1882. His parents are Michael M. and Anna (Plath) Lenhart, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Jo Daviess county, Illinois. The father was but four years of age when he accompanied his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Fountain City, Wisconsin, where he was reared and educated. He afterward took up the occupation of farming in that state and later came to North Dakota, purchasing land in Red River valley, near Fargo. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1910, when he retired from active business life and now he and his wife make their home in Bismarck. His rest is well deserved, as it is the fitting reward of persistent and earnest labor in former years.

George A. Lenhart acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Cass county and afterward attended the State Normal School at Valley City. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for two years, at the end of which time he engaged in the lumber business, to which he devoted five years, meeting with substantial success in that undertaking. In 1909 he removed to Hazelton, Emmons county, and organized the Farmers State Bank, of which he has since been cashier. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It has a surplus of eight thousand dollars and the business from the beginning has proven a growing and profitable one. The other officers are: A. P. Lenhart, of Bismarck, president; and A. E. Klabunde, vice president. The last named is proprietor of the largest mercantile establishment in his section of the state and also the owner of large landed holdings, while A. P. Lenhart is sole owner of the business conducted under the name of the Lenhart Drug Company of Bismarck. This bank has grown more rapidly than any other in the county. Its treatment toward its customers has been most liberal and in return they have given to the institution loyal support. The bank has made a specialty of taking care of the farmers' needs at all times of the year, regardless of money and crop conditions, and as a result has a large list of satisfied customers who have been doing business with the bank since its organization. The institution has been an important factor in the upbuilding of the territory that

Hazelton serves. In addition to his Hazelton connections Mr. Lenhart is a director of the Security State Bank of Flasher and is its manager.

In April, 1903, Mr. Lenhart was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Haynes and to them have been born two children: Rachel, born July 19, 1907; and Alton, September 12, 1908. Mr. Lenhart exercises his right to franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is one of the active party workers, serving at the present time as chairman of the central committee. He has filled the office of clerk of Hazelton township and is now president of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows and in religious faith is a Presbyterian. He stands loyally for all those forces which are an element in the progress and upbuilding of the community and does everything in his power to bring about the further improvement of his section of the state.

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#### THOMAS ROWAN.

Thomas Rowan, postmaster of Sherwood, Renville county, was born in Rice county, Minnesota, January 1, 1866, his parents being Luke and Bridget (Dempsey) Rowan, who were natives of Ireland. Coming to America in early life, they settled in Hastings, Minnesota, and there Luke Rowan was employed for a time, while later he removed to Rice county, Minnesota, filing on land which he converted into a rich and productive farm, continuing its cultivation until 1879, when he removed to Traverse county, Minnesota. There he took up a preemption and operated the farm for several years but eventually retired from active business life and removed to Sherwood, making his home with his son Thomas throughout his remaining days. He died September 24, 1912, having for about two and a half years survived his wife, who passed away on the 13th of March, 1910.

Thomas Rowan was reared and educated in Rice county, Minnesota, and remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then began farming in Traverse county, that state, purchasing land which he carefully tilled, developing his place into one of the productive farms of that locality. He resided thereon until 1901, when he removed to Renville county, North Dakota, and took up a homestead, whereon he engaged in general agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1916, when he rented that property and established his home in Sherwood. On the 3d of June of that year he was appointed postmaster and took possession of the office on the 6th of September, so that he is the present incumbent in the position. While upon the farm he made a specialty of raising thoroughbred horses and shorthorn cattle and his live stock interests contributed in substantial measure to his success.

On the 7th of January, 1890, Mr. Rowan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Haney and they have adopted three children, Ray, John and Katherine, aged respectively twenty-one, eleven and eight years. The family are adherents of the Catholic church and Mr. Rowan belongs also to the Knights of Columbus. Politically he is a democrat, giving unfaltering allegiance to the party and its principles. From the organization of Calhoun township until his appointment as postmaster he was clerk of that township. His life has been a busy and useful one and his determination and unremitting energy have carried him forward along the path of success.

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#### R. M. BLACK.

R. M. Black, whose position in educational circles, established by the consensus of public opinion, is among the foremost, now makes his home in Ellendale, being president of the State Normal and Industrial School. Throughout his entire career he has been actuated by high ideals which have found expression in practical methods. He was born upon a farm in Ashtabula county, Ohio, June 18, 1867, a son of Milton and Ruana C. (Hyde) Black, both of whom were natives of Ohio and were of New England lineage. On the mother's side the ancestry is traced back to John and Mary Gladding, who came from England in the seven-

teenth century and were among the founders of Bristol, Rhode Island. On the paternal side the family is equally old, for representatives of the name came from England and settled in the vicinity of Springfield, Massachusetts, at an early period in colonial history. The great-grandfather, Alexander Black, was one of two brothers who were left orphans at an early age, their father probably being killed while serving in the Revolutionary war, after which they were reared by General Mattoon, and Alexander Black eventually became one of the prominent merchants of Springfield, Massachusetts. Milton Black, father of Professor Black, was a farmer by occupation but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal interests to go to the front in defense of the Union, serving with the rank of corporal in Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Following the close of hostilities he resumed farming in Ohio, where he lived for many years, his death there occurring in 1905, while his wife passed away in 1911.

R. M. Black at the usual age became a district school pupil and afterward attended the high school at Geneva, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. Later he became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he completed his course with the graduating class of 1895, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree. He spent the year 1901-2 at the University of Chicago and in 1910 the Ohio Wesleyan University conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. Throughout his entire life he has been closely identified with educational interests. He began teaching in the district schools of Ohio in 1885, and was afterward teacher in the eighth grade of the Geneva (Ohio) schools in 1890-1. During the summers of 1893 and 1894, while attending the Ohio Wesleyan University, he acted as associate principal of a normal academy in Sigel, Pennsylvania, and following his graduation from the Wesleyan University he came to North Dakota in 1895 to accept the position of professor of mathematics and Greek in the Red River Valley University at Wahpeton, there remaining until 1897. For two years thereafter he was principal of the schools of Hamilton, North Dakota, and then returned to Wahpeton, where from 1899 until 1903 he was a member of the faculty of the Red River Valley University. Accepting the proffered position of city superintendent of schools at Wahpeton, he continued in that connection until 1905, when he was elected county superintendent of Richland county and so served until 1909. In the latter year he accepted the position of teacher in the State School of Science, there remaining until 1914, when he was chosen president of the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale.

On the 12th of August, 1897, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Lovilla C. Prociuous, of Sigel, Pennsylvania, by whom he has three children, namely: Ceryl E., who is a senior in the State Normal and Industrial School of Ellendale; Marguerite E., a sophomore in the Ellendale high school; and Wendell R., a grade student. In politics Professor Black maintains an independent course. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Through appointment of Governor Hanna he is now serving as a member of the state board of education. Perhaps no better estimate of his character can be given than by quoting from President Fred E. Smith of the State School of Science, who at the time Professor Black resigned his position in that institution wrote to the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale as follows: "I wish to give an appreciation of Professor R. M. Black, a member of the faculty of the State School of Science, recently elected by your board of trustees to the presidency of the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale. I have known Professor Black for nearly ten years and during the last four years have been closely associated with him in this institution. In helping work out the new plans of the State School of Science he has shown a keen insight into the problems of industrial education and has been a strong advocate of the combination of a high degree of cultural training with the practical applications of manual arts. During nineteen years' residence in this state Professor Black has been college professor, principal of a village school, superintendent of city schools, county superintendent and teacher in a trade and vocational school. He has been successful in each position and has left it only when promoted to a better one. The fact that fifteen years were spent in four positions in one city speaks for his standing among his fellow citizens. As a member of the community he is a good citizen, perfectly trustworthy in business relations and a Christian gentleman. His scholarship is accurate and of a wide range. He is inspirational in his teaching and

as a leader while county superintendent he was unusually successful in developing an esprit de corps among his teachers. He wins the confidence and holds the respect of his associates. As county superintendent his reputation became state wide. He has been on the programs of the State Educational Association six or seven times in the past nine years; holds active membership in the National Education Association and is a member of the editorial board of the State Historical Society. In 1909, when the governor was authorized to appoint 'three of the best known and best posted school men in this state' to re-codify the school laws, Professor Black was made a member of the School Law Compilation Commission, and again in 1911, under a new law creating a state board of examiners for teachers' certificates, he was selected by the governor as a member.

"In public work he was the personal representative of the state superintendent for two summers and delivered addresses at teachers' institutes and directors' meetings. He has conducted institutes in several counties, was organizer of the Richland County Teachers' Training School, has taught in it and will be its conductor during the present summer session. Professor Black has contributed several articles to educational magazines and edited a book of literary selections for language study in the grades, which was published as a volume of the Riverside Literary Series. In 1910 his *History of the Constitutional Convention of 1889* was published and it has won recognition as standard authority on that period of our state history. With his mature scholarship, his thorough acquaintance with all school work, his good judgment, his constant desire for professional growth and his sterling character, your people may have every confidence that the State Normal and Industrial School is in tried and efficient hands."

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#### JOHN H. MANTZ.

John H. Mantz, a merchant of Anamoose, was born in Russia, September 4, 1877, a son of Gottlieb and Barbara (Schlenker) Mantz, who were natives of the same land. Coming to America, they settled in Ellendale, North Dakota, on the 4th of May, 1894, and the father took up a homestead in McIntosh county which he developed and improved and to which he is still giving his attention. He and his wife are now sixty-two years of age.

John H. Mantz pursued his education in the German schools of Russia to the age of seventeen years, when he accompanied his parents to the new world. He had learned the harness maker's trade in his native land and after coming to the United States he worked at his trade in Kûlm for about a year but received, however, only forty-seven dollars for his services during that period. He then returned home but his father made him go back to his employer and he continued to engage in harness making at Kûlm until 1898. On October 12, 1898, he removed to Fessenden, where he worked for the same man until December 23, 1900, which was the date of his arrival at Anamoose. In 1901 he opened a harness store in that town and continued active in the business until May 12, 1902, when he entered into partnership with J. J. Hirsch. They were associated as dealers in hardware, harness, furniture and undertaking goods until January 1, 1916, when Mr. Mantz bought out his partner and is now sole proprietor of the business. He has a large trade and his business, conducted along progressive lines, has brought to him substantial success.

On September 15, 1900, Mr. Mantz was married to Miss Magdalena Siebold and they have become the parents of one child and have adopted one. The little daughters of the household are: Esther, born August 13, 1903; and Lydia, born in August, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Mantz hold membership in the Baptist church and take a very active and helpful interest in its work. For a number of years Mr. Mantz has been church treasurer and is also assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and is teacher of a class of twenty children. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he has served as chairman of the village board for two years. He has also been chief of the Anamoose fire department for three years and vice president of the Commercial Club for two years. His active aid is given to every movement that tends to promote substantial progress and improvement in his community and his influence is always on the side of those projects which work for the uplift and betterment of the individual. His life has been one of untiring industry

and activity. Starting out to earn his own living at a comparatively early age, he has known earnest toil, but persistency and energy have enabled him to continue in his course and ultimately reach a position of prosperity.

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#### HARVEY HARRIS.

Harvey Harris, who as a member of the constitutional convention and of the joint commission that divided Dakota left his impress indelibly upon the history of the state, resided for many years in Bismarck, where he established his home in 1883. He was born in Oxford, Butler county, Ohio, December 12, 1852, and passed away in North Dakota's capital May 16, 1900. His parents were John H. and Mary A. (Rose) Harris, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. The father was a farmer and both he and his wife were held in high esteem in the community in which they lived because of their sterling traits of character.

Harvey Harris acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and at an early age entered upon a professional career as a teacher in the schools of Butler county, proving notably successful in that connection owing to the readiness and clearness with which he imparted to others the knowledge that he had acquired. Later he engaged in merchandising in Oxford but the opportunities of the west attracted him and in 1883 he arrived in Bismarck, where he engaged in the real estate and loan business until his death, meeting with substantial success in that connection. He conducted business affairs of importance and negotiated many notable real estate transfers.

His efforts were constantly directed through the channels of his business and in other ways toward the upbuilding of both the city and the state of his adoption. He was at the time of his demise one of the county commissioners, having been elected to that office in 1894 and again in 1897. He was deeply interested in the welfare of the public schools and was a member of the board of education for twelve years, while for eight years he served as president of the board. In politics he was a lifelong republican and was a recognized leader in the ranks of his party in North Dakota. He became a very influential member of the constitutional convention and when the division of Dakota was proposed he became a member of the joint commission that brought about that result. He aided largely in shaping the policy of the state during its formative period and his labors in that connection marked a recognition not only of immediate needs but of the opportunities and possibilities of the future.

On the 13th of November, 1884, at Oxford, Ohio, Mr. Harris was married to Miss Eliza W. Jackson. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church from early boyhood and was deeply interested in all that pertained to the interests of the local church and the general organization. For many years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school in the Bismarck church and his efforts for moral uplift were of no restricted order, while the results attained are manifest in the lives of many who came under his influence.

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#### REUBEN NELSON STEVENS.

Reuben Nelson Stevens is engaged in the private practice of law in Bismarck and his record shows that while he has argued many cases he has lost but few. No one better knows the necessity for thorough preparation or more industriously prepares for the presentation of his cause before the court, and his handling of a case is always full, comprehensive and accurate, while his analysis of the facts is clear and comprehensive. He has filled various official positions where his legal knowledge has been called into play and has thus aided in shaping the course of the commonwealth.

Mr. Stevens is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Orleans county, August 10, 1858. His father, Stephen Stevens, was born in Genesee county, New York, in 1808 and wedded Elizabeth Jane Grindell, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1861

they removed westward to Pekin, Illinois, and afterward took up their abode upon a farm in Menard county, that state, where their remaining days were passed, the father departing this life in 1872, while the death of the mother occurred in 1882.

Reuben N. Stevens was but a young lad at the time of the removal to Illinois, so that his early education was acquired in the common schools of that state. He studied law at Petersburg, Illinois, and in February, 1882, he removed to North Dakota, settling in Fargo. Later he took up his abode at Lisbon, where he engaged in law practice from 1883 until 1890. He was then appointed assistant attorney of the department of justice to consider Indian depredations and went to Washington, D. C., where he remained in the discharge of his official duties through the Harrison administration and the first year of President Cleveland's administration. In 1894 he came to Bismarck and assumed the editorship of the Bismarck Tribune, a daily paper of which he thus had charge for two years. On the expiration of that period he resumed the practice of law, which he followed uninterruptedly until 1900, when he was again called upon for public service through appointment to the position of United States commissioner of the Nome district of Alaska, remaining in that country in the discharge of his duties until 1902. Upon his return to Bismarck he again entered upon active law practice and was connected with much important litigation tried in the courts of the state until 1911, when on the 17th of March he assumed the duties of register of the United States land office, so continuing for four years or until May, 1915. On his retirement he again entered upon the private practice of law, in which connection he is accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage.

His public service, however, covers a still broader field than already indicated, for he was made a member of the North Dakota constitutional convention which met at Bismarck in July, 1899. Ten years prior to that time, or in 1889, he was made chairman of the committee sent to Washington to secure statehood for North Dakota and after its admission to the Union he was four times elected to represent his district in the general assembly, proving a most active and able working member of the house of representatives, in which he served on various important committees, while upon the floor of the house he did much to shape legislation.

Mr. Stevens has been twice married. On the 6th of April, 1876, at Petersburg, Illinois, he wedded Miss Sarah E. Rourke, who passed away in 1890, leaving three children, as follows: Clara E.; Emma J. who is the wife of Ralph D. Ward, of Garrison, North Dakota; and Mary J., at home. On the 9th of May, 1896, in Bismarck, North Dakota, Mr. Stevens was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary H. Rourke, a cousin of his first wife.

Fraternally Mr. Stevens is identified with the York Rite Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. No history of North Dakota would be complete without reference to Reuben Nelson Stevens, so closely has he been identified with its progress and so important have been his activities as an official and in the strict path of his profession. He has studied closely public conditions, the needs, demands and opportunities of the state, and with singleness of purpose has worked for the benefit of the commonwealth, his labors being directly resultant in placing North Dakota in the prominent position which it occupies.

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#### S. A. MIKALSON.

S. A. Mikalson, actively and successfully engaged in business at Hazelton under the name of the Hazelton Mercantile Company, is one of the substantial citizens that Wisconsin has furnished to North Dakota. He was born in the Badger state November 23, 1873, a son of Andrew and Annie (Hegna) Mikalson, who were natives of Norway and came to the new world in the '50s, settling in Columbia county, Wisconsin. The father was a farmer by occupation and homesteaded in that county, after which his children developed and operated the farm, while he sailed on the Great Lakes and also on the ocean. In 1883 he went to Brown county, South Dakota, where he again took up land, personally giving

his attention to its development and improvement until his death in 1892. His widow survived until 1903 and passed away in North Dakota.

S. A. Mikalson was reared and educated in South Dakota, largely spending his youth at Aberdeen. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and in 1900 he removed to Emmons county, North Dakota, becoming an important factor in agricultural circles there. He operated a ranch of six hundred and forty acres in that county, his attention being largely given to the raising of cattle and horses. In 1905 he purchased a stock of general merchandise at Hazelton and conducted a store in connection with his brother for seven years, but in 1912 their business was destroyed by fire. The brother then removed to Montana but S. A. Mikalson resumed business in Hazelton, erecting a new building and putting in a new stock of goods. His interests are now conducted under the name of the Hazelton Mercantile Company, his partner being John Baker, a ranchman. The trade is now large and gratifying and Mr. Mikalson has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement.

In June, 1913, occurred the marriage of Mr. Mikalson and Miss Marie Adolph and to them have been born two children: Albert, whose birth occurred February 10, 1915; and Elaine, who was born in March, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Mikalson hold membership in the Lutheran church and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. Politically he is an earnest republican and has filled a number of local offices. He served as deputy sheriff of Emmons county for four years and has been nominated for the office of sheriff on the republican ticket. He was also supervisor of Hazelton township for two terms and has been president of the school board for five years. He has thus ever recognized his duties of citizenship and to all such has given loyal support.

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#### JOHN H. HEITMAN.

Every student of economic conditions recognizes the fact that in the west there is a spirit of enterprise and progress unknown to the conservative east. Alert, energetic men are building cities and are promoting therein business enterprises that lead to rapid and substantial development of town and surrounding country. Such a citizen at Anamoose is John H. Heitman, who is engaged in the farm implement and automobile business. He was born in Bremen, Germany, March 17, 1872, a son of John and Wilhelmina (Meier) Heitman, who were also natives of Germany, where the father has spent his entire life, being now seventy-three years of age. His wife passed away June 12, 1914.

John H. Heitman attended school in the fatherland until fifteen years of age, when he crossed the briny deep to the new world and made his way to Dawson, North Dakota, in which vicinity he was employed as a farm hand for eight years, spending the entire period upon one place—a fact which is plainly indicative of his thorough trustworthiness, industry and ability. He afterward devoted several years to threshing and in 1898 filed on a homestead in that section of McLean county which is now Sheridan county. He improved and cultivated that property for seven years, after which he sold out and made a trip back to his native land, spending seven months in Germany. He did not desire to take up his permanent abode there, however, and, again coming to the new world, he embarked in the farm implement business at Anamoose, purchasing an interest in the store of Schmidt & Gulack. The association with Mr. Schmidt has since continued and Mr. Gulack also remained with the firm until he retired from active business and removed to California, where he now resides. Not only has the company built up an extensive business in farm implements but they have also turned their attention to the automobile business and now handle the Ford, Overland and Dodge cars, for which they find a ready sale, for, in keeping with the progressive spirit of the west, the motor car has been quickly adopted throughout their section of the country. Mr. Heitman is also one of the stockholders in the Anamoose National Bank and his business interests have thus become extensive and important.

In November, 1899, Mr. Heitman was united in marriage to Miss Susie Billigmeier and through the period of their residence in Anamoose they have gained many warm friends. They are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Heitman is a republican in his political

views. He served as assessor in McLean county and has been a member of the town board of Anamoose. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with its projects for the upbuilding of the city, the extension of its trade relations and the promotion of those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

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JACKSON G. McCLEARY.

Jackson G. McCleary, living on section 8, Saratoga township, Lamoure county, has for ten years resided in that part of the state, having previously made his home in Iowa and South Dakota. He was born and reared, however, in Iowa, his birth having occurred in Polk county, April 16, 1866, his parents being Abel J. and Emily C. (Hedge) McCleary, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Polk county, Iowa, in 1854 in company with his parents. There he was reared and finally he purchased land and engaged in farming on his own account, remaining for many years one of the representative agriculturists of the district. In 1896 he retired from active business and removed to Mitchellville, Iowa, where he now resides at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife has reached the age of seventy-one.

Jackson G. McCleary was reared and educated in his native county and through the period of his boyhood and youth when not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom he assisted his father in the work of the fields. He remained on the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-four, when he went to the western coast, there spending about eight months. Following his return to Iowa he bought eighty acres near his father's farm and further developed and improved that property, cultivating his land there for ten years. In 1901 he went to South Dakota and bought three hundred and twenty-eight acres which he cultivated for five years, coming in 1906 to North Dakota, at which time he invested in land two and a half miles from Adrian, his farm comprising section 8, the west half of section 5 and the southeast quarter of section 6, Saratoga township. He has since given his attention to the further improvement of this property, which is one of the valuable farms of the district, carefully and systematically cultivated, his labors being attended with substantial success. He is extensively engaged in raising cattle in addition to producing the usual crops and he now ships about a carload of cattle each year. He is also president of the Farmers Elevator Company of Adrian, which was organized in 1907.

On the 5th of March, 1890, Mr. McCleary was united in marriage to Miss Lydia M. Garber, and to them were born nine children: Vera and Veran, twins, Blanche, Goldie, Ward, Clair, Fay, Ferd and He. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church and in his political views Mr. McCleary is a democrat. He has served as supervisor and road overseer in his township and is the present assessor. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion who has done good service for the schools as a director. His life has in a measure been quietly and uneventfully passed, but he belongs to that class of representative citizens who find in the workaday world an incentive for their best efforts and who constitute the chief element in the substantial upbuilding of county and state.

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PERRY BROWN.

Perry Brown, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Sherwood, has been a resident of North Dakota since 1901, at which time he took up his abode in Renville county and has since remained within its borders. He was born in Webster county, Iowa, July 21, 1879, and is a son of James M. Q. and Estella E. (Rowley) Brown, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Iowa. At an early age James M. Q. Brown became a resident of Webster county, Iowa, where he engaged in general merchandising. He also helped to build the Illinois Central Railroad into Fort Dodge and afterward carried on business there for many years. He died in April, 1904, and for a brief period was survived by his wife, who passed away in January, 1907.

The youthful days of Perry Brown were spent in his native county and his time was divided between the work of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. Starting out in life for himself, he secured a position in coal mines and was thus employed for several years. In 1901 he arrived in Renville county and filed on land which he at once began to develop, adding thereto many substantial modern improvements. He continued to engage in the cultivation of that place until a recent date but now rents the land. He was appointed the second postmaster of Sherwood and occupied that position for five years. He also engaged in the implement business for a time and in 1912 he entered the Farmers & Merchants State Bank as cashier, in which capacity he still continues, and he is also a stockholder and director in the bank.

On the 15th of November, 1909, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Elizabeth Hall and they have become the parents of four children, James Falkner, Lois E., Elizabeth H. and Margaret. The parents loyally adhere to the teachings of the Methodist church, in which they hold membership, and fraternally Mr. Brown belongs to the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen, all of Sherwood. In his political views he is a republican. He does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and his well defined plans and unfaltering activities have brought him substantial success.

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#### RAGNVALD T. HAGE.

Ragnvald T. Hage is a partner in the Sawyer Mercantile Company, which owns a large and attractively equipped general store at Sawyer. He also has other important business interests, showing that his has been a well spent, active and useful life. He was born near Bergen, Norway, October 24, 1879, a son of Herman and Brynhelde (Olsen) Hage, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun, where they were reared, educated and married. The father became an officer in the Norwegian army in connection with the training service. He was graduated from the common schools and a military academy. In 1885, with his family of five children, he came to America, settling at Willmar, Minnesota. He rented land near Belgrade and there engaged in farming for three years, or until 1888, when he removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, where he secured a squatter's claim three miles north of Velva. After residing thereon for three years his right to the property was contested, but he fought the case and won his suit. Upon the farm near Velva the parents continued to reside until 1906 and there they reared their children, five more being born in the new world, and all are yet living. In 1906 Mr. Hage retired and on account of the condition of his wife's health removed to Oregon, where they now reside. Death has as yet occasioned no break in the family circle, consisting of the parents and ten children.

Ragnvald T. Hage is indebted to the district school system of McHenry county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, and when a young man, took up the occupations of farming and cow punching, being thus engaged on the present site of the town of Velva. He afterward homesteaded in McHenry county and for eleven years secured a good income from the operation of a threshing machine. He afterward sold his farm and removed to Velva, where he engaged in the lumber business, becoming manager of a large yard, in which position he continued until 1915. He was then induced to take over the management of the Sawyer Mercantile Company and became connected in this work with G. T. Erickson. Later as partners they bought out the business of which they are now owners and they are today conducting the largest mercantile enterprise in the southern part of Ward county.

On the 19th of January, 1909, Mr. Hage was united in marriage to Miss Vina E. Jacobs at Velva. She was born and reared at Black River Falls, Jackson county, Wisconsin, and was graduated from the high school there in 1907. She came to North Dakota with her parents, John S. and Anna (Evans) Jacobs, who were also natives of Jackson county and there engaged in farming until 1907, when they came to North Dakota, settling on a farm near Ruso, where the father secured a homestead claim. Both he and his wife are of

Norwegian descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Hage have been born two children: Vernon Ray, who was born at Velva, November 6, 1911; and Horace Belmont, born January 19, 1914.

Mr. Hage filled the office of justice of the peace at Velva for three years, resigning the position on his removal to Sawyer. He assisted in organizing the Farmers Elevator Company, of which he is a director, and he was instrumental in organizing the Keystone Telephone Company, of which he was a director and the secretary for many years. He owns three hundred and twenty acres of fine agricultural land in McHenry county, all in a high state of cultivation. This he rents but is largely interested in farming and does everything in his power to improve agricultural methods and conditions. He is now, however, largely concentrating his energies upon the interests of the Sawyer Mercantile Company, which owns an excellent store, well equipped with a large and carefully selected stock, while the business methods of the house commend it to the confidence and support of the public. In politics he is a republican and both he and his wife are members of the Norwegian church, the latter being secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society at Velva.

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#### HON. TOBIAS WELO.

Hon. Tobias Welo, a prominent pioneer figure in the upbuilding of the state and actively and helpfully connected with the various stages of later development and progress in North Dakota, is widely known as a successful merchant and leading business man of Velva and as a legislator connected with the work of framing the laws of the state in both house and senate. He was born in Norway on the 14th of January, 1858, a son of John and Martha (Hage) Welo, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun, where they resided until 1894 and then followed their children to the United States, all having come to the new world save one son, who is living in Christiania, Norway. After reaching this country the parents made their home with their son Tobias.

After attending the public schools of Norway, Tobias Welo continued his education in a military school and later served for three years as a noncommissioned officer in the Norwegian army. His brother John, now of Christiania, is a noncommissioned officer in the regular army. It was in the spring of 1882 that Tobias Welo came to the United States, first locating in Minnesota, where he had some distant relatives, but soon afterward he went to Canada and during the greater part of the succeeding four years he was employed on the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad from Winnipeg to the coast. In the spring of 1887, after the building of the Great Northern Railroad into Minot, he made his way to that city and soon filed on a preemption of one hundred and sixty acres at Des Laes, Ward county. He stocked his claim with cattle and while proving up on his property looked after his cattle interests and also was employed by James J. Hill, railroad magnate, having charge of the section and supervising the work of special construction gangs. He remained upon the ranch for ten years and was also employed on the railroad through practically the entire period. His ranch extended clear to the station, making it possible for him to continue in both lines of work. He was one of the first men to prove up on a claim in his section of the state and his cattle grazed over a vast stretch of country.

In the summer of 1897 Mr. Welo came to Velva, at which time there was upon the town site but a single store—the property of John Muns. Mr. Welo purchased a half interest in the business and thus became identified with merchandising there only two or three years after the railroad had been built through the Mouse river valley. His partnership relation continued for four years, at the end of which time he purchased the interest of Mr. Muns and four years later he erected his present substantial and commodious business block, while in the old building he established the Velva Implement Company, an incorporated company of which he was made the president and with which he was connected until 1913, when he sold his interest in that business. In the spring of 1916 he bought out the Gilbertson & Swanson Implement Company, incorporating the business as the Velva Supply Company, of which he is the president. He is also extensively interested in farming, owning three sections of land, one section of which he personally cultivates and which is said to be the finest section of farm land in that part of the state. He has put upon it many

splendid improvements and the work is carried on along the most progressive methods of agriculture.

In 1885 Mr. Welo was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Matson, a native of Norway, who was brought to America in her early girlhood and was reared in Fillmore county, Minnesota. To them were born twelve children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: Nora, Dora, Arthur, Walter, Esther, Wanda and Victor. The wife and mother passed away in June, 1912, and later Mr. Welo wedded Mrs. Maggie Anderson, née Chelson.

Politically Mr. Welo is a republican and for the past thirty years has been prominent in local political circles. He served for a number of years as justice of the peace, rendering decisions which were strictly fair and impartial, and for several years he has been a member of the school board, serving at the present time as its president. In 1900 he was elected probate judge and prior to the expiration of his term of office in 1902 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, serving in 1903. In November, 1905, he was again elected to the general assembly and in 1908 was chosen to represent his district in the state senate for a four year term. During this time he was chairman of the committee on highways, bridges and ferries, and served on several other committees. He is a member of the Lutheran church and high and honorable principles have actuated him at every point in his career. Viewed in any light, his record has been fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation. He has ever loyally supported a cause or measure in which he believes and a laudable desire for advancement has actuated him in all his business career. His life proves conclusively what may be accomplished when determination and energy lead the way. Arriving in the new world empty handed, he sought employment that would yield him an honest living, and making it his rule of life to spend less than his income, he thereby gained the capital which eventually enabled him to embark in business for himself. Point by point he has progressed and he is recognized today as one of the foremost merchants and agriculturists of McHenry county.

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#### EDWIN HERMAN MAERCKLEIN, M. D.

Dr. Edwin Herman Maercklein, physician and surgeon, engaged in active practice at Ashley, qualified for his profession by study in the Milwaukee Medical College, winning his degree in 1903. He is a native son of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Waubeka, May 9, 1880, his parents being William J. and Minnie (Froelich) Maercklein, the former a native of Germany, whence he came to the United States with his parents in his early boyhood. He and four of his brothers and a brother-in-law were all representatives of the dental profession and practiced in Milwaukee, where they became widely and prominently known in that connection. The father died in that city in 1906, and the mother, who was a native of Wisconsin, passed away in Oakes, North Dakota, in 1914 while visiting her children in this state.

Dr. Edwin H. Maercklein completed his public school course by study in the high school of Milwaukee and then, determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, matriculated in 1899 in the Milwaukee Medical College, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1903. Immediately afterward he sought a location in the northwest and he made his way to Ashley, where for a year and a half he was connected in practice with his brother, Dr. Fred W. Maercklein, who had been numbered among the physicians of the town for twelve years but who is now a resident of Oakes. In 1904 Dr. E. H. Maercklein removed to Forman, Sargent county, where he remained for two years, after which he returned to Ashley to become the successor of his brother, who at that time became a resident of Oakes. In the intervening period, covering ten years, Dr. E. H. Maercklein has built up an extensive practice which he conducts most successfully, carefully diagnosing his cases and displaying sound and discriminating judgment in administering remedial agencies.

In 1908 he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Johnson, a daughter of L. P. Johnson, cashier of the First State Bank of Ashley, and they have become parents of two children, Dorothy and Florence. In his political views the Doctor is a republican but has limited his office holding to six years' service as superintendent of the board of health of Ashley. Fra-

ternally he is connected with Ashley Lodge, No. 115, I. O. O. F.; Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E.; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Brotherhood of American Yeomen; and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He and his wife are Episcopalians in religious belief and are much interested in the moral progress of the community, while in the social circles of their town they occupy that enviable position which is accorded in recognition of personal worth. In his practice Dr. Maereklein has manifested a progressive spirit that has been evidenced in his search for new and improved methods of handling the intricate and complex problems that continually confront the physician, and in his social, religious and professional relations he has made for himself an enviable name and place.

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#### C. ALBRECHT.

C. Albrecht, a general merchant of Temvik, was born in South Russia in May, 1884, a son of John and Kate Albrecht, who are natives of that country and in the year 1899 came to America, settling in South Dakota. The father followed carpentering in his native country but on crossing the Atlantic he rented land in South Dakota, which he cultivated for a year and then removed to Emmons county, North Dakota, where he filed on a homestead which he operated and improved until 1912. He then retired from active business life and established his home in Temvik, where he and his wife are now living.

C. Albrecht spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native land to the time when his parents brought the family to the new world. He was then a youth of fifteen. When the family home was established in Emmons county he, too, took up a homestead claim which he farmed for six years, and at the end of that time he sold the property and embarked in merchandising in Temvik, purchasing a general stock of goods to which he has since added. He now carries a large and complete line of general merchandise and has a gratifying patronage, drawing his trade from a wide territory. He is ever an obliging merchant, courteous to all and reliable in his methods and his enterprise is winning for him growing success.

In August, 1907, Mr. Albrecht was married to Miss Barbara Riedling and to them have been born five children: Reginald, Esther, Lydia, Manuel and Arthur. Politically Mr. Albrecht is a republican, but while well versed on the questions and issues of the day, he does not hold nor desire public office. His life is guided by religious teaching and he is a faithful member of the Baptist church.

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#### DAVID WIRCH.

David Wirch, cashier of the First State Bank of Kulm, Lamoure county, was born in Russia of German parents on the 20th of October, 1885, a son of John and Maria (Tillman) Wirch, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they removed to southwestern Russia, where their son David was born. In 1889 they sought a home in the United States and settled in Dickey county, North Dakota, where the father took up a claim, on which he still resides, but in the meantime has extended the boundaries of his farm until it now comprises over four hundred acres.

David Wirch was educated in the district schools of Dickey county, in the high school of Ellendale, and in the State Normal and Industrial School at that place. He was but three years of age when brought by his parents to the United States, so that practically his entire life has been passed in North Dakota. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the First State Bank of Kulm as teller and occupied that position for eighteen months. Later he was advanced to assistant cashier and three years afterward was made cashier, in which capacity he still continues, contributing much to the successful management of the bank by reason of his close application and capability and also through his popularity, for the patrons of the bank find him always a courteous, efficient and obliging official, ever ready to further their interests to a point that is not detrimental to the safety

of the institution. He also holds an equity in a well improved farm of four hundred and eighty acres four miles south of Kulm.

In 1914 Mr. Wirsch was united in marriage to Miss Edith Lange, of Kulm, a daughter of G. Lange, a pioneer merchant of the town, now deceased. In politics Mr. Wirsch is a republican, now serving as city auditor, and he is also clerk of the school board, while he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. It will thus be seen that he has a deep interest in the educational and moral as well as the material progress of the community in which he makes his home. Although of foreign birth he is thoroughly American in spirit and interests and does everything in his power to advance the welfare of his adopted country.

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#### GEORGE H. KEYES.

George H. Keyes, of Ellendale, is one of the foremost citizens of Dickey county, agent and manager of the Baldwin estate properties of North Dakota, comprising fifty-six thousand acres of valuable farm lands in Dickey county, while individually he is also a dealer in farm lands. His business interests are therefore very extensive and important and in their control he manifests notable energy, keen discrimination and sound judgment. He was born at Lake Mills, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, April 13, 1845, a son of Abel and Mary E. (Cutler) Keyes, the former a native of Northfield, Vermont, and the latter of Connecticut, while both were representatives of old New England families. Ancestors in the paternal line served in the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, Joseph Keyes, was a millwright by trade and with his family removed to Wisconsin during the boyhood days of his son Abel, who afterward became his associate in the building of several mills, some of which they operated themselves for a number of years. In 1849 Abel Keyes removed to northern Wisconsin, settling at Menasha, where he engaged in manufacturing interests and in the real estate business. He wedded Mary E. Cutler, who in her girlhood days had accompanied her parents to Wisconsin, in which state the Keyes family ranked as one of the most prominent and influential.

George H. Keyes, after pursuing a course in the Menasha high school, attended the Lawrence University, now Lawrence College, at Appleton, Wisconsin, and in 1864, when a youth of nineteen, responded to the country's call for troops, serving as a member of Company D, Forty-first Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until after the close of the war. In 1866 he went to the west, settling in Central City, Colorado, where he engaged in prospecting and mining, there remaining for three years, after which he returned to Menasha, Wisconsin, where he was married on the 24th of March, 1869, to Miss Emma M. Thatcher. They began their domestic life in Menasha, where Mr. Keyes spent the following fourteen years as a farmer and real estate dealer. In 1883 he brought his family to North Dakota and homesteaded a quarter section of land in Dickey county, also took up a tree claim and preempted another quarter section. He proved up on his three claims and resided on the homestead until 1889, when he was elected county register of deeds and removed to Ellendale but also maintained his home upon the farm, he and his family there spending a part of the time. He was reelected to office and served for four years, making a most creditable record by the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties. Subsequently he opened an abstract and real estate office, concentrating his energies upon that business for three years, after which he was elected a member of the board of state railway and warehouse commissioners and was made its chairman, occupying that position for four years.

Resuming the pursuits of private life, Mr. Keyes continued in the real estate business in Ellendale and has become one of the most extensive operators in farm lands in this state. He was instrumental in influencing Mr. George Baldwin, of Appleton, Wisconsin, to make his heavy investments in North Dakota farm lands, Mr. Baldwin consenting to this only on condition that Mr. Keyes should look after the property and manage his investments in this state. From time to time Mr. Baldwin bought land until he owned sixty-four thousand acres and of this vast property Mr. Keyes has since had the management. Fifty quarter sections have since been sold, while the present holdings embrace three hundred and fifty

quarter sections or fifty-six thousand acres of valuable farm land in Dickey county. No resident of North Dakota is better informed concerning property values or knows better the possibilities of the soil in different sections of the state than Mr. Keyes and he has thus been able to wisely direct the interests of the Baldwin estate as well as his individual investments.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keyes have been born four children: Mary A., the wife of Walter De La Hunt, of Willmar, Minnesota; Abel, who is deceased; Norman, an agriculturist of Dickey county; and George H., Jr., cashier of the Bank of Winslow at Winslow, Arizona.

Mr. Keyes is locally prominent as a supporter of the republican party and has served for ten years as police magistrate of Ellendale and also as a member of the board of aldermen. He is known throughout the state in Masonic circles, holding membership in Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M.; Oakes Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M.; Oshkosh Commandery, No. 11, K. T.; and Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., of Fargo. He is also identified with El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo, and it is a notable fact that his grandfather, his father and his eldest son were all members of Oshkosh Commandery. Mr. Keyes has been accorded high honors in the order, being a past grand master of the grand lodge of North Dakota, a past grand high priest of the grand chapter and past grand patron of the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, while Mrs. Keyes is past grand matron. He has also been honored with the thirty-third degree, which comes only in recognition of valuable service rendered by the individual to the organization. He is likewise a member of Aberdeen Lodge, No. 1046, B. P. O. E., and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and his wife is a member of the Methodist church. By reason of his prominence in Masonic circles and his operations in farm lands Mr. Keyes has become widely known throughout North Dakota and the state is proud of him as a representative citizen.

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#### LUTHER D. MCGAHAN.

The press is universally recognized as a force whose influence on modern life it is impossible to estimate as it both forms and expresses public opinion and a knowledge of the facts on which to base opinion must also be gained through its channels. For many years Luther D. McGahan has been engaged in the newspaper business and his influence has been felt in various parts of the state as he has published newspapers in a number of towns throughout North Dakota. He is now the owner and editor of the Minot Messenger and is very active in public affairs there.

He was born in Ravenna, Ohio, September 25, 1865, a son of Jesse W. and Laurette (Patterson) McGahan, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The father removed to the Buckeye state and there engaged in the harness business for a considerable period but for the last eighteen years of his life lived in California. He passed away in Los Angeles, December 31, 1915. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army and was at the front for about a year. He received a gunshot wound and was also held as a prisoner on Johnson's island by Morgau, the famous cavalry leader. His wife passed away in California in 1897.

Luther D. McGahan, who is the youngest in a family of five children, attended school in his native town until he was sixteen years of age. He then went to Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he learned the printing business, and subsequently went to Akron, Ohio, where he remained until the spring of 1885, when he came west and settled at Stanton, Mercer county, North Dakota. After engaging in ranching there for six months he became connected with a newspaper at Mandan. In 1886 he first became a newspaper owner, publishing a weekly at Winona, Emmons county, North Dakota, opposite the Standing Rock Indian reservation. In the spring of 1887 he left that place and with George W. Wilson removed to Minot, which was at that time the terminus of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railroad. After working on a paper at Minot for a few weeks he went to Williston and there established the Williston Beacon, which he conducted for about a year. He then moved the plant to Minot and founded the Minot Journal, which, however, he sold in 1891, when he removed to Devils Lake. He was editor and manager of a paper there and later established the Devils Lake Free Press, which he published for a number of years. At length,



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however, he sold out and removed to Bismarck, where he started the *Palladium*, which he conducted for six years, and then sold that paper and returned to Minot, where he served as northwestern manager for the Edwards-Wood Company, a grain commission company of St. Paul, for one year. He was then appointed register of the United States land office, which position he resigned a few months prior to the expiration of his term as he again wished to enter the journalistic field. He bought the *Minot Democrat*, which was established in 1907 and which he is still conducting, although he has changed the name to the *Minot Messenger*. It is a weekly publication and has a large and representative circulation throughout Ward county. Its news columns are complete and reliable, and its editorials are forceful and cogent and it is well patronized as an advertising medium. In addition to publishing the *Messenger* Mr. McGahan does a large job business, for which the plant is thoroughly equipped. He owns property in Minot and is one of the substantial citizens of the town.

Mr. McGahan was married on the 4th of June, 1889, to Miss Jennie H. Spellman, who was born at Marlboro, Stark county, Ohio, a daughter of William O. and Sarah (Brandon) Spellman, both of whom were also born in the Buckeye state. The father is a cabinetmaker by trade, but is now living retired. He served during the Civil war in an Ohio regiment, remaining at the front for three years and making an excellent record as a soldier. He is a cousin of the late Mrs. John D. Rockefeller. To Mr. and Mrs. McGahan have been born four children, Aileen S., Luther S., Edward A. and Alice C. All are at home with the exception of Luther S., who is now with Company D, First North Dakota Infantry, at Mercedes, Texas.

Mr. McGahan is an independent republican in politics and has been called to a number of offices of public trust. During the thirteenth general assembly he represented Burleigh county in the lower house and subsequently he served as chief enrolling clerk in the senate. He was for a number of years a member of the city council of Bismarck and was also for some time head of the police department and head of the public improvement department in the city of Minot which is under the commission form of government. For four years he was register of the United States land office under President Roosevelt and in this as in all other official capacities he proved systematic, capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He was a director of the State Fair for several years. He takes a great interest in everything affecting the welfare of Minot and Ward county and both personally and through his paper is constantly seeking to promote the general welfare. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Elks and with the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed through all of the chairs, and also with several insurance orders. He is a widely known and highly esteemed citizen of Minot, and his personal qualities are such that he has gained the warm friendship of many.

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#### WALTER PERKINS MACOMBER.

McLean county has no more prominent citizen than Walter Perkins Macomber, who for several years has been actively identified with its development along business and industrial lines. His early home was in the east, for he was born in Bangor, Maine, on the 10th of May, 1859, a son of James and Mercy (Perkins) Macomber. He attended school in the old Pine Tree state during his boyhood and continued his education for a time after his removal to Minnesota. When a young man he became a resident of Anoka, Minnesota, and was soon numbered among the most influential men of that city, being called upon to serve as its mayor for two years.

It was in 1889 that Mr. Macomber came to North Dakota and located upon the boundary line between McLean and Burleigh counties when that section was a pioneer region. He became interested in the coal deposits there and developed productive mines, of which he is the active manager. He has also been identified with other business enterprises of importance and has carried on an extensive trade in land and grain. Farming has also claimed his attention and today he owns over one thousand acres of very valuable land in this state. For several years past he has had charge of the commercial end of the enterprise established by Senator W. D. Washburn under the name of The Washburn Lignite Coal Com-

pany, developing coal mines near Wilton, and they have built up one of the most important industries of that section of the state.

On the 23d of August, 1877, Mr. Macomber was married in Anoka, Minnesota, to Miss Jeannette L. Kelsey, and they have become the parents of two children: Elizabeth, now the wife of Dr. R. C. Thompson, of Wilton; and Charlotte, the wife of Gilbert W. Stewart, of Wilton.

Although a very modest and unassuming man, Mr. Macomber has always borne an influential part in public affairs and for the past four years has been a member of the state board of parole. He is generous almost to a fault and the city of Wilton has been greatly benefited thereby, for he is always willing to aid any enterprise for the good of the community. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the state and is recognized everywhere as a public-spirited and progressive citizen.

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#### HALVOR P. LANGEMO.

Halvor P. Langemo, a representative of farming interests in Barnes county, was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, April 6, 1865, and is a son of Peter Langemo, who is mentioned in connection with the sketch of Nels P. Langemo on another page of this work. His boyhood days were spent upon his father's farm and after acquainting himself with the branches of learning taught in the public schools he attended St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, for two years. He afterward concentrated his attention upon farm work until 1886, when he left Minnesota and on the 3d of August arrived at Valley City, Barnes county, North Dakota. There he joined his elder brother, Nels P. Langemo, by whom he was employed until 1894, when he took up farm work on his own account and has since concentrated his attention and energies upon general agricultural pursuits. He now owns a section of land, constituting an excellent farm, and upon his place he has planted a fine grove. There is a substantial residence and good barns and outbuildings and he makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle. He also cultivates grain, hay, oats and barley and he is a diligent and untiring worker who owes his success to his close application and the many hours of labor which he puts in each day.

On the 22d of November, 1899, Mr. Langemo was married to Miss Ida Maasjo, who was born in Barnes county, North Dakota, December 26, 1882, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Ole E. Maasjo, natives of Eidsvold, Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Langemo have become the parents of nine children, Marie, Martha, Peter Osear, Inga Matilda, Arthur Theodore, Henry Ingvold, Edwin Norman, Ervin Maurice and Herman Milfred.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and their many good qualities have endeared them to all who know them, while Mr. Langemo's capability as a business man has placed him with the substantial farmers of Barnes county.

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#### CARL A. OWENSON.

With the business interests of Renville county, Carl A. Owenson has been identified since 1905 and is today successfully engaged in general merchandising at Tolley. His birth occurred in Danway, Illinois, August 28, 1877, and he is a son of Knute and Sophia (Harne) Owenson, who were born, reared and married in Norway. In the early '70s they came to the United States and located in Illinois, but afterward removed to Hamilton county, Iowa, and still later to Winnebago county, that state, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father died in 1893 and the mother in 1895.

Carl A. Owenson obtained a good practical education in the public schools and also took a commercial course at the Metropolitan Business College of Minneapolis, Minnesota. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed at intervals for nine years. On the founding of the town of Tolley, North Dakota, in 1905 he removed to that place and for two years was employed in the hardware store of F. O. Johnson. At the end of that time he

purchased an interest in the mercantile business of Fred Schmidt, becoming a member of the firm of Schmidt & Owenson, which was formed in August, 1907. In February, 1910, he bought out his partner but in the following August sold the business to W. E. Grinnell. For three years Mr. Owenson was then engaged in the insurance business, but in February, 1914, he again embarked in mercantile pursuits, buying the store of William Schmidt, which he has since conducted. He carries a large and well selected stock of general merchandise and enjoys a good patronage. In 1902 he homesteaded in Renville county and later bought an additional one hundred and sixty acres of land cornering on his original tract but has since sold his farm property and now gives his undivided attention to merchandising.

On the 26th of September, 1907, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Owenson and Miss Mabel Lyder, of Ellsworth, Iowa, and they have become the parents of two children: Vivian Sophia and Lois Marie. They are consistent members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Owenson also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. He has seen much of this country and has also traveled abroad. In 1901 he went to Seattle, where he worked as a millwright and carpenter for a year and a half, and subsequently was at San Francisco and Los Angeles, whence he removed to Tolley, North Dakota. He has also made several trips to Iowa and five years ago again went to Seattle. He visited the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis and in 1900 made a tour of Europe. The democratic party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has served as a member of the town board of Tolley. He is an advocate of all worthy measures for the good of the community and is one of the representative citizens of Renville county.

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#### C. K. RITCHIE, M. D.

Dr. C. K. Ritchie, a physician of marked ability practicing at Velva, was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, on the 8th of September, 1858, a son of Peter F. and Margaret (Kidd) Ritchie, who crossed the border into the United States in the fall following the birth of the Doctor and established their home in Minnesota. Subsequently they made several removals, at length returning to Canada, but still later they again came to this country and spent their last days in the state of Washington.

Dr. Ritchie acquired a public school education and then in preparation for a professional career entered the Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, Missouri, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1901. He located for practice in Minneapolis but a severe case of asthma developed and forced him to leave that city. Accordingly in 1903 he sought a change of climate by removing to Velva, where he has since remained, and his ability has brought to him an extensive and growing practice. He has all the sterling characteristics of the capable physician and is most careful in the diagnosis of his cases, while his judgment is seldom, if ever, at fault in foreseeing the outcome of disease.

In 1888 Dr. Ritchie was married to Miss Scintilla Sexta Pond, of Minneapolis, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: Lindsay K., a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Agnes M. and Cyrus H., both at home. Fraternally Dr. Ritchie is a Mason, belonging to Velva Lodge, No. 76, and he is also identified with Velva Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Rebeccas and the Modern Woodmen. In politics he maintains an independent course nor does he have desire for the honors or emoluments of office. It is his purpose to give undivided attention to his professional duties and colleagues and contemporaries recognize his ability, while the public endorses his course by a liberal patronage.

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#### JOSEPH S. FISCHER.

It is a noticeable fact that young men are the dominant factors in the upbuilding of the west. They have carried with them into that section of the country a spirit of progress and enterprise combined with youthful enthusiasm, and their efforts have been most effective and resultant. Active among the leading young business men of Strasburg is Joseph S.

Fischer, who is assistant cashier in a bank there. He was born in Eureka, South Dakota, April 12, 1895, a son of Stephen and Cecelia (Keonig) Fischer, who are natives of Russia. In early life the father made his way from that country to the new world, settling in South Dakota, where he engaged in farming with his father for several years. In 1900 he removed to Wishek, North Dakota, where he engaged in general merchandising and in the grain business, continuing active along those lines at that place for several years. He then disposed of his interests there and removed to Strasburg, where he became one of the organizers of the First State Bank, of which he has continuously been the president, with M. Van Soest and Joe Dillman as vice presidents. This bank is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars and their deposits amount to about ninety thousand dollars. The bank was organized in 1914 and the company erected a modern bank building on the main street of the town. Mr. Fischer is thus closely associated with the business interests of Strasburg, where he and his wife are pleasantly located in an attractive home.

Their son, Joseph S. Fischer was reared and educated in Wishek, attended the common schools, and later pursued a course in St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota, and in St. Thomas College at St. Paul. He then entered his father's bank as assistant cashier but performs virtually the duties of cashier and is thus active in the careful and conservative conduct and management of the bank. He was reared in the Catholic faith, to which he still adheres, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. His life is characterized by the spirit of western enterprise and progress and his advancement seems assured.

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#### ARGALUS WILSON GRAY.

Argalus Wilson Gray, an attorney at law practicing at Kenmare, was born near Benezett, Elk county, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1870, a son of Argalus White and Emeline (Whitenack) Gray. The father, a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, became a millwright and farmer, following agricultural pursuits in Elk county, Pennsylvania, until the early '50s, when he made an overland trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he established a general store, becoming a pioneer merchant of that section of the state. In the '60s he removed to Marion, Iowa, where he continued to engage in general merchandising. It was there he met and married Miss Whitenack, with whom he returned to Elk county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased land and engaged in farming near the town of Dubois, living upon that place for twenty years. He then retired from active business life and took up his abode in Dubois, where he erected a fine residence, which he occupied until his death in 1900. His sons are engaged in the printing business and the Gray Printing Company is one of the well established and successful concerns of Dubois. His widow, who was born in Ohio in 1836, went with her parents to Nebraska at a very early day. Since her husband's death she has continued to live in Dubois and has now reached the advanced age of eighty years.

A. W. Gray, whose name introduces this review, pursued his early education in the district schools of Elk county. For a time he assisted his father on the home farm and later engaged in the printing business at Dubois, where he served an apprenticeship, while later he became associated with his brothers in conducting the Gray Printing Company and establishing their plant. Their business included the publication of a newspaper. A. W. Gray, however, turned to the west in 1893, when he removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he worked at the printer's trade through the daytime and pursued a night course in the law department of the University of Minnesota. At length he was graduated therefrom with the class of 1898, after which he returned to his old Pennsylvania home, intending to practice in Dubois, but he had lived too long in the west to again be contented in the east, and in 1899 he again arrived in Minneapolis, where he followed his profession for a year. In the spring of 1900 he reached Ward county and opened an office in Kenmare in the midst of what was still at that time a frontier district. He was the first lawyer to establish an office in Ward county outside of Minot, the county seat, thus becoming a pioneer attorney. He soon built up a fine practice and he enjoys the entire confidence of the people by reason of his professional ability and personal worth. He always prepares his cases with great thorough-

ness and care, is a strong and logical thinker, clear in his reasoning and concise in his appeals to the court—qualities which figure prominently in the attainment of success before the bar.

On the 12th of September, 1900, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss M. Lulu Carr, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was born in Farmington, that state, and spent her girlhood largely in Minneapolis. She supplemented her early education by study at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she pursued a teacher's kindergarten course and then taught in a kindergarten school in Minneapolis. Her father was Frank J. Carr, a native of Maine, who at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in the Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, serving from 1861 until 1865. In the '70s he removed to Farmington, Minnesota, where he purchased land, which he developed and cultivated for many years. Later he took up his abode in Minneapolis and was connected with its police department for twenty years. He still makes his home in that city but is now living retired. His wife, Elizabeth Wade, who was born amid the White mountains of New Hampshire, also survives. Mr. and Mrs. Gray became the parents of five children, of whom only two are now living: Argalus W., who was born in Kenmare, August 3, 1905; and Elizabeth Lulu, born April 21, 1908.

When Mr. Gray removed to Kenmare he and his brother, George M. Gray, purchased the town newspaper, called the Kenmare News, conducting it while both were engaged in the practice of law. In this work they were successful. At first they had an old Washington hand press and they brought the first cylinder power printing press into Ward county. While they were owners and edited the paper it had the largest circulation of any newspaper in the county, but at length they disposed of their interests therein to devote their entire attention to the practice of law. Mr. Gray homesteaded in Ward county in 1903 and yet owns both farm land and city property. George M. Gray died at Fargo, North Dakota, October 31, 1912, while acting as chairman of the republican state central committee. With financial interests A. W. Gray has also been prominently identified. In association with others he organized the Citizens State Bank of Kenmare, serving as one of its directors for some time, while he was likewise vice president and director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Powers Lake, which he organized. With others he purchased the Bank of Donnybrook and acted as its president for a number of years, but he has now disposed of his banking interests and gives his attention entirely to law practice. His property holdings include valuable fruit lands and city real estate in eastern Oregon.

Politically Mr. Gray is a republican and for two terms, or from 1913 to 1916, he served as city attorney. He was also public administrator of Ward county for two terms. He is a very active, prominent and influential citizen and for one year was president of the Commercial Club of his town. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, in which he is now junior warden. Both he and his wife are active and loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Gray is serving on the board, while his wife is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and of the choir, and both do everything in their power to promote the growth of the church and extend its influence.

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#### F. W. KEMPF.

F. W. Kempf, mayor of Kulm and identified with its business interests as a photographer, was born in Hastings, Minnesota, September 8, 1876, a son of August and Julia Kempf, who were born near Berlin, Germany, and were there reared and married. They had one child before they emigrated to the new world, at which time they became residents of Columbus, Texas, where the father engaged in the stock business for a number of years. From that point he removed northward to Hastings, Minnesota, where he conducted a butchering business, remaining active along that line until he put aside business cares, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He died in St. Paul in 1915, having for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away in Winthrop, Minnesota, in 1902.

F. W. Kempf pursued his education in the schools of Winthrop until he had completed the high school course, after which he attended the Hastings (Minn.) Commercial College. For some years thereafter he was identified with newspaper work and with various other

lines of business. In 1903 he came to North Dakota and the following year was appointed assistant secretary of the North Dakota state senate, in which important position he served acceptably during three sessions. Prior to his removal to this state he engaged in photography in Winthrop and in Mankato, Minnesota, and following his removal to Kulm he established a photographic studio in that city, where he has since continued, his ability as a representative of the art bringing to him a liberal and well deserved patronage.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Kempf is connected with Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E., with the Royal Neighbors, and with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is an earnest republican and for several years has served as constable and chief of police of Kulm, and in 1916 he was elected mayor of the city, receiving all but two votes cast for the office, a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him. He is a member of the German Lutheran church and his influence officially and personally is always on the side of right, progress and improvement.

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#### WADE A. MINAR.

Wade A. Minar, a well known druggist of Tolley, is a native of Minnesota, his birth occurring in Austin, September 25, 1880, and he is a son of Henry J. and Hattie (Hay) Minar. His father was born in New York and his mother in Brownsdale, Minnesota, in which state they were married. For a number of years Henry J. Minar was identified with the real estate business in Austin, but in 1910 he came to North Dakota and has since made his home in Tolley.

Wade A. Minar is indebted to the public schools for the educational privileges he enjoyed during his boyhood. At the early age of twelve years he became a wage earner, being employed in a grocery store in Austin, Minnesota, where he worked before and after school hours for about three years. He then entered a drug store and began the study of pharmacy. He was in the employ of two different druggists in Austin for a number of years and in 1898 passed the state examination and was registered as a pharmacist in Minnesota. In 1900 he removed to Courtenay, North Dakota, where he was employed in the drug store of H. J. Murphy, and subsequently he and Mr. Murphy established two branch stores, one at Anamoose and the other at Carpio. Mr. Minar owned a half interest in both establishments, which were sold between 1903 and 1905, and in the latter year he removed to Tolley and established his present business. He carries a fine line of drugs and has built up a good trade. He also owns about a section of valuable farming land in Renville township and in the management of his affairs has displayed excellent business ability and sound judgment.

Mr. Minar was married in 1906 to Miss Theresa Shay, of Pine Island, Minnesota, and to them have been born two daughters, namely: Catherine and Marian. Politically Mr. Minar is an ardent republican and for some years he has efficiently served as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and also belongs to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E.; and Tolley Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is one of the representative citizens of his community and stands high in both business and social circles.

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#### RUSH W. DICKEY.

A leading citizen of Ellendale is Rush W. Dickey, who was born in Pine Island, Minnesota, April 25, 1862, a son of Oscar A. and Elizabeth (Burnett) Dickey, who were natives of the Empire state and soon after their marriage removed from New York to Minnesota, settling on a farm in Goodhue county, where the father engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active life. For a short period he was also identified with merchandising in Pine Island. About 1879 he removed to South Dakota and homesteaded in Brown county, twelve miles northwest of Aberdeen, there continuing his residence until death called him about 1904. His widow survives and now resides with her sons in Frederick, South Dakota.

After mastering the district school course in Goodhue county, Minnesota, Rush W. Dickey continued his education in the Pine Island high school and also attended a night school at Pine Island. In 1881 he removed to South Dakota and secured a squatter's claim in McPherson county, which he held until he attained his majority and then entered it under the homestead act. During those years he worked at the railroad station in Westport, where he picked up a knowledge of telegraphy, and in 1882 he was given a position as a telegrapher on the Milwaukee railroad, while in 1889 he was made station agent at Ellendale, which position he held for eighteen years, being in the service of the Milwaukee system for a quarter of a century. While employed as station agent at Ellendale he also operated a dray line as a side issue, conducted a coal business and engaged in real estate dealing, beside cultivating some of his farm properties. In a word, he is a man that has ever recognized and utilized business opportunities and by his careful management of his interests has won success. In 1908 he built the Dickey Hotel, erecting one of the finest buildings of its class to be found in any of the smaller towns in the state. For five years he conducted the hotel, making it one of the well known and successful hostleries of the state, but in 1914 he sold the property and has since given his attention to the management of his farming interests and to the buying and selling of farm lands. His knowledge of realty values has enabled him to deal most successfully along that line and his business interests are now meeting with a substantial measure of prosperity.

On the 27th of June, 1891, Mr. Dickey was united in marriage to Miss Mabel E. Denio, of Ellendale, and they became the parents of four children, of whom three are living: May E., who is a graduate of the State Normal and Industrial School of Ellendale, of the St. Mary's College of Faribault, Minnesota, and of the Chicago School of Art and is now teaching in an art school in Evanston; Ada G., the wife of William Hecklesmiller, a merchant of Ellendale; and Max Milford, who is still attending school.

Mr. Dickey is a representative and exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M.; South Dakota Consistory, No. 4, A. A. S. R., of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance has been given the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for two terms he served as alderman of Ellendale, being a member of the city council which built the sewer system and electric light plant and also the concrete sidewalks of this city. In a word, he has been a dominant factor in the upbuilding and improvement of the town in many ways and has been most closely and helpfully connected with its interests for a third of a century, his labors being at all times effective and resultant.

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#### WILLIAM H. UHLENKOTT.

William H. Uhlenkott, cashier of the German State Bank and one of its stockholders and directors, has thus been identified with the business interests of Strasburg since the 1st of June, 1914. For several years before he had been a resident of North Dakota and he has always lived west of the Mississippi. He was born in Stearns county, Minnesota, November 21, 1887, and is a son of George and Mary (Metzger) Uhlenkott, the former a native of Westphalia, Germany, and the latter of Bavaria. The father came to America with his parents when a lad of but six years and after attaining his majority engaged in farming on his own account in Stearns county, Minnesota, where he was busily engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1913, when he retired from active life. He and his wife are now residents of Freeport, Minnesota.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth William H. Uhlenkott remained a resident of Stearns county and his time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields upon the old homestead. He continued under the parental roof until he reached adult age and then began working in a bank as book-keeper and assistant cashier, occupying that position for three years. He afterward removed to Randolph, Nebraska, where he was employed as second assistant cashier in the Security National Bank for four years. He next went to New Leipzig, North Dakota, where he

remained as assistant cashier for nine months. On the 1st of June, 1914, he arrived in Strasburg and accepted the position of cashier of the German State Bank, of which he is a stockholder and director, with F. A. Lahr as the president. This bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars, has a surplus and undivided profits of fifteen hundred dollars and its deposits amount to forty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Uhlenkott was one of the organizers of this bank and his experience, close application and energy have been strong elements in its growing success. In addition to a regular banking business the firm deals in real estate, makes farm loans and writes insurance and their business in these connections is also substantial.

In October, 1909, Mr. Uhlenkott was married to Miss Christina Micklish and to them were born three children: one who died in infancy; Eva M., born in April, 1912; and Flora, who was born in September, 1915, and passed away in the same month. Mr. Uhlenkott holds membership in the Catholic church and is also identified with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a democrat and is now filling the position of town clerk. His friends recognize in him a progressive business man, alert and enterprising, to whom opportunity is ever a call to action.

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#### ST. MARY'S PARISH.

St. Mary's parish at Grand Forks, of which the Rev. M. J. Driscoll is pastor, was created by the Rt. Rev. James O'Reilly, D. D., on the 23d of June, 1914. It comprises all Catholic families residing south of De Mers avenue and the Great Northern Railroad as far as the half way line between Grand Forks and Thompson. Rev. Driscoll was appointed to take pastoral charge of the parish by the bishop and the first mass was said September 15, 1914, in the Knights of Columbus hall. Not long afterward the property on Belmont avenue opposite the Winship Triangle was purchased, the lot being one hundred by one hundred and forty feet. Already work has been begun on what when completed will be one of the most artistic of the small church edifices in the state of North Dakota. The work under the charge of Father Driscoll has been growing steadily and the parish is now well organized.

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#### O. T. HOUSE.

O. T. House, the well known and popular postmaster of Napoleon, North Dakota, and one of the pioneers of Logan county, was born in West Union, Iowa, on the 6th of November, 1752, his parents being Alexander and Sarah (Sturgis) House. The father was a native of New York state and the mother of Pennsylvania, but they were married in Iowa, whither they had removed in early life. Mr. House secured a homestead in Fayette county, that state, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in the town of Fayette in 1913. The mother of our subject had died in 1859 and the father had subsequently married Miss Augusta Lovell, who passed away one month prior to her husband's death.

In the state of his nativity O. T. House grew to manhood, pursuing his education in the public schools and graduating from the Ainsworth high school in the class of 1871. After putting aside his textbooks he worked on his father's farm for about a year and then started out in life for himself. He spent two years in traveling throughout the western states, during which time he was variously employed, and then returned home. In 1883 he came to North Dakota and first located in Steele, Kidder county, but the following year removed to Logan county and filed on a homestead, on which he proved up, making that place his home for ten years. Since that time he has been a resident of Napoleon and has followed various occupations, being identified with the hotel and livery business for some time. He has also dealt in land and has engaged in the stock business to some extent. He owns four hundred and eighty acres of good land in Logan county, two hundred acres of which he is farming at the present time with excellent results.

Mr. House was married in 1893 to Miss Mary Helmer, of Napoleon, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Olive Frances, now the wife of O. K. Winjum, a farmer of Logan county; and Alexine, Marion and Anna, all three at home.



REV. M. J. DRISCOLL



It was in March, 1914, that Mr. House was appointed postmaster of Napoleon and he has since served in that capacity with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. As a democrat he takes an influential part in political affairs in his community and has been called upon to serve in several official positions of honor and trust. He was appointed the first sheriff of Logan county and was subsequently elected to that office, serving in all four years. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him and is justly regarded as one of the prominent and representative citizens of his part of the state.

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JOHN B. MARLENEE.

John B. Marlenee, who was one of the promoters of the pioneer development of McHenry county and is now a retired farmer living in Velva, was born in Jackson county, Ohio, July 3, 1849, a son of John and Jane (Patterson) Marlenee, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. When their son John was but three years of age they removed with their family to Guthrie county, Iowa, where the father entered a homestead claim from which he developed a farm that continued to be his place of residence until his death.

John B. Marlenee received only such educational advantages as could be secured in pioneer days in Iowa. His training at farm labor, however, was not meager, for from an early age he assisted in the arduous task of developing and improving the fields upon the old Iowa homestead. In 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Moore, of Guthrie county, Iowa, and he began farming on his own account in that locality. In 1883 he made his way westward to McHenry county, North Dakota, where he took up a preemption of one hundred and sixty acres on Mouse river, three miles west of Velva. There he resided for eleven years or until 1894, when he went to Minot in order to give his children the benefit of education in the city schools. The following spring, however, he returned to the hills and engaged in sheep raising, with which industry he was identified for three years. He then disposed of his sheep and turned his attention to dealing in cattle and horses, remaining an active factor in that business until 1904. He afterward spent a year in British Columbia and in recent years he has bought and sold horses but at the present time is living retired from business, making his home in Velva. He still owns three quarter sections of land and through the capable management of his business affairs in earlier days he won success.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marlenee have been born four children, three of whom survive, as follows: Loretta, who is the wife of Joseph Strong, of Ward county, North Dakota; Jerome, a resident of Swift Current, Canada; and Lawrence, an agriculturist residing in Montana.

Fraternally Mr. Marlenee is connected with Velva Lodge, No. 92, I. O. O. F. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but he has never been an aspirant for public office. For a third of a century he has lived in the Mouse river district and his son Lawrence was the first white child born on the Mouse river. Through all the intervening years he has taken an active part in the work of development not only through its pioneer stages but in the later periods of progress which have brought this section of North Dakota to its present state of prosperity.

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A. B. MALIN.

A. B. Malin, a real estate and insurance broker of Kulm, was born in Christian county, Illinois, January 20, 1861, a son of Jeremiah and Amanda (Pierce) Malin, both representatives of pioneer families of Christian county. The father removed to that locality with his parents during his early boyhood. He was born in Ohio, of Scotch ancestry, and the Pierce family is an old one in America, the grandfather of Mr. Malin serving under General Jackson in the Black Hawk war. Jeremiah Malin lived in Christian county, Illinois, from his second year until 1908, when he sold his farm there and removed to Kansas, his home being now in Lewis, Edwards county, that state. He is in his eighty-first year, but his wife passed away about 1870.

A. B. Malin supplemented a district school education by a commercial course in the Pierce Business College at Keokuk, Iowa, and for some years afterward drifted around, being variously employed until 1883, when he came to North Dakota. He worked through the harvest season and in the fall of that year went south into Kansas, where he pre-empted a quarter section of land in Edwards county. In the spring of 1885 he made further arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Lilly Bowhus. In the following fall he was elected register of deeds of Edwards county on the first democratic ticket ever voted in that county. He served for one term and in the spring of 1889, after the great land rush in Oklahoma, he removed to Guthrie, where he continued until the opening of the Cherokee strip to settlers in 1893. He then established his home in Perry, where he remained until 1896, after which he spent the following three years in different states. In 1899 he arrived at Kulm, North Dakota, and subsequently engaged in the real estate and insurance business, with which he has since been prominently identified, negotiating many important transfers and also writing a large amount of insurance. He has persistently, carefully and wisely managed his business affairs and has gained thereby a substantial measure of success. He also owns a quarter section of land in Lamoure county and an equity in four quarter sections in Logan county.

Mr. and Mrs. Malin became the parents of three children: Bert B., who is with the W. S. Milner Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as instructor in their motor school; Daisy A., the wife of H. E. Ross, a druggist of Glenn Ullin, North Dakota; and Asa C., who is a teacher of manual training in the schools of Leeds, North Dakota. The wife and mother passed away April 7, 1909, and on the 3d of January, 1911, Mr. Malin was married to Mrs. L. C. Gore, née Moore, of Minneapolis, who by her former marriage had a daughter, Irene Gore.

Mr. Malin exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served as justice of the peace for several years, his decisions in that office being characterized by strict fairness and impartiality. For six or seven years he has been clerk of the school board and he is interested in all that pertains to the educational progress of the community. Fraternally he is associated with the Modern Woodmen of America and is prominent in Masonic circles as a member of Maple River Lodge, No. 41, F. & A. M., while of Edgeley Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., he is a charter member. His wife belongs to the Universalist church and they are highly esteemed in their community, where they have gained many warm friends, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended them.

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#### HAROLD INGVALDSON.

Harold Ingvaldson, who occupies a foremost position among the progressive business men of Wells county, is now serving as cashier of the First National Bank of Fessenden and is also identified with several other banks in that section of the state. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born at Hamar, Norway, October 25, 1886, and there he was reared, his early education being acquired in the schools of that country. After his graduation from Hamar College, he came to the United States in 1907 and first located at Elbow Lake, Minnesota, where he worked on a farm for one year. He then attended the Park Region Lutheran College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, for one term.

Since that time Mr. Ingvaldson has been a resident of North Dakota and has been actively identified with the banking business. He was first connected with the Citizens State Bank of Enderlin, Ransom county, as bookkeeper and later as assistant cashier, remaining with that institution for one year. He then accepted the position of cashier of the Merchants State Bank of Drake, where he also remained a year, and in January, 1911, became cashier of the First National Bank of Fessenden, in which capacity he is still serving. He is also a stockholder and director of that bank, which was organized as the Fessenden State Bank in 1896 but was reorganized in 1903 under its present name. The capital stock was originally ten thousand dollars but when it became a national bank its capital was

raised to twenty-five thousand dollars and it now has a surplus of fifteen thousand dollars and undivided profits of seven thousand dollars. Its present officers are H. Thorson, of Drake, North Dakota, president; Otto Bremmer, of St. Paul, Minnesota, vice president; Harold Ingvaldson, cashier; and S. P. Long, assistant cashier. The first two have held the same offices since 1908.

Mr. Ingvaldson is also serving as president of the Farmers State Bank of Cathay, North Dakota, and vice president of the State Bank of Heimdal, and is interested in other financial institutions in the same section of the state. He occupies a prominent position in banking circles and in the conduct of his affairs has displayed excellent business and executive ability.

On the 2d of February, 1914, Mr. Ingvaldson was united in marriage to Miss Magda Skogmo, of Manfred, North Dakota, who is a graduate of the Valley City Normal School, and they have become the parents of two children: Helen Sigrid and Harold Arnold. They are earnest and consistent members of the Lutheran church of Fessenden and Mr. Ingvaldson affiliates with the republican party, now serving as secretary of the county central republican committee. He is one of the representative citizens of his community, having the confidence and high regard of all with whom he is brought in contact either in business or social affairs.

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#### CHARLES LANO.

Charles Lano, editor and proprietor of the Mohall Tribune-News, published at Mohall, Renville county, was born at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, a son of Anton and Maria (Stern) Lano, who were natives of Germany and in young manhood and womanhood crossed the Atlantic to the new world. They were married in Chicago and afterward removed to Minnesota, Mr. Lano filing on a homestead which constitutes the present site of the city of St. Peter. The land was so sandy that he gave up his claim and bought on the Cannon river between Red Wing and Northfield. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits and for many years he also burned charcoal, thus adding materially to his income. He died in 1884, while his wife long survived, passing away in 1907.

After completing a course in the Cannon Falls high school at the age of seventeen years Charles Lano left home and started out in the business world on his own account, going to St. Paul, where he engaged in peddling cranberries. Subsequently he worked in various capacities, spending a brief period in railroad work, and later he engaged in well drilling, which business he followed for about five years. In 1896 he returned to Cannon Falls and for four years was assistant postmaster at that place. In 1901 he became associated with the International Harvester Company, which he represented for a year. In 1902 he identified himself with the banking business by securing a position as bookkeeper in a bank at Nerstrand, Minnesota, and in January, 1903, he removed to Mohall, North Dakota, and opened the books for the Mohall Security Bank. During the latter part of that year he purchased a well drilling machine and prospected for coal on the Mouse river. He discovered coal for his employers but it was at a depth of two hundred feet and they had not enough capital to develop a mine at that depth. In April, 1904, he was appointed postmaster of Mohall and continued to occupy the position until September, 1913. Within that period, or in 1911, he bought the Mohall Tribune and in May, 1914, he purchased the Mohall News, consolidating the two papers under the name of the Mohall Tribune-News, which is today the leading paper of Renville county. It is published according to the methods of modern journalism and its editorial utterances are bright, trenchant, clearly pointed articles, always commanding attention and many times awakening earnest thought.

Mr. Lano has been a prominent figure in fraternal circles. In 1905 he was associated with H. H. Steele in organizing Mohall Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., and he is a member of Jared Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R. of Grand Forks, also of Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks, and Minot Lodge, No. 6, K. P. He was one of the organizers and stockholders of the Modern Woodmen of America Association which built the Woodmen Hall, a modern brick building, in which a moving picture theater in which he is financially inter-

ested is being conducted. He took an active part in the division of Ward county and the formation of Renville county and the location of the county seat at Mohall, of which he was then postmaster. He is chief of the fire department of Mohall and is thus actively and prominently connected with public interests of moment, lending his aid and support to all movements which are calculated to advance the general welfare and substantially promote public progress.

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JUDGE W. S. WICKERSHAM.

Judge W. S. Wickersham, occupying the bench of the county court of Dickey county, was born in Montgomery county, Illinois, on the 25th of November, 1866, and is a son of Jonah R. and Sarah C. Wickersham, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Indiana. In young manhood and womanhood they removed to Montgomery county, Illinois, where they began their domestic life but in 1878 they removed to Shelby county, Iowa, where the Judge was reared on a farm and laid a foundation for his future success, and where his father still lives at the advanced age of eighty-five years, his mother having died in 1894.

Judge Wickersham mastered the elementary branches of learning in the public schools of Shelby county and afterward attended Western College at Toledo, Iowa. When his more specifically literary education was completed he took up the study of law and completed that course and was admitted to practice at the Nebraska state bar in 1894, and at once entered upon the active work of his profession. In 1896 he returned to Iowa where he remained in active practice until 1900 when he came to North Dakota, settling at Oakes, Dickey county, where he was actively in practice until January, 1910, when he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county judge and in the November election of that year he was regularly chosen to the office, to which he was returned in 1912 and again in 1914, and at the primary election in June, 1916, he was again renominated to succeed himself without opposition. He has already served upon the bench for more than six years, making an excellent record by the fairness and impartiality of his decisions, his capability being attested by the vote that has been given him at his reelections and by the further fact that there has never been an appeal from the county court since he has presided over it. He is a member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, and secretary of the North Dakota Association of County Judges.

In 1896 Judge Wickersham was married to Miss Emma Durkee, of Defiance, Iowa, by whom he has one son, J. Lee, who is in the sophomore year at the North Dakota State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale. Judge and Mrs. Wickersham occupy an enviable social position. Fraternally he is identified with Oakes Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., and with the Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, at Oakes. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is a firm believer in its principles, but never allows political opinion or allegiance to interfere in the slightest degree with the performance of his judicial duties and the fairness and equity of his decisions make his public career one highly beneficial to the county which he represents.

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MICHAEL A. KLEIN.

In many of North Dakota's towns are found general merchandise establishments which would be a credit to cities of much larger size. They, however, draw their trade from a wide surrounding territory and in their equipment meet every need of town and country life. Of such an establishment at Strasburg is Michael A. Klein proprietor, and since establishing the business in 1905 he has met with continuous success. He was born in South Russia, December 15, 1868, a son of Andrew and Rosa Klein, who were also natives of that country. The father followed farming in Russia throughout his entire life and there passed away in 1885, while the mother, surviving him for more than two decades, died in 1907.

Michael A. Klein was reared and educated in Russia and there took up the profession

of school teaching, which he followed until 1892, when he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world. Reaching American shores, he made his way across the continent to Eureka, South Dakota, where he engaged in clerking in a general store for seven years. He then removed to Wishek, where he engaged in general merchandising on his own account for six years, having a partner during three years of that time. In 1905 he went to Strasburg and there erected a fine building on Main street. At that date there was only one other store in the town. He put in a large stock of general merchandise and has since conducted his store, its growing success being due to the fact that he meets every demand of the purchasing public and is thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising in his business methods. He has contributed much to the growth and development of his locality and is now the president of the German State Bank, of which he was one of the organizers, is the vice president of the Strasburg Lumber Company and is a stockholder in the Provident Insurance Company of Bismarck. His intense business activity has contributed much to the gradual growth and improvement of the district in which he lives.

On the 4th of November, 1890, Mr. Klein was united in marriage to Miss Rosena Welk and they have become parents of seven children: Julia, who was born while her father and mother were en route to America; John; Regina; Eugene; Mary; Annie; and Leo.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr Klein belongs to the German Catholic Society. In politics he is a democrat and is now serving as county commissioner of Emmons county, which position he has filled for four years. He has also been president of the town board and for six years was a trustee of the Catholic church. His aid and influence can at all times be counted upon to further measures for the general good and he does not hesitate to give of his time, his means or his effort toward advancing the general welfare

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#### CHARLES R. ANDERSON.

At a period when McHenry county was just being reclaimed for the purposes of civilization Charles R. Anderson took up his abode within its borders and has since been identified with its progress and improvement. He was born in Sweden, May 31, 1858, a son of Andrew and Christina Anderson, who spent their entire lives in that country. Charles R. Anderson was reared under the parental roof and acquired a public school education, remaining in Sweden until 1880, when at the age of twenty-two years he came alone to the United States. He first settled in St. Louis county, Minnesota, where he was employed with a Scandinavian-American school teacher, who was temporarily working on the railroad and who gave Mr. Anderson and other newly arrived emigrants special instruction in the English language, which he had thoroughly mastered. In 1882 Mr. Anderson came with others to McHenry county, North Dakota, there being twenty-one families in the party. He cast in his lot with the early settlers, for at that time the work of progress and development had scarcely begun. He was accompanied by his brother, A. G. Anderson, and his uncle, Charles Peterson. He filed on a preemption, which he later turned into a homestead. His brother filed on a homestead, while Mr. Peterson preempted but died before he won his title to the property. His brother August then came on and filed on the land, eventually becoming the acknowledged owner. Upon a part of these three claims the town of Velva was later built. Charles R. Anderson's farm is located on the southwest quarter of section 23, South Bend township, and adding to his original tract he is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres upon which he still resides and which he has brought to a high state of cultivation.

In 1896 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Elfie A. Druze, a native of Athens county, Ohio, who came to North Dakota on a visit and remained to teach school. She passed away on the 6th of August, 1916, leaving a daughter, Grace E., who is at home.

Politically Mr. Anderson is a republican but has never been an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with Velva Lodge, No. 76, F. & A. M., and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the fraternity. He is also a member and a trustee of the Methodist church. His residence in McHenry county now covers more than thirty-four years, during which

period he has witnessed notable changes in this section of the state. His own labors have contributed to the general improvement and as the years have passed he has won a place among the substantial agriculturists of the district and is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator of Velva. His residence stands within the limits of the town. His land, rich and productive, now returns to him a substantial annual income and the excellent appearance of his place is attributable entirely to his persistent, earnest and intelligently directed efforts.

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F. H. STURGEON, M. D.

Dr. F. H. Sturgeon, physician and surgeon of Kulm, was born at Fairview, Erie county, Pennsylvania, his natal day being July 11, 1872. His parents, Charles J. and Anna C. (Caughy) Sturgeon, were also natives of the same county and were there reared and married, after which they continued to reside in Erie county until 1885, when they came to Dakota territory and entered a homestead in what is now Walworth county, South Dakota. In 1888 they removed to Edgeley, Lamoure county, North Dakota, where the father established a drug store, with which he has since been identified, being one of the prominent merchants of the town.

Dr. Sturgeon pursued his education in the State University at Vermilion, South Dakota, and in the State University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. In 1897 he entered upon his medical studies, matriculating in the medical department of Hamline University, now the medical department of the Minnesota State University, from which he was graduated on the 3d of June, 1903. Following his graduation he went to Montana and for nine or ten years practiced his profession in Logan, that state. In May, 1913, he bought out the practice of Dr. F. G. Benn, of Kulm, where he has since been located. He has taken post graduate work in Chicago at different times and is fully abreast with the advancement that has been made in the medical profession. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought as a member of the Southern District Medical Society of North Dakota and the American Medical Association.

Fraternally Dr. Sturgeon is connected with Maple River Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Dakota Consistory at Fargo. Pleasantly situated in his home life, he was married on the 26th of December, 1901, to Miss Georgia L. Ashem, of Edgeley, North Dakota, and they have one child, Vera Mae. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and occupy an enviable position in social circles, warm regard being entertained for them by all with whom they have been brought in contact. Dr. Sturgeon gives his political allegiance to the republican party and at the present time is serving as city physician of Kulm, in which connection he is giving excellent service in addition to his private practice.

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ALEXANDER C. WIPER.

Not to know Alexander C. Wiper, whose friends call him Sandy Wiper, is to argue one's self unknown in Bowbells and Burke county, with the history of which he has been largely connected as a representative of its business development and of its political interests as well. He is today president of the First National Bank of Bowbells and one of the extensive landowners and cattle raisers of the county. He was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1863, a son of Robert and Mary Ann (Coleman) Wiper. The father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, was educated in the schools of that city and remained in Scotland until he reached the age of twenty-four, becoming a coal miner there. Crossing the Atlantic, he engaged in coal mining in Pennsylvania until 1874, when he was employed by General Warren to go to Noble county, Ohio, and develop coal mines in the vicinity of Marietta and act as mine boss. Later at Buchtel, Ohio, he was pit or mine boss for John R. Buchtel, one of the coal kings of Ohio. In 1885 he retired from coal mining and removed to Sargent county, North Dakota, where he filed on the northwest quarter of section 15, town 132, range

55. With characteristic energy he began to break the sod and for many years actively engaged in farming, becoming one of the most prominent agriculturists of his section of the state. As his financial resources increased he added to his holdings from time to time until his possessions aggregated several hundred acres. At the time of the Civil war he as well as all his brothers and his father had manifested his loyalty to his country by enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company I, Sixty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for ninety days. At the close of that term, however, he immediately reenlisted and continued to serve until the cessation of hostilities. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. His wife was born, reared and educated on the present site of Pittsburgh and passed away on the old homestead farm in Sargent county, North Dakota, two years prior to the death of her husband, who died at the age of seventy-three years. They were the parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all of whom came to North Dakota in 1885, were reared to manhood in this state and are still living within its borders save one son, J. H. Wiper, who is now mayor of Monongahela, Pennsylvania. While on a visit to that state he was injured in a railroad accident, causing the loss of both limbs, and the railroad company in settling his damage claim offered him a position in the office at Monongahela, which he accepted, and he has since made his home in that city, which contains a population of one hundred and fifty thousand and of which he is now the chief executive.

Alexander C. Wiper, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of thirteen years at the time of the removal of the family to Ohio and in the schools of that state and Pennsylvania acquired his education. He afterward engaged in cultivating a small farm of forty acres which his father owned and on which the family resided while the father worked in the mines. In 1885 they arrived in Sargent county and he continued as active assistant to his father in the development of the homestead claim until 1891, when he removed to Hankinson, North Dakota, where he entered the employ of John R. Jones, implement dealer, with whom he continued for ten years. In 1901 he took up his abode at Lidgerwood, North Dakota, and traveled for the McCormick Harvester Company as salesman and collector for two years. In 1903 he became a resident of Bowbells, a newly established town, in which he opened the First National Bank, remaining active as its president since that time. In fact he has figured prominently in banking circles in his section of the state for more than a decade. In 1905 he established the Citizens State Bank at Ryder, of which he was president for some time, and in 1907 he organized the First State Bank of Lignite, Burke county, of which he is still the president. In 1914 he promoted the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Colgan, of which he has always been president, and in the same year he established the First State Bank at Northgate, Burke county, but has retired from the presidency of that institution. He is an extensive landowner, having made judicious investments in property from time to time until he now has fifty-two farms in Ward and Burke counties, his holdings exceeding those of any other individual in the latter county. The work of farming, however, is carried on by others. Upon his land he has Rowan Durham cows of high grade, also seventy-five head of horses on his ranch, four-fifths of which he has raised himself. His property interests likewise include a fine residence in Bowbells.

On the 21st of July, 1896, at Lidgerwood, North Dakota, Mr. Wiper wedded Miss Louisa Wohlwend, who was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, and in her girlhood days became a resident of Richland county, North Dakota, where she completed her education. Her father, Benjamin Wohlwend, a native of Germany, settled in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, on coming to the new world and subsequently removed with his family to this state. Mr. and Mrs. Wiper became parents of four children, three of whom are living: Raymond C. and Thomas B., who were born in Richland county; and Robert, born in Bowbells.

Mr. Wiper is a "stand pat" republican. He has been very active in political circles in Burke county and is now a member of the county executive committee. He served as deputy United States marshal under A. F. Pierce for the southern district of North Dakota for four years and he has been mayor of his city and also president of its school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Bowbells and has attained high rank in the order, being now a member of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias at Bowbells and the Elks lodge in Minot. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a very ardent

supporter of the temperance cause, doing all in his power to secure the suppression of the liquor traffic. His life has been guided by high and honorable principles. His business career has been the expression of justice and honor as well as of enterprise and diligence. He is a big man in thought, purpose and act and has been one of the prominent builders of city and county to whom his fellow citizens instinctively pay deference, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the honorable, straightforward methods which he has ever followed in every relation of life.

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GEORGE E. VALKER.

George E. Valker, who is successfully engaged in the florist's business at Minot, is a native of North Dakota, his birth having occurred at Wahpeton, Richland county, on the 28th of August, 1889. His parents, H. H. and Fannie A. (Swank) Valker, were natives respectively of Illinois and Indiana. In early life the father followed farming but later engaged in the butcher business. He removed to North Dakota with his family about 1883 and settled at Wahpeton, where he continued until 1909, when he removed to Minot, where he turned his attention to the florist's business. While living in Wahpeton he held a number of city offices and made an excellent record as an official.

George E. Valker, who is the second in order of birth in a family of four children, attended school at Wahpeton until seventeen years of age, when he went to Minneapolis and entered the employ of a florist, remaining there for two years. During that time he learned the business and determined to follow it independently. He located at Minot and established Valker's Minot Green House, which he still owns and conducts. He has about forty-five thousand feet under glass and the green house is modernly and completely equipped. He does a general business and markets his product throughout North Dakota, Montana and the adjoining provinces of Canada. He can always supply cut flowers and floral designs, and his flowers and plants have gained an enviable reputation for beauty and hardiness. In addition to his florist's business in Minot, which is proving very profitable, he operates a branch at Williston, North Dakota, and he is also financially interested in other enterprises.

Mr. Valker is a republican and is now serving as a member of the park board of Minot. He is well known fraternally, being connected with the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic blue lodge and chapter of Minot, the consistory at Grand Forks and the Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. In his relations with others he acts upon the principle of brotherhood, which is at the basis of those orders, and he is highly esteemed as a man and as a citizen.

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GRIFFIN E. KNAPP.

The opportunities offered by the northwest attracted Griffin E. Knapp, who is a native of the Keystone state but now makes his home upon a farm on section 30, Island Park township, Ransom county. He was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, not far from the city of Binghamton, New York, on the state line, his natal day being April 7, 1855. While spending his youthful days in the home of his father, Zophar Knapp, he pursued a district school education and afterward worked for two years in a sawmill near Brookdale, Pennsylvania. In 1879 he went west to Winona, Minnesota, where he was employed at odd jobs through the summer. He afterward returned to the east, settling near Dover, Delaware, where he remained for about a year, devoting his attention to the cultivation of a rented farm. In 1881 he made his way to New York Mills, Minnesota, and was employed in a lumber mill through the following winter. In the spring of 1882 he came to Ransom county, which was just being opened up to agricultural development. He filed on the southeast quarter of section 30, Island Park township, and proved up on the claim. During the two succeeding winters he returned to New York Mills, where he was again employed in connection with the manufacture of lumber, but the summer seasons were devoted to farming, and in time he not only secured title to his property but converted his land into rich and productive fields.



GEORGE E. VALKER



On the 27th of January, 1887, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Eva Sanders, who was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, a daughter of Grove and Mary (Worthing) Sanders. The father's birth occurred in New York, October 27, 1822, while his wife was born in Vermont, September 14, 1831. They were married in Trumbull, Ohio, and always lived there, devoting their attention to farming. In their family were six daughters: Helen R., the wife of E. B. Knapp; Lillie, the wife of Ed Styles, of Trumbull, Ohio; Emma, who married Will Webb, also of Trumbull, Ohio; Nancy, the wife of Arthur Blanchard, of California; Eva, now Mrs. G. E. Knapp, and Alta, who became the wife of Roy Andrews but both are now deceased.

The daughter Eva obtained a common school education in Ohio and afterward attended the Grand River Institute in Ohio. Later she taught in the graded schools of Ohio for six years, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge she had acquired. She was then married and came to North Dakota, where she has since lived. Two sons have been born of this union, Lloyd Griffin, born November 5, 1892, and Clair Sanders, born May 8, 1898, both of whom are at home.

Before his marriage Mr. Knapp had a tree claim of one hundred and sixty acres, comprising the northwest quarter of section 32, Island Park township, and after his marriage in the spring of 1887 he bought the southwest quarter of section 30. He next purchased a half interest in connection with his brother Edward in the east half of section 25 and later bought the south half of the northeast quarter of section 29, all in the same township. He has since sold a part of his land but still owns four hundred acres, all under cultivation. He also rents other land. In 1906 he leased the farm and built an attractive home in Lisbon, on Forest street, there remaining for about seven years. He afterward went to California, where he spent a year, but in 1913 returned to the farm and is again actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has erected all the buildings upon the place, including a large barn forty-six by sixty feet, which he put up in 1915. It has a cement floor and is thoroughly modern in its arrangement and equipment. He is engaged in raising full blooded Hampshire hogs, averaging about seventy-five head annually, and he also has some cattle. He uses a tractor in operating his farm and he drives a Mitchell car.

In politics Mr. Knapp is a republican and has served in local offices. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and he has been school director. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Lisbon, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest, being now a member of the board of directors. He is also connected with the United Workmen, the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America and in the last named is past clerk of the camp at Lisbon. Coming to the northwest, he has improved the opportunities here offered and as the years have gone on has so directed his labors and interests that success in substantial measure is now his.

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#### MARTIN S. ANDERSON.

Martin S. Anderson, manager of the Farmers Elevator Company at Stirum, also proprietor of a feed mill and at the same time one of the active agriculturists of Sargent county, is classed with the foremost business men of his section of the state, ever ready for any emergency and possessing an alert, enterprising spirit that enables him to take advantage of every opportunity presented. His plans are ever clearly defined and promptly executed and his business record is altogether creditable. Mr. Anderson is a native of Minnesota, his birth having occurred at Battle Lake, May 18, 1875, his parents being Nels and Frederica (Swenson) Anderson, who were natives of Sweden and came to the United States in 1849, their marriage being celebrated in this country. Following their marriage the father secured a homestead claim and developed an excellent farm, upon which both he and his wife are still living. The former was born in 1833 and the latter in 1835 and therefore they have now attained to an advanced age.

After beginning his education in the schools of Battle Lake, Martin S. Anderson continued his studies at the Fergus Falls high school and also pursued a business course in Park Region College. He next entered the employ of his uncle at Battle Lake for whom he was named, and spent three years there in learning the grain business. At the end of

that period he removed to Sheyenne, North Dakota, and accepted the position of manager of the North Dakota Elevator Company, acting in that capacity for a year and a half, after which he was transferred to Cooperstown, North Dakota, where he continued for a similar period. He was then sent by his company to Fergus Falls, where he remained for five years, and at the end of that period went to Stirum to take charge of the interests of the North Dakota Grain Company, which was established in 1908 and operated under that name until 1911, when the present name was assumed. This business is known as the Farmers Elevator No. 2. Elevator No. 1 was built by Fred C. Rector, who conducted the business for two years. In 1911 the Farmers Elevator Company was organized and purchased the Rector Elevator, which was conducted by the company for three years. The business grew to such an extent that the company had to increase its capacity and for a year rented the elevator belonging to the North Dakota Elevator Company, purchasing the property at the end of that time. In this connection Mr. Anderson operates two elevators, Nos. 1 and 2, at Stirum, and the business which is transacted under his direction is extensive and important. At the beginning he was made manager of the Farmers Elevator Company and so continues. There is no phase of the grain trade with which he is not familiar and his wise direction of the interests under his care has resulted in the attainment of gratifying success. In the five years in which he has been manager of the business he has turned back to the farmers over twenty-five thousand dollars, netting about eighteen thousand dollars. In addition to grain the company deals in coal, wood, flour and twine and Mr. Anderson gives most careful attention to every phase of the business, thoroughly understanding the trade and modern commercial conditions. In addition to his management of the elevators at Stirum he carries on farming in White Stone Hill township, where he rents land, and he is also farming one hundred and sixty acres in McLean county. He likewise owns the Stirum feed mill, which he is now operating, and all of his business affairs are wisely directed.

On the 28th of December, 1904, Mr. Anderson was married at Cooperstown to Miss Selma Mollerstrom, who was born in Henning, Minnesota, July 24, 1885, a daughter of Lars and Carrie Mollerstrom, both of whom were natives of Sweden and on coming to the United States settled in Minnesota, near Henning, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have become the parents of a daughter, Ardy Elenoria, who is now in school.

In his political views Mr. Anderson is a republican but is not an office seeker although intensely interested in everything pertaining to the political development of the community and to its substantial upbuilding. He belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church of Battle Lake, Minnesota, and he has membership in the Masonic lodge at Cogswell. The rules which govern his conduct are thus indicated. His has been an upright, honorable life characterized by high purpose and fraught with good deeds. In his business affairs he has always followed constructive methods, never basing his success upon another's failure, and his energy and persistency of purpose constitute the salient factors in his advancement.

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#### ED A. SMITH.

Ed A. Smith, of Ellendale, serving for the third term as clerk of the courts of his district, was born at Clatfield, Minnesota, October 5, 1857, a son of Allen and Ruth A. Smith. His father was a member of Company B, Fifth Minnesota Volunteers, and saw service at Fort Ridgely, fighting against the Indians. At the close of the Civil war the family moved onto a farm where the subject of this sketch attended a crude country school for a few months each year. At the age of fifteen he was apprenticed to Captain McKenny, of the Chatfield Democrat, where he served an apprenticeship of five years, learning the trade of printer. In 1879 he emigrated with three brothers to Flandreau, Dakota territory, and worked as a journeyman printer until 1882, when he came to Ellendale. Here he worked a short time as a printer on the Dickey County Leader, and the fall of 1882 entered the real estate business, locating settlers on government lands and making filings and final proofs in the government land office. He was a clerk in the legislature in 1885, the first

session held in the new capitol at Bismarek, and also in 1887. It was during this latter session he was instrumental in establishing the line between North and South Dakota when the territory was admitted as two states. A bill was pending in congress to divide the territory into two states, the line being described as the "forty-sixth parallel of north latitude." Surveyors for the government who had been at Ellendale had stated that the town was located directly on the forty-sixth parallel. To divide the territory on this line would mean to put part of the town into one state and part in the other. Ellendale people had petitioned Washington to have the line changed to the seventh standard parallel, a surveyed line and county boundary, four miles south of the town, but had been advised they were too late to have the bill amended. While at Bismarek as a clerk in the legislature in 1887, Mr. Smith succeeded in having the legislature pass a memorial to congress to have the proposed division line changed to the seventh standard parallel, and this line was finally adopted when the states were admitted to the Union.

At the close of the legislative session of 1887, Mr. Smith moved to St. Paul, where he was employed on the Pioneer Press for nearly five years, returning to Ellendale in the fall of 1891, where he purchased a half interest in the Dickey County Leader with the late F. S. Goddard. This partnership continued until 1898, when he bought the Oakes Republican and moved to Oakes. He published this paper until 1902, when he bought the Free Press at Devils Lake and continued its publication until 1905, when he sold the paper. For two years he was employed at Grand Forks and other places as journeyman printer and returned to Oakes in 1908, where he was employed as bookkeeper until 1912, when he was elected clerk of the district court, and reelected in 1914 and 1916.

Mr. Smith was married at Ellendale, July 1, 1883, to Katie M. Clark and has a family of eight children, one dying in infancy.

In politics he has always been a republican, and while he has been inclined to the progressive rather than the conservative faction of the party, his newspaper has always supported the ticket as nominated, firmly advocating that whatever reforming the party needed must come from within and not from the outside. However, he does everything in his power to advance the public welfare and support those forces which he believes are best calculated to advance the general good. That his official record is most creditable is indicated by the fact that he has three times been elected to the office which he is now filling.

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#### WILLIAM H. HERMAN.

William H. Herman, who is farming successfully in Harwood township, where he owns a section of land, is a native of Wisconsin, born on the 14th of November, 1862. His parents, Jacob and Marinda (Rogers) Herman, were born respectively in Germany and in Vermont. In young manhood the father came to the United States and in 1856 located upon a farm in Wisconsin. His wife died upon that place but he subsequently removed to Ohio, where he is still living.

William H. Herman received but a limited education, attending the district schools until he was in his fourteenth year, at which time he began to make his own way. In 1881, when about nineteen years of age, he came to North Dakota, where he worked as a farm hand and at any other honest labor. As he was frugal and saved his money carefully he was able in 1887 to purchase his present home farm and as the years have passed his resources have increased. Gradually he turned his attention to stock raising and he has gained a gratifying success in that connection. For a number of years he has also operated a threshing machine and his varied undertakings have prospered, for he plans his work and manages his affairs well. He now owns six hundred and forty acres in his home place, which is one of the most valuable farms of his township, and he likewise holds title to eighty acres of land in Minnesota. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Argusville and for a number of years was a member of the board of directors. His accomplishment should serve as a stimulus to young men of energy and ambition but without capital since he had no money when he came to this state and has gained his present success entirely through his own efforts.

In 1890 occurred the marriage of Mr. Herman and Miss Maggie Still. She was born in Canada, of Scotch ancestry, her parents, David and Catherine Still, having emigrated from Scotland to the Dominion, whence in 1878 they came to North Dakota. The father is deceased but the mother is living in the state of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Herman became the parents of two children, but one is deceased. Ira Albert is still at home. The wife and mother died in 1900 and in 1903 Mr. Herman was married to Miss Mary Stewart, daughter of James and Elizabeth Stewart, who were born respectively in Scotland and New Brunswick, Canada. In 1868 they went to Renville county, Minnesota, where their daughter Mary was born the following year. For seventeen years before her marriage she successfully engaged in teaching.

The republican party has a stalwart adherent in Mr. Herman and for fourteen years he served efficiently as chairman of the township board of trustees. He has also been a member of the school board for a number of years and all matters of public concern receive his careful consideration. Fraternally he belongs to the American Yeomen and the Workmen. He is recognized as one of the leading citizens of Harwood township and is not only respected because of his unquestioned ability but also esteemed because of his integrity and uprightness of life.

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#### EDWARD HOLT.

Edward Holt, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits and is manager of the Farmers Elevator at Voltaire, McHenry county, was born in Norway, January 12, 1877, a son of August and Anna (Erickson) Holt, who came to the United States in the spring of 1883. They settled in Grant county, Minnesota, where the father purchased a farm upon which he still resides, although he has retired from the active management of the property.

Edward Holt was but six years of age when his parents made their way to the new world. He acquired a common school education in Grant county and in 1900 came to North Dakota, where he took up a homestead, securing the northwest quarter of section 35, Lebanon township. Thereon he resided for thirteen years and in 1905 he purchased another quarter section, but as it was located some miles from his homestead, he later sold that property and in 1913 invested in a quarter adjoining his home place. In 1909 he bought eighty acres lying a mile north of Voltaire, so that his present holdings now comprise four hundred acres. In November, 1914, he was placed in charge of the Farmers Elevator at Voltaire and has since managed that business. His varied interests are carefully and wisely conducted and success in substantial measure has crowned his labors.

On the 8th of January, 1907, Mr. Holt was united in marriage to Miss Emma Chilson, of Sisseton, South Dakota, by whom he had six children, five of whom survive, namely: Arlie, Abner, Carroll, Evelyn and a son not yet named. Politically Mr. Holt is independent. He served for several years as township clerk, for a number of years was chairman of the town board and was a member of the school board in Lebanon township four years. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and they are deeply interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community in which they live. Mr. Holt early became imbued with the true spirit of American enterprise and progress and gradually he has worked his way upward in business connections, being now one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of McHenry county.

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#### NELS P. LANGEMO.

Nels P. Langemo, who follows farming five miles west of Fingal, in Barnes county, was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, July 10, 1857, a son of Peter and Mary (Ralston) Langemo, both natives of Norway, the former born at Telemarken in 1832. The paternal grandfather, Nels Langemo, was also a native of Telemarken and came to America in 1849, settling in Dane county, Wisconsin, where he resided for six years, becoming one of the

early pioneers of that locality. In 1855 he removed to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he spent the residue of his days, reaching the age of eighty-eight years. He met all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life but ultimately won success in his business affairs. Peter Langemo took up land adjoining his father's property and still occupies the home farm, enjoying good health at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He has three hundred and twenty acres of land and his property yields him a gratifying annual income. It is now being operated by his son, J. A. Langemo.

Nels P. Langemo spent his youthful days upon his father's farm, attending the district schools, while later he became a student in St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, and afterward entered the Lutheran College at Decorah, Iowa. He then returned home. In 1878 his father made a trip to North Dakota and purchased a quarter section of land, which constitutes the present home farm of Nels P. Langemo, situated five miles west of Fingal. The father then returned home and in 1884 Martin Langemo came to Barnes county and began the development of his father's land. He returned home the same fall but in the succeeding spring Nels P. Langemo came and has since continued upon the old homestead save for a few winter seasons. He today owns two sections of land, a portion of which he rents. He raises shorthorn and Red Polled cattle, usually keeping about forty head for sale and a dozen milch cows. Around his residence he has a six acre grove and his farm is splendidly equipped with modern and substantial buildings, which include large barns and a big silo. In addition to his other interests Mr. Langemo is now vice president of the First National Bank of Fingal.

On the 27th of July, 1892, Mr. Langemo was married to Mrs. Minnie (Dunham) Maasjo, who was born at Eidsvold, Norway, where the celebration took place at the crowning of the prince, king of Norway. She is a daughter of Andrew and Bertha (Lee) Dunham, the former of whom was a native of Ullensaker, Norway, and died when Mrs. Langemo was only two years of age. About a year and a half later she was brought by her mother to America, location being made in Fillmore county, Minnesota. Subsequently they removed to Ottertail county, that state, and there the mother died on the 29th of April, 1893, at an advanced age, as her birth occurred January 27, 1819, at Eidsvold, Norway. She left three children, namely: Mrs. Langemo; Mrs. Ole Marshall, a resident of Norman township, Barnes county, North Dakota; and John, of Ottertail county, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Langemo have the following children: Peter, who was educated in the Lutheran College at Fergus Falls and is now a student in the North Dakota Agricultural College; Melvin, attending the Lutheran College at Fergus Falls; Clarence and Rudolph, also in school; and Oscar, who completes the family.

In his political views Mr. Langemo is a republican. He has served as chairman of the township board since its organization in 1889 and has also been treasurer of the school board. He has many sterling qualities and his force as a business man is manifest in his honorable success.

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#### DAVID TAYLOR.

David Taylor, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Dickey, is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Lamoure county and with the passing years has contributed much to the development and upbuilding of the district. He was born in Lancashire, England, on the 14th of December, 1852, a son of Joel and Elizabeth (Rodgers) Taylor, both of whom have now passed away. The father was a silk weaver and throughout his entire life followed that business.

The educational opportunities which David Taylor enjoyed were very limited. In early manhood he learned the trade of cotton spinning, which he followed in England until 1875, when he crossed the Atlantic to Canada. He spent two years in Ontario and also two years in Winnipeg, where he was employed on the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. In 1879 he crossed the border into the United States and was employed on the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad in North Dakota from Mandan west. In the fall of that year he removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, where he found employment in the car

repair shops of the Northern Pacific Railroad. In August, 1880, he removed to what is now Dickey, Lamoure county, and in that district has since resided. He first homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land and subsequently took up a tree claim but never proved up on it. He continued to occupy and cultivate the homestead property until 1906, when he removed to Dickey and purchased the Commercial Hotel, which he has now conducted for a decade. He has made it a popular hostelry, liberally patronized, winning his success by reason of the excellent table offered, the comforts afforded his guests and his honorable business methods. He still owns the homestead, to which he has added eighty acres, making it an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres equipped with many modern conveniences and accessories.

In 1883, in Jamestown, North Dakota, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Emily Williams, who was born in Cornwall, England, and emigrated to the United States with her mother in 1869, the family home being established in Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born ten children, eight of whom survive, as follows: William S., who is engaged in farming near Dickey, Lamoure county; Alice M., the wife of George Liebenstein, of Millbank, South Dakota; Sarah E., the wife of Edward Martin, who cultivates the homestead of his father-in-law; John F., a resident of Millbank, South Dakota; Mabel A., who gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Weber, of Berlin, North Dakota; and Susan M., Clarence J. and Cecil M., all at home. Of the family William S. was the first white child born in Saratoga township, and Alice M. was the first white girl born in that township.

In his political views Mr. Taylor is a republican and in 1904 was elected a member of the board of county commissioners, in which capacity he was continued by reelection for eight years, his fellow townsmen recognizing the worth and value of his official service. He has also been justice of the peace of Dickey for several years and his decisions have been strictly fair and impartial, being based upon the law, the facts and the equity in the case. Mr. Taylor exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity and is a valued member of Dickey Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Yeomen and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was one of the early settlers of the southeastern part of the state and throughout the entire period his life has been so directed as to make him one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Lamoure county.

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#### EDWARD STOKES FITZMAURICE, M. D.

Dr. Edward Stokes Fitzmaurice, a physician and surgeon practicing at Mohall, was born at Braebridge, Ontario, Canada, September 10, 1876, his parents being Edward and Frances (Stokes) Fitzmaurice, who were natives of southern Ireland. The father came to the United States with his parents when a lad of thirteen years and Mrs. Fitzmaurice accompanied her parents to Canada when seventeen years of age. The father became a Confederate soldier at the time of the Civil war and served throughout the entire period of hostilities. When his parents crossed the Atlantic the family home was established in Illinois, but during the Civil war the grandfather of our subject removed to Canada and after the war ended Edward Fitzmaurice went to that country, where he met and married Frances Stokes. There he took up the occupation of farming and later was engaged in the timber business. In 1879 he came to North Dakota, settling at Crystal, where he established his homestead, preemption and timber claim rights, and later he bought other land, owning nine quarter sections at the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1914. He had become one of the prominent and representative farmers of his locality and his efforts were an element in the agricultural development and progress of that part of the state. His widow is still living and resides on the old home farm.

Dr. Fitzmaurice became a pupil in the North Dakota State University, where he won the Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation with the class of 1898, and with broad literary and scientific knowledge to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning he became a student in Rush Medical College of Chicago and there won his M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1902. During his college days

he won national prominence in athletic circles and he is the possessor of ten gold medals received for foot races. He also played for two years on the football team in the position of quarterback.

Immediately following his graduation Dr. Fitzmaurice removed to Mohall and in the intervening years has built up an extensive practice. It was in 1901 that he first came to what is now Renville county during a vacation period and filed on a homestead five miles north of Mohall. Four of his brothers and a sister also filed on homesteads in the same year. One brother, Thomas, is still living in the county and is now engaged in the implement business in Mohall. He owns seven quarter sections of land, while Dr. Fitzmaurice is the owner of four quarter sections and both farm their holdings, the Doctor employing men to assist him in the work of cultivating and improving his farm.

On the 26th of October, 1904, occurred the marriage of Dr. Fitzmaurice and Miss Alice Bryant, of Chicago, a descendant of William Cullen Bryant, New England's noted poet, and in the maternal line a descendant of the Marquis de La Fayette. To Dr. and Mrs. Fitzmaurice have been born two children, Frances L. and Edward A.

The parents are members of the Catholic church and Dr. Fitzmaurice belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to Minot Lodge, No. 1086, B. P. O. E. In politics he is a republican. He is now city health officer of Mohall and he has served as health officer of Renville county and as district game warden. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Northwestern Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and he is deeply interested in all the tenets and theories growing out of modern scientific investigation.

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#### CHARLES C. MISFELDT.

Charles C. Misfeldt, of Ellendale, holding the office of county auditor of Dickey county, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, March 15, 1861, a son of Carl F. and Wilhelmina (Haas) Misfeldt, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. It was in the '40s that they bade adieu to the fatherland and sailed for the United States, establishing their home in Mobile, Alabama, while subsequently they removed northward to St. Louis and afterward became residents of Chicago, where they continued until called to the home beyond. The father was a stonemason by trade but after becoming a resident of Chicago was engaged in commercial lines as a boot and shoe merchant for some time and later in the wholesale tobacco business.

Charles C. Misfeldt was educated in the public schools of Chicago and in the German parochial schools of that city and after completing his studies was employed in various ways in Chicago until 1883, when a recognition of the opportunities of the northwest brought him to this state. He established his home in Ellendale, where he opened a barber shop which he conducted for thirty-one years, gaining a wide and favorable acquaintance during that period. He also invested in farm land and is now the owner of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land four miles from Ellendale.

For a considerable period Mr. Misfeldt has been actively interested in politics and in 1903 was elected county auditor of Dickey county, receiving a majority of eighty-seven votes in a county that normally gives a strong republican majority, while he was the candidate of the democratic party. He made so excellent a record in office that he was reelected in 1912 and again for a third term in 1914, his duties being discharged most systematically and accurately.

In November, 1887, Mr. Misfeldt was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Mock, of Elgin, Illinois, and to them have been born five children: Carl R., who is inspector of motors for the Paige Automobile Company of Detroit; George William C., a stenographer for the Imperial Rice Milling Company of Vancouver, British Columbia; Douglas E., who is with the Paine Automobile Agency in Aberdeen, South Dakota; Clara Elizabeth B., attending the State Normal and Industrial School in Ellendale; and Charles Clayton, who is now a high school pupil. The mother and daughter are members of the Baptist church.

Mr. Misfeldt is well known in fraternal circles, having become a member of Ellendale

Lodge of Perfection, A. F. & A. M., the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Court of Honor. For a third of a century he has been numbered among Ellendale's residents, arriving here at an early period in the development and upbuilding of the town. Throughout the intervening period the circle of his friends has increased as the circle of his acquaintance has broadened and his fellow townsmen regard him as a valued and representative citizen of his community.

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#### ROBERT COTTON.

For several years Robert Cotton has been identified with the business and political interests of Wilton and is now serving as mayor of the city. He is a native of Kentucky, born near Mount Eden on the 5th of April, 1858, and there he was reared and educated, continuing to reside in that state until 1887. In that year he came to North Dakota and first located near Williamsport in Emmous county, where he took up a homestead and free claim, proving up on both and remaining there eight years. He then sold out and removed to Bismarek, where as a commission merchant he engaged in buying and selling stock for four years.

In the fall of 1899 Mr. Cotton became a resident of Wilton and embarked in the livery business, conducting a livery barn and also feed and sale stables for twelve years. On disposing of that business he went to Wing, where he also operated a livery stable and dealt in farm machinery and fuel for a year and a half. At the end of that time he sold out and returned to Wilton, where in 1914 he opened a blacksmith shop, which he still conducts. He is also the owner of six or seven pieces of property which he rents and has a half section of land near Wilton, devoted to farming.

Mr. Cotton was married in Kentucky in 1904 to Miss Mamie Briel, a native of Louisville, that state, and they have a daughter, Hazel. As a republican he has taken an active and prominent part in political affairs. He was appointed deputy sheriff of McLean county and served in that capacity for twelve years. During that time he was elected to the village council and continued to fill the position of alderman until chosen mayor of Wilton in 1912. So ably did he serve in that capacity that he was reelected at the end of his two-years' term and was again elected in 1916, being the present incumbent. He has given the city a public-spirited and progressive administration, supporting every worthy enterprise for the good of the community, and his fellow citizens have the utmost confidence in him and his ability. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World.

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#### JUDGE CLARENCE W. DAVIS.

Judge Charles W. Davis, who has served as probate judge of Lamoure county, is now engaged in the private practice of law in the city of La Moure and for eleven years has been senior partner in the firm of Davis & Warren. He is not only recognized as one of the foremost attorneys of this part of the state but is also accounted one of the pioneer settlers. Of New England birth, his native place was Lamoille county, Vermont, and his natal day April 7, 1854. His parents, John M. and Charlotte C. (Field) Davis, were also natives of the Green Mountain state, where they were reared and married, and in the fall of 1865 they removed to Carroll county, Illinois, settling on a farm which the father continued to cultivate until his death, which occurred in May, 1902, when he was seventy-five years of age. The mother afterward removed to La Moure and during the last three years of her life made her home with her son, Judge Davis, passing away in May, 1908, at the age of eighty-two years.

Clarence W. Davis was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools of Carroll county, Illinois, and the high school at Thompson, that state. He afterward became a student in the law department of the Northwestern University at Chicago and

was graduated with the class of 1879. He passed the required examinations for admission to the bar and the same spring removed westward to Moorhead, Minnesota, where he was admitted to practice in the district court of Polk county. The following fall he took the law examination at Fargo and was admitted to practice in the courts of North Dakota. He spent two years as an attorney at Moorhead and at Fargo and in 1881 went to Lamoure county, settling at Grand Rapids, which was then the county seat. In the fall of 1883 he removed to the city of La Moure, where he has since been prominently identified with the bar. When the county was organized in 1881 he was appointed by the commissioners to the office of judge of the probate court and in the following fall, at the regular election, was returned to that position by popular suffrage and served for two years. In subsequent years he has given his entire attention to his private practice and in 1905 admitted E. M. Warren to a partnership under the firm style of Davis & Warren, which relation still exists, the firm occupying an enviable position at the bar of southeastern North Dakota.

In October, 1888, Judge Davis was united in marriage to Mrs. Lydia M. Cronan, formerly a Miss Wolfer, who was born in Michigan and became a resident of La Moure, North Dakota, where she became the wife of Judge Davis. By her first marriage she had one daughter, Olive M. Cronan, who is now the wife of B. W. Loppnow, of La Moure, North Dakota.

While Judge Davis indorses republican principles, he is nevertheless liberal in his views and often casts an independent ballot. He belongs to La Moure Lodge, I. O. O. F., and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are highly esteemed in the community where they lived and Judge Davis is regarded as a leading barrister, his knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and the thoroughness with which he prepares his cases combining to make him a strong and able advocate and wise counselor.

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#### JUDGE GEORGE A. BRYANT.

Judge George A. Bryant, presiding over the county court of Logan county, was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, April 13, 1850, a son of Henry O. and Mary E. (Boling) Bryant, who were natives of Kentucky but were married in Indiana, to which state they had removed with their respective parents in childhood. The father and his brother, Thomas J., for years conducted Bryant's Business College in Indianapolis, which was the foundation of the famous Bryant & Stratton Business College, having branches in various cities. Mr. Stratton afterward purchased the business. Henry and Thomas Bryant were among the most widely known educators of the United States and they were pioneers in the development of education along the lines of business training. In 1860 Henry O. Bryant severed his connection with the Indianapolis college and removed to Bethany, Missouri, where he was engaged in the drug business for two years. He was then elected county clerk of Harrison county, in which office he continued for four years. Later he retired from business and located on a farm where he resided until the time of his demise.

Judge Bryant was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis and in the high school at Bethany, Missouri, and in 1864, while still a boy, entered upon an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the capacity of printer's devil. With thoroughness he mastered every phase of the work and four years later, or in 1868, he founded the Grant City Star, a weekly publication issued at Grant City, Worth county, which is still being published under the same name. Judge Bryant, however, sold the paper after a year and a half and went to work as a journeyman printer, in which connection he was employed throughout the succeeding five years in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. In 1874 he purchased the Union County Independent, published at Creston, Iowa, but when a year had passed he disposed of the plant and again worked as a journeyman in Nebraska and Missouri until 1879, when he began the publication of the Craig Gazette at Craig, Missouri. In 1881 he removed his plant to Waterloo, Nebraska, where he published the Waterloo Gazette until 1886, when he took his equipment to Napoleon, North Dakota, and began the publication of the Napoleon Homestead, which paper is now being published by his son, Otis F. Judge Bryant severed his connection with that paper in December, 1894. On coming to North

Dakota in 1886 he had homesteaded a quarter section of land adjoining the corporation limits of Napoleon and upon that tract he now makes his home.

In his political views Judge Bryant is a stalwart republican and has been a prominent figure in the public life of his community, having been the organizer of the republican party in Logan county. He served as county register of deeds for nine years and for the past fourteen years has continuously occupied the position of county judge. His work has been of the utmost value in upholding the political and legal status of the community and in advancing intellectual and moral progress. There were but twenty-six voters in Logan county upon his arrival here and from the time when the district was a most sparsely settled region he has taken a most active and helpful part in advancing its interests along all the lines leading to permanent good.

In 1872 Judge Bryant was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Peacock, of Harrison county, Missouri, by whom he has three children, namely: Otis F., who is editor of the Napoleon Homestead and is also engaged in business as an automobile dealer; Mary E., the wife of W. H. Jacobson, a contractor and builder of Waterloo, Nebraska; and Roy H., at home. Mrs. Bryant is a member of the Presbyterian church, while Judge Bryant is connected with the Christian church. He also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. The record of no public man of Logan county has extended over a longer period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

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#### CONRAD ERCK.

Conrad Erck is a dealer in farm implements and automobiles at Hague and also buys and sells live stock. His business affairs are carefully managed and he never encounters difficulties or obstacles that determination, energy and honorable effort will not overcome. He belongs to that class of citizens in Emmons county that have come from South Russia and have been the builders and promoters of this section of the state. He was born in Russia, October 4, 1869, and his parents, Ludwig and Catherine Erck, were also natives of the same locality. The father followed farming in Russia until 1886, when he came to the new world and secured a preemption and tree claim and also a homestead in Emmons county, North Dakota. He at once began the arduous task of developing wild land and meeting the government requirements as to occupancy and improvement upon his place. Thereafter he was closely associated with the agricultural interests of the district until his death, which occurred on the 2d of August, 1909. His widow yet survives.

Conrad Erck began his education in the schools of Russia and was sixteen years of age when he severed the ties that bound him to that land and came with his parents to the new world. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-six, when he removed to Pierce county, North Dakota, and there acquired a homestead claim which he developed and improved, giving his undivided attention to its cultivation for sixteen years. He still owns two hundred and forty acres of land there but has disposed of part of the farm. On the 14th of August, 1915, he arrived in Hague, where he opened an implement store, carrying a large stock of all kinds of farm implements and machinery. The large patronage which is now accorded him makes his business a profitable one. He is also vice president of the First State Bank, which he aided in organizing, and he is a stockholder in the Provident Life Insurance Company of Bismarck.

On the 5th of November, 1894, Mr. Erck was married to Miss Christina Bichler and they became parents of nine children, namely: Martin, Ludwig, Amelia, John, Katie, Helen, Carl, Christina and Conrad. The wife and mother passed away February 15, 1913, and Mr. Erck was again married December 28, 1914, when Catherine Hulm became his wife.

Mr. Erck has membership in the Catholic church and in the Knights of Columbus and also with the German Roman Catholic Society. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has held the office of school treasurer of Pierce county for twelve years. He has worked diligently and persistently in the attainment of success, early recognizing the fact that earnest labor is the basis of

all honorable advancement, and today he is a worthy representative of that class of men of Russian birth who have recognized the opportunities afforded in the new world and have come to take their part not only in utilizing the natural resources but in upbuilding the districts in which they live along the lines of substantial improvement and good government.

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M. C. ANDERSON.

M. C. Anderson, manager of the Osborne-McMillan Elevator at Voltaire, was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, on the 17th of April, 1886, a son of Andrew and Anna (Christenson) Anderson, who are natives of Denmark but who in childhood came with their respective parents to the United States, the two families locating in Minnesota. Both were reared in McCloud county, Minnesota, and there they were married and still make their home, being now residents of Hutchinson. After long connection with agricultural pursuits Mr. Anderson is enjoying well earned rest in honorable retirement from business.

M. C. Anderson attended the public schools, the Hutchinson high school and the Metropolitan Commercial College at Minneapolis and was graduated from the last named institution in the spring of 1906. Immediately afterward he came to North Dakota, settling at Flaxton, Burke county, which was then a part of Ward county. There he secured a position in a general store, working as clerk and bookkeeper. In the fall of 1907 he filed on a homestead in what was then Williams county but is now Divide county. He lived upon and improved that place for eight months, when, having complied with all the laws relative thereto, he was given title to the property. He then returned to his Flaxton position, which he held until 1910, when he removed to the farm and for three years was engaged in its cultivation. In the spring of 1914 he went to Voltaire as manager for the Osborne-McMillan Elevator Company, controlling its business at this point to the present time. The interests under his management here constitute an important feature in the community, as they furnish a market for the grain producers. Personally Mr. Anderson owns three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Divide county and secures from the property a gratifying annual income.

In the spring of 1910 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Louise Amundson, of Northwood, Iowa, and they have become the parents of three children, Merton, Arthur and Lucille. Mr. Anderson votes independently, casting his ballot not according to party ties but according to the dictates of his political wisdom and judgment.

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RAYMOND M. VOLK.

Raymond M. Volk vice president of the Hague State Bank at Hague, Emmons county, was born in South Russia in April, 1863, and is a representative of that substantial and enterprising class of citizens from the land of the czar who have peopled Emmons county and promoted its development. His parents were Raymond and Johanna Volk, also natives of Russia, where the father followed farming and gardening throughout his entire life. He died in 1902, while the death of his wife occurred in 1891.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Raymond M. Volk attended the public schools of South Russia and afterward worked as a farm hand. He also served for five years in the army and in 1892 he came to the new world, settling first at Eureka, South Dakota, where he was employed by the St. Croix Lumber Company for eight years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Wishek, where he engaged in general merchandising in partnership with M. A. Klein, now of Strashburg, their business being conducted under the firm style of Volk & Klein. That partnership was continued for four years, after which Mr. Volk sold out to Mr. Klein and removed to Hague, where he established a general merchandise store, handling dry goods, hardware, harness, furniture and other lines. He continued to carry on the business until December, 1915, when he sold out, but he still owns the building which he occupied and in which he conducted his mercantile interests for twelve

years. In April, 1916, he turned his attention to the lumber business, erecting lumber sheds and office and putting in a new stock of lumber. In this connection he is doing a good business, having a trade that is large and growing. He was also one of the organizers of the Hague State Bank, of which he was the cashier for five years, and he is now the vice president. He is also a stockholder in the German Bank at Eureka, South Dakota, in the Dakota Wisconsin Land Company and in the Bankers & Merchants Fire Insurance Company of Minneapolis. His business interests are thus extensive and important. His plans are always well formulated and carefully executed and his ambition will allow him to brook no obstacle or difficulty that can be overcome by persistent, earnest effort. Step by step he has worked his way upward in business and he is now regarded as one of the representative financiers and merchants of Emmons county.

In October, 1891, Mr. Volk was married to Miss Engele Fischer and they became the parents of ten children, as follows: Jacob, who is assistant cashier of the Hague State Bank; Joseph; Pions; Anton; Katie; Martha; Amelia; Barbara; Johanna; and Annie. The family hold membership in the Catholic church and Mr. Volk belongs to the German Catholic Society. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he has been a member of the town board since Hague was organized. He has also served as county commissioner for the past twelve years and has done good work in that condition, putting forth every possible effort to uphold the standards and promote the interests of the county and build substantially for the future as well as for the present.

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#### ANDREW RAWUKA.

Andrew Rawuka, manager and one of the proprietors of the Simbalenko & Rawuka Elevator Company at Kief, was born in Russia, May 15, 1888, and in the year 1892 was brought to America by his parents, John and Lizzie (Danalenko) Rawuka, who settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After three months they removed to the suburb of Clifton Heights. The father was a mill carpenter and worked at his trade until 1896, when he went to Virginia, where he engaged in peanut farming for eight months. He then returned to Clifton Heights and in 1899 came to North Dakota, taking up a homestead two and a half miles northeast of Kief, where he passed away on the 3d of March, 1903. His widow survives and is now living with her son in Kief.

Andrew Rawuka is indebted to the public school system of America for the educational opportunities which he received and he started to earn his own livelihood in 1899 by working at herding cattle for three dollars per week. In 1902 he entered the employ of the firm of Vail & Tift, implement dealers of Balfour. He acted as interpreter for that firm and also as errand boy and for his services received seven dollars per week. Subsequently he was employed by another implement firm in Balfour, his task being to set up machinery which they had sold. In 1903 he worked with a threshing outfit at a dollar per day and in 1904 he was fireman with a threshing engine, which work brought him a wage of two dollars and a half per day. Seven days later he was made engineer at a salary of five dollars per day and in 1905 he ran the same engine at six dollars per day. Later in the same year he was employed in connection with another threshing outfit at eight dollars per day and in 1906 he was paid eight dollars per day for his services as engineer. Between threshing seasons he was employed at farm labor and in 1907 he was given the management of a threshing rig at a salary of twelve dollars per day and had an assistant furnished him. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. He gradually worked his way upward, proving his ability and fidelity, and in 1908 he became identified with the grain trade as buyer for the Minnekota Elevator Company at Ruso, North Dakota. In 1909 he became buyer at Kief for the Homestead Elevator Company, with which he was identified until 1912, when he was made assistant cashier of the First State Bank at Kief, in which position he served for a little more than a year. In 1914 he was employed by Edward Simbalenko in the implement business and in February, 1915, in connection with his employer, he bought the Atlantic elevator at Kief and assumed the management of the business. He is now engaged along that line and his previous experience well qualified him for the

duties which now devolve upon him. Not only has he made steady progress in business circles but has also acquired property and now owns a town residence and other real estate in Kief. He is justly accounted one of the representative business men of his community, his life record showing what can be accomplished when there is the will to dare and to do. He has never regarded any task as too hard to be accomplished but has endeavored to make his powers adequate to the task and he has found that activity does not tire—that it hardens and gives resisting force, and today he is a resourceful, forceful, energetic business man—one of the builders of the northwest. He also acceptably filled the office of township clerk for four years.

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FRED N. GILLIS.

Fred N. Gillis, cashier of the First State Bank of Wishek and one of the representative citizens of that place, claims Ohio as his native state, his birth occurring in Kinsman on the 13th of February, 1882. His parents were John A. and Hattie (Norton) Gillis, the former of whom was born in the same house where our subject's birth occurred, while the mother was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania. They were married in Meadville and for five years thereafter resided in Ohio, at the end of which time they removed to Topeka, Kansas. There the father established a carriage factory, which he conducted for twenty years, becoming prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of that city. About 1901 he retired from business and removed to California, locating in Redlands, where his wife died the following year and where he still resides.

Fred N. Gillis accompanied his parents on their removal to Topeka, Kansas, where he attended both the public and high schools, and completed his education in the Kansas State College at Manhattan, graduating from that institution with the degree of B. S. in the class of 1903. For a year following his graduation he was employed on a government survey in the Bad Lands of North Dakota and in the summer of 1904 came to Wishek, where he was offered a position in the First State Bank as assistant cashier. After serving in that capacity for one year he was elected cashier of the institution and has since filled that important office in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

In 1908 Mr. Gillis was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Bitner, of Rochester, Minnesota, and to them has been born one daughter, Roberta Virginia. Mrs. Gillis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active interest in its work. Fraternally Mr. Gillis is identified with Maple River Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M.; Wishek Lodge, No. 99, I. O. O. F.; and Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E. The republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has been a member of the county republican central committee. For the past three years he has served as chairman of the town board and is also filling the office of school treasurer. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and he well merits the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He is the owner of nine hundred acres of fine farming land in McIntosh and Logan counties. He is a business man of much more than ordinary ability, is progressive and farsighted and stands high in banking circles of southern North Dakota.

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HON. M. E. RANDALL.

Hon. M. E. Randall, president of The Randall Company, general merchants, controlling the leading house of that character in Ellendale, and also vice president of the Ellendale National Bank, displays in his business affairs a keen discrimination and judgment that is seldom, if ever, at fault. His plans have ever been carefully devised and promptly executed and his identification with the interests of the city covers a period of thirty-four years. He was born in Niagara county, New York, November 4, 1847, a son of Elias and Cynthia (Dean) Randall. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, made several removals, going

from the Empire state to Illinois, thence to Wisconsin and afterward to Minnesota, his death occurring in Ortonville, in the last named state, in 1883. His widow afterward became a member of the household of her son, L. I. Randall, and there passed away June 14, 1912.

M. E. Randall supplemented his public school training by a course in the State University of Minnesota and then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for several years most successfully, early displaying the ability to impart readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He subsequently turned to commercial pursuits and for a period of six years was employed as a clerk in a store in Appleton, Minnesota. He afterward engaged in the drug and grocery business in connection with P. M. Scott in Appleton and a year later, or in 1882, came to North Dakota, joining his brother, L. I. Randall, who had preceded him to Ellendale, having located there in the spring of 1882, while M. E. Randall arrived in the fall of the year. The brothers erected a frame building twenty-five by one hundred and ten feet and engaged in general merchandising under the style of Randall Brothers. From the beginning their trade grew and the business prospered as the country became more thickly settled. In time they were enjoying a very extensive patronage and their partnership was continued with mutual pleasure and profit until 1910, when M. E. Randall purchased his brother's interest in the business, the latter then removing to Idaho, where he is now engaged in banking. In 1911 M. E. Randall incorporated his commercial interests, admitting his son and three daughters as stockholders under the style of The Randall Company. Theirs is the leading mercantile house in Ellendale. Their store is large, well stocked and tastefully arranged, and throughout his entire business career here Mr. Randall has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. He has likewise become an active representative of financial circles in his town as vice president of the Ellendale National Bank.

In 1877 occurred the marriage of Mr. Randall and Miss Minnie E. Lord, of Mazepa, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of eight children, of whom seven are yet living, namely: Myrtle M., the wife of Frank Gildes, a merchant of Osage, Iowa; Edna, the wife of Harry Whitney, a banker of Dodge Center, Minnesota; Ina E., who is a member of The Randall Company and is the wife of Fred Graham, an attorney of Ellendale; Ava and M. Pearl, members of The Randall Company; Floyd E., vice president of The Randall Company; and Hazel, who is also one of the stockholders in the business. The wife and mother passed away July 2, 1913, her death being deeply regretted by many friends, who had learned to esteem her for her many excellent traits of heart and mind.

In democratic circles Mr. Randall is recognized as a local leader and in fact his influence and activities have aided in shaping the political history of the state, for he was a member of the state senate during its second session and gave thoughtful consideration to all the vital and significant problems which came up for settlement at that time. He has also been city treasurer of Ellendale and as its mayor gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration during which several reforms were brought about and various municipal improvements introduced. He was likewise a member of the school board for several years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend. He belongs to Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. Mr. Randall is today one of the oldest business men of Ellendale in years of continuous connection with its trade interests and is one of the most widely known citizens of Dickey county. His entire commercial record will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, measuring up to high business standards.

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#### L. W. WIGLEY.

L. W. Wigley, a well known lumber merchant of Fessenden, was born on the 25th of February, 1878, in Clarksville, Iowa, and is the third in order of birth in a family of four children, the others being Elizabeth, Catherine and Francis. Their parents were John and Anna (Allen) Wigley, who came to America in early life from Wales and Ireland respectively and were married in this country. For a time they made their home in Iowa but afterward

removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where the father died when our subject was young. The mother is still living in that city.

L. W. Wigley attended the public schools of Iowa and on starting out in life for himself he was employed at railroading. Later he was in the employ of a creamery company for about six years, but since 1907 has been identified with the lumber business. It was in that year that he came to North Dakota and accepted a position with the Rogers Lumber Company at Donnybrook, where he remained two years. He then went to Fessenden in the interests of the same company but in 1912 purchased an interest in their yard at that place and has since engaged in the lumber business on his own account under the name of the Fessenden Lumber Company, of which he is secretary, treasurer and general manager. In 1913 they established a branch yard at Hamburg, Wells county, and are today enjoying an excellent trade at both places.

On the 28th of November, 1912, Mr. Wigley married Miss May Belle Hutchinson, of Faribault, Minnesota, who presides with gracious dignity over their home in Fessenden. Mr. Wigley is an ardent supporter of the republican party and has served as city auditor for three years. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Fessenden, of which he is chancellor commander, and also belongs to the Masonic lodge at Harvey and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Fessenden. He is one of the prominent citizens and leading business men of his community.

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#### HON. C. H. PORTER.

Hon. C. H. Porter is a member of the firm of Porter & Crum, proprietors of the leading department store of La Moure, and is also president of the La Moure State Bank, but it is not alone prominent business connections that have made him widely known. He has been active as a political leader in the state and is now serving as senator from his district. His birth occurred in Marengo, McHenry county, Illinois, March 25, 1858, his parents being Thomas W. and Julia (Roper) Porter, who were natives of England and in their youthful days came to the United States with their respective parents. Subsequently they were pioneers of McHenry county, Illinois, where they were married and began their domestic life upon a farm, continuing their residence in that locality until called to the home beyond.

Having mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools near his father's farm, C. H. Porter attended the high school at Rockford, Illinois, and in 1879 left the farm to enter business circles in Chicago, where he was employed in the wholesale fruit house of Porter Brothers, the members of the firm being his uncles. They advised him to go to California and work in the orchards of that state in order to learn the fruit business from the standpoint of production, promising him that they would afterward establish him in business in Minneapolis, but he made other plans and in the spring of 1881 came to Lamoure county, North Dakota, where he secured a homestead claim in what is now Banner township, after which he devoted fourteen years to general agricultural pursuits. In 1895 he removed to the city of La Moure, where he was soon appointed to public office. He had previously been called upon to fill positions of public trust. In 1881 he had been appointed a member of the board of county commissioners and in 1884 was elected county treasurer, in which capacity he served for one term. In the fall of 1895 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of county treasurer and at the regular election in the following November was again chosen for that office, while in 1897 he was reelected, making three full terms and one unexpired term in the position of county treasurer. In the fall of 1899 he sold his farm and engaged in the land and cattle business, in which he operated extensively for three years, and about 1904 he joined C. C. Crum in establishing the present firm of Porter & Crum. They opened a general merchandise store and their trade has developed into an extensive business, so that they now carry a large stock with which to meet the demands of their many patrons. In 1907 Mr. Porter was one of the factors in the organization of the La Moure State Bank and was chosen president of the institution, in which capacity he has since served, his directing force being a salient feature in the continuous and growing success of the institution.

In 1883 Mr. Porter was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Tanner, of McHenry county, Illinois, by whom he had three children, two daughters and a son. The latter is deceased, while the daughters are: Irma, the wife of Arthur Stone, who is clerk of courts in Lamoure county; and Grace, at home. In 1910 the wife and mother passed away, her death being the occasion of widespread regret.

Fraternally Mr. Porter is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Yeomen. Politically an earnest republican, at the November election of 1914 he was his party's candidate for state senator and, winning victory at the polls, is now a member of the upper house of the general assembly. The same spirit of devotion to the public good which he manifested in local offices is characterizing his course in the senate and he is looked upon as one whom neither fear nor favor can swerve from a course which he believes to be right. His position is always carefully considered and no measure receives his endorsement that he does not believe will further the best interests of the commonwealth.

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HON. JOEL S. WEISER.

Hon. Joel S. Weiser, who was a member of the first State Legislature of North Dakota and who after long connection with agricultural and commercial interests is now living retired in Valley City, was born nine miles east of Reading, Pennsylvania, on the 31st of August, 1834. He has therefore passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey and he well merits the rest that has now come to him, for his has been an active, useful and honorable business career. He is a son of Samuel D. Weiser, also a native of the Keystone state, who traced his ancestry back to John Conrad Weiser, who with his wife and fifteen children arrived in New York on the 9th of November, 1714, being of a party of twenty-six hundred whom the British government sent to help settle Pennsylvania. They located at Womelsdorf and there the father died two years later. As was the custom at the time, the governor bound out the children during their minority. His son, Conrad Weiser, became a friend of the governor, who induced him to learn the Indian language. Accordingly he lived among the Indians for a time until he had mastered their tongue, when he became a dispatch rider and interpreter for the governor, making trips from Pennsylvania to Niagara Falls, carrying messages to the Indians at that place. Conrad Weiser also participated in the Revolutionary war and in recognition of his worth in these various connections the citizens of Lehigh county erected a monument to his memory at Womelsdorf. Samuel D. Weiser, the father of J. S. Weiser of Valley City, wedded Miss Mary Schrader, a representative of an old German family of Pennsylvania, and two of her brothers took part in the War of 1812. Samuel D. Weiser engaged in milling and remained in Pennsylvania until his son Joel returned to that state and took the father and mother to Minnesota, but on the trip between Shakopee and Winona the father died on the steamboat and his remains were interred in St. Paul. This occurred in 1852, when he was sixty-eight years of age. The mother lived to be eighty-four years of age and passed away in Valley City.

Of a family of three sons and one daughter Joel S. Weiser was the youngest. He spent his boyhood days in Pennsylvania and in 1850 his eldest brother, William Weiser, removed westward to Illinois and in 1851 his brother Josiah, who had just graduated from a medical college, went to Minnesota. The previous fall Joel S. Weiser made his way to Minnesota and their brother William left Illinois and joined them at St. Paul. All three brothers located at Shakopee, where they became actively connected with the business life of the community, Joel S. as a mason and plasterer, William as farmer, while the other brother practiced medicine and surgery. When the Civil war broke out William enlisted with the Ninth Minnesota Infantry and served throughout the period of hostilities. The Doctor was the next to enlist, becoming a surgeon under Colonel McPhail of the Minnesota Mounted Rangers in the Sibley expedition, and he was killed at Big Mound, near Dawson. A monument to his memory has been erected by the Minnesota Historical Society at his place of burial fourteen miles north of Dawson.

Joel S. Weiser enlisted as a member of Company I, Ninth Minnesota Volunteer



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Infantry, under Captain Straight and Colonel Marsh, and was mustered in at Fort Snelling. He then went south and took part in the campaign of Tennessee, aiding in driving General Hood out of Memphis. He was in the battle of Memphis two days and afterward marched with his command through Tennessee. The army was divided at Pulaski, the section to which Mr. Weiser belonged being sent south and on to Vicksburg, but after remaining for three days it went back on the same boats that had brought it down. The troops were then sent to New Orleans and after four days there were sent to Mobile Bay and to Dolphins Island between Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan. Later they started on the move and captured what was known as Spanish Fort. From that point they proceeded to Montgomery, where they found their cavalry had arrived. They made the march of one hundred and seventeen miles in five days. Word was there received that Lee had surrendered and a cheer went up while the regiment sang: "We're going home to die no more." The next that they heard was the news of Lincoln's assassination, after which they marched to Montgomery, where they were distributed, their duty being to look up contrabands and bring them into camp. In August, 1865, the regiment came north and Mr. Weiser received a ten days' furlough, but when the time was up his health was in such condition that he could not return, although he did not receive his discharge papers until October, 1865, at which time he was honorably discharged and paid off at the Winslow Hotel in St. Paul. His brother William was discharged at the same time with the rank of lieutenant.

When the war was over Joel S. Weiser worked at his trade at Shakopee for a time and afterward removed to St. Paul, where he continued in the same line of business. He next went to Woodberry, Washington county, Minnesota, and in the fall of 1877 arrived in Barnes county, North Dakota, where he purchased four hundred acres of railroad land. He also took up a tree claim and homestead and in 1878 he established a store which he conducted for twenty years. In the meantime he also continued his farming operations and his careful management of his business affairs brought to him a substantial success, making him one of the men of affluence in his community.

Mr. Weiser not only proved a prominent figure in business circles but was also active in political circles, being elected to the council in territorial days, and after the division into North and South Dakota he was chosen to represent his district in the first state legislature. Several times he served as alderman of Valley City and was its first mayor, while for a number of years he served on the school board.

In May, 1854, Mr. Weiser was married to Miss Louisa Cleaver, who was born in Pennsylvania, about eight miles from Reading, a daughter of Jonathan Cleaver, who was of English stock. The children of this marriage were: Mary and James, who died in infancy; Rosie Ella, the wife of C. E. Shelling, theirs being the first marriage celebrated in Barnes county, their home being now in Valley City, in the vicinity of which Mr. Shelling is successfully farming; Sarah Emma, who became the wife of John McPherson and after his death married George Phillips but is again a widow and is living near Detroit; Hattie, the wife of Charles Heidle, of Valley City; Lilly N., the deceased wife of J. W. Neilson; William, deceased; John, located at Kenmare; and Albert, who has passed away.

Mr. Weiser belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his comrades who fought for the preservation of the Union. He is most highly respected by all, being regarded as a model citizen—one who in his public life has subordinated personal advancement to public good and partisanship to the general welfare. He rendered valuable service to his city as its first chief executive, to the state as a member of the first general assembly, but whether in office or out of it, whether on the battlefield or in private life, he is alike loyal to the starry banner and the country o'er which it waves.

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#### HON. EUGENE F. DUNTON.

Hon. Eugene F. Dunton, a grocer of Ellendale and one of the leading business men of the town, has since starting out in life on his own account been continuously a representative of commercial activity. Moreover, he is one of the pioneer business men of Ellendale, where he settled in 1882. He had at that time just attained his majority, his birth having

occurred in Vermont, February 22, 1861, his parents being Stephen and Ellen (Johnson) Dunton, both of whom were natives of the Green Mountain state and representatives of old New England families. The father was a farmer throughout the entire period of his active life, death ending his labors in 1867. His wife afterward married Samuel W. Lord, who later removed with his family to the province of Quebec, Canada, and there Eugene F. Dunton was reared to manhood and obtained his education in the public schools. When his textbooks were put aside he secured a clerkship in a dry goods store in Sherbrooke, Canada, where he laid the foundation for his later business success, early coming to recognize the eternal principle that industry wins, since which time industry has been the beacon light of his life. Thinking to have better business opportunities in a district which was just being opened up to settlement, he made his way to North Dakota in 1882 and cast in his lot with the pioneer business men of Ellendale. He was accompanied by his brother, Edward H. Dunton, and on their arrival they each preempted a quarter section of land a half mile from the town, while a year later Eugene F. Dunton homesteaded another quarter section. During the three years which he spent upon the farm he and his brother also engaged in the implement business in Ellendale, and in 1885 he established his present store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of staple and fancy groceries. The neat arrangement of the store, the excellent line of goods which he handles, his earnest desire to please his customers and his thoroughly reliable methods constitute the salient elements in his growing success. He still owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres four miles from Ellendale and is accounted one of the foremost men of his town.

On the 1st of January, 1889, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dunton and Miss Carrie V. Courtney, of Dickey county, North Dakota, and they have become the parents of two children: Imogene, at home; and Maurel Milton, who is employed in connection with his father's business. Both are graduates of the North Dakota State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale and the daughter is also a graduate of the Fine Arts School of Chicago.

Mr. Dunton has membership connections with Ellendale Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., and Ellendale Camp, No. 1420, M. W. A. Since his arrival in North Dakota he has been actively identified with those interests which have made Ellendale an enterprising and progressive city and one that has enjoyed constant growth along substantial lines. In politics he is a republican and his value in citizenship is indicated in the fact that in 1896 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature. He also served as a member of the board of county commissioners of Dickey county for four years and has been active along lines leading to local progress as well as to the benefit of the commonwealth. For twenty years he served as a member of the board of education at Ellendale and he is most widely and favorably known there, his circle of friends being coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. Laudable ambition led him to seek a home in the northwest and the wisdom of his course has been justified with the passing years.

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#### LEONARD P. MUENZ.

Leonard P. Muenz, of Hague, proprietor of a drug store and otherwise a representative business man of the town, was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, February 7, 1874, his parents being Theodore J. and Hannah (Brothers) Muenz, the former a native of Dover, Delaware, and the latter of West Virginia. The father was a blacksmith by trade and in April, 1886, came to Dakota territory. He took up a homestead in what is now South Dakota and developed and improved that property, continuing its cultivation until 1903, when he retired and removed to Roscoe. There he conducted a hotel for ten years but at the present time is enjoying well earned rest. He has reached the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife is now seventy-six years of age.

Leonard P. Muenz attended school in both Ohio and South Dakota, being a lad of twelve years when his parents went to the latter state. On attaining his majority he also took up a homestead claim in Edmunds county, South Dakota, and began the arduous task of transforming wild prairie land into productive fields. He lived thereon and operated his farm until 1903, he and his father owning five quarter sections of land there. In that

year he removed to Hosmer, South Dakota, where he remained for a year and then went to Roscoe, where he conducted a saloon for four years. He next removed to Hague but after a year he returned to Roscoe, where he conducted a general merchandise business for two years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and again went to Hague, where he has since been engaged in the drug business, in which he is very successful. He has accumulated considerable property and carefully manages his business affairs, so that he derives therefrom a substantial income.

On the 17th of April, 1906, Mr. Muenz was married to Miss Helen Stark, a daughter of Andrew and Helen Stark, who are natives of Sweden, where they are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Muenz belong to the Catholic church and his political endorsement is given to the republican party, but he has never taken active part in politics, feeling that his business affairs have always made full claim upon his time and energies.

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#### HON. L. C. ALBRECHT.

Hon. L. C. Albrecht, state senator and a leading business man of Anamoose, was born in Germany, October 13, 1867, a son of Fred and Dorothea (Dietrich) Albrecht, who came to the United States in 1892. The following year they settled in Bigstone City, South Dakota, and the father there engaged in farming. In 1898 he removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead adjoining the site of Anamoose, there developing an excellent farm, on which he still resides. He is now in his eightieth year and is still hale and hearty.

L. C. Albrecht was educated in the public and military schools of the fatherland and for three years and nine months served in the German navy. In the spring of 1891 he came to the United States, making his way to Chicago, where he was employed in a blacksmith shop, having previously served an apprenticeship to the trade in the fatherland. In July, 1893, he removed westward to Bigstone City, South Dakota, where he opened a blacksmith shop and conducted business for two years. He also spent a year in Milbank, South Dakota, and in August, 1896, went west to Oregon, opening a shop in the town of Bake Oven, that state. There he spent three years and in August, 1899, joined his brothers, Albert and Fred, at Anamoose. They had previously established a general merchandise business at that point in 1898 and L. C. Albrecht became a member of the firm of Albrecht Brothers. They built up one of the largest and most important mercantile establishments of McHenry county, being the pioneer business house at Anamoose. They carry a full line of dry goods, notions, groceries and hardware and their store is now large and well appointed, while the business methods of the house ensure a continuance of the trade. Their policy has ever measured up to the highest commercial ethics and it is known that the word of the firm can be depended upon at all times. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Albrecht is a partner in the ownership of several thousand acres of farm lands in various states and he owns independently nine hundred and sixty acres in McHenry county. His investments in property have been most judiciously made and are steadily increasing in value.

In 1895 Mr. Albrecht was married to Miss Anna Schmidt, of Bigstone City, South Dakota, but a native of Minnesota, and to them have been born two sons and two daughters, Agnes, Louis, Edward and Fern.

Mr. Albrecht votes with the republican party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He has been an active spirit in the upbuilding of the school system of Anamoose and is a friend to the cause of higher education. For eight years he served as a member of the school board, during which period the schools were brought to their present standard of high efficiency, ranking among the best in the state. Mr. Albrecht also served on the board of county commissioners from 1910 until his election to represent his district in the state legislature in 1912, when he resigned the former position to take up the more arduous duties of framing the laws of the state. He is proving himself an able member of the upper house and has been connected with constructive legislation and with those wholesome and purifying reforms which have been growing up in the

political life of the country. Some of the more important committees on which he served were, during the first session, those on education and on highways, bridges and ferries, and during the last session, those on appropriations, education, highways and corporations, of which last he was chairman. He was also a member of the Lathrop committee appointed to investigate the state educational and penal institutions and the conduct of the state offices. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and his entire life has been guided by high principles. Investigation into his career serves but to heighten his fame and throughout McHenry county, where he is best known, he is spoken of in terms of unqualified regard and respect.

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#### PETER HULM.

Peter Hulm, manager at Hague for the Reliance Elevator Company, was born in Russia, December 14, 1886, a son of Joseph and Frances Hulm, who were natives of that country, where the father passed away and the mother is still living. Peter Hulm acquired his education in German schools of Russia and continued in that country until 1905, when, having reached the age of nineteen years, he determined to come to the new world, where already many of his countrymen were living. There was at the time a large Russian settlement in Emmons county and to that district Mr. Hulm made his way, locating in Hague. Soon afterward he secured work on a farm near the town and was thus employed for two years. He afterward worked on a dray line in Itagne until 1912, when he entered the employ of the Crown Elevator Company and two years later was made manager of the Reliance Elevator Company at Hague, which position of responsibility he is now filling.

In 1909 Mr. Hulm was married to Miss Catherine Jeager and to them has been born one child, Franciska. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Hulm belongs to the German Roman Catholic Society. He votes with the republican party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a fortune in the new world, for here he has found good business opportunities and has gradually worked his way upward, having already reached a place that wins him classification with the enterprising business men of Emmons county.

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#### FREDERICK ALBRECHT.

The name of Albrecht in McHenry county has become a synonym for commercial enterprise and integrity. The firm of Albrecht Brothers owns and conducts one of the leading business houses of this section of the state, located at Anamoose, and the policy pursued is indicative of the spirit of western enterprise and progress which has brought about the rapid development and upbuilding of the district. Mr. Albrecht was born in Germany, a son of Frederick and Dorothea (Dietrich) Albrecht, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of the Hon. L. C. Albrecht, who is a member of the state legislature.

Frederick Albrecht acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and on the 8th of March, 1892, landed in New York city. From the eastern metropolis he made his way direct to Chicago, where he was employed in shoe factories, having previously served an apprenticeship at the bench in Germany. He worked at his trade in Chicago until 1898, when he came west and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of North Dakota. He and his brother Albert were the first to locate at Anamoose and erected the first business building in the town, wherein they established the first store. It was at the beginning a small concern but has been developed into one of the most important commercial enterprises in McHenry county. In 1899 they were joined by their brother, L. C. Albrecht, and the three brothers now continue the business together, their establishment being widely known and commanding a large trade over a broad stretch of country. Their store is neat and tasteful in its arrangement and is attractive in the line of goods carried.

Moreover, the proprietors are always courteous and obliging in the treatment of their patrons and demand the same courtesy from employes to those who give them their trade. Their interests are conducted in accordance with the modern idea of progressive commercialism and with the rapid development of this section of the state their patronage is continually growing. The Albrecht Brothers also have farm land holdings to the extent of thirty-five hundred acres in five states and Frederick Albrecht own individually three hundred and twenty acres adjoining the town of Anamoose.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. Albrecht and Miss Amanda Seehafer, of McHenry county and a native of Wisconsin. Her father came to America in childhood from Germany, while her mother was born in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht have a family of four children, Waldemar, Erick, Dorothea and Harold.

Mr. Albrecht exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served almost continuously on the town board since the organization of Anamoose, while for four years he was chairman of the board. He occupied the position of school treasurer for fifteen years and he has been a delegate to the county and state conventions of the republican party, being made chairman of the McHenry county delegation to the last state republican convention, which was held in Minot. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church, in which he is serving on the official board and as treasurer. His business affairs, although of steadily growing volume and importance, have never been allowed to so monopolize his time as to preclude his interest in those activities which have to do with man's relations to his fellowmen and to the government at large. On the contrary he is a loyal and progressive American citizen and one who is ever willing to extend a helping hand where aid is needed.

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#### HENRY NEVERMAN.

Henry Neverman, who has won a creditable position in financial circles in the southeastern part of the state, is well known as the president of the Farmers National Bank of La Moure. Practically his entire life has been spent in this country, although he is of German birth, his natal day being June 14, 1858. His parents, Fred and Sophia (Lang) Neverman, came to the United States with their family in 1864 and in New York city, within a week after landing, the father died. The mother afterward took her children to Wisconsin, settling in Columbia county, and later she became the wife of Christopher Lang, a farmer of that county, there continuing her residence to the time of her death.

Henry Neverman was reared in Wisconsin and obtained a district school education. He began working as a farm hand in early manhood and had previously had practical experience in farm work through the assistance which he rendered on the home place. In the spring of 1880 he came to North Dakota, settling in Grand Rapids township, and on the 2d of April he filed on a homestead and on a tree claim and two years later took up a preemption claim. Subsequently he purchased other land from time to time. He was the first settler in the county and therefore took the initial step in bringing about present-day progress and prosperity. His investments have been most judiciously made, his sound judgment enabling him to wisely choose the properties which he purchased, and today his holdings embrace fifteen hundred and five acres of valuable North Dakota land. His present financial condition is in marked contrast to his possessions at the time of his arrival, for he then possessed twenty dollars in money and a rifle. About 1906 he left the farm and removed to La Moure, while two of his sons remain upon the home place, active in its cultivation. Before leaving the farm, in 1905, Mr. Neverman was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Farmers State Bank, which was nationalized in 1910 as the Farmers National Bank. Upon the organization of the institution he was chosen its vice president and upon the death of the president in 1913 he assumed the duties of the office, to which he was elected at the regular annual election of the bank on the 1st of January, 1914. He has since remained the chief executive officer of the bank and throughout the period of its existence his activity, keen insight and progressive spirit have been dominant elements in winning success for the institution.

On the 6th of April, 1885, Mr. Neverman was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Siedschlag, of Columbus, Wisconsin, who was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States in the early '80s. To them have been born six children, five of whom still survive, as follows: Carl, who is living on one of his father's farms; Ida, the assistant cashier of the Farmers National Bank of La Moure; Henry A., operating one of his father's farms; Esther, a student in Macalester College of St. Paul; and George, who attends the La Moure graded schools. Fraternally Mr. Neverman is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Mackay Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., of Fargo; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. The daughters, Ida and Esther Neverman, belong to Bartholomew Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In politics Mr. Neverman is a democrat and served as chairman of the town board of Grand Rapids for several years and was also assessor of Grand Rapids township for two or three terms. He likewise served as school treasurer and director there for several years and he has been a member of the board of aldermen of La Moure for seven years, taking a most active and helpful interest in promoting those projects which work for civic righteousness and improvement. He and his family worship in the Presbyterian church and they are well known socially, theirs being a most hospitable home at which their many friends delight to gather. A most creditable record is that of Mr. Neverman, whose progressive spirit is manifest in his splendid success, based upon unremitting industry and unlagging diligence. He has largely placed his money in the safest of all investments—real estate—and has ever followed constructive methods in business, never winning his success at the price of another's failure.

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#### GEORGE I. RODSATER.

George I. Rodsater, a leading attorney of Renville county practicing at Mohall, is a native of Freeborn county, Minnesota. His birth occurred December 20, 1883, his parents being Iver A. and Ingeborg (Anderson) Rodsater, both of whom were natives of Norway. The mother was an infant of but a year when brought by her parents to the United States but the father was a young man when he crossed the Atlantic. They were married in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where Mrs. Rodsater's parents had homesteaded in pioneer times. After crossing the Atlantic Iver A. Rodsater took up the occupation of farming and he and his father-in-law became the owners of a section of land, which they held in partnership and which they operated jointly, contributing in large measure to the agricultural development of the region in which they lived. Both Mr. and Mrs. Iver A. Rodsater have now departed this life.

George I. Rodsater was educated in Luther Academy at Albert Lea, Minnesota, and in Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, being graduated from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts as a member of the class of 1906. He then took up the study of law, to which he devoted a year in the University of Minnesota, but completed his course in the North Dakota State University at Grand Forks, being graduated with the class of 1909. He was admitted to practice at the bar of the state and on the 5th of June, 1909, following his admission, he entered the law office of George McGee, of Minot, with whom he remained for a year, putting his theoretical knowledge to practical test. In 1910 he arrived in Mohall, where he opened a law office, and on the 1st of January, 1911, he formed a partnership with John Swenson under the firm style of Swenson & Rodsater, this connection being continued from January 1, 1911, until October, 1915. Since the latter date Mr. Rodsater has practiced independently and his ability to successfully handle important law cases is shown by the liberal patronage accorded him.

On the 7th of December, 1915, Mr. Rodsater was united in marriage to Miss Bertine Anderson, of Mohall. He is connected with various fraternal and social organizations, belonging to Mohall Lodge, No. 73, A. F. & A. M., Jared Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R., of Grand Forks, and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., while he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. His political support is given to the republican party and for four years he filled the office of assistant state's attorney, but he has never sought official prefer-

ment outside the strict path of his profession, knowing that the law is a jealous mistress and those upon whom she confers her favors are the ones who give to her unflinching allegiance.

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#### BERIAH MAGOFFIN.

The life record of Beriah Magoffin is inseparably interwoven with the history of Monango, for he erected the first building in the town and was not only connected with the phases of its early pioneer development but with its later progress as well. He still makes his home there and is now living retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, April 26, 1843, a son of Ebenezer and a nephew of Beriah Magoffin, who was governor of Kentucky at the outbreak of the Civil war, and when called upon by President Lincoln for seventy-five thousand troops answered that "Kentucky had no troops for such an unholy cause." He was subsequently removed from office by Lincoln. Ebenezer Magoffin wedded Mary Ann Hutchinson and both were natives of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, the former of Irish descent, while the latter was of Scotch extraction. In 1854 they removed to Sedalia, Missouri, where Mr. Magoffin acquired twenty-two hundred acres of land, constituting a mammoth plantation, on which he had a large number of slaves. When the trouble between the north and south precipitated the country in civil war he raised a regiment on his farm for the Confederate army and he was taken prisoner at Georgetown, Missouri, after killing two of Milligan's soldiers, who had deliberately fired upon him without provocation. His influence was so great that his captors did not dare to take his life, but confined him in prison at Lexington, Missouri, where he was later released when the city was captured by Confederate troops. Subsequently he was rearrested, tried by a drumhead court-martial and sentenced to be shot, but after Colonel Brown, of Milligan's Brigade, had testified in his behalf and interceded for him he was sent to the military prison at Alton, Illinois. Later his son, Beriah Magoffin, was incarcerated and placed in the same cell with his father. Being given free rein of the grounds, he planned a means of escape through the cellar of the building, whereupon Mr. Magoffin and his brother tunneled their way out. The means of their escape has never been known to this day. The two guards, who were suspected of connivance, were shot. Ebenezer Magoffin was afterward killed by an assassin at Rocky Comfort, Arkansas, the man stabbing him in the back. His brother followed the assassin for thirty days, captured him and singlehandedly hung him from his horse.

Beriah Magoffin and his brother Elijah also served in the Confederate army, the latter holding the rank of colonel. While with the Confederate army Beriah Magoffin was captured in Missouri while lying ill of typhoid fever and was confined for a time in the prison at Alton, Illinois. Later he was transferred to Fort Delaware, at the mouth of Chesapeake bay, and subsequently he was again captured and once more confined at Alton. After the war he and his brother returned to Missouri and the home plantation being ravaged, they sold the place. Following his marriage Beriah Magoffin continued farming for ten years and later was employed by a New York house on the Star mail route. For two or three years he traveled for the house and later engaged in business on his own account. In 1884 he came to North Dakota, settling in Westport, from which point he ran a mail route. In 1886 he came to Monango in advance of the Milwaukee Railroad and built a shack for himself with a room for his horses. That was the first building in the town, with the development and progress of which he has since been closely associated. Under President Cleveland he was appointed postmaster of Monango and he also began merchandising on a small scale but developed his interests into one of the leading business concerns of the kind in Dickey county, personally managing and superintending the business until 1900, when he turned it over to his son, Ebenezer Magoffin, since which time he has lived retired.

In 1865 Mr. Magoffin was united in marriage to Miss Manlius A. Thomson, a daughter of Colonel Manlius B. Thomson, commander of the Third Kentucky Cavalry in the Mexican war and at one time lieutenant governor of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Magoffin have become the parents of five children, the only survivor, however, being Ebenezer, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

In politics Mr. Magoffin is a democrat and has served as a member of the state central committee, being recognized as a prominent and influential leader in party politics. He served as postmaster of Monango for two years, after which he resigned, for he has little desire to hold public office, preferring that his public duties should be done as a private citizen, and in many ways he has contributed to the upbuilding and progress of his community.

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DR. JAMES D. MCKENZIE.

Dr. James D. McKenzie, who was one of the well known residents of Milnor, was an active and successful medical practitioner of that town. He was born in Inverness, in the province of Quebec, Canada, March 28, 1840, and pursued his education at St. Francis' Academy, in that country, and in Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, where he studied for a year, there completing his more specifically literary course. His choice of a life work fell upon the practice of medicine and in preparation for the profession he entered the medical department of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated, winning his professional degree. In 1866 he entered upon active practice in Vermont and while there residing was made superintendent of schools in his locality. He afterward became a resident of the village of Floyd, Iowa, practicing there for about six years, at the end of which time he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, where he opened an office and continued in active practice for four years. He was afterward appointed to the position of postmaster at Portland, North Dakota, and while acting in that capacity he continued in the practice of medicine and also conducted a drug store, remaining in business there for about a year. He then returned to Fargo and opened a drug store. In 1885, however, he sold the store and removed to Milnor, where he opened an office for the practice of medicine and at the same time conducted a drug business. His ability as a practitioner was widely recognized throughout the community and his professional business grew to large proportions. He kept in close touch with the trend of modern thought in relation to medical science, was most careful in the diagnosis of his cases and successful in his practice. His death occurred April 12, 1908.

It was on the 20th of December, 1864, that Dr. McKenzie was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Arkley, also a native of that county, and they became the parents of a son, Clyde J., who operates a sheep ranch in Alberta, Canada. Mrs. McKenzie still makes her home in Milnor, where she has many warm friends, while the hospitality of her own home is greatly enjoyed by those who know her.

Deep regret was felt at the passing of Dr. McKenzie, not only because of his professional worth but also because of his many sterling traits of character as manifested in warm friendship and a spirit of helpfulness. He was much interested in politics and his influence carried considerable weight in the councils of his party. He became a member of the state central committee and did everything in his power to further the interests of the party and he also served on the board of health for about twelve years. He was a member of the North Dakota State Medical Society and was keenly interested in all those problems, the solution of which tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life.

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LEIGH LAUGHLIN.

Leigh Laughlin, a farmer residing on section fourteen, Island Park township, Ransom county, was born in Lisbon, North Dakota, August 29, 1885, a son of the Hon. Andrew H. and Marion J. (Dunbar) Laughlin. The father was born at Green Lake, Wisconsin, November 11, 1848, and he was the son of John and Permelia (Boyce) Laughlin. Following his removal to North Dakota he engaged in teaching school for several years and then went to Lisbon on the Shyenne river on the 28th of January, 1882. There he secured eight hundred acres of land and began farming. Not long afterward he embarked in the farm implement business as a member of the firm of Laughlin & Palmer and later opened a real



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estate and loan office in Lisbon. He still further extended his business activities by establishing a cheese factory near Lisbon and thus along many lines of business he contributed to the material development and upbuilding of his county. His fellow townsmen recognized his ability and trustworthiness and in 1882 he was elected register of deeds in Ransom county which office he filled for four years. In 1894 he was elected commissioner of agriculture and labor and was also supervisor of the census in 1898. He was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature and was chairman of military affairs. He originated house bills No. 29 and No. 117 and was connected with other important legislation. His political allegiance was given to the republican and prohibition parties and he stood firmly in defense of his honest convictions at all times. In 1883 he married Marion J. Dunbar who died in 1886 leaving two children, Lulu, who was born June 13, 1884, and Leigh. In 1889 Mr. Laughlin married Eliza Sargent and they had one son Dell, born in 1892. Mr. Laughlin was identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Ancient Order of Foresters. He passed away February 4, 1914, and his death was deeply regretted for he had proven himself a valuable citizen of his community, contributing in large measure to its progress along many lines of lasting benefit. It is a matter worthy of note that Permelia Bovee was one of the first persons to take up land in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Leigh Laughlin attended the district schools and the schools of Lisbon and afterwards assisted his father in his various business interests until the father's death. He also devoted a year to pursuing a course in the operation of gas tractors in Minneapolis, after which he accepted a position with the Rumely Company and continued with them for a year. Following his father's death he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm of eighty acres. Previous to that time he had purchased a half section of land and the additional purchase made him the owner of four hundred acres, a part of which was gravel land. He cultivates about eighty acres and rents the remainder of his land, deriving a good income therefrom. Upon his place he has a fine, flowing spring of cold, clear water which he sells in Lisbon and from which he derives a substantial addition to his income.

On the 26th of February, 1908, Mr. Laughlin was married to Miss Ethel Beatrice Granger, a daughter of George and Anna (Tappan) Granger, who was born in Cass county, Michigan, September 5, 1881, and there resided until she came to North Dakota. She is the only survivor of a family of four children, of whom three died in infancy. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son, Harry Granger, who was born December 18, 1908, and is now attending school in Sheldon.

Mr. Laughlin gives his political support to the republican party. He was elected and served as school clerk for about eight years and in 1913 was chosen by popular suffrage for the office of township clerk, which position he is still filling. In 1898 he served as page in the state senate. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is prominent, belonging to the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, the Woodmen and the Workmen. He is loyal to the purposes and teachings of these various organizations. For eight years he was sergeant in Battery A, First Artillery, North Dakota National Guard.

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#### HON. THOMAS FRANK MARSHALL.

Hon. Thomas Frank Marshall, possessing initiative and marked ability as an organizer, has contributed much to the business development of Oakes, Dickey county. He is president of the First National Bank of Oakes, president of the First State Bank of Verona, of the Fullerton State Bank, the Guelph State Bank, the Dakota National Bank of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and president of the Marshall-McCartney Company, one of the big holding companies of the state. His entire business career has been characterized by constructive methods which have recognized and taken advantage of the opportunities offered for the upbuilding of interests which have meant much to the communities in which they are located. His plans have always been well defined and carefully executed and his success has never been won at the cost of the failure of others.

Mr. Marshall is a native of Missouri, his birth having occurred in Hannibal on the 7th of March, 1854, his parents being George W. and Sarah E. (Heillebauer) Marshall. The father was a native of Kentucky and of Scotch-Irish descent, while the mother was born in Virginia and came of German parentage. They were married in the Old Dominion and for a few years afterward drifted over the country looking for a permanent location. They finally settled near Platteville, Grant county, Wisconsin, in 1856, and the father, who was a miller by trade, there operated a grist mill for many years, becoming one of the leading and substantial business men of that locality. In 1873 he removed to South Dakota, to which state his son, Thomas F. Marshall, had preceded him. He secured a homestead in Turner county and later removed to Parker, that county, where his death occurred in April, 1916, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-one years.

Thomas F. Marshall was educated in the State Normal School at Platteville, Wisconsin, where he pursued special courses in mathematics and surveying. Three months prior to the time of his graduation, however, his health failed and having also exhausted his funds, he left school, but forty years later the board of regents conferred upon him his diploma, calling him to the school on the event of the graduation of the class of 1913. After putting aside his textbooks Mr. Marshall went to Yankton, South Dakota, in April, 1873, and entered upon the work of surveying, while at the same time he took contracts from the government for survey work, in which he was engaged for fifteen years. Within that period he also established a grocery business in Yankton and conducted it in connection with his other interests. In 1883 he removed to Columbia, South Dakota, his government survey work taking him to that locality, and while there he also engaged in the banking business, purchasing an interest in the private bank of William Davidson and thus organizing the firm of Davidson & Marshall. Later he became one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Columbia and was made a director of that institution. In 1885 he returned to Yankton, closed out his business interests and in the spring of 1887 removed to Oakes, North Dakota, bought an interest in the Bank of Oakes, and became its cashier and active manager. Later he bought the interest of the other stockholders, becoming sole owner, and in October, 1902, he nationalized the institution, making it the First National Bank of Oakes. Throughout the entire period of his residence here his business activities have been of a most important and far-reaching character, resulting to the benefit of the community as well as constituting a source of individual success. He organized the Marshall-McCartney Company, which is one of the big holding companies of the state and which acquired the various banking institutions of which Mr. Marshall is president. It took over as well various elevators and has extensive holdings in addition. This company was at one time interested in banks at Cogswell, Gwinner and Forbes, North Dakota, and for five years owned the controlling interest in the Citizens National Bank and Citizens Loan Company at Williston, North Dakota, as well as the controlling interest in the Springbrook State Bank and the Springbrook Trading Company and the Trenton State Bank and the Trenton Trading Company, but at a recent date the Marshall-McCartney holdings in the last named have been sold. In 1908 the Marshall-McCartney Company organized the Dakota Western Telephone Company and developed the business until their interests were among the most extensive of that character in the west, or in other words the second largest telephone company in the state, their holdings reaching a valuation of more than a quarter of a million dollars. On the 1st of March, 1916, they sold to the Northwestern Telephone Company. At one time Mr. Marshall owned the large department store at Aberdeen, known as the Golden Rule, but disposed of that business when elected to congress. The foregoing indicates clearly that he has always been alert and enterprising, ready to meet any emergency and at all times utilizing opportunities that have led to constructive work along business lines.

In his political views Mr. Marshall is an earnest republican. He served as surveyor of Turner county, South Dakota, and was the first mayor of Oakes after the incorporation of the city, continuing as its chief executive for four years. In 1892 he was elected to the state senate, serving for four years, and was a candidate for the United States senate in 1896 but met defeat by one vote in the caucus that elected McCumber. In 1900 he was elected to the United States congress and remained a member of the national halls of legislation for eight years. In 1908 he was a candidate for the nomination for United States senator on the progressive ticket at the first primary ever held in the state, his

competitors at that time being M. N. Johnson, H. C. Hansbrough and C. B. Little. Mr. Marshall received a plurality of over four thousand votes, or thirty-three per cent of the entire republican vote, but the law required a forty per cent vote to make the nomination effective. In the event of no candidate receiving this vote the two candidates receiving the highest vote were to run in the primary held in the regular November election. On that occasion Mr. Marshall ran against Mr. Johnson, who had received the second highest vote, and the former was defeated. Two years later in the June primaries he was again a candidate for the same office with P. J. McCumber as his opponent but was defeated by eleven hundred votes. In 1912 he was a candidate for national committeeman and was elected by a majority of twenty thousand votes at the first primary ever held in the United States to elect a national committeeman. Mr. Marshall exercises a great influence and naturally has strong opposition, as does every one who wins a place of leadership, for it has been well said that "It is only the head above the line that gets hit." There is perhaps no one in North Dakota that has more staunch allies and it is a recognized fact that no one holds more loyally to his honest convictions nor fights more earnestly in their defense than does Thomas F. Marshall.

In 1878 Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Miss Eva E. Grigsby, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, a former schoolmate, and a sister of Colonel Melvin Grigsby, a veteran of the Civil war and the author of the amendment which provided for the three Rough Rider Regiments in the Spanish-American war. Colonel Grigsby is still living and resides in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have had no children of their own but have reared Elmer B. McCartney, the brother of his partner, who became a member of their household upon the death of his mother when he was a little lad of three and a half years. He is a graduate of Columbia University, in which he completed a course in civil engineering, and is now in charge of a big irrigation project at Winchester, Grant county, Washington, which is being built by the Marshall-McCartney Company.

Fraternally Mr. Marshall is a thirty-second degree Mason, having attained high rank in both the York and Scottish Rite bodies, while of El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo he is also a member. He likewise belongs to Fargo Lodge, No. 260, B. P. O. E., and he is most loyal to the teachings and purposes of these organizations.

In the extensive business organizations which Mr. Marshall has built up he has always had the interests of his employes at heart and as the various branches with which they have been connected have developed and grown they have been given an interest in the business and thus have profited by the success of the enterprises, some of his employes having been associated with him for more than a quarter of a century. The efficiency of his organization and the ability of his corps of lieutenants are such that the wheels of business run almost as smoothly in his absence as when he is at the steering wheel. Whatever he undertakes he accomplishes, not by the sacrifice of another's interests but because of his constructive methods, which are based upon a recognition and utilization of opportunities that many others pass heedlessly by. He is a strong man, strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his citizenship and strong in his honor and good name.

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#### R. M. CRICHTON.

R. M. Crichton, cashier of the State Bank of Verona, has always lived west of the Mississippi and the spirit of western enterprise and progress finds expression in his life record. He was born in Newton, Kansas, May 2, 1879, a son of William M. and Anna J. (Seaman) Crichton. The former, a native of Scotland, was born near Dundee in 1842 and the mother's birth occurred in Bond county, Illinois. When but two years of age William M. Crichton was brought by his parents to the United States, the family home being established in Laporte, Indiana, where he was reared to manhood. He completed his education in the Presbyterian College at Monmouth, Illinois, and has devoted his life to educational work, having been prominently identified with teaching for a half century. He is now living on a homestead in Colorado and is teaching in the Padroni school.

R. M. Crichton attended the public schools and the high school at Auburn, Nebraska,

from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He afterward taught one term of school but in 1898 made his initial step in the field of banking, securing a position in the Carson National Bank at Auburn, where he remained for nine and one-half years, resigning the position of assistant cashier on the 1st of January, 1908, to accept the secretaryship of the Auburn Music & Jewelry Company, with which firm he was identified for two years. He afterward spent a year in the office of the Cudahy Packing Company in South Omaha and on the 1st of January, 1911, he was offered and accepted the position of cashier of the State Bank of Verona, in which responsible connection he has since continued. The bank was incorporated in 1904 with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars and entered upon a prosperous existence. At the time Mr. Crichton came to Verona there was another bank in the town—the Farmers & Merchants Bank. In 1913 he effected the consolidation of the two institutions, merging the latter into the former. The bank is a safe and reliable financial center, its progressiveness being tempered by conservatism, its first policy being to carefully safeguard the interests of depositors. Mr. Crichton through long experience is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the banking business, and his ability is manifest in the increasing success of this institution.

In 1903 Mr. Crichton was united in marriage to Miss Sadie C. Scott, of Auburn, Nebraska, by whom he has three children, namely: Isabelle, Anna and Robert S. Politically Mr. Crichton is a republican but has no ambition for office holding. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship, however, and has served as president of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with Auburn Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & A. M., of Auburn, Nebraska; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., of Fargo; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church and both are widely and favorably known, while in banking circles Mr. Crichton has a very extensive acquaintance, enjoying the confidence, goodwill and high regard of his colleagues in the business.

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#### HON. R. K. BATZER.

Hon. R. K. Batzer, member of the house of representatives and a successful agricultural implement dealer of Hazelton, belongs to that class of citizens who are active in the development of the state through the promotion of its material and political interests. He has always resided in the west and the spirit of western enterprise finds expression in his career. He was born in Morrison county, Minnesota, October 14, 1887, and in his youthful days passed through consecutive grades in the public schools to his graduation from the high school at Royalton, Minnesota, with the class of 1905. He then entered the State University and on the completion of the law course won the Bachelor of Laws degree as a member of the class of 1908. Immediately following his graduation he went to Hazelton and during the first two years of his residence there was variously employed, working on farms or at any labor that would enable him to earn an honest living. In 1911 he was appointed United States commissioner by Judge Charles F. Amidon, of Fargo, and at the November election of 1912 was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature. He then resigned his position as commissioner to enter upon his legislative duties and made such an excellent record during his first term that he was reelected in 1914. His position upon any vital question is always clearly defined. He does not hesitate to announce or support his honest convictions and he has been connected with much important constructive legislation, serving on a number of important committees. In private life he is also active, having in 1910 established his present implement business. The first year, however, was one of disappointment and hardship, for there were probably not ten thousand bushels of grain harvested in Emmons county and as a consequence there was no sale for farm implements. In 1911 there was a slight improvement in crops and in 1912 the harvest came in abundance. Since that time Mr. Batzer has prospered, his business growing in magnitude until it is today one of the important commercial enterprises of the county.

On the 17th of December, 1914, Mr. Batzer was united in marriage to Miss Edna McLachlan, of Braddock, North Dakota, and they have become the parents of a son, Reinhold K. Mr. and Mrs. Batzer are members of the Episcopal church and he is recognized not

only as one of the most prominent republicans but also as one of the leading business men and popular citizens of his county. At all points in his career he has been actuated by laudable ambition that has led him forward along the steps of an orderly progression.

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#### GEORGE M. MCKENNA.

George M. McKenna, states attorney of Napoleon, was born in Laporte, Indiana, on the 10th of February, 1879, and pursued his education in the public schools of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, after which he attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was graduated from the Southern Minnesota Normal School at Austin, Minnesota, in 1900 and afterward completed a course in the University of Minnesota as a member of the class of 1903, there winning the LL. B. degree. In the same spring he came to Napoleon and the following year was elected state's attorney, in which official capacity he has served continuously since. He is an able lawyer, strong in argument, forceful in his reasoning, logical in his deductions.

In 1904 Mr. McKenna was married to Miss Edith Grace Weber, of Austin, Minnesota, and to them has been born a daughter, Marcella Grace. In politics Mr. McKenna has ever been a stalwart republican, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is connected with Bismarck Council, No. 1604, Knights of Columbus, and is now its chancellor and one of the state lecturers of that organization. He and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church. His interests and activities are thus broad and varied, but while he has done much to further political and moral progress, he has also wisely promoted his business interests and is now the owner of twelve hundred and eighty acres of valuable farm land in Logan county from which he derives a substantial annual income. His investments have been judiciously made and he displays keen discernment in the management of his business affairs.

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#### CHRISTIAN THORESON.

Christian Thoreson, a dealer in agricultural implements at Mohall, in which connection he has built up a substantial business, is one of those who became identified with Renville county in the period of its pioneer development by filing on a homestead a mile west of the present town of Mohall in 1901. This district has been characterized by very rapid settlement, growth and improvement, a fact which is attributable in no small measure to Mr. Thoreson, whose labors for the benefit of the county have been effective and far-reaching forces. He was born in Norway on the 13th of November, 1850, and is a son of Ole and Johanna (Walstad) Thoreson, who came to the United States in 1855 and settled in Dane county, Wisconsin. Later they removed to Douglas county, Minnesota, and there the mother passed away in the '80s. About 1896 the father came to North Dakota, establishing his home in Cavalier county, where he entered a claim and continued to reside up to the time of his demise, which occurred in 1911.

Christian Thoreson was only five years of age at the time of the emigration to the new world and the district schools of this country afforded him his educational privileges. His youthful days were spent in the usual manner of farm lads, his time being divided between the work of the fields and the duties of the schoolroom, with an occasional hour for such sports as attract the attention of a boy. On reaching manhood he began farming on his own account in Douglas county, Minnesota, and became the owner of more than a half section of land. He was closely identified with general agricultural pursuits in that locality until 1886, when he took up his abode in the town of Brandon, Minnesota, and built the Farmers Elevator, which he operated for four years. In 1900 he made a trip to North Dakota and while in this state filed on a homestead a mile west of the present site of Mohall. In 1901 he located on that property and won his title thereto. In 1902 he erected the first store building in Mohall and established a hardware, furniture

and implement business, which constantly grew and expanded with the rapid settlement and development of that section of the state. In 1913 he sold his hardware and furniture stock but still continues to deal in agricultural implements and his patronage has now reached extensive and gratifying proportions. He has worked diligently, allowing no obstacle nor difficulty to bar his path if it could be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort. He has extensive holdings in farm lands, owning ten hundred and forty acres, of which four hundred acres is located in Renville county and six hundred and forty acres across the line in Canada.

In November, 1870, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Thoreson and Miss Minnie Kollwold, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was born in Germany. They became the parents of eleven children, namely: Anna, the wife of C. D. Nelson, of Plentywood, Montana; Agnes, the wife of Howard A. McKinzie, of St. Cloud, Minnesota; Lena, the deceased wife of Alfred Berke, of Greenbush, Minnesota; Minnie, who married George Keup, of Columbus, North Dakota; Nellie, the wife of John Sheridan, a resident of Renville county; Cora, the wife of Louis Spellum, of Upham, Montana; Emma, a teacher in the public schools of Plentywood, Montana; Gladys, at home; John, who is proprietor of a hardware and implement business at Sherwood, North Dakota; William, who is managing his brother's hardware business at Sherwood; and Bennie, a hardware merchant of Upham, Montana.

Mr. Thoreson's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to become a supporter of republican principles and he does all in his power to promote the success of the party. He served almost continuously in office since the organization of Mohall until about two years ago, when he withdrew from active participation in political affairs. While living in Minnesota he was for several years a member of the school board and after removing to Mohall he was treasurer of the city for a number of years and for eight years was an alderman. He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church and such is their sterling worth that the hospitality of the best homes of Mohall and the surrounding country is cordially extended to them. While born across the water Mr. Thoreson has spent almost his entire life in the upper Mississippi valley and the spirit of western enterprise and progress finds expression in his business career and in his cooperation with all those forces which work for public progress and improvement.

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#### CARL A. MALANDER.

Carl A. Malander, a real estate and insurance broker of Oakes, was born in Sweden, April 24, 1864, of the marriage of John and Christina Malander, who came to the United States when their son Carl was an infant of but eighteen months. The family home was established in Boone county, Iowa, where the mother passed away a year later. The father afterward married again and resided in Boone county to the time of his death.

When left motherless Carl A. Malander was taken to the home of John A. Johnson, of Webster county, Iowa, by whom he was reared to manhood, obtaining his education in the public schools. As early as his twelfth year, however, he became a wage earner, working at farm labor for four dollars per month. He was employed as a farm hand until his nineteenth year, when he entered the coal mines at Des Moines, being employed as a miner for seven years, at the end of which time he began farming on his own account in Pocahontas county, Iowa, wisely investing his hard earned savings in one hundred and sixty acres of land. After cultivating that farm for five years he sold and removed to Emmet county, Iowa, where he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres which he cultivated for several years. In 1900 he arrived in Oakes, North Dakota, where he established a real estate and insurance business in partnership with R. A. Middaugh, which relation was maintained until 1910, when Mr. Malander purchased his partner's interest in the business. In 1913 he was joined by W. R. Whitver, thus forming the present firm of Malander & Whitver, which is one of the leading real estate firms of the southeastern part of the state. They have secured a large clientage and their business has been a substantial element in the development of the town and surrounding country as well as the source of substantial personal success.

Mr. Malander has been married twice. In 1889 he wedded Miss Elizabeth Peterson, of Des Moines, Iowa, by whom he had a daughter, Mabel, who resides at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1894 and eleven years later Mr. Malander was again married, his second union being with Miss Ethel Cockburn, of Estherville, Iowa.

Mr. Malander is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge; Oakes Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M.; and the Order of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is also a member. He is also identified with the Knights of the Maccabees. Mrs. Malander is an Episcopalian in religious faith, taking an active interest in the work of the church. Mr. Malander is a recognized leader in republican circles and has served for two terms as mayor of Oakes, from 1911 to 1914 inclusive. He has also been a member of the board of aldermen. On the 15th of April, 1915, at the expiration of his second term of office as mayor, Mr. Malander was presented with a Howard gold watch, suitably inscribed, as an appreciation on the part of his fellow townsmen of his valuable service to the city, his administration being characterized by many civic improvements. He brought to bear in the conduct of municipal affairs the same sound judgment and honorable purpose which have ever characterized his business activities, and the consensus of public opinion places him in the ranks of the foremost residents of Oakes.

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#### WALTER L. WILLIAMSON.

Walter L. Williamson, engaged in the loan and real estate business at Lisbon, was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, April 3, 1859, a son of Walter M. Williamson, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1836 and was a direct descendant of Daniel Williamson, who was one of the colony that accompanied William Penn to America in 1682. He served in the colonial assembly of Pennsylvania for fifty years. His grandson, John Williamson, had outgrown the Quaker love of peace sufficiently to fight under "Mad Anthony" Wayne during the Revolutionary war and the family was otherwise connected with the early history of the Keystone state. Dr. Walter M. Williamson spent his entire life in Philadelphia, where he became a practicing physician of the homeopathic school, being graduated from the Hahnemann Homeopathic College, which was founded by his father, Dr. Walter Williamson. Dr. Walter M. Williamson was united in marriage to Mary Potter Raymond, of Machias, Maine, who was of old colonial stock.

In early youth Walter L. Williamson went with his parents to Philadelphia, where his education was acquired. In 1882 he arrived in North Dakota, settling at Milnor, Sargent county, where, as a member of Alley's corps of surveyors, he assisted in making the United States land survey of this section of the state. Here he has since resided and from 1885 until the present time has devoted his attention to banking and to the farm loan business. Twenty-two years ago he opened an office in Lisbon as farm loan agent and in the intervening period he has contributed largely to the development and improvement of this section through the loans which he has placed, circulating money which has enabled farmers to carry on the work of improvement. The attainment of individual wealth has never been his sole end and aim, for he has eagerly embraced the opportunity of assisting in the development of his part of the state and his efforts have been far-reaching and beneficial.

In connection with public affairs, too, Mr. Williamson has played a most important part, his influence always being on the side of progress. He served for seven years as a member of the school board and the cause of education profited by his cooperation, while of the first normal school board of the territory he was the secretary. He was for six years a member of the city council and exercised his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the general good. He was the first president of the Commercial Club of Lisbon and at the present time is serving his twenty-first year as secretary of the Lisbon Building & Loan Association. He has also been actuated by a broad spirit of humanitarianism in efforts to aid the unfortunate and ameliorate the hard conditions of life for mankind. He is now serving as a member of the board of the Children's Home at Fargo, North Dakota, and he is an active and helpful member of the Christian church at Lisbon.

Mr. Williamson has been married twice. In 1889 he wedded Martha E. Knuppenburg, a resident of Richland county, North Dakota, of which locality her parents were early settlers. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1862, came to Dakota in 1872 and died on the 3d of August, 1905, leaving children: Francis V., who is now married and has one child; and Mary E., a teacher in the Fargo kindergarten, now residing at home. In 1906 Mr. Williamson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Agnes Page Williamson, the widow of his brother and a daughter of English born parents.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Williamson is a Mason. He was initiated into the order in Anchor Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., of Milnor, in 1890 and afterward passed through its various offices, serving as worshipful master. Upon his removal to Lisbon he became identified with Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, also with Lisbon Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M., and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, K. T. He has been presiding officer in each of these bodies and he has also taken the Scottish Rite degrees in Fargo, while upon him has been conferred the honorary thirty-third degree, which is bestowed only in recognition of superior service to the order. He was one of the original members of the board of trustees of the Masonic Temple at Fargo and acted as vice president of that board for a decade. He holds membership in Lisbon Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and he is the twenty-first grand high priest and the twenty-fifth grand master of the state of North Dakota. His activities have been varied and his experiences most interesting. Arriving in North Dakota at an early day, he met all of the hardships and privations incident to life upon the frontier, but undaunted courage and determination enabled him to face and overcome these. He realized and has utilized the business opportunities here presented and at the same time has never allowed business to monopolize his attention and there has been no occasion when he has refused to assist his fellowmen or failed to take part in those social amenities which constitute the rejuvenating power in the life of every extremely busy man.

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#### JARVIS H. TOMPKINS.

Every community numbers among its citizens those who are leaders in molding the material development and in promoting the progress of the state along the lines which work for higher standards of culture, integrity and virtue. Of this class Jarvis H. Tompkins is now a representative. For many years he was identified with commercial interests and is now active in real estate operations. At the same time he has been a most potent factor in advancing the intellectual and religious interests of the community through his cooperation with the schools and churches. He was born at Grafton, New Brunswick, May 4, 1865, a son of William and Eliza (Rogers) Tompkins. The mother was born in Ireland in 1828 and the father's birth occurred in Woodstock, Canada, in 1826. He was always a farmer, following that occupation until his demise, and his wife has also passed away.

Jarvis H. Tompkins was their eighth child in a family of nine. He attended school at South Newbridge, New Brunswick, and when eighteen years of age went to the state of Maine, where he worked for others for a short time. He afterward removed to Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the lumber woods for seven and one-half years, doing contract work during a part of that time. On leaving the Keystone state in the latter part of July, 1891, he made his way to the northwest, arriving in Minot on the 3d of August. Here he engaged in the butchering business on the 4th of April, 1892, and continued active in that field of labor for fourteen and one-half years, when he sold out to William Johnson. During that time he had become the owner of farm lands and of city property, having wisely placed his money in the safest of all investments—real estate. After selling his meat market he devoted his time to looking after the renting of various city properties and farm lands and to his activities in school and church affairs. Later, however, he again became connected with the butchering business, forming a partnership with Mr. Porter that continued for eighteen months, at the end of which time he sold his interest to Mr. Nelson. He still continues active in the field of real estate, handling his own properties, his entire time being devoted to that business and to other interests which he regards as the duty as well



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as the privilege of every individual. He has displayed sound business judgment in his undertakings and was long accounted one of the representative merchants of Minot, where his wisely directed efforts have brought to him substantial success.

On the 20th of January, 1897, Mr. Tompkins was united in marriage to Miss Jennie McLean, a native of Woodstock, New Brunswick, and a daughter of Arthur and Jane (Crawford) McLean. Her father is also a native of Woodstock, born of Scotch parentage, and the mother was born in Debec, New Brunswick, of Scotch-Irish lineage. Her grandparents in the paternal line were Hugh and Isabel (Blair) McLean, both natives of Scotland, and her maternal grandparents were William and Catherine (McBeth) Crawford, also natives of the land of hills and heather. Her mother is now deceased, while her father is a retired farmer living in Woodstock. In the McLean family were three children, of whom Mrs. Tompkins is the second in order of birth. She was educated in the Cedar Hill school at Woodstock and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: Paul Crawford, born July 27, 1902; and Mildred Effie, born October 12, 1905.

In his political views Mr. Tompkins is a stalwart republican, and while he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he has served as alderman of Minot for one term. He is deeply interested in the cause of educational progress and for nine years has been a member of the Minot school board and is a trustee of Wesley College of Grand Forks. He is today the oldest member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Minot, having joined upon his arrival in this city. He has since been most active and helpful in the work of the church, in which he is serving as steward, trustee and treasurer. He recently received a four years' badge for not missing Sunday school during that entire period, and had it been fourteen years instead of four years he would have earned it just the same, for he is always at his place in the Sunday school, doing everything in his power to instill into the minds of the young those principles which shall prove guideposts on life's journey. He was elected delegate to the church conference at Fargo in October, 1915. He has in his home a beautiful upholstered chair which was given him by the church on his fiftieth birthday—a tangible token of the appreciation of his fellow members of the splendid part which he has taken in church work. When he removed to Minot the city claimed a population of but eight hundred and was not then the county seat. He has witnessed many notable changes here and has ever borne his part in those activities which have promoted civic virtue and civic pride and which have upheld the social, intellectual and moral standards of the community.

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#### ARTHUR P. GUY.

Arthur P. Guy, a leading member of the Dickey county bar, practicing successfully at Oakes, was born in Mantorville, Minnesota, May 15, 1872, a son of Augustus L. and Alice (Lewis) Guy, who are natives of Indiana and Kentucky respectively. They were married in the former state, to which Mrs. Guy, who had been left an orphan when a child, had removed with her grandparents. Mr. Guy became a stonemason and followed that occupation throughout his active life. He served throughout the Civil war as a private in defense of the Union and in days of peace has been equally loyal in citizenship. He and his wife are now residents of Spokane, Washington.

Spending his youthful days in his native state, Arthur P. Guy was educated in the public schools of Sauk Rapids and of Brainerd and later attended the University of Minnesota, which conferred upon him his law degree in June, 1898, for he had determined to become a member of the bar and carefully prepared for practice as an attorney. In the summer following his graduation he opened a law office in St. Paul, Minnesota, but the following year came to North Dakota, settling at Wishek, McIntosh county. At that time the Sault Ste. Marie Railroad had just been completed and the town had scarcely been started. Mr. Guy there remained until 1909, when he removed to Oakes, where he has since successfully engaged in practice, being now accorded a large and distinctly representative clientage. He has ever recognized that industry is just as essential in the practice of law as in the trades or in commerce and he therefore prepares his cases with great

thoroughness and care, so that he is never disconcerted by the unexpected attack of an opponent. He presents his cause with clearness and force and is recognized in his county as a strong and able lawyer.

In 1899 Mr. Guy was united in marriage to Miss Kate C. Muldoon, of St. Louis, Missouri, by whom he has two children, Kathryn Alice and Arthur Peyton, Jr. Mr. Guy and his wife are of the Episcopalian faith, but as there is no church of that denomination in Oakes, they attend the services of the Presbyterian church. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and he is a prominent Mason, belonging to Hope Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Oakes Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M., while both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Guy being a member of the grand lodge of the Eastern Star of the state. Mr. Guy also belongs to Oakes Lodge, No. 81, K. P., and the Modern Woodmen of America and in the former organization is chairman of the committee on laws of the grand lodge. From the foregoing it will be seen that his abilities fit him for leadership and that his associates, appreciative of his worth, have called him to positions of prominence.

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#### CHARLES W. NELSON.

Charles W. Nelson, a leading merchant and business man of Verona, was born in Maine, December 1, 1876, a son of Peter and Cornelia Nelson, who were natives of Sweden, where they were reared and married. One child was born to them ere they left their native country to become residents of the new world. They settled in Maine and in 1884 Mr. Nelson came to North Dakota, taking up a homestead in Dickey county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. Ultimately he came to make his home with his son Charles, his wife having died ere the removal from Maine.

Charles W. Nelson obtained a public school education and on reaching manhood began farming for himself in Dickey county. About 1901 he removed to Richland county, where for five years he was extensively engaged in raising shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses. The year 1906 witnessed his arrival in Verona, at which date he established a mercantile store and has since been prominently identified with the commercial interests of the town, being recognized as the leading merchant of Verona. The stock which he carries is large, attractive and carefully selected and his reasonable prices, combined with the integrity of his business methods, have brought to him success. In addition to his mercantile interests he has four hundred and eighty acres of valuable farm land in Lamoure county.

In 1911 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Emma White, of Lamoure county, who passed away two years later. A republican in politics, Mr. Nelson has been active locally in party ranks, serving for four years as a member of the town board, during one year as chairman. Fraternally he is identified with Mackay Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., of Fargo; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Honorable principles have actuated him at every point in his career and his success has been builded upon honesty as well as close application and industry.

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#### M. J. FISCHER.

M. J. Fischer, banker, merchant and lumberman, whose business enterprise constitutes a chief element in the development of Strasburg and his section of Emmons county, is a representative of that progressive element in the citizenship of the county that has been furnished by Russia. He was born in Selz, Russia, January 10, 1875, a son of Jacob Fischer, mentioned elsewhere in this work. After spending the first ten years of his life in his native country he accompanied his parents to the new world and continued his education in the common schools. After his textbooks were put aside he continued to

assist his father in the further development and work of the old homestead farm until 1901, when he removed to Pierce county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead near Harvey, occupying the property long enough to secure title thereto. He then sold that place and returned to Emmons county, where he purchased a quarter section of land which he engaged in farming until 1907. In that year he took up his abode in Strasburg and purchased a fourth interest in the Strasburg Bazaar, which was the pioneer mercantile establishment of the town and remains one of the foremost commercial interests of Emmons county. Later he and two of his partners purchased the interest of the fourth partner and the three remain proprietors at the present time. In the fall of 1912 Mr. Fischer became identified with the banking business, purchasing stock in the Security State Bank, of which he was elected a member of the board of directors. In 1914 he became a stockholder in the German State Bank and is thus closely associated with the financial interests of his town. In 1913 he became one of the purchasers of the North Star lumberyard and reorganized and incorporated the business under the name of the Strasburg Lumber Company, Mr. Fischer becoming one of its board of directors. He is likewise the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of farm land and also owns an equity in other lands. He possesses indefatigable energy and sound judgment and his business investments have been most judiciously made.

In 1898 Mr. Fischer was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Eberle, of Hague, Emmons county, who was born in Russia. To them have been born eight children, namely: Alousia, Jacob, Rosa, Wendelin, Mary, Cecelia, John and Martha, all of whom are yet under the parental roof. The family are communicants of the Catholic faith and Mr. Fischer is a member of the German Roman Catholic Society. Politically he is a democrat yet of liberal views and does not consider himself bound by party ties. He concentrates his efforts and attention upon his business, and well defined plans and untiring effort have constituted the basis upon which he has builded his success.

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#### ALBERT ALBRECHT.

Albert Albrecht, senior partner in the firm of Albrecht Brothers, general merchants of Anamoose, claims Germany as the land of his birth, his natal day being June 4, 1864. His parents, Frederick and Dorothea (Dietrich) Albrecht, are mentioned elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of their son, Hon. L. C. Albrecht. At the usual age Albert Albrecht became a pupil in the schools of Germany and when still quite young began serving an apprenticeship at the miller's trade. He remained a resident of his native country until he reached the age of twenty-seven years and in July, 1891, crossed the Atlantic to America. He landed in New York city but made his way at once to Chicago, where he spent three months with an uncle. He then removed westward to Bigstone, South Dakota, where he devoted his attention to farming. In the summer of 1897 he came to McHenry county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead three miles south of the present town of Anamoose. In the spring of 1898 he took up his abode upon his farm and in that summer the store building was erected and the firm of Albrecht Brothers began merchandising. The business has since been continued and the steady growth of their trade has made theirs one of the most important commercial concerns of the county. They carry a large and well selected line of general merchandise, being most careful in making their purchases, while the business policy of the house is such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. In October of the same year in which the store was opened Albert Albrecht was appointed the first postmaster of Anamoose, in which official position he served for ten years.

In 1907 occurred the marriage of Mr. Albrecht and Miss Angusta Seehafer, of McHenry county, who was born in Wisconsin. They had one child, Carl W. The wife and mother passed away in December, 1908, and in 1913 Mr. Albrecht was again married, his second union being with Miss Sophia Schweicker, of Hamburg, Minnesota. They are now parents of a daughter, Eleanor.

Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht hold membership in the Lutheran church and his political

allegiance is given to the republican party. He ranks with the leading business men of McHenry county and has given his attention untiringly to the conduct of the store. The firm of Albrecht Brothers has been one of the prime factors in the wonderful development of this section of the country and they have very extensive land holdings not only in North Dakota but in four other states, while Albert Albrecht owns independently three hundred and twenty acres of farm land three miles south of Anamoose. It was a fortunate day for him and his brothers when they determined to seek a home in the new world, for in this country, where effort is unhampered by caste or class, they have found the opportunities which have led to success. Realizing that industry is the basis of all honorable business advancement, Albert Albrecht has applied himself most closely to his commercial interests and no one questions the honesty of his acts or the integrity of his motives.

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#### TIMAN L. QUARVE.

In the development and growth of Fessenden the general mercantile establishment owned and controlled by Timan L. Quarve has played an important part and its owner is regarded as one of the most progressive, wide-awake and alert business men of his section of the state. He was born on the 17th of March, 1857, in Minnesota, a son of Levor T. Quarve, a native of Hallingdal, Norway, who was born in 1830 and came to the new world in 1848, settled at Rock Prairie, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming. He also took up stock raising in Wisconsin and was thus engaged until 1854, when he removed to Houston county, Minnesota, where he purchased various forty acre tracts of land at fifty dollars per tract, adding to his holdings until he had two quarter sections. He converted his land into rich and productive fields and through his carefully managed farming interests won substantial success that now enables him to live retired from further business. He is making his home at Spring Grove, Minnesota, at the age of eighty-six years, while his wife passed away in 1912 at the age of seventy-seven years. She bore the maiden name of Christi K. Berg and was also a native of Norway, whence she came to America at the age of fourteen.

Timan L. Quarve is the eldest of a family of ten children, of whom five are yet living. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the common schools of Minnesota he continued his education in Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1878. He took up the profession of teaching, which he occasionally followed for ten years during the winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to work upon his father's farm. After teaching for a year in Iowa he taught for six years in Minnesota and for three years in Benson county, North Dakota, and was also a teacher at Devils Lake. He came to this state in 1886, when it was still a part of Dakota territory, and soon after his arrival he secured preemption and tree claims near Viking, Benson county, where he lived in true pioneer style, occupying a sod house for a year. He was first engaged in farming in Minnesota and in 1881 married Sigrid H. Haraldseth, who was born in Norway in 1859. She was a daughter of Halvor and Guro Haraldseth, who in the year after her birth came to the United States, settling in 1861 in Houston county, Minnesota, where they continued to reside until called to the home beyond. Timan L. Quarve has had a family of five children: Levard, born in 1883; Halvard, who was born in 1884 and died in 1901; Arnold, born in 1889; Gerard, born in 1891; and Edith C., born in 1894.

For about ten years Mr. Quarve remained upon his farm in Benson county and while thus engaged established a general store and also acted as postmaster, justice of the peace and school clerk at Viking. At length he discontinued his store and removed to Fessenden in June, 1895. There he rented a store building, in which he installed a line of general merchandise, and in the fall of that year he erected a building twenty-five by forty feet and enlarged his stock, while subsequently he added from time to time to his store so that its dimensions were finally twenty-five by one hundred and forty feet. In 1901 he erected his present store building fifty by one hundred and twenty feet and two years later built an addition on the side twenty-five by eighty feet. All these changes indicate

how rapidly his trade has grown. His first store building was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1902, eight business blocks being swept away in the conflagration. His establishment today is the largest general merchandise store in Wells county and he carries an extensive line of general merchandise, hardware and furniture. Something of the volume of his trade is indicated in the fact that he now employs twelve clerks, who are kept busy attending to the wants of customers. He displays great care in the selection of his goods and in the conduct of his establishment he holds to high standards in the personnel of the house and in the treatment accorded patrons. His business integrity is above question and he has worthily won the position which he now occupies as the leading general merchant of the county. He is also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Fessenden and he yet owns his homestead in Benson county. In the spring of 1914 he established a general store at Heimdal, Wells county, where he also carries a good line of merchandise and is accorded a liberal patronage.

Mr. Quarve gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart advocate of its principles. For three years he was a school director and has also been treasurer, president and secretary of the Wells County Fair at different times, covering a period of ten years, and he is now one of its directors. He is also secretary of the Hallinglaget, a fraternity consisting of descendants of people who have come from Hallingdal, Norway. In May, 1914, the centennial year of Norway's independence, this fraternity made a present of twenty thousand dollars to Hallingdal, Norway, for its poor and needy. The organization at the present time has a membership of seventeen hundred. Mr. Quarve is also a charter member of the Lutheran church of Fessenden, in the work of which he takes a very active and helpful part, serving as its secretary. During the years of his residence in North Dakota he has labored untiringly for the upbuilding of the state and there is no phase of pioneer life with which he is not familiar.

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#### DAMIAN LAUINGER.

Damian Lauinger, one of the three proprietors of the Strasburg Bazaar, the leading mercantile enterprise of Strasburg, Emmons county, was born in Russia, July 12, 1873, a son of Benhart and Stephana (Burgad) Lauinger. The father died in Russia and the mother came to the new world four years after the arrival of her son Damian, her death occurring in Emmons county in 1914.

Damian Lauinger was educated in the German schools of Russia and was a youth of twenty years when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, for the favorable reports which he had heard concerning the business opportunities in this country led him to the determination to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. He at once made his way to Emmons county, North Dakota, and during the first three years of his residence there was employed as a farm hand. In 1898 he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres five miles northeast of Strasburg, on which he resided for five years, thereby securing title to the property. He afterward sold that place and bought a farm of three hundred and twenty acres one mile northwest of Strasburg. Removing to that farm, he occupied it for two years, after which he became a resident of Strasburg in 1905 in order that he might give his attention to the management and control of the Strasburg Bazaar, of which he was one of the founders. This business was established in 1902 by Mr. Lauinger, John J. and Michael Baumgartner, E. Keller and Jacob Feist. For eleven years Mr. Lauinger has been active in the management and control of the business, which has been developed along satisfactory lines until they now have one of the leading mercantile establishments of Emmons county, carrying a large stock and enjoying a most liberal patronage. He is also a stockholder in the Security State Bank, in the German State Bank and in the Strasburg Lumber Company, all of which are strong elements in the business development of the town. He also owns individually five hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm land in Emmons county and he is regarded as a most substantial citizen, alert and enterprising in business and quickly recognizing the

opportunities surrounding him. What he undertakes he accomplishes and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail.

In 1898 Mr. Lauinger was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Wolf, a native of Russia who came to the United States in 1889. To them have been born four children, namely: Jacob D., Stephana, Mary and Agnes. Mr. Lauinger and his family are adherents of the Catholic church and he belongs to the German Roman Catholic Society. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he has served as a member of the town board and also as treasurer of the school board. Nothing that features in the public life of the community or has to do with the development of this section of the state fails to elicit his attention and he gives earnest support to every cause which he believes will promote public progress. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life empty handed, having no capital when he came to the United States. Work has been the basis of his success and upon that foundation he has builded wisely and well.

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#### GEORGE GRANT, M. D.

Dr. George Grant, who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Wishek, North Dakota, was born on the 2d of June, 1873, in Ontario, Canada, his parents being Malcolm and Martha (Lather) Grant. The father was born on the Orkney Islands, off the coast of Scotland, and was a young man when he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Canada. In Hamilton, Ontario, he married Miss Martha Lather, who was a native of Lancashire, England, and when a child accompanied her parents on their emigration to the new world. During his active life Mr. Grant engaged in farming but is now living retired at the advanced age of ninety years, his birth having occurred in 1826, and he makes his home in Bothwell, Ontario. His wife died in 1912.

Dr. Grant was reared at home on the farm and his early education, acquired in the local schools, was supplemented by study at the Chatham Collegiate Institute. Prior to finishing his education there he began teaching school and for five years followed that occupation. In 1900 he came to the United States and took up the study of medicine, being for two years a student at the University Medical College of Kansas City, but for the last two years of his course he attended the Illinois Medical College of Chicago, from which he received his M. D. degree in the class of 1904. Following his graduation, Dr. Grant came to Wishek, North Dakota, where in the intervening twelve years he has built up an extensive practice. He ranks among the leading physicians and surgeons of his part of the state and the success that he has attained is well merited.

In 1911 Dr. Grant was united in marriage to Miss Sarah B. Link, of Pipestone, Minnesota, and to them have been born two children, Jeannette L. and George, Jr. The Doctor is an honored member of the Southern District Medical Society of North Dakota; the North Dakota State Medical Society; and the American Medical Association; and he also belongs to Maple River Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M., of Edgeley, North Dakota; Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E.; and the Knights of the Maccabees. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He is one of the representative citizens of his community and wherever known is held in high esteem.

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#### H. J. JOHNSON.

H. J. Johnson is one of the leading business men of Oakes and ranks high in real estate circles in North Dakota. He was born in Denmark, August 23, 1873, a son of Claus and Anna Johnson, who died during the early boyhood of their son, who was then reared by his maternal grandparents, with whom he came to the United States in 1885. They settled upon a farm in Dickey county, North Dakota, where their remaining days were passed.

H. J. Johnson began his education in the public schools of his native country and continued his studies in the district schools of Dickey county. In 1890 he entered the Sauk Center Academy and Business College, from which he was graduated on the completion of a commercial course with the class of 1893. He then began work in a clerical capacity for C. J. Flynn, a general merchant at Beardsley, Minnesota, with whom he was associated for six years, and during the latter part of that period he acted as manager of the business, having previously worked his way upward, winning promotion through the recognition of his ability, loyalty and fidelity.

In the spring of 1899 Mr. Johnson removed to Oakes and opened a real estate and insurance office. In that business he has since continued and both branches have proven profitable, many important realty transfers having been promoted by him. He now controls one of the most extensive real estate businesses in the southern part of North Dakota and no one is better informed concerning property values or knows more thoroughly what is upon the market. Extending the scope of his activities, he began raising and dealing in cattle, horses and hogs and in order to carry on that business he invested in land and today owns forty quarter sections of excellent farm land or sixty-four hundred acres. He now gives his attention in large measure to his ranch operations and to the raising of horses and hogs and in this connection he has attained to a position of leadership, for his holdings of farm lands place him among the most extensive landowners of the state. In addition to his other interests he owns and manages the Oakes Harness & Saddlery Company, which is one of the leading commercial enterprises of the city, conducting business along both wholesale and retail lines.

In 1909 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Grace E. Richards, of Arlington, Iowa, by whom he had two children, one of whom survives, Ethel Janet. In politics Mr. Johnson is a republican and is now serving on the board of aldermen at Oakes. He is ever foremost among those who are seeking the welfare and advancement of the city and district and his efforts are of a most practical and progressive character. Fraternally he is connected with Hope Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M.; Oakes Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M.; Oakes Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F.; and the Order of the Eastern Star, to which his wife also belongs. Mr. Johnson is a most resourceful business man, ready to meet any emergency with a strength that comes from clear insight and a right conception of things. In his entire career there has been nothing sinister and nothing to conceal. His business activities have been ever aboveboard and he has followed constructive methods which have led to the attainment of most substantial and gratifying results, his efforts proving an element in promoting the business development and prosperity of his locality as well as in advancing his individual success.

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#### THORVAL J. LEE.

Thorval J. Lee, a farmer residing near Fingal, Barnes county, was born at Kongsberg, Norway, June 29, 1849. His father, John Lee, was employed in the extensive silver mines which are owned and operated by the government in Norway. He had a family of seven children, the eldest of whom was Anthon, who became a storekeeper in Kongsberg and there died at the age of forty years.

The second of the family was Thorval J. Lee, who remained in his native country until April, 1869, when he started for America, landing at Quebec. He had his ticket from Norway to Stoughton, Wisconsin, and from Quebec was sent with other emigrants to Grand Harbor, Michigan, in box cars, the trip taking nine days. From that point they crossed Lake Michigan to Milwaukee and proceeded from there to Stoughton. Having learned the carpenter's trade in Norway, Mr. Lee went to work in a carriage shop and was promised fourteen dollars per month and board, but at the end of the month his employer's funds amounted to only four dollars, with which sum Mr. Lee had to be content. He next entered the employ of a contractor who was building farm residences and in the fall of that year he took a trip to Illinois, where he remained for three months. He afterward resumed carpentering with his former employer and so continued until the fall of 1870. In the fol-

lowing spring he began contracting on his own account in a small way and was thus engaged until 1878, when he came to North Dakota and took up a tree claim in Barnes county, nine miles southwest of Valley City. Later he returned to Wisconsin, where he remained until the following year, when he brought his family to this state, arriving at Valley City on the 18th of June, 1879. From that point he traveled to his homestead on the east side of the Shyenne and began farming. He put up a sod house twelve by fourteen feet and a sod barn, and he occupied that home for four years or until his funds were sufficient to enable him to secure a more modern dwelling. He is today the owner of an excellent farm of four hundred and eighty acres largely devoted to grain raising. He usually keeps thirty head of Brown Swiss cattle, twenty head of horses and a large number of high grade hogs, and aside from his farming interests he has become a stockholder in the Middle West Trust & Loan Company.

It was on September 21, 1872, that Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Hanson, a native of Sweden, whose acquaintance he had formed before leaving Norway and who had been left an orphan during her early girlhood. The children of this marriage are as follows: Henry T. is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Carl, who was educated in the Agricultural College at Fargo and was for some time connected with the state dairy department of Wisconsin, has also held the office of assistant state inspector of weights and measures. He married Gertrude Lange. Albert is deceased. Hulda attended the Valley City State Normal School and is now engaged in teaching. Anthon attended the public schools and the college in Fargo and is now farming in Norman township, Barnes county. Oscar was killed by lightning when seven years and four months of age. Melvin was educated in a business college at Dixon, Illinois, and is now chief clerk with the Middle West Loan & Trust Company. Anna attended the women's seminary in Fargo and is now the wife of Lars Hoogstad and resides in Nome, North Dakota. Alfred is now a salesman with the Rumsley Threshing Machine Company. The family is one of which the parents have every reason to be proud.

Mr. Lee has become an active factor in community interests and affairs. He served for five years as school director, was also township assessor and was road overseer for several years. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and he is a member of the Lutheran church. In 1896 he visited his old home town of Kongsberg after twenty-seven years spent in America, and he found that the church which he attended as a boy and which was built in 1761, capable of seating ten thousand, was kept in the best possible condition. Mr. Lee has a fine home in the rear of which stand large barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. His first house, a little sod dwelling built in 1879, was replaced in 1884 by a small frame structure, but in 1909 his present modern residence was built and is today one of the attractive homes of Barnes county—commodious and well appointed—an indication of the success which has attended the enterprising efforts of the owner.

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#### HON. HEZEKIAH JOHN ROWE.

Hon. Hezekiah John Rowe, of Casselton, is serving for a second term as state senator after an interval of twenty-five years from the period of his first service. Throughout the interim there has been nothing to make his fellowmen lose faith in his public spirit and devotion to the general good. On the contrary there has been much that has heightened their belief in his loyalty to all that makes for good citizenship and for the upbuilding of the commonwealth. In private life he is known as a capable physician, who for forty years has successfully practiced, being numbered among the alumni of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

Dr. Rowe was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1848, a son of Hezekiah and Lucy (Holtzer) Rowe. He completed his classical education in the Vermillion Institute at Hayesville, Ohio, and prepared for his professional career as a student in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, which conferred upon him the M. D. degree in

April, 1876. In the meantime he had engaged in teaching, becoming superintendent of public schools, but later concentrated his attention exclusively upon the practice of medicine and surgery, his efforts at all times being characterized by a sense of conscientious obligation that has made him an earnest student and kept him in close touch with the advancement that is continually being made by the medical fraternity. While never too hasty in discarding old and time-tried methods, the value of which has been proven, he has nevertheless been quick to recognize the value and advantage of new ideas and discoveries and has utilized these to the benefit of his many patients.

On the 6th of October, 1880, in Loudonville, Ohio, Dr. Rowe was married to Miss Helen Taylor a daughter of A. A. Taylor, who was a manufacturer of flour and occupied a prominent business position in Ohio. For his second wife Dr. Rowe chose Rosina Ursula Messner, a daughter of John G. Messner, a member of the firm of Messner Brothers, a large business corporation on the Range in Minnesota, having for several years been there engaged in the wholesale and retail meat and grocery business. Dr. Rowe has two sons, of whose records he may be justly proud. The elder, Arthur T. Rowe, D. D. S., is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and now practices his profession at Larimore, North Dakota. He married Marian Degnan, of Winona, Minnesota. The younger son, Dr. Paul H. Rowe, is a recent graduate of Rush Medical College of Chicago, having pursued a six years' course, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Chicago University. He is now located at the Washington Boulevard Hospital of Chicago.

Dr. Rowe's military experience covers service in his teens as a private of Company D, One Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the Civil war, when he was honorably discharged. This is but one phase of the proof of his loyalty and patriotic citizenship. In Casselton, where he has been located for thirty-seven years, it is known that his aid and influence can always be counted upon to further any progressive public measure, and the school system of the city is largely a monument to his devotion to the cause of education, for through many years he has been continuously president of the board, laboring untiringly and effectively to raise the standards of the schools. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and recognizing his ability for public service, chose him as their representative in the state senate in 1890, and now, after twenty-five years of civil life, he is again a member of the upper house, having been reelected in 1914 for a four years' term. His consideration of public questions is deep and thorough and when he endorses a measure it is because of his earnest belief in its efficacy as a factor in good government. He introduced the first bill in the senate of the state of North Dakota.

In religious faith Dr. Rowe is a Presbyterian and fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Of the latter organization he was grand master in 1885 and 1886, during territorial days, and he has represented the Odd Fellows lodge in the Sovereign Grand Lodge twelve times. He belongs to the Commercial Club of Casselton, and in social circles Dr. Rowe and his wife occupy an enviable position. Theirs is an attractive residence, and he also owns other city property. He is thoroughly identified with the interests of city and state, a typical representative of the northwest, ever recognizing the duties and obligations of citizenship and knowing that he has a part to play in connection with the upbuilding and development of the state.

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#### ARTHUR BARTLETT.

The city of Oakes numbers Arthur Bartlett among its progressive and public-spirited men. Many evidences of his devotion to the general good can be cited and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, have called him to the board of aldermen, on which he is now serving. At the same time he is conducting a successful and growing business as proprietor of the City Restaurant. He was born in Edwardsville, Illinois, January 10, 1865, a son of Allen and Elizabeth (McNichol) Bartlett, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania but in childhood accompanied their respective parents on their removal westward to Edwardsville,

Illinois. They were married in that city just prior to the outbreak of the Civil war and Mr. Bartlett then engaged in farming until about 1869, when he removed to Macon county, Illinois, where he also carried on general agricultural pursuits for several years. On establishing his home in Decatur he turned his attention to the livery business, which he successfully conducted for many years. He passed away August 3, 1887, having for some time survived his wife, who died in 1874, when their son Arthur was a lad of but six years. The father afterward married Miss Jennie Maftell, who passed away seven or eight years later.

Arthur Bartlett acquired a district school education and when about sixteen years of age went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he was apprenticed to the nail maker's trade, being thus employed until the factory was closed down in 1888. That was the last factory in the United States to make cut nails. When the factory was closed in the spring of 1888, Mr. Bartlett came to North Dakota, arriving in Dickey county when a young man of twenty years. Already, however, he had had four years' experience in the business world and on reaching this state he rented a section of land and began farming on his own account, his sister acting as his housekeeper. In 1903 he filed on a homestead which had been deserted by a former occupant. There were no crops, however, and Mr. Bartlett relinquished his right for one hundred and fifty dollars. The land, however, today is worth sixty dollars per acre. In 1911 he purchased a quarter section twelve miles northeast of Oakes, in Sargent county, and still cultivates that tract. In 1909 he removed to Oakes and purchased the City Restaurant, which he has since conducted. During this period he has enjoyed a very liberal patronage, for the cuisine is excellent and his table offers all that the market affords.

In 1889 Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage to Miss Ruby McCoy, of Ellendale, Dickey county, by whom he had two sons, namely: Harold A., engineer in the city light plant at Mitchell, South Dakota; and Don R., who is employed as a mechanic in a garage at Oakes. The wife and mother passed away about two years after her marriage and in 1893 Mr. Bartlett wedded Miss Minnie E. Falls, also of Ellendale, by whom he had four sons, as follows: Reese A., residing in Oakes, North Dakota, who is district manager of the National Casualty Company of Detroit; Clarence, who works in his father's restaurant; Theodore, who is also employed in the restaurant; and Harry, at home.

In his political views Mr. Bartlett is an earnest republican. He has served repeatedly as a delegate to county and state conventions and has been an earnest factor in the work for better government, being associated with many of the wholesome and purifying reforms which have been growing up in the political system of the state. In 1912 he was elected a member of the board of aldermen and has since been continued by reelection in that position, making an excellent record by the efficient manner in which he works to further the welfare and progress of the city. Fraternally he is connected with Oakes Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F.; Oakes Lodge, No. 81, K. P.; and Silver Leaf Lodge, No. 5015, M. W. A. In religious faith Mr. Bartlett is a Methodist, while his wife belongs to the Episcopal church. By the consensus of public opinion he is classed with the representative residents of Oakes and Dickey county, his influence being ever on the side of material, intellectual, political and moral advancement. A spirit of progress has actuated him at every point in his career and many tangible evidences are cited of his devotion to the general good.

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#### JOHN E. LAINGEN.

Lamoure county has various banking establishments whose stability has been an element in the growth and development of that section of the state. Active in financial circles there is John E. Laingen, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Berlin. He was born at Lake Crystal, Minnesota, June 13, 1886, a son of Peter and Ranaug (Kjestad) Laingen, both of whom were natives of Christiania, Norway, whence they came to the United States in early manhood and womanhood, becoming residents of Blue Earth county, Minnesota, near Lake Crystal, where they were subsequently married. Prior to his marriage the father purchased a farm here on which he resided to the time of his death, living on the old homestead for about forty-eight years. He passed away in 1915, while his wife died in 1911.

Reared under the parental roof, John E. Laingen attended the public schools and was graduated from the high school at Lake Crystal with the class of 1903. He afterward became a student in the Mankato (Minn.) Business College and is numbered among its alumni of 1905. The following year, on the 1st of September, 1906, he removed to Berlin, North Dakota, and was one of the factors in the organization of the State Bank, of which he was made assistant cashier. Six years later he left that institution and organized the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, receiving the charter and opening the doors for business on the 24th of August, 1912, becoming cashier of the institution. On the 20th of January, 1916, he succeeded in consolidating the State Bank of Berlin and the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, merging the former into the latter, under which name business has since been conducted, Mr. Laingen remaining as cashier and an active force in shaping the policy and directing the interests of the institution. He closely studies the business and its opportunities and is continually reaching out along broadening lines to promote the success of the institution and make it a factor in the business development of the community as well. He has made judicious investment in farm lands and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Lamoure county.

On the 29th of June, 1910, Mr. Laingen was united in marriage to Miss Luella Peterson, of Berlin, North Dakota, who was born in Lansing, Iowa. They have one child, Ruth Almeda. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank, having membership in Mackay Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Edgeley Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; Jamestown Commandery, K. T.; and the Order of the Eastern Star, to which his wife also belongs. Mr. Laingen is a stalwart republican and is the present village treasurer. In community affairs he is deeply interested, his influence being always on the side of progress and improvement. He belongs to the Lutheran church, which indicates that he is not neglectful of moral obligations. In a word, as has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review, he is one of the well known and successful citizens of Lamoure county.

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#### FRANK SAHLI.

Frank Sahli, a dealer in flour and feed at Hague and also a grain and cream buyer, was born in Russia, August 15, 1866, a son of Ignatz and Catherine (Ossenbrenner) Sahli. The mother died in Russia, after which the father followed his son Frank to the United States but remained in this country, however, for only six years, when he returned to his native land, where he passed away six months later.

Frank Sahli was educated in the German schools of Russia and in his youthful days entered upon an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed while in that country. Ere emigrating to the new world he was married in 1890 to Miss Elizabeth Brosart and in 1893 they came to the United States, spending the first winter with a brother-in-law on a farm in Emmons county, North Dakota. The following spring Mr. Sahli went to work on the railroad as a section hand at Roscoe, South Dakota, and was there employed for a year, while two years were spent in similar work at Aberdeen. He then removed to Eureka, South Dakota, where he was second man in a grain warehouse and subsequently was promoted to the position of manager of the business, remaining there for four years. He then went to Kulm as manager of his employer's elevator at that point but after a year returned to Eureka and was in the employ of another grain merchant for two years. In 1903 he arrived in Hague as one of the pioneers of the town, which was then a little hamlet containing a single store building and two elevators. He was placed in charge of the one belonging to the Spencer Grain Company and managed it for two years. In connection with others he then purchased the John Ell elevator and did business under the name of the Sahli Elevator Company, having charge of the interests of the firm for three years. Later he purchased his partners' shares in the business and became sole proprietor. He has since operated alone and is conducting a growing and profitable grain trade. He is also a heavy buyer and shipper of cream and he deals in flour and feed, so that his extensive and important interests have made him one of the leading business men of Hague.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sahli have been born nine children, of whom seven are yet living, as follows: Catherine, the wife of Eugene Wolf, who is an agriculturist of Emmons county and by whom she has a daughter, Hildegard; Frank, who works for his father and who married Miss Julia Schmidt and has one daughter, Elma; John, who also assists his father in the conduct of his business interests; Mary, Barbara, Joseph and Agatha, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Sahli is a democrat, and while he has never sought political office, he has served for some years as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus and the German Roman Catholic Society. A spirit of enterprise actuates him in all his business relations and from a humble position he has worked his way steadily upward, his life record showing what may be accomplished through energy and determination in a land where effort is not hampered by caste or class.

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#### JACOB J. POORT, M. D.

Dr. Jacob J. Poort, a physician and surgeon practicing in Strasburg, was born at Amersfoort, in the Utrecht province of the Netherlands, on the 10th of October, 1861, a son of J. B. and Gertrude (Van Thiel) Poort, who arrived in the United States in 1888 and established their home in Joubert, South Dakota. They later made several removals and spent their last days in Delmont, South Dakota, where the father passed away October 9, 1904, at the age of seventy-eight years, while the mother survived until July 14, 1905, reaching the age of seventy-two years.

Dr. Poort, after attending the common schools and the gymnasium at Amersfoort, continued his education in the Utrecht University, which conferred upon him the M. D. S. degree upon his graduation with the class of 1889. He then entered upon the practice of his profession in his native country but in 1904 was attracted to the new world by the glowing reports which had reached him concerning America and its opportunities. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic and then entered the medical college at Sioux City, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. For a few months thereafter he resided at West Point, Nebraska, but on the 13th of January, 1908, made his way to Strasburg, North Dakota, where he has since followed his profession, building up a large and remunerative practice.

Dr. Poort has been married twice. In Holland, in 1889, he wedded D. C. Van Honstede and to them was born a son, Jacob J., now living at Elbow Lake, Minnesota. The wife and mother passed away in Holland and on the 6th of April, 1905, Dr. Poort was again married, his second union being with Miss Jacoba C. Verheys, of Delmont, South Dakota, who was born, however, in Holland. They have many friends in Strasburg and throughout the surrounding country and their own home is a hospitable one. The Doctor has had the benefit of thorough professional instruction both in his native land and in America, and reading and study keep him in close touch with the trend of modern thought and scientific investigation.

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#### PROSPER H. LAMBERT.

Prosper H. Lambert, assistant cashier and one of the stockholders in the Mohall Security Bank of Mohall, Renville county, was born in Bigstone, South Dakota, June 25, 1886. His father, Louis E. Lambert, was born near Paris, France, and when a youth of seventeen years came to the United States. He was married in Wisconsin to Miss Anna White, a native of that state, and for several years he was employed in lumber mills in Wisconsin but afterward removed to South Dakota, where he worked as a carpenter and builder for eight or ten years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Minnesota, where for the past thirty years he has been engaged in the lumber business, and for twenty years he has been a resident of Renville, Minnesota, taking a most active part in promoting the business development of the city and in other ways contributing to its progress and upbuilding.

Prosper H. Lambert became a pupil in the high school of Renville, Minnesota, and after-

ward pursued a commercial course in the Minneapolis Business College, completing his studies there in 1905. He then identified himself with the banking business as stenographer and bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Renville, with which institution he remained for five years, rising to the position of assistant cashier. Subsequently he was associated with the Gold-Stabeck Loan & Credit Company of Minneapolis for a year and a half. In 1910 he spent six months in the Mohall Security Bank as assistant cashier and in 1913 he returned to Mohall to again accept that position, in which capacity he has since continued. In July, 1916, he purchased stock in the bank and is now one of the large stockholders of the institution. His long training in the banking business has well qualified him for the responsibilities that devolve upon him in this connection and his enterprise places him with the leading business men of the town.

Mr. Lambert belongs to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. He is one of the leading and representative men of Mohall, actuated in all that he does by a spirit of progress and improvement, and he has made for himself a very creditable position both as a business man and citizen.

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#### ALEXANDER R. WRIGHT.

Alexander R. Wright is the publisher of The Oakes Times and has the best equipped newspaper plant in the state outside of the larger cities, a fact of which Oakes as well as the proprietor may well be proud. He was born on a farm near Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, February 27, 1873, and in 1888 came to the United States with the family. The mother, Elizabeth (Harkness) Wright was of the strong family of Gastons and Alexander Wright, the father, was a staunch Covenanter of Scotch descent. The son, Alexander R. Wright, was a youth of fifteen at the time he crossed the Atlantic and in the winter of 1888 he became a resident of Dickey county, North Dakota. His education had been largely acquired in the common schools of Ireland but he afterward attended the Union school in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and later was a student in a district school west of Ellendale following his arrival in Dickey county. He next became a pupil in the high school of Ellendale and when he was graduated therefrom won the valedictorian honors. He remained upon his father's farm until 1890, which year witnessed his initial step in connection with the printing business, for at that date he entered the office of the Ellendale Commercial in the capacity of devil. He worked in printing offices at Ellendale most of the time for seven years but spent a year and a half at Aberdeen, South Dakota, in the job department of the News. In November, 1897, he returned to Ellendale and on the 2d of December purchased a half interest in the Ellendale Leader, becoming a partner of F. S. Goddard. For six years he continued as editor and publisher of that paper and during that time Mr. Goddard acted as postmaster of the town. On the 1st of November, 1903, Mr. Wright removed to Oakes and became sole proprietor of the Oakes Republican, the plant having been purchased the previous year by Goddard & Wright, who were then running the Leader. Mr. Wright has since been publisher of The Oakes Times, having changed the name of the paper in 1905. His partner, Mr. Goddard, who became sole owner of the Leader, died over a year ago and was succeeded by his son, Herbert J. Goddard. The Times has an investment of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars in the business block and plant, making it the best equipped country weekly in the state. In addition to this property Mr. Wright owns an attractive residence in Oakes and also a quarter section of land, and his business and property holdings are the visible evidence of his well directed activity and enterprise. His standing in journalistic circles is indicated by the fact that he was elected president of the North Dakota Press Association for the year 1909-10, although he was not a candidate for the office nor did he desire it. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he became a supporter of the progressive republican organization in this state.

On the 20th of June, 1900, at Ellendale, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Ruth Hodges, whose birth occurred at Cohituate, now a part of Boston, February 26, 1877, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hodges. She lost her mother when but seven years of age and was reared by her grandparents. By her marriage she has become the

mother of two children, Edward S. and Ruth Elizabeth, who are fifteen and four years of age respectively.

Mr. Wright's military experience covers three years' service as a member of the National Guard of North Dakota, when he was connected with Company M of Ellendale. He attends the Presbyterian church and he belongs to various fraternal organizations, including Hope Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Oakes, of which he was master in 1914, working from the bottom up; Oakes Chapter, R. A. M., of which he is now scribe; the Eastern Star; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Knights of Pythias; and the Yeomen. Mr. Wright attacks everything with a contagious enthusiasm and at the same time his activities are characterized by a thoroughness which permits of the omission of no detail that will add to the successful accomplishment of his purpose.

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#### JACOB SCHALL.

Jacob Schall, a farm implement dealer and one of the representative and progressive business men of Hague, was born in South Russia, near Odessa, on the 25th of October, 1867, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Fahn) Schall, both of whom were natives of that country. The father was descended from ancestors from Wurtemberg, Germany, while the mother's people came from Alsace-Lorraine. In 1888 Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Schall crossed the Atlantic to the United States and established their home in McIntosh county, North Dakota, where he purchased a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits until his death.

Jacob Schall began his education in the German schools near his birthplace in Russia and afterward attended the Russian high school. In 1885 he came to the United States and through the following five years he was drifting through the middle west, working at various occupations which would yield him an honest living. In 1890 he went to Eureka, South Dakota, where he engaged in the hardware business, and later he added a stock of farm implements and also began buying grain. His activities and interests increased in volume and importance and for twenty-one years he was prominently identified with the business life of Eureka. He also became an active factor in its public affairs and served for a time as a member of the town council. He was likewise a member of the school board of Eureka for several years and took a most active and helpful part in the upbuilding of the town. In 1911 Mr. Schall removed to Hague, where he opened an agricultural implement store, and in the intervening period of five years to the present he has won a place among the foremost business men of Emmons county.

In 1894 Mr. Schall was married to Miss Catherine Mitzel, then a resident of Eureka, South Dakota, but a native of South Russia. They now have five children, namely: Martin F., August J., Jacob J., Raymond A. and Mary A., all at home. In politics Mr. Schall is a democrat and has served as a member of the town council. He is a Catholic in religious faith and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the German Roman Catholic Society. His life has been indeed an active and useful one during the period of his residence in the Dakotas and success has crowned his earnest and persistent efforts. He is now the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in McIntosh county, North Dakota, and one hundred and sixty acres in McPherson county, South Dakota, and his agricultural interests as well as his mercantile enterprise are thus contributing to his growing prosperity.

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#### JOHN M. LEPPERT.

John M. Leppert, president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Berlin, has in various public and private connections so directed his interests and affairs as to become well established in public opinion as a representative and valued citizen of Lamoure county. He was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, January 25, 1871, a son of Andrew and Eva (Manderscheid) Leppert, who were natives of Germany and in early manhood and womanhood came to the United States, establishing their home in Allamakee county among the pioneer set-

tlers. They were subsequently married there and settled upon land which the father purchased from the government. He continued his residence there to the time of his death and, adding to his holdings, acquired four hundred acres of valuable farm land which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He died about 1882 or 1883, at the comparatively early age of fifty-six years, and is survived by his widow, who at the age of seventy-five years now resides with a daughter at Church, Iowa.

John M. Leppert supplemented a district school education by study in the normal school at Decorah, Iowa, and in the Valder Business College at that place. He afterward took a course in telegraphy at Janesville, Wisconsin, but did not adopt that calling as a source of livelihood. Instead he accepted the proffered position of secretary of the creamery at Church, Iowa, in which capacity he served for eight years. He continued in that connection until 1903, when he resigned to become a candidate for the office of county treasurer in Allamakee county and won victory at the polls, serving in that position for five years, his second term expiring on the 1st of January, 1909. He then determined to enter the banking business and looked around for a suitable location. In the summer of that year he came to Berlin, North Dakota, and purchased an interest in the State Bank of Berlin, of which he was made cashier, acting in that capacity until the State Bank was consolidated with and merged into the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, of which Mr. Leppert was chosen president, continuing at the head of the institution since that time. He is an energetic and far-sighted business man and his well directed efforts are an element in the growing success of the bank.

On the 17th of December, 1908, Mr. Leppert was united in marriage to Miss Nettie McMillan, of Waukon, Iowa. Politically a republican, Mr. Leppert has always stanchly indorsed the principles of the party and has been active in its local circles. At the present time he is serving as a member of the town board of Berlin and also as a member of the school board. He and his wife are very active and earnest workers in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is serving on its board of trustees. His interest has been by no means confined to material things. On the contrary he is interested in all that pertains to public progress and improvement, to educational and moral advancement and thus has become a citizen of value to the community.

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#### J. J. SCHMIDT.

Every community numbers as its leading citizens men of enterprise, determination and strong character who recognize and utilize advantages that lead to progress, improvement and success. Such a man is J. J. Schmidt, the president of the Anamoose National Bank and a member of the firm of Schmidt, Gulack & Heitman, hardware dealers, and also one of the proprietors of the Schmidt-Gulack elevator. In a word, he is one of the foremost business men of McHenry county and his record indicates what may be accomplished when the individual is not afraid to venture where favoring opportunity points out the way. He was born in Russia, March 10, 1870, a son of John and Mary (Huber) Schmidt, who came to the United States in 1891, establishing their home in McIntosh county, North Dakota, where the father took up a homestead sixteen miles north of Eureka. There he resided for eight years and in 1900 removed to Anamoose, where he became identified with his son in the implement business, but after two years his death occurred. His widow survives and is yet living in Anamoose.

The district schools of Russia provided J. J. Schmidt with his educational privileges and in 1891, when twenty-one years of age, he came with his parents to the new world. For two years he worked upon the farm with his father and in 1894 he secured a position as clerk in a general store in Eureka, where he was employed for five years. He next removed northward to Harvey, Wells county, where for eight months he was engaged in the grain business on his own account. He became a pioneer resident of Anamoose and there established himself in the implement, flour and feed business and the building which he erected was the first business block built on the main street. He was joined by T. O. Gulack in 1901, the latter purchasing the interest of Mr. Schmidt's father. Not only did they

successfully continue in the hardware and implement business but also extended their efforts to the grain trade, building an elevator in Anamoose. This was but the first of the forward steps which have been taken by the firm. In 1904 they built an elevator at Kief and one at Ruso and in 1905 a fourth elevator was built at Dogden, all of which are still operated by the firm except the Dogden elevator, which was burned down in 1914. In 1909 Mr. Schmidt became one of the founders of the Schmidt-Samels Lumber Company at Martin, North Dakota, which company was reorganized and incorporated the same year under the name of the Samels Brothers Company, of which Mr. Schmidt is the president and one of the heavy stockholders. This company now deals in lumber, machinery and general merchandise at Martin. In 1907 Mr. Schmidt purchased the Anamoose State Bank, which in 1909 he converted into the Anamoose National Bank and which institution does probably the largest business of any bank in McHenry county, amounting to more than three hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually. Mr. Schmidt is also a director of the Martin State Bank. At a recent date he has erected a hotel building in Anamoose at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars and in many other ways he has contributed to the upbuilding, development and progress of the town.

In 1894 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Schmidt and Miss Rosina Hirsch, of Eureka, North Dakota, who was born in Russia. To them have been born eight children, as follows: Waldemar E., who is employed in his father's bank; Melita A.; Berthold J.; Ernest W.; F. Theophiel; Julius G.; Richard O.; and Alvira R. All the children are still under the parental roof. The family has a most attractive home in Anamoose and in addition to that property Mr. Schmidt is the owner of thirteen hundred and sixty acres of farm lands situated in three North Dakota counties. His political support is given the republican party and for several years he has served as a member of the town board. He and his family are members of the German Baptist church and their influence is always on the side of right, truth and progress. In the vocabulary of Mr. Schmidt there is no such word as fail. When one avenue of opportunity seems closed to him, he seeks out other paths that will lead to the desired goal and he never stops short of successful attainment in carrying out his plans. Moreover, his activities and interests have ever been of a nature that have contributed to public progress as well as to individual prosperity and there are few citizens of McHenry county who have done as much to further its material and moral development.

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#### FRED E. SMITH.

Fred E. Smith, president of the State School of Science at Wahpeton, is one of the foremost men in educational circles in North Dakota, and the high standard which the institution has attained is in large measure due to him. He has devoted his life to educational work and his natural fitness for that line of activity and his long experience therein eminently qualify him for positions of leadership.

Mr. Smith was born in Tunbridge, Vermont, January 24, 1861, of the marriage of Richard and Jane (Hall) Smith, and is a representative of a family that has long been identified with the history of New England, the American progenitors having settled in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1636. The father was born in Vermont on the 31st of January, 1821, a son of Ebenezer Smith, and there grew to manhood. He devoted a number of years to farming, but subsequently turned his attention to milling and was conducting a feed and flour mill at the time of his death. He gave indubitable proof of his patriotism by enlisting in Company E, Second Vermont Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war, and for three years he remained at the front. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, and his religious faith was that of the Congregational church, while fraternally he was a Mason. He passed away in 1896 and had survived his wife for fifteen years, as her demise occurred in 1881, when she was sixty-one years of age, as she was born in Vermont on the 11th of January, 1820. They were married in the Green Mountain state and became the parents of four children, two of whom are living, the brother of our subject being Emerson H., an attorney of Fargo.

Fred E. Smith attended the public schools of his native town in the acquirement of



FRED E. SMITH



his early education and when twenty-one years of age entered Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1885. He then matriculated at Dartmouth College, completing a course there in 1889, when the A. B. degree was conferred upon him. In 1901 he graduated from Albany Law School with the degree of LL. B. In the meantime he had provided for his own support for a number of years, as when seventeen years of age he began teaching, and he worked his way through college. The energy and determination which enabled him to pay his own expenses while acquiring an education have been factors in his subsequent advancement in his chosen profession. He taught in various places in the east until 1899, when he accepted a position as superintendent of schools of Fargo, North Dakota, where he remained until 1903. In 1905 he was elected superintendent of the schools of Wahpeton and held that position for five and a half years, making such an excellent record as a school executive that he was elected president of the State School of Science at Wahpeton. This institution is one of the vigorous and growing schools of the state although it has been established for only thirteen years. When it was founded in 1903 it consisted of a small building that had previously belonged to the Red River Valley University. Five new buildings have been erected and equipment has been added as the school has grown, thus affording facilities for efficient training in agriculture, engineering, domestic science and a number of trades. There are also academic and commercial departments and the work done in the school is recognized as being of a high grade. For the scholastic year of 1913 the total enrollment was two hundred and seventy-one students and the faculty numbers sixteen. The institution has been established upon a sound basis and those who are at its head are determined that its development shall keep pace with the needs of the young men and women of the state and that it shall grow with the growth of the state. President Smith keeps in close touch with the trend of educational thought and is always seeking means by which the school may more efficiently serve its purpose of providing technical and industrial training. He has the hearty cooperation of the faculty and also of the student body and has demonstrated that he is the man for the place.

In 1894 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Kate Tieknor, of Lebanon, New Hampshire. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter and the Knights Templar Commandery. He has served as senior warden in the lodge; has been grand master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and is now worshipful master of Wahpeton Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M. In the Odd Fellows he has held the office of grand representative. He is a republican in politics and keeps well informed as to all of the questions of the day but has not sought office outside of the path of his profession. In 1908 he was a candidate for state superintendent of instruction but was defeated. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of North Dakota and his work is proving of great value to the entire state.

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#### HANS NORMAN DYSTE.

Hans Norman Dyste, of Forman, Sargent county, is not only a representative citizen but also a native son of that town, his birth having occurred there, June 10, 1886, he being the first white child born in the town. His parents, Nels H. and Hannah (Narum) Dyste, were natives of Norway but came to the United States in early life, settling in Minnesota. Their marriage was celebrated in Minneapolis and on removing to North Dakota Mr. Dyste took up land in Sargent county. Soon afterward, however, he turned his attention to merchandising and opened a general store, having brought a stock with him. Six years later his brother, John Dyste, entered into partnership with him and the business relation between them was continued until 1909, when Nels H. Dyste retired and is now spending his days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. His wife passed away in Forman.

Hans N. Dyste was the second in order of birth in a family of nine children, all of whom reached adult age. He attended the public schools in his native city and after leaving high school acquired a business education in Minneapolis, entering the Archibald Business College, from which he was graduated on the completion of a commercial course. Upon his

return to Sargent county he was appointed to the position of deputy treasurer, which office he filled for three years, and later he became his father's assistant in the store, devoting four years to its conduct. At the end of that period he took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for six years in Bowen township, Sargent county, and in 1914 he removed to Stirum, where he took charge of the Stirum State Bank, occupying the position of cashier for some time and being also one of the stockholders and directors. This bank was organized on the 18th of May, 1907, with W. H. Cole as the president, W. H. Mallinson as the vice president and E. V. Lahr as cashier. Mr. Cole still remains at the head of the institution, but J. S. Ulland has succeeded to the vice presidency. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus and undivided profits of six thousand dollars. A general banking business is conducted and while cashier Mr. Dyste proved very capable in directing the affairs of the institution. He is now residing at Forman.

Mr. Dyste keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, is a republican in his political views and has been chosen as his party's candidate for register of deeds. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Forman and he also belongs to the Lutheran church at Forman, associations which indicate much of the nature of the rules and principles which govern his life.

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#### FRANK SIMON.

Orderly progression throughout his entire business career has brought Frank Simon to a creditable position in the business circles of Emmons county, as president of the Kintyre State Bank and his record is one of which he has every reason to be proud for in the face of difficulties which would have utterly discouraged many a man of less resolute spirit and determination he has persevered until he is today at the head of an institution which has been declared by a member of the present state banking board to be "one of the best and cleanest operated banking concerns in North Dakota."

Mr. Simon was born in Linn county, Iowa, June 30, 1879, a son of Joseph and Anna (Shorne) Simon, who were natives of Bohemia and came to the United States immediately after their marriage, settling in Iowa. They were in very limited financial circumstances but made every effort to gain a start. The father contracted to buy a farm on which he made a small payment but while moving to the farm he was killed, leaving his widow with six small children to support, Frank being but six years of age at the time. It was indeed a struggle for existence. The strictest economy was practiced and the members of the family worked extremely hard in order to make the payments upon the property. The farm was a tract of wild land and the mother bought a small house which she removed from another farm to her place. As the children grew and were able to work they helped to pay for the farm and the mother used every possible means to provide her children with an education. All had the opportunity of attending school and each one became a credit to the self-sacrificing mother and to their adopted country. Their labors at length made the farm a valuable and productive property upon which the mother lived until 1902, when she passed away at the age of fifty-five years.

Frank Simon remained at home until his seventeenth year although three years previous to that time his mother assisted him in buying some farm machinery and he engaged in farming for himself. This was during the period of the hard times in the early '90s, yet in the three years he made three hundred dollars, which he used in securing an education. In 1897 he entered Highland Park College, at Des Moines, Iowa, taking up a special course in electrical and mechanical engineering. The Spanish-American war broke out while he was thus engaged in his studies and he enlisted for service as a member of Company K, Fifty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in June, 1898, and in the following May he was transferred to the Fifth Iowa Volunteer Light Artillery with which command he remained until the close of the war. After the cessation of hostilities he returned home and resumed his studies at the Highland Park College, from which he was graduated in 1899 as an electrical and mechanical engineer. He then went to work in the electrical power house in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but because of impaired health he sought a change of climate and secured

a position in the government navy yard at Port Orchard, near Seattle, Washington, where he had charge of the electrical and compressed air machinery. He was later employed on the construction of the battle cruiser Nebraska and remained in the west for two years but his health did not improve and he spent six years drifting from place to place, hoping to be benefitted thereby, and was variously employed in many states. For a time he was a guard in the state prison at Hondo, Texas, and when there occurred an insurrection and break for liberty he was alone with nine convicts out in the mesquite but subdued them, although in the face of grave personal danger.

In 1904, on the death of a sister, he returned home to Iowa and soon afterward took a course in pharmacy in the Highland Park College from which he was graduated as gold medalist of his class in 1905. He then entered the drug business in Walker, Iowa, but in the fall of 1906 turned his attention to the banking business, becoming identified with the Walker Savings Bank as cashier and manager on its organization, succeeding in building up the business to profitable proportions. In 1910 he arrived in Kintyre and organized the Kintyre State Bank at which time there was only a store in the town and the outlook was rather discouraging but somehow Mr. Simon believed that the country would progress, that its lands must become settled and he persevered with the result that the Kintyre Bank is now a profitable and growing institution which would be a credit to any town and its business methods have received the highest endorsement of the state banking board. He has never had a piece of paper charged to profit and loss since he engaged in the banking business and his policy has ever been a liberal one toward the bank's patrons, extending assistance to a point that does not endanger the business of the bank or risk the interest of depositors.

In 1908 Mr. Simon was united in marriage to Miss Fandetta B. Lake of Walker, Iowa, and they have one child, Vernon Gilmore. Mr. Simon is a thirty-third degree Mason, a fact which indicates his prominence and worth in the order as that degree is only conferred in recognition of marked service to the order. Throughout his entire life Mr. Simon has been actuated by high ideals and a strong sense of duty and, fortunate in possessing character and ability that awaken confidence in others, the simple weight of his character and ability have carried him into important relations.

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#### ARTHUR J. KESLER.

Arthur J. Kesler, cashier of the First National Bank of Edgeley, which is the leading banking institution of Lamoure county, was born in Fenton, Michigan, April 12, 1872, a son of John B. and Louisa A. (Watton) Kesler, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of England. The mother came to the United States when a child of seven years in company with her parents, who settled in Vermont but afterward removed to Detroit, Michigan. On attaining adult age John B. Kesler engaged in merchandising at Fenton, Michigan, and for many years was prominently identified with the commercial interests of that town and of Middleville but in 1883 disposed of his interests in Michigan and came to North Dakota, entering actively upon the pioneer work which has led to the modern day development. He arrived in Lamoure county in June and homesteaded the southwest quarter of section 28, Nora township, on which he located. In September the family followed and located at LaMoure for the winter. A year later Mr. Kesler built a store building and stocked it with a line of general merchandise, this being the first building erected in the town of St. George, a town that has now passed out of existence. After the founding of the town of Edgeley Mr. Kesler removed his business to that point and continued actively and successfully in merchandising until about 1910, when he retired from active business to enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. In 1913 he removed to Fargo, where he still resides, his income being sufficient to supply him with all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

Arthur J. Kesler was educated in the district schools, also in the University of Dakota at Vermillion, South Dakota, and at the Red River Valley University at Wahpeton, North Dakota. After completing his studies he assisted his father in the store until July, 1903, when he was offered and accepted the position of cashier in the State Bank of Edgeley.

Two years later the bank was reorganized as the First National Bank and Mr. Kesler has remained as cashier of the institution, taking a most prominent part in the development and upbuilding of the bank to its present enviable position, its high standing and the volume of its business giving it rank as the leading banking institution of Lamoure county.

In 1906 Mr. Kesler was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Anderson, of Edgeley, by whom he has three children, namely: Edith V., Lucille E. and Clifford A. In his political views Mr. Kesler is an earnest republican who does not hesitate to announce his honest opinions yet has never been bitterly aggressive, nor has he ever placed partisanship before the public welfare. At the present writing, in 1916, he is city treasurer of Edgeley. Both he and his wife are loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Kesler is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Maple River Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M., of Edgeley; and Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R. He is likewise identified with Pomona Valley Lodge, No. 65, K. P., the Woodmen of the World and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has become widely and favorably known as a business man and citizen, occupying a prominent position in banking circles, his colleagues and contemporaries entertaining for him high regard and goodwill because of the methods which he has followed and the spirit which he has displayed.

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#### ARTHUR B. ATKINS.

Arthur B. Atkins, attorney at law practicing at Napoleon, was born in Columbia, South Dakota, July 6, 1884, a son of Charles W. and Emma (Burgess) Atkins, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Streator, Illinois, in which city they were married in the year 1878. They lived in that state until 1881, when they went to South Dakota, settling first at Columbia. The father is an attorney at law and for many years was a prominent figure at the South Dakota state bar but is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest at Columbia after long connection with professional interests.

Arthur B. Atkins was educated in the public schools of his native city and in the University of Minnesota, where he was graduated on the completion of a course in the department of agriculture with the class of 1905. He then pursued a two year course in law in the university and in 1907 he came to Napoleon. He passed the required examination before the supreme court in June, 1907, and was formally admitted to the North Dakota state bar. He then located in Esmond, Benson county, where he continued to practice until the spring of 1909, and the following fall he located in Napoleon, where in the intervening seven years he has built up an extensive practice that has connected him with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of his district and made his name a familiar one as that of an able and learned lawyer in his part of the state.

On the 6th of December, 1913, Mr. Atkins was married to Miss Anna Nelson, of Ashley, North Dakota, and they have become parents of two children, Lucille and Charles W. Mrs. Atkins is a member of the Episcopal church and the family is prominent in the social circles of the city. Politically Mr. Atkins is a republican and is regarded as a man of influence in his community, for his keen insight enables him to quickly understand a situation and to correctly value opportunities. He works diligently to promote public progress as well as to win individual success and in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon personal merit he has worked his way steadily upward.

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#### WILLIAM T. COOPER.

The newspaper interests of McLean county have a worthy representative in William T. Cooper, who is now publishing the Benedict Banner. His birth occurred September 19, 1871, in Auburn, Virginia, of which state his parents, William V. and Mary A. (Terry) Cooper, were also natives. In 1877 the family removed to Montgomery county, Indiana, and resided there until 1889, when they took up their abode in Harrison county, Iowa. There they lived

until 1892, when they removed to Polk county, Missouri, but at the end of four years the parents returned to Iowa, their last days being spent in Leon, that state, where the father died in the spring of 1905 and the mother in the following fall. The former was ninety-nine years of age at that time and on the day of his death had walked three miles to mail a letter to our subject. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was with the army in Nebraska for some time, being stationed at Fort Lincoln and Fort Kearney. In his family were nine children, of whom five are still living, namely: William T., of this review; Lunda, the wife of C. A. Rumly, of Decatur county, Iowa; George M., also a resident of that county; Maude; and Bessie.

William T. Cooper was about six years of age when the family left his native state and removed to Indiana, where he attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. He went with his parents to Iowa and Missouri and remained in the latter state for two years after they returned to Iowa. There he was married February 26, 1897, to Amanda E. Stocker, a native of Polk county, Missouri, and to them have been born four children: Fred, who is now principal of the village schools of Karlsruhe, North Dakota; Edwin V., who is editor of the *Mirror* at McLaughlin, South Dakota; Ruby Irene, who is attending high school in Washburn, North Dakota, and resides at home; and Wilmoth, also at home.

Mr. Cooper was engaged in farming in Missouri, and on coming to this state in 1902 took up a homestead in McLean county, one and a half miles west of Benedict. He proved up on the same and farmed there until 1910, when he rented his land and removed to Benedict. In April of that year he bought the Benedict Banner, which was established February 26, 1908, by Otto H. Lomen, from whom Mr. Cooper purchased it. It is independent in politics and is wisely edited, so that it now enjoys a good circulation. Mr. Cooper is also engaged in job work, for which his office is well equipped, and he still gives considerable attention to his farming interests, which are well managed.

He is now an independent candidate for county commissioner from the third district and has been endorsed by the democratic party. He is chairman of the town council and was president of the Commercial Club of Benedict for three years. He is also past grand of the Odd Fellows lodge at that place and is regarded as one of the most prominent and influential citizens of that village.

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#### EBENEZER MAGOFFIN.

Ebenezer Magoffin, a leading merchant of Monango, Dickey county, and president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at that place, has throughout his business career been notably prompt, energetic and reliable and those qualities have constituted salient factors in his growing success. His life record had its beginning in Saline county, Missouri, where he was born November 4, 1868, a son of Beriah Magoffin. His public school training was supplemented by a course of study in the Spencer Business College at Washington, D. C., and following the completion of his course he went to South Dakota in 1884 and for two years ran a mail route out of Westport. In the fall of 1886 he came to North Dakota, settling in Monango, where through the succeeding three years he was engaged in carpentering. At all points in his career he has been actuated by laudable ambition and when he had acquired sufficient capital he embarked in merchandising in 1889 and has since been prominently identified with the commercial interests of the town and with its upbuilding in many ways. He has developed the leading store of the place and in 1909 he became one of the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, of which he was made vice president, while subsequently he was elected to the presidency, the interests and policy of which he has carefully directed, its growing success being attributable in large measure to his sound judgment and to his progressiveness, which is tempered by a safe conservatism. In addition to his mercantile interests he has bought and sold North Dakota farm lands very extensively in years past and now owns but two hundred and forty acres.

In June, 1897, Mr. Magoffin was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Helferty, of Monango, and to them was born a daughter, Fannie E., who is now attending Jamestown College at Jamestown, North Dakota. The wife and mother passed away in 1898 and in 1902 Mr.

Magoffin wedded Miss Amy Northrop, of Monango, by whom he has one child, Lois E., now attending school.

Mr. Magoffin is a democrat in his political views and has served his town as alderman and as mayor, casting the weight of his official influence on the side of municipal reform and progress. He has also been a member of the school board, served four years as a member of the board of the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale, for two years of which time he was president of the board, and he can be counted upon to further any plan for the general good. He belongs to Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., to the Woodmen of the World, the Yeomen and the Knights of the Maccabees, nor does he neglect the higher, holier duties of life, for he holds membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife and two daughters also belong. He is now serving on its official board and is a generous contributor to its support.

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#### J. C. NIPPOLT.

J. C. Nippolt, the well known postmaster of Wishek and one of the leading citizens of that place, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, May 14, 1876, and is a son of William and Wilhelmina (Boettcher) Nippolt. The father, who was a miller by trade, died in early life when our subject was only twelve years of age, and the mother subsequently married John Smith, with whom she now resides in Portersville, California.

During his boyhood and youth J. C. Nippolt attended the common schools and also took a business course in a St. Paul business college. After his father's death he left home and started out in life for himself, since which time he has made his own way in the world unaided. In 1889 he went to McPherson county, South Dakota, where he was employed at farm labor for three or four years, and then found employment in the Old German Bank at Eureka, South Dakota, with which institution he was identified as assistant cashier for some four years. The following two years were spent in Minneapolis in the employ of a grain firm and at the end of that time he went to Emmons county, North Dakota, where for one year he herded cattle. It was in 1899 that he became a resident of Wishek and here he has since lived with the exception of a year and a half when he represented the International Harvester Company on the road. In Wishek he has been engaged in various business enterprises. For four years he conducted a hotel and for eight years devoted his attention to the insurance business. On the 14th of August, 1914, he was appointed postmaster and has since served in that capacity with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is a painstaking and obliging official and has the respect and confidence of all who know him.

On the 14th of December, 1899, Mr. Nippolt was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve M. Hill, of Wishek, by whom he has two children: Irene, who is now attending high school; and Irwin W., who is in the graded schools. Mr. Nippolt is a staunch democrat in politics and has served on the Wishek town board. He is an honored member of Harvey Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and Wishek Lodge, No. 99, I. O. O. F. The success that he has attained in life is due entirely to his own efforts and he merits the confidence and trust reposed in him.

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#### RALPH W. HALL.

Ralph W. Hall, cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Edgeley, was born in Hudson, New York, February 24, 1884, a son of Reuben W. and Helen (Delamater) Hall, both natives of the state of New York, the former of Scotch descent, while the latter came of Holland lineage. The father was for many years in his earlier life engaged in shipbuilding, being employed in the yards at New York city, and in 1886 he came to North Dakota, settling in Lamoure county, where he purchased a farm three miles southwest of the present site of Edgeley, residing thereon for nine years, his labors resulting in a marked

transformation of the appearance of the place. He then retired and removed to Edgeley, enjoying a good income from his investments. He has been very successful in the management of his business affairs and is now the owner of an entire section of the most valuable farm land of Lamoure county. He still has extensive interests in the cattle business, to which he gives his personal supervision.

Ralph W. Hall was but two years of age when brought by his father to Lamoure county, so that he has practically been a lifelong resident of North Dakota. After attending the Edgeley high school he continued his education in the Dakota Business College at Fargo. His youthful days acquainted him thoroughly with all the departments of farm work and for some years after his textbooks were put aside he operated his father's farm. In 1909, however, he disposed of his farming implements and his stock and turned his attention to the banking business, entering the Citizens State Bank of Edgeley as assistant cashier, in which capacity he continued until March, 1915, when he was advanced to the position of cashier of the institution and has since so served. He is regarded as a wide-awake, energetic young business man to whom the avenue of success is never closed, for when his progress seems blocked in one direction he seeks out other paths that lead to the desired goal. He owns an equity in a seven hundred and seventy acre ranch in McIntosh county, this state, and the owners lease surrounding school lands, operating altogether thirty-five hundred acres which is under fence and on which they range seven hundred and fifty head of cattle. Thus is indicated something of the extent and importance of the business interests of Mr. Hall, to whom opportunity is ever a call to action.

In 1913 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Sibyl V. Covington, of Dexter, Missouri, by whom he has two children, Ruth Elizabeth and Jean Louise. In his political views Mr. Hall is a stalwart republican and for two terms has been honored with the mayoralty of Edgeley, which has profited by his progressive and businesslike administration that has brought about various reforms and improvements in civic affairs. Fraternally he is connected with Pomona Valley Lodge, No. 65, K. P. He and his wife attend the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Hall is a graduate of the University of Missouri and for three years or more was successfully engaged in educational work, while at the present time she is active in the work of the Civic League. Both are much interested in the welfare and progress of their city and ably support plans and measures which are looking to the adoption of higher civic standards and achievements. Through his operations in business fields Mr. Hall has contributed to the material progress of his district, and Edgeley is in large measure the expression of the enterprising spirit of himself and his associates.

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#### GEORGE R. WHITFORD.

The consensus of public opinion names George R. Whitford as the foremost business man of Mohall, for his intense and well directed activities have contributed much to the upbuilding and improvement of the town along many lines. He was born in Cold Springs, Minnesota, December 18, 1878, a son of John and Agnes (Stevens) Whitford, both of whom were natives of Canada, where they were reared and married. In 1856 they crossed the border into the United States, settling in Stearns county, Minnesota. The father was known as the expert sawyer of the northwest and for many years was prominently identified with sawmill work. It was he and his brothers Joe and Jim Ferguson who founded the town of Fergus Falls, and Whitford street, one of the principal residence thoroughfares of that city, was named after the two Whitford brothers. Joe Whitford was a well known Indian trader of the early frontier days and he and John Whitford continued their interests in partnership, the latter operating the sawmills, while the former managed the trading interests. John Whitford died in 1897, at the age of sixty-nine years, and soon afterward his widow removed to Devils Lake, North Dakota, where she passed away on the 18th of January, 1910.

Stimulated by the example of his father, George R. Whitford has become a town builder of North Dakota. He was educated in the public schools and in the North Dakota State University, which he attended for a year, supplemented by a commercial course in

Caton College of Minneapolis. The ambitious spirit of the youth and the elemental strength of his character were indicated in the fact that in order to secure his college training there he waited on the table to pay his way through school. He also individually paid his tuition in the North Dakota State University. When his textbooks were put aside he secured a position in a mercantile establishment at Devils Lake, where he was employed for a year, and in December, 1900, he filed on a homestead nine miles northwest of Mohall in what was then Ward but is now Renville county. In June, 1901, he took up his abode upon that place and proved up on the homestead in March, 1902. In September of the same year he removed to Mohall and immediately made arrangements for the erection of a store building, in which on the 26th of November, 1902, he opened his doors for business as a general merchant. Moreover, he had the distinction of being the first merchant of the town to have his goods shipped in by train, his first consignment coming in on the first freight train that entered Mohall. He remained actively in mercantile business for ten years, during which time he erected three store buildings in the town. He also built the present courthouse and the modern building occupied by the greater store. During this time he did a business amounting to almost nine hundred thousand dollars. His patronage came from a wide territory and he carried everything demanded in general trade, while at all times his earnest efforts to please his patrons, combined with his straightforward methods and the excellent line of goods which he carried, secured for him a growing patronage, making his business one of mammoth proportions, yielding to him a most substantial annual profit. For the past three years Mr. Whitford has not been actively identified with the business, although the Mohall store and the store which he founded in Sherwood in 1912 are still conducted under his name. Since 1913 he has been engaged in real estate operations and is a heavy holder of farm lands in Renville and Bottineau counties.

In February, 1903, at Devils Lake, Mr. Whitford was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Haslam, of that place, and they have two children, Georgia Evelyn and Josephine Haslam. Mr. Whitford is a loyal member of Mohall Lodge, No. 73, A. F. & A. M., and both he and his wife are connected with Mohall Chapter, O. E. S., of which he is now worthy patron. He likewise belongs to Mohall Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was chairman of the committee that brought about the formation of Renville county and was also chairman of the county seat committee. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church and he is ever ready and willing to aid in the support of those movements which work for the moral progress of the community. In a word, he has been one of the dominant factors in the upbuilding of the city of Mohall along the line of material, political, social and moral progress, being a foremost factor in the advancement of every movement for the town's best interests. Moreover, his efforts are of a most practical character and he has ever been a man of action rather than of theory.

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#### ALBERT A. ROBINSON.

Albert A. Robinson, president of the A. A. Robinson Elevator Company at Minot and also interested in agricultural activities and in banking, was born in Mackford township, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 15th of January, 1865, a son of Frank C. and Rebecca J. (Smith) Robinson, natives of Maine and Ohio respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit until 1881, when he engaged in the grain and elevator business at Clark, South Dakota. Later he continued in the same line at Groton, South Dakota, and in 1906 he was elected a member of the board of warehouse commissioners for South Dakota and by that board was elected chairman, making his headquarters at Pierre, South Dakota, although he resides at Groton. In the late '70s he was representative from Winona county, Minnesota, to the legislature of that state and for a number of years he was a member of the board of the South Dakota state fair. His business interests have been of a nature that have contributed to public progress and his cooperation has always been heartily given to movements and measures for the general good. His wife died in the year 1898.



ALBERT A. ROBINSON



Albert A. Robinson was the second in order of birth in a family of four children. He pursued his early education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses of Winona county, Minnesota, and afterward continued his studies at Clark, South Dakota. When sixteen years of age he became a partner of his father in the furniture business at Clark, South Dakota, where he remained until 1891, when he became connected with the grain business, in which he continued for two years. He was afterward at Cavalier, North Dakota, and conducted the business there until January, 1903, when he disposed of the elevator. In the meantime, however, he removed to Duluth, becoming a resident of that city in July, 1902. There he operated a grain mixing house until March, 1903, when in association with a number of business men of Duluth he organized the Robinson Elevator Company, which bought fourteen country elevators and with which he was associated until March, 1905, when the sale of the properties was consummated. In that year he formed the A. A. Robinson Elevator Company, the stockholders being A. A. Robinson, president; L. M. Robinson, vice president and secretary, and H. J. Robinson, treasurer. He purchased the elevator at Minot and for a time operated six different elevators but has recently sold some of these. He now individually operates the elevator at Minot and in addition is engaged in the cultivation of six quarter sections of land. He is likewise the vice president of the First State Bank at Surrey and a director of the Second National Bank of Minot. He holds a large amount of the stock in and is manager of the Logan Farmers Elevator Company at Logan, North Dakota, and also of the Surrey Farmers Grain Association of Surrey, North Dakota. He also does a large wholesale and retail grass and field seed business at Minot, which business has grown to very extensive proportions, and he is a crank on pure seed. His interests are extensive and important. The wise direction of his business affairs has brought him growing success and has placed him among the substantial business men of the community.

In July, 1886, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Louise M. Arpin, who was born near Chicago, Illinois, her parents being Godfrey and Mary (Elliott) Arpin, the former a native of Toronto, Canada, and the latter of Paris, France. Mr. Arpin was engaged in contracting for a number of years and subsequently turned his attention to the furniture and undertaking business at Clark, South Dakota, also carrying on general agricultural pursuits for ten years. He is now living retired and still makes his home at Clark, South Dakota, but spends the greater part of his time at Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have one daughter, Hazel Jane, the wife of Guy E. Almy, who resides in Minot and assists his father-in-law as manager.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Robinson is identified with the Elks lodge at Minot and with the United Commercial Travelers, of which he is deputy grand counselor. He enjoys curling very much, helped organize the Minot Curling and Skating Association in 1915, and was elected president of said association. He holds membership in the Roman Catholic church and in politics is a republican, somewhat independent. He came to North Dakota in 1893 with a capital of ninety dollars. Today his assets may be counted in several figures and his success is due to his personal effort, his close application, his persistency of purpose and his keen business insight. He has worked his way steadily upward, knowing that industry wins its rewards and that success may be won at the price of earnest, self-denying effort.

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#### A. F. LEHR.

It has been wisely said that banking institutions are the heart of the commercial body, indicating the healthfulness of trade, and it is well known that the bank which follows a safe, conservative policy does more to establish financial credit and confidence in times of widespread financial depression than any other agency. A. F. Lehr, of Gackle, is connected with one of the substantial country banks of North Dakota, being president of the Logan County Bank, which is an important feature in the business development of that community. Mr. Lehr was born in Tripp, South Dakota, September 22, 1879, a son of Andreas and Clara (Goehring) Lehr, both of whom were natives of Germany but were reared in Russia, where they were taken by their respective parents when children. They were married in the latter country and five children were born to them ere their emigration to the new world,

and four thereafter. They crossed the Atlantic in June, 1879, and made their way to Hutchinson county, South Dakota, where the father secured a homestead claim and actively engaged in farming until 1902, when he retired from business life and removed to Tripp, where he now resides. He was quite successful in his farming enterprises and acquired nine hundred and sixty acres of land but has now disposed of his entire holdings, dividing some of it among his children and selling the remainder. He never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for here he found the business opportunities which he sought and in their utilization worked his way steadily upward to success.

A. F. Lehr was educated in the public schools of his native state and in January, 1903, removed to Kulm, North Dakota, where he secured employment as a clerk in a general store at a salary of ten dollars per month. In April, 1904, he went to Gackle and embarked in the real estate business on his own account. In that undertaking he prospered and it led to his business advancement along other lines. In 1905 he became one of the principal factors in the organization of the Logan County Bank but continued to give his time and attention to his extensive real estate transactions until 1909. In the interval, or in 1907, he had been elected president of the bank and in 1909 he assumed active management of its interests, since which time he has largely promoted the business. In 1912, however, although still continuing in the position of president, he withdrew from the active control of the bank in order to give his attention to his other extensive interests and for two years took no special part in the management of the bank's affairs but in 1914 he resumed active connection therewith and is now the controlling spirit. Under his guidance the business has grown steadily and the policy of the bank is such as wins popular confidence and support. He has been a very extensive dealer in farm lands and at the present time his holdings aggregate nineteen hundred and twenty acres. His investments have been most wisely and judiciously made and have brought to him very gratifying success.

In 1906 Mr. Lehr was married to Miss Magdalena Hieb, of Kulm, and they have become parents of five children, of whom three are living: Clara M., Ella A. and Calvin C. Mr. Lehr votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has been a prominent figure in republican circles for a number of years, his opinions carrying weight in its local councils, while his efforts for better and cleaner politics have been widely resultant. He is now serving as a member of the central committee of Logan county and he has been closely associated with those wholesome and purifying reforms which have been growing up in the political life of the country. Fraternaly he is connected with the American Yeomen and his position is that of one of the foremost citizens of Logan county, his fellow townsmen recognizing his marked ability and resourcefulness—qualities that have made him a leader in shaping public thought and action.

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#### HON. JOHN A. BYE.

Hon. John A. Bye was a member of the first state legislature of North Dakota and has been active in shaping the history and molding the policy of the district in which he lives. He is numbered among the representative farmers of Cass county, his home being on section 34, where he owns a valuable, productive and extensive tract of land. A native of Norway, he was born September 27, 1847, and is a son of Ole and Petronelle (Detlefson) Bye, who came to the United States in 1853, taking up their abode in Houston county, Minnesota, where they resided until called to their final rest.

John A. Bye was a little lad of five summers at the time of the emigration to the new world and the public school system of Minnesota afforded him his educational privileges but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, as it was necessary that he begin work upon the farm at an early age. In his youthful days he was trained to habits of industry and economy—habits that have borne rich fruit in his later years. On the death of his father he became the heir to one hundred acres of the home farm in Minnesota but in 1871 he left that state and came to North Dakota on a prospecting trip. Pleased with the country, he removed his family to Cass county in 1872, homesteading his present farm, upon which he has since lived. He also secured a tree claim and a preemption claim and subsequently

bought railroad land and school land, being now the owner of eight hundred and seventy-five acres of very valuable farm property in Pleasant township, Cass county, together with two hundred and forty acres in Manitoba, within twenty-eight miles of Winnipeg. He has carefully and persistently carried on his farm work, with the result that he has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and that his property is now most valuable and desirable. The practical and progressive methods which he has followed have converted his land from wild prairie into highly productive fields and upon his farm are all modern equipments in the way of buildings and machinery. Mr Bye is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Hickson and in the Hickson Bank.

In 1867 Mr. Bye was united in marriage to Miss Mathea Olson, who died in 1881, leaving seven children: Carl J., of Nailsville, Minnesota; Nellie J., the wife of L. Walbus, of Bremen, North Dakota; Ole J., of Ryder, North Dakota; Tillie J., the wife of Olof Smerud, a resident of Kent, Minnesota; Fred J., who makes his home in Cass county, North Dakota; Henry J., of Williams county, this state; and Ida J., the wife of George Wotszler, of Ryder, this state. Mr. Bye was married a second time, in 1883, to Miss Mathilda Borderud, a resident of Norman, Cass county, and this union was blessed with four children but all are deceased.

Mr. Bye holds membership with the Sons of Norway and with the Norwegian Lutheran church and his life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles. In politics he is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party. For many years he has been active in community affairs, holding various township offices, to which he has been called by the vote of his fellow citizens. Moreover, he was a member of the first state legislature of North Dakota, serving through the double session of 1889 and 1890. He took an active interest in shaping the laws of the state during the formative period in its history and brought keen insight and a recognition of needs and opportunities to bear in the discharge of the important duties which devolve upon him as a member of North Dakota's first general assembly.

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#### JOSEPH E. FITZGIBBONS.

No town of its size in North Dakota can boast a finer drug store than Braddock, where Joseph E. Fitzgibbons has a thoroughly up-to-date establishment. A spirit of enterprise prevades the place for the proprietor is wide-awake, alert and energetic, western progress finding in him a worthy exponent. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, March 28, 1877, a son of James William Fitzgibbons, a native of Albany, New York, whence he accompanied his parents to Dubuque county, Iowa, in pioneer times, the grandfather there following the occupation of farming. James W. Fitzgibbons was there reared and in Iowa married Miss Catherine Phalen, a native of Lynn Haven, Pennsylvania. Her parents also went to Iowa at an early day, settling in Jackson county, where her father engaged in farming. J. W. Fitzgibbons took up the same pursuit as a life work and remained upon his farm in Dubuque county up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1904. His widow is still living at the age of seventy-six years and resides with a daughter in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Joseph E. Fitzgibbons began his education in the public schools, afterward attended Epworth Seminary at Epworth, Iowa, and later the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, in which he pursued a pharmaceutical course and was graduated with the class of 1906, winning the Ph. G. degree, thus becoming well qualified by thorough educational training for the business which he has taken up as a life work.

In the fall of that year he came to North Dakota and for one year was in charge of the drug store of the Hardy-Shontz Drug Company at Driscoll. He afterward went to Watertown, South Dakota, where he accepted a position with a patent medicine house—the Blue Bell Medicine Company—with which he continued for a year. In the early summer of 1908 he went to Bismarck and became associated with the Bismarck Drug Company, so continuing until the spring of 1910, when he purchased the stock and fixtures of the company and removed the business to Braddock, where he has since conducted a modern drug store, which is one of the best and most attractively arranged stores of the kind to be found in the state in a town the size of Braddock. This naturally draws to him a large trade and by

reason of his straightforward business methods and earnest desire to please, he has no difficulty in keeping his patrons and his business is steadily growing. He is also identified with Emmons county as one of its landowners, having an entire section of land there, together with one hundred and sixty acres in McLean county and a quarter section in Montana.

Mr. Fitzgibbons is a member of the Woodmen of the World and he has attractive social qualities which render him popular, the circle of his friends increasing as the circle of his acquaintance widens. He is also regarded as a valuable addition to the business forces of Braddock and is a worthy representative of the modern, progressive commercial spirit, which is upbuilding North Dakota.

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#### ROBERT P. ROSCOE.

The habit of Robert P. Roscoe is to accomplish what he undertakes and the persistency of purpose which he has displayed in managing his business affairs has been one of the strongest elements in his growing success. After a long and active connection with agricultural interests he is now living retired in Dickey, Lamoure county. His birth occurred in Nova Scotia, March 1, 1863, his parents being Milledge and Susan (Robinson) Roscoe, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of E. B. Roscoe.

Robert P. Roscoe acquired his education in the public schools of Nova Scotia and on the 21st of September, 1880, arrived in Lamoure county in company with his parents, being at that time a youth of about eighteen years. Pioneer conditions existed here at that period and with the work of early development and improvement he soon became associated. In 1886 he filed on a homestead in Roscoe township, which had been named in honor of his father, and thereon he lived for several years, converting the tract of raw prairie into richly developed fields which returned to him a gratifying annual income. During those years he also bought other lands and is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres all in one body. For the past seven years he has rented his land and has made his home in Dickey, his income from his property, however, being of a most substantial character. Into other business fields he extended his efforts, becoming one of the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Dickey, of which he is now a director. He is likewise a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Dickey and for six or seven years he was a member of its board of directors.

Mr. Roscoe has attained high rank in Masonic circles, belonging to Dickey Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., to Edgeley Chapter, R. A. M., to Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., and to El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Fargo. He likewise belongs to Lincoln Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., and to the Modern Woodmen of America and his loyalty to these orders finds expression in his exemplification of their principles in his conduct toward his fellowmen. He believes in the Masonic teachings of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness and is frequently extending a hand to assist a fellow traveler upon life's journey.

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#### DAVID H. BUTTZ.

David H. Buttz is now living retired in Buttzville, Ransom county, after long connection with the farming interests of that locality. He was born November 4, 1839, in Buttzville, Warren county, New Jersey, a town which was named in honor of his father, John R. Buttz, who was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, in June, 1811, and became an extensive property holder, practically owning all the town of Buttzville, New Jersey, which place was known as Cedar Grove until its business interests passed into possession of John R. Buttz, when the name was changed. He, too, became practically the owner of the town of Serepta, New Jersey, controlling all of its enterprises. He was a miller by trade and he also engaged quite extensively in farming, conducting farms at both Buttzville and Serepta. He died at the latter place in April, 1908. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca J. Horn, was born at Weisport, Pennsylvania, and her death occurred in 1884.

Their family numbered eight children, including Major C. W. Buttz, who became a promi-

ment resident of North Dakota and represented his district in the forty-fourth congress. He was born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1837, and in 1839 was taken by his parents to Buttzville, New Jersey. After completing his academic studies he became a law student at Belvidere, New Jersey, and in 1861 joined the Union army as a second lieutenant of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry. The following year he was promoted to first lieutenant and he received two brevet ranks from President Lincoln, one as captain "for gallant and meritorious conduct in capturing from the enemy a full Rocket battery and the other as major for gallant and meritorious services in front of Suffolk, Virginia," both bearing date of May, 1865. In 1863, when his regiment was sent on a scouting expedition from Suffolk, Virginia, to the Blackwater river, Lieutenant Buttz with twenty-five of his men engaged three hundred of the enemy and by a dashing cavalry charge succeeded in taking sixty-seven of the number prisoners and capturing a Rocket battery. Afterward he was detailed for service on court martials as judge advocate and for a period of two months was judge advocate of court at Suffolk, Virginia. He was wounded in 1863 and in October of that year was compelled to resign on account of impaired health. He began the practice of law in Norfolk, Virginia, and the following year was a delegate to the republican national convention in Baltimore. In 1864 he was appointed a director of the Exchange Bank of Virginia and in 1866 he became commonwealth attorney for King William county. In 1870 he removed to Charleston, South Carolina, and was elected solicitor of the first judicial district in October, 1872, thus serving for four years. He was republican candidate for the forty-fourth congress, at which election the certificate was given to Edmund W. M. Mackey, but Mr. Buttz contested the seat and on the 16th of July, 1876, it was declared vacant. He was reelected to fill the vacancy in the forty-fourth congress and served until March 3, 1877. In 1878 he became a resident of Fargo, North Dakota, and procured the official organization of Ransom county in 1882. He established his residence in Buttzville and was elected states attorney in 1884, serving for two years, after which he was a member of the state legislature from 1903 until 1909 and thus left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the laws of the state. Not only was he a political leader and distinguished attorney but also a successful and extensive farmer, owning two valuable improved sections near Buttzville worth fifty dollars per acre or about sixty-four thousand dollars in all. When he passed away July 20, 1913, Ransom county lost one of its most distinguished, worthy and valued citizens.

David H. Buttz, after pursuing his education in the schools of New Jersey, worked with his father and brother-in-law, Mr. Titus, in the mills and he also took up the occupation of farming in Warren county, New Jersey, where he remained until April, 1865, when he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he became connected with the operation of a mill, spending two years in that city. He next went upon the road as a traveling salesman but after six months removed to Williamsburg, Virginia, and bought eighteen hundred acres of timber and farm lands, devoting the succeeding two years to the lumber trade. He shipped lumber to New York, New Haven, Bridgeport, Philadelphia and Elizabethport, New Jersey, and later he engaged in the wholesale grain trade at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he continued for two years. He was next located at Charleston, South Carolina, where he became engaged in the brokerage business, buying and selling all classes of county, state and government paper for a period of nine years. In April, 1882, he arrived in North Dakota and purchased sections 7 and 21 of Casey township, Ransom county. From that period to the present he has been closely associated with the development and upbuilding of the district. He was one of the organizers of the township and settled in the town of Carrington, which later changed its name to Buttzville in his honor, for he was recognized as the most progressive and influential man of the little town.

In 1875 Mr. Buttz was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Kishpaugh, who was born at Andover, New Jersey, and died in October, 1891, leaving two children: Adrian E., an attorney and bank director of Leeds, North Dakota; and Beatrice, the wife of William E. Hoag, living at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On the 18th of June, 1893, Mr. Buttz was again married, his second union being with Mary M. Morrison, who was born in Belleville, Ontario, in 1865, a daughter of Angus J. and Margaret (Steward) Morrison, both of whom were of Scotch descent and of Canadian birth, Mrs. Buttz being the third of their five children.

In connection with his farming interests Mr. Buttz built the first elevator in Buttzville and also established the general store there. He likewise developed a lumber and coal yard,

bringing his first lumber by team from Tower City, North Dakota, until the railroad was put through. The expense of hauling the lumber was from ten to twelve dollars per thousand feet. For a period of seven years he had eighty-four hundred acres of land under cultivation, most of which he broke himself. In 1895 his wheat crop was estimated at two hundred and fifty thousand bushels, all of which was lost as the result of a hail storm. His possessions in North Dakota lands alone aggregated fourteen thousand four hundred acres. His business interests thus became of mammoth volume and importance, making him the leader among the business men of this section of the state. In his political views Mr. Buttz is a republican, supporting the party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been school treasurer in Casey township and he does everything in his power to further local progress. He became a member of the Masonic order at Charleston, South Carolina, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lisbon, North Dakota. After long and prominent connection with business affairs which have contributed much to the development and upbuilding of this state he is now living retired, but he does not cease to give hearty aid to all well devised plans and measures for the general good.

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#### HUGO P. REMINGTON.

Hugo P. Remington, a prominent lawyer of Ashley and the present republican candidate for states attorney of McIntosh county, was the first white child born in Fort Collins, Colorado, his birth occurring on the 29th of June, 1879. He is a son of Walter W. and Sarah L. (Porter) Remington. The mother is a representative of an old Virginia family, while the father was born in Ohio and is descended from a long line of sailors. He has devoted his life to educational work and is at present principal of the East Side Latin school of Denver, Colorado.

Reared in his native state, Hugo P. Remington is indebted to its public schools for his early educational advantages and later he became a student in the University of Colorado, from which he received the degree of B. A. in 1905 and the LL. B. degree in 1907. For two years after his graduation he was on the road as a commercial traveler for his eyes had failed him and he was unable to commence the practice of law. In 1909, however, he located in Ashley, North Dakota, and opened a law office, since which time he has successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. He possesses marked ability as a lawyer and in 1916 was nominated by the republican party for the office of states attorney by an overwhelming majority.

On Christmas Day of 1909, Mr. Remington was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sutton, of Boulder county, Colorado. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church and are quite prominent socially. Mr. Remington is a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 45, A. F. & A. M., of Boulder, Colorado; Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E.; and Ashley Lodge, No. 115, I. O. O. F. He is one of the foremost attorneys of McIntosh county and is a man of prominence in the community, exerting a beneficial influence in public affairs.

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#### J. H. MEYERS.

J. H. Meyers, cashier of the Logan County Bank of Gackle, was born in Russia, September 15, 1876, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Hertz) Meyers, both of whom were natives of Russia but of German parentage. In 1889 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, establishing their home at Tyndall, South Dakota, where the father engaged in farming upon rented land. In 1900 he removed to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Stutsman county. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for his death occurred the same year. His widow afterward became the wife of John Pfau and they now make their home at Upham, North Dakota.

J. H. Meyers was a youth of thirteen years when he accompanied his parents on the

long voyage across the Atlantic to the new world and upon the homestead farm in South Dakota, amid the conditions and environment of pioneer life, he was reared, remaining there until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when he started out in business life independently. He spent a year on the range as a cowboy and sheep herder and later secured a situation as clerk in the general store of A. A. Clothier & Son of Windsor, North Dakota, with whom he remained for about four years. In the fall of 1905 he became identified with the grain trade as a buyer for the Powers Elevator Company for their Gackle station. He represented that business for two years, when he formed a partnership with A. F. Lehr and C. and M. Hieb. They built an independent elevator, which they operated under the name of the North Dakota Elevator Company, with Mr. Meyers as manager. That business was continued until January, 1913, when the elevator was sold, but in 1914 Mr. Meyers and Mr. Lehr repurchased it and now own and operate the elevator, conducting a profitable grain business. In 1907 Mr. Meyers further extended his efforts along business lines by becoming a stockholder in the Logan County Bank and on the 1st of January, 1913, he entered the bank as its vice president, while in 1914 he succeeded the outgoing cashier and has since acted in that important position.

On the 3d of September, 1907, Mr. Meyers was married to Miss Gertie Hieb. He is a democrat in his political views and is the present town clerk of Gackle. He has also served as a member of the school board for the past six years and is interested in all plans and measures for the benefit and welfare of town, county and state. Public opinion classes him as one of the prominent bankers and leading business men of Logan county.

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#### EDGAR L. PENN.

Edgar L. Penn, editor and proprietor of the Sherwood Tribune, published at Sherwood, Renville county, was born in Camden, Carroll county, Indiana, November 23, 1873, his parents being Silas I. and Mary (O'Leary) Penn. The father is a native of Carroll county, Indiana, and of English ancestry, while the mother, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, was of Irish lineage. They were married in his native county, where the mother, who in early childhood was left an orphan, was reared. Mr. Penn is still an active business man of Carroll county, where he ranks with the well-to-do and prominent farmers. In 1892 he lost his first wife, who died leaving five children, three sons and two daughters, since which time he has wedded Miss Mary Otten, by whom he has three children.

Edgar L. Penn was educated in the common and high schools of Camden, Indiana, in the Central Normal College at Danville, that state, and at the Normal University at Marion, Indiana, which institution conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1900. He took up educational work, to which he devoted his energies for ten years, teaching from 1894 until 1905, at first in the district schools and subsequently in high schools. He proved an able instructor, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In 1903 he came to North Dakota to accept the position of principal of the schools of Leal, Barnes county, which position he occupied in 1903-04. He then became principal of the Souris schools in 1904-05 and in the fall of the latter year was appointed deputy collector and inspector of customs. He was then sent to Sherwood, where he has since made his home, and in 1907 he purchased the Sherwood Journal, while in December of the same year he bought out the Sherwood Tribune, consolidating the two papers under the latter name. In 1908 he resigned his position as revenue collector in order to give his undivided attention to newspaper work and in the intervening period of eight years he has built up one of the leading weekly publications in Renville county. It has a large circulation, which renders it an excellent advertising medium and its patronage in that connection is now gratifying.

In 1913 Mr. Penn was married to Miss Loretta E. O'Leary, of Alameda, Saskatchewan, Canada. He has a homestead in Montana where the family maintain their residence. Mr. Penn holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee, while his wife is a communicant of the Catholic faith. He also belongs to Sherwood Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., and passed through all the chairs up to noble grand, and is a member of the

Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he served as proofreader in the state senate in the session of 1915. His position is never an equivocal one. He stands firmly in support of every principle in which he believes and his influence and aid are always given on the side of progress and improvement.

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FOREST B. DILLE.

Forest B. Dille, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Monango, was born in Mina, Dakota territory, now South Dakota, September 29, 1884, a son of Wade B. and Lois (Moore) Dille, the former a native of Necedah, Wisconsin, and the latter of Ontario, Canada. They were married in Aberdeen, South Dakota, the father having arrived in the territory in 1882, at which time he was made station agent at Mina. In 1886 he removed to Monango, becoming the first station agent at that point for the Milwaukee Railroad Company. He continued to act as station agent there for eighteen years, at the end of which time he resigned his position to engage in the lumber business, which he carried on until 1909, when he removed to Washington, establishing his home in Mount Hope, where he now resides. His wife passed away in Monango in 1902.

Reared in the town in which he still resides, Forest B. Dille there acquired a public school education and afterward attended the North Dakota State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1903. On the completion of his studies he went west to Spokane, Washington, and entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company, with which corporation he was identified for four years in the capacity of assistant cashier in the freight office. In 1908 he returned to Monango and worked in his father's lumber office until the spring of 1909, when the business was sold and at that time Mr. Dille was offered and accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Two years later he was made vice president of the bank and in 1913 Mr. Dille purchased the stock of the cashier of the bank and succeeded to that position, in which important capacity he has since served, largely controlling the policy of the institution, his plans being based upon the careful safeguarding of the interests of depositors as well as upon the development of the business of the bank. He has also extended his connection with banking into other districts, for he became one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank of Forbes and is a member of its board of directors. For some years he dealt quite extensively in farm lands but at the present writing retains only four hundred and eighty acres in Dickey county and eighty acres in Minnesota.

In 1913 Mr. Dille wedded Miss Ruby Fox, of Monango, who was born in Paynesville, Minnesota, and they have one son, Gordon W. Mr. Dille is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and his political support is given to the republican party. He is the present treasurer of the school board of Monango but has never been an office seeker, feeling that his business affairs make ample demand upon his time and energies and that success will more assuredly be his if he concentrates his efforts upon those interests which he has undertaken as a means of livelihood.

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FINLAY JOHN CHRISTIE, M. D.

Dr. Finlay John Christie, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Burlington, was born in Glengarry county, Ontario, June 21, 1876, a son of Hugh S. and Anna (McIntosh) Christie, who were also natives of that county, where the father followed farming and still continues to reside, although he is now retired from active business. His wife passed away in 1910.

One can imagine that Dr. Christie's boyhood was a lively one as he was the second in a family of six sons. He attended the public schools of Martintown and the high school at Cornwall, Ontario, and then, in preparation for a professional career, entered the McGill Medical College at Montreal, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. His student days,



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however, were not continuous as he had left home at the age of eighteen years to engage in the profession of teaching, which work claimed his attention for four years before he entered upon his four years' course at McGill. Following his graduation he came to North Dakota in July, 1902, and entered upon the practice of medicine at Minnewaukon, where he remained for four years. He afterward practiced for about three and a half years in Butte, Montana, and then opened an office in Burlington; where he has since remained, devoting his attention to general medical practice. He is very careful in diagnosing his cases and conscientious in the performance of his professional duties and the close attention which he pays to his practice has also been one of the salient features in his growing success. He is likewise president of the Burlington Farmers Telephone Company.

Dr. Christie was married on the 28th of June, 1905, to Miss Florence Ross, also a native of Glengarry county, Ontario, as were her parents, Daniel and Mary Jane (Urquhart) Ross. Her father, who devoted his life to farming, died in 1909 and the mother is still occupying the old homestead. Dr. and Mrs. Christie have two children: Hugh Donald, born July 17, 1912; and Marguerite, born January 25, 1914.

Dr. Christie has membership in Evergreen Lodge, No. 48, A. F. & A. M., at Minnewaukon, North Dakota, in which he filled all of the offices save that of master. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 237, of which he is a past chancellor, and he has membership with the Yeomen. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his political belief that of the republican party. He has served on the township board in Burlington and also as a member of the board of education. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Northwestern District Medical Society and the North Dakota State Medical Association and his interest in his profession is manifest in his continuous study, which keeps him well prepared to meet the onerous and responsible duties that are always confronting the physician.

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#### H. O. BATZER.

H. O. Batzer, cashier of the Bank of Hazelton at Hazelton, Emmons county, was born in Royalton, Minnesota, November 1, 1882, a son of Rudolph J. and Susan W. (Winch) Batzer, natives of Germany and of Canada respectively. The father, who was graduated on the completion of a course in civil engineering in Germany, came to America in young manhood and later had charge of construction work on railroads which were being built in Pennsylvania. He was thus engaged for some years and during that period lost his voice. About 1881 he removed westward to Minnesota, settling on a farm, on which he reared his family. While he terms himself a farmer he has also done much local work in civil engineering, having marked ability in that line. He now makes his home in Royalton, Minnesota.

H. O. Batzer completed his education in the high school of Royalton and at twenty years of age began his training in the banking business, entering the First National Bank of Royalton in the capacity of bookkeeper. He was subsequently made assistant cashier of that institution and remained with the bank until May, 1906, when he came to Hazelton and in company with George H. Niles and A. H. Turriton, now bank superintendent of Minnesota, bought the Bank of Hazelton, of which he became cashier, since acting in that capacity. This bank was established in the spring of 1903 by C. B. Little, Joseph Hare, S. M. Pye and others but was a small concern, occupying a little corner in the Matthews & McCrory store. Its capital stock was but five thousand dollars and a bank statement issued November 17, 1903, showed its deposits to be nine thousand, one hundred and ninety-eight dollars. The comparison of this with the last statement of the bank, issued September 12, 1916, shows the steady and substantial growth of the institution, which is now capitalized for ten thousand dollars, has a surplus of equal amount, deposits of two hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars and loans and discounts amounting to one hundred and sixteen thousand dollars. In 1903 the bank began the erection of a building and a year or two later the business was sold to Matthews & Healy, who in turn sold out to H. O. Batzer and George Niles. In 1907 the personnel of the bank again changed, when S. E. Kurtz and H. W. Batzer purchased the interests of Mr. Niles, at which time Mr. Kurtz was

elected president. About the same time the bank purchased and moved into more commodious quarters across the street. The present officers are: S. E. Kurtz, president; John McCrory, vice president; H. O. Batzer, cashier, with H. W. Batzer and S. E. Brindle also as stockholders. In every direction the business has grown steadily and they have erected a new bank building which would be a credit to a city of much larger size. This they have occupied since September 27, 1915. It is a structure twenty-five by sixty feet built of dark colored rock faced brick and trimmed with white Bedford stone, erected at a cost of ten thousand dollars. It is fireproof and modern in all its appointments. There is a tile floor with marble base boards and the fixtures and furniture are all of modern style. There are three large vaults, one containing safety deposit boxes, and the lesser fittings of the bank, such as steel filing cabinets, etc., are thoroughly modern. The management of the bank is practically under the control of the cashier, who is alert and enterprising, possessing keen sagacity and business integrity which is above question. Under his direction the deposits of the bank have increased from twenty-eight thousand to two hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars. The capital stock was increased to ten thousand dollars from the earnings of the bank. He has become quite extensively interested in buying and selling farm lands and now owns an entire section in Emmons county.

On the 24th of November, 1908, Mr. Batzer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane McManus, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and to them have been born two children, Herman O. and John C. Mr. Batzer belongs to the Episcopal church, while his wife adheres to the Catholic faith. In politics he is a republican and while not an office seeker is much interested in the welfare and progress of the community and cooperates heartily in plans and measures for the general good. He is now serving as treasurer of the school board. His fraternal relations connect him with Hazelton Lodge, No. 64, K. P., with the Modern Woodmen camp and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Hazelton acknowledges its indebtedness to his progressive spirit and his life record indicates what may be accomplished when ambition points out the way and energy and determination characterize one's course.

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#### ROY C. ADAMS.

Roy C. Adams, cashier of the First State Bank of Manfred, Wells county, belongs to that enterprising class of young men who are rapidly developing and building up the northwest. He was born in Minnesota in 1883, a son of E. M. and Sara Adams. The father, who became a pioneer resident of Minnesota, engaged in general farming in support of his family throughout his entire life. Both he and his wife were for many years residents of Minnesota and there reared their family of four children, two of whom are now living. Both the father and mother have passed away.

Roy C. Adams, the youngest of their children, was educated in the public schools of Minnesota and Iowa and his youthful experiences were those of the farm bred boy, for at an early age he began to assist in the work of the fields and largely devoted the summer months to such tasks until after he had attained his majority. In 1905, when twenty-two years of age, he came to North Dakota and making his way to Fessenden, Wells county, he secured employment in the State Bank, with which he was connected for a period of about three years although he spent a short time in other work. In October, 1907, he removed to Manfred and became cashier of the First State Bank, which had been organized by T. L. Beiseker, C. A. Beiseker and E. F. Volkman in 1902. Mr. Adams centers his entire interest in the bank and it is successfully managed and conducted. He has been continuously connected with the banking business since 1905 and is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the work, while Manfred's citizens and other patrons of the bank find him ever a courteous and obliging official.

In 1907 Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Ella J. Anderson, a native of Decorah, Iowa, and a daughter of Jacob and Ellen Anderson, who were early residents of that state. The father has now passed away but the mother is still living in Decorah. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have one child, Raymond, born in 1914.

In politics Mr. Adams is a republican but is not an aspirant for office although he keeps

well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is never remiss in the duties of citizenship. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is loyal to the teachings of the craft. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of warm regard and he enjoys the confidence and goodwill of his colleagues and contemporaries in business.

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#### CONRAD A. ARDUSER.

Conrad A. Arduser, cashier of the First State Bank at Adrian, is a native son of Lamoure county, his birth having occurred February 5, 1888, on the old homestead farm of his parents, John C. and Margaret (Christ) Arduser, who were natives of Wisconsin but in 1886 arrived in North Dakota and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in Saratoga township, Lamoure county, on which they took up their abode. That was during the pioneer epoch in the history of the county and they shared in the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. They still reside upon that farm and, having added to his holdings as his financial resources have permitted, Mr. Arduser is now the owner of three sections of land, of which he has rented nine hundred and sixty acres to tenants, while the remainder he operates, and upon his home place he breeds and raises Red Polled cattle. His business affairs have been carefully managed and today he is one of the men of affluence in Lamoure county.

Conrad A. Arduser was educated in the public schools and the high school at Arcadia, Wisconsin, supplemented by a commercial course in the Globe Business College at St. Paul, Minnesota. When his studies in the latter institution were completed he returned to Lamoure county and entered the Dickey State Bank, his service there giving him his initial training and experience in the banking business. For three or four months he served in the capacity of bookkeeper and was then made assistant cashier, in which connection he continued with the institution for three years. In January, 1912, he removed to Adrian to accept the position of cashier of the First State Bank and is yet occupying that office.

On the 21st of October, 1913, Mr. Arduser wedded Miss Amanda Larson, a daughter of C. E. Larson, a prominent grain buyer of Dickey, and they have become the parents of one child, Virginia. Mr. Arduser belongs to Dickey Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., and to Lincoln Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., of Dickey. In politics he is a republican and his religious faith is indicated in his connection with the Evangelical church, while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. She is also identified with the Order of the Eastern Star and they are both well known in Adrian, their hospitable home being ever open for the reception of their many friends.

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#### OSCAR A. OLSON.

Oscar A. Olson is well known in Max, McLean county, as he holds the responsible position of cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He was born in Clinton, Minnesota, in 1885, and is a son of Andrew and Martha (Anderson) Olson, natives respectively of Sweden and of Norway. In 1876 the father emigrated to the United States and took up a homestead in Bigstone county. Subsequently he removed to Braham, Minnesota, where he now makes his home. His wife also survives. Oscar A. is the oldest living of their eleven children, nine of whom survive.

After completing the work offered in the public schools of Clinton, Minnesota, Oscar A. Olson took a commercial course in the Metropolitan and Caton Business Colleges of Minneapolis and subsequently was for a year employed as a bookkeeper. At length he entered the first National Bank of Braham, Minnesota, as assistant cashier, in which capacity he served for three years. In 1907 he located at Max, North Dakota, and has since been cashier of the Citizens State Bank of this place. The institution was established in 1906 by August Peterson, of Harvey, North Dakota, and is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus of equal amount. For thirteen years Mr. Olson has been connected with banking and for nine years has filled the position which he now holds. The satisfactory condi-

tion of the finances of the Citizens State Bank is proof of his sound judgment and ability as it is he who directs the policy of the institution. He is a stockholder in the local elevator and likewise owns land in McLean and Ward counties, his holdings totaling nine hundred and sixty acres, from the rental of which he derives a gratifying income.

On the 7th of January, 1913, occurred the marriage of Mr. Olson and Miss Emma Stege, who was born in Nicollet, Minnesota, and is a daughter of Herman and Marie Stege, old residents of that state. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Olson, namely, Evelyn Mae and Margaret Marie.

Mr. Olson supports the republican party but is not an office seeker, confining his political activity to the exercise of his right of franchise. He has, however, served as school treasurer and has always maintained a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the schools of his town. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen at Max, the Odd Fellows at Ryder, North Dakota, and the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge at Garrison, the chapter and commandery at Minot and Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. The high standards which have governed his life are further indicated by the fact that he belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church at Max and he is now an officer of that church. He is identified with all plans for the furthering of not only the material and civic but also the moral interests of his community.

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#### JUDGE JACOB DOERR.

Jacob Doerr, judge of the probate court of McIntosh county and one of the honored citizens of Ashley, was born in Russia on the 23d of December, 1876, a son of Gottlieb and Christina (Becker) Doerr. After spending the first eight years of his life in his native land he was brought to the new world in 1884 and the family located in Tripp, South Dakota. Four years later they became residents of McIntosh county, North Dakota, where the father filed on a homestead, residing thereon for about twenty years, but he is now living in Lehr, this state.

Judge Doerr was about twelve years of age when he became a resident of McIntosh county. During his boyhood he attended the district schools, where he acquired a good practical education, and when not in school aided in the operation of the home farm. He thus early became familiar with agricultural pursuits and on starting out in life for himself at the age of twenty-two years began farming on his own account. For some years he continued to follow that occupation with excellent results and is today the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of land in McIntosh county, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. In 1912 he laid aside agricultural pursuits when elected judge of the probate court and has since devoted his attention to the duties of that office. His rulings are fair and impartial and he is creditably filling the position to which he has been called.

Judge Doerr was married in 1898 to Miss Christina George, of McIntosh county, and to them have been born seven children, namely: August, Edward, Albert, John, Henry, Walter and William. The family hold membership in the Baptist church, and in politics the Judge is an ardent republican, taking a commendable interest in public affairs.

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#### J. O. GLENN.

J. O. Glenn, a general merchant and leading business man of Merricourt, was born in Mount Vernon, Iowa, March 12, 1862, a son of James A. and Mary (Morford) Glenn, the latter also a native of Mount Vernon, while the former was born in Wellsville, Ohio. They were married in her native city, to which place the father had removed in early manhood. He became one of the pioneer residents of Mount Vernon, where he engaged in teaching music. In 1877 he removed to Courtland, Kansas, where he turned his attention to farming and where he has since made his home, covering a period of almost forty years. Throughout the entire time his attention has been given to general agricultural pursuits.

J. O. Glenn was reared under the parental roof and acquired a common school education. On attaining his majority in 1883 he removed from Kansas to North Dakota, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Dickey county. On his arrival here on the 14th of March, 1883, he preempted a quarter section of land and took up another quarter section as a tree claim and both of these tracts he still owns. He at once began their development and improvement according to the requirements of the law and his labors in due time brought him his title to the property. In 1888 he removed to Lisbon, where he was employed as cream buyer by the La Moure Creamery Company, which he represented for a year. On the expiration of that period he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and for three years was general agent for a bond company. Later he returned to Dickey county and for three or four years was extensively engaged in farming a thousand acres of land owned by himself and his mother-in-law. He then began trading and dealing in horses on a large scale and he also purchased and operated a grain elevator in Merricourt. In 1906 he went to Chicago and during the succeeding three years was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade but in 1909 returned to Dickey county and purchased his present mercantile business at Merricourt, giving to it his undivided attention since that time. He has a well appointed store which he is successfully conducting and his trade is steadily growing with the development of the county and as the result of his enterprising and thoroughly reliable business methods. He still owns his original three hundred and twenty acres of land in Dickey county.

In 1896 Mr. Glenn was married to Miss Florence Lord of that county and they became parents of two children, Donald and Edna. In 1913 Mrs. Glenn passed away and on the 12th of March, 1914, Mr. Glenn married Miss Maud McMann, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, by whom he has one child, Thomas Oliver.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Glenn has voted with the republican party, staunchly upholding its principles. He belongs to Ellendale Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., and makes his life an exemplification of the basic principles of the craft, which rests upon a recognition of the brotherhood of man. North Dakota gained a valuable citizen when in his early manhood he cast his fortune in with that of the state, and in the intervening period he has contributed in no innsubstantial measure to the work of public progress here.

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#### GUDMUNDUR P. SEVERTSON.

Laudable ambition has characterized Gudmundur P. Severtson at every point in his career and through the steps of an orderly progression he has reached the position of cashier of the First State Bank at Velva, McHenry county. He was born in Kellavik, Iceland, August 23, 1859, a son of Hans Anton and Carolina Severtson, who were also natives of that country. The ancestral line can be traced back to the year 878, the family being descended from King Fairhead, of Iceland. The genealogical line is given in a history prepared by Hans A. Severtson, a man of liberal education, who largely pursued his studies in Copenhagen, Denmark. He became a merchant of Reykjavik, Iceland, and later was French consul in Iceland, remaining for many years in the service of the French government in Iceland. Both he and his wife passed away in that country.

G. P. Severtson obtained his education in the city of Reykjavik, Iceland, and in Copenhagen, Denmark, and in the latter city entered mercantile life. In 1883 he came to America, settling first at Laporte, Minnesota, where he made his initial step in connection with banking as an employe of the Bank of Laporte. There he continued until 1891, when he removed to Kenyon, Minnesota, where he was assistant cashier of the Bank of Kenyon until 1896. Through the succeeding six years he was a bank cashier at Hanska, Minnesota, and in 1902 removed to Velva to accept the cashiership of the First State Bank, in which position he still continues. He is a courteous and obliging official and his activities have contributed to the success of the institution which he represents.

Mr. Severtson was united in marriage to Miss Emaline Hamre, of Kenyon, Minnesota, a native of that state, and they have become the parents of three children, Ruth, Elma and Leona, all born in Kenyon, Minnesota. Mr. Severtson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Wood-

men of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Velva. A resident of this town for fourteen years, he has become widely and favorably known in McHenry county, his many substantial qualities gaining for him high regard.

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DE WITT BAER, M. D.

A well known representative of the medical profession in the southeastern part of the state is Dr. De Witt Baer, who is now enjoying a remunerative practice in Braddock, where he has been located for three years, after having previously spent several years in Steele, this state. He was born in Davis county, Iowa, December 19, 1882, a son of Ross and Alice (Womm) Baer, who were also natives of Davis county, their respective families having located there in pioneer times upon removal to the middle west from Virginia. The father died when the Doctor was only a year old and he was a lad of but seven years when his mother passed away, so that he was reared to manhood by his uncle, Hon. T. H. Smith, a prominent lawyer of Harlan, Iowa, and a member of the state senate. He was educated in the public schools of Harlan and then, determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he became a student in the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, where he was graduated on completing the work of the curriculum of the medical department as a member of the class of 1908, winning his professional degree.

The following fall Dr. Baer opened an office in Steele, North Dakota, where he remained in successful practice until 1913, when he removed to Braddock, and in the intervening period of three years he has built up a business of gratifying proportions, his practice being now large and of an important character. He is a close and discriminating student and broad reading and investigation keeps him informed concerning the latest scientific discoveries and researches which tend to throw light on the complex mystery which we call life.

In 1913 Dr. Baer was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Swoverland, of Hersey, Wisconsin, and they have one child, Robert. They occupy an attractive home in Braddock and in addition Dr. Baer owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in Burleigh county, six miles north of the town. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is serving as the present county health officer and is also clerk of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with Chancellor Walworth Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M., of Steele and Castle Lodge, No. 3, K. P., of Steele, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, their many estimable traits of character winning for them high regard.

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JACOB FISCHER.

Jacob Fischer was one of the early settlers of Emmons county and for eleven years a member of its board of county commissioners. In fact he played a conspicuous part in the early history of the county in relation to its development and upbuilding and he assisted most of the settlers in obtaining their homesteads upon their arrival there. He is now living retired in Strasburg, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. Russia claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in that land on the 16th of September, 1852, his parents being Frank K. and Margaret (Kraft) Fischer, both of whom were natives of Russia, while their parents were of German birth. In 1884 they sailed for the United States, landing at New York on the 2d of November, and the following winter was spent in Yankton, South Dakota, but in the spring Frank K. Fischer, three of his sons, including Jacob, and a son-in-law each took up a preemption of one hundred and sixty acres in Foulk county, South Dakota. In the fall of 1886, however, Jacob Fischer left the preemption on which he had proved up and removed to Emmons county, North Dakota, while his father, brothers and brother-in-law followed him in the succeeding spring.

Upon his arrival in Emmons county Jacob Fischer filed on a tree claim and a homestead thirteen miles east of Strasburg and occupied the homestead for twenty-two years, converting a tract of wild and undeveloped land into a highly cultivated and well improved farm,

his agricultural interests being carefully, systematically and successfully conducted. On the expiration of that period he removed to Strasburg in 1908 and has since lived retired, enjoying well earned rest after long years devoted to arduous business. He is a stockholder in the Strasburg Lumber Company and has other investments which return to him a substantial and gratifying income.

Mr. Fischer was married in Russia, in 1872, to Miss Helena Ripplinger and to them was born a son, Matthias J., a leading business man of Strasburg who is a director of the Security State Bank and a stockholder in the German State Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fischer are members of the Catholic church and his political allegiance has been given to the democratic party since he became a naturalized American citizen. In 1897 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners and served continuously for eleven years, being once appointed and twice elected to the office. At the close of his last term he was importuned to again become a candidate but refused the nomination, feeling that he had given adequate service to the county. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and helpfully supports all plans and measures which he believes will prove beneficial to his section of the state.

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#### LUDVIG H. STEEN.

Ludvig H. Steen, county commissioner of Lamoure county and proprietor of the Eidsvold Farm on section 22, Norden township, was born at Eidsvoldverk, Norway, on the 2d of February, 1875, a son of Christian Hanson and Petra (Larson) Steen, who came to the United States in 1880, establishing their home at Battle Lake, Minnesota, where they remained for eleven years. In 1891 they came to North Dakota, settling in Logan county, where the father secured a homestead claim on which he lived until 1904, in the meantime converting the wild prairie tract into a highly productive farm. He then retired from active business and removed to Kulm, where he now resides but still retains the ownership of the old homestead, although he sold one hundred and sixty acres of his land on his removal to town.

Ludvig H. Steen was educated in the district schools of Minnesota and remained at home assisting his father until 1900, when he started out to farm independently. In 1899 he had purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Logan county and upon that tract he took up his abode, concentrating his efforts upon its further development and improvement. In 1902 he purchased another three hundred and twenty acres a half mile from his first farm and personally engaged in the cultivation of the entire tract. For the first half section he paid fourteen hundred dollars and for the second three hundred and twenty acres he paid ten dollars per acre. All this land he subsequently sold for forty dollars per acre, thus realizing a handsome return on his investment. The sale of his property placed him in easy financial circumstances and in 1903 he purchased five hundred and sixty acres of land in Lamoure county, a mile from Kulm. Upon this place he has erected new buildings and made it one of the best improved farm properties of the county. He breeds and raises thoroughbred Percheron horses, making this a leading feature of his business.

On the 30th of June, 1904, Mr. Steen was married to Miss Laura C. Larson, a native of Eidsvoldverk, Norway, who came to the United States with her parents in 1889, the family home being established in Lamoure county. Her father homesteaded the quarter section of land upon which Ludvig H. Steen now resides and he was one of the well known and valued pioneer settlers of the district. To Mr. and Mrs. Steen has been born a daughter, Dena A.

Politically Mr. Steen is a democrat and is the only representative of his party in Lamoure county who occupies a county office. For several years he filled minor positions, such as township clerk, township supervisor and school treasurer, and in 1912 he was elected to the board of county commissioners, in which capacity he has since served, making a most creditable record in office, for he brings to bear in the discharge of his official duties the same sound judgment and spirit of enterprise which characterizes his management of his private business affairs. He is a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and he and his wife belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church, in which he is serving as treasurer,

while in the work of the church they take active and helpful interest. Mr. Steen has won a large measure of success, attributable entirely to his own efforts, thus gaining the proud American title of self-made man. His is a valuable farm property, which he named in honor of his birthplace Eidsvold Farm.

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LOUIS E. JOHNSON.

Louis E. Johnson is a very progressive citizen of Lamoure county, his home being one of the excellent farms of Grand Rapids township, situated on section 8. He readily recognizes and utilizes opportunities and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. Michigan claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Muskegon, September 15, 1884, his parents being Erick and Mary (Jacobson) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Sweden and came to the new world in young manhood and womanhood. They settled at Wien, Missouri, where they were subsequently married, and soon afterward they removed to Chicago, where they lived for a number of years. Later they became residents of Muskegon, Michigan, and in 1885 established their home in Minneapolis, whence in 1895 they came to North Dakota, locating in Lamoure county, Mr. Johnson trading his Minneapolis property for his home farm, comprising seven hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land. Thereon he resided up to the time of his demise, which occurred September 8, 1909. His widow still survives and resides on the old home place.

Louis E. Johnson spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and largely acquired his education in the graded schools of Minneapolis and the district schools of Lamoure county. In the spring preceding his father's death he rented the home place and began farming on his own account and has since had charge of the development and cultivation of the place. He also rents three hundred and twenty acres adjoining and is operating the entire tract. He devotes some attention to the raising of shorthorn cattle but the greater part of his time is given to the cultivation of the soil in the production of such grains as are best adapted to climatic conditions here.

Mr. Johnson is a member of La Moure Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., and of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and has many friends in those organizations but is best known as one of the progressive citizens and successful farmers of Lamoure county.

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C. J. MAERCKLEIN, M. D.

Dr. C. J. Maercklein, a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Gackle, North Dakota, was born in Newburg, Wisconsin, June 30, 1876. His parents, Charles and Alvina (Thrun) Maercklein, were both natives of Pomerania, Germany, and came to the United States with their respective parents, locating in Wisconsin, where they were reared and married. They made their home on a farm in that state and the father continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1902. The mother is still living and now makes her home with a daughter in Rhame, North Dakota.

During his boyhood and youth Dr. Maercklein pursued his studies in the public schools of his native state and attended the high school of West Bend, Wisconsin. He then entered the Milwaukee Medical College, which he attended for one year, and was next a student at the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons, now the medical department of Marquette University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1902, on the 30th of April. His father had died about six weeks prior to this, on the 12th of March, 1902, and after his graduation he was compelled to return home and take charge of the farm of two hundred acres, which he operated the following summer. During that time it was sold and in December, 1902, the Doctor began the practice of his profession with Dr. A. E. Henslin, of Le Roy, Minnesota. He passed the medical examination before the Minnesota state board in April, 1903, and immediately opened an office in Le Roy, where he practiced independently for three years. In casting about for a more suitable location, he came to North Dakota, in the

fall of 1906, and located in Wyncmere, where he remained until the spring of 1909. At that time he purchased a half interest in the practice of Dr. N. J. Shields at Lidgerwood and was associated with him until the fall of 1911, when he sold out to his partner and removed to Jud. He practiced there until December, 1914, when he took up his residence in Gackle and has since built up a large and remunerative practice, which is steadily increasing. His ability in his profession is widely recognized and he has met with good success in his chosen calling.

On the 24th of May, 1904, Dr. Maercklein was united in marriage to Miss Martha M. Every, of Le Roy, Minnesota, and to them have been born four children, those now living being Olive A., Charles E. and Richard C. Mrs. Maercklein is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a most estimable lady.

In politics the Doctor is a democrat and he is now acceptably serving as justice of the peace and as a member of the school board of Gackle. He holds membership in Harmony Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., of Lidgerwood; Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; Wihaha Commandery, No. 4, K. T., of Jamestown; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In the line of his profession he is also connected with the Southern District Medical Society of North Dakota; the North Dakota State Medical Society; and the American Medical Association. He is one of the foremost practitioners in the southern district and is a man highly honored and esteemed wherever known.

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#### FRANZ TEMPEL.

Franz Tempel, for a number of years proprietor of the Temvik lumberyard at Temvik, Emmons county, was born in Austria on the 3d of April, 1865, a son of Philipp and Katharina (Schmidt) Tempel, who removed to Russia during the infancy of their son Franz. The father died in that country and the mother afterward became the wife of Ludwig Schwind. In 1889 they removed with the family to the United States, settling in Marion, Turner county, South Dakota.

Franz Tempel was reared to manhood in Russia, obtaining his education in the common schools there, and in 1887 he married Miss Katharina Schatz. Two years afterward they came with his mother and stepfather to the new world and also established their home in Marion, Turner county, South Dakota. During the first summer Mr. Tempel worked as a section hand on a railroad and the following winter was employed as second man in the yard of the St. Croix Lumber Company at Marion, South Dakota. He closely applied himself to his work, thoroughly mastered the business and after four years was made manager of the yard, which in 1898 was sold to the J. H. Queel Lumber Company, with whom Mr. Tempel continued as manager for ten years, his position being one of large responsibility. In 1908, in connection with his brother, Balthaser Tempel, he removed to Emmons county and purchased the town site of Temvik, then known as Brofy. At that time Larvick Brothers, merchants of the town, had secured a postoffice under the name of Larvick. Mr. Tempel and his brother contended for the name of Templeton and after a three years' fight a compromise was made by joining the first syllable of one name to the second syllable of the other and so the name of Temvik came into existence. The Tempel brothers arrived on the 19th of March, 1908, but had previously shipped lumber, which was on the track on their arrival, so that they immediately opened a lumberyard and from that point forward they have steadily contributed to the upbuilding, development and progress of the town. Their second enterprise was the building of a hotel and the place gradually took on the appearance of a town. In August, 1909, they erected a bank building and established the Templeton State Bank at Temvik. In 1911 they divided their banking and lumber interests, Franz Tempel taking over the lumberyard, while his brother assumed control of the bank. Their real estate interests are still held in common, however, under the firm style of Tempel Brothers and include eight hundred acres of farm lands and the town site. Franz Tempel also owns independently seven hundred and sixty-seven acres of farm land, of which four hundred and twenty-seven acres lies across the boundary line in Campbell county, South Dakota. The brothers still operate extensively in real estate and

their business activity along that line has contributed much to the settlement and development of their section of the state. On the 1st of August, 1916, Frauz Tempel sold the lumberyard to the Thomson Yards, Inc., and after settling his business affairs he and his wife went to California, where they intend to spend the winter of 1916-17. He expects to continue active in the real estate field, however, and to establish a lumber business at some point in the west in partnership with his son Reinhold.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tempel have been born eight children, seven of whom are living: Reinhold, who is homesteading in Idaho; Philipp, the proprietor of a garage in Temvik; Edward, who is assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Hazelton; Johannes, who is pursuing a musical education in the Valparaiso (Ind.) University; and Ernest, Elma and Otto II., all at home. The parents are giving their children the advantages of higher education and thus qualifying them for life's responsibilities and duties.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Tempel are members of the German Reformed church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now township treasurer and for six years served as a member of the school board at Marion, South Dakota, while since 1911 he has been notary public. Recognition of opportunity has led to his well directed efforts in town building and he has made valuable contribution to the development and progress of Emmons county. Opportunity has ever been to him a call to action and he never comes short of the successful completion of any project which he undertakes.

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#### EMIL T. SWANSON.

Emil T. Swanson, cashier of the Chaseley State Bank at Chaseley, Wells county, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1883, on the present site of the J. I. Case implement establishment, his parents being S. R. and Margaret L. (Eit) Swanson. The father settled in Minneapolis in the year 1881. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that trade for a period of half a century. Both he and his wife are now living in Minneapolis and are among the honored pioneer settlers of that state.

Emil T. Swanson was the third in order of birth in a family of six children, of whom three passed away in infancy, while the others are yet living. Reared under the parental roof, he obtained his education in the schools of Minneapolis and in the State University, in which he spent two years devoted to the study of law. When his textbooks were put aside he secured employment with the firm of E. S. Woodworth & Company, grain commission merchants, with whom he continued for two years. Later he secured a position with Barnes Brothers, investment brokers of Minneapolis, whom he represented for seven years. In 1902 he arrived in North Dakota and entered a government claim, which he at once began to develop and improve, turning the first furrows and transforming the wild prairie tract into rich and productive fields. He continued to engage in farming there until 1912. His place is located on section 14, township 145, range 72, Wells county, and he cultivated altogether an entire section of land. While residing upon the homestead through the summer months he worked during the winter seasons in different towns and at various kinds of labor, at one time being employed as a common laborer for a period of two weeks at a wage of a dollar a day in order to tide over a particularly hard winter. On the 15th of December, 1910, he accepted the position of cashier in the Chaseley State Bank, which position he now fills. This bank was organized in September, 1909, and he has been active in promoting its policy and extending its business relations. In the spring of 1912 he bought a farm adjoining the town, on which he built a thoroughly modern residence, which he now occupies and which is supplied with all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. In addition to his other interests he was the organizer of the West Farmers Elevator Company in August, 1916, and he was one of the organizers of the Chaseley Farmers Elevator Company, which was organized in August, 1912. He is still interested in farm lands, his property being rented, but he has upon his place full blooded cattle and other live stock. He readily recognizes and improves opportunities that others pass heedlessly by and his keen business insight, enterprise and diligence are factors in his constantly growing success. His homestead was located in a somewhat barren and rocky part of the county and his success in

transforming this into a valuable piece of property is a matter in which he may well feel justifiable pride. The bank of which he is the cashier is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus of one thousand dollars and undivided profits of eleven hundred dollars. The original bank building was destroyed by fire in 1914, so that they now occupy temporary quarters.

In politics Mr. Swanson is a republican and while in Minneapolis he attended the Congregational church. His activity has always been a potent force in furthering any cause in which he believes and he has cooperated in many elements of public good, while his work has been a tangible force in bringing about present day progress and improvement.

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OSCAR MATHISON.

Oscar Mathison, who has been a resident of Wiser township, Cass county, since pioneer times, has gained a gratifying measure of success as a farmer. He was born in Norway on the 3d of January, 1850, a son of Mathias and Anna S. (Peterson) Mathison, both of whom died in that country.

In 1869, when nineteen years of age, Oscar Mathison, emigrated to the United States and at once made his way to the middle west, settling in Lafayette county, Wisconsin. He worked as a farm hand there and also attended school during the winter months, thus perfecting his knowledge of the English language. He remained in Wisconsin for about nine years but in 1878 came to what is now North Dakota and took up a homestead on section 14, Wiser township, Cass county, where he has since resided. During the intervening thirty-eight years he has converted a wild tract of raw prairie into a highly cultivated and well improved farm, and he receives a good profit from the sale of his grain and stock. He owns two hundred and forty acres of land and is one of the substantial men of his locality.

In May, 1878, Mr. Mathison was married to Miss Mary Swanson, who had arrived in North Dakota but a short time before their marriage. They had one son, now engaged in the machine business at Beach, North Dakota. Mrs. Mathison died December 16, 1884, and in 1886 Mr. Mathison married Miss Margaret Hanson. They are the parents of the following children: Mary, at home; Louisa, the wife of Elvin Madson, who is operating our subject's farm; Sophia, who is teaching school; Olga, the wife of Walter Fuller, of McKenzie county, North Dakota; and Hilda and Olaf, both at home.

Mr. Mathison supports the republican party at the polls, and both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran church, the advancement of whose work they promote in every way possible. The sterling qualities which Mr. Mathison has manifested have gained him the respect of all who have been associated with him, and he has won and retained the sincere friendship of many.

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HON. LAWRENCE N. TORSON.

Hon. Lawrence N. Torson, actively engaged in the practice of law at Rugby, was born in Scandinavia, Wisconsin, July 16, 1859, his parents being Byrnjoff and Maria (Nelson) Torson, who were natives of Norway. On coming to America in 1844 the father settled in Jefferson county, Wisconsin. He was a shoemaker and for a time followed his trade but later bought land in Wisconsin and engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. His death occurred in 1879, while his wife survived until January 13, 1903.

Lawrence N. Torson spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native state, remaining under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Wisconsin until 1885 and then removed to Moorhead, Minnesota, where he began the study of law. The following year he was admitted to the bar and in 1887 he located for practice at Mayville, North Dakota. In 1888 he went to Towner, McHenry county, where he continued in law practice until 1896 and also filled the

office of county superintendent of schools. Twenty years ago he located at Rugby, where he has since practiced, and his ability has gained him a prominent position at the Pierce county bar, for he prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and presents his cause clearly and foreibly, never failing to win the attention of court and jury and seldom failing to gain a favorable verdict.

On the 12th of February, 1882, Mr. Torson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Myhren and they have become the parents of five children: Maria, Thomas B., Joseph M. and Minnie L., all yet living; and Benjamin, who died on the 7th of April, 1893.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Torson belongs also to the Sons of Norway and to the Masonic fraternity. The cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion and for ten years he did efficient service along that line as a member of the school board. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is an active worker in its ranks. He was state's attorney from 1896 until 1900 and again from 1910 until 1914, therefore occupying the position altogether for eight years. In 1914 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and it was he who introduced the bill that became known as the Torson bill, abolishing capital punishment in the state. His official record has at all times been characterized by marked loyalty to duty and a keen recognition of the responsibilities and obligations of citizenship.

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#### GRACE E. DUMONT.

Grace E. Dumont, who is filling the position of postmistress at Antler, was born in Salem, South Dakota, March 6, 1890, a daughter of Dexter and Ida (Howery) Dumont, the former a native of New York and the latter of Wisconsin. The father devoted his life to the occupation of farming and during the pioneer epoch in the development of South Dakota went to that state, homesteading near Salem. For some time he gave his attention to the development and improvement of a farm there and afterward removed to Howard, South Dakota, where he operated a dray line until 1903. In that year he became a resident of Bottineau county, where he purchased land one-half mile east of Antler. With characteristic energy he developed and improved that farm, and he and his wife now reside on a farm four miles southeast of Antler.

Grace E. Dumont acquired her education in the public schools of Howard, South Dakota, and afterward took up the profession of teaching, which she followed for five years, most of the time in Bottineau county. For two years she was a teacher in the public schools of Antler. She then passed a civil service examination and was appointed postmistress, serving for eight months, while on the 11th of February, 1914, she was reappointed postmistress when that office was raised to the third class.

Miss Dumont is a believer in democratic principles. She holds membership with the Rebekah lodge and her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Presbyterian church. She has gained many warm friends during her residence in Bottineau county, both as a teacher and as an office holder, and is popular with a large circle of acquaintances.

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#### DAVID WILLIAM CLARK.

David William Clark, engaged in the insurance business at Valley City, comes from New England, his birth having occurred in Bridgeport, Connecticut, May 9, 1854. His parents, D. W. and Louisa (Curtis) Clark, were also natives of the Charter Oak state, the former born in Oxford and the latter in Bridgeport. They had a family of eleven children, ten of whom are yet living and all of whom are married and have families, among whom an occasional family reunion is held.

David W. Clark was the firstborn of these children and was a youth of thirteen years when in 1867 the parents removed to Pennsylvania, going to the oil regions at Tidionte during the oil excitement. The father owned wells there and like the great majority at times met

with defeat and again with success as he struck dry holes or gushers, but all in all he prospered and continued in the oil business during his active life. As a young man he had learned the machinist's trade and he invented a sewing machine, which he manufactured and which was placed upon the market under the name of the Clark sewing machine. Many were sold in this country and the machine was also introduced in Europe and Canada, whereby he accumulated some wealth previous to his operations in the oil fields. He died in 1889 and his wife passed away December 27, 1899, at the age of sixty-five years.

David W. Clark supplemented his public school course at Tidionte, Pennsylvania, by study in Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, as a member of the class of 1876. He afterward learned the printer's trade, at which he worked until 1877, when he engaged in the insurance business. In 1879 he came to Dakota territory but soon afterward returned east and did not take up his permanent abode here until 1881, when he again came to the northwest and established an insurance agency in Valley City, covering a large district and working up an extensive business. He represented the leading fire insurance companies of the country and at the same time he engaged in real estate operations, while for six years he published the Peoples Advocate. After selling that paper he continued in the insurance and real estate fields, in which he had as a partner W. N. Campbell, their interests being conducted under the firm style of Clark & Campbell.

Called to public office, Mr. Clark served as postmaster from 1886 until 1891. The firm of Clark & Campbell continued in business from 1896 until 1905, when the partnership was dissolved and on the 1st of May, 1906, Mr. Clark accepted the secretaryship and management of the North Dakota Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which had been established in 1903 and was carrying about one million dollars worth of insurance when he took charge. Under his management the business has increased fourfold and has outdistanced all the other mutual companies of the state. Success has attended the undertaking from the start. He is today one of the foremost representatives of fire insurance in the state and in the management of the interests of the company displays marked executive force and administrative ability.

In 1879 Mr. Clark wedded Miss Clara R. Porterfield, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of R. A. Porterfield. Their children, five in number, are Louis P., Howard F., Marguerite, Elizabeth and William Jennings Bryau.

Mr. Clark has always been deeply interested in community affairs and stands for everything pertaining to substantial progress and permanent improvement in his city. He is now serving for the third consecutive term as alderman, having been elected in 1912, 1914 and 1916, his term of office to continue until 1918. He is a staunch advocate of democratic principles and does everything in his power to further the welfare and upbuilding of the community. The family possess notable musical skill and ability and they have a "home orchestra." Mr. Clark organized the first brass band in Barnes county in 1881, known as the Valley City Cornet Band, and conducted it for a number of years. He afterwards organized the First Regiment Band of the National Guard in territorial days. He has been interested in band music from his boyhood and is now a member of the Valley City Band. He has also manifested a deep interest in the stage and has taken an active part in private theatricals, his skill in the histrionic art and in music adding much to many of the leading social affairs of the city.

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#### FRED BERG.

Fred Berg, a well known and successful general merchant of McClusky, Sheridan county, was born in South Russia on the 16th of September, 1877, his parents being Christian and Maggie (Therur) Berg, natives of Wittenburg, Germany, who removed to South Russia. In 1881 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up their abode near Wittenburg, South Dakota, there remaining until they came to North Dakota, arriving in Harvey, this state, on the 19th of March, 1900. Christian Berg bought a ranch at Pony Gulch and turned his attention to the stock business, being thus engaged until 1911, since which time he has lived retired at McClusky. His wife was called to her final rest on the 22d of March, 1915. They became the parents of nine children, five daughters and four sons, all of whom reside in or near Sheridan county.

Fred Berg, who was a little lad of but four years when the family home was established in South Dakota, spent his early life in assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. He supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in a business college at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and subsequently, returning to Harvey, North Dakota, spent a year in the service of the Andrew Schatz Grain Company as a grain buyer. He then took up a homestead claim six miles north of McClusky and also worked for the Jenson & Swanson Implement Company of Harvey. He lived on his farm a year after proving up on the property and in 1905 removed to Denhoff, where he opened an implement store in partnership with J. M. Weberg, this association being maintained for two years, when they sold out. During the latter year of this partnership Mr. Berg purchased a half interest in a general mercantile establishment with August Hietzler, of McClusky, conducting the enterprise for a year. In 1907 he disposed of all his business interests and erected a frame building on Main street which he opened as a general store on the 12th of June of that year under the name of the McClusky Furniture Company. On the 3d of January, 1912, this was destroyed by fire and the entire stock was lost. With undaunted energy, however, he erected another structure fifty by eighty feet, the building being of cement with a brick front and one story and basement in height. It is perhaps the most attractive building in McClusky. Mr. Berg carries an extensive line of furniture, hardware, groceries, shoes, dry goods, wall paper, draperies, rugs, etc., and also conducts an undertaking department, having built up a large and profitable patronage through honorable methods and courteous treatment of customers. He is likewise identified with agricultural interests in Burleigh and Sheridan counties, personally cultivating his land in the latter county.

In 1905 Mr. Berg was united in marriage to Miss Louise Schindler, of Bowdon, North Dakota, by whom he has five children, namely: Alfred, Arlington, Herbert, Edna and Helena. He is a republican in his political views and is widely recognized as a progressive, enterprising citizen whose efforts are unstintingly put forth to promote the improvement and upbuilding of his community. He has served as school treasurer for a number of terms and has held numerous city offices. He was one of the leading spirits in the erection of the courthouse and raised much of the necessary fund. Both as a merchant and citizen he has gained the high esteem and respect of his fellow citizens, who accord him recognition among the prominent men of Sheridan county.

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#### ARTHUR G. SMITH.

Arthur G. Smith, a hardware merchant at Velva, has advanced from a clerkship to his present position as a representative merchant of McHenry county. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in November, 1880, a son of S. G. and Marie A. (Barnard) Smith, the former a native of Birmingham, England, and the latter of New York. The father came to America with his parents in the '40s. He was educated for the ministry and for forty years engaged in preaching the gospel in St. Paul, being identified with the Peoples church for thirty years. On a Sunday morning in March, 1915, he delivered the usual Sunday morning sermon, but ere the day closed he was called to his final rest. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in July, 1888.

Arthur G. Smith was reared in St. Paul and pursued his early education in that city, while his studies were completed in Switzerland. On returning from abroad he again went to St. Paul and accepted the position of traveling salesman with a hardware firm, continuing upon the road for five years. For a time he was employed in a hardware store at Willow City, whence he removed to Velva in 1907 and purchased a hardware stock and building. He has since carried on business at that place and has an extensive line of both shelf and heavy hardware. He enjoys a liberal patronage and he has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. His business policy is both progressive and honorable and the integrity of his methods, combined with his energy, has brought to him substantial success.

On the 24th of June, 1916, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Alpha Holler, a daughter of W. C. Holler. He is identified with the Peoples church, an undenominational

Christian organization, feeling that the differences which have separated the Protestant world into denominations are unessential. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Yeomen. His political views accord with the teachings of the republican party, and while he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he is now serving as water commissioner of Velva and he is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the town.

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#### MARTIN APLAND.

Martin Apland, president of the First State Bank of Bergen and well known as a breeder of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, was born in Cambridge, Iowa, December 4, 1879, his parents being Ole and Anna (Erslund) Apland, who took out the first marriage license ever issued in Story county, Iowa. They were natives of Norway and prior to their marriage they arrived in the United States, the father coming in 1853 and the mother in 1854. Both settled in Story county, Iowa, and Mr. Apland purchased government land prior to the passage of the homestead law, paying a dollar and a quarter per acre for the property. With characteristic energy he began to transform the tract of wild prairie into productive fields and year after year he carefully tilled the place, but his death occurred a short time before the birth of his son Martin.

The latter was educated in the public schools and afterward became a student in Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. He later became a student in the State Agricultural College at Ames, where he pursued a course in civil engineering, and afterward spent one year in the University of Idaho. On the 1st of June, 1907, he arrived in Bergen, North Dakota, where he purchased stock in the First State Bank. Not long afterward he was elected president of the institution and has so continued, his efforts being a potent element in promoting the continued growth and success of this institution, which is today one of the strong moneyed concerns in McHenry county. In 1912 he with Mr. Sorlien engaged extensively in the breeding of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, meeting with excellent success in the undertaking. He has built up an enviable reputation in this line within the short period of four years and he now has forty-six head of pure bred animals on his place, with a bull at the head of his herd for which he paid nine hundred dollars when it was fourteen months old. He also has several heifers which cost four or five hundred dollars each. Mr. Apland also has extensive property interests, having made judicious investments in farm lands until his holdings now embrace two thousand acres.

In 1909 Mr. Apland was united in marriage to Miss Maud Anderson, of Bergen, North Dakota, by whom he has two daughters, Naomi and Anna. In his political views Mr. Apland is a democrat, while fraternally he is connected with Dogden Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he was one of the organizers, and with Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. He and his wife are consistent and devoted members of the Lutheran church and its teachings guide them in all life's relations. Fantastic theorizing may present seemingly plausible reasons for the attainment of success, but careful analysis shows that business progress is always based upon earnest, continued effort. It has been through untiring diligence, persistency of purpose and commendable ambition that Martin Apland has worked his way upward and his life record proves that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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#### J. A. ROSS.

J. A. Ross, president of the First State Bank of Dogden, McLean county, has been connected with the institution in an official capacity since its organization and to his acumen and enterprise much of its success has been due. He was born in Princeton, Minnesota, May 9, 1874, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Ross, both of whom were born in the east

but removed to Minnesota years ago. The father passed away in that state, and the mother is still living there. To them were born three children, of whom J. A. Ross is the second in order of birth, and all survive.

J. A. Ross was educated in the schools of Minnesota, completing a high school course in Princeton. In 1893 he engaged in the drug business, with which he was connected in Chatfield, Minnesota, for eight years. At the end of that time he aided in organizing the Peoples Telephone Company and devoted three years to the management of that concern. In 1905 he arrived in North Dakota and at once located on the Dogden town site, which he handled and on which he was the first to settle. In 1906 he, together with E. A. Thayer and A. L. Ober, organized the First State Bank of Dogden with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars. It was first located in a tent as the town was then in an embryonic state of development, and later it was moved into a barn, where the business was conducted for a time, or until the building in which it is now located was erected. Mr. Ross was the first cashier of the bank and in 1913 was made president, a position which he has since filled with marked ability. From the beginning the policy of the institution has been such as to win public confidence and the volume of its business has grown steadily. It now has a surplus of five thousand dollars and its affairs are in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Ross is also president of the Dogden Farm Land Company, which has important real estate interests in this section of the state.

In October, 1896, Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Marcia Dickson, a native of Chatfield, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: Marcia and Evelyn, who are attending St. Mary's Hall at Faribault, Minnesota; and Marguerite.

Mr. Ross is an adherent of the republican party but has never been an office seeker as his business affairs have required his undivided attention. He belongs to the Masonic order, is a member of El Zagal Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fargo and is identified with the Odd Fellows at Dogden. He has been a factor in the development of his town from the very beginning until the present, and his public spirit has never been questioned.

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#### M. B. HALLDORSON, M. D.

Dr. M. B. Halldorson, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Souris, was born in Iceland on the 28th of November, 1869, a son of Bjorn and Hofnfridur (Einarsdottir) Halldorson, who came to the United States in 1884, establishing their home in Pembina county, North Dakota, where the father purchased land and thereon engaged in farming until 1898, since which time he has made his home among his children.

Dr. Halldorson was educated under private tutors in Iceland and in the public schools of North Dakota, with one year's study at the North Dakota State University at Grand Forks. In 1894 he took up his medical studies, entering the Manitoba Medical College, which is affiliated with the University of Manitoba. He was graduated from that institution with the class of 1898 and following the completion of his preparation he returned to this state, settling at Hensel, Pembina county, where he was successfully engaged in practice for three and one-half years. In January, 1902, he came to Souris, where in the intervening fourteen years he has built up an extensive practice, his professional duties making heavy demands upon his time. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession, holding membership in the Northwestern Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 9th of July, 1900, Dr. Halldorson was united in marriage to Miss Olive M. Skaptason, of Pine Creek, Minnesota, by whom he had three children, two of whom are living, Olive Margaretta and Marion. Fraternally Dr. Halldorson is connected with Tusean Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; the Yeomen; and the Modern Woodmen of America. In his political views he is a republican and for five years he served as mayor of Souris, giving to the town a businesslike and progressive administration characterized by many improvements. He stood at all times for those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride and made an excellent record in office. He and his wife are consistent members of the Unitarian church and Dr. Halldorson in every



DR. M. B. HALLDORSON AND FAMILY



relation is recognized as a man in whom one may well place trust and confidence, for his ideals of life are high and his acts conform therewith. In professional lines he has made steady advancement and is today one of the foremost physicians of Bottineau county.

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WALTER R. LEE.

Walter R. Lee, owner and publisher of the *Antler American*, has made his home in Bottineau county since 1909 and it was in that year that he purchased the *American*, a paper of which he is now the proprietor. He is a native son of North Dakota, his birth having occurred in Walhalla, December 10, 1885. His parents, Edward G. and Eleanor E. (McGuin) Lee, were natives of Canada. In 1878 the father became a resident of Pembina county, North Dakota, where he worked in a mill for a time and also engaged in farming, filing on land there which he continued to develop and cultivate until 1890. He then removed to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and became a member of the police force of that city for a time, after which he returned to North Dakota, where he passed away in 1894. His widow is now living with a daughter in Grand Forks.

Walter R. Lee was reared and educated in this state, supplementing his common school training by study in the State University. During that period he also learned the printer's trade, at which he worked until 1909, when he removed to Antler and purchased the *Antler American*, which now has a subscription list of eight hundred and fifty. In addition he does a large job printing business and he has a splendidly equipped office, containing a linotype machine and two presses as well as all of the smaller accessories in the way of type, etc. He likewise owns the building which he occupies and his business has now reached gratifying proportions.

In June, 1906, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Anna Schmidt, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Martin) Schmidt, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Berlin, Ontario. In pioneer times they became residents of North Dakota and the father drove a stagecoach between Grand Forks and Acton. Later he took up a homestead claim, which he occupied and operated for several years, but for the past twenty years he has been engaged in the elevator business at Grafton and at Walhalla, making his home in the latter place. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have become the parents of a son, Maurice, born July 12, 1909.

The religious faith of Mr. Lee is that of the Methodist church, while his wife is a member of the Catholic church. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a standpat republican, giving unfaltering allegiance to the principles of the party because of his firm belief in their efficacy as factors in good government. For six years he filled the position of city auditor and he has always been a champion of those interests which are most potent forces in bringing about the general improvement of the district in which he lives.

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FRANK A. RINKEL.

Frank A. Rinkel, cashier of the State Bank of Antler, Bottineau county, has throughout his business career displayed the spirit of western enterprise which has been manifest in a quick recognition and utilization of business opportunities, leading to the rapid development of the northwest. He was born in St. Peter, Minnesota, March 27, 1882, a son of Christian and Henrietta Rinkel, both of whom are natives of Germany. They came to America after reaching adult age and were married in New York city about 1860. Immediately afterward they removed westward to Minnesota, establishing their home in St. Peter, where the father engaged in contracting and building, with which work he was prominently identified for forty-five years, contributing much to the upbuilding and improvement of that city and the surrounding country. He is now eighty-two years of age and for the past decade has lived retired in St. Peter, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. His wife also survives and is now seventy-nine years of age.

Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, Frank A. Rinkel was graduated from the high school of St. Peter with the class of 1900, and later he pursued a course in stenography at Faribault, Minnesota. In 1901 he made his initial step in the business world as a banker. Removing to Bottineau county, he entered the Merchants Bank of Bottineau, now the First National Bank, as bookkeeper and stenographer and after two years, in company with John T. Neville, who had been assistant cashier of the Merchants Bank, he went to Richburg, now Westhope, and organized the First International Bank of that place, of which he became the vice president. In 1905, upon the founding of the town of Antler, he allied his interests with the new municipality and associated himself with the town site company, operating under the name of the Tallman Investment Company. In this connection he became one of the organizers of the State Bank of Antler and was placed in charge of the financial policy of the institution as its cashier, at the same time retaining his stock in the First International Bank at Westhope until 1907, when that bank was sold. The State Bank of Antler was incorporated with a capital stock of fifteen thousand dollars and in March, 1914, the First National Bank of Antler was purchased and the two banks were merged under the name of the State Bank of Antler with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and a surplus of five thousand dollars, Mr. Rinkel remaining as cashier and chief executive officer of the newly organized institution. The bank deposits now amount to two hundred thousand dollars and a general banking business is being successfully conducted, Mr. Rinkel being thoroughly familiar with every branch of the business, which he carefully, wisely and successfully directs. As he has seen opportunity for judicious investment he has become the purchaser of farm lands until his holdings are now extensive, embracing eight hundred acres in Bottineau county.

In 1903 Mr. Rinkel was united in marriage to Miss Frances R. Nelson, of Bottineau, by whom he has a son and two daughters, namely: Ralph C., Grace and Blanche H. While not an active worker in the political field, Mr. Rinkel is a loyal republican at the polls. He has served as treasurer of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Antler Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., of Bottineau; Lorraine Commandery, No. 13, K. T., of Bottineau; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. Possessing a purposeful spirit, strong and resourceful in action, Mr. Rinkel has made steady advance since putting forth his initial effort in the business world and is now one of the representative financiers of his section of the state.

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#### ALVA U. JACKSON.

Alva U. Jackson, of Hurdsfield, is well known in newspaper circles as the publisher of the Hurdsfield Herald, which was established on the 26th of June, 1916. He was born at Dalton, Wayne county, Indiana, in 1879, a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Deardorff) Jackson, both of whom are natives of the Hoosier state, where the father conducted business as a general farmer and mechanic, he and his wife still residing there. Their family numbers five children, of whom Alva U. Jackson is the eldest, and the circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

In the public schools of his native state Alva U. Jackson pursued his education and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He then went to Matthews, Indiana, where he spent ten months and on the 26th of March, 1900, he arrived in North Dakota, settling at Cando, where he remained for three years, his time being given to farming pursuits. Later he engaged in the threshing business, running an outfit for two years. He and his wife homesteaded on the 1st of November, 1902, securing a quarter section of land in what is now Sheridan county. For a period of nine years they remained upon that farm and each fall Mr. Jackson engaged in threshing, while throughout the year he carried on general farming and stock raising. In 1909 he took up the work of well drilling and followed that business for a period of seven years. In 1912 he erected a residence in Hurdsfield, where he has since made his home, and on the 17th of July, 1916, he bought the Hurdsfield Herald, which had been established on the 26th of June. His printing experience has

been very limited but the editions published have been successful, and moreover, Mr. Jackson possesses energy, determination and intelligence—qualities which are always most valuable factors in the attainment of success in any undertaking. He is now concentrating his entire attention upon the publication of the paper, which is given to the dissemination of local and general news. It is independent in politics and during the period in which he has had charge its circulation has been more than doubled.

On the 22d of April, 1903, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Estella Forney, who was born in Iowa in 1878, a daughter of Uriah and Laura Forney, early residents of Nebraska but natives of Iowa. The father died July 2, 1915, while the mother is living in Egeland, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have become parents of three children: Laura Enid, born in 1906; Benjamin L., in 1908; and Walter L., in 1914.

Mr. Jackson votes with the republican party and keeps well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day but has not made his paper a partisan sheet. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons as a member of the lodge at McClusky and also with the Eastern Star. He has never been an office seeker but for seven years, while residing in Sheridan county, was chairman of the board of education in the district in which he lived. He has never been neglectful of the duties of citizenship but cooperates in many plans and measures for the general good and his worth is widely acknowledged by his fellow townsmen.

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#### MICHAEL BAUMGARTNER.

Michael Baumgartner, banker, lumberman and one of the leading business men of Strasburg, is prominently identified with the financial and commercial interests of Emmons county as vice president of the Security State Bank, vice president of the German State Bank, president of the Strasburg Lumber Company and president of the Northwestern Motor Company. He was born in Strashurg, Russia, on the 15th of September, 1874, a son of Johannes and Margaretha (Braunagel) Baumgartner, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work in the sketch of John J. Baumgartner. Michael Baumgartner was a youth of fifteen years when he left his native country and accompanied his parents to the new world. His education was largely acquired in German schools of Russia, for the school system of North Dakota had been developed to only a slight degree when the family home was established in this state. He continued to assist in the arduous task of developing and improving a new farm up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 29th of April, 1892, the lady of his choice being Miss Odilia Wolf, a native of Russia, who came to America about a week later than her future husband.

Following his marriage Michael Baumgartner filed on a homestead on section 10, Strasburg township, Emmons county, four miles north of the town of Strasburg, and thereon took up his abode, continuing his residence there until 1909, when he removed to the town in order to look after his business interests there. He had become one of the founders of the Strasburg Bazaar, in which enterprise he was connected with his brother John and with Jacob Feist and E. Keller. They founded the business in 1902, it becoming the first mercantile enterprise of Strasburg. In 1913, in connection with his brother and others he bought out the North Star Lumber Company and reorganized and incorporated the business under the name of the Strasburg Lumber Company, of which he became the president. In 1914, associated with others, he purchased the German State Bank, of which he was elected vice president, and in 1906 he became one of the large stockholders of the Security State Bank, of which he was chosen cashier, acting in that capacity until 1912, when he was elected vice president of the institution, being succeeded in the cashiership by J. P. Henn. In 1912 the Northwestern Motor Company was organized and Mr. Baumgarten was elected its president. This company is doing a flourishing business, handling the Ford, Overland and Dodge cars, their annual sales having now reached a most substantial and gratifying figure. Mr. Baumgartner is likewise prominently identified with the cattle business and with real estate dealing, buying and selling farm lands, of which his present holdings now amount to fourteen hundred and eighty acres in Emmons county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baumgartner have been born ten children and the family circle yet

remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are: Eva, the wife of Anton Wichenheiser, who cultivates the homestead of his father-in-law; Michael, assistant cashier of the Security State Bank at Strasburg; and Barbara, Margaret, Frank, John, Mary, Phillipina, Agnes and Odilia, all at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Baumgartner is also a member of the German Roman Catholic Association of Minnesota. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and in 1908 he was its nominee for the office of county treasurer. While at that time the normal republican vote was three to one, such was the personal popularity of Mr. Baumgartner and the confidence reposed in him that he was defeated by only eighty votes, receiving every vote cast in his precinct, which indicates the high regard entertained for him by those who know him best. His career is one which should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished through individual effort. Notably prompt, energetic and reliable, he seems to have a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time joined to everyday common sense, and he has never allowed obstacles nor difficulties to brook his path if they could be overcome by persistent, earnest and indefatigable effort.

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#### GEORGE L. GOULD.

North Dakota has been signally favored in the class of men who have promoted her banking interests and someone has aptly said that: "Banking interests are the heart of the commercial body, indicating the healthfulness of trade." Active in this field is George L. Gould, who is now cashier of the Glenburn State Bank at Glenburn, Renville county. He was born in Byron, Illinois, January 1, 1860, a son of John W. and Maria (Smith) Gould, natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively. They were married in Illinois, to which state Mr. Gould had removed in young manhood, while his wife had gone thither with her parents when a young lady. He devoted his time and energies to farming throughout his entire business career and passed away in 1884. His widow survived him for thirty years, dying in 1914.

George L. Gould acquired his education in the public schools of Chatfield, Minnesota, and after his textbooks were put aside secured a clerkship in the mercantile establishment there. Nine years later, feeling that his practical experience as well as his capital justified him in embarking in business on his own account, he opened a store in Chatfield and remained for eighteen years a leading, influential, progressive and successful merchant of that city and it was with deep regret that his fellow townsmen learned of his intention to remove elsewhere. In June, 1904, he became a resident of Glenburn, North Dakota, which town had but recently been laid out, and since that period he has been identified with its banking interests. In connection with A. L. Ober, of Chatfield, Minnesota, he established the Glenburn State Bank and on the 24th of September, 1904, it opened its door for business with Mr. Gould as the cashier and directing head of the institution. He has presided over the financial policy of the bank since its organization and its continued growth and success are attributable to his sound business judgment, keen sagacity and unfaltering energy. He is a man of resource and ability and in 1912 he extended his efforts by entering the grain trade in partnership with Mrs. Lanige, establishing the Gould & Lanige elevator, with which he was connected for three years. From time to time he has bought and sold farm lands and in that way has added not a little to his prosperity.

In 1890 Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Nichols, of Chatfield, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of three daughters: Gertrude, who is attending Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio; Evelyn, at home; and Mildred, a pupil in the Chatfield high school.

Mr. Gould gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is not an aspirant for office. Fraternally he is connected with Glenburn Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M., with North Star Chapter, No. 10, R. A. M., of Chatfield, Minnesota. De Molay Commandery, K. T., of Minot, and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He is a valued representative of the craft, loyal to its teachings concerning the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations

thereby incurred. His business career has been characterized by unfaltering activity and actuated by laudable ambition. His judgment is sound and his discrimination keen and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail.

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#### GEORGE W. LYNN.

George W. Lynn, a member of the Emmons county bar practicing at Linton, was born in Monticello, Green county, Wisconsin, May 12, 1863, a son of James and Nancy (Moore) Lynn, who were natives of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish descent. The father was a farmer and in early life came to the new world, after which he took up his abode upon a homestead farm in Green county, Wisconsin, his remaining days being devoted to the further development and improvement of that property. He was killed by a runaway team in 1866, while his widow survived until 1892.

George W. Lynn, was reared and educated in Wisconsin and in early manhood took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years. In 1885 he removed to Yankton, South Dakota, and for a year was a law student in the office and under the direction of Gamble Brothers, well known attorneys, while later he continued his reading in the office of Alexander Hughes at Bismarck. In 1889 he was admitted to the bar at Bismarck and entered upon active practice at Linton, where he had established his home in 1886. For more than a quarter of a century, therefore, he has practiced at this point and his ability has kept him prominently at the front in professional relations. He occupied the position of states attorney for fourteen years, being called to that office in 1891. He has one of the largest law libraries in the state and is regarded as a strong advocate and safe counselor. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care, is diligent in research and is seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle, so that he has won many verdicts favorable to the interests of his clients. He owns the office building which he occupies.

In the spring of 1892 Mr. Lynn was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Fish and they have one child, Klonda M., at home, while a stepson, Harry C., is now states attorney and is practicing in partnership with Mr. Lynn. The latter is a republican in his political views and is thoroughly informed concerning the issues and questions of the day, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he regards the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and prefers to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. He now has a large and distinctively representative clientage and his devotion to the interests of those whom he represents is proverbial.

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#### ENGBRET O. THORMODSGÅRD.

Engbret O. Thormodsgård, who follows farming on section 35, township 147, range 72, in Wells county, was born in Norway in October, 1849, a son of Ole and Engeborg Erickson (Sando) Thormodsgård, who were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives, the father devoting his attention to general farming.

Engbret O. Thormodsgård was the sixth in order of birth in a family of nine children, seven of whom are yet living. His education was largely acquired in the schools of Norway and in 1869, when twenty years of age, he came to the United States, settling in Lincoln county, South Dakota. There he homesteaded and remained upon his place for a period of three years. He afterward attended a Lutheran school in Wisconsin and was graduated with the class of 1878, thus preparing for the work of the ministry. He received a call from a church in Emmet county, Iowa, and remained as pastor there for six years, during which period he had charge of four Iowa congregations and three in Minnesota. In 1884 he went to Idaho, where he entered upon missionary work, his first service being the organization of a congregation in Genesee valley. About the same time he also organized a church at Rockford, Washington, and later went to Spokane, Washington, where he

organized a Sunday school but did not reside there. In 1894 he returned to Lincoln county, South Dakota, where he resumed pastoral labors and also engaged in farming, cultivating the homestead property. His identification with that locality continued until 1909, at which time he came to North Dakota, making his way to Wells county, where he purchased section 35, township 147, range 72, and the west half of section 33, township 146, range 71. Up to within the last three years he has personally engaged in the cultivation of his land, comprising nine hundred and sixty acres, bringing the entire tract to a high state of cultivation, but he is now renting the half section to his son Nels. Mr. Thormodsgård is engaged both in general farming and stock raising and he has thirty head of horses and forty or more head of high grade cattle upon his place, specializing in shorthorns. His agricultural interests have been most carefully and wisely conducted and have brought him a substantial measure of success.

Not only has he given his attention to the task of improving his land but has also continued an active factor in the work of the church. He organized a Lutheran church in Bowdon, of which he had charge until the last three years, when on account of impaired health he gave up the work of the ministry save that he substitutes now and then in the absence of the regular pastor. He concentrates his activity mostly upon his farm but he is also a stockholder in the Chaseley Farmers Elevator and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Fairview, South Dakota. He also owns a section of land in Texas. He has never ceased to feel the deepest interest in the church and to the extent of his powers gives active cooperation in its work. He also had two brothers in the ministry: Ole, who is now deceased; and Halvor, who at this writing is a minister of Spokane, Washington.

In Iowa, in 1881, Mr. Thormodsgård was married to Miss Trina A. Olson, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Nels and Sophie Olson, who spent their entire lives in Norway, where the father had followed the tailor's trade. Mr. and Mrs. Thormodsgård have become parents of twelve children, namely: Olaf; Nels; Sophia; Emma; Josephina; Albert; Louisa; Engebret, who is deceased; Knud Helmar; Halvor; Engebret and Viola.

Politically Mr. Thormodsgård is an earnest republican and has always kept well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. While living in South Dakota he served as justice of the peace in Lincoln county for two terms but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his undivided attention upon his business affairs and his ministerial duties. Along both lines he has accomplished much and his influence has ever been a potent power for moral progress.

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#### PROFESSOR H. C. PIEHL.

Professor H. C. Piehl, superintendent of schools at Inkster, was born in Seymour, Wisconsin, June 2, 1886, a son of William and Wilhelmina (Parman) Piehl, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Wisconsin. In his boyhood days the father came to the new world, settling in Wisconsin, where he was afterward married. Later he engaged in farming and he is still living in that state at the age of seventy years, while his wife has reached the age of fifty-nine years. They had a family of six children.

Professor Piehl, who was the fourth in order of birth, attended public schools and later continued his education in Ripon College of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in 1911. The following year he removed to North Dakota, settling in Jamestown, where he became assistant principal in the high school, remaining in that connection for three years. In 1914 he accepted the position of superintendent of the schools of Inkster and is regarded as one of the best qualified superintendents that the town has ever had. He is most enthusiastic in his work and has the faculty of inspiring teachers and pupils with much of his own zeal and interest.

In August, 1914, in Martinsville, Indiana, Professor Piehl was married to Miss Barbara Finney, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Finney, and they now have one child, Alice Finney, who was born in Inkster in December, 1915. Mrs. Piehl is a graduate in piano of the College of Musical Art at Indianapolis, Indiana, and was for several years supervisor of music in the Jamestown, North Dakota, public schools.



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In his political views Mr. Piehl has been an earnest democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, to which he loyally adheres. He is actuated in life by high principles and worthy motives and his efforts have been an element for the betterment of mankind in the communities where he has lived.

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SEVART N. MILLER.

Sevart N. Miller, the efficient and popular young cashier of the First State Bank of Benedict, was born at Blair, Nebraska, in 1883, a son of Nels P. and Stina (Hanson) Miller, both natives of Denmark. When in middle life they removed to the United States and after living in Nebraska for a time located in Iowa, where the father followed diversified farming. They are now living at Lake Benton, Minnesota. To them have been born seven children, of whom all survive and of whom Sevart N. Miller is the youngest.

The last named was educated in the Minnesota schools and remained upon the home farm until he attained his majority. Later he entered the State Bank of Shelly, Minnesota, as assistant cashier and for about four years was connected with that institution but in 1910 removed to Benedict, North Dakota. He has since resided here and is well known in financial circles, being cashier of the First State Bank, which was organized in 1908. The following purchased the bank in 1910: J. S. Tucker, of Minneapolis; Ben Bear, of Decorah, Iowa; J. W. G. Anderson, of Shelly; S. N. Miller and F. O. Miller, of Benedict. The present officers are: J. W. G. Anderson, president; F. O. Miller, vice president; and S. N. Miller, cashier. The bank is capitalized at ten thousand dollars and has a surplus of five thousand dollars. Its affairs are well managed and its business has shown a steady and normal growth. S. N. Miller is likewise interested in farming, owning land in McLean county, which he rents.

In 1908 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Frida O. Rognlie, a native of Caledonia, North Dakota, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Rognlie, pioneers of this state. The father is deceased but the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of three children, Vivian, Wayne and Sevart.

Mr. Miller is a republican and is now serving as a member of the town board. For the past four years he has also been on the school board and his interest in educational affairs is marked. He was one of the first members of the Odd Fellows lodge at Benedict, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and he has also held all of the offices in the Woodmen lodge at Shelly, Minnesota. He holds membership in the Congregational church at Benedict, of which he is a trustee, and is influential in furthering the work of that organization.

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HON. LUTHER H. BRATTON.

Hon. Luther H. Bratton, publisher of the Pierce County Tribune at Rugby and owner of one of the best equipped country printing offices in the state, has left the impress of his individuality upon public interests in a considerable measure through newspaper publication and legislative service. His life record had its beginning near the town of Palmyra, Missouri, on the 7th of October, 1874, his parents being Robert R. and Margaret E. (Smith) Bratton, the former of Scotch lineage and the latter of English descent. The father was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1841 and at the time of the Civil war responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in the Twenty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for four years and three months. In 1881 he removed from Missouri to Minnesota, making the trip on one of the old packet steamers from Hannibal to St. Paul. After spending about two years in Minnesota he became a resident of Ramsey county, North Dakota, where in the fall of 1882 he entered a claim from the government and built a "shack" three miles south of Crary and at that time twelve miles beyond the terminus of the railroad. He arrived in that locality in February and was taken to his claim in a sleigh by

his neighbor, James Orchard. He suffered financial reverses in this state owing to the three total crop failures in the latter '80s. Since 1898 he has been a resident of Portland, Oregon. His wife, who was born in Missouri in 1851, is also yet living.

Luther H. Bratton acquired a common school education in Missouri and Minnesota and started out in business life on his own account when a youth of fifteen as "devil" in the print shop of the old Dunseith Herald under C. I. F. Wagner. He continued to work at the printing trade in Devils Lake, Leeds and Rugby until April, 1898, and in the meantime also spent two or three years in Minneapolis—from 1891 until 1894.

While at Devils Lake Mr. Bratton became a member of Company D of the National Guard and with the outbreak of the war with Spain, in April, 1898, left Rugby to join the army. With his command he went to the Philippines and served with his regiment throughout the period of hostilities there. After returning to the United States he worked on the Leeds News for a short time and then began business on his own account at Knox, North Dakota, publishing the Knox Advocate, but, realizing the limitations of the town, he sought a broader field of labor and purchased the Rugby Optimist from A. M. Young in December, 1904. He built up that paper, purchased the building in which his office is now located and in February, 1916, bought a rival paper called the Pierce County Tribune, which was established in 1887. He then consolidated the two papers under the name of the Pierce County Tribune and now has one of the best equipped country printing offices in the state. His paper has secured a good circulation and has an excellent advertising patronage. Mr. Bratton is fearless in the expression of his honest convictions and through the columns of his paper seeks to promote public interests in every possible way.

At Devils Lake, in 1900, Mr. Bratton was united in marriage to M. Estella Ritzman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Ritzman, of Juniata county, Pennsylvania. They emigrated to eastern Pierce county in 1899, but the father passed away soon after locating in this state, leaving a large family of children. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bratton are as follows: Marjorie, who is fifteen years of age; Robert, who was born in 1905 and passed away three years later; Catherine, whose birth occurred in 1910; and Walter, who was adopted at the age of six and is now ten years old.

In politics Mr. Bratton is independent with republican proclivities. In 1913 he became a member of the thirteenth legislative assembly and in 1915 was reelected to the fifteenth assembly as representative from the forty-second district, comprising Pierce county, in which connection he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to vital questions which came up for settlement. No one questions the integrity of his position, for he is fearless in defense of his opinions, standing loyally at all times for what he believes to be right.

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#### OLAF H. RYSTAD, M. D.

Dr. Olaf H. Rystad, a prominent citizen of Landa, where he is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine, was born in Norway, September 13, 1876, his parents being Halvard and Inger (Rystad) Rystad, also natives of that country. The father, who was a jeweler and watch maker by trade, brought his family to America in 1888 and located in Fisher, Minnesota, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in June, 1915. The mother is still living.

Dr. Rystad began his education in the schools of Norway, being twelve years of age at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world. He attended the public schools of Minnesota and subsequently taught in that state and in North Dakota for six years. He had charge of a school in Minneapolis for one year. In 1904 he was graduated from the State University of North Dakota and later entered the medical department of that institution, from which he received the degree of M. D. on his graduation in 1913. It will thus be seen that he is thoroughly fitted by education and training for the profession which he has chosen as a life work. He commenced the practice of medicine at Reynolds, North Dakota, and after spending one year at that place took a post graduate course in a Chicago medical college. In December, 1915, he removed to Landa, Bottineau county, and although he has resided there but a short time he has already built up a good practice which is constantly increasing as his skill and efficiency become more widely known.

In January, 1914, Dr. Rystad married Miss Clara H. Olson, a daughter of Lars and Martha Olson, who were born in Norway but came to America in early life. Mr. Olson took up a homestead in Traill county, North Dakota, where he followed farming until called from this life in 1907. His widow is still living. Dr. Rystad is affiliated with the Masonic order and is a member of the Lutheran church. His political support is given the men and measures of the republican party and he takes a commendable interest in public affairs, supporting every enterprise which he believes will prove of benefit to the community in which he lives, as well as to his state and nation.

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#### C. J. BIBER.

C. J. Bieber, an implement dealer and manager of the Farmers elevator at Temvik, was born in Russia on the 26th of November, 1881, a son of Jacob and Christiana (Ritter) Bieber, who were also natives of that country, whence they came to the United States in 1884, settling in McPherson county, South Dakota. There the father secured a homestead claim and with characteristic energy began the arduous task of developing a new farm, continuing his residence thereon for many years, during which time his labors wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place. In 1910 he retired from active business life and removed to Eureka, where he and his wife now make their home.

C. J. Bieber acquired his education in the district schools of McPherson county and in 1902 engaged in teaching for one term. Prior to this, however, he had taken up the occupation of farming in McPherson county, where he lived until 1905, when he removed to Emmons county, North Dakota, devoting the succeeding five years to general agricultural pursuits. In 1910 he became a resident of Temvik, where he engaged in the grain business, purchasing the William Gross elevator. In 1911 he incorporated the Farmers' Friend Milling Company, of which he was president during the year following its incorporation. In 1912 he sold his elevator but continued to manage it for his successors until the summer of 1915, when he accepted the management of the Farmers elevator at Temvik. The statement of the business in June, 1916, showed a profit of thirteen thousand seven hundred and eighteen dollars to the stockholders since he assumed control, a fact which indicates the marked business ability, close application and enterprising methods of Mr. Bieber. In the spring of 1913 he engaged in the implement business and has developed his store until it is one of the important commercial undertakings of Emmons county. He also has the agency for the Saxon automobile and in all that he undertakes displays a spirit of undaunted enterprise and sound business judgment.

In 1902 Mr. Bieber was married to Miss Margaretta Huber, of Hosmer, South Dakota, and they became the parents of four children, of whom three are living, Julius G., Agnes H. and Ewald A. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Bieber is a democrat in his political views, doing all in his power to promote the growth and ensure the success of his party, of which he is now the candidate for the office of county treasurer. He has never been very ambitious in the way of office holding, however, feeling that the pursuits of private life are in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts, and as the years have gone on he has won success in substantial measure, his holdings including not only his commercial interests but also one hundred and sixty acres of Emmons county land.

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#### JAMES McINTOSH.

James McIntosh, United States collector of customs at Antler, is a native of Scotland, born September 18, 1849, of the marriage of James and Sarah (Smith) McIntosh. They, too, were natives of the land of hills and heather, of forest, crag and glen, the land of poetry and song—the land that has furnished to the United States many of its valued citizens. The father followed farming in that country until 1866, when he crossed the Atlantic to Canada,

and two years later he was accidentally killed. His widow long survived him, passing away in 1913.

James McIntosh spent much of his youth in his native country, being seventeen years of age when his parents made the voyage to the new world. When his father died the burden of supporting the family devolved upon him and for several years he worked out as a farm hand. In 1870 he went to Michigan, where for eight years he was employed in the iron mines. On the expiration of that period he returned to Canada, where he again lived for two years, and in 1882 he established his home in Cavalier county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead and preemption claim. He then began improving and cultivating his land, devoting twenty years to general agricultural pursuits there. He saw many of the hardships and met many of the difficulties incident to frontier life at a period when all around him was unbroken and undeveloped prairie land and when the work of progress seemed scarcely begun. It was upon his farm that he reared his family of eight children. In 1902 he removed to St. John, Rolette county, North Dakota, where he entered the government service, filling the position of customs collector for eight years at that point, after which he was transferred to Antler and still continues in the service. He yet owns his farm in Cavalier county, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he has rented.

On the 27th of November, 1872, Mr. McIntosh was united in marriage to Miss Catherine McRae and they have become the parents of eight children, James, Christina, John, George, Sarah, Minnie, William and Emma. Five of the number are living on homesteads near Barr, Montana, two in Canada, and the other owns a farm near the old homestead in Cavalier county.

Politically Mr. McIntosh is a republican, giving stalwart support to the party and its principles. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Langdon and he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Presbyterian church. He is most loyal to the trust reposed in him in public office and his record as an official is highly commendable.

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#### FREDERICK C. WALTHER.

Frederick C. Walther, who has gained gratifying success as a general merchant of Berthold, was born in Germany on the 23d of January, 1842, a son of Carl and Louise (Meir) Walther, also natives of the fatherland. In 1844 they removed with their family to America and located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where for a year the father engaged in the tanning business, in which he continued after his removal to Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He passed away there about 1875 at an advanced age, his birth having occurred in 1802. He served in the army in Germany and at all times discharged his duties as a good citizen but was not an aspirant for public office. The mother, who died in 1884, was about seventy-nine years of age at the time of her demise.

Frederick C. Walther attended school in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, until fourteen years of age, when he began working for others. At length he learned the cabinetmaker's trade, which he followed until 1860. The succeeding year he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private and after serving with that command for three months was honorably discharged. He became a member of Company E, Twenty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, was promoted to commissary sergeant, in all was at the front for three years and was on duty the whole time as he was never wounded nor ill. After being mustered out at Madison, Wisconsin, he returned to Sheboygan and a year later engaged in the furniture business there. In 1880 he went to St. Paul and was employed on coach work for the Great Northern Railroad for two years. However, in January, 1882 he removed to Minto, North Dakota, and for fourteen years conducted a hardware store there. In January, 1896, he removed to Pomona, California, and he operated a ranch in that vicinity for three years but at the end of that time returned to Minto, North Dakota, to look after his business interests. In 1900 he took up his residence in Berthold and engaged in the general merchandising business, in which he continued active until 1908, when he again went to California. After spending three years there he returned to Berthold and again became connected with merchandising here. His general store is well stocked and is conducted along



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modern lines and his patronage is large and profitable. He owns town property here and also holds title to valuable land in the state.

Mr. Walther was married November 11, 1867, to Miss Emily B. Wolf, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her parents both resided in New York state in their early lives but passed their later years in Milwaukee, where both died. Mrs. Walther passed away in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1881. She was the mother of five children, namely: Alice, the wife of James R. Gerard, who is engaged in the printing and binding business in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Hattie, the wife of G. F. Peterson, a druggist of Missoula, Montana; Emily, who is a deaconess and resides at Helena, Montana; Georgia, deceased; and Lorraine, the wife of Dr. E. A. Hillis, a physician and surgeon of La Moure. In May, 1893, Mr. Walther was again married, Mrs. Rose Hines becoming his wife. She was born in Vermont and by her previous marriage has a son, Harry W. Hines, a locomotive fireman residing at Los Angeles, California. By her second marriage she has a daughter, Frances A., who is attending the Grand Forks University.

Mr. Walther is a staunch adherent of the republican party and has held the office of postmaster for eleven years, four years at Minto and seven at Berthold, and while living at Minto he also served as justice of the peace for two years. He was the first president of the village of Berthold, holding that office in 1904. He has always given the most careful attention to his official duties and his record as a public servant is highly creditable alike to his ability and his conscientiousness. He has belonged to the Masonic order since 1867 and is identified with the blue lodge at Berthold and with the chapter, council, commandery and Eastern Star chapter at Pomona, California. He has always conformed his life to the high teachings of the organization and his excellent qualities have gained him the respect and warm regard of those who have been associated with him. In business he has been successful, carrying his plans forward to completion, and he is one of the substantial men of his community.

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#### HENRY J. LINDE.

Henry J. Linde, attorney general of North Dakota, entered upon the discharge of the duties of this office in January, 1915, at which time he removed to Bismarck. His previous experience as a lawyer and lawmaker well prepared him for the onerous and responsible duties that devolved upon him in this connection. He was admitted to the bar in 1906 and throughout the period of his practice followed his profession in this state. However, he is a native of Ridgeway, Iowa, born December 31, 1879. His parents, John O. and Martha (Brenno) Linde, are still residents of that place. Both are natives of Norway, the former born in 1836. Coming to America in 1858, he established his home in Chicago, where in 1860 he was married. Not long afterward he removed with his bride to Ridgeway, Iowa, where he has now continued to make his home for many years.

In the schools of that city Henry J. Linde pursued his early education, supplemented by study in Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then entered the educational field as a teacher, becoming one of the faculty of Park Region Lutheran College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, occupying the chair of English and science. He spent two years in that institution, after which he entered the University of Minnesota as a law student, completing his course in 1906. Immediately afterward he located for practice at Plaza, North Dakota, where he remained for three years, when he became a member of the bar at Stanley. He was in active practice in that city until January, 1915, when he entered upon the duties of his present position. The success which he has attained is due to his own efforts and merits. The possession of advantages is no guarantee whatever of professional advancement, which comes not of itself nor can it be secured without integrity, ability and industry. These qualities Mr. Linde possesses in an eminent degree and is faithful to every interest committed to his charge. An excellent presence, an earnest manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to accurately apply its principles made him an effective and successful advocate and are so characterizing his official service that

public opinion names him as one of the foremost men who have ever occupied the position of attorney general.

On the 27th of November, 1907, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Linde was united in marriage to Miss Julia Martin, a daughter of Ole Martin. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church and fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Linde has always voted the republican ticket and is a firm believer in the principles and purposes of the party. In 1908 he was elected a member of the state legislature and in 1910 was chosen for the office of state senator for a term of four years. This was followed by his candidacy for the position of attorney general and popular suffrage called him to the office. He manifests marked strength whether in the interpretation of the law as an attorney or in framing laws as a legislator, and his public record has won the high indorsement of his fellow citizens.

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#### HENRY W. ELLINGSON.

Henry W. Ellingson, a hardware merchant of Rugby, was born in Adams county, Wisconsin, August 23, 1871, a son of Elling and Mina (Knudson) Ellingson, who were natives of Norway but prior to the Civil war came to the new world and settled in Wisconsin, where the father purchased land and carried on farming until 1883. In that year he became a resident of Traill county, North Dakota, where he engaged in farming for five years. He next removed to Pierce county and took up a homestead, devoting his energies to its development and cultivation throughout his remaining days. He passed away in 1896, while his wife died in January, 1915.

Henry W. Ellingson spent the first twelve years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents to North Dakota, after which he assisted in the work of the home farm until 1894. In that year he established his home in Rugby and was elected register of deeds, which office he continuously and acceptably filled for six years. Upon retiring from the position he embarked in the hardware business and has since managed his store, which is now accorded a liberal patronage. He carries a large and well selected line of shelf and heavy hardware and his business methods and enterprise have brought to him a good trade. He is also interested in a general merchandise establishment in Barton, North Dakota.

On the 6th of December, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ellingson and Miss Annie Melhouse and to them were born five children, Nettie, Hattie, Minnie, Arthur and Alice. Fraternally Mr. Ellingson is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Sons of Norway and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have called him to fill several local offices. He has served as a member of the town council and for eight years was postmaster of Rugby as well as register of deeds, his duties in every connection having been promptly and faithfully discharged. He is ever loyal to the trusts reposed in him and his life exemplifies high standards of manhood and citizenship.

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#### ROBERT A. BROWN.

Robert A. Brown, engaged in the implement business at Antler, was born in Ontario, Canada, July 29, 1869, a son of David and Christina (McDougal) Brown, who were also natives of Ontario. There the father was reared and educated, after which he took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for many years, but is now living retired although he still owns his land. He has reached the age of seventy-two years and now makes his home with his children, his wife having passed away November 26, 1883.

Robert A. Brown was reared and educated in Ontario and made his home with his grandfather until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he went to London, Ontario, and

learned the brass finishing business, which he followed for two years and three months. In 1895 he crossed the border into the United States and established his home at Leeds, Benson county, North Dakota, where he purchased land and carried on farming until 1900. He then sold out and made his way to Bottineau county, where he filed on land which he developed, operated and improved for five years. He then again sold, at which time he removed to Westhope, where he worked for a year. He afterward came to Antler and engaged in the implement business, which he has now conducted for ten years, enjoying a liberal patronage that has made his undertaking a profitable one. He keeps all kinds of farm machinery and agricultural implements and his enterprise has brought good results.

In July, 1898, Mr. Brown wedded Miss Sarah E. Roek and they have become the parents of seven children: Jennetta, the wife of Guy Ballance, of Saco, Montana; and Rose A., Mary Christina, Rachel E., Robert D., Sarah G. and Margaret E., all yet at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Brown votes with the republican party and while he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking he has served for three years as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rehekah lodge and is also connected with the Royal Neighbors. His life record will bear close investigation and scrutiny, for at all times it has measured up to high standards of manhood, while in citizenship he manifests a loyal and progressive spirit.

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#### JACOB F. JABERG.

Thirty-five years have come and gone since Jacob F. Jaberg arrived in Barnes county, establishing his home at Sanborn, where he opened one of the pioneer mercantile enterprises of his part of the state. Through all the intervening period to the present time he has been identified with the development and progress of the district as merchant or farmer and is now concentrating his efforts upon agricultural pursuits. He was born at Canal Dover, Ohio, December 11, 1855, a son of Daniel Jaberg, whose birth occurred in Bern, Switzerland, and who came to the United States in 1837, settling at Canal Dover. He was a tailor and followed his trade after coming to America, passing away when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. His wife died when their son Jacob was but two years of age, leaving a family of eight children. The eldest son, Daniel Jaberg, Jr., enlisted in the Civil war as a member of an Indiana regiment and being under age ran away from home in order to join the army. He was one of the first to enlist and served throughout the war. He died of fever at Memphis, Tennessee. Another son of the family, Samuel, lives in Decatur, Indiana.

About 1864 the family removed to Indiana and in that state Jacob F. Jaberg attended school to the age of seventeen years, when he removed to Minnesota, living in Norwood and Gleneoe, that state. For a time he attended school in Minnesota but in the school of experience he has also learned many valuable lessons. When his textbooks were put aside he mastered the drug trade and afterward engaged in business in partnership with Dr. R. S. Miles at Norwood. After a year and a half he purchased his partner's interest and then continued the business alone for six years, but sold out in 1880. With several others he then made a trip into Dakota territory in order to learn something of the district and its resources. He returned to Minnesota and the following year made his way to Sanborn, where he established a hardware business in partnership with E. E. Elliott, who joined him in the active management and conduct of the undertaking in March, 1882. They were thus associated in business until 1895, when Mr. Jaberg purchased Mr. Elliott's interest and remained alone until 1902, at which time he sold the store to his former partner. In the meantime he had purchased his farm of one hundred and sixty acres situated just a half mile north of the town and after disposing of his store he concentrated his energies upon stock raising but is now carrying on general farming, while for the past eight years he has devoted twenty acres of his land to a demonstration farm. He has always taken a most active interest in the work of developing the county and investigating its possibilities and resources and has taken an advanced stand upon many questions of importance to the agricultural community.

On the 17th of October, 1878, Mr. Jaberg was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Packer,

a native of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John S. and Ellen Packer, who were also natives of the Keystone state. Her grandfather was Edward Packer, of the famous soap manufacturing family of England, and the grandmother, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Fulton, was a native of Scotland and a near relative of Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat. Mr. and Mrs. Jaberg have become the parents of four children: Stella Grace, who is a graduate of Fargo College and is now the wife of F. O. Olson, of that city; Clifford E., who for three years attended the State Agricultural College and is now conducting a garage in Sanborn; Rollin E., who is a member of Company G, First North Dakota Infantry, and has responded to the president's call for service on the Mexican border; and Margaret, who died in infancy.

Mr. Jaberg has always been deeply interested in public affairs and in 1888 was elected county commissioner, which position he acceptably filled for three years, when he declined to again become a candidate. He has served on the village board of Sanborn as a member of the board of education. In 1904 he was again elected county commissioner and was reelected in 1908, so that he has served altogether for eleven years in that position. He was elected for three successive years as president of the state commissioners association and was made an honorary life member at the close of his service. For a quarter of a century he has been clerk of the school district and since 1902 has been clerk of the township board. He considers no question of minor interest if it has to do with the welfare of his community and is thoroughly informed concerning the grave and vital political problems which confront the country. He has always voted with his party and gives to it his stalwart allegiance. He is the oldest past master of Sanborn Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M., and is still active in that organization and is an exemplary representative of Masonry, believing firmly in its basic principles concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness.

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#### JUDGE HORACE BAGLEY.

Judge Horace Bagley, who without invidious distinction may be termed one of the foremost citizens of McHenry county, his home being at Towner, was born in Melbourne, Iowa, May 28, 1873, his parents being James H. and Harriett (Easton) Bagley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. In early manhood the father removed to Delavan, Wisconsin, and there he wedded Miss Easton, who had become a resident of that place in her childhood days. He devoted his life to farming and in 1865 went to Marshall county, Iowa, where he purchased land and thereon engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days, passing away in 1904. His widow survives and now resides with a sister at Pipestone, Minnesota.

Judge Bagley spent his youthful days in his parents' home and completed his public school education by study in the Owatonna (Minn.) high school. He afterward attended the University of Minnesota and was graduated from the academic department with the class of 1894, winning the Bachelor of Literature degree. He then took up educational work and was superintendent of schools at Mapleton, Minnesota, for four years but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for at the end of that period he entered the law department of the University of Minnesota in 1898 and was graduated with the class of 1900. Removing to Adrian, Minnesota, he spent but a brief period at that place and then located at Thief River Falls. In the autumn of 1901 he came to North Dakota and in February, 1902, established his home in Towner, where he purchased an interest in the Mouse River Bank, of which he was chosen president. In 1908 that institution was merged into the First National Bank and Judge Bagley became vice president of the latter institution but at the present time he is serving only as a member of the board of directors.

In 1908 he was elected county judge of McHenry county with increased jurisdiction and served for six years upon the bench, his course being characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, based upon the law, the evidence and the equity in the case. In December, 1912, he entered into a law partnership with John Thorpe under the firm name of Bagley & Thorpe and they rank high as legal practitioners

at the bar of McHenry county. During the period of his residence in this state Judge Bagley has embraced his opportunity for investment in land and now has extensive holdings.

In 1902 Judge Bagley was married to Miss Belle Cornell, of Mapleton, Minnesota, and they have become parents of two children, Jeannette and Mary. Fraternally Judge Bagley is connected with Granville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Grand Forks Lodge, No. 255, B. P. O. E., while he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. In politics he is a progressive republican and at all times he has placed the public welfare before partisanship. His business and professional interests and his judicial service have given him high rank among the leading citizens of McHenry county.

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#### F. O. FREEBERG.

F. O. Freeberg, cashier of the Mercer State Bank, of Mercer, North Dakota, was born on the 17th of December, 1882, in Cannon Falls, Goodhue county, Minnesota, in which city he passed the days of his boyhood and youth. He graduated from high school and later engaged in teaching near Cannon Falls for two years in 1905 and 1906, after which he took a commercial course at the Minneapolis Business College, graduating therefrom in 1907.

Mr. Freeberg's banking experience was begun as bookkeeper and stenographer in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, in 1907, and he remained there until the fall of 1909, when he went to Kenmare, North Dakota, and accepted a similar position in the First National Bank of that place, serving as such for four months. He then assumed the duties of cashier of the Mercer State Bank, with which he is still affiliated. This bank was organized in the fall of 1909 with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars and its other officers are: T. L. Beiseker, president; Ole S. Hedahl, vice president; and Robert F. Boehm, assistant cashier.

On the 15th of June, 1910, Mr. Freeberg was united in marriage to Miss Minnie C. Swenson, also a native of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, and to them have been born three children, namely: Cyrus Merwyn, Conrad W. and Phyllis G., all living. The parents are members of the Swedish Lutheran church in Spring Garden, and Mr. Freeberg is also connected with the Modern Samaritans of Duluth, Minnesota. In politics he is a republican, taking the interest of a public-spirited citizen in the welfare of his town, state and nation. He was born and grew to manhood on the farm, and although engaged in the banking business is still very much interested in and is making a study of the agricultural pursuits of the country, as he realizes that if this great state of North Dakota is to become the greatest state in the Union this must be brought about through diversified farming and the development of the agricultural interests.

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#### WILLIAM T. MUNN.

William T. Munn, engaged in the banking business at Westhope, is numbered among the native sons of New York, his birth having occurred at Walton, Delaware county, on the 12th of November, 1879. His parents, Hugh C. and Mary (Thomson) Munn, were also natives of the Empire state. His father was a farmer by occupation and in Delaware county, New York, he established a little town called Munndale, where he engaged in general merchandising for a time. Later, however, he retired to a farm, upon which he lived until 1907, when he became a resident of Westhope, North Dakota. Afterward he removed to Williams county, this state, and filed on land which he occupied and cultivated for three years. At the present time he is making his home in Waterloo, Iowa, while his wife passed away September 12, 1903.

William T. Munn was reared and educated in New York, completing a course in the high school at Walton, that state, by graduation with the class of 1897, after which he entered Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, and was there graduated in 1901. He next went to Eagle Grove, Iowa, where he secured the position of assistant cashier in the State Bank,

serving in that capacity for a year. In 1902 he became a resident of Cooperstown, North Dakota, where he engaged in the real estate business for three years, and in 1905 he established his home at Westhope, Bottineau county, where he engaged in the land business. The following year he and others organized the Peoples State Bank at Westhope, which they have since conducted, Mr. Munn being the president, with R. M. Trimble as vice president, G. H. Kalbfleisch cashier and Don E. Trimble assistant cashier. The bank is capitalized for thirty thousand dollars and has a surplus of twenty thousand dollars, while the deposits amount to one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The business of the bank is carefully and successfully conducted and energy, enterprise, sound judgment and keen discrimination constitute the underlying principles in the prosperity which Mr. Munn has attained for that institution. He is also a large landowner, his realty possessions embracing about sixteen hundred acres.

In June, 1906, Mr. Munn was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude M. McConnell and they have one son, William Thomson, born in March, 1911. Mr. Munn is a republican in his political views. He has served as a member of the city council of Westhope and whether in office or out of it is always loyal to the best public interests and is willing to give of his time and efforts for the benefit of his community. He was appointed a member of the game and fish board but declined to serve. He was committeeman for Bottineau county for the Belgian relief fund and Westhope sent a carload of flour, being the only town of its size in the United States to give so much. Business activity and public spirit are in him evenly balanced qualities and his efforts along both public and private lines are resultant.

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WALTER S. SHAW.

Walter S. Shaw, president of the city council of Minot and also well known in business circles as president and general manager of the Ward County Land Company, Incorporated, was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, near Marling, May 2, 1875, a son of James K. and Henrietta (Hellyer) Shaw. The mother was also a native of Montgomery county, Missouri, while the father was born in Belmont county, Ohio. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and for more than fifty years resided on the same farm in Missouri. He enlisted for service in the Civil war at Moseow, Missouri, and for three years did duty as a private of Company D, in an Ohio regiment. He was twice wounded in battle and met all the experiences of military life. After the close of the war he returned to Missouri and in 1865 purchased the farm which he still owns and occupies. He is now seventy years of age, his birth having occurred March 10, 1816. His wife died when their son Walter S. was an infant of but eleven months.

Walter S. Shaw attended school in Missouri, pursuing the high school course at Olney, and later continued his education at Vandalia, Missouri. Following his mother's death he resided with his maternal grandmother until ten years of age, after which he worked for others and attended school until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He then began farming, to which occupation he devoted about two years and subsequently he removed to Missouri, where he was employed by the street car company for about three years, spending a part of that time in the foundry. He afterward went to Oklahoma and to Kansas, spending some time on the Taylor ranch near Salt Plains in the employ of James Taylor. On the 5th of November, 1901, he arrived at Minot and filed on a homestead forty-five miles north of Minot, where he resided for about three years, during which period he secured title to the property. Since that time he has been engaged in the real estate business, handling town property and farm lands, and is now president and general manager of the Ward County Land Company, Incorporated. He is also an independent land owner, having both business and residence property in Minot. He operates a part of his farm land with the assistance of hired help and other farms he rents to tenants. His life is a busy and active one and success in considerable measure is attending his efforts.

On the 14th of December, 1907, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Louise Schwitzer, who was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, a daughter of Phillip Schwitzer. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have one child, James Waller, four years of age.



WALTER S. SHAW



In his political views Mr. Shaw is a republican, stalwart in his support of the party principles and active in efforts to promote party success. He is now serving as president of the city council of Minot and previously he had been a member of the board of commissioners. He was the only commissioner elected for a four years' term and served out the full term. He also served as police and fire commissioner during that period. He has ever fully recognized his obligations as well as his privileges of citizenship and has discharged every public duty in a capable manner, actuated by a progressive spirit and marked devotion to the general good. He holds membership with the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the United Commercial Travelers. In business circles, too, he has made a creditable record, his career being actuated by landable ambition. He is ever painstaking and thorough in all that he undertakes and his persistent, earnest and intelligently directed efforts have brought him prosperity.

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#### G. O. KANTRUD.

G. O. Kantrud, who is meeting with gratifying success as a farmer, resides upon his well developed place on section 25, Noble township, Cass county. He was born in Norway on the 11th of December, 1864, a son of Ole and Ingebord (Veshum) Kantrud, who came with their family to the United States in 1875. Making their way to the middle west, the father took up a homestead in Ottertail county, Minnesota, and there he still lives. His wife died about 1906.

G. O. Kantrud, who was a child of ten years on the removal of the family to this country, received the greater part of his education in the district schools of Minnesota and grew to manhood under the parental roof. In 1888, the year following his marriage, he came with his bride to North Dakota and located in Cass county, where for a considerable period he operated rented land. He carefully saved his money to the end of becoming a landowner and at length was able to buy eighty acres, to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies. In the intervening years that followed he made a number of changes, but in 1908 he bought his present home farm of one hundred and ten acres in Noble township, where he has since made his home. He also rents additional land and is operating in all two hundred and forty acres, from which he derives a good income. He is a stockholder in the Cooperative Creamery Company of Perley, Minnesota.

In 1887 Mr. Kantrud married Miss Carrie Johnson, a native of Norway, who was brought to this country by her parents when but two years old. To this marriage have been born five children: Oscar, Josie, Minnie, Gena and Mary, all at home.

The political belief of Mr. Kantrud is that of the republican party, and he is serving as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, and their lives are guided by high standards of ethics. They are widely and favorably known and those who have been intimately associated with them are their sincere friends.

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#### WILLIAM H. CHAPEK.

Commercial enterprise in Anamoose finds a worthy representative in William H. Chapek, a general merchant who carries a large stock of goods and enjoys a liberal patronage. He was born in Wauzeka, Crawford county, Wisconsin, December 29, 1876, his parents being Frank and Mary (Stuckey) Chapek, the latter also a native of Wauzeka. The father, who was born in Bohemia, was a musician in the old country, depending upon his art for a livelihood, but after coming to America he took up the occupation of farming in Crawford county, Wisconsin, where he remained active in general agricultural pursuits until 1906. He then disposed of his property there and removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, where he purchased land which he still cultivates, although he resides in the town of Anamoose, where he and his wife are widely and favorably known.

William H. Chapek was reared and educated in Wisconsin and remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he started out in the business world as an employe in a dry goods store owned by his cousin. He was thus employed for four years and then went to Anamoose in 1901 to take charge of a general merchandise store which his father had established. He remained in control of the business until July, 1907, when the store was destroyed by fire. The following year he embarked in general merchandising on his own account and today owns a fine business block on which he is carrying a large and well selected stock of goods such as meets the general demand. His business methods are thoroughly reliable and his energy is enabling him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles that bar the path to success, so that already he is numbered among the substantial residents of his adopted town.

On the 10th of September, 1904, Mr. Chapek was married to Miss Mary N. Hublow and they have become parents of four children: Margaret, who was born July 16, 1905; F. A. M. Milton, whose birth occurred June 27, 1906; William Maurice, whose natal day was December 15, 1909; and Norman Richard, born September 21, 1912.

The family are adherents of the Catholic faith and Mr. Chapek belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp. Politically he is a republican and has served as a member of the town board. He is an active and helpful member of the Commercial Club, in which he was formerly vice president, and he is a stockholder in the Anamoose Road Drag. Persistency of purpose has ever been one of his marked characteristics and in the commercial field he has found the path which for him leads to success.

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#### HON. PAUL T. KRETSCHMAR.

Prominent among the public-spirited citizens and representative business men of McIntosh county is Paul T. Kretschmar, president of the First State Bank of Venturia. He comes from the east, being born in New York city, March 10, 1868, and is a son of Carl and Mary (Lehman) Kretschmar, natives of Saxony, Germany, where they were reared and educated. In early life they came to the United States, however, and were married in New York city, where they resided for a time. They removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1870, and there the father died. The mother is still living and now makes her home with her son Bruno in Bottineau county, North Dakota.

During his boyhood and youth Paul T. Kretschmar attended the public schools of Philadelphia. In 1884 he accompanied his mother and the other members of the family on their removal to Yankton, South Dakota. It was in April, 1889, that he came to McIntosh county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead in Albrights Valley township, on which he resided until 1898, when he was elected clerk of the courts of that county and removed to the county seat—Ashley. He filled that office for six years, following which, in the fall of 1904, he was elected county auditor and served in that capacity for four years. His official duties were always most faithfully and satisfactorily performed and he left office, as he had entered it, with the entire confidence of the public. In August, 1909, Mr. Kretschmar was made president of the First State Bank of Venturia. He had previously become familiar with the banking business, having been identified with the Union State Bank of Ashley, of which he was one of the organizers and stockholders and of which he served as vice president until he became president of the First State Bank of Venturia. He has since given much of his attention to the management of its affairs, though he has other business interests, being a member of the firm of Stienecker-Kretschmar Company, grain buyers, operating an elevator in Venturia and another in Ashley. He owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres three miles north of Ashley besides his city property.

In 1896 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kretschmar and Miss Catherine Mattis, of McIntosh county, who was born in Russia, and they have become the parents of four children: Otto B., engaged in the lumber business in Venturia; and Mary B., William E. and Paul O., all at home.

Mr. Kretschmar is a Lutheran in religious belief, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church. The republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its

principles, and his fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability have called him to positions of honor and trust. In 1910 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate and so ably did he fill that office that he was reelected in 1914, being the present incumbent. He is public-spirited and progressive, always foremost in any movement for the betterment of his community, and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed, whether public or private. Fraternally he is a member of Ashley Lodge, No. 115, I. O. O. F.

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OTTO PAULSON.

Otto Paulson, manager at Antler for the International Elevator Company and thus closely associated with the grain trade in the northern part of the state, was born in Sweden on the 21st of April, 1881. After attaining a common school education there he came to the United States in 1900, settling first at Osnabrock, North Dakota, where he worked for three years as a farm hand. In 1903 he began buying grain as manager of the elevator at Argyle, Minnesota, for the Minneapolis & Northern Elevator Company, which he there represented for two years. He next came to North Dakota and for a year bought grain for the National Elevator Company at Roth. He afterward went to Maxbass, where he was manager of the National Elevator for two years and of the Farmers Elevator for five years. In 1913 he arrived in Antler as manager of the elevator belonging to the International Elevator Company, in which capacity he is now serving. Long experience in connection with the grain trade has well qualified him for the duties and responsibilities that now devolve upon him and he is making the business at this point a source of profit to the corporation which he represents.

In 1914 Mr. Paulson was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Habich, of Maxbass, North Dakota. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Antler Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; and Antler Lodge, I. O. O. F. While his residence in Antler covers but three years, his enterprise and his notably progressive spirit have made him one of the foremost citizens of the town and a leading factor in the upbuilding of its trade connections.

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WILLIAM T. MARTIN.

William T. Martin, president of the First National Bank of Edgeley, was born in England on the 14th of May, 1869, a son of William M. and Harriett (Beard) Martin, both of whom lived and died in Essex county, England, where the father was a horticulturist and merchant. Reared in that county, their son, William T. Martin attended the public schools and afterward had the benefit of a course in the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Business College following his emigration to the new world. He arrived in the United States in 1884, prior to attaining his sixteenth year. After completing his business course he went to work for an uncle, a prominent farmer of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, and since 1891 he has been continuously connected with North Dakota, having arrived here in the month of June, after which he took up his abode on a homestead comprising the southeast quarter of section 8, Glen township, Lamoure county. That place is the present site of the town of Alfred. After taking up his abode there Mr. Martin made a specialty of the sheep industry, in which he was very successful, running six thousand head at the time of his retirement from the business in 1896. He then came to Edgeley and engaged in the real estate and loan business, while in 1900 he became actively interested in banking as the successor of A. E. Gardner in the office of president of the State Bank of Edgeley, which institution was nationalized as the First National Bank in 1905. At that date the capital stock was increased from ten to twenty-five thousand dollars and a progressive spirit has been infused into the institution that has made it one of the reliable financial concerns of the county, enjoying a growing business. In January, 1910, the capital stock was again

increased and now stands at fifty thousand dollars, making this one of the leading and most stable financial institutions of the county. Mr. Martin has invested largely in land, having extensive holdings in Lamoure, Stutsman and Dickey counties.

In November, 1897, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Jeddah Rancey, of Colfax, Iowa, by whom he has four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Glenn W., who is in the sophomore year in high school; Merle H., a freshman in the high school; Neva L.; and Wayne A. In politics Mr. Martin is a republican and fraternally is connected with Maple River Lodge, No. 41, F. & A. M. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is serving on the official board and as treasurer of the church. For several years he was treasurer of the board of education and is much interested in the success and development of the school system. A review of his life points to many things that are commendable and worthy of emulation. He arrived in New York city a lad of fifteen years, with ten dollars in his pocket. On leaving Iowa he drove to North Dakota with horse and buggy and his fortune has wholly been made in Lamoure county, showing the wonderful possibilities offered by this section of the state to the man who finds opportunity his incentive and who has the ability to grasp the situation.

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#### HARRY G. HIGGINS.

The financial interests of Burleigh county have a worthy representative in Harry G. Higgins, the present cashier of the Baldwin State Bank and also identified with other business interests in Baldwin, North Dakota. He is a native of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Lakeland in 1883. His father, John C. Higgins, was born in Ohio and when a young man removed to Minnesota, making his home first in St. Paul, but in the early '60s he removed to Stillwater and later to Lakeland, where he engaged in the grain business for eighteen years. At the end of that time he became a resident of Minneapolis and there he is still living. For a short time he was interested in the real estate business in that city but is now serving as superintendent for the Peavy Company, grain dealers. He married Miss Emma A. Getchel, who had removed from Michigan to Minnesota with her parents in pioneer days, the family locating near Stillwater.

Harry G. Higgins is the oldest in a family of six children, four of whom are still living. He was educated in the Minneapolis schools, completing a course in the Minnesota University, from which he received the degree of L. B. in June, 1908. Following his graduation he went to Ryder, North Dakota, and entered the law office of B. A. Dickinson, an attorney of that place, with whom he remained for eight months. He then served as assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Ryder until March, 1910, at which time he became a resident of Baldwin. In connection with August E. Johnson, Karl Klein and F. E. Funk, all of Washburn, Minnesota, he organized the Baldwin State Bank and has since filled the office of cashier in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. The bank has a capital of ten thousand dollars and a surplus of fifteen hundred dollars. It is one of the most reliable moneyed institutions of that part of the state and does a general banking business. Mr. Higgins is also interested in the real estate business on his own account and as a representative for the firm of Klein & Johnson, land dealers of Washburn, and he is a member of a company of three having the agency for automobiles at Baldwin. He is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of Burleigh county and usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In November, 1911, Mr. Higgins married Miss Alice B. Bacon, a resident of Minneapolis and a daughter of A. A. Bacon, who has been a member and lieutenant of the Minneapolis police force for the past twenty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have two children: John and Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are members of the Presbyterian church, and the republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles. He has served as school treasurer but has never taken a very active part in political affairs aside from voting. He is iden-

tified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Woodmen of the World and is serving as secretary of both lodges in Baldwin at the present time. As a business man and citizen he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him, and he well merits the success that he has achieved in life.

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#### HON. OLE GILBERTSON.

Hon. Ole Gilbertson, a pioneer settler of the Mouse River valley now engaged in farming on land adjoining the city limits of Towner, has been a prominent factor in molding public thought and action in his part of the state and his influence has always been on the side of progress, improvement and development. He was born in Norway, October 18, 1854, but no citizen of American birth is more loyal to the best interests of city and state or more thoroughly imbued with the spirit of American democracy. He is a son of Gilbert and Anna (Anderson) Gilbertson, who in the spring of 1861 came to the United States and spent a year at Beloit, Wisconsin, after which they located in Houston county, Minnesota, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming. He died in that county in 1878 and in the early '90s Mrs. Gilbertson came to North Dakota, making her home thereafter with her sons Ole and Andrew to the time of her death, which occurred in 1914, when she was in the ninety-first year of her age.

Ole Gilbertson was a little lad of but seven summers when his parents crossed the Atlantic and in the public schools of pioneer localities he pursued his education, his opportunities, however, being somewhat limited. Reading, experience and observation, however, have added largely to his knowledge and he is today one of the well informed men of his community. As early as his twentieth year he began farming on his own account in Houston county, Minnesota, and in 1880 he completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Anna Lohn, of Mitchell, Iowa, who was a native of Norway but was brought to the United States by her parents in her infancy. In 1881 the young couple removed to northern Minnesota, spending three years in Polk county. Mr. Gilbertson had previously made a trip to that section, and had purchased two hundred and forty acres of railroad land in Polk county on which he lived for three years. In the spring of 1884 he removed to the Mouse River valley in North Dakota, then a part of Dakota territory, and homesteaded twelve miles north of the present site of Towner, in McHenry county. Taking up his abode upon that place, he continued to further develop and improve the property until 1892, when he was elected county treasurer and took up his abode in Towner. He capably served for two terms in that office, his first term's service being endorsed by his reelection. In 1896, following his retirement from office, he engaged in the lumber and hardware business in Towner and in the fall of 1898 he was again called to a position of public honor and trust, being elected a member of the state legislature, in which he served for one term. He conducted his business at Towner until 1901, when he disposed of his store and lumberyard and now concentrates his energies upon general agricultural pursuits and the sale of farm lands. He has extensive holdings in farm property, owning sixteen hundred and eighty acres in McHenry county and four hundred and sixty acres in Montana. He is now actively engaged in farming, cultivating six hundred acres of land, while the remainder he rents. His place is splendidly improved according to the high standards of scientific farming of the twentieth century and his work is carried on along the most progressive lines.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson have been born six children: Carl G., a farmer of Montana; Alice G., who is a court stenographer for Judge A. M. Christensen and for five years was postmistress of Towner; Clarence M., cashier of the Bantry State Bank; and Effie A., Owen Raymond and I. Sherman, all at home.

The family are members of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Gilbertson is a generous contributor, and they have always been active in furthering those interests which lead to the material, social and moral uplift of the community. He has served as a member of the school board of Towner for six years. In politics he has ever been a stalwart republican and was a member of the first board of county commissioners in McHenry county, filling

that office for seven years. He has been a delegate to county and state conventions for several years and has been a dominant factor in republican political circles in North Dakota. His opinions carry weight in the councils of his party, for his colleagues and contemporaries recognize the soundness of his judgment and his public-spirited citizenship, which finds expression in a marked devotion to the general good.

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CECIL H. TAYLOR.

Cecil H. Taylor, a pioneer of Garrison, where he established the first general store, organized the postoffice and served as the first postmaster, is still engaged in business there and is accounted one of its representative citizens. A native of Maryland, he was born in 1879 and is a son of Job and Georgiana Taylor, both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1880 they removed to North Dakota and located at Bismarck. They are now living upon a ranch of six hundred acres in Burleigh county, near Bismarck, upon which the father is raising high grade horses.

Cecil H. Taylor, the youngest of a family of three children, all of whom survive, was but a year old when brought to North Dakota and received his education in the Bismarck schools, completing a high school course. His first business connection was as clerk in a general store conducted by a Mr. Hoskins at Bismarck, in whose employ he remained for three years. During that time, however, he devoted part of his attention to assisting his father with the management of the ranch. In 1903 he organized a postoffice on the Missouri river, six miles south of what later became Garrison, and in connection with the office established a general store and lumberyard. In 1905 what is now a part of the Soo line was built through that section and the town site of Garrison was laid out. He at once removed his store and lumberyard to the new town, becoming its first merchant, and also organized the postoffice there and took up the duties of postmaster. He has since sold the lumber business but is still conducting the store under the firm name of Taylor, Baldwin & Company. A complete stock is carried and the growth of the business has necessitated enlargement of the floor space from twenty by forty to fifty by eighty feet. Four clerks are employed and the volume of trade is still showing a steady increase. Mr. Taylor acted as postmaster in addition to looking after his store until December, 1913, and performed the work of the office with marked efficiency and dispatch. He owns an interest in the ranch in Burleigh county and derives a gratifying addition to his income therefrom.

In 1907 Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Julie Dale, a resident of Cyrus, Minnesota, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Dale, Paul and Margaret.

Mr. Taylor is an adherent of the republican party and is faithful to all of his obligations as a citizen. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Garrison, in which he has held all of the offices, and likewise belongs to the Yeomen at Garrison. He contributes to the support of the Congregational church and cooperates with all forces seeking advancement of his community along moral as well as material lines.

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GEORGE J. PAGEL.

George J. Pagel is a leading business man of Chaffee and has many interests there but gives the greater part of his time to his duties as cashier of the Farmers Security Bank. A native of Cass county, he was born on the 8th of November, 1880, of the marriage of Frederick and Catherine (Holzworth) Pagel. The father was born in Germany but when a boy came to the United States and located in Minnesota, where his marriage subsequently occurred, his wife having removed to that state from Ohio, where she was born. Both are now deceased and are buried in the Zion cemetery. All of their six children are still living.

George J. Pagel was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools and the Fargo Business College. Subsequently he taught



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school for several years but at length determined to turn his attention to business and in 1907 aided in organizing the Farmers Security Bank of Chaffee, of which he has served as cashier. He has wisely directed the affairs of the institution, which holds the confidence of the community, and its business has shown a steady and gratifying growth. He is one of the large landowners of the county, owning individually nine hundred acres of land and having also an interest in an eighteen hundred acre tract, all in Cass county and all under cultivation and well improved. He is likewise a stockholder and director in the Farmers Elevator and is serving as secretary of a general store in Chaffee. He possesses great energy and is very efficient in his work and is thus able to look after all of his extensive interests.

Mr. Pagel gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for ten years has served as township clerk, while at the present time he is a member of the village board and the school board. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and both within and without that organization he has many warm friends. He can be counted upon to cooperate heartily in all movements seeking the advancement of his community whether it be along material, moral or civic lines and is recognized as one of the foremost citizens of Chaffee.

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#### JOHN EMIL JACOBSON.

John Emil Jacobson, president of the Dazey State Bank, has spent the greater part of his life in the northwest, having been but five years of age when he was brought to the United States by his parents from Norway, his native country. His birth occurred at Kongsvinger on the 26th of April, 1863, and his first five years were spent in that city, where his father, Christian Jacobson was engaged in the furrier business. In 1868 the latter brought his family to the new world, making his way to Minneapolis. Times were dull and as he was unable to find anything to do in the manufacturing line, he entered the employ of Folds & Griffith, the leading carpet dealers of the city at that time, with whom he remained for several years. Later he began the manufacture of buffalo coats on his own account and afterward engaged in the grocery business, which he followed until his death in 1898, when he was sixty-three years of age. His family numbered nine children, of whom four are yet living.

John E. Jacobson, the eldest, entered the public schools of Minneapolis and passed through consecutive grades to the senior class of the high school, while further training for life's practical and responsible duties was received in the Curtiss Business College, so that he thus became well qualified for a place in the workaday world. He attended the business college in the evening, while aiding his father in the store through the daytime. Later he pursued a course of study in Archibald Business College and devoted a further year to study in the Minneapolis Academy, after which he became bookkeeper for the milling firm of Crocker, Fisk & Company, with whom he continued for three months. He then took charge of the books for Morse & Sammis, millers, whose interests were later merged with the Minneapolis Flour Mills Company, a corporation capitalized for six hundred thousand dollars. With the latter he became cashier and so continued until the company became a part of the Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company in 1898. He remained with the last named corporation for six months and in the fall of 1899 removed to Dazey, where he organized the Dazey State Bank with a capital of five thousand dollars. He became its president, with his brother, George Jacobson, as vice president and cashier. They erected a one-story frame building eighteen by twenty-four feet, continuing the business therein until 1905, when they built their present brick building, erected along lines especially adapted for their purpose. The success of the bank is indicated in the fact that the capital has been increased to fifteen thousand dollars and there is a surplus and undivided profits of seventeen thousand dollars. J. E. Jacobson remains the president, with George J. Jacobson as vice president and C. O. Jacobson, assistant cashier. In 1906 J. E. Jacobson, associated with his brother George, promoted the Farmers State Bank at Wahau, Griggs county, which has also proven a profitable undertaking and is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars, while the total assets amount to about a quarter of a million.

On the 17th of October, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of J. E. Jacobson and Miss Emma Lee, of Beloit, Wisconsin, a daughter of Bernt Lee. They have become parents of eleven children. Beatta, the eldest, is deceased. Stella, who was educated at the University of North Dakota, is the wife of C. O. Stee, a mining engineer now manager of the mines at Cerro de Pasco, eighty miles from Lima, their home being at an altitude of sixteen thousand feet. Estrid was educated in Minneapolis and in the University of North Dakota, pursuing an art course. Beatta graduated from the Academy of St. Olof College and from the Minneapolis Kindergarten School and is now teaching. Harold, who won a scholarship from the high school at Dazey, is now attending the Jamestown College of North Dakota. Rudolph is in school. Harriet is deceased. Helen is a twin to Harriet. Elsie, Dorothy and Eunice are the younger members of the family.

The family attend the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Jacobson is a trustee, and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Sons of Norway. He has served as a member of the village board and of the school board of Dazey and he is interested in all that pertains to progress and improvement in town, county and state, lending generous aid and support to many measures and movements which he deems of public worth.

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#### WALTER W. LEE.

Walter W. Lee, the well known postmaster of Sykeston, North Dakota, claims England as his native land, his birth occurring not far from London. There he was reared and educated, but believing that better opportunities were afforded young men in the new world, he and his brother, Seymour Lee, crossed the Atlantic in 1883, their parents remaining in England.

Proceeding to Wells county, North Dakota, Walter W. Lee took up land there and after proving up on his claim continued to engage in its operation for several years. He made many improvements upon his land and met with success as a farmer. In 1900, however, he left the farm and removed to Sykeston, of which town he was appointed postmaster three years later and is still holding that office to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He has also filled the position of justice of the peace and by his ballot he supports the republican party.

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#### ROBERT R. ZIRKLE.

Robert R. Zirkle, postmaster of Westhope, dates his residence in Bottineau county from 1899, being numbered among those who took up land from the government and reclaimed the region for the purposes of civilization. He was born at Mount Jackson, Shenandoah county, Virginia, January 28, 1875, a son of Silone and Virginia (Henkel) Zirkle, who were also natives of the Old Dominion. The father was a farmer and merchant and spent his entire life in Virginia. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in 1865, although but sixteen years of age, in a Virginia infantry regiment with which he served until the close of hostilities. He passed away March 8, 1909, having for about fifteen years survived his wife, whose death occurred August 1, 1894.

The common school system of Virginia afforded Robert R. Zirkle his educational privileges. He remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years and in 1899 he came to North Dakota, filing on land near Westhope, in Bottineau county, where he began the development of a farm, continuing its cultivation for eight years. He then took up his abode in the town of Westhope, where he engaged in the implement business for two years, and later he spent a year in the grocery trade. He then sold his store and in 1914 was appointed to the position of postmaster of Westhope, in which capacity he has since served, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He has also held other public offices, having for three years been a member of the town council, in which

connection he has done important work for local public progress. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. While discharging the duties of his present position he is also giving supervision to his landed interests and to his original holdings has added until he is now the owner of about eight hundred acres of land.

In December, 1897, Mr. Zirkle was married to Miss Anna R. Garber and they have become the parents of four children, Silone, Doyle, Virginia and Annabel. Mr. Zirkle is in sympathy with the purposes of the various fraternal organizations in which he holds membership, including the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church and are active in promoting those interests which work for the moral progress of the community.

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#### ISADORE E. GIEDT.

Throughout his business career Isadore E. Giedt has been identified with banking and is now serving as cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lehr. He is one of the most alert and progressive young business men of his county. He was born on the 22d of June, 1889, in McIntosh county, his parents being John P. and Elizabeth (Giedd) Giedt, natives of Russia, though of German parentage. In 1886 they came to the United States and on reaching the shores of this country proceeded at once to McIntosh county, North Dakota. The father filed on a homestead ten miles south of Wishek, where he lived up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1914. At that time he was the owner of four hundred acres of well improved and valuable land. The mother is still living and now resides with a daughter in Bismarck.

Isadore E. Giedt was reared under the parental roof and received his early education in the district schools of the neighborhood and the high school at Ashley, North Dakota. Later he attended the Dakota Business College at Fargo, from which he was graduated in 1907. Immediately following his graduation he came to Lehr and has since been identified with the banking business as assistant cashier and cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank. He is now serving in the latter capacity and has assisted in making the bank one of the substantial financial institutions of Logan county. Its present officers are J. M. Hammond, president; John J. Giedt, vice president; John Bischof, second vice president; I. E. Giedt, cashier.

In 1913 Mr. Giedt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Nagel, of Lehr, and to them has been born a daughter, Viola Lillian. Religiously they are identified with the Baptist church, and fraternally Mr. Giedt is affiliated with Edgeley Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M., and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. His political support is given the men and measures of the republican party and for several years he has filled the office of city auditor. He likewise served as postmaster at Lehr for four years and was for one term mayor of the town and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed, whether of a public or private nature. He is an energetic, wide-awake business man and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Lehr.

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#### HENRY H. BERGH.

Henry H. Bergh, cashier for the First National Bank at Towner, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, April 1, 1878, a son of Hans and Annie (Olson) Bergh, who are natives of Norway. In the year 1872 the father came to America, establishing his home in Allamakee county, Iowa, where he purchased land and has since carried on farming, he and his wife having long been respected and valued residents of that locality.

Henry H. Bergh spent his youthful days on the old homestead farm and completed his education by a course in the Valder Business College at Decorah, Iowa. On attaining his

majority he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years in his native state, and in 1902 he came to North Dakota, settling at Fessenden, where he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the Wells County State Bank. There he remained until 1903, when he was transferred to the German State Bank at Harvey as assistant cashier, so remaining until 1905. In that year he became identified with the business interests of Anamoose, opening a real estate and loan office. He was active along that line until 1906, when he entered politics and was elected register of deeds of Melleny county. So excellent was the record that he made that he was five times elected to the office, which he continued to acceptably fill until January 1, 1916, when he resigned and entered the First National Bank of Towner as cashier, also becoming one of the stockholders and directors of this institution, of which T. L. Beiseker is the president, Robert Gorman vice president and P. A. Hanson assistant cashier. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has deposits amounting to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It is a state depository and is the oldest national bank in Melleny county as well as one of the most substantial, having ever followed a policy in which conservatism and progressiveness are evenly balanced. It is recognized as a very strong institution and its officers are among the leading business men of their part of the state. Mr. Bergh is also a member of the Towner Motor Company, which handles Dodge and Paige cars.

On the 21st of June, 1905, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bergh and Miss Lillian Nelson, by whom he has two children: Marguerite, born June 26, 1906; and Eileen, born November 20, 1908. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Bergh is a well known representative of the Masonic fraternity and of the Yeomen. His political endorsement is unflinchingly given to the republican party and aside from his long service in the position of recorder of deeds he has for two terms been mayor of Towner, giving to the city a businesslike administration characterized by reform, progress and high civic standards.

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#### DAVID PROYER BATES.

David Proyer Bates, who is engaged in law practice in Larimore, was born in Polk county, Minnesota, March 21, 1884, and his birthplace was a little log cabin on the farm of his father, David Bates, four miles from Grand Forks. The father, a native of England, came with his wife to the new world about 1880 and first settled at Halifax, Canada, while later they became residents of Winnipeg. In the winter of 1883 they drove in a wagon from Winnipeg to a point near Fergus in quest of land and at length Mr. Bates located a homestead in Logan Center township, Grand Forks county. However, he had in the meantime resided for a brief period in Minnesota, where occurred the birth of his son, David Proyer. After securing his homestead Mr. Bates engaged in farming thereon until the fall of 1886, when through misfortune caused by fire he lost everything. He then removed to Larimore with his family and resided in that place until 1906, when he began farming in Grace township, Grand Forks county, where he still makes his home. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Oliver, is a native of England, and by their marriage they became the parents of two children, who are yet living, the younger being William Parnell, now a student in the State University of Grand Forks.

David P. Bates acquired his education in the public and high schools of Larimore, being there graduated with the class of 1903. He next entered the State University for the study of law and on the completion of the regular course was graduated in 1907 with the LL. B. degree. His life up to that point had been spent upon the home farm but following his graduation he entered upon the practice of law at McClusky and since 1911 he has lived continuously in Larimore. Here he is now active in the general practice of law and has obtained a very satisfactory clientele that connects him with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of his district. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and presents his cause with strength, his deductions being at all times most logical.

In his political views Mr. Bates is an earnest republican and since 1913 he has occupied the position of city attorney, which he is now filling for the second term. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, while in his fraternal relations he is a Mason, having



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been initiated into the order at McClusky. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is much interested in its efforts to promote the public welfare and extend the business relations of his city. Nature has endowed him with keen intellectual force and his ability has been wisely directed along professional lines, wherein success has come to him by reason of the comprehensive knowledge of law which he has gained and as the result of his thorough preparation of his cases.

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J. FRANK TIBBS.

J. Frank Tibbs, postmaster of Rugby, was born in Decorah, Iowa, August 9, 1868, a son of Michael and Mary (Quenette) Tibbs, who were natives of New York and became pioneers of Winneshiek county, Iowa. The father was both a miller and millwright and for several years operated the old Addington mills of Decorah. He died in Egan, South Dakota, where he established his home about 1876, after which he built a mill on Rock river and operated it for a time but subsequently filed on a homestead and tree claim and engaged in farming up to the time of his demise.

After attending the public schools J. Frank Tibbs continued his education in the Breckenridge Normal School at Decorah, Iowa, and later he devoted two years to the profession of teaching in Hancock county, that state. In the fall of 1890 he removed to Minneapolis and was employed in the freight department of the Milwaukee Railroad. Subsequently he was with the wholesale dry goods house of Wyman & Partridge and afterward was connected with the William Donaldson Glass block. In 1895 he entered the service of the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad Company at Mason City, Iowa, and his next change of position took him to the employ of the City Street Railway Company of Mason City, with which corporation he remained for three years. He then returned to Minneapolis and was employed by the Great Western Bicycle Works, now the C. W. Fauwkes Auto Company. Later at Ceylon, Iowa, he engaged in the restaurant business for a year and a half and then, once more going to Minneapolis, he began representing the Grinnell-Collins Fruit Company on the road, his territory covering North Dakota. After spending a year and a half with that house he engaged in the restaurant business at Blue Earth, Minnesota, and in the spring of 1904 he went to California for the benefit of his wife's health, returning in the fall of that year, at which time he went to Grand Forks, where he closed up some bankrupt stocks for a combination of wholesale houses. In 1906 he became a resident of Rugby, where he opened a confectionery store which he conducted until the fall of 1911. He then turned his attention to the real estate business, in which he has since been engaged, and on the 29th of March, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Rugby and has since occupied that position.

In 1906 Mr. Tibbs was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Schow, of Ashby, Minnesota. By a former marriage he had four children: Leo E., Wayne D., Max E. and Clara H. In politics Mr. Tibbs is a democrat and fraternally is connected with Blue Earth City Lodge, F. & A. M.; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R.; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. His has been an active life in which there have been few leisure hours, and whatever success he has achieved in a business way is attributable entirely to his own enterprise and close application.

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K. O. KNUDSON, M. D.

Dr. K. O. Knudson, physician and surgeon and one of the pioneers of Glenburn, established his home in that town two months in advance of the building of the railroad and throughout the intervening period has been closely associated with its interests along the lines of material, political and social development. He was born in Benson, Minnesota, on the 7th of May, 1879, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Thorson) Knudson, the former a native of Norway, while the latter was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and in her child-

hood journeyed with her parents in a prairie schooner drawn by a team of oxen to Benson, Minnesota. The father left the land of the midnight sun when a young man and came to the United States, also establishing his home in Benson, where for several years he was engaged in merchandising. Subsequently he entered politics and served as county treasurer and as sheriff of the county and was very prominent and influential in political circles there for eighteen years. He died in 1910 and is still survived by his widow, who yet makes her home in Benson.

Dr. Knudson completed his more specifically literary education by graduation from the Benson high school with the class of 1896. In the fall of that year he entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota but in the following year became a student in the Keokuk Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1903, his professional degree being at that time conferred upon him. Immediately afterward he opened an office in Glenburn, where he has been successfully engaged in practice for the past thirteen years. Experience and further study have added to his knowledge and efficiency and he has won the reputation of being most careful in the diagnosis of his cases and conscientious in the performance of his professional duties.

In 1910 Dr. Knudson was married to Miss Marie Asplund, of Lake City, Minnesota. She is a member of the Lutheran church and during the period of her residence in Glenburn has won many friends.

In politics Dr. Knudson is a stalwart democrat and is now serving as coroner of Renville county. Fraternally he is connected with Glenburn Lodge, No. 152, I. O. O. F., while along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Northwestern Medical Society and the North Dakota State Medical Society and is a fellow of the American Medical Association, through the proceedings of which he keeps in close touch with the advanced thought and professional interests of the day, and anything which tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life is of deep interest to him.

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#### G. S. OGREN.

G. S. Ogren, cashier of the State Bank of Souris and vice president of the State Bank of Roth, was born in Sweden in June, 1864, his parents being John and Johanna Ogren. The mother died in Sweden when her son was eighteen years of age and the father came to the United States in 1888. This was five years subsequent to the arrival of his son, G. S. Ogren. He afterward made his home with his son Emil in New London, Minnesota, there passing away in April, 1901.

G. S. Ogren was educated in the common schools of Sweden and at the Willmar (Minn.) high school. He came to the United States in 1883, settling first at New London, Minnesota, and during the first two years he spent the summer months in work as a farm hand, while through the winter seasons he attended school. Later he was employed for three years in a lumberyard in New London and then removed to Blue Earth, Minnesota, where he engaged in the lumber business on his own account, having carefully and persistently saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to embark in business for himself. He was afterward prominently identified with the business interests of the town until 1892. He then returned to New London to close up some mercantile interests, which had become financially involved. This required about a year and while thus engaged in this business adjustment he drifted into the collection business as a result of the reputation which he had won in his prior connection. In January, 1893, he removed to Willmar, Minnesota, where he was associated with one of the mercantile houses in the capacity of collector and bookkeeper from 1893 until 1899. In the latter year he removed to Glenwood, Minnesota, where he purchased a lumberyard which he operated until the spring of 1901. He then sold that business and removed to Bottineau, at which time the Great Northern Railroad Company was extending its line to Souris. Accordingly Mr. Ogren took up his abode in that town in advance of the railroad, believing that with the building of the line it would enter upon a period of growth and progress. He purchased a corner lot and erected his present modern brick bank building, after which he organized

the State Bank of Souris. The doors of the new institution were opened for business on the 2d of December, 1901, with Mr. Ogren as cashier of the bank, and he has been the manager of its financial policy from that time to the present, in which connection he has built up a business that now shows deposits amounting to one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. He is also the vice president of the State Bank of Roth and in all his affairs he shows marked discrimination and unfaltering enterprise. It was in 1907 that he organized the Roth institution, which is also a profitable and growing concern. He owns three finely improved farms of three hundred and twenty acres each situated near Roth, besides other land, and he has under his management twelve other farm properties of nonresident owners.

In 1903 Mr. Ogren was united in marriage to Miss Randine Soland, of Norway Lake, Minnesota, by whom he has two daughters, Ruth Juliette and Stella Lucille.

In politics Mr. Ogren is a republican but has never been an office seeker. He has served, however, as school treasurer for several years and at this writing, in 1916, is one of the city aldermen, in which connection he is exercising his official prerogatives in support of many well defined plans and measures for the general good. He recognizes that his town and state have before them splendid opportunities and he is putting forth every effort to bring about a substantial growth and improvement.

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#### FRANK E. WRIGHT.

Among the leading citizens of Max, McLean county, is Frank E. Wright, a practicing attorney and also the publisher of the Max Enterprise. He was born in Appleton, Minnesota, November 7, 1884, and is a son of Joseph W. and Jennie B. Wright, natives respectively of Rochester, New York, and of Wisconsin. However, they spent the greater part of their lives in Minnesota.

Frank E. Wright graduated from the Appleton high school and subsequently entered the University of Minnesota, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws degree on the completion of his course in 1907. He began the practice of law in Appleton, being connected for about a year with the firm of Young & McElligott, but in 1908 he located in Max, North Dakota, where he has since remained. He at once opened an office and in a comparatively short time had gained recognition as an attorney of ability. He has built up a good practice but since June 1, 1913, has devoted much of his time and energy to the publication of the Max Enterprise, which he bought on that date. He has likewise met with success in his journalistic venture both from a financial and a professional viewpoint. The reliability, enterprise and progressiveness of the paper is recognized throughout the county and its circulation has shown a gratifying growth.

Mr. Wright was married on the 18th of November, 1909, to Miss Lina Pudwell, a native of McIntosh county, North Dakota, and to this union has been born a son, Joseph Wells. Mr. Wright is a republican and takes an active interest in political and civic affairs. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his community and is confident of a splendid future awaiting the state of North Dakota.

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#### JAMES D. McDONALD.

James D. McDonald, who is living in honorable retirement from the cares of active life in Bismarek, was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 22d of November, 1852, a son of Donald and Margaret (Falconer) McDonald. The father engaged in farming and was also postmaster for a considerable period. Both parents have passed away. To them were born five sons and nine daughters, all of whom are still living.

James D. McDonald was educated in the public schools of the Dominion and during his youth also learned the blacksmith's trade. He remained in his native country until 1876, when he came to the States, arriving in Bismarek, North Dakota, on the 16th of

March. For four years he was in the employ of the Northwestern Transportation Company, after which he established a blacksmith's shop of his own, which he conducted for twenty-five years. He invested his earnings in land and at length took up his residence on his farm in Burleigh county. He personally operated the place for thirteen years and proved very successful as an agriculturist, harvesting large crops, the sale of which yielded him a good income. At length, feeling that he had accumulated a sufficient capital to provide him with the comforts of life during his remaining days, he retired and removed to Bismarek, where he still resides.

In 1881 occurred the marriage of Mr. McDonald and Miss Catherine McCormac, who died in 1891, leaving two sons: Dr. J. A., who is practicing at Cando, North Dakota; and Donald, residing in Wyoming. In 1894 Mr. McDonald was again married, Miss Catherine Brady becoming his wife.

Mr. McDonald is a stalwart republican and has served as a member of the city council for thirteen years and as a member of the school board for nine years. Fraternally he belongs to the Yeomen and to the Modern Woodmen of America, and in religion he is a Roman Catholic. During the forty years of his residence in North Dakota he has seen the greater part of its development and believes firmly that still greater prosperity is in store for the commonwealth. He has a wide acquaintance in Bismarek, and his worth is indicated by the fact that those who have been most closely associated with him hold him in the highest esteem.

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#### E. G. BORGES.

E. G. Borgen, register of deeds in Pierce county, was born in Norway in August, 1873, a son of G. E. and Ingeborg Borgen, who were also natives of that country, where the father followed farming until 1882, when he brought his family to the new world. He settled first in Traill county, North Dakota, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for many years, but is now living retired, residing in Northwood, this state.

E. G. Borgen began his education in the schools of Norway and completed his studies in North Dakota. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and afterward purchased land in Polk county, Minnesota, where he developed and improved a farm, devoting a number of years to its cultivation. In 1906 he became a resident of Pierce county, where he purchased land which he tilled for nine years. Since elected to office he has rented his farm, which comprises three hundred and twenty acres of rich prairie soil five and a half miles from Knox. In 1914 he was elected register of deeds and is making an excellent record in office by the promptness and systematic manner in which he discharges his duties.

In December, 1895, Mr. Borgen was united in marriage to Miss Ida Sanoden and to them have been born three children: Elmer, born in 1897; Clarence, born in 1898; and Grace, born in 1900. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church and Mr. Borgen is also identified with the Sons of Norway. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and while in Minnesota he filled the office of justice of the peace and was also assessor there. His fellow townsmen recognize in him one in whom to have trust and confidence, for it is well known that no trust reposed in him is ever betrayed in the slightest degree.

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#### P. N. LANGBELL.

Among the important factors in the development of McLean county is the Podhola-Langbell Land & Loan Company, of which P. N. Langbell is the president. He is unusually well qualified for work of this nature as he is thoroughly acquainted with conditions in the county and with the possibilities of this section as he has resided here since 1883, or during practically his entire life. His birth occurred in Denmark, June 27, 1878, and

he is a son of Jacob Thomas and Maŕy Langbell, the latter of whom died during his infancy. Jacob T. Langbell engaged in carpentering and contracting in Denmark and following his removal to Henning, Minnesota, in 1880 continued in the same line of work there until 1883. In that year he located in Bismarek, North Dakota, where he followed the carpenter's trade for a time. In April, 1883, he homesteaded land near Cole Harbor and later purchased a ranch in that vicinity, taking up his abode on that place. In 1890 he removed to his homestead and filed on a tree claim three miles east of old Coal Harbor. In 1902 he sold his holdings there and removed to Alberta, Canada, where he is now farming.

P. N. Langbell received his education in the Cole Harbor schools and after putting aside his textbooks assisted his father until 1902, when he removed to Cole Harbor and turned his attention to the business of locating new settlers. The following year he went to Underwood, where he established a real estate and loan business, at the same time filing on a homestead adjoining the town site. He soon, however, disposed of that property but remained in Underwood until March, 1908, when he came to Max. He at once opened an office here and for several years dealt in real estate and loans independently but in 1912 became president of the Podhola-Langbell Land & Loan Company, organized in that year. The other officers are: P. D. Podhola, secretary-treasurer; and M. H. Podhola, vice president; and the concern is incorporated with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars. The company places first mortgage farm loans, manages farms for nonresidents and buys and sells farm lands. It owns and controls several thousand acres of improved and unimproved land in the vicinity of Max and as its prices are reasonable and its terms liberal it has done much to promote the settlement of the county.

Mr. Langbell was married August 13, 1910, to Miss Helen Duotski, a native of Buffalo, New York, who, however, has resided in Max since childhood. They have three children, namely: Delmer, Kenneth and La Vonne.

Mr. Langbell is a strong republican and for the past eight years has served as county justice, making an excellent record in that office. He has served as clerk of the school board for two years, is a member of the Baptist church and belongs to and is secretary of the Modern Brotherhood of America. As a business man he is energetic, farsighted and progressive, as a citizen he is public-spirited and as a friend he is loyal and sincere, thus manifesting qualities which never fail to win respect and warm regard.

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#### ADAM CRANSTON.

North Dakota derives its wealth in large measure from its grain interests, and prominent among its business men are those who are buying grain and managing its elevators, thus shipping the products of its fields into all parts of the country and thus bringing North Dakota into close business relations with every section of the Union. Active in the grain trade is Adam Cranston, now manager of the Farmers Elevator at Antler and also one of the pioneer settlers of the town. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, September 7, 1883, a son of Adam and Euphemia (Ferguson) Cranston, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ontario. The father on leaving his native land became a resident of Ontario and in less than a year he lost his eyesight, since which time he has been blind. It was after this that he married and he has never seen his wife nor children. In 1900 he came to North Dakota and took up a homestead four miles east of Antler, on which he has since resided.

Adam Cranston of this review is indebted to the public school system of Ontario for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which prepared him for life's practical and responsible duties. He came with his father and the family to North Dakota in 1900 and when he attained his majority in 1904 he, too, homesteaded about four miles west of Antler and during the succeeding eleven years was actively engaged in farming. As early as 1905 he identified himself with the grain business and during the years 1906 and 1907 bought grain on his own account, buying on the track at Kuroki and Antler. Subsequently, however, he concentrated his entire attention upon his farming interests, so continuing until August.

1914, when he was made manager of the Farmers Elevator at Antler and has since been in control of that undertaking. His work in this connection is thoroughly satisfactory to those whom he represents, for he watches the market closely and makes judicious purchases resulting in profitable sales for the company. He still owns his homestead property but has recently sold a quarter section which he had in the meantime acquired.

In 1915 Mr. Cranston was united in marriage to Miss Grace E. Johnston, of South Dakota, by whom he has a son, James L. Mr. Cranston votes with the republican party and labors untiringly to promote its success because of his firm belief in its principles. He is now chairman of the board of township supervisors, in which official capacity he has served for the past twelve years, his long continuance in the office being proof of his marked fidelity and capability. He has also recently been appointed justice of the peace of his town. Fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Antler Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M.; Antler Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F.; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Modern Brotherhood of America. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cranston hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested, Mr. Cranston now serving as one of the church trustees. His is a busy and useful life fraught with substantial results, his success being the merited reward of his persistency of purpose and untiring industry.

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#### A. W. EYNON.

A. W. Eynon, president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Bowdon, North Dakota, is one of the representative business men of Wells county. He is a native of the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth occurring in Stewart, March 22, 1879, and he is a son of Andrew and Luella Eynon, who were descended from a long line of American ancestry. He began his education in the public schools of Stewart and after graduating from the high school attended the Minnesota School of Business at Minneapolis.

Having thus secured a good practical education, Mr. Eynon began his business career and at once became connected with banking, being employed for about a year in the Hector State Bank of Hector, Minnesota. He then went to Carrington, North Dakota, where he was in the service of the First National Bank for a short time, and from there removed to Courtenay, being first assistant cashier and later cashier of the First National Bank of that place, with which he was connected for three years.

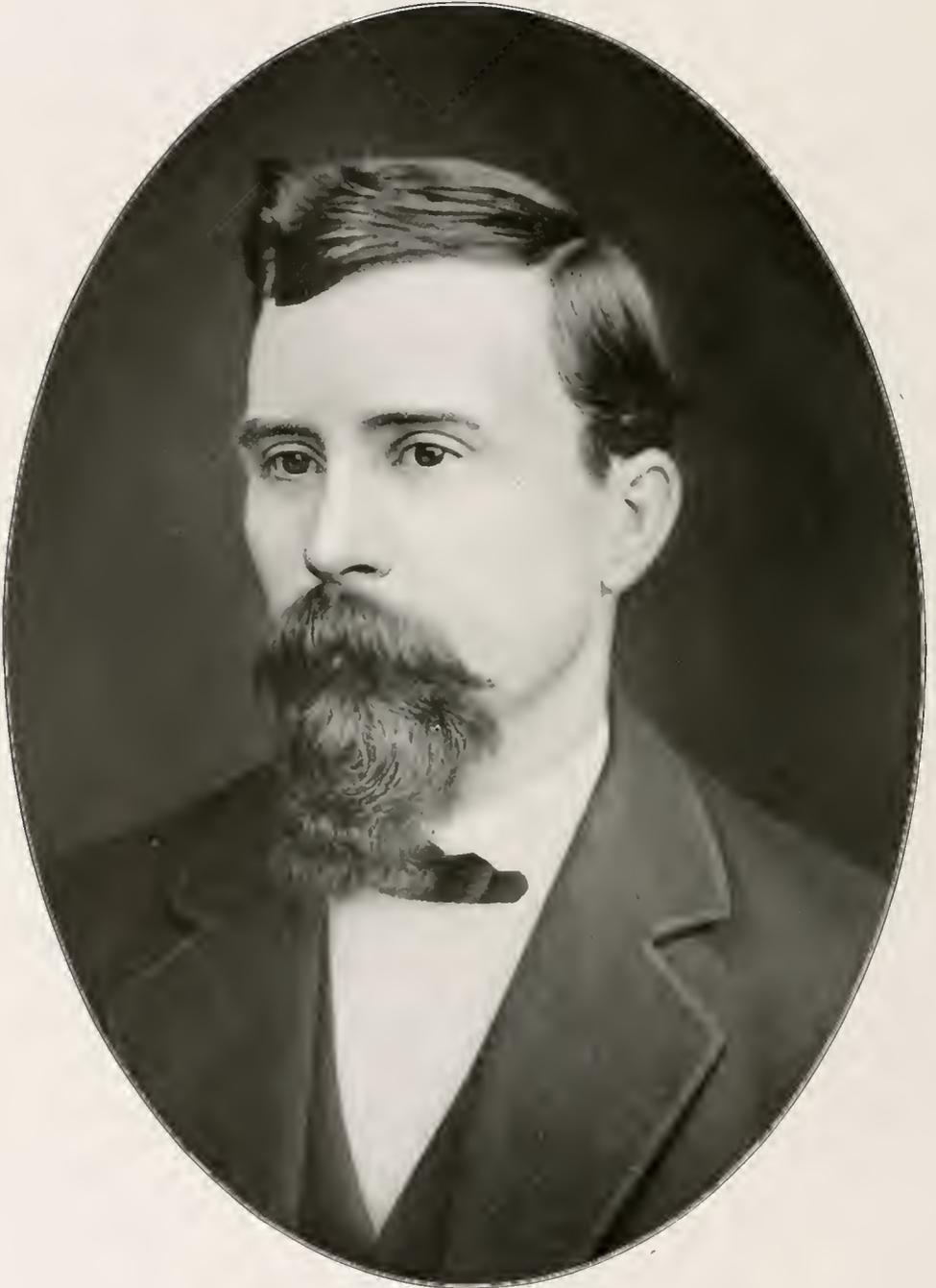
It was in 1905 that Mr. Eynon became a resident of Bowdon and the same year organized the Farmers & Merchants Bank, with a capital of ten thousand dollars, its first officers being: G. E. Schlechter, president; Frank Sugen, vice president; and A. W. Eynon, cashier. A change was made in 1910, when A. W. Eynon became president; L. B. Eynon, vice president; and T. H. McEntee, cashier; and five years later E. C. Brundide became cashier and Tutman Fortney, assistant, the other officers remaining the same up to the present time. The bank now has a surplus equal to its capital of ten thousand dollars and is in a flourishing condition, its officers being wide-awake business men, sagacious and farsighted. Mr. Eynon is heavily interested in farm land in Wells county, and is a stockholder and treasurer of the Bowdon Telephone Company and a stockholder of the Farmers elevator of Bowdon. He has met with well merited success in business affairs and occupies an enviable position in financial circles of his part of the state. In politics he is a republican.

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#### JOHN S. HOCKING.

John S. Hocking, who passed away November 29, 1915, was a highly prosperous and up-to-date agriculturist residing in Empire township, Cass county. He was born in Cornwall, England, on the 24th of June, 1846, and was a son of Edmund and Tabitha (Bennett) Hocking, who passed their entire lives in England, where the father was employed as a tinner





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and miner. His wife died in 1896. The grandfather of our subject was a soldier under Wellington at the battle of Waterloo and was awarded several medals for bravery.

John S. Hocking was reared in England and there received a good education. In 1866, when about twenty years of age, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and for a time was employed as mining engineer and expert in the mines of Connecticut, after which he was employed in the copper mines of North Carolina for a short time. He then returned to Connecticut, where he remained until the fall of 1867, when he removed to Upper Michigan. He was employed in the copper mines there until 1878, in which year he came to North Dakota and located on a farm in Empire township, Cass county. He took up a homestead, to which he subsequently added by purchase and at his death he owned in all eleven quarter sections in a body. He erected substantial and commodious buildings and also planted a ten acre grove, which is one of the best in the county, always taking a justifiable pride in the fine appearance of his place. His home was situated on section 34. He divided his attention between the growing of grain and the raising of stock, and found that the two branches of farming coordinate well and that general farming is more profitable than specializing in the raising of either grain or stock.

Mr. Hocking was united in marriage in 1870 to Miss Mary J. Matters, who was born in Devonshire, England, but was brought to this country by her parents when but five years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Hocking were born eleven children: Ella, who is the wife of Robert Smith, now a resident of Yelm, Washington; Jane, who married A. A. Walker, of Casselton, this state; Edmund; Samuel, deceased; Richard; John; William; Thomas; Harry; Newton; and Charles, deceased.

Mr. Hocking was a republican and held all of the township offices, while he served on the school board for years. He always performed his official duties with an eye single to the public good and made a highly creditable record in office. He held membership in the Masonic blue lodge and in the Scottish Rite bodies and had conferred upon him all of the degrees up to the thirty-second. He was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined in 1868. Both he and his wife affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and their influence could be counted upon in the furtherance of worthy causes. Mr. Hocking made all that he had himself after coming to America and earned the title of a self-made man.

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#### DARBY O'MALLEY.

The success which crowns persistent, honorable effort and judicious investment has come to Darby O'Malley, now numbered among the capitalists of Valley City and since 1881 a resident of Barnes county. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in June, 1852, a son of James and Catherine (McNamara) O'Malley, who were also natives of that county and spent their entire lives on the Emerald isle.

Darby O'Malley was a youth of eighteen years when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America, becoming a resident of Chicago immediately after the big fire of October, 1871. There he remained until 1879 and for two years was a resident of St. Paul, after which he came to Valley City in 1881. He purchased land on Getchell Prairie and is still the owner of farm land in that locality. Throughout much of the period of his residence in Barnes county, however, he has made his home in Valley City, where he has engaged in the real estate and insurance business and through the careful conduct of his interests he has won a substantial measure of success, negotiating many important realty transfers. He is also identified with financial affairs as vice president and one of the directors of the First National Bank and has banking interests in Montana. He was one of the organizers and promoters of the Middle West Fire Insurance Company, which has won a substantial measure of success during its existence, and he is interested in the Northwestern Nursery Company and the Western Realty Company, of Fargo, of which he is a director and second vice president. Moreover he owns fifteen hundred acres of land in North Dakota and Canada.

In 1881 Mr. O'Malley was married to Miss Annie Stevens, a native of Ireland, who

settled in Barnes county in pioneer times. They have a daughter, Ruth. Mr. O'Malley gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been somewhat prominent in public affairs, serving for several terms as alderman of his city and for one term as mayor. He was also county commissioner for seven years and from 1896 until 1900 was postmaster. His interest in the cause of education has been shown through his active service as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Catholic church, to the Knights of Columbus and is a charter member of the Elks lodge at Valley City and the United Workmen lodge. He was a delegate to the national convention of Elks at Los Angeles in 1912 and at Atlantic City two years later. He and his wife usually travel during the winter and have toured both Europe and America. He intends to visit the South American countries soon. He has proven himself a citizen of substantial worth to his community in instituting and promoting successful business enterprises which have advanced the material development and also by his loyalty and allegiance in public office, where he has stood for high standards of citizenship while faithfully performing his official duties.

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#### CHRISTIAN T. ANDERSON.

Christian T. Anderson, a well known merchant of Bowdon and one of the leading citizens of Wells county, was born on the 23d of July, 1869, in Freeborn county, Minnesota, and is a son of Tollif and Cecil Anderson, both natives of Norway. On their emigration to the United States about 1862 they settled in Wisconsin but later removed to Minnesota, the father becoming the owner of a good farm in Freeborn county, on which our subject was born. Tollif Anderson was very successful in his farming operations, which he continued to carry on until 1910, when he retired from active life and removed to Glenville, Minnesota, which is still his home. In his family were ten children, of whom Christian T. is the oldest and all are still living with the exception of one daughter, the others being Rena, the wife of A. T. Tyrrell, a resident of Sacramento, California; Ingwald, living at Wildrose, North Dakota; Sina, the wife of O. A. Perkins, of Silver Lake, Iowa; Theodore, who lives at Wildrose; Sophia, the wife of Jack La Binne, of Larimore, North Dakota; Mrs. Julia Palmer, of Wisconsin; Laura, the wife of Arnold Esse, of Albert Lea, Minnesota; and Alfred. The father manifested his loyalty to his adopted country during the Civil war by enlisting in 1861 as a member of Company K, Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and three months.

Christian T. Anderson began his education in the district schools of Freeman township, Freeborn county, Minnesota. He also pursued a commercial course at Brullat Academy in Portland, North Dakota. He remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age and on leaving home in 1888 went to Blanchard, North Dakota, where he worked on a large farm for four years, and in 1892 began clerking in a store in Portland, where he spent two years. At the end of that time he embarked in the confectionery business at Cummings but at the end of one year sold out and rented a farm near Hillsboro, on which he spent the succeeding three years. He next purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Traill county but after operating it for two years returned to Hillsboro and entered the employ of P. S. Peterson. In 1902 he took up a homestead near Lansford in Bottineau county, on which he lived off and on for several years. In the meantime, however, he became interested in merchandising, as he became an employe in P. S. Peterson's store in Bowdon in the fall of 1902 and removed to that village in the spring of 1904. In January, 1907, he became a partner of J. C. Little, which connection lasted until 1912, since which time Mr. Anderson has been alone in business. He carries a complete line of general merchandise except hardware and his store is neat and attractive in appearance, in fact is one of the best establishments of the kind in Wells county. Mr. Anderson was one of the incorporators of the Bowdon Telephone Company, of which he is still a stockholder, and is also actively interested in agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a good farm near the village.

In 1894 Mr. Anderson married Miss Mollie Kaldor, a native of Minnesota, born near her husband's birthplace. They are faithful members of the Lutheran church and he is

also connected with the local order of the Sons of Norway of which he is now financial secretary. He is also serving his ninth year as school director and takes a very active and influential part in the public affairs of the village in which he lives. His political support is given the republican party. He is regarded as one of the most prominent men of the community and is preeminently public-spirited and enterprising.

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PAUL MORTENSEN.

Among the valued residents of Cass county of Norwegian birth is Paul Mortensen, who for a long period was actively identified with farming interests but is now living retired, enjoying a period of rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was born in Norway, January 2, 1839, a son of Morten and Kari Mortensen, who always remained residents of their native country. It was there that Paul Mortensen was reared and educated. At length the opportunities of the new world proved an irresistible attraction for him and in 1870 he crossed the Atlantic, making his way first to Douglas county, Minnesota, where he remained for about three months. On the 8th of October, 1870, he arrived in Cass county, North Dakota, and settled on the farm which he now owns and occupies, its location being on section 12, Harwood township. He then built a log cabin with bark and sod roof and puncheon floor. From the door hung the latch-string, which was always out for the welcome of their friends. In that primitive home Mr. Mortensen remained for thirteen years, but as he prospered in his undertakings he added fine improvements to his farm and there are now excellent buildings upon the place. He has two hundred and fifty-one acres of land located on the bank of the Red river and constituting one of the best farms of the county. At the present time, however, he is renting his land and is living retired, for he has now well advanced in years and it is meet that he should have a period of rest.

Mr. Mortensen has been married twice. In 1865, in Norway, he wedded Miss Maren Petersen, a native of that country, by whom he had seven children, as follows: Emil, now a resident of Montana; Otto, living in Moorhead, Minnesota; Karen, who gave her hand in marriage to Rev. L. H. Bueide; Maria, who is the wife of John Soberg and resides in Montana; Minnie, the wife of Rev. O. J. Overbo, of Aneta, North Dakota; and two who are deceased. The wife and mother passed away in 1881 and in 1882 Mr. Mortensen was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha Petersen, by whom he had three children, namely: Peter, at home; Matilda, who is the wife of Nicholas Petersen, of Hunter, Cass county; and one who is deceased.

Mr. Mortensen and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and in politics he is a republican. He has served as township supervisor and as justice of the peace and is most conscientious in the discharge of his official duties. He has also been school director for a number of years. His life has been well spent and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for when he came to the new world he was empty handed and all that he possesses has been acquired through his industry and determination. By well directed labor he has obtained a handsome competence that now enables him to live retired, although he still occupies the old homestead farm whereon he has continued for forty-six years. He has witnessed many wonderful changes in the county and rejoices in what has been accomplished as the work of development and improvement has been carried steadily forward.

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ROBERT E. BARRON.

A messenger boy at the age of thirteen years and dependent since upon his own resources for a living, Robert E. Barron now occupies a position of honor and influence in business circles of Minot as the president of the Second National Bank, and investigation into his career shows a strict adherence to the rules which govern unswerving integrity and indefatigable industry. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 19, 1873, a son of Patrick D. and Josephine (Morris) Barron, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of

Virginia. With five brothers Patrick D. Barron came to the new world, at which time he was about twenty-one years of age, and all of the brothers located in the city of Baltimore, but after a brief period Patrick D. Barron went to Washington, D. C., where he occupied the position of chief clerk in the bureau of statistics, there remaining until the brothers went to Minnesota about the year 1872. He settled in St. Paul, where he engaged in contract work and with a partner conducted a machine shop until his health became impaired, after which he lived retired until called to his final rest in the year 1887. He served in the commissary department during the Civil war with the rank of lieutenant as a member of the Union army, while his brothers were in the Confederate service. His widow is still a resident of St. Paul.

Robert E. Barron was the fourth in a family of five children. He attended the common schools and also the Cathedral school of St. Paul, Minnesota, but at the age of thirteen started out to earn his own way in the world, being employed as a messenger in the German-American National Bank of St. Paul. That he was faithful, reliable and efficient is indicated in the fact that he was continued in that institution for thirteen years, being promoted from one position to another of larger responsibility until, having passed through intermediate grades, he was advanced to the position of receiving teller. There he continued until 1901, when he resigned to become the cashier of the Great Northern Bank of Minot. The following year this bank was nationalized and the name changed to the Second National Bank. Mr. Barron continued as cashier until after the accidental death of the president, Joseph Roach, in October, 1913. In the following January Mr. Barron was elected to the office and is now the chief executive of the bank, directing its activities and controlling its policy, his administrative control being a most important element in the continued success and development of the bank. While he manifests a progressive spirit in all that he undertakes, it is tempered by a wise conservatism in financial matters that results in a careful safeguarding of the interests of all depositors. He is a director of the First State Banks of Surrey and Burlington, North Dakota. He is also a North Dakota landowner and gives personal supervision to his investments, although he devotes the greater part of his attention to banking.

On the 20th of January, 1904, Mr. Barron was united in marriage to Miss Sadie L. Thompson, a native of Britt, Iowa, and a daughter of James W. and Kate E. Thompson, who were born in Iowa and Nebraska respectively. In early life Mr. Thompson engaged in the hardware and machine business and in 1902 came to North Dakota, turning his attention to farming about eighteen miles southeast of Minot, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1911. He was a man of splendid physique, large and well proportioned, standing six feet and three inches in height. His sterling characteristics were in harmony with his splendid physical manhood and he enjoyed the warm regard of all. His widow still survives and is now living in Minot. Mr. and Mrs. Barron have two children: Meredith, attending school; and Robert E.

Mr. Barron is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected with the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and in politics is a republican but does not seek nor desire office. He has ever concentrated his attention upon his business affairs and his wise direction of his interests has brought him to the present enviable position which he occupies.

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#### JOSEPH G. FORBES.

Joseph G. Forbes, of Wahpeton, has built up a large and remunerative private practice but is now devoting the greater part of his time and attention to the discharge of his duties as states attorney of Richland county. His birth occurred in Huron county, Ontario, on the 19th of March, 1868, and he is a son of Alexander and Margaret (Dundas) Forbes, both natives of Ireland. The maternal grandfather, Andrew Dundas, who was a weaver by occupation, emigrated to Huron county, Ontario, Canada, where his demise occurred. The parents of our subject were married in the province of Quebec, to which they had removed as young man and young woman. The father followed the profession of teaching there for

thirty-five years, a record of honorable service to the community that is not often equaled. The value of his work was recognized and during his later years he received a pension from the Canadian government. He was a member of the conservative party and in religion was affiliated with the English church. To him and his wife were born thirteen children, of whom our subject is the twelfth in order of birth and of whom nine are still living.

Joseph G. Forbes supplemented his common school education by attending the high school in Minneapolis and following his graduation there took a year's course of study in Hamline University. Having determined upon the practice of law as a life work, he then entered a law office, where he pursued his legal studies. In 1893 he passed the required examination and was admitted to the Minnesota bar, but the following year taught school at Morton, that state. During that time he engaged in practice to a small extent and in 1894 he opened an office in Lake Benton, Minnesota, where he practiced for five years. He next located at Wahpeton, becoming associated with Senator P. J. McCumber, under the firm name of McCumber, Robert & Forbes. This connection was maintained until 1912, when Mr. Forbes became a member of the firm of Forbes & Thorps, which is now Forbes & Lounsherry. They are recognized among the most able members of the Richland county bar and have a large and representative general practice. Mr. Forbes not only has a thorough knowledge of the underlying principles of jurisprudence and of statute and precedent, but also has the faculty of going unerringly to the most essential point in a matter and of presenting his cause in a convincing manner. His ability has been recognized by his fellow citizens and he has served in several offices in the line of his profession. While living at Lake Benton, Minnesota, he served as county attorney of Lincoln county and since arriving in Wahpeton has been city attorney and assistant states attorney, and in 1915 was elected states attorney, which office he is now ably filling. He is zealous in safeguarding the public interests and is aggressive in prosecuting wrongdoers.

On the 25th of October, 1893, Mr. Forbes was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Watson, who was born in Marshall, Minnesota, and is a daughter of J. P. Watson, a hardware merchant of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have three children: Arnold C., Stanley W. and Vernon D., all at home.

Mr. Forbes casts his ballot in support of the republican party and keeps well informed on all questions and issues of the day, taking a keen interest in civic conditions and problems. He is now serving as president of the board of education and is constantly seeking to make the schools more efficient. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and he holds his church membership in the First Congregational church. His record is proof of the fact that in order to succeed it is not necessary to have capital or influential friends in starting out in life, as he was compelled to meet the expenses of his education himself and throughout his career has depended solely upon his own merit and ability for advancement.

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#### JOSEPH ALLEN SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Joseph Allen Smith, practicing at Noonan, Divide county, was born at Ellendale, Dickey county, March 27, 1884. His father, Ed A. Smith, is a native of Chatfield, Minnesota, and after attaining his majority there engaged in the newspaper and printing business. In 1882 he became a resident of Ellendale, where he was made cashier of a bank, and in connection with Fred S. Goddard he purchased the Dickey County Leader, a newspaper which he edited and published at Ellendale for many years. It had a large circulation, being the leading paper of Dickey county. He afterward became proprietor of the Oakes Republican at Oakes, North Dakota, now the Oakes Times. He became quite interested and active in politics and his opinions have carried weight in the local councils of the republican party, while his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability as a citizen and business man, have elected him to the position of county clerk of Dickey county, which position he is now filling. In early manhood he married Katie M. Clark, who was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, but was reared and educated in South Dakota, where she arrived at the age of seven years, spending her girlhood on a farm near Brookings. She

afterward taught school in South Dakota, and was married in Ellendale, where she and her husband are now living. Mr. Smith is one of the pioneer journalists of the state and a man whose efforts have been an effective force in promoting the public welfare and advancing the interests of the republican party. He has long been acquainted with the state in its various stages of development and improvement and his influence has ever been on the side of progress.

Dr. Smith, after advancing through consecutive grades to the high school in Ellendale, there completing his more specifically literary education, became a medical student in George Washington University at Washington, D. C., and was graduated therefrom in 1907 with the M. D. degree. He became interne in Columbia Hospital at the national capital and also spent a year in the Children's Hospital at Washington, thus gaining the broad and valuable practical experience which is acquired in no other way as readily as in the varied duties of hospital work. He located for the private practice of medicine at York, North Dakota, where he remained for three years, when in March, 1912, he removed to Noonan, where he has since resided.

On the 16th of October, 1912, Dr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lora Aird, of Minot, who was born in Lansing, Iowa, a daughter of Charles and Belle (Williams) Aird, now residents of Wecota, South Dakota. Mrs. Smith attended the public schools of Lansing and pursued a university course at Hopkinton, Iowa. She afterward began teaching in that state and for four years was a teacher at York, North Dakota. Dr. and Mrs. Smith have become the parents of a son, Larry Allen, born at Noonan, August 28, 1913.

In politics Dr. Smith is an earnest republican whose mature judgment has sanctioned the political belief which was instilled into him in his boyhood days. In March, 1916, he was elected mayor of Noonan, which position he is now filling, and his administration is characterized by public-spirited devotion to the general good. He is also city health officer and a member of the school board. Fraternaly he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Crosby, has taken the Scottish Rite degrees at Grand Forks and is a member of Kem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Grand Forks. He is also identified with the Elks lodge at Minot, while along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Medical Society of the District of Columbia and the American Medical Association. His professional training was thorough and his ability has been further advanced through wide reading and study as well as by the valuable lessons that one continually learns in the school of experience.

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#### AMBROSE H. HARDY.

Ambrose H. Hardy, engaged in general merchandising at Cathay, Wells county, is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred at Perry, Pike county, January 26, 1862. His father, John P. Hardy, a native of Indiana, spent the greater part of his life in Illinois, where he carried on general farming and raised and dealt in live stock. He wedded Mary Allen, a native of New York, and they had a family of four children, two of whom are now living, Ambrose H. having been the second in order of birth. The father died in 1890, while the mother survived until 1897.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth Ambrose H. Hardy largely devoted his attention to the acquirement of an education in the schools of Missouri and when his text-books were put aside he concentrated his efforts upon the work of assisting his father on the home place and thus continued until his death. He remained in Missouri for a period of about twelve years and was there engaged in farming and in raising and selling cattle. In 1893 he arrived in North Dakota and homesteaded a quarter section about five miles north of Sykeston, remaining thereon until November, 1897. He also possessed a ranch about thirty miles southwest of Cathay, on which he made a specialty of raising cattle in addition to raising grain. He developed and managed that property until November, 1897. Leaving the farm, he removed to Cathay, where he established a general store, carrying a good line and having the assistance of two clerks in the conduct and care of the business. He started his store with a capital of about two thousand dollars but has gradually increased his in-



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vestment until the store represents an outlay of about ten thousand dollars, the business thus growing steadily and becoming one of the extensive and profitable commercial enterprises of Wells county. He is also a stockholder in a timber company of British Columbia, known as the International Timber Company, Limited, and he also has a timber claim in Minnesota of one hundred and twenty acres.

Mr. Hardy exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and from 1897 to 1909 was postmaster of Cathay. He has also served as village treasurer, as school treasurer and as school clerk. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge at Cathay, in which he has passed through all the chairs. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of warm regard, while his business success indicates the strength of his character, his keen sagacity and his unfaltering enterprise.

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#### ELICK O. KLEVE.

Elick O. Kleve, who is now serving for the second term as superintendent of schools in Sheridan county, has always been identified with educational endeavor and is a successful worker in this field. He makes his home in the town of McClusky and also gives personal supervision to the operation of a farm three and one-half miles east of Mercer. His birth occurred in Willmar, Minnesota, on the 22d of January, 1887, his parents being Lars and Guro (Balo) Kleve, both of whom are natives of Norway, whence they emigrated to the United States. They still reside at Willmar, Minnesota.

Elick O. Kleve obtained his early education in a district school near Willmar, Minnesota, and continued his studies at the State Normal School at St. Cloud, that state, completing the elementary course in 1906 and an advanced course by graduation in 1908. He is continuing his studies at Jamestown College, North Dakota, and is at present a member of the senior class of that institution, being listed for graduation in June, 1917. He took up the profession of teaching, spending a year each in the town schools of Deerwood and Alpha, Minnesota. He then made his way to Balfour, North Dakota, where he acted as principal of the city schools for two years and on the expiration of that period filed on a homestead in Sheridan county, this state, three and one-half miles east of Mercer. While proving up on his claim he also taught and acted as school principal at Mercer. In 1912 he was elected superintendent of schools in Sheridan county and made such an excellent record in this connection that he won the reelection in 1914 and also in 1916, so that he is now serving in that important capacity. He proved up on his land in 1914 and still cultivates the farm, which returns to him a gratifying annual income.

In August, 1916, Mr. Kleve was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy R. Ployhar, a native of Wahpeton, North Dakota, who was for several years a teacher in the public schools and is now deputy county superintendent of schools of Sheridan county. Her parents, Martin and Kathrine Ployhar were both born in Iowa and came to Sheridan county, North Dakota, in pioneer times. Mr. Kleve gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Masons, joining the blue lodge at Balfour, North Dakota, and demitting to become a member of the organization at McClusky. His life has been upright and honorable in every relation and he enjoys the confidence, high regard and goodwill of all who know him.

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#### O. A. THOMPSON.

O. A. Thompson, superintendent of the state experimental farm at Edgeley, is in this connection doing a work that is of far-reaching importance and benefit. He was born in New Vienna, Ohio, December 21, 1873, and is a son of William D. and Florence E. (Hiatt) Thompson, the former born March 25, 1850, and the latter January 23, 1854. They were married on the 1st of January, 1873, and on the 29th of December of the same year Mrs. Thompson passed away. Some time afterward Mr. Thompson married again and removed

to Minnesota, where he resided for ten or twelve years and then went to Oregon, where he has lived for the past two decades, being engaged there in fruit growing and stock raising.

Following his mother's death O. A. Thompson was taken to the home of his maternal grandparents, by whom he was reared to manhood. He was educated in the country schools of Minnesota, to which state his grandparents removed in his childhood days, and in 1893 he went to Fargo, where for one year he worked at the agricultural college. In the fall of 1894 he entered the college as a student, devoting the succeeding seven years to study, and in the meantime he worked in the creamery connected with the college, thus paying his way through the institution and gaining practical experience along a valuable line. After his graduation in 1901 he spent a short period in the Minnesota pineries and subsequently was employed on a shorthorn cattle ranch in Minnesota for one year. In 1903 he was chosen superintendent of the experimental farm at Edgeley, over which he has since presided. This farm of one hundred and sixty acres was purchased in 1893 with an appropriation made by the state legislature, but lay dormant, nothing being done with it until ten years later. In 1903 another appropriation was made for the erection of farm buildings and Mr. Thompson was placed in charge of the scientific development of the farm, in the work of which he has been very successful. He thoroughly understands scientific farming and all of the practical phases of the work and the results which he has achieved at the experiment station are most gratifying. He is also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Edgeley, is secretary and treasurer of the Pomona Valley Telephone Company and individually owns one hundred and sixty acres six miles east of the town.

In 1907 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Oakley, of Lamoure county, by whom he has a son, Richard H. Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Presbyterian church, while Mr. Thompson is of the Quaker faith. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and in Masonic circles he has attained high rank, belonging to Maple River Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M.; Edgeley Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; Wihaha Commandery, No. 4, K. T., of Jamestown; Adoniram Council, R. & S. M.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. He is likewise identified with Maple River Chapter, No. 27, O. E. S., to which his wife also belongs, and with Pomona Valley Lodge, No. 65, K. P.

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#### CONRAD KRAFT.

Conrad Kraft, manager for the Strasburg Lumber Company, which he aided in organizing and which is one of the foremost business concerns of Strasburg, Emmons county, was born on the 20th of May, 1885, in Strasburg, in South Russia, his parents being Conrad and Mary Kraft, who are also natives of that country. The father was a carpenter by trade and in March, 1898, came to America, settling at Eureka, South Dakota, where he secured a homestead claim which he occupied and cultivated for six years. He then removed to Zeeland, North Dakota, where he has since resided. He has now reached the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife is seventy-six years of age.

Conrad Kraft, Jr., was a youth of thirteen when with his parents he came to the United States and his education, begun in the schools of Russia, was continued at Eureka and at Bowdle, South Dakota. He remained with his parents until he reached mature years and after removing to Zeeland, North Dakota, was employed in a lumberyard there until 1904. In that year he settled at Strasburg and entered the service of the North Star Lumber Company, with which he continued until 1909, when in association with several others he bought out the North Star Lumber Company, reorganizing the business under the name of the Strasburg Lumber Company. Mr. Kraft has since been the manager, with Michael Baumgartner as the president and M. A. Klein as vice president. In the years in which they have been in control the business has been characterized by steady and substantial growth and returns to the stockholders a good income on their investment.

In November, 1906, Mr. Kraft was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Baumgartner, a daughter of John and Margaret Baumgartner, who were pioneers of Strasburg, arriving there in 1889 on coming from Russia. Mrs. Kraft was there born on the 12th of June of

that year. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, as follows: Martha, who was born February 9, 1909; Leo, whose birth occurred in December, 1910; Catherine, born in December, 1912; and Eugene, who was born in August, 1915. The parents are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Kraft is a member of the German Catholic Society. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he served as town trustee for a number of years. He has also been town clerk for two terms and assessor for three years and his public duties have ever been discharged in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents.

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SWAIN J. SVEINSON.

Swain J. Sveinson, cashier of the Security State Bank of Benedict, is recognized as a man of business insight, unquestioned integrity and enterprise. He is a native of North Dakota, having been born at Cavalier, and is a son of B. and Christine Sveinson, natives of Iceland. They became residents of North Dakota in their youth and were among the first settlers of Cavalier. They learned by experience all of the conditions of the frontier and endured the hardships inseparable from pioneer life. The father has devoted his time to general farming and his well directed efforts have been rewarded by a competence. Both he and his wife are still living at Cavalier. All of their four children, of whom Swain J. is the second in order of birth, survive.

Swain J. Sveinson was educated in the Cavalier schools and in the State Agricultural College at Fargo, which he entered in 1910. After leaving that institution he entered the employ of the First National Bank of Cavalier, in which he served as assistant cashier until 1914, when he became connected with the Security State Bank of Benedict, which had been organized two years previously by Tofflemire Brothers. It is capitalized at ten thousand dollars and has a surplus of one thousand dollars. The first care of the officers is to safeguard the funds of depositors. Mr. Sveinson is not only thoroughly familiar with the details of banking practice but also understands those principles of finance upon which the conduct of a bank is necessarily based. He owns stock in the Security State Bank and also in the First National Bank of Cavalier and likewise has valuable real estate interests.

Mr. Sveinson is a strong advocate of the principles of the democratic party but has never had time to take an active part in politics. He is identified with the Odd Fellows at Benedict and holds membership in the Lutheran church, the teachings of which guide his life. He has a large number of warm friends and all who have come in contact with him acknowledge his ability and probity.

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GEORGE WATSON.

George Watson, clerk of the district court of Pierce county and secretary and treasurer of the Pierce County Abstract Company, makes his home in Rugby and his recognition of the possibilities for development in this part of the state has led him to give earnest cooperation to many well devised plans for the public good. He has been a resident of Pierce county since the 4th of March, 1898. Virginia claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Gordonsville on the 8th of February, 1881, his parents being George W. and Carrie (Keisier) Watson, who were also natives of the Old Dominion. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, spent his entire life there, passing away in 1882, after which the mother removed to Girard, Illinois, where her death occurred in April, 1899.

George Watson was largely reared in Illinois and pursued his education in the common schools of Macoupin county but at a very early age became a wage earner, working as chore boy or at whatever he could get to do on farms as early as his eighth year. He was employed at farm labor until his sixteenth year in Macoupin county, Illinois, and then removed to the northwest, arriving in Pierce county, North Dakota, March 4, 1898. Being

then the head of the family, his mother being a widow, he filed on a homestead in what is now Tofti precinct, securing the north half of the northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of section 28. Even at this time he had been inured to hard labor, and although but a boy in his teens, he assumed the responsibility of developing and improving the farm, upon which he continued to make his home until 1906. On his arrival he bought five horses and farm machinery on time, giving notes in payment. He practiced the utmost economy as well as diligence in order to discharge his indebtedness and to continue the work of improving his property, and on leaving his farm in 1906 he was the owner of six hundred and forty acres of valuable land, of which he still has four hundred and forty acres. He is also the owner of an eighty-acre tract in McHenry county and his property interests are the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift.

It was following his election to the office of clerk of the district court that Mr. Watson removed to Rugby and in the fall of that year erected a residence. On the 1st of January, 1907, he assumed the duties of the office to which he had been chosen and he has served in that position continuously since, having been elected five times, while at the primary held in June, 1916, he became for the sixth time the nominee of the republican party, of which he has always been a loyal supporter, working untiringly and effectively to promote its interests. Aside from his duties as public official he is active as secretary and treasurer of the Pierce County Abstract Company, in which he owns a controlling interest.

In November, 1914, Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Lee, a former teacher in the Rugby schools. She is a native daughter of North Dakota, having been born in Valley City, and is a graduate of the Valley City Normal School. Mr. Watson has four sons by a former marriage, namely: Leonard B., Lester D., Lyle A. and Lawrence E.

Mr. Watson's fraternal relations connect him with Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, B. P. O. E., with the Modern Woodmen of America, with the United Order of Foresters and with the American Yeomen. His wife is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. They are numbered among the prominent residents of Pierce county and the life record of Mr. Watson indicates what may be accomplished through determination and energy, through laudable ambition and intelligently directed effort. His work speaks for itself and his record should serve to inspire and encourage others, his example certainly being one worthy of emulation.

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#### ELIAS H. STENVICK.

Elias H. Stenvick is the popular and efficient postmaster at Minot, and moreover, has the distinction of being the only postmaster appointed and confirmed in one day. For the office he had the endorsement of the great majority of citizens in Ward county and the record he has made justifies the confidence and trust reposed in him. He was born in Harmony, Minnesota, June 22, 1881, a son of Foster O. and Aslaug (Howe) Stenvick, both of whom were natives of Norway. They were married, however, in America. The father came to the new world when a young man, settling at Harmony, Minnesota, where he first worked as a carpenter and afterward conducted business as a contractor and builder. He continued his residence in that state until his death, which occurred in 1905, and the mother, still surviving, yet makes her home in Harmony.

Elias H. Stenvick attended the schools of Harmony and when about sixteen years of age began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed in his native town for three or four years. In 1902 he came to Minot and after working at carpentering for two weeks turned his attention to the land business, continuing for about three or four years in the real estate commission business. He then became chairman of the democratic central committee and has since been an active factor in political circles of his part of the state. In 1911 he was appointed to the position of state game warden and occupied that position for three years. On the 1st of June, 1914, he assumed the duties of postmaster at Minot. Four days after announcing his candidacy for the office he had secured the support of seventy-one of the seventy-two precincts, also the endorsement of every prominent democrat in Ward county and every man who had been a candidate on the democratic state ticket since the county was organized. He also had the support of every president and cashier of every bank in Minot



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and the president and the ex-presidents of the Commercial Club and he has the distinction of being the first postmaster who was ever appointed and confirmed on the same day. He left Washington in thirty-six hours after his arrival there with his commission, signed by the president, in his pocket. All this indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him and in office he is making an excellent record, discharging his duties with promptness, system and fidelity.

On the 2d of November, 1904, Mr. Stenvick was married to Miss Lizzie Razez, who was born in Shelby county, Iowa, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Razez, who are still living in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Stenvick have become parents of two children: Luther, born November 23, 1906; and Ruth, born February 13, 1914. The family are well known in Minot and have an extensive circle of warm friends there. Mr. Stenvick devotes his entire attention to the postoffice and is associated with no clubs or lodges. He has the true civic spirit, however, and cooperates in all plans and measures for the public good.

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CARL A. KIRKEBY.

The business interests of Souris have a worthy representative in Carl A. Kirkeby, who owns and operates an elevator at that place, also deals in farm machinery of all kinds and is interested in banking. He is a native of Iowa, born near Decorah in Winneshiek county, September 9, 1879, and is a son of Anton H. and Tilda (Evenrud) Kirkeby, by whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of George W. Kirkeby on another page of this work.

In the county of his nativity Carl A. Kirkeby grew to manhood, receiving the usual educational advantages and when not in school assisting in the work of the home farm. At the age of fifteen years he started out in life for himself and was employed as a farm hand for several years. In 1902 he came to North Dakota and the following year became a resident of Bottineau county, where he took up a homestead and devoted three years to its improvement and cultivation. At the end of that time he removed to Souris, where he was employed in a hardware store for two years, and then turned his attention to the grain business, serving as manager for the St. Anthony Elevator Company for four years and for the Farmers Elevator Company for three years. Since that time he has engaged in the grain business on his own account, now owning and operating a modern elevator. He is also engaged in the implement business, handling all kinds of farm machinery, wagons, buggies, etc., and is vice president of the Mouse River Valley Bank at Souris.

On the 8th of August, 1906, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kirkeby and Miss Pearl Monkman, and they have one child, Doris, born March 19, 1912. In religious faith they are Lutherans, and in politics Mr. Kirkeby is an ardent republican, taking an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He is now efficiently serving as chief of the fire department and as a member of the city council. Fraternaly he belongs to the Sons of Norway. Although his interests are varied, he has made a success of business affairs and besides the property already mentioned he is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bottineau county.

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B. L. SHUMAN.

B. L. Shuman, attorney at law practicing at Rugby, was born on the 24th of October, 1860, in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Eliza (Wolf) Shuman, who were both natives of that county. There the father spent his entire life, his death occurring in 1863. The mother came to North Dakota in April, 1898, and has since made her home with her son, B. L. Shuman, who during his boyhood days was a pupil in the public schools of his native state and in the Airy View Academy at Port Royal, Pennsylvania. He took up the profession of teaching in connection with the common schools of Juniata county

and later became a teacher in the high school of Millintown, Pennsylvania, but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor and when opportunity offered began reading law in 1889 under the direction of Congressman L. E. Atkinson, of Millintown. In 1893 he was admitted to practice at the Pennsylvania state bar and for a year was an active representative of the profession in Millintown. During the succeeding four years he gave his attention largely to farming and in April, 1898, he removed to Rugby, North Dakota, and was admitted to practice at the state bar. He has since followed his profession in Rugby and is now accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage. During the intervening period he has argued many cases and lost but few. His handling of his case is always full, comprehensive and accurate and his analysis of the facts clear and exhaustive. He sees without effort the relation and interdependence of the facts and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tend to prove.

In 1886 Mr. Shuman was united in marriage to Miss Margaret M. Perkins, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, by whom he had three children, two of whom survive, namely: George A., who was graduated from the University of Colorado with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and is now employed by the Bemis Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis; and Esther A., a senior in Macalester College of St. Paul, Minnesota.

In his political views Mr. Shuman is a republican and for six years filled the office of states attorney of Pierce county, making a most creditable record in that position. He belongs to Rugby Lodge, No. 65, F. & A. M., and to the Woodmen of the World. He and his wife are consistent and active members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Shuman has been an elder for nine years, and he never fails to do his part in the work of the church or in support of any movement that tends to advance the moral development or raise the ethical standards of his city. His interests have always been centered and directed in those channels through which flow the greatest good to the greatest number and his influence perhaps has been all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than political.

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#### J. E. HOLMAN.

J. E. Holman, a general merchant and one of the most progressive business men of Antler, has made his home in the town since 1908 and opened his store in the spring of 1909. He was born at Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, September 26, 1876, and is a son of John H. and Beret (Hanson) Holman, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. They became the parents of one child ere they emigrated to the new world in 1867. For two years they resided near Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and then removed to Ottertail county, Minnesota, where the father filed on a homestead which he occupied to the time of his death on the 11th of May, 1912. His widow survives and now makes her home with her son, J. E. Holman.

But limited educational opportunities were accorded J. E. Holman, who attended school only three months, but in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons and, possessing an observing eye and retentive memory, he is today a well informed man, displaying sound judgment as well as enterprise in his business affairs. In 1892, at the age of sixteen years, he went to Pelican Rapids and took his initial step in mercantile circles. After working as a clerk in two stores of that place, covering a period of five years, he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, and secured a clerkship in the store of Isaac Herbst, with whom he remained for a year. He next went to Ada, Minnesota, as manager for the firm of C. R. Andrews & Company, general merchants, and continued in that important position for seven years. While there he was married in 1899 to Miss Christina Olson, a native of Wisconsin.

In the year 1904 Mr. Holman removed to Jessie, Williams county, North Dakota, and for three years filled the position of manager of the mercantile interests of Hjort Thingelstad & Company but on the expiration of that period turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, filing on a homestead in Williams county in 1907. Complying with the laws regarding

occupancy and improvement, he secured title to his claim in 1908 and in the fall of that year took up his abode in Antler, where in the spring of 1909 he founded his present business. His previous training along mercantile lines had been thorough and comprehensive, so that he had broad experience to serve as the foundation upon which to build his present success, which seemed assured from the beginning. He has prospered as the years have gone on and is today one of the leading business men in Bottineau county. He closely studies trade conditions and in the conduct of his business affairs displays marked persistency of purpose, indefatigable enterprise and thorough reliability.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman have a son and three daughters, namely: Bernard Chester, Lillian Florence, Alice Ruby and Ida Blanche Evelyn. Fraternaly Mr. Holman is identified with the following organizations: Antler Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Antler Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and the Modern Brotherhood of America. In his political views Mr. Holman is a socialist. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to the office of city treasurer, in which capacity he has served for eight years, and his record in office is in harmony with his record as a business man and citizen, characterized by fidelity to duty and by a ready recognition of the responsibility that devolves upon him.

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#### SARA C. GUSS.

Sara C. Guss, who is making an excellent record as county superintendent of schools in Pierce county, her efforts being a resultant element in raising the standard of education there, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, her parents being George W. and Anna B. (McNeen) Guss, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. Her father was descended from ancestors who came from Germany to America in 1750, while her mother was of Scotch and Irish lineage.

She devoted several years to teaching in the country schools of Pierce county and in the fall of 1912 was appointed deputy county superintendent, which position she filled until 1914, when she was elected county superintendent, in which capacity she is now serving.

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#### ALBERT WEBER.

Albert Weber, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Towner, North Dakota, and is regarded as one of the leading attorneys of McHenry county, claims Iowa as his native state, his birth occurring in Dubuque, September 15, 1875. His parents were Peter and Elizabeth (Weber) Weber, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Illinois. The father came to America late in the '60s and first located in California, where he engaged in prospecting for a short time. He next made his home in Dubuque, Iowa, and while there engaged in the livery business, but his last days were spent in the Black Hills, where his death occurred. The mother of our subject died in 1877.

Albert Weber was less than two years of age when his mother passed away and he was reared and educated in Minneapolis. His literary education was supplemented by a law course in the State University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1899. For a year and a half thereafter he engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Minneapolis but in December, 1901, located in Rugby, North Dakota, remaining there only a short time, however. In February, 1902, he located in Towner, McHenry county, where he has since made his home. His practice has gradually increased in size and importance as his skill and ability have become recognized and he now ranks as one of the foremost lawyers of that part of the state.

In January, 1908, Mr. Weber married Miss Catherine Boon and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Neal, born in December, 1908; Catherine Elizabeth, born in August, 1910; Amy Louise, born in November, 1912; Ruth Edith, born in August, 1914, and Karl Hansel, born in 1916.

Mr. Weber is an Episcopalian in religious faith and in politics is a republican. He is a Mason of high standing, having taken all of the degrees in the York Rite. From 1905 until 1908 he served as states attorney and is now filling the office of city attorney of Towner and is a member of the Towner school board. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen and is a man in whom the community places the utmost confidence.

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#### CHARLES GRADY.

Charles Grady was for many years engaged in farming in Elm River township, Traill county, and at the time of his death was the owner of a large tract of valuable land there. He was born in England on the 10th of January, 1831, of the marriage of Charles and Mary Grady, both of whom passed their entire lives in that country. They were the parents of eight children, of whom five have passed away.

Charles Grady remained in England until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to Canada, where he continued to live until 1880. He was a farmer by occupation and, becoming convinced that better opportunities awaited the agriculturist in North Dakota, removed to Traill county, this state, and took up a homestead on section 22, Elm River township. He built a log cabin, which remained the family residence for a time, and the conditions of life were in general those of a frontier district. As the years passed, however, the county advanced in development, his land increased in value and he secured the comforts and conveniences of life. He continued to operate his farm until his demise, which occurred in 1907, and his well directed labor yielded him a good income.

Mr. Grady was married in Canada in 1870 to Miss Isabella Gemmell, a native of Scotland. She is one of a family of six children born to William and Elizabeth (Wilson) Gemmell, who passed their entire lives in the land of hills and heather. To Mr. and Mrs. Grady were born seven children: James, a resident of Valley City, North Dakota; Mary, the wife of Robert Robertson; W. J.; Albert, who is residing in Tower City; George II., who is farming the homestead; Frank L.; and Charles.

Mr. Grady was not remiss in any of the duties of a good citizen but did not take an active part in public affairs, his farm interests requiring his undivided attention. He held membership in the Presbyterian church, whose work he furthered and whose teachings were the guiding principle of his life. He was well known throughout the county, and his demise was recognized as a loss to his community. He was laid to rest in the Elm River cemetery. His wife still holds title to the homestead, which comprises three hundred and twenty acres of fine land and is well improved and from which she derives a gratifying financial return. She is also a member of the Presbyterian church, and her many excellent qualities of character have gained her the warm regard of those with whom she has come in contact.

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#### HERMAN A. ZIEGLER.

Among those whose activities are not only contributing to their individual prosperity but are also aiding in the commercial advancement of their community is Herman A. Ziegler, manager of the Monarch Elevator at Alice, Cass county. He was born in Monroe county, Michigan, on the 4th of November, 1868, a son of Albert and Fredericka (Heiss) Ziegler, natives of Germany, whence they came to the United States in childhood with their respective parents. Both families located in Michigan, where the father and mother of our subject grew to maturity and where their marriage occurred. About 1865 the father purchased a farm in Monroe county, that state, which remained his home throughout his life. He died in 1908 and subsequently the old homestead was sold, the mother now making her home with her children.

Herman A. Ziegler passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district schools. On reaching manhood he purchased a small farm adjoining the homestead and began his independent career. However, prices

for farm products were at that time unusually low and he found farming unprofitable and in 1897 sold out and came west, making his way to Edgeley, Lamoure county, North Dakota. For seven months he worked as a farm hand, after which he returned to Michigan, but he could not be satisfied there, having experienced the fascination of the western plains country, and in the following spring he came again to this state, arriving in Edgeley in March. For a short time he conducted a meat market and was subsequently for a brief period employed by an implement and grain dealer but in 1901 he removed to Alice and identified himself with the Andrews Grain Company, being manager of their elevator at Alice for seven years. For the past seven years he has held a similar position in the Monarch Elevator at Alice and his long experience in grain dealing enables him to so manage the affairs of the elevator as to return a gratifying profit to its owners, at the same time paying the farmers good prices. He has firm faith in the future of North Dakota as a great agricultural state and owns four hundred and eighty acres of farm land in Clifton township, Cass county, and a quarter section in Hill township.

In 1900 occurred the marriage of Mr. Ziegler and Miss Emma Schulz, of Edgeley, North Dakota, and they have become the parents of six children, five of whom are living, Stanley, Ivy, Minnie, Arthur and Leroy.

Mr. Ziegler casts an independent ballot, voting according to the dictates of his own judgment rather than following the commands of a party leader. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for twenty-six years was a member of the lodge of that order at Carleton, Michigan. He is also identified with the American Yeomen at Alice, and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, whose teachings they strive to exemplify in their lives. They are well known and have gained many friends, who hold them in warm personal regard.

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#### WILLIAM R. PITTS.

William R. Pitts, an honored early settler of McHenry county and one of the highly esteemed citizens of Towner, was born in Reedsburg, Sauk county, Wisconsin, on the 9th of October, 1831. His parents, William and Ann (Fischer) Pitts, were both natives of New York, the former born in Saratoga county and the latter in Tompkins county. The father who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Reedsburg, Wisconsin, about 1839 and there purchased land, which he operated until 1862. In that year he went to Sibley county, Minnesota, and settled northwest of Henderson but remained there only a short time, however. The country was then engaged in civil war and, returning to Wisconsin, he enlisted in Company A, Nineteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until hostilities ceased. He also had two sons in the Union army, one of whom died in a southern prison, while the other was killed in battle. After the war the father made his home in Monroe county, Wisconsin, until 1870, when he removed to Barron county, that state, where he took up a homestead. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, as he died in 1871. His wife survived him for several years, passing away in 1888.

In the public schools of Wisconsin William R. Pitts acquired his education and he remained with his parents until his father's death. In 1871 he was employed by Moll & Avery in running a trading post in Monroe county, Wisconsin, and so continued until January, 1872, when he was employed by the government as interpreter, acting in that capacity during the removal of the Winnebago Indians from the State of Wisconsin to Nebraska. At length he purchased a tract of railroad land adjoining the home farm, which he operated for his mother as well as his own farm. In 1877 he came to Dakota territory and located on Big Salt river, now Forest river, in Grand Forks county, where he preempted land and improved the same, following farming there until 1881. The following year he settled on Mouse river in McHenry county but subsequently removed to Ramsey county, where he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres. To the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his energies for some time and then returned to McHenry county and engaged in farming and stock raising there until 1904, when he

deeded his land to his son. In 1896 he had removed to Towner, where he still makes his home and is engaged in practice as a veterinarian. In fact he has devoted the greater part of his time to that profession for the past thirty years and has met with good success.

On the 31st of October, 1873, Mr. Pitts married Miss Marissa Blyton, by whom he has seven children: Thomas William, Nellie G., Ann E., Charles N., George M., Marissa J. and De Forrest F.

Mr. Pitts is a member of the Masonic order and by his ballot supports the men and measures of the republican party. In 1886 he was elected sheriff of McHenry county and so capably did he fill that office that he was reelected, serving in all for twelve years with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He also served as city assessor of Towner for the same length of time and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed.

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#### INGRAM J. MOE.

Ingram J. Moe, mayor of Valley City, popular as an official and recognized as a man of notable energy and ability, was born in Faribault, Minnesota, September 1, 1872, a son of Ole J. and Johanna (Sussag) Moe, both of whom were natives of Norway, the former born in Romsdal and the latter at Steinjar. The maternal grandfather, Johan H. Sussag, was a talented musician and in the summer months was leader of one of the king's army bands and had the personal friendship of the reigning monarch. During the winter months he gave his attention to training young men for band work. Paying a visit to the northwest, he remained for a few years but ultimately returned to his native country, where he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His wife survived him for two decades and died at the notable old age of ninety-six, while her mother lived to be one hundred and two years of age. The paternal grandfather and grandmother of Mr. Moe each lived to be about ninety years of age and thus the family is noted for longevity. Some of the father's brothers followed a seafaring life.

In 1869 Ole J. Moe came with his wife and two children to the United States, making his way to Faribault, Minnesota, where he engaged in coopering. Later he built a factory of his own and employed a large number of men, his product supplying the flour mills with barrels. When the mills changed their methods by putting the flour up in sacks he closed out his business in 1878 and bought land a half mile east of Sanborn. In the spring of 1880 he removed to Barnes county and took up a homestead, a preemption and a tree claim adjoining his original tract and he also purchased his father-in-law's preemption, becoming the owner of twelve hundred and eighty acres. Thereon he engaged in farming and stock raising but afterward leased his land until 1886, when he again took up farming. As his family reached mature years and his children left home he at length sold section 13 and afterward another half section. His wife died in 1889 and later the father married again and his widow and the family now reside on the half section of land which he retained.

Of a family of four sons and four daughters Ingram J. Moe was the third. His school days were spent at Faribault, Minnesota, at Sanborn, where he attended both the public and high schools, and at Valley City, North Dakota, where he was for a year a student in the State Normal School. From the spring of 1892 until 1893 he was employed by the firm of Booth & Belden at Sanborn, North Dakota, and on the 9th of May, 1893, he entered the employ of General A. P. Peake in the real estate and collection business, so continuing until the fall of 1894. He then entered into partnership with General Peake and opened a branch office at Fingal, North Dakota, which partnership was continued until May, 1896. Their business relations were then discontinued and Mr. Moe opened a real estate office on his own account in Valley City.

In 1894 he was called to public office, being elected justice of the peace in Fingal, and in the fall of 1896 he was elected county justice of the peace, which office he has filled continuously to the present time. During the legislative session of 1899 he was assistant chief enrolling and engrossing clerk in the general assembly and during the legislative sessions of 1901 and 1903 he was assistant secretary of the senate. Mr. Moe received high commenda-



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tion from the clerks who served under him in the legislature and from all who knew aught of his service in those connections. In 1914 and 1915 he was elected and served as police magistrate of Valley City and in April, 1916, he was elected mayor and is thus the present chief executive, giving the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He is a man of pronounced ability and in his present office is thoroughly studying questions of municipal government, seeking in every way to advance the interests of Valley City. While filling the office of justice of the peace he pursued a correspondence course with the Lincoln-Jefferson University at Hammond, Indiana, and after four years' study received his LL. B. degree from that institution, his knowledge of law proving of marked value to him in the discharge of his official duties.

On the 3d of June, 1893, Mr. Moe was married to Miss Maud H. Meloy, of Sanborn, North Dakota, a daughter of James R. Meloy. After graduating from the high school at Sanborn she pursued a course in Tabor College at Tabor, Iowa, and prior to her marriage was a successful teacher in the Gray Green, Island Lake and Soea districts. Mayor and Mrs. Moe have become the parents of seven children but have lost their two firstborn, Myrtle and Opal. The others are: Gladys, who is a graduate of the Valley City high school and who studied for a year in the Valley City State Normal School, while at present she is serving as assistant auditor in the city hall; Glenn, a high school student; and Grace, Gordon and Clayton, all in school.

Fraternally Mr. Moe is connected with the Odd Fellows and is a trustee of the North Dakota Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He has long been prominent in that order, having for three years been chancellor commander of Valley City Lodge, No. 26, K. P., and captain of Reid Company, No. 2, Uniform Rank, K. P. He is secretary of the Barnes County Pioneer Club and is also secretary of the Valley City Commercial Club. He has an honorable discharge as second sergeant after seven years' service in Company G, First Infantry, of the North Dakota National Guard. It will thus be seen that he has again and again given his time, thought and energies to public service and he stands with those progressive men who are taking advanced steps in connection with the promotion of municipal and commonwealth interests. Strong in purpose, strong in his ability to accomplish and perform, he has become a leader of public thought and action in Valley City and his friends predict further advancement, knowing that he is well qualified for still higher positions.

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#### O. A. SPILLUM.

O. A. Spillum, of Rugby, who is filling the position of county auditor of Pierce county, was born at North Cape, Wisconsin, April 7, 1871. His father, George Spillum, was a native of Spillum township, near Namsos, north of Trondhjem, Norway, and with his parents came to the United States in 1859 when a youth of eighteen years. In this country he wedded Betsy Emmonson, whose birth occurred on the shores of the North sea and who in 1849 came with her parents to America. She had four brothers who served in the Civil war, Albert and Thomas being members of the Fifteenth Wisconsin Infantry, while Charles belonged to the Thirty-eighth Iowa and Ole to the Forty-third Wisconsin Regiments. Only one lived to return from the front—Albert, who reenlisted on the expiration of his first term of service of three years and at the close of hostilities returned as a brevet captain. George Spillum settled in Wisconsin and became an early pharmacist of that state. For many years he engaged in general merchandising and in the drug business at North Cape, where he located when the work of development and progress had scarcely been begun there. He remained thereafter a respected and valued resident of that district until his death, which occurred February 2, 1908. He lost his first wife when their son, O. A. Spillum, was but two years of age and the father afterward married Miss Anna Seterlund, a native of Sweden, who survived him and is now living in North Cape.

O. A. Spillum pursued his education in the public schools of his native town, in the Rochester Seminary of Rochester, Wisconsin, and in the Belle City Business College of Racine, Wisconsin, being graduated from the last named institution in 1889. He then started out in the business world, securing a position as bookkeeper with A. Dahlman &

Company, wholesale grocers of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He worked for this firm for three and one-half years and then removed to Racine, where he was employed in various ways until 1902. That year witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he filed on a homestead in Juniata township, Pierce county, eighteen miles northeast of Rugby. After proving up on this property he removed to Rugby in 1904 and secured a clerkship in the general store of O. T. Tofsrud. Later he acted as clerk and bookkeeper for Nels Jacobson and after leaving that employ spent three years as bookkeeper for T. P. Scotland, a dealer in machinery and merchandise. Still later he became bookkeeper for Seldon Crockett, land agent, but after a brief period was made deputy auditor under Henry Albertson, in which capacity he served for six years, while at the November election of 1914 he was elected to the office of county auditor and is again the candidate for the position without opposition. He owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres adjoining Rugby—a tract of rich and well improved land.

On the 13th of July, 1892, Mr. Spillum was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Isaacson, a native of Dodge county, Wisconsin, whose parents emigrated from Norway to the new world and took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Dodge county. To Mr. and Mrs. Spillum have been born eight children, as follows: Irving, who served in the United States navy for four years and on the expiration of that time was gunner's mate, third class, and who is now a homesteader in Montana; Stanley, who is also a Montana homesteader, owning three hundred and twenty acres of land adjoining the half section of his brother Irving; Earl, who is in the service of the Great Northern Railway at Minot Station; Gladys, who is employed as clerk in the office of the county auditor; Leroy, a freshman in the high school; Glen, who is still in the grade schools; Theodore, deceased; and Wesley.

Mr. Spillum votes with the republican party and is chairman of the republican central committee of Pierce county, taking active and helpful part in promoting republican successes. That he has no military record is not his fault, for in 1898 he recruited a company of thirty-three men in North Cape, Wisconsin, and joined the company formed at Burlington, Wisconsin, for service in the Spanish-American war. They expected to become a part of the Fifth Wisconsin Regiment but it was organized without accepting the company, which, however, received the promise that they would be attached to the next regiment. They were not called to the colors, however. At the formation of the Milton Horlick Garrison Army and Navy Union of Racine, Wisconsin, in 1916, Mr. Spillum was made an honorary member. Fraternally he is connected with Rugby Lodge, No. 65, F. & A. M., of which he is junior warden; Damascus Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., of which he is captain; and Lebanon Council, No. 2, R. & S. M. He likewise has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Sons of Norway at Rugby, of which he is treasurer. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Spillum and their children are members. In social circles the family occupy an enviable position and Mr. Spillum is making a most excellent record as a county official, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

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#### JOHN KELLING.

John Kelling, manager of the Max Telephone Company, is also engaged on quite an extensive scale in real estate operations and in all that he has undertaken has proved successful. He was born in Iowa in 1867, a son of George and Mary J. (Beaver) Kelling, who became residents of that state in 1854. They were pioneers of Wright county and for several decades resided upon a homestead there which is still in the possession of the family. The father, who died in 1912, was practically the last survivor of the early settlers and was held in the highest honor throughout the county. The mother died in Iowa. All of their thirteen children are still living.

John Kelling, who is the second in order of birth, was educated in the public schools of Iowa and after putting aside his textbooks remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age. He then went to Seattle, Washington, where he spent three years, after which he returned to Iowa and purchased a farm which he operated for several

years. In the spring of 1902 he came to North Dakota and purchased land in Barnes county. In 1906 he moved up on a homestead in McLean county and during the entire period of his residence here has given much of his time and attention to buying and selling land, gaining a substantial profit from his operations. His residence in Max dates from 1906 and he was active in the real estate field here during the period of the town's construction. He is filling the position of manager of the Max Telephone Company and under his direction that concern has prospered greatly. He has excellent judgment, keeps in close touch with everything relating to the business and is characterized by energy and initiative.

In June, 1911, Mr. Kelling was married to Miss Minnie Grant, a resident of South Dakota. Her parents, W. C. and Susie Grant, removed to that state in 1872, being among its pioneers. For the past thirty years Mr. Grant has been a United States government official, his long tenure of office indicating the ability with which he has discharged his duties. Both he and his wife are still living.

Mr. Kelling supports the republican party at the polls but has never desired office as a reward for his fealty. He is a member of the Yeomen and the Modern Brotherhood of America, both of Max, and in his life exemplifies the spirit of fraternity which is the foundation of those orders. He has unbounded confidence in the future of North Dakota and has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the state, doing everything in his power to promote the general good.

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#### ASA C. BRAINARD.

Asa C. Brainard, one of the representative young business men of Bottineau county, now serving as assistant cashier of the Mouse River Valley Bank at Souris, was born in Anamosa, Iowa, January 1, 1892. His parents, F. A. and Lizzie Electa Brainard, are also natives of Jones county, Iowa, where after reaching manhood the father followed farming until 1901, which year witnessed his arrival in Bottineau county, North Dakota. He purchased land two miles south of Souris and upon that place he has since engaged in farming.

Asa C. Brainard was nine years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this state and he grew to manhood in Bottineau county, remaining under the parental roof until he attained his majority. In the meantime he acquired a good practical education. In October, 1915, he accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Mouse River Valley Bank at Souris and has since held that office, discharging its duties in a commendable manner. He affiliates with the republican party and holds membership in the Yeomen Lodge.

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#### FRANK I. TEMPLE.

Frank I. Temple, who has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of law at McClusky for the past ten years, was elected to the office of states attorney in the fall of 1916. He was born at Owatonna, Minnesota, April 1, 1881, his parents being Seth H. and Sarah A. Temple. His father died in Minnesota during the year 1890, but his mother still lives and makes her home with him at McClusky, North Dakota.

Frank I. Temple acquired his early education in a country school and subsequently attended high school and Pillsbury Academy at Owatonna and the Breek School at Wilder, Minnesota. Having determined upon a professional career as a life work, he entered the law department of the University of North Dakota and was graduated therefrom in 1907. In 1902 he filed on a government homestead which now adjoins the city of McClusky, and still continues to farm the property. Here he has followed his profession continuously during the past ten years and has been alone in practice save for a short period spent as associate of D. P. Bates. In no instance has his reading ever been confined to the limitations of the question at issue; it has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected, but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as

frequently as out of them. The high regard entertained for his professional ability is indicated in the fact that in the fall of 1916 he was elected states attorney of Sheridan county, North Dakota, by a flattering majority, carrying all but two precincts. For the past nine years he has served as United States commissioner for the district of North Dakota, and in the affairs of his home community he has ever taken a prominent and leading part, being instrumental in securing the separation of Sheridan county from McLean county, and also in establishing the county seat at McClusky. He incorporated the village of McClusky and became its first clerk, acting in that capacity for many years. His record is an integral part of the history of the community and his efforts have been a potent factor in its upbuilding.

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#### MARION CHARLES LASELL.

Marion Charles Lasell is the youngest son and next youngest child of a family of nine, and was born June 6, 1873, in a log cabin in Sumner township, Fillmore county, Minnesota, about fourteen miles from Rochester, which was the main trading point. His father, Zara Dana Lasell, was a descendant of the Grovners, Danas, Bishops and Cargills, of New York, New Hampshire and Quebec. His mother, Roxanna Moon Lund, was a first cousin of Grace Darling of lighthouse fame. They came to Minnesota from Morgan, Vermont, in 1856, and were of that sturdy stock so often found among the pioneers in those early days. He attended country school in the winter until he had mastered the three R's fairly well, but quit school in 1885 and became the main help upon the farm, his brothers in the meantime having gone for themselves. When seventeen years of age, his father gave him his time, and he started west, going to Olympia, Washington, where he worked in the logging camps, saw-mills and grading camps, at various times changing his home, living on Heartstein island, Puget Sound, at Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia, Washington, Portland and Salem, Oregon, and San Francisco and Red Bluff, California, each in turn. He finally returned east and located in Roberts county, South Dakota, where his father had filed upon a homestead. For the next few years he worked upon the farm, in the store, in the print shop, machine shop and coal sheds. He taught school for three months in the spring of 1893 in Day county. He taught the following two winters and worked on his father's farm in the summer. Beginning with the spring of 1895 he spent forty weeks at Valparaiso, Indiana. He returned to South Dakota, assisted his father upon the farm and taught school. In the spring of 1898 he returned to Valparaiso, where he spent the next two years, graduating in the commercial, teacher's and scientific courses, completing a special mathematic course which included surveying and then taking up the study of law. He was admitted to practice law in Indiana, October 2, 1900. He spent some time in the law office of G. R. Williams at Chesterton, Indiana. In June, 1901, he was married to Miss May Dennison, of Goshen, Indiana. That fall the young couple settled at La Moure, North Dakota, where the young wife died February 5, 1902. She was buried beside her mother near Goshen.

March 24, 1902, Mr. Lasell was admitted to the bar in North Dakota. At that time he was more than fifteen hundred dollars in debt, and without any tangible property except a Code and a few other law books. From that time on, his progress, both in the financial and business world, has been continuous. After the first two or three years of his career, as an attorney, he was never without some help in the office, and at times has had as many as two attorneys and two stenographers employed, and for five years prior to 1912, there was not a term of court in Lamoure county, in which he was not interested in more than two-thirds of the cases upon the calendar. There were no important actions in which he was not interested, upon one side or the other. No case was so trivial or none so large, that he would not take it if it was a worthy matter, and he had the reputation of appealing any case, either great or small, where he felt he had not received fair treatment and a proper decision. His real estate holdings are large. He owned at one time more than thirty-five hundred town lots in the city of La Moure, besides farm lands in many counties throughout the state. In the fall of 1912, he turned his law business over to Harold F. Knopp, who was then in his employ. April 2, 1913, he was married to Etta Wharton at Mansfield, Ohio. To this union



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was born one son, Robert Marion Lasell, August 19, 1914. Directly after this marriage he moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he took up his duties as president of the Western Finance Company, general manager of the Farmers Equity Mutual Insurance Company and also senior member of the law firm of Lasell & Lasell, consisting of himself, G. G. Lasell, a brother, and H. D. Lasell, a nephew.

No history of North Dakota would be complete without his biography. He is the first attorney in the state to bring an action before the railroad commissioners to compel elevators to comply with the law, and the record of his dealings as an attorney, business man and financier is known throughout the state.

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#### ALEX D. FAIRWEATHER.

Alex D. Fairweather, who is now interested in the grain trade as manager of the St. Anthony elevator at Souris, was born in Dundee, Scotland, in August, 1873, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Alves) Fairweather, also natives of that country. It was in 1886 that the father brought his family to America and located in North Dakota. Two years later he took up a homestead in Bottineau county and was engaged in its operation until 1905, when he retired from active labor and went to California, there passing away in April of the following year. His widow still survives him and is now living in Souris, North Dakota, at the age of seventy-eight years.

Alex D. Fairweather began his education in the schools of Scotland and continued his studies for a time after the removal of the family to this country. He remained under the parental roof until after he attained his majority, and in 1897 took a homestead five miles south of Souris in Bottineau county. He continued to engage in the improvement and cultivation of that place until 1905, when he sold it and removed to Souris, buying three hundred acres adjoining the town. He also purchased one hundred and sixty acres one mile west of Souris but at the present time is not actively engaged in agricultural pursuits although he still lives upon his farm, it being operated by hired help: In August, 1915, Mr. Fairweather accepted the position of manager of the St. Anthony & Dakota elevator, in which capacity he is still serving with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

On the 26th of April, 1899, Mr. Fairweather married Miss Keturah Kinley, by whom he has had six children but three died in infancy. Those living are: Margaret E., born in September, 1902; Lawrence K., born in June, 1906; and Marian Belle, born in November, 1912.

The democratic party finds in Mr. Fairweather a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board and as justice of the peace. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Yeomen. He is an earnest and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, taking an active part in its work. He is now serving as elder of the church at Souris and was a delegate to the general assembly at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1913.

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#### JOHN H. SOGN.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of Bowdon is John H. Sogn, who for several years has taken an active part in public affairs and is now serving as county commissioner of Wells county. He was born in Spring Valley, Fillmore county, Minnesota, on the 6th of November, 1871, and is a son of Lars and Maria Sogn, natives of Norway, where they were reared and married but shortly after their marriage they emigrated to America and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota. For about two years the father was engaged in farming there but in 1872 removed to Lincoln county, South Dakota, where he took up government land and engaged in farming. He passed away in 1902 but his wife is still living. In their family are thirteen children, of whom John H. is the eldest of three sons.

John H. Sogn began his education in the common schools of Lincoln county, South Dakota, and later attended Augustana College at Canton, that state. He began farming for himself upon rented land but in 1905 came to North Dakota and purchased a farm four miles west of Bowdon, on which he lived for four years. That place consisted of three hundred and twenty acres and he is now the owner of a whole section near the village, on which he is still carrying on general farming with good results.

In 1903 Mr. Sogn was married in Lincoln county, South Dakota, to Miss Hannah Dickson, also a native of Minnesota, and to them have been born the following children: Mamie, Leland, Toledo, Harold, Walter, Thelma and Helmer.

In 1909 Mr. Sogn removed with his family to Bowdon and purchased a half interest in the Vaughan & Lester hardware store, when the junior member of the firm retired from the business. The store was then conducted under the name of Vaughan & Sogn until 1911, when it was purchased by Jones Brothers. In that year Mr. Sogn was elected secretary and manager of the Bowdon Telephone Company and has since served in those capacities, being also a stockholder of that company and of the Home Oil Company—a local enterprise.

Mr. Sogn is an ardent supporter of the republican party and since attaining his majority has been prominently identified with local politics. Before coming to this state he served as township clerk of Norway township, Lincoln county, South Dakota; also school clerk; and as assessor for five years. In 1899 he was made bill clerk in the legislature in that state and so acceptably did he fill the position that he was reelected. He was chosen second assistant chief clerk of the assembly and during his second term was chief bill clerk. In 1909 he was made assistant bill clerk in the North Dakota legislature. In this state he has served as school clerk and assisted in building the new high school in Bowdon, which is thoroughly up-to-date and splendidly equipped for its purpose. Mr. Sogn has also filled the office of justice of the peace and has been a member of the board of trustees of the village. In 1914 he was elected county commissioner from the second district of Wells county for a term of four years with little opposition, receiving a handsome majority. He is preeminently public-spirited and progressive and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed whether of a public or private nature. He is an honored member of the Sons of Norway at Bowdon and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran church.

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#### JOHN HANSON.

Not far from Argusville is the farm of John Hanson—a valuable property comprising three hundred and thirteen acres of rich and productive land situated on section 25, Wisner township. He has been identified with both farming and stockraising interests and his carefully directed business affairs have brought him success. A native of Norway, he was born April 17, 1863, and is a son of Hans and Johanna Hanson, who were also born in the same country. They left that land for America in 1865 and first took up their abode in Wisconsin, where they remained for fourteen years. In 1879, however, they became residents of Cass county, North Dakota, settling upon a farm where they remained until called to their final rest. Their family numbered eleven children, ten of whom are still living.

John Hanson continued at home until he reached his majority and his youth was largely a period of earnest and unremitting toil, but he gained therefrom the experience which enabled him to carefully and wisely direct his interests after he started in business on his own account. Purchasing the farm whereon he now lives, he has given his time and energies to the further development and improvement of three hundred and thirteen acres of arable land on section 25, Wisner township, Cass county. For a long period he was quite extensively engaged in breeding and raising Percheron horses and thereby added largely to his income. In all of his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment as well as enterprise and his labors have been attended by gratifying success.

In 1893 Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Hoyden, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of William and Anna Hoyden, both of whom were born in Norway and are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have been born ten children, as follows: Angeline

and Eunice, both of whom are engaged in teaching school; Hazel; William; Nicholas; Joseph; Jeanette; Mildred; George; and Norman.

The parents are consistent and faithful members of the Lutheran church and take a most active and helpful interest in its work, contributing generously to its support. Mr. Hanson belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America at Fargo and has filled some of the chairs in the local camp. He has likewise served as school director and his political support is given to the republican party, which finds in him a strong indorser of its principles. He is ever loyal to his honest belief, nor does he fear to express his convictions and opinions. Those who know him find him trustworthy and reliable at all times.

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#### WILLIAM C. WHARTON.

William C. Wharton, connected with commercial interests of Rugby and also filling the office of deputy sheriff of Pierce county, is numbered among the substantial citizens that Pennsylvania has furnished to North Dakota. He was born at Spruce Hill, in the Keystone state, September 29, 1890, a son of William and Sadie (Guss) Wharton, who were likewise born in that state. The father followed farming in Pennsylvania until 1897, when he met death in a tornado. His widow survived and is now living in Wolford, North Dakota.

William C. Wharton was reared and educated in Pennsylvania and in North Dakota, being a lad of nine years when brought by his mother to this state, at which time she purchased a half section of land which William C. Wharton afterward cultivated for five years. He then turned his attention to the motorcycle business at Wolford and after three years devoted to that work removed to Rugby, where he again opened a motorcycle shop, which he is now conducting. On the 1st of January, 1915, he was appointed deputy sheriff of Pierce county and is also occupying that position. He is likewise a stockholder and the treasurer of the Rugby Realty Company.

On the 24th of October, 1910, Mr. Wharton was united in marriage to Miss Ruth M. Ritzman and to them have been born three children: William C., born in 1911; Dorothy, born in 1913; and Audrey, born in 1916.

Mr. Wharton votes with the democratic party and in religious belief is a Presbyterian. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and he is now treasurer of the Rugby Ride Club, a semi-military organization. He is widely and favorably known and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him warm regard among his many friends.

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#### JOHN C. THORPE.

John C. Thorpe, a member of the law firm of Bagley & Thorpe at Towner, and the present states attorney of McHenry county, has in his professional career displayed all the sterling traits of the able and distinguished lawyer. He was born in Ada, Minnesota, May 30, 1886. His parents, O. S. and Johanna (Grimsrud) Thorpe, were both natives of Norway but came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood and were married at Faribault, Minnesota. There they established their home and for several years the father was identified with railroading. Subsequently he removed to Minneapolis, where he engaged in the lumber business, and in 1879 he became a resident of Norman county, Minnesota, taking up a homestead claim near Ada. He at once began to develop and improve that property, which he converted into a productive farm, thereon residing to the time of his death, which occurred December 18, 1915. His widow is still a resident of Ada.

John C. Thorpe was accorded liberal educational opportunities. He attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, and also the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, where he won the degree of Bachelor of Law upon graduation with the class of 1910. He then entered into partnership with Joseph G. Forbes, the former partner of Hon. P. J. McCumber, the present United States senator from North Dakota, and for two years their

practice was carried on under the firm style of Forbes & Thorpe at Wahpeton. In December, 1912, Mr. Thorpe removed to Towner and entered into his present professional relationship as a member of the firm of Bagley & Thorpe, the senior partner being former county judge Bagley. In 1914 Mr. Thorpe was elected states attorney of McHenry county, in which position he is now ably serving. He is also a stockholder and a director of the First National Bank of Towner. Along with those qualities indispensable to the lawyer—a keen, rapid, 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—eloquence of language and a strong personality. He has always displayed a thorough grasp of the law, and ability to accurately apply its principles is another factor in his effectiveness as an advocate.

On the 4th of June, 1913, Mr. Thorpe was married to Miss Marcia McIntosh Mitchell, of Crystal, North Dakota, and they have a daughter, Marcia Rosalie. Mr. Thorpe votes with the republican party and is a firm believer in the effectiveness of its principles as factors in good government. He is identified with various fraternal organizations, including Mouse River Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M.; Mystic Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; and Lebanon Council, R. & S. M. He is also connected with the American Yeomen and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He belongs to the United Lutheran church, while his wife is connected with the Baptist church, and they have many sterling traits of character which have gained them high regard in the social circles in which they move.

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#### CHARLES S. ATKINSON.

Charles S. Atkinson, who is now successfully engaged in the banking business in Sykeston, North Dakota, was born in Davenport, Iowa, on the 28th of January, 1875, his parents being J. A. and Sophia Atkinson, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Toronto, Canada. In early life they became residents of Iowa, where their marriage occurred, and they made their home in Davenport until 1880, which year witnessed their arrival in Jamestown, Stutsman county, North Dakota. The father purchased a tract of land just south of the town but lived in Jamestown and was engaged in the real estate business there for several years.

Charles S. Atkinson was a child of five years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this state and he is indebted to the grammar and high schools of Jamestown for the education he acquired during his youth. He remained at home and assisted his father in the operation of the farm in Stutsman county until 1896, when the family removed to Sykeston, Wells county, where another farm was purchased. The son also aided in its cultivation for a few years but in 1899 located in the village, where his parents are also living at the present time. He opened a real estate office and engaged in that business until 1902, when he organized the Sykeston State Bank, which received its charter in July of that year. Its first officers were A. Beuthien, president; J. C. Morse, vice president; and C. S. Atkinson, cashier; but later G. C. Jameson became president and E. A. Morey, vice president, while Mr. Atkinson remained as cashier. Another change was subsequently made when Mr. Atkinson accepted the presidency and K. J. Atkinson became vice president and M. B. Malley cashier. The last named has since been succeeded by Osear Olafson. The capital stock is five thousand dollars and the earnings and surplus are the same amount. The bank is now one of the strong institutions of the county and in connection with a general banking business handles a large amount of real estate. Personally the president has landholdings near the village and is today one of the substantial citizens of the community.

In 1902 Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Jones, a native of Dewitt, Iowa, and to them have been born three daughters, two of whom are living, namely: Eveleth and Laura. Mr. Atkinson is a member of the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity at Carrington, North Dakota, and is also connected with the Knights of the Maccabees at Sykeston and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Jamestown. In politics he is an independent republican, taking a commendable interest in public affairs and doing all in his power to promote the welfare of his community. For four years he

has been a member of the village board and is now serving his third term on the school board. He is a most progressive and enterprising citizen, who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

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EMIL ERICKSON.

Emil Erickson, who is one of the leading business men of Souris, North Dakota, claims Sweden as the land of his birth. He was born on the 19th of May, 1873, and is a son of John and Pauline (Burgeson) Erickson, who are still residents of that country, where their entire lives have been passed. By occupation the father is a farmer and he continues to reside upon the old homestead.

Emil Erickson was reared and educated in Sweden and remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, when he emigrated to America in 1891. He first located in Joliet, Illinois, where he was employed for four years, and for the following two years worked on a railroad in Michigan. It was in 1897 that he arrived in Bottineau county, North Dakota, and took a homestead nine miles northwest of Souris, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for nine years. In 1906 he became a resident of Souris and embarked in the farm implement and harness business, which he has since conducted with good results, having built up an excellent trade. He also has an implement store at Roth, North Dakota, and has five thousand dollars worth of stock in the farmers cooperative store at Souris. Besides this property he owns a section and a half of land, including his original homestead and a half section adjoining the town of Souris, and he also has twenty acres in Texas.

In November, 1898, Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Ida Anderson, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Lilly, born August 12, 1899; Hedvig, born January 14, 1901; Rudolph, born March 27, 1904; and Martin, born September 25, 1907.

In politics Mr. Erickson is a socialist and he has been called upon to serve as a member of the town board for eight years. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to which he belongs. Coming to this country with no capital, he has steadily worked his way upward to success by his industry, enterprise and perseverance until he is now one of the most substantial citizens of his community, 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.

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ED S. HEALY.

Ed S. Healy, cashier of the Lincoln State Bank at Glenburn, was born in Grapeland, Minnesota, July 19, 1864, a son of O. C. and Belle (Shaw) Healy, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Ireland. The father was a machinist by trade and in 1856 went to Minnesota, settling in Faribault county, where he took up a preemption, which he improved and operated, continuing there to engage in farming throughout his remaining days. He passed away in March, 1913, having for more than two decades survived his wife, who died in September, 1892.

Ed S. Healy spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Minnesota and after attending the high school at Winnebago began learning the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for twenty years. In 1882 he removed to South Dakota, settling at Milbank, Grant county, where he conducted a smithy until 1890, when he was elected county auditor, which position he filled for four years. He afterward conducted a blacksmith and machine shop until 1903, when he removed to Glenburn and took up a homestead in Renville county. This he developed and cultivated for two years, since which time he has rented the property. His attention during the past thirteen years has been mainly given to the establishment, development and conduct of the Lincoln State Bank at Glenburn. Throughout this period

he has been its cashier, with Mrs. Effie C. Healy, his wife, as vice president and O. W. Healy as president. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to over two hundred thousand dollars. It has had a profitable existence from the beginning and the business policy of the institution is one which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. In addition to his other interests Mr. Healy is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company and his landed possessions comprise sixteen hundred acres, which he rents.

On the 14th of July, 1886, Mr. Healy wedded Miss Effie Cornell, a daughter of James and Augusta (McCoy) Cornell, who moved from Indiana to Mapleton, Minnesota, in 1856. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Healy have become the parents of two children: Annis B., the wife of B. W. Laughlin, who is bookkeeper in the Lincoln State Bank; and Florence E., who passed away in 1898. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church and Mr. Healy also has membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and in the Masonic order and is a past master of Glenburn Lodge, No. 79. Politically he is a republican and for eight years has served as mayor of Glenburn, a fact which indicates his marked capability and fidelity in office. He has wisely administered the affairs of the city, avoiding both useless retrenchment and needless expenditure, and the acceptability of his administration is indicated by his long retention in office.

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#### C. J. KACHELHOFFER.

C. J. Kachelhoffer, the aggressive and efficient city attorney of Wahpeton, Richland county, was born in Freeport, Illinois, on the 29th of March, 1878. His parents, Joseph and Mary (Abel) Kachelhoffer, were both born in Buffalo, Erie county, New York, the father on the 29th of November, 1846, and the mother on the 3d of June, 1851. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Joseph Kachelhoffer, was born in Alsace-Lorraine but many years ago came to the United States and his death occurred at Freeport, Illinois. He was a man of good business ability and became financially independent. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Abel, was born in Luxemburg and on emigrating to the United States in early manhood located at Buffalo, New York, where he engaged in railroad contracting. The parents of our subject were married at Freeport, Illinois, where the father had been taken as a child by his parents. He devoted his active life to agricultural pursuits but about eighteen years ago retired and is now living at Cherokee, Iowa. He is a democrat in politics and has held a number of township offices. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. His wife passed away in 1892, her demise being sincerely mourned by her family and her many friends. To Joseph and Mary Kachelhoffer were born seven children: John, an attorney, who, however, is now engaged in merchandising in Kansas City; Emma, the wife of B. E. Adams, who is farming near Pierre, South Dakota; C. J.; Edward L., who is employed by the Standard Oil Company at St. Louis; Carrie, the wife of E. L. Aldrich, a railroad man of Cherokee, Iowa; Agnes, who married P. A. Lynch, a farmer of Luverne, Minnesota; and Frank, of Rapid City, South Dakota, who is in the employ of the Nebraska Telephone Company.

C. J. Kachelhoffer attended the common schools of Illinois in his boyhood and youth and subsequently took a year's course in the Mankato (Minn.) Commercial College, after which he began his preparation for the legal profession, studying law in the office of Gustav Schuler, of Wahpeton. In December, 1909, he was admitted to the bar but did not begin practice until 1912, remaining in Mr. Schuler's office during the intervening years. He has since built up a good practice and is well liked by his fellow attorneys. A number of years ago he served for three years as city attorney, after which he was states attorney for two years, and in 1914 he was elected city attorney, in which office he is now serving.

On the 1st of January, 1912, occurred the marriage of Mr. Kachelhoffer and Miss Mabel Schuler, a daughter of Gustav Schuler, one of the pioneer attorneys of Wahpeton, where he has practiced for about twenty-five years. Mr. Kachelhoffer is a democrat in politics and supports that party loyally at the polls. He is well known fraternally, being connected with the Masonic blue lodge; the Royal Arch Chapter; the Knights Templar Commandery; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Fergus Falls Lodge, No. 1073, B. P. O. E.; the Modern



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Samaritans; and the Order of the Eastern Star, to which his wife also belongs. He has served as junior deacon and junior warden in the blue lodge of Masons and is now filling the office of senior warden. He is public-spirited to a marked degree and is always willing to give his time and thought to the advancement of the interests of Wahpeton, and as secretary of the Commercial Club has been a factor in the development of the city along business and civic lines.

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#### S. R. DAY.

One of the foremost business men of McKenzie is S. R. Day, proprietor of a general store at that place. He is one of Burleigh county's native sons, his birth occurring eleven miles from McKenzie on the 13th of January, 1889. His parents, George J. and Willametta (Smith) Day, were born in Knox City, Missouri, but were married after their removal to North Dakota. It was in 1881 that the father came to this state and took up government land eleven miles south of McKenzie, and to the development and cultivation of that farm he has since devoted his attention. He has also engaged in stock raising to some extent and has met with well deserved success in his operations. His wife is also living as are their three sons: S. R., of this review; Robert, now a resident of Bismarck; and Richard, at home.

S. R. Day began his education in the district school of McKenzie and later attended the high school of Bismarck. After putting aside his textbooks he entered the City National Bank of Bismarck, with which he was connected for five years, starting at the bottom and advancing step by step until he became assistant cashier of that institution. On resigning that position in 1912 he removed to McKenzie and bought out the McKenzie Mercantile Company, which had been incorporated in 1905 and continued business under that name until Mr. Day became proprietor. He was appointed postmaster of McKenzie by the civil service and is still holding that position. The office has one rural route operated three times a week and one star route twice a week. Mr. Day not only deals in all kinds of general merchandise but in machinery as well and has secured an excellent patronage.

On the 9th of August, 1910, Mr. Day was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Falconer, who was born in Bismarck, May 8, 1891, and resided there until after her marriage. They have two children: Raymond, born March 5, 1912; and Robert, born October 5, 1915. In religious faith they are Presbyterians, belonging to a church in Bismarck, and Mr. Day is also a member of the Masonic lodge in that city. He is past grand of the Odd Fellows lodge at McKenzie and is a democrat in politics. He has been called upon to fill local offices, serving as justice of the peace, president of the school board and in other positions. He is vice president and a director of the Sibley Rural Telephone Company and is interested in farming around McKenzie. Success has attended his business efforts along various lines and he is today numbered among the substantial as well as the representative citizens of his community.

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#### ALBERT RICHARD RUDOW.

Albert Richard Rudow, editor of the Tribune, published at Ashley, McIntosh county, was born May 8, 1893, in Pana, Christian county, Illinois, a son of Ludewig and Katherine Rudow, who for the past fifteen years have resided at Monango, North Dakota. The father worked for nearly ten years in the lumber yard of Wade B. Dille but is now retired.

A. Richard Rudow pursued his education in Monango, where he was graduated from the high school in 1906, when but thirteen years of age. Immediately afterward he accepted the position of "devil" on the Monango Journal, then owned by James S. Jensen, now of Foxhome, Minnesota, with whom he remained for some time. He next secured a position on the Times, published at Oakes, but in a little more than a month was called home to take his father's place in the lumberyard, his father having been injured by a bad fall. Later he again worked in the office of the Monango Journal and subsequently went to Northville, South Dakota, where he spent two months in the Journal office. He then secured a better

position on the Beacon at Cresbard, South Dakota, which paper was published by F. O. Mark. There he remained for nearly two years and in April returned to Monango, where he worked in the Journal office until August 22, 1912. He then purchased the paper, which he owned and edited until May, 1913, when he sold out to J. H. Nagel, of Forbes, North Dakota. At that date Mr. Rudow removed to Cresbard, South Dakota, where he spent two more years in connection with the Beacon, which paper was discontinued by its owners in 1915. On the 28th of December of that year he accepted a position at La Moure on the Echo, owned by C. C. Lowe, and in July, 1916, was transferred to Ashley as editor of the Tribune, also owned by Mr. Lowe. This paper is published half in English and half in German.

On the 15th of November, 1912, the marriage ceremony performed by the Rev. M. W. Merrill of the Presbyterian church united the destinies of A. Richard Rudow and Edna Mary Ellickson, the wedding ceremony being performed in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Ellickson, who are prosperous farming people living west of Monango. Mrs. Rudow was born in Monmouth, Illinois, December 4, 1895, and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: Maurice L., born at Cresbard, South Dakota, March 25, 1914; and Mervin Gale, born at Monango, North Dakota, October 26, 1915.

Mr. Rudow is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Cresbard. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 12916, M. W. A., at Cresbard, and with Morning Star Camp, No. 87, W. O. W., at La Moure. He has been making steady progress in his chosen vocation since entering a printing office at the age of thirteen years and is now well known as a newspaper man in his part of the state.

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#### GEORGE L. ROBINSON.

George L. Robinson, an honored resident of Garrison, McLean county, is one of the few men now living who knew intimately the old frontier life of the west when the white men who ventured into the country claimed by the Indians were in danger of being scalped and when transportation was by means of wagon trains. He is also worthy of recognition as a veteran of the Civil war and his name is inseparably connected with the commercial development of McLean county, in which he established a store at a time when all of his goods had to be freighted from Bismarek. He now owns and manages four stores in this section and likewise has extensive ranching interests and is president of two important business concerns. Mr. Robinson was born in England in 1842 and was brought by his parents, John and Jane (Laidman) Robinson to the United States, the family home being established in St. Louis, Missouri. The mother died there in 1854 but the father survived for fifty years, passing away in 1904. He was a butcher and pork packer, and his business affairs were well managed, yielding him a gratifying profit. In his family were eight children, of whom George L. is the oldest. The only other surviving member of the family is a sister, Mrs. George Heaton, of Boise City, Idaho.

George L. Robinson received but a limited education in schools although during his long, adventurous life he has gained a wide knowledge and acquired much practical wisdom. He attended school both in England and in St. Louis as he was but twelve years old when the family removed to this country. In 1859, when a youth of seventeen, he drove an ox team from Kansas City to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for Colonel Will Bent, one of the early freighters of the southwest and a brother of George Bent, the first governor of the territory of New Mexico. In 1860 Mr. Robinson went with a freight train from Kansas City to Fort Bent, Colorado, and the hazard of the undertaking is indicated by the fact that about that time a comrade was scalped by the Indians.

After spending two years upon the frontier Mr. Robinson returned to St. Louis and at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in the Sixth Missouri Regiment, with which he served for sixteen months. After receiving his discharge from the army he resided at St. Louis continuously until April, 1883, successfully following the butcher's and packer's business. However, the possibilities of the then new and undeveloped territory of Dakota made strong appeal to his pioneer spirit and in the month mentioned he came to what is

now North Dakota, settling at Coal Harbor, where he took up a preemption and also a tree claim located near the town. Not long afterward he established a general store at Coal Harbor, which he conducted there until 1905, when the Soo Railroad was built through the state and the old town of Coal Harbor, which was seven miles distant from the railroad, was moved to the new town of Coleharbor, which was named by Mr. Robinson in honor of an official of the Soo Line. For a number of years after he established the business in old Coal Harbor the nearest railroad point was Bismarck, from which all of his goods were freighted. Later a branch of the Soo Line was built and the town of Velva, only fifty miles distant, became his shipping point. This remained the nearest railroad station until the Bismarck & Great Falls Railroad, now a part of the Soo Line, was constructed and the old town of Coal Harbor was moved as previously stated. Mr. Robinson removed his store to Coleharbor and at the same time established another store at Garrison, residing, however, at Coleharbor. In 1916 he purchased a general store at Emmet and also founded another at Dunn Center, in which he owns a half interest. He now lives at Garrison but has personal supervision over the management of all four stores. Although this would be enough to occupy the time and attention of most men he also looks after a large tract of land in North Dakota, mainly in McLean county, which he owns and a part of which he rents. Moreover, he personally manages a cattle ranch located ten miles southeast of Garrison, consisting of two thousand and eighty acres of land, on which he keeps an average of one hundred and fifty head of graded shorthorn cattle. He also has about one hundred head of Shire horses on the ranch and about one hundred Berkshire hogs. His unusual energy and activity also enable him to serve as president of the First National Bank of Washburn, North Dakota, and as president of the Missouri Slope Seed Company, a Garrison business enterprise.

Mr. Robinson was married in St. Louis in 1864 to Miss Janet Sharp, who was born in Scotland but came with her parents to the United States in 1849. They have become the parents of five children: Jesse Thompson, George L. and Peter S., all three deceased; William H., who is now in charge of his father's general store at Garrison; and Francis, also deceased.

Mr. Robinson votes independently and gives careful study to the issues of each campaign in order that he may cast his ballot intelligently. He was at one time treasurer of McLean county and his record in that capacity was in harmony with his record in other connections. He has reached the age of seventy-four years but has charge of business interests the management of which would tire many a man twenty years his junior. His long, active and successful life has brought him prosperity and also the honor and regard of all who know him.

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#### ALBERT J. DRAKE.

Albert J. Drake is editor and proprietor of the Standard, which is published at Westhope and is one of the leading weekly newspapers of Bottineau county. His apprenticeship was on an important city daily and he is familiar with the business in principle and detail. He was born in Fairfax, Minnesota, July 5, 1877, his parents being James and Amy (Collins) Drake, natives of England and New York respectively. The former came to the United States when a young man and was married in Wisconsin. About 1870 he homesteaded near Fairfax, Minnesota, and there engaged in farming for almost a quarter of a century but since 1894 has lived retired in Fairfax, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits.

Albert J. Drake acquired his education in the public and high schools of Fairfax, completing his course by graduation with the class of 1896. Prior to this time, however, he had taken his first step in the field of journalism, having entered upon an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the office of the Crescent at Fairfax, working his way upward in that connection and thoroughly mastering every phase of the business. He was employed also in Minneapolis and in 1899 came to North Dakota, doing the first mechanical work in connection with the publication of the Bottineau News. In 1901 he founded the Mouse River Standard at Richburg, which was the first paper established in the western part of Bottineau county.

With the building of the railroad to Westhope he removed his plant to that point and changed the name of the paper to the Westhope Standard, under which title he has since continued its publication, making it a thoroughly readable journal devoted to local and general news, its attractiveness being indicated by its increasing circulation. In 1899 Mr. Drake homesteaded in Bottineau county and proved up on his property but later sold his farm.

In 1900 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Drake and Miss Alma Brown of Bottineau, North Dakota, by whom he has seven children, namely: Evelyn F., Francis L., Mildred D., Clifford J., Lucille M., Albert H. and Donald W. Mr. Drake has always been a stalwart advocate of republican principles and espouses the party through the columns of his paper. He belongs to Westhope Lodge, No. 74, F. & A. M., and to the Modern Woodmen of America, while he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has found the occupation in which he embarked as a young tradesman a congenial one and he has made it a field for furthering public progress and improvement as well as advancing his individual business interests.

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#### CLARENCE L. COVELL.

Clarence L. Covell, who is now engaged in the publication of the Sykeston News, has been identified with the interests of Sykeston throughout life, for he was born in that village on the 8th of March, 1890, and has always resided there. His parents, Alton G. and Esther C. (Butts) Covell, continue to make their home in Sykeston and are numbered among its prominent citizens. The father came to North Dakota from Corry, Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1883, and after spending about a year in Carrington located on a farm near Sykeston, having homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres. He also purchased one hundred and sixty acres on the same section. During his residence there he has engaged in merchandising and also practiced law, being an attorney by profession. He has filled the office of United States commissioner and is now serving as justice of the peace.

During his boyhood Clarence L. Covell attended the graded schools of Sykeston and later pursued his studies at Phillips Academy at New Rockford, now known as New Rockford Collegiate Institute. He subsequently entered Fargo College, from which he was graduated with the A. B. degree. For about two years after completing his education he engaged in clerking in his father's store and was later a member of an electric light construction crew. In 1916 he purchased the Sykeston News, which he is now editing in a most capable manner, giving to the public a bright, newsy sheet. In politics he is an independent republican and in religious faith is a Congregationalist.

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#### FRANK RETTINGER.

Frank Rettinger, sheriff of Pierce county and a resident of Rugby, was born in Lansing, Iowa, in July, 1878, a son of Crist and Catherine (Repperger) Rettinger, both of whom were natives of Germany. In early life they crossed the Atlantic and settled in Rockford, Illinois, where the father rented land and engaged in farming for four or five years. He afterward removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, and invested in land near Lansing before that town was laid out and before the railroad was built through the district. He at once began the task of transforming his tract of wild prairie into productive fields and continued to further develop, improve and operate his farm for many years, but eventually retired from active life and took up his abode in Lansing, where he spent his remaining days, passing away in December, 1906. His widow survived until October, 1915, when she, too, was called to her final rest.

In the schools of Lansing Frank Rettinger acquired his education and remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years, having in the meantime long aided his father in the work of the fields. He afterward worked as a farm hand for others for five years, but at length removed to North Dakota, settling in Benson county, where he

was employed for a time, but later filed on a homestead in Rolette county, which he improved. This property now adjoins the town site of Mylo. Thereon he continued to engage in farming for five years, after which he sold that property and bought land in Pierce county which he farmed until 1914. He was then elected sheriff of the county, which office he has since filled. He has rented his farm, upon which he left his stock, and from his property he derives a good annual income. His place comprises two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land four miles west of Wolford. He is also a stockholder in the Rugby Realty Company and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Wolford. While upon the farm he made a specialty of raising Duroc-Jersey hogs.

In November, 1904, Mr. Rettinger was united in marriage to Miss Benlah Wharton, a daughter of William W. and Sadie E. Wharton, mentioned in connection with the sketch of W. C. Wharton on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Rettinger were born two children, but both died in infancy, Roland and one who had not yet been named.

Mr. Rettinger gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and has served as road overseer. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Masons and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and his religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He has lived to witness many changes in the county, which has rapidly developed during the period of his residence here. When he began farming in Pierce county he used oxen entirely, but today the tractor plow is seen and all of the other modern accessories of farm life are to be found here. Mr. Rettinger has kept pace with modern progress and improvement and is an alert and enterprising citizen.

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#### ANDREW C. BERG.

Andrew C. Berg, now serving as county superintendent of schools in McHenry county, with office in Towner, where he makes his home, was born on the 11th of June, 1876, in Pope county, Minnesota. His parents, Cornelius A. and Jorand (Brevig) Berg, are both natives of Norway, whence they emigrated to America in 1867 and located in Pope county, Minnesota, being among its first settlers. There the father took up a homestead, which he improved and, meeting with success in his farming operations, he was able to add to his original tract until he now owns one whole section of land and is still engaged in its cultivation. He has reached the age of seventy-one years and his wife is sixty-eight years old.

On the home farm Andrew C. Berg passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner. He began his education in the public schools of Starbuck, Pope county, Minnesota, and for two years attended the seminary at Willmar. He was next a student in the normal school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he completed a five year course, and has since spent two years in the North Dakota State University. In 1892 he taught his first term of school, although at that time he was but sixteen years of age, and he has since taught in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. His experience has been varied as he has had charge of many schools, including the small country school and the large city school, of which he has been principal. In 1906 he took up a homestead in Bowman county, North Dakota, which he improved and is still operating, though he does not give his personal attention to its cultivation. He is now the owner of a half section of land and has met with success in farming. In the fall of 1908 Mr. Berg removed to Granville, McHenry county, where for four years he served as superintendent of the city schools, and was then elected county superintendent, being the present incumbent in that office. As a teacher he has met with most excellent success and the schools under his management have been greatly benefited. In the office of county superintendent he has made the schools of McHenry county far more efficient and the people have the utmost confidence in his ability.

Mr. Berg was married in August, 1905, to Miss Alma Hanson, and they now have two children: Madeline J., born January 2, 1907; and Homer C., born June 2, 1910. Mr. Berg is a stockholder in the Towner Garage, which handles the Ford cars. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America, and politically he affiliates with the republican party. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is a man highly honored and esteemed wherever known. He is secretary and manager of the North

Dakota Pupils Reading Circle Board, secretary of the North Dakota Educational Association's committee on legislation and president of the Northwestern Educational Association, embracing thirteen counties in the northwestern part of the state.

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BERTRAM E. LORD, M. D.

Dr. Bertram E. Lord, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Glenburn, is a native of Minnesota, his birth having occurred at Shakopee, October 12, 1880. His father, Charles H. Lord, a native of New Hampshire, accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Minnesota in 1855, at which time the family secured a homestead claim. The grandfather was a physician and there practiced his profession throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1880. After his son, Charles H. Lord, had completed his public school education he took up the study of pharmacy, and for fifteen years conducted a drug store at Shakopee. Later he turned his attention to the insurance business and was special adjuster for the Germania Fire Insurance Company for more than twenty years, covering the territory of Minnesota, North and South Dakota and parts of Iowa and Wisconsin. In early manhood he wedded Minnie H. Eckford, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, and on the 23d of January, 1905, he was called to the home beyond, while his widow now lives in Chicago.

Dr. Lord spent his youthful days in Minneapolis and in Shakopee, Minnesota, and in the pursuit of an education entered Hamline University at St. Paul, from which he was graduated on the completion of a course in medicine with the class of 1903. The same year Dr. Lord located in Glenburn, then a newly established town in Renville county, North Dakota, where he has practiced continuously since, covering a period of thirteen years. A very liberal patronage has been accorded him, for he soon demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate and complex problems which continually confront the physician. His work has been attended with excellent results, viewed from both a professional and financial standpoint. In addition to his practice he has farming interests, being the owner of a well improved tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Ward county, six miles south of Glenburn.

On the 30th of April, 1900, Dr. Lord was married to Miss Jennie May Elliott and they have two children: Evelyn, born December 23, 1902; and Kenneth, November 29, 1910.

Dr. Lord exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge of Glenburn and he is actively interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of city and county. For four years he filled the office of village trustee and has also been a member of the town council, while he is now serving for the third year as a member of the school board. He is progressive in citizenship and in his profession has kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress which results from scientific investigation and research.

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RICHARD H. VOSBURG.

Richard H. Vosburg is the owner of an excellent farm property of six hundred and forty acres in Arthur township, Cass county, and in addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he makes a specialty of dairying, both branches of his business proving profitable because of his capable management and unfaltering energy. A native of Michigan, he was born May 9, 1854, of the marriage of Bernard and Laura Vosburg, both of whom were natives of Columbia county, New York. On removing to the west they established their home in Michigan and there reared their family of six children, five of whom are living. The parents have both passed away.

Richard H. Vosburg spent his youthful days upon his father's farm in Michigan, there continuing to the age of twenty-five years, during which period he became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. Wishing to acquire a farm of his





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own, he removed to North Dakota in 1880 and settled on section 8, Arthur township, Cass county, where he secured a tract of land that constituted the nucleus of his present extensive possessions. He at once began to till and improve his place and it is now one of the excellent farms of the county. Upon it are fine buildings, including an attractive residence and substantial barns, sheds and outbuildings that furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He has also planted a beautiful grove that is one of the attractive features of the farm and from time to time he has extended the boundaries of his possessions until he and his wife now own six hundred and forty acres, all in Arthur township and all under a high state of cultivation. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate Mr. Vosburg makes a specialty of dairying and that branch of his business is proving quite profitable.

On the 21st of November, 1883, having made considerable headway in establishing a home in the northwest, Mr. Vosburg completed his arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Williams, and theirs was the first wedding in what is now Arthur township. Mrs. Vosburg is a native of Michigan and a daughter of Theodore and Anna (Clark) Williams, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married in the Wolverine state and in the spring of 1882 came to Cass county, North Dakota, at which time the father purchased the farm that is now the property of Mrs. Vosburg. He lived thereon for ten years and then removed to Hunter, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. They had a family of six children, of whom three are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Vosburg became the parents of four daughters: Anna, who died when but a day old; Mildred Laura, who is a graduate of the normal school at Mayville and is the wife of Hugo Vestenz; Bernice Anna, at home, who is a normal school graduate and has successfully engaged in teaching; and Maude E., who is a graduate of the high school at Arthur and is now the wife of W. J. A. Jenkins. Mrs. Vosburg was also a successful teacher for several years in Michigan and followed the same profession in Arthur.

The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church, guiding their lives by its teachings and taking a helpful part in its work, Mr. Vosburg now serving as one of the church trustees. He belongs to the Yeomen lodge and he is a stalwart advocate of education, serving for twenty years as an efficient member of the school board. In politics he is a democrat and was the second township treasurer in Arthur township, filling that position for a number of years. He has lived in the county for thirty-six years and has witnessed notable changes as the work of progress and improvement has been carried forward. In this work he has borne his full share and has contributed in large measure to the material development of this part of the state. His business success is well merited, for his methods have ever been honorable, and his prosperity has been the direct result of persistent and intelligently directed labor.

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#### LUDVIG J. MORK.

For fifteen years Ludvig J. Mork has been prominently identified with the business interests of Souris, North Dakota, and is now conducting a general store as a member of the firm of Mork-Moen Company. They formerly dealt in farm implements of all kinds and by fair and honorable dealing have built up an extensive trade.

Mr. Mork was born in Pope county, Minnesota, February 12, 1878, his parents being Iver and Mary (Mork) Mork, natives of Norway. In 1860 the father came to the United States and located in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he resided for two years. At the end of that time he took a homestead in Pope county and to its improvement and cultivation he devoted his attention for twenty years. The year 1886 witnessed his arrival in Bottineau county, North Dakota, where he took a preemption, and he was engaged in its operation at the time of his death, which occurred in 1887. His widow is still living.

Ludvig J. Mork was brought to Bottineau county when eight years of age and he early became familiar with pioneer conditions while aiding in the improvement and cultivation of the home farm. He attended the public schools and completed his education at a college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He remained with his mother until he attained his majority, when he took up a homestead in Bottineau county and at once began its development, but

only resided thereon for a short time. In 1901, when the railroad was built through Souris, he opened a general store at that place and also began dealing in farm machinery. In 1906 he admitted M. E. Moen to a partnership and they have since operated under the name of the Mork-Moen Company. They have a fine double store, erected by Mr. Mork, and carry an excellent line of goods, for which they find a liberal patronage. Mr. Mork is still interested in farming to some extent and is meeting with success in all his undertakings.

In March, 1903, he married Miss Petra Crogen, by whom he has one child, Lewald P., born October 29, 1904. They hold membership in the Lutheran church, and Mr. Mork is also identified with the Sons of Norway. His political support is given the men and measures of the republican party. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have elected him mayor of Souris and also a member of the town council at different times. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him whether in public or private life, and the success and prominence that he has attained is but the merited reward of a well spent life.

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ANTON P. BERGET.

For twenty years Anton P. Berget has been prominently identified with the business interests of Towner and is now devoting his attention to the grain trade as manager in charge of the elevator of the Andrews Grain Company. He was born August 14, 1867, in Norway, of which country his parents, Peter and Annie (Berget) Berget, were lifelong residents. By occupation the father was a farmer. The mother died on the 14th of August, 1867, when our subject was only three hours old. He then made his home with his grandparents and was reared and educated in his native land.

At the age of seventeen years Mr. Berget crossed the Atlantic to the United States and located in Montevideo, Minnesota, where he learned the harness maker's trade, at which he worked in that city for seven years. On the 4th of July, 1894, he came to Towner, North Dakota, and has since been a resident of McHenry county. He took up a homestead about forty miles northwest of Towner and was engaged in its improvement and operation for two years, after which he removed to Towner and again turned his attention to harness making. He followed that business until 1902, when he sold out, and for the following ten years engaged in general merchandising. In 1914 he accepted the position of general manager for the Andrews Grain Company and has since had charge of their elevator.

Mr. Berget was married November 10, 1888, to Miss Mary Teigen, and they have become the parents of eleven children, namely: Alma, now the wife of A. R. Ellis, of Mendon, North Dakota; Melvin, a resident of Towner; Inga, a teacher, residing at home; Lena, Jalmer, Hazel, Minnie, Viola and Burton, all at home; and Inga and Alice, both deceased.

At the primaries of 1916 Mr. Berget was nominated as register of deeds on the republican ticket and as his party is about four to one in the majority a nomination is equivalent to an election. He has been a member of the city council of Towner and has served as school director for six years, his official duties always being most faithfully and conscientiously performed. His religious belief is that of the Lutheran church, and fraternally he is an honored member of the Masonic order.

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ALLEN S. NICHOLSON, M. D.

Dr. Allen S. Nicholson, a successful and up-to-date young physician and surgeon residing at Max, McLean county, was born in the province of Prince Edward Island, Canada, January 24, 1882. His parents, Samuel and Anna (Nicholson) Nicholson, were born in Maine and Canada respectively. In his youth the father removed to Prince Edward Island, where he was married and made his home until 1882. In that year he removed with his family

to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he engaged in contracting and building for a number of years. He is now living retired and still makes his home in St. Paul. His wife passed away in 1888.

Allen S. Nicholson, who is an only child, was but six months old when taken by his parents to St. Paul, and there he grew to manhood. He was accorded good educational advantages and after graduating from Macalester College in 1899 entered Hamline University, also at St. Paul, where he took a liberal arts course, laying the foundation for his professional success on a broad and thorough general education. He prepared for the practice of medicine in the medical department of the University of Illinois at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1905, and the following year was devoted to work as interne in the West Side Emergency Hospital of Chicago. On the 1st of March, 1906, he located for practice at Denhoff, North Dakota, where he remained until the 6th of March, 1907, when he removed to Max, McLean county, where he has since resided. He has built up a large and lucrative general practice and stands high among his brother physicians as well as in the estimation of the general public. He has invested in farm land near Max and derives a gratifying addition to his income from his agricultural interests.

On the 9th of May, 1907, at Bismarck, Dr. Nicholson was married to Miss Iva Beamish, who was born in Michigan but came to North Dakota in her girlhood and for a number of years lived at Rugby. To the doctor and his wife has been born one child, Lorne.

The democratic party receives the support of Dr. Nicholson, and he has taken an active part in the municipal government, having served for two years as a member of the village council and being now president of that body. He has many fraternal connections, being a member of the Masonic blue lodge and chapter, the latter of Minot; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Benedict, North Dakota, in which he has held office; of the Elks at Minot and of the Modern Woodmen at Max. He also belongs to Epsilon Phi Sigma, a college fraternity. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and guides his life by high moral standards. He has been honored by election as councillor of the North Dakota State Medical Society and takes a lively interest in the work of that body.

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#### HENRY ERICKSON.

One of the most prominent business men of McHenry county is Henry Erickson, who has been actively identified with various enterprises and is today the oldest merchant in the county, having conducted a general store in Towner since 1887. He was born in Pope county, Minnesota, September 26, 1866, and is a son of Ole and Hannah (Ekk) Erickson, natives of Norway. It was in 1850 that they left the land of the midnight sun and on a sailing vessel started for the new world. They were four long months in making the journey but finally located in Quebec, Canada, where they remained for a time. They next proceeded to Minnesota and the father took up land in Pope county, on which he was living at the time of the Civil war. Feeling that his adopted country needed his services he enlisted in a Minnesota regiment of infantry and was with his command for one year, after which he returned to his farm in Pope county. He continued to reside thereon until 1894, when he laid aside farming and removed to Towner, North Dakota, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in March, 1903. His wife died the following month.

At the usual age Henry Erickson entered the public schools of his native county and after completing his education aided his father in the operation of the home farm until 1887, when he came to Towner, North Dakota, and embarked in general merchandising. Here he has carried on business ever since with marked success and enjoys a large and lucrative patronage. He owns the building where he engages in business and carries a large and well assorted stock of merchandise. Besides his town property he also owns an eight hundred acre ranch twelve miles southeast of Towner, which he operates with the assistance of a hired foreman, and he raises thereon both horses and cattle. He also has another eight hundred acres twenty miles northwest of Towner, which he rents. He formerly owned several general stores and eleven farm implement stores, receiving at one

time the largest train load of agricultural implements ever shipped to one retail firm in the world. He paid five hundred dollars to decorate the train. Besides the business interests already mentioned he has been engaged in banking. Success has attended his efforts and he is today one of the most substantial and prominent business men of McHenry county.

Mr. Erickson was married in June, 1885, to Miss Laura Randall, and to them have been born seven children, those still living being Oliver, Merrill and Lawrence. Two died in infancy and Reuben and Ina are also deceased. Mr. Erickson takes an active interest in public affairs and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will prove of benefit to the community. He has served on the school board for years and has also been alderman and mayor of Towner, giving to the city a public-spirited and progressive administration. For two years he was railroad commissioner of the state and he is one of the ardent supporters of the republican party. He is a prominent Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree in that order, and is also a member of Lodge No. 155, B. P. O. E., at Grand Forks. In religious belief he is a Lutheran. It is to such progressive, energetic business men that North Dakota owes its prosperity and advancement and Mr. Erickson well merits the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

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#### FRANK SANFORD.

Frank Sanford, who follows farming at Roger and makes his home in Valley City, was born at Liberty, Jackson county, Michigan, September 25, 1860, a son of James P. and Cornelia (Nutton) Sanford, who were natives of the Empire state, the former born at Mount Morris and the latter at Penn Yan. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Sanford, was born near Albany, New York, and was descended from old colonial stock, the progenitors of the family in America being two brothers, one of whom was a general and the other a soldier in the French army. They came to the new world in the seventeenth century and one remained a bachelor but the other married Rachael Von Blarken, of Holland descent, who was one of the heirs of the "Holland Purchase." This couple became the founders of the Sanford family to which Frank Sanford belongs. In 1834 Abraham Sanford removed from New York to southern Michigan and assisted in building the Chicago and Michigan turnpike, which was the first road from Detroit to Chicago. He was also otherwise identified with the pioneer development of Michigan, where he purchased in all seven hundred acres of land and two hundred and seventeen acres of his original homestead are now owned by Frank Sanford. The grandfather lived to the advanced age of eighty years, passing away in 1878. He was one of a family of five sons and two daughters, of whom one brother, David, went to Canada, while another brother became a resident of Michigan and a third settled at Kankakee, Illinois, where one sister also lived, while the other sister went to Michigan.

James P. Sanford succeeded to a part of his father's farm in Michigan, which was divided among three sons and a daughter. He was only four years of age when his parents removed to the Wolverine state and there he was reared amid pioneer conditions and spent his entire life. For many years he filled the office of justice of the peace, making a creditable record in that connection. He was born in 1829 and had therefore reached the age of eighty-three years when called to his final rest in 1912. His first wife died in 1869, at the age of thirty-two years, after which he married again.

Frank Sanford, the only child of the first marriage, spent his boyhood days in Michigan and at an early age began providing for his own support. He afterward worked his way through high school and subsequently taught school through winter terms. In 1882 he arrived in Barnes county, North Dakota, and accepted the position of manager of a farm for William Hutchins, four miles northeast of Sanborn. Two years before, or in 1880, he had married Esther Rhoades, whose father was a native of England. She was drowned in a well on the 26th of June, 1882. On the 13th of October, 1886, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Helen Kingsley, of Hamilton, New York, whose parents came to North Dakota in 1883 and are now residents of Griggs county.

Soon after his arrival in this state Mr. Sanford secured a homestead claim but con-

tinued to work on the Hutchins farm in 1882 and 1883, removing to his own place in 1884. Prosperity has attended his efforts as the years have gone by and he and his wife are today the owners of three and one-half sections of land in one body surrounding the original homestead and more than eight hundred acres in other farms. He makes a specialty of stock raising, handling Aberdeen Angus cattle, and he has both registered bulls and cows. His main stock barn has accommodation for one hundred and thirty-five head. Every modern improvement and facility is found upon his place, including two large silos eighteen by thirty-five feet, which form the corners on the front of the barn. He displayed his cattle at the county and state fairs for five years and won many prizes upon his stock. He has gained a well earned reputation of being one of the most prominent and successful stock raisers of southeastern North Dakota and the demand for his stock is greater than the supply. He also breeds pure bred Duroc-Jersey hogs, raising two hundred a year, one-half of which he sells for breeding purposes, while the other half go to the slaughter house. The horses which he handles are of the graded Norman stock and he usually keeps about fifty head, mostly for his own use. He has one hundred and sixty acres planted to alfalfa, his stock barn accommodating two hundred tons of hay. He also raises large quantities of wheat and oats and both as a grain and stock raiser is meeting with success. He gives personal supervision to all departments of his farm work but since 1895 has made his home in Valley City, where he occupies a commodious and attractive residence.

While his business interests have been extensive and have been carefully and successfully managed, Mr. Sanford has also found time to cooperate in movements for the public good and at all times stands for progress and improvement. In the fall of 1891 he was elected to the office of county commissioner and in the fall of 1894 was chosen register of deeds, to which office he was reelected in 1896 and 1898, serving in all for nine years as a county official. For four years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Agricultural College and during his incumbency in that office lent his aid and influence toward the building of Ceres Hall, the girls' dormitory, and the chemistry building. In 1915 the farmers institute board appointed him superintendent of the farmers institute of the state, a fact which indicates his high standing as a typical and representative agriculturist of North Dakota. He is prominent in Masonic circles, holding membership in the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine, and he is ever recognized as a broad-minded, public-spirited man and citizen, a splendid representative of that class to whom the state owes her development and upbuilding. He has taken into account those things which are worth while for the individual and the community, has cast out of his life all the nonessentials, and concentrating his interest and efforts upon business affairs and the public need, he has won success for himself and greatly promoted the welfare of this state.

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#### WILLIAM J. COOPER.

William J. Cooper, an able and successful practicing attorney of Westhope, was born in Ontario, Canada, March 9, 1875, his parents being Thomas and Janet (Robertson) Cooper, who were natives of that country and of Scotch descent, their respective parents having removed from Scotland to Ontario. In 1878 the father left Canada accompanied by his wife and four children to establish his home in the United States. He filed on a claim in Trail county, North Dakota, and for twenty years remained a successful farmer of that locality. In 1898, in order to give his children better educational opportunities, he removed to Mayville and there resided for five years or until 1903, when he established his home in Alexandria, Minnesota, where he now resides.

William J. Cooper had the benefit of instruction in the Mayville Normal School, and then determining upon law practice as a life work, he began studying with that end in view in the University of Minnesota. He did not complete his course there, however, but turned his attention to banking and in 1904 arrived in Westhope as cashier of the First National Bank, in which important position he capably served until the business was closed out in 1910, it being absorbed by the Bank of Westhope. Subsequently Mr. Cooper entered

into partnership with V. Ormsby Soule for the practice of law, under the firm style of Soule & Cooper, and in the past six years has given his undivided attention to his law practice, being regarded as one of the leading barristers of the Bottineau county bar. His partner died in 1915, since which time he has practiced independently, and on many occasions he has given demonstration of his power to successfully cope with involved and intricate legal problems. He studies closely every phase of a case, possesses comprehensive knowledge of the law and ably applies its principles to the points in litigation. While largely concentrating his energies upon his work as a member of the bar, he also gives supervision to his farm of two hundred acres of well improved land a mile and a half north of Westhope.

Mr. Cooper married Miss Emma Netterfield, of Wingham, Ontario, by whom he has five children, namely: Amy E., William Ross, Thomas George, Dorothy Jean and Frances Elizabeth. Fraternally Mr. Cooper is connected with Westhope Lodge, No. 74, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Lorraine Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and the Modern Woodmen of America and he stands as a loyal supporter of the principles of Masonry, which rests upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. His political views accord with the teachings of the republican party and his life is guided by his connection with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which both he and his wife are devoted members. In all branches of the church work they take an active and helpful interest and Mr. Cooper is now serving as a member of the board of trustees and as superintendent of the Sunday school. In all his business affairs he has been thoroughly reliable, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen and ever careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics.

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#### LESLIE D. COLTON.

Leslie D. Colton, engaged in business at Burlington as a coal dealer and also giving considerable attention to farming, was born at Russell, St. Lawrence county, New York, October 3, 1865, a son of Joseph and Diana (Robinson) Colton who were married on the 25th of February, 1863. The father was born in Jefferson county, New York, March 24, 1840, and the mother's birth occurred at Lisbon that state, May 1, 1842. In early life Mr. Colton engaged in farming and afterward conducted an insurance business. Removing to the west in 1873, they lived at Brainerd, Minnesota, for one summer and thence went to Frazee, that state. In the fall of 1878 they removed to Lisbon, North Dakota, and were among the founders of the town. In 1880 Mr. Colton was chosen register of deeds and occupied that position for two terms, while at an early period in the history of the town he served as postmaster for four years. In 1883 he went to Burlington, where he engaged in merchandising for four years and then resumed the occupation of farming. He also took up coal mining, which he followed until 1894, when he removed to Bartow, Florida, where he retired from active business life, enjoying a well earned rest until death called him on the 21st of December, 1896. His widow survived until August 3, 1903. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Colton served for three years as member of the Sixtieth Regiment of New York Volunteers. He became a corporal and was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He assisted in raising a company and was at the front three years and two months, being in a hospital at the time he was mustered out. He then returned home and reenlisted, but peace was declared ere he again arrived at the front. A spirit of loyalty and patriotism characterized him throughout his entire life and in May, 1889, his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his public spirit and devotion to the general good, elected him a delegate to the constitutional convention which convened at Bismarck on the 4th of July. He was made chairman of the committee on resolutions and railroads and he served on other important committees. In the Masonic fraternity he attained the highest possible rank and was prominently known in Masonic circles throughout this section of the country. His family numbered three children: Mrs. James Johnson; Leslie D. and Sarah Levisa, who was born in 1870 and died at Bartow, Florida, October 2, 1894.

Leslie D. Colton was a youth when brought to this state and attended school in Lisbon and also continued his education in a private school at Burlington. He worked for two years



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for his father after attaining adult age and then engaged in farming for himself. He became a landowner in the fall of 1886 and throughout the intervening period with the exception of seven years has engaged in farming in this state. He opened the first coal mine in the north-western part of North Dakota in 1893 for his father and with the exception of two years has since been identified with the coal trade. He is now working two mines on his own land, one a shaft mine and the other a slope mine. He is also cultivating farm lands and is engaged in stock raising, having about sixty head of stock and breeding Holstein cattle and Duroc and Poland China hogs. He has about a section of land devoted to farming a short distance east of Burlington and his agricultural interests are wisely and capably managed, bringing to him a very gratifying return. He is likewise a stockholder in the Minot Creamery & Dairy Company and is a stockholder in the Burlington Telephone Company. His cooperation has been sought along various lines because his wisdom and enterprise are recognized by his fellow townsmen and in reviewing his life one recognizes the fact that opportunity slips away from the sluggard, tauntingly plays before the dreamer but yields to the man of resolute purpose and the fruits of labor therefore become his.

Mr. Colton has been married twice. On the 14th of May, 1891, he wedded Miss Nettie M. Millar, who was born in Norwood, Illinois, May 19, 1871, a daughter of William L. and Anna Millar both of whom were natives of Scotland, whence they came to America about 1861, settling in Illinois. The father followed both farming and mining in early life but afterward concentrated his attention upon general agricultural pursuits. In 1885 he removed with his family to Burlington, North Dakota, and there in October, 1915, he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding. He is now retired. Mrs. Colton was the fourth of a family of nine children and she passed away July 29, 1899. She had four children: Walter George, who was born February 19, 1893; Laura S., who was born December 11, 1894, and is now in her fourth year in the normal school at Minot; Alvin B., who was born August 17, 1897, and is a cutter in a corset factory in Fargo; and Harriet M., who was born December 21, 1898, and is in her third year at the Minot Normal School. On the 14th of November, 1903, Mr. Colton was again married, his second union being with Miss Lizzie Richert, a native of Germany, who when two years of age was brought to America by her parents, John and Elizabeth Richert. The father lived for two years in Minnesota and then settled upon a farm near Burlington, North Dakota. John Richert died October 27, 1906, and his wife survived only until the 26th of December of the same year. By the second marriage of Mr. Colton two children have been born: Leo Joseph, whose natal day was September 11, 1904, and who passed away November 27, 1906; and Charles John, who was born June 26, 1906.

Mr. Colton is an earnest republican but not an office seeker. He became a member of the Modern Woodman camp at Rock Island, Illinois, but has never been active in connection with fraternities. His time and attention have been concentrated upon his business affairs and his ability has been manifest in his success. There has been nothing spectacular in his career nor has his been a humdrum existence, for he has found pleasure in solving intricate business problems and in conquering tasks to which he has set himself. Gradually he has broadened the scope of his labors and his prosperity has correspondingly increased.

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#### AUGUST P. LANDBLOM.

August P. Landblom, living in Reed township, Cass county, is one of the honored pioneer settlers of this part of the state, where he has now made his home for forty-five years. It was on the 14th of April, 1871, that he crossed the Red river at Georgetown and took up his abode upon the farm which has since been his home, his labors throughout the intervening years being devoted to the development and improvement of this place. He was born in Sweden, September 21, 1846, a son of Peter and Anna (Stein) Landblom, both of whom were natives of that country. In 1862 they sailed for America with their family and first established their home in Clayton county, Iowa. They afterward removed to Moore county, Minnesota, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of ten children, eight of whom survive.

August P. Landblom pursued his education in the schools of his native country. He

was a youth of sixteen years when the family sailed for America. Five years later he too sought a home in the new world, arriving in 1867 and making his way to Clayton county, Iowa, where he remained for four years. In April, 1871, he came to Cass county, North Dakota, and took up his abode upon the farm upon which he now resides, crossing the Red river at Georgetown on the 14th of April and settling on section 18, Reed township. There was not an improvement upon the place or any indication that the work of civilization and development had been there begun. He built a log cabin, which he occupied for four years, at the end of which time he replaced the primitive home by a more modern and commodious residence. He has since added fine buildings to his farm and has a splendidly improved property equipped with all the conveniences and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. To his original purchase he has also added from time to time until he is now the owner of five hundred and eighty acres, all of which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. His methods are practical and progressive and are productive of good results and he has made his farm one of the valuable and desirable properties of the county. He has also been vice president of the Farmers Elevator Company at Harwood. His business affairs are capably managed, he is systematic and methodical in what he does and the spirit of enterprise characterizes him at all points in his career.

In November, 1871, Mr. Landblom was married to Miss Clara Johnson, a native of Sweden who came to America in 1870 and for a year and a half was a resident of Chicago, after which she came to North Dakota. Eleven children were born of this union: Minnie, the wife of Theo Euren; Herman L.; Axel E.; John E.; France A.; William A.; Carl Rudolph; Martin G.; Roy T.; and two who are deceased.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Landblom is serving as trustee. In politics he is an earnest republican, recognized as one of the local party leaders. He served as county commissioner for twelve years and for more than forty years has been township treasurer, a fact indicative of his faithfulness and capability in office. He has also been treasurer of the school board for twenty-six years. It is well known that he is a most trustworthy man, loyal and faithful at all times, and his many good traits of character have won him high regard. His success is the direct result of his earnest labor and has been so honorably and worthily won that the most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity. As a pioneer settler he has witnessed many changes in the county as the years have gone by. He has seen a wild and sparsely settled region converted into a progressive county with a large population of prosperous and contented people. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, esteem him for his sterling worth, and are glad to call him friend.

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#### HON. C. C. JACOBSON.

Hon. C. C. Jacobson, a dealer in general merchandise, farm machinery and automobiles at Landa and now representative from his district in the state legislature, was born in Norway, February 5, 1871, a son of Christ and Lena (Mork) Jacobson, who came to the United States in 1871, when their son was but an infant of six months. They established their home in Adams county, Wisconsin, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming, his active life being spent in that state. His wife passed away about 1911, since which time he has made his home among his children.

C. C. Jacobson was educated in the public schools and in the high schools of Necedah and Waupaca, Wisconsin, and also in the Northern Indiana Normal and Business College, being graduated from the commercial department of the last named institution with the class of 1892. During the succeeding two years he taught school and subsequently was employed in mercantile houses in Necedah and Grand Rapids, Wisconsin. In August, 1904, he arrived in Bottineau, North Dakota, and from that time until the 1st of April following he was employed in the settlement of the Ertresvaag estate. Later, in connection with George Sunberg, P. S. Hilleboe, H. J. Dale, P. B. Haber and W. J. Cooper, he organized the First International Bank of Landa and was placed in charge of that institution as cashier upon the opening of its doors for business on the 17th of April. In that capacity he served

until September, 1912, when he disposed of his interest in the bank and purchased the farm implement business of Gorder & Gorder and the general merchandise business of Andrew Helgerson. Both of these houses he has since conducted and has built up a business of substantial proportions in that connection. He also has the agency of the Studebaker and the Ford cars and is regarded as one of the most progressive, alert and enterprising business men of Landa. He has also made investment in farm property and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land, although formerly his holdings were much more extensive but in recent months he has disposed of a considerable portion of his land.

On the 18th of August, 1897, Mr. Jacobson was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Christenson, of Necedah, Wisconsin, by whom he has two daughters, namely: Lela Adelaide, a student in the Westhope high school; and Viola Marie. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and in politics Mr. Jacobson is a republican. For several years he filled various political local offices and was chairman of the board of supervisors, president of the school board and justice of the peace. In November, 1912, he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and in 1914 was reelected to that office, while in the summer of 1916 he was nominated for a third term. His party has thus endorsed his service as a member of the general assembly and in that connection he has done excellent work, supporting much constructive legislation and seeking ever to advance the best interests of the commonwealth. To this end he places the public good before personal aggrandizement and the general interests of society before partisanship.

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#### JUDGE T. C. ELLIS.

Judge T. C. Ellis, judge of the county court of McHenry county, was born in Winona, Minnesota, May 23, 1866, his parents being Levi and Susan M. (Young) Ellis, who were natives of Maine and New Hampshire respectively. They were married in the old Granite state in 1858 and their eldest child was there born. In 1861 they removed to Winona, Minnesota, where Mr. Ellis purchased land and engaged in farming until 1880. In March of that year he came to North Dakota, settling at Valley City, where he purchased a section of railroad land which he cultivated and improved in partnership with his son, T. C. Ellis, their interests being conducted on an extensive scale. It was in the year 1898 that T. C. Ellis came to McHenry county and took up a homestead near Anamoose. Four years later, or in 1902, he was joined by his father, who bought a relinquishment on a homestead near the claims of his sons, T. C. and E. E. Ellis. The father proved up on his property and there resided to the time of his death.

Judge Ellis occupied his homestead property for four years and then in February, 1902, embarked in general merchandising in Anamoose, being for three years prominently identified with the business interests of the town. In 1905 he sold his store there and removed to Towner, where he purchased the hardware store of Tory Thorson. For six years thereafter he carried on the business and then sold out. In 1914 he was elected county judge of McHenry county and has since remained upon the bench, his service in that connection being characterized by fair and impartial rulings. He never regards lightly the duties and responsibilities of his office and his judicial record is one worthy of high commendation. He has demonstrated his faith in North Dakota by his investment in property, being now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Benson county and an equal amount in McHenry county.

On April 22, 1891, Judge Ellis was married to Miss Lilly Butterfield, a daughter of Ira and Maryette (Sheldon) Butterfield, the former of whom is deceased while the latter is still living in Valley City, North Dakota. To Judge and Mrs. Ellis have been born ten children, nine of whom survive, as follows: Charles T., who is a graduate of Fargo College and now attends the Boston Technical School; Earl L., who is a graduate of the State Agricultural College and is employed in Minot; Martha, who is a graduate of the Towner high school and Valley City normal school and is employed as clerk in the office of the register of deeds at Towner, North Dakota; Wilfred M., a graduate of the Towner high school and a student in Fargo College; Grace H., who is also a graduate of the Towner high

school and is now a district school teacher; Elmer, a freshman in the Towner high school; Evalyn, who is in the eighth grade; Donald, a fifth grade student; and Robert.

Faternally Judge Ellis is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he is a stalwart advocate of its principles, believing firmly that its platform contains the best elements of good government. He greatly assisted in organizing the school district at Anamoose and at the first election in that district was chosen a director. He has many admirable qualities worthy of all praise and his salient characteristics commend him to the confidence, high regard and good will of all who know him.

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#### TAYLOR CRUM.

Taylor Crum, an attorney of Fargo, was born November 6, 1852, at West Candor, Tioga county, New York. As the name indicates, the family is of German extraction on the paternal side. The name has been spelled variously Crum, Krum, and Krom by different branches of the family. His father, McDonough Crum, was an infant in arms at the time of the battle between Commodore Downie, the British officer, and Commodore McDonough, the American commander, who met in a naval engagement on Lake Champlain in 1814. His mother, with the child in her arms, witnessed the battle from the shore and named her boy McDonough Crum after the victorious Commodore McDonough. As the years passed on McDonough Crum became a prosperous farmer of New York. He married Harriet McGowan, who was of Irish lineage.

In the common schools of his native state Taylor Crum began his education, which he continued in the Owego (N. Y.) Academy and in the State Normal School at Oswego, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1872, his diploma authorizing him to teach any school in the state of New York during his lifetime. He became principal of a graded school at Campbell, New York, for one year and afterward spent three years in the University of Rochester. In December, 1881, he came to North Dakota, then the territory of Dakota, and for two years was principal of the schools of Fargo. In the meantime he took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar and has since followed that profession in this city. His constantly developing powers have brought to him an increased clientage and his legal business is now extensive and of an important character. In a word, his practice is large and lucrative and in addition he has at times been called upon for public service that has brought into marked play his ability as a lawyer.

At Campbell, New York, in August, 1876, Mr. Crum was united in marriage to Miss Helen Bixby, a daughter of Simon Bixby, contractor and builder. To them were born three children, as follows: Dr. Solon Crum, a practicing dentist of Fargo, North Dakota, who is married and has a daughter; Paul, an attorney at law located at East Scobey, Montana, who is married and has two sons and two daughters; and Leon, an engraver residing at Zion City, Illinois, who is married and has two daughters and a son. Taylor Crum lost his first wife in 1886 and in October, 1908, at Fargo, North Dakota, was again married, his second union being with Miss Eva G. FitzGerald, a daughter of Jacob FitzGerald, who served as treasurer of Schuyler county, New York, and held other positions of trust.

The religious faith of Taylor Crum is that of the Presbyterian church. He was a charter member and officer of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for many years but withdrew from the organization several years ago. He belongs to the Fargo Commercial club and is in hearty sympathy with its many projects for the upbuilding of the district and the extension of its trade relations. In politics he was formerly a democrat but of late years has maintained an independent course. He has never been a candidate for any public office but once, on which occasion he was nominated for state senator in the Fargo district but was defeated by a small majority by the late John E. Haggart. He was active in politics during territorial days and during the period of early statehood, being at that time identified with the democratic party. He served as secretary of the Cass county committee and also as a delegate to county and state conventions. He also stumped the state for the party during several campaigns but of late years has taken no active interest in any political organiza-



TAYLOR CRUM



tions, voting for men whom he considers capable regardless of their identification with any political organization. He has been considered by many as one of the most effective political orators in the state and he is regarded as a particularly strong and able lawyer, especially when he appears before juries. He bears the reputation of being one of the best all-around lawyers in North Dakota and he is well known professionally throughout the state of North Dakota and through eastern Minnesota, where he has had a large number of clients. He is referred to by many as the poor man's lawyer, never having been known to turn away a client because of his poverty. During his political activity he was in great demand as a stump and an after dinner speaker at all banquets. He never asked for a political nomination and the one time he ran for office he was selected to lead a forlorn hope in a district which at that time had never elected a democrat to any office. Notwithstanding that state of affairs he polled the largest number of votes ever cast for a democrat in the Fargo district up to that date. He resided at No. 111 Eighth street, North, in Fargo for many years, but when his homestead there was demanded as a part of the site of the new postoffice he purchased another home at the corner of Tenth street and Third avenue, North, where he and his wife now reside. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of high regard, mentioning his worth as a citizen and his ability as a lawyer, and it is the consensus of opinion on the part of one's fellowmen that establishes his position.

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#### JAKE W. ALBUS.

Although still a young man Jake W. Albus occupies an enviable position in the business circles of Wells county as a dealer in farm machinery and automobiles in Bremen. His entire life has been passed in that county, his birth occurring in Fessenden, November 8, 1889. His father, Frank Albns, is a native of Roumania and on his emigration to the new world first located in Jamestown, North Dakota, but after spending a year at that place removed to Wells county, taking up land three miles from Fessenden in 1881. To the improvement and cultivation of that property he devoted his energies until 1907, when he took up his residence in the town and turned his attention to the farm implement business, in which he is still engaged.

Jake W. Albus was educated in the public schools of Fessenden and after putting aside his textbooks operated an elevator at that place for two years. He then assisted his father in the implement business and under the latter's instruction became thoroughly familiar with that line of trade. In 1912 he opened his present establishment in Bremen before the railroad had been constructed to that place. He now carries a good line of farm implements of all kinds and also threshers and the Overland automobiles and has already secured a fine patronage which is constantly increasing.

Mr. Albus was married in 1916 to Miss Anna Kovar, who is also a native of North Dakota. Politically he is identified with the democratic party and he is now acceptably filling the office of justice of the peace. He is a member of the Moose lodge at New Rockford and is one of the representative young business men of Wells county.

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#### L. R. COLVERT.

L. R. Colvert, the owner of a well patronized meat market at Berthold, Ward county, North Dakota, was born in Clarence, Missouri, on the 28th of September, 1873, a son of J. S. and Delilah Colvert, natives respectively of Virginia and Missouri. The father followed agricultural pursuits for some time but after his removal to Shelbina, Missouri, engaged in the furniture and undertaking business for three years. Later he conducted a meat market for a similar period. He passed away in 1896, but his wife is still living and resides in San Diego, California. For nineteen years he was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Southern Methodist church at Zion and all efforts to promote the moral welfare of his community received his hearty support.

L. R. Colvert received a good education and remained at home until nineteen years of age. He then devoted three years to farming, after which he worked in a meat market until 1902, when he removed to Berthold, North Dakota. Here he established a meat market of his own, which he has since conducted, and his thorough knowledge of the butcher's trade, combined with his business ability, has enabled him to gain a gratifying measure of success. He also has other interests as he is the sole owner of the Berthold Potato Company, and he also ships considerable stock to eastern markets. He owns four hundred acres of fine land near Berthold and his property yields him a good financial return.

Mr. Colvert was married on the 9th of February, 1897, to Miss Mabel A. Coerd, a daughter of George W. and Susan Coerd. Her father, who engaged in farming in Missouri, has passed away, but her mother is still living in Shelbina, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Colvert have been born five children, namely: Hazel Irene, eighteen years old, who is a student in the Berthold high school; Myra, who is sixteen years of age and is also a high school student; and Richard N., Paul Leon and Evelyn Loraine, aged respectively fourteen, eleven and eight years, all of whom are in school.

Mr. Colvert is independent in politics, supporting the man rather than the party, and for four years he served as a member of the village board. He is an influential member of the Congregational church of Berthold, of which he has been a trustee for three years, and fraternally he is identified with Berthold Lodge, No. 72, A. F. & A. M., with the Elks and with the Woodmen. In all relations of life he has measured up to high standards of manhood and is highly esteemed for his integrity and his ability.

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#### OTIS F. McGRAY.

Otis F. McGray is devoting his time chiefly to the conduct of his large hardware, furniture, implement and harness business at Garrison and ranks among the leading business men of McLean county. He was born in Prescott, Wisconsin, January 2, 1863, a son of William Frank and Lena (Nelson) McGray. The father was born in Maine but for many years has resided in Wisconsin. For thirty years he held the office of manager of the St. Croix-Brown Corporation of Stillwater, Minnesota, his long incumbency in that position indicating his ability and loyalty to the trust reposed in him. He is still living, as is his wife, who is a native of Norway.

Otis F. McGray grew to manhood in his native town and after completing the course offered in the schools there entered Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, which he attended for some time. After leaving that institution he returned to Prescott and remained there until about 1885, when he became assistant manager of the St. Croix-Brown Corporation of Stillwater, Minnesota, removing to that city, where he resided for about fifteen years. At the end of that time he became master of a steamboat belonging to the St. Croix-Brown Corporation and for five years made the run from St. Paul to Winona, Minnesota, his ship being the *Columbia*, a large pleasure packet. In January, 1902, he severed his connection with that company and came to North Dakota, making part of his journey to Coleharbor by stage. There he opened a hardware and implement store, which he conducted for three years, after which he moved the stock to Garrison and erected the building which his store has since occupied. He has been connected with business interests here since the fall of 1905 and in addition to hardware and implements carries a complete line of furniture and also deals in harness. His building is thirty by one hundred feet in dimensions and is well adapted to his needs. His annual business reaches a large volume and in fact is the largest in this section of the state. He also owns about three thousand acres of land and owns stock and is a director in the First National Bank of Garrison.

In 1883, in Prescott, Wisconsin, Mr. McGray was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Hicks, also of Prescott. They have a son, Frank, who is assisting his father in the store.

Mr. McGray supports the republican party at the polls, is now filling the office of mayor to the satisfaction of his fellow townsmen and has also filled other positions of trust. He belongs to the Masonic blue lodge at Prescott, Wisconsin, the chapter and commandery at Stillwater, Minnesota, and the Mystic Shrine at Fargo, North Dakota, and is likewise identi-

fied with the Knights of Pythias at Stillwater. He holds membership in the Congregational church and furthers all movements seeking the moral advancement of his community. His life has been an active and useful one and his reward is not only financial prosperity but also the consciousness that he has had a part in the upbuilding of his town and county.

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MRS. L. E. CURRIER.

Mrs. L. E. Currier, the editor of the McLean County Independent, published at Garrison, is making that journal one of the best country papers published in this part of North Dakota, winning success in a field to which very few women have turned their attention. She was born in Fullerton, Nebraska, and is a daughter of Theodore Lenker. She remained in her native state until her union with A. B. Currier, who is a stockholder in the Bismarck Motor Car Company. Following her marriage she resided in Bismarck for a number of years but since 1914 has made her home in Garrison, having assumed active charge in that year of the publication of the McLean County Independent, which is owned by her husband and his brother, Frank Currier. The latter is engaged in the insurance business in Lambert, Montana, and A. B. Currier is quite heavily interested in lands in North Dakota and in Cuba. He has spent considerable time on that island looking after his interests there.

Mrs. Currier takes great pleasure in her work as editor and has a right to be proud of what she has accomplished. The McLean Independent was established as the Knox County Independent in Emmet, Knox county, in April, 1904, but three years later was removed to Garrison, where it has since been published. It is one of the older papers of this section and is the official county sheet. It is independent in politics and in all matters affecting the welfare of town and county is progressive and well balanced, always taking the lead in the advocacy of advance steps. The news columns are of the same high standard as the editorial page and the typographical work is excellent, the equipment of the plant including a Cottrell press. The Independent has a large circulation among the representative people of the county and is recognized as a valuable advertising medium. Mrs. Currier not only has a high standing as a newspaper woman but personally is held in high esteem by all who know her and she has many warm friends.

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M. D. DYAR.

M. D. Dyar, a well known grain buyer of Bottineau county, proprietor of the Dyar elevator at Antler, was born in St. Charles, Minnesota, September 7, 1872, a son of Alvano B. and Edah (Garish) Dyar, natives of Maine and New Hampshire respectively and both representatives of old New England families founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war. In early manhood A. B. Dyar became a resident of Minnesota and his wife removed there with her parents during her girlhood days in 1855. They were married in 1869 and began their domestic life upon a farm in Winona county, whereon Mr. Dyar carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1897, when they removed to St. Charles, where he passed away in 1913 at the age of seventy-four years. His widow survives and is still a resident of that city. She is a daughter of Charles Garish, who homesteaded in Winona county in 1855, being one of the first settlers of that part of the state. He was also a member of the territorial legislature in the year in which Minnesota was admitted to the Union and was a prominent leader in local republican circles. There are many points of interest in the ancestral history of the family. The paternal grandfather of A. B. Dyar three times removed was captain of one of the vessels that figured in the famous Boston tea party, and it was his wife who made the blacking for the coloring of the faces of the persons who took part in that famous historic event, going to the British ships, from which they took the tea, throwing it into the sea.

M. D. Dyar supplemented his district school training by study in the St. Charles high school and since 1893 has been connected with the grain trade, starting out in that line of

business soon after his textbooks were put aside. For five years he was buyer for the H. J. O'Neil Grain Company at Stewartville, Minnesota, and when Mr. O'Neil sold out to the American Malting Company he remained with that corporation for two years. He next engaged in the implement business at Stewartville for two years and in 1903 came to North Dakota, settling at Westhope, where he took charge of the elevator belonging to the Heising Elevator Company. He represented that firm for two years and in the fall of 1905 removed to Antler, where he arrived before the building of the railroad. For three years he bought grain for the McCabe Elevator Company and in 1908, in connection with F. A. Rinkel, built an elevator at Kuroki, of which Mr. Dyar acted as manager for two years. In 1910 the partners sold that elevator and Mr. Dyar purchased his present elevator at Antler and has since conducted the business independently. He is today one of the best known grain merchants in the northwestern part of the state. His operations have been carried on extensively and there is no one who keeps more thoroughly in touch with the grain market and he is thus able to wisely direct his business affairs. Moreover, he is a stockholder and one of the directors of the State Bank of Antler, while his investments in land are extensive, embracing thirteen hundred and twenty acres in Bottineau county. From this property he derives a very gratifying and satisfactory annual income and the development of his farm lands constitutes an element in the progress and upbuilding of his section of the state.

In 1897 Mr. Dyar was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Scott, of St. Charles, Minnesota, by whom he has two children, Adah Merle and Esther Scott, who are students in the North Dakota State University at Grand Forks.

Mr. Dyar exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Antler Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M.; Orient Chapter, No. 29, R. A. M., of St. Charles, Minnesota; Home Commandery, No. 5, K. T., of Rochester, Minnesota; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks, North Dakota. His interest in the fraternity is manifest by his loyal support and exemplification of its principles and throughout his entire life he has manifested sterling qualities which have won for him the favorable regard, goodwill and confidence of those with whom he has been associated in business or social relations.

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#### D. J. O'CONNELL.

D. J. O'Connell, a member of the McHenry county bar practicing at Towner, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in December, 1862, a son of J. G. and Julia O'Connell, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Massachusetts. The father came to the new world with his parents in early boyhood and here learned and followed the carpenter's trade, becoming a contractor of Cincinnati and afterward of Indianapolis, Indiana, where he passed away in 1863. His wife survived for only two years and died in 1865.

D. J. O'Connell spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Iowa and Illinois and was graduated from the State University of Iowa as a member of the class of 1896. Prior to this time, however, he had spent several years in the newspaper business in Iowa and Minnesota, but desiring to enter upon a professional career, he took up the study of law. Following his graduation he located at Burlington, Iowa, where he engaged in active practice until 1902, and during the period of his residence there he became a candidate for congress on the democratic ticket on two occasions but met with defeat. In 1902 he removed to Towner, North Dakota, where he opened an office and has since continued in the active practice of his profession. He is the possessor of one of the largest law libraries of the state, with the contents of which he is very familiar. He displays marked ability in his profession, carefully and systematically preparing his cases, while his clear and cogent reasoning in the presentation of his cause never fails to impress court or jury and seldom fails to win the verdict desired for his client. While his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. For six years he has served as special assistant attorney general and he has filled the office of states attorney, while on one occasion he was defeated for the office of attorney general of North Dakota on the democratic ticket. While a resident of O'Brien county,

Iowa, he held the office of county superintendent of schools. He has also been a member of the town council and his official duties have been discharged in a most prompt and capable manner.

In August, 1885, in Sheldon, Iowa, Mr. O'Connell was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Burns and they have one child, Anna, who was born in November, 1902. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Catholic church and in fraternal relations Mr. O'Connell is connected with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He votes the democratic ticket and his close study of the questions and issues of the day enables him to give strong reason for his political faith. Naturally his interest chiefly concentrates upon his profession and in his chosen calling he is making substantial progress.

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#### THOMAS B. TORSON.

Thomas B. Torson, cashier of the Security Bank of Rugby, which is the youngest and strongest bank in Pierce county, possesses strong business qualifications, combining indefatigable energy with persistency of purpose and thorough reliability. North Dakota has reason to be proud to number him among her native sons since he was born in Mayville, June 26, 1888, a son of Lawrence N. and Mary (Myhren) Torson, who removed with their family to Rugby, where Thomas B. Torson obtained a part of his education in the public schools. He afterward became a student in the State University and following his return home engaged in the abstract business for six years. On the expiration of that period he accepted the position of manager of the Rugby branch of the real estate and loan business of E. J. Lander & Company, with which he remained for three years. He next became cashier of the Security Bank of Rugby in 1915 and is also one of its stockholders and directors. The other officers are: O. T. Tofsrud, president; and O. B. Bergeson, vice president. The bank is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, has a surplus of five thousand dollars and its deposits amount to two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. Throughout the entire period of its existence the bank has made steady and substantial progress and the business policy pursued ensures its continued success. In addition to his banking business Mr. Torson is interested in cattle in Montana.

In September, 1909, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Torson and Miss Fanny Athearn and they have become the parents of two children: T. Bradley, born June 8, 1913; and Lee M., born November 13, 1914.

Politically Mr. Torson is a republican and is now serving as city auditor of Rugby, while at a former date he was deputy city treasurer and also deputy sheriff of the county. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge of Rugby, of which he is a past master, and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. He and his wife are held in high esteem in the community in which they reside and the warm-hearted hospitality of their home makes it a favorite resort with their many friends.

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#### GEORGE H. KALBFLEISCH.

George H. Kalbfleisch, engaged in the banking business in Westhope, now occupying the position of cashier in the Peoples State Bank, of which he is also a stockholder and director, was born in Grafton, North Dakota, in August, 1884, a son of Henry G. and Katherine (Rothe) Kalbfleisch, who were natives of Canada. The father was a miller by trade and for many years followed that pursuit. In 1885 he arrived in Bottineau county, North Dakota, and built a flour mill in the town of Bottineau, which was the first enterprise of that character in this part of the state. His remaining days were devoted to the operation of the mill, death ending his labors in August, 1898. His wife survived for nearly two decades, passing away in August, 1915.

George H. Kalbfleisch has been a lifelong resident of North Dakota and almost the

entire period has been spent in Bottineau county. He was graduated from the Bottineau high school with the class of 1901 and afterward attended the State University and also pursued a course in Aaker's Business College at Fargo. In 1906 he removed to Westhope to accept the position of assistant cashier of the First International Bank, with which institution he continued until 1908, when the bank was merged into the Peoples State Bank, Mr. Kalbfleisch being retained in the position of cashier. He has since acted in that capacity, promptly, faithfully and efficiently discharging his duties and thus contributing in large measure to the success of the institution, which has enjoyed a steady growth and is now recognized as one of the strong financial concerns of Bottineau county. He took an active part in organizing the Peoples State Bank and in its conduct has ever held to the highest ethical standards. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bottineau county.

In April, 1912, Mr. Kalbfleisch was married to Miss Lillian M. Johnson and they have become the parents of two children: Gaylord H., born in October, 1913; and Kathryn S., born in September, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Kalbfleisch are consistent members of the Baptist church and fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and at the present time he is filling the offices of city treasurer and secretary of the board of education. He is a public-spirited citizen and his efforts have been a potent force in upholding and developing those standards which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

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#### JUDGE CHARLES ANDREW POLLOCK.

No record that finds a place in the judicial history of North Dakota is more commendable and worthy of admiration than is that of Judge Charles Andrew Pollock, who has five times been elected judge of the third judicial district, his present term expiring January 1, 1917. Not only has he upheld the legal but also the moral status of his community and he is known as the father of the prohibition law of the state. In a word, his influence is always on the side of reform, improvement and progress and his efforts have been of far-reaching effect and benefit.

He was born September 27, 1853, in Elizabethtown, Essex county, New York, and went west with his parents to Iowa in 1856, remaining there until 1881, when he located for the practice of law in Fargo, Dakota territory, where he has since continuously remained. His more specifically literary education was obtained in Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1878. His alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts in 1881 and in 1908 the LL. D. degree. In the meantime he had begun the study of law in the University of Iowa and on the completion of his course the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him in 1881. He entered upon the active work in his profession in Fargo and in 1885 was elected district attorney of Cass county, which position he filled for four years, or until 1889. In the private practice of law a liberal clientage was accorded him, resulting from his recognized ability as manifest in the careful preparation of his cases and from clear and forceful presentation in the courts. No man ever conformed his practice more closely to the ethics of the profession. He never sought to lead the court astray in a matter of fact or law, nor endeavored to withhold from it the knowledge of any fact appearing in the record. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, he gave to his clients a service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, but he never forgot that there were certain things due to the court, to his own self-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 would permit him to disregard. It was but natural therefore that he should be called upon for judicial service. In the fall of 1896 he was elected district judge of the third judicial district of North Dakota for a term of four years, taking his seat upon the bench January 1, 1897. His course proved that the confidence reposed in him was fully merited and since then he has been four times reelected, his present term expiring on the 1st of January, 1917. His decisions



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are strictly fair and impartial, being models of judicial soundness, and the fact that he has so long been continued in office leaves no need for comment as to his ability. For over four years he has had charge of the practice courts of the law department of the State University.

On the 27th of September, 1882, Judge Pollock was united in marriage to Miss Martha Clinton, who was graduated from Cornell College with the class of 1879, being a fellow student there with the judge. They have three living children: Clara A., who was graduated from Cornell in 1908; Lorine M., who is a graduate of the Wisconsin State University of the class of 1912; and Charles M., who was also graduated from the Wisconsin State University in 1912 and from the law school of the State University of Minnesota in 1915. He is now married and is practicing law in St. Paul.

Judge Pollock is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is state president of the Sons of the American Revolution. Holding membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Fargo, he is serving on its official board and is recognized as one of the prominent representatives of the denomination in the state, having represented North Dakota in the general conference of his church at Baltimore in 1908, at Minneapolis in 1912, and at Saratoga Springs in 1916. His political allegiance is always given to the republican party but he never allows politics to interfere in any way with his professional duties. He has long been a close student of the great political, sociological and economic problems of the country and along these lines keeps in touch with best thinking men of the age. He prepared and published a manual of the prohibition law, which is to be found generally in the law offices throughout the country. His cooperation has been an effective force in securing the adoption of many measures and the utilization of many plans for the upbuilding and welfare of city and state.

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#### L. F. MAHOWALD.

L. F. Mahowald, the owner of a large hardware, harness, implement and furniture business at Garrison, has been identified with the town since it was laid out and erected the first building here. His birth occurred in Mankato, Minnesota, April 11, 1889, and he is a son of John and Catherine (Weber) Mahowald, natives of Germany. The mother was brought to the United States when about two years of age and grew to womanhood near Mankato, while the father emigrated to this country when about twenty-five years old and settled in the same locality. They were married there and the mother is still living in Mankato, but the father passed away in 1909. To them were born fourteen children, of whom ten survive, namely: Frank J., of Mankato, who is a blacksmith and motorcycle dealer; Anna, the wife of J. T. Lorenz, of Bird Island, Minnesota; Tillie, who married Frank Krentzer, a resident of Mankato; Mary, the wife of J. J. Huettl, of Max; Julia, the wife of John Butzer, of Mankato; L. F.; Joseph J., who is employed by his brother L. F.; Fred, who owns an auto livery and resides in Mankato; George H., a priest stationed at Cleveland, Ohio; and Lillian, the wife of Roy Brooks, of Mankato. A son, Clemens, died at the age of twenty-one years in Minot, and three children died in infancy.

L. F. Mahowald acquired his education in the parochial schools of Mankato and learned the harness maker's trade at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, under Nick J. Mahowald, for whom he worked for three years. Later he was employed for two years at Bird Island and Madelia, Minnesota, and for a year in Morton, that state. He then opened a harness shop of his own in Mankato, but after eighteen months sold out and in 1902 came to McLean county, North Dakota. He took up as a homestead the northeast quarter of section 24, township 148, range 85, his land being five miles southwest of Garrison. He proved up on his farm and for three years devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement. In 1904 he went to Larimore, North Dakota, where he worked at the harness trade until the summer of 1905. He then came to Garrison and bought the second lot sold here, the town site having just been opened, and he it was who erected the first building in the town, a structure twenty-four by forty feet, on the same site as his present store building. He put in a good stock of hardware and harness and his business prospered so under his able

management that in 1909 he bought the adjoining building, which gave him a ground floor space of twenty-four by sixty feet. In 1910 he found it necessary to add twenty feet to the old building and in 1916 he added forty feet to the new building, making his store proper forty-eight by sixty feet and his warehouse twenty-four by forty feet. In 1910 he put in a complete line of furniture and implements and altogether carries a stock worth about ten thousand dollars. He spares no pains to please his customers and the quality of the goods carried, the reasonable prices and the liberal business policy followed have resulted in the building up of a large patronage. He is also interested in farm lands near Garrison.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. Mahowald and Miss Anna Heinzen, who was born in Germany but when nine years of age accompanied her parents to the United States, settlement being made at Bird Island, Minnesota, where she remained until her marriage. She has become the mother of three children, Ward Earl, Elvira E. and Leo H.

Mr. Mahowald is a strong republican in politics and has held a number of local offices. He was chosen a member of the first board of trustees of Garrison; in 1909 was elected county commissioner, which office he held for two years, and for the past six years has served on the school board and for the greater part of that time has been president of that body. In that connection he had much to do with the erection of the fine new school building, of which Garrison is justly proud and which makes it possible to give a full four years' high school course. He belongs to St. Nicholas' church of Garrison, and fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Columbus at Minot, in which he has taken the fourth degree, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. In all the relations of life, business, civic and personal, he has manifested those qualities which everywhere command respect and regard and is accounted one of the leading citizens of Garrison.

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#### TRYGGVE D. MONSEN.

Tryggve D. Monsen, publisher of the Sheridan Post at McClusky, was born in Norway in 1884, a son of Ludvig Monsen, who is also a native of Norway. He became a printer in the town of Hamar, where for the past forty years he has published the town paper, a work in which he is still actively engaged. He married Josephine Dehn, also of Norwegian birth, and they became the parents of fifteen children, all of whom are yet living with the exception of two.

Tryggve D. Monsen, who was the sixth of the family, was educated in the schools of Norway and when nineteen years of age came to the United States, settling in Wisconsin, where he was employed as a farm hand for three years. On leaving that state he came to North Dakota, establishing his home at McClusky in 1907. For two months he was employed in the office of the McClusky Gazette. He had previously worked in his father's printing office in Norway and had thus learned the trade. After two months spent in McClusky he purchased the Gazette from J. S. Arneson, its previous editor and owner, who is now a prominent figure in Minnesota politics. For two years Mr. Monsen continued to edit and publish the Gazette and then in 1909 took up a homestead located five miles northeast of McClusky. For two years he devoted his time and energies to the development of the farm and secured his title to the property.

It was also in 1909 that Mr. Monsen was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Boutwell, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Peter and Anna Boutwell, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Monsen have become the parents of three children: Teddy, born in May, 1910; Blanche, born in August, 1911; and Alda B., born in May, 1913.

After leaving the homestead Mr. Monsen and his family removed to McClusky and in 1912 he purchased the State Press from F. J. Kehrler, at which time he changed the name of the paper to the Sheridan Post. This is an independent sheet, well edited and carefully managed, and it has a circulation of five hundred and fifty. The Post is today the most widely circulated and best known paper in Sheridan county. It is a bright, readable journal devoted to the dissemination of local and general news, and the business of

the office is constantly increasing owing to the enterprising and thoroughly reliable business methods of the proprietor. In addition to his paper Mr. Mosen has become the owner of town property.

Mr. Mosen is an independent voter, but while he does not ally himself closely with any political party, he stands at all times for those interests which have most to do with the development, growth and prosperity of the community. For a period of two years he was city assessor of McClusky and is the present deputy clerk of the district court, which office he has filled for four years. He was also at one time a candidate for the state senate. He holds to the Lutheran faith in his church relations, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen camp, all of McClusky, and in the Odd Fellows lodge he has passed the chairs, while in the Woodmen camp he is now consul. Since coming to the United States a young man of nineteen years he has steadily worked his way upward, wisely utilizing his time, talents and opportunities, and today he occupies a creditable position among the citizens of Sheridan county, while in his professional capacity his influence is of no restricted order.

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#### O. L. GORDER.

O. L. Gorder, a hardware dealer whose enterprise is a large contributing factor to the upbuilding of Landa, was born in Pope county, Minnesota, August 16, 1875, a son of Lars and Olena (Hanson) Gorder, who were natives of Norway, in which country they were reared and married. About 1869 they came to the United States, settling in Pope county, where they lived to the time of their death.

O. L. Gorder pursued a common school education and in 1895 came to North Dakota, settling in Bottineau county, where he was employed for two years as a farm hand. In 1898 he filed on a homestead in starbuck township, on which he lived for five or six years. There he continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until 1910, when he and his brother, J. L. Gorder, embarked in general merchandising in Landa, continuing the business until February, 1913, when they sold out to C. C. Jacobson. The following year O. L. Gorder spent in visiting in Europe and in the spring of 1915 he established his present hardware business in Landa, building up a good trade during the intervening period, so that he is now accorded a very liberal patronage. He is also the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of farm land in Bottineau county.

In 1913 Mr. Gorder was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Thorvaldsen, of Landa, by whom he has two children, Orlando and Leo. In politics Mr. Gorder is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and are held in high esteem in the community in which they reside, while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

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#### PARELIUS B. PETERSON.

Parelius B. Peterson, cashier of the First International Bank of Landa, North Dakota, is interested in a number of different enterprises and is regarded as one of the leading business men of Bottineau county. He was born in Bodo, Norway, on the 27th of February, 1884, and is a son of Waldemar and Anna (Arntson) Peterson, who are still living in that country, of which they are also natives. The father is a merchant and is conducting a store in Bodo.

In his native land Parelius B. Peterson grew to manhood and was given good educational advantages. In 1903 he bade goodby to parents and friends and sailed for the new world, believing that better opportunities were here afforded ambitious young men not afraid to work. He spent two years in Minneota, Minnesota, where he clerked in a store, and thus acquired an excellent knowledge of business methods. In 1905 he removed to Landa, Bottineau county, North Dakota, and for a time worked at anything he could find to do, but

in the summer of 1906 accepted the position of assistant cashier in the First International Bank, with which he has since been identified. In 1911 he was made cashier, the other officers being George Sundberg, president; and H. J. Dale, vice president. The bank was organized in 1904 and has a capital of ten thousand dollars and a surplus of five thousand dollars, while its deposits now amount to one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. It is in a most flourishing condition, due to the capable management of its officials, and it ranks among the most substantial financial institutions of Bottineau county. Mr. Peterson is also secretary-treasurer of the Sundberg-Peterson Mortgage Company of Landa and treasurer of the Farmers Elevator Company of the same place. He owns three hundred and sixty acres of land four miles north of Landa, which is improved and under cultivation, and at one time owned a farm in northern Minnesota, having homesteaded there in 1904. He is a very progressive and energetic business man, who generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On the 30th of November, 1911, Mr. Peterson married Miss Rhoda M. Hanson, by whom he has one son, Ingolv D. A., born July 5, 1913. He casts his ballot with the republican party and is now serving as clerk of the school board. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he occupies an enviable position in the community in which he lives.

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#### GUSTAVUS F. BRAEGER.

Gustavus F. Braeger is one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Wells county, residing on section 20, township 147, range 71. He is a native of Germany, born May 23, 1864, and is a son of David and Marie Braeger, who came to this country from Prussia in May, 1873, and located near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where they continued to make their home until called to their final rest.

Gustavus F. Braeger was only nine years of age when brought to the United States by his parents and he remained with them until he attained the age of sixteen years, when he started out in life for himself empty handed. He was employed on railroads and farms until he reached his majority but in 1885 came to North Dakota and took up a preemption on section 28, township 147, range 71. He proved up on the same but after residing there for a time bought a relinquishment on section 20 of the same township, where he has since made his home. After buying that place he began raising small grain and in his farming operations has met with most excellent success. In 1897 he purchased three quarter sections near his home place on sections 22 and 28 and in 1904 bought another quarter on section 22; in 1905 bought the northeast quarter of section 20; and in 1907 the southwest quarter of section 14, the same township. Later he traded three quarter sections on section 22 and the quarter on section 14 for a half section of land south of Chaseley, which he now rents. He is now the owner of twelve hundred and eighty acres of very valuable land—the result of his own industry, enterprise and good management. In 1902 he started in the stock business with two cows and two calves and is today one of the extensive stock raisers of Wells county. For a time he raised only pure blooded shorthorns but now keeps graded stock and has about ninety head of cattle and one hundred and forty Shropshire sheep upon his place. He also raises thoroughbred Percheron horses and has shipped more horses than anyone else in his township. His farm is well improved with commodious and substantial buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and he is now erecting two Champion silos and one Thompson silo.

On the 18th of June, 1902, Mr. Braeger was united in marriage to Miss Ella Swayne, a daughter of George W. and Cynthia A. (Grazier) Swayne, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where the mother spent her entire life. The father is now living retired in California. Mrs. Braeger was born in Mount Junior, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1869, and came west in 1900, teaching school in Wells county, North Dakota, until her marriage. She has become the mother of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Leona, Harold David, Clarence Willard, G. Falley, Gladys Bernice and Floyd Swayne.

In politics Mr. Braeger is an independent republican and on that ticket was elected

county commissioner against his wishes. His fellow citizens, however, recognized his capability and he was retained in that position for eight years. He has also served as school clerk and township clerk and filled other township offices. His career has been that of a self-made man who has performed every duty assigned to him in an efficient manner and who has made his own way in the world unaided by capital or influential friends. He is today one of the prosperous farmers of Wells county and is held in the highest esteem.

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#### MAURITS VAN SOEST.

Maurits Van Soest, vice president of the First State Bank at Strashurg and a retired farmer, was born in Holland, May 10, 1848, his parents being Martinis and Helen Van Soest, who were also natives of the Netherlands. The father was a laborer in that country and never came to America, his death there occurring in 1857, while his wife survived for a few years and passed away in 1866.

Maurits Van Soest was reared and educated in the land of the dikes and in 1883, hoping to enjoy better business opportunities in the new world, sailed for America. For two years he was a resident of Chicago, where he was employed in the building of Pullman cars, but attracted to the growing northwest, he made his way to Campbell county, South Dakota, in 1885, and there bought a preemption, after which he engaged in farming in that locality for two years. He next removed to Emmons county and took up a homestead which he developed and improved, turning the first furrows in his fields and converting the land into a richly productive tract. He continued the work until everything was in fine shape and he had one of the best improved farm properties of the county. To his original holdings he added from time to time until he is now the owner of sixteen hundred acres from which he derives a most gratifying annual income. He continued to cultivate that place until the spring of 1914, when he retired and removed to Strasburg, there purchasing a nice home. Not content to utterly put aside business cares, he became one of the organizers of the First State Bank, of which he is the vice president and as such has voice in its management and control. He is also a stockholder in the Strasburg Lumber Company and he has also dealt to some extent in real estate. While upon the farm he was engaged in the cattle business and met with substantial success as a stock raiser.

In May, 1883, Mr. Van Soest wedded Miss Anna Radder and they have become parents of eight children, as follows: Peter M., who is an implement dealer of Strashurg; Jennie, the wife of Ed H. Nieuwsma, who cultivates the farm of his father-in-law; Cornelius, an agriculturist of Emmons county; Helen, who is the wife of James Borr, a farmer of Emmons county; Maurits, who is employed as a farm hand by James Borr; Grace, at home; Helen, who passed away in 1887; and Grace, whose demise occurred in 1891. Mr. Van Soest votes with the republican party, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He and his wife belong to the American Reformed church, and they are people of sterling worth, occupying an enviable position in the social circles in which they move.

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#### EARL B. TALMADGE.

Earl B. Talmadge, a representative business man and enterprising citizen of Towner, was born on the 2d of October, 1870, in New York, of which state his parents, Carlton H. and Mary E. (Lockwood) Talmadge, were likewise natives, the former born in 1838 and the latter in 1841. The father was engaged in the dairy business in New York until 1882, when he removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and took up a homestead in Grand Forks county, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted five years. In the meantime, in 1884, he secured a claim in that part of Bottineau county which is now McHenry county and for sixteen years he operated the place as a cattle ranch, keeping from four to six hundred head. He also purchased additional land until he owned three

quarter sections, but in 1900 he sold his farm to our subject and is now living retired in Towner at the age of seventy-eight years, honored and respected by all who know him. His wife died in 1908.

Earl B. Talmadge began his education in the schools of New York and later attended school in Towner after the removal of the family to this state. In early life he gave his father the benefit of his labor on the home farm and subsequently engaged in ranching with his father and brother until 1900, when he purchased the former's interest in the business. For some years he made a specialty of raising shorthorn Hereford cattle, but in 1900 discontinued that and raised only registered Galloways for sixteen years, retiring from the cattle business at the end of that time. In 1907 he became interested in the baled hay and feed business, which he still carries on, shipping hay all over this state and in Montana. He now owns a ranch in Valley county, Montana, and expects to operate the same.

On the 18th of January, 1912, Mr. Talmadge was united in marriage to Mrs. Myrta (Read) Herneman, Mr. Talmadge adopting her daughter Ruth B., who was born August 31, 1900. Mrs. Talmadge is a daughter of Nelson A. and Jennie L. (Hancock) Read, natives of Illinois and Wisconsin, respectively. The mother died in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge are members of the Presbyterian church and he is also identified with Mouse River Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 1089, B. P. O. E., of Minot. His political support is given the republican party. He is widely and favorably known both in business and social circles and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Towner.

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#### DANIEL WARREN BOWKER.

Daniel Warren Bowker, junior partner in the firm of Wallace & Bowker, wholesale fuel dealers of Minot, was born at Crystal Lake, Hancock county, Iowa, February 27, 1872, a son of Samuel Francis and Amanda Mary (Chase) Bowker. The father's birth occurred in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, where he was reared and educated, afterward obtaining employment in a pulp factory in that state. In 1871 he traveled westward by rail to Mason City, Iowa, and thence across the country to Crystal Lake, where he purchased government land which he cleared and cultivated, there carrying on general farming until his death, which occurred May 18, 1900, when he was sixty-seven years of age. His wife was born in Keene, New Hampshire, where she attended school and in that state she was married, after which she accompanied her husband to Iowa, living upon the old home farm there until the death of Mr. Bowker, since which time she has resided with her children, who are residents of Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota.

Daniel W. Bowker obtained his education in the district schools at Crystal Lake, Iowa, and afterward assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he was married, purchased land and began farming on his own account, being thus engaged until 1900, when he came to Minot. He then homesteaded the southeast quarter of section 18, Waterford township, Ward county, twenty miles northwest of Minot, and at once began to develop and improve the place, continuing the cultivation of his farm until 1909. In connection with the raising of grain he also engaged in stock raising and he is still the owner of the home place, which he values and prizes very highly. He bought more land adjoining his homestead and also acquired three quarter sections about three miles from his home, so that in all he owned and farmed eight hundred acres of land in Ward county, which in fifteen years has ceased to be homestead land and has risen to a value of fifty dollars per acre. This is as good agricultural land as can be found in the state. He also owns a quarter section in McLean county and from his farm lands he now receives a very substantial rental. In 1909 he removed to Minot, where he erected a modern two story residence on Valley street that he now occupies. On the 1st of September, 1911, he entered into partnership with J. S. Wallace of Burlington, North Dakota, under the firm name of Wallace & Bowker, for the conduct of a wholesale and retail coal and fuel business, their yard being located on Central avenue, East. In the intervening period, covering five years, they have built up a large trade, their patronage steadily increasing. Aside from his other



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interests Mr. Bowker has become active in the promotion of various business enterprises which are of direct value to the community. He was one of the main organizers and the first president of the Burlington Farmers Telephone Company at Burlington, North Dakota, was one of the organizers and is a director of the Burlington Farmers Elevator Company and assisted in organizing the First State Bank of Burlington, of which he is a director.

In May, 1894, at Crystal Lake, Iowa, Mr. Bowker was united in marriage to Miss Clara Kluger, who was born at Dumont, Butler county, Iowa, April 7, 1872, a daughter of Charles F. and Doris Kluger and a sister of H. A. Kluger, of Burlington, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Bowker have become parents of four children: Mabel Irene, who was born at Crystal Lake, Iowa, January 27, 1895, and is now teaching school at Ross, North Dakota; Roy Vinton, who was born at Crystal Lake, March 31, 1897, and is a high school student in Minot; Maurice Fay, who was born on the Bowker farm near Burlington, February 14, 1905; and Doris Esther, born in Minot, May 13, 1910.

Mr. Bowker exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has filled several local offices. He was clerk of Waterford township, Ward county, also clerk of the school board in District No. 67 and was the first chairman of the board of supervisors in that district. Both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was superintendent of the Sunday school conducted in connection with the Methodist church near Burlington and has been a teacher in the Sunday school at Minot. His wife has been equally active in church work and is identified with the Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies Aid Society. Mr. Bowker has no reason to regret his determination to come to North Dakota, for he has won a substantial measure of success as the years have gone on and his ability has brought him prominently to the front in business connections.

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#### CLARENCE M. CONDIT.

Clarence M. Condit is a member of the Condit & Son Electric Company, builders and proprietors of the Westhope electric light plant. Drawn to Bottineau county by its opportunities for business growth and expansion, he has become a factor in the development of his part of the state. He was born in Warren county, Iowa, August 8, 1861, a son of Daniel M. and Sarah M. (Martindale) Condit, the former a native of Orange, New Jersey, and the latter of Gallipolis, Ohio. They were married in the latter state and in 1856 removed westward to Iowa, becoming pioneer settlers of Warren county, where the father purchased government land at the usual price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. They continued to reside in Warren county until called to their final rest, Mr. Condit passing away in 1873, while his wife survived until 1907.

Liberal educational opportunities were accorded Clarence M. Condit, who supplemented his common school course by study in the Ackworth Academy of Ackworth, Iowa. He then took up the occupation of farming in his native county, devoting his energies to the work of tilling the soil until 1893, when he became one of the dominant factors in the organization of the Citizens Bank in Milo, Iowa. For seven years he remained as cashier of the institution and then resigned his position, after which he spent two years in the real estate and abstract business in Winterset, Iowa. In 1902 he disposed of his interests in that connection and in April of the same year came to North Dakota, filing on a homestead a mile north of the old town of Richburg in Bottineau county. He was thereafter identified with agricultural pursuits upon that place until 1914 and still owns the property. In 1905 he was appointed postmaster of Westhope and served in that capacity for five years. In 1914 he removed from his farm to the town and in 1916 he and his son, Gilbert H., built the electric light plant, which is one of the most modern and thoroughly equipped little plants of the Mouse river loop. The son is an electrical engineer, having taken a course in electrical engineering in the State University of Iowa, and for the past two years he has had charge of the Mouse river drainage project and also during the same period has been county surveyor of Bottineau county. In addition to his electric light interests Clarence M. Condit is the owner of six hundred and forty acres of farm land all in one body.

In 1882 Mr. Condit was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Turner, of Milo, Iowa, by whom he has three children, as follows: Geraldine M., the wife of Dr. L. L. Bowie, of Buckeye, Iowa; John T., who is agent for the Studebaker automobile and lives at home; and Gilbert H., who is associated with his father in the conduct of the electric light plant.

In politics Mr. Condit is a republican and fraternally is connected with Westhope Lodge, No. 74, A. F. & A. M.; Westhope Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F.; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is recognized as a man of sterling worth and during the fourteen years of his residence in Bottineau county has gained a most substantial and creditable position in business circles. All who know him entertain for him warm regard because of his progressive spirit, his thorough reliability and his social, genial nature.

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#### SAMUEL M. KOTO.

Samuel M. Koto, who is now practically living retired in Towner, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, on the 12th of September, 1863, and is a son of Ole and Annie (Sletto) Koto, natives of Norway. In early life the parents came to America and settled in Wisconsin, where the father purchased a tract of land and engaged in its operation, devoting his life to farming. He died in that state in 1883 and the mother passed away in 1873.

In the state of his nativity Samuel M. Koto grew to manhood and is indebted to its public schools for the educational advantages he received. He remained under the parental roof until his removal to McHenry county, North Dakota, in 1883. Here he took up a homestead and began farming on his own account. Success attended his efforts and he was able to add to his property, owning at one time a whole section of land. He still has in his possession four hundred and eighty acres of land in McHenry county and also owns property in the western part of the state. In 1908, however, he put aside the active labors of the farm and removed to Towner, where he now makes his home, his attention being given to the supervision of his invested interests.

In July, 1903, Mr. Koto married Miss Hilda Hanson, a daughter of Hans and Christine Hanson. The father died when Mrs. Koto was two years old and Mrs. Hanson married Martin Hendrickson. They came to America in 1884, settling in McHenry county. Mr. and Mrs. Koto have one child, Selma Hazel, born January 27, 1909. They are earnest members of the Lutheran church, and in politics Mr. Koto is a staunch republican. He has served as township clerk and as county treasurer from 1908 to 1912. He was first appointed to the latter position, and after filling it for four months was elected to that office, which he so acceptably filled that he was reelected. He is today one of the honored citizens of Towner and well merits the high esteem in which he is held.

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#### N. P. LINDBERG.

N. P. Lindberg, proprietor of the Rugby Greenhouses, which were established in 1903, is an alert and progressive business man who is constantly studying the best methods for enlarging his interests and today has one of the finest and most extensive enterprises of the kind west of the twin cities. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in September, 1864, a son of I. and Mary Lindberg, who were also natives of that country, where they remained until 1866 and then came to the new world, establishing their home in Faribault, Minnesota. The father was a miller by trade and after becoming a resident of Faribault he there engaged in the milling business for several years. He next turned his attention to the hotel business, conducting a hotel until 1894, when he retired from active life and has since enjoyed a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He is now eighty-two years of age, while his wife has reached the age of eighty-four.

N. P. Lindberg was reared and educated in Faribault, Minnesota, and at the age of thirteen years started out to earn his own living. He was employed at different jobs and in 1886 he made his way to Philadelphia, where he learned the florist's business as an

employe at Fairmount Park. He afterward worked at the florist's trade in various cities and also as a cigar maker and in 1900 he located at Leeds, North Dakota, where he established a cigar factory which he conducted for a year. At the end of that time he removed to Rugby, where he established greenhouses and has since conducted business as a florist. In the intervening period his patronage has steadily increased and he today has one of the best equipped greenhouses west of the twin cities. His plant is very large and includes altogether fourteen greenhouses, while in the fall of 1916 he expects to erect two more. His shipments cover five different states and he handles every kind of ornamental shrub and blossoming plant. His greenhouses represent an investment of thirty thousand dollars, in addition to which he owns residence and business property in Grand Forks.

In December, 1888, Mr. Lindberg was united in marriage to Miss Julia Fossum and they have two children: Venus, the wife of J. S. Simpkins, of Portland, Oregon; and Myrtle J., a court stenographer living at home.

The parents are members of the Episcopal church and in his political views Mr. Lindberg is a socialist. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and with the Modern Woodmen of America and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of those organizations. He is highly esteemed as a man of genuine worth and as a most enterprising and progressive business man. Starting out in life empty handed at the age of thirteen, he has worked his way steadily upward and by reason of the force of his character, his ability and laudable ambition has become one of the most substantial citizens of Rugby, while his interests are of a character that contribute to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success.

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#### SVEN P. NOKKEN.

Sven P. Nokken, a merchant of Roger, was born at Sogn, Norway, March 29, 1861, and was a little lad of but nine years when brought to America by his father, Peter Nokken, who settled with his family south of Moorhead, Minnesota, securing a homestead on the river. Throughout the intervening years he has remained upon his farm there and he is still enjoying good health at the age of ninety-two years. He is a man of splendid physique and notable vigor and has led a life of intense activity.

Sven P. Nokken was the youngest of a family of three sons and two daughters and was reared amid pioneer conditions upon the old homestead farm, sharing in all of the hardships and privations of frontier life. There were no towns within many miles and over the old trail between St. Paul, Breckenridge and Fort Garry the emigrants passed sometimes in wagon trains of one hundred or more, going to the west and north. The father had some money at the time of his arrival and was able to purchase a few cows and sheep, which were brought along from southern Minnesota and rendered the life of the family somewhat free from the privations which many settlers endured, for they were able to have milk and occasionally a beef or sheep was slaughtered, furnishing them with meat. Game birds and fish were also plentiful. On making the trip to their destination they started from Goodhue county, Minnesota, with ox teams and two other families came about the same time, while still others followed. It was a considerable period, however, before the district became thickly settled and took on all of the advantages known to the older east.

Sven P. Nokken early became familiar with the arduous task of developing new land and fighting grasshoppers in summer and blizzards in winter. When a young man he made up his mind to go back east to get an education and after saving some money attended school, completing his education at Northfield, Minnesota, and Minneapolis, for he realized the value of intellectual training as a stepping-stone toward business success. His brother Peter had been elected county treasurer of Cass county, North Dakota, and Sven P. Nokken then entered his office, in which he remained for three years. At the end of that time he established with his brother a hardware and machinery business in Cass county which was later sold. After spending some time upon the road as a commercial traveler he opened the first hardware store in Litchville, North Dakota, which he conducted for several years but which he sold when he moved to Valley City to give his children better school facilities. In 1912 he removed to Roger and he now conducts a hardware and harness store, having

a well appointed establishment, in which he carries an extensive and well selected line of goods. He is enjoying a liberal patronage, for the public recognizes the integrity of his business methods, his enterprise and his earnest desire to please his patrons.

In December, 1888, Mr. Nokken was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Hummell, of Fargo, in which city her father, J. F. Hummell, settled with his family in 1878. The children of this marriage are Alvin Percy, now deceased; and Roy and Leonard, both of whom are residing in Roger.

Mr. Nokken has never sought nor desired public office and has never served in any political position save that of deputy county treasurer of Cass county. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the United Commercial Travelers and other organizations. He is genial, courteous and obliging, ever ready to extend a helping hand or do a favor for a friend or neighbor, and those who have been associated with him speak of him in high terms. There is no phase of western pioneer life with which he is not familiar, for since 1871 he has made his home in the northwest, covering all of the period of its development. He rejoices in what has been accomplished and he has borne his full part in the work of general improvement.

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#### W. E. RAVELY.

The subject of this article and whose picture appears here, was born on a farm near Springfield, Illinois, December 21, 1873, where he resided with his parents until they moved to North Dakota in the spring of 1890, where he, with his father and brothers, engaged in stock raising, until 1905 when he disposed of his interests and took a course in portrait and commercial photography, covering a period of two years. In 1907 he located in Edgeley, North Dakota, as a photographer, and also handled commercial photography, doing all kinds of outdoor and specialty work.

Mr. Ravely has made many pictures of North Dakota, her people and places, which have become a part of the history of the state. Among these is the picture of the Whitestone Hill Battlefield Monument, in Dickey county, North Dakota, which shows the governors of two states and six of the survivors of that battle, being the only picture in existence of that battlefield, together with these survivors.

He is perhaps the best known photographer in the state of North Dakota, his pictures being found in all works pertaining to the biography and history of the state.

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#### B. A. FISH.

For some years B. A. Fish has been engaged in business in Towner as proprietor of a variety store and in that capacity he has become widely and favorably known. He was born in Maine, in October, 1857, his parents being Elon and Martha (Dwelle) Fish, also natives of the Pine Tree state. By occupation the father was a farmer. At an early day he removed with his family to Michigan, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he came to North Dakota and here spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1908. The mother passed away in December, 1913.

The early life of B. A. Fish was spent upon a farm in Maine and his education was begun in the public schools of that state. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Michigan and remained with them until he attained his majority. For several years he engaged in clerking in stores and thus became familiar with practical business methods which have been of great benefit to him in his subsequent career. On coming to McHenry county, North Dakota, in the spring of 1897, however, he took up a homestead and for about thirteen years engaged in farming thereon, but at the end of that time removed to Towner and has since conducted a variety store with good success.

On the 1st of January, 1878, Mr. Fish was united in marriage to Miss Mary T. Stone, a daughter of Franklin C. and Mary C. (Rathbun) Stone, who were natives of New York.



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At the age of six years her father removed with his parents to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was subsequently engaged in the butcher business. During the dark days of the Civil war he enlisted in the Fourth Michigan Cavalry and was in the service for three years. He then returned to Michigan, where he continued to reside throughout life. His death occurred in May, 1900, and Mrs. Stone died February 22, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Fish had one child: Lola M., who was born in July, 1879, and married George W. Snyder. She died in February, 1906, leaving two children, Clifton B. and Max L., who reside with their father in Sunfield, Michigan.

Mr. Fish and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and he is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. He votes with the republican party and has served as assessor of his township. No man in the community is held in higher regard and he has made many friends since coming to Melleny county.

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#### ARTHUR BACKEN.

Arthur Baeken has spent almost his entire life in Wells county and is now efficiently serving as postmaster of Heimdal, where he is also engaged in the hardware business. He was born near Nord Finnskoga, Sweden, on the 9th of December, 1890, but during his infancy was brought to the United States by his parents, Ole and Hannah Backen, who located upon a farm near Heimdal, North Dakota, and are still residing in Wells county.

Upon the home farm Arthur Baeken grew to manhood and by assisting his father in the work early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. He attended the graded schools of Heimdal and also took a commercial course in the Minneapolis Business College, from which he was graduated. In 1911, he and his father started a hardware store in Heimdal, which they are still conducting under the firm name of O. H. Baeken & Son. They carry a good stock of shelf and heavy hardware and by reasonable prices and fair dealing have built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing. In 1915 the son was appointed postmaster and he is now filling that position in a creditable manner.

In 1914 Mr. Baeken was married to Miss Regina Mellum, a native of Amherst Junction, Wisconsin, and to them has been born a daughter, Eunice. They hold membership in the Lutheran church and Mr. Baeken affiliates with the republican party. He takes an active interest in public affairs and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will promote the general welfare.

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#### VALENTINE BENZ.

Among the pioneer settlers of Burleigh county who have borne an important part in its upbuilding and development is Valentine Benz, who came to this locality in 1886 and has since been identified with its farming and mercantile interests. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born on the River Rhine in the southwestern part of Germany, February 7, 1861, a son of John and Briggeta Benz, who were lifelong residents of that country. The father was a stonecutter by trade but also followed the occupation of farming to some extent. Two of the children came to the United States—Valentine and August—and the latter is now living on the creek four miles south of Moffit, in Burleigh county, North Dakota.

Valentine Benz was reared and educated in his native land and after laying aside his textbooks gave his father the benefit of his services until coming to America on the 1st of April, 1881. He landed in New York city but continued his journey westward until he reached Lake City, Minnesota. There he was employed as a farm hand for five years but, wishing to engage in farming on his own account, he came to North Dakota in 1886 and took up a homestead two miles from Moffit in Burleigh county. He was the first white man to settle in that locality but later in the same summer others arrived, coming principally from Missouri. Mr. Benz proved up on his claim and continued to reside thereon until

1912, when he removed to Moffit, where he now makes his home. He became extensively engaged in stock raising, having a large herd of shorthorn cattle, and success attending his efforts, he added to his landed possessions from time to time until he owned about one and a half sections of land.

On his removal to Moffit in 1912, Mr. Benz erected a store building, eighty by twenty-two and a half feet in dimensions and stocked it with general merchandise. He also deals in farm implements, in fact carries everything needed on a farm. In 1913 he built a warehouse and public hall, twenty-two and a half by eighty feet and two stories in height. The lower floor he uses as a store house for his machinery, while the upper story is used as a public hall. Farming and merchandising do not constitute his only business interests for Mr. Benz is serving as president of the Farmers Elevator Company of Moffit, of which he is a stockholder and director, and he is also vice president and a stockholder of the Moffit State Bank.

In 1886 Mr. Benz married Miss Catherine Jauch, also a native of Germany, and to them have been born eight children, namely: William, now a blacksmith of Moffit; John A., at the head of his father's general store; Oscar and Henry, who are operating the home farm; Susie, the wife of D. Bruce, who is also engaged in farming; Catherine, at home; and Nellie and Frank, attending school.

In politics Mr. Benz is a republican and in 1911 he was chosen as the third postmaster of Moffit, being appointed by the civil service on the 14th of March, that year, and still serving in that capacity to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is a very public-spirited and enterprising citizen and does everything within his power to promote the interests of his town and county. Coming to this country in limited circumstances he has steadily worked his way upward until he is now numbered among the most substantial men of his community and while advancing his own interests has also promoted the public welfare.

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#### J. M. HYNES.

The limitless opportunities of the northwest have been to J. M. Hynes a call to action. He has seen in this vast section of the country the chance for the establishment and conduct of important business interests and today he has extensive land holdings and is one of the prominent representatives of banking interests in the northern part of North Dakota, having large investments in this state, although he makes his home in St. Paul. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, July 11, 1868, a son of Michael and Mary (Speight) Hynes, who were natives of County Limerick, Ireland. The father crossed the Atlantic in 1847, establishing his home in Massachusetts, where he purchased land and carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. His death occurred in December, 1896, while his wife passed away in December, 1897.

The youthful days of J. M. Hynes were spent in the old Bay state, where he remained with his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he was employed in different factories in Massachusetts, but the interesting reports concerning the opportunities of the developing northwest led him to sever his connections with New England and come to North Dakota. He arrived in Wahpeton in 1886 and there took up the study of telegraphy, after which he was employed until 1901 as station agent and telegraph operator on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Great Northern and the Soo railroad lines. In 1901 he made his initial step in connection with the banking business by entering the Lidgerwood State Bank at Lidgerwood, North Dakota, in the capacity of assistant cashier. There he was employed until July, 1905, when he went to Tolley and organized the First National Bank of that place, acting as its cashier for several years. The present officers are: J. L. Mathews, president; J. M. Hynes, vice president; and W. E. Hynes, cashier. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has deposits amounting to two hundred and ten thousand dollars. Mr. Hynes is also associated with numerous other financial institutions, owning banks at Kermit, Wildrose, Ambrose, Mantador and Lidgerwood. He also owns twenty-three quarter sections of land in Renville county and his farming interests are another important source of his income. In 1914 he removed to

St. Paul, where he engaged in the land business and where he still resides, managing his business investments from that point.

On the 19th of May, 1891, Mr. Hynes was married to Miss Julia Feeney and they have become the parents of six children: Agatha, Aileen and Bernice, all at home; and three who died in infancy.

While residing at Tolley Mr. Hynes served as a member of the town council. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Maccabees, the Woodmen of the World, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Catholic church and in his political views is a stalwart democrat. His business career is an expression of notable enterprise, diligence, progressiveness and keen business judgment, and shows what can be accomplished when ambition points out the way. It is also a proof that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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#### WILLIAM H. GARDEN.

William H. Garden, a well known citizen of Landa, was born on the 26th of November, 1857, in Decorah, Winneshiek county, Iowa, a son of Halvor and Isabelle (Opdahl) Garden, of whom further mention is made in the sketch of E. L. Garden on another page of this work. Our subject passed his boyhood and youth in Decorah and vicinity, where he attended school and also learned the barber's trade.

Mr. Garden remained with his parents until he attained his majority and on leaving home went to Pembina county, North Dakota, and for twenty-six years followed his trade at Drayton. In the meantime he went to McKenzie county and proved up on a homestead, which he still owns but now rents. In 1915 he removed to Landa, Bottineau county, and opened a barber shop, which he is now conducting with excellent success, receiving his share of the public patronage.

On the 14th of September, 1888, Mr. Garden was united in marriage to Miss Julia Hegland. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs and while a resident of Drayton served on the city council. In politics he is a republican and in religious belief is a Methodist. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and he has always endeavored to live up to the principles of those organizations, which are founded on the brotherhood of man.

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#### C. E. FOUTS.

C. E. Fouts, county auditor of McHenry county, where he has resided since the spring of 1905, was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, on the 28th of February, 1867, a son of William H. H. and Barbara (Dorns) Fouts, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and representatives of old Pennsylvania Dutch families. Both removed with their respective parents to Illinois in 1847, at which time a colony of Pennsylvania people settled in Fulton county, and there the parents have since resided with the exception of a period of two years passed in Whiteside county, Illinois. To them were born seven children, all of whom are still living.

C. E. Fouts completed his public school education in the high school at Canton, Illinois, and afterward attended the Canton Commercial College. For two years he was engaged in teaching and then began farming in Fulton county, Illinois, where he devoted two years to general agricultural pursuits. He next engaged in the grocery business at Canton for eight years, but in 1899 made his way to the northwest, becoming assistant cashier in the Raymond State Bank at Raymond, Minnesota. There he continued until the spring of 1905, when he arrived in North Dakota, settling at Upham, McHenry county, where he became cashier of the State Bank of Upham. In 1910 he removed to Towner, having been appointed deputy county auditor, and in 1912 he was elected to the position of county

auditor, in which he has been continued by reelection to the present time, being an efficient and capable man in the position by reason of the thoroughness and careful methods which characterize the discharge of his duties.

In 1890 Mr. Fouts was married to Miss Viola Whitmore, of Canton, Illinois, and they have become the parents of two children, Chester R. and Donald E. The former was a commercial salesman for the firm of Walker Brothers & Hardy of Fargo until the recent Mexican trouble, when with Company B of the North Dakota troops he went to the Mexican border, where he is now stationed.

Mr. Fouts gives his political support to the republican party, believing firmly in the efficacy of its principles as factors in good government. In 1915 he was elected mayor of Towner for a two year term. Fraternally he is connected with Meadow Lodge, No. 85, F. & A. M., of Upham, with Mystic Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Tolley, Lebanon Council, No. 2, R. & S. M., of Rugby, De Molay Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of Minot, and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He is also a member of Willmar Lodge, No. 952, B. P. O. E., at Willmar, Minnesota, and he and his wife are active and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is now serving as treasurer. They take an active part in church work and are doing everything in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Their aid is always given on the side of progress and improvement and they have contributed to the material, political, social and moral progress of the community.

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#### THOMAS DEWITT.

Since 1912 Thomas Dewitt has made his home in Alfred, where he is now practically living retired from business, although he still controls a farm of six hundred and forty acres and is the vice president of the First State Bank of Alfred. In former years he carried on agricultural pursuits on a very extensive scale and the wise judgment and unflinching energy which he displayed in the management of his farming interests brought him substantial success. He was born in Amsterdam, Holland, June 18, 1878, a son of Bernard and Mary (Schafer) Dewitt, who are also natives of that country, where the father worked in the coal mines and also operated a dairy. In 1880 he decided to try the business opportunities offered in the new world and with his family crossed the Atlantic, making his way to Wisconsin, where he carried on farming for a brief period. He then removed to North Dakota and located on a preemption near Jamestown, giving the succeeding five years to the development and improvement of that place. He then sold out and removed to Lamoure county, where he engaged in farming for ten years and on the expiration of that period he established his home in Logan county, where he engaged in ranching for six years. His next removal took him to the northwestern part of the state, where he purchased eleven hundred and twenty acres upon which he still resides, although he has now reached the venerable age of seventy-nine years. His wife is also living and is seventy-four years of age.

Thomas Dewitt was still an infant when brought to America and was reared upon the home farm near Jamestown, while the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. When not busy with his textbooks he assisted in the work of the fields and remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he married and removed to his wife's homestead in Logan county. He kept on buying land from time to time as favorable opportunity offered and his financial resources permitted, and ultimately he became the owner of eleven hundred and twenty acres, constituting a very valuable and productive farm property. He afterward sold a portion of this, but still retains the ownership of five and one-half quarter sections or eight hundred and eighty acres. He now cultivates part of his land, but rents the remainder and derives therefrom a very gratifying and substantial annual income. In 1912 he removed to Alfred and built a nice home which he has since occupied. He also built another residence in the town and in connection with R. A. Werner and others he organized the First State Bank of Alfred, of which he has since been the vice president.

On the 15th of April, 1899, Mr. Dewitt was married to Miss Barbara Kulndt, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kulndt, who were natives of Germany and in early life came to America. They settled in South Dakota and after a time removed to North Dakota, establishing their home in Logan county, where Mr. Kulndt bought land which he cultivated for a number of years. He is now retired and makes his home with his son, while his wife passed away in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt are the parents of three children, Harry, Alice and Alvin.

In politics he maintains an independent course, while his religious faith is that of the Baptist church. Reared amid the environment of the west, he early became imbued with its enterprising spirit, and opportunity has ever been to him a call to arms, finding him ready for that control and direction of business affairs which leads ultimately to prosperity.

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#### AUGUST E. JOHNSON.

Although born in Sweden, August E. Johnson has spent the greater part of his life in North Dakota and is thus thoroughly familiar with the history of its development and with its still unrealized possibilities. He has taken a prominent part in various lines of activity in McLean county, being connected with important real estate operations, with a number of banks and with public affairs. The major portion of his attention, however, is given to his duties as cashier of the First National Bank of Washburn. He was born in Sweden of the marriage of Andrew and Anna (Beck) Johnson, both of whom died in that country. The father was by occupation a farmer.

August E. Johnson, who is the third in order of birth in a family of five children, all of whom survive, accompanied his maternal uncle, Andrew Beck, to the United States in 1882 and after residing in Pennsylvania for a year came to McLean county, North Dakota, where he completed his education. At length he entered the employ of J. E. Britten, publisher of the McLean County Mail, and remained in the printing business for ten years, being within that time connected with newspapers in a number of Dakota towns and cities, including Bismarck and Washburn. At one time he was part owner of the Steele Ozone, an up-to-date and well patronized weekly journal. In 1896 he was elected auditor of McLean county, which office he filled for six years, and during that time he also engaged in farming and cattle raising upon a tract of land adjoining Washburn which he had purchased. Early in 1890 he entered the real estate field in partnership with Mr. Klein, and is still financially interested in the Klein Land Agency, which has its headquarters at Washburn and is one of the foremost concerns of the kind in this section of the state. He has also dealt in land independently, and there are few if any men in McLean county better informed on all points of the real estate business than he. In 1912 he became cashier of the First National Bank of Washburn, in which position he has since served. The institution was organized in 1902 with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and now has a surplus of equal amount. Realizing that the success of a bank depends primarily on the confidence of the public, he has made it his first care to conduct the institution upon safe and conservative lines, although extending credit when he could do so without jeopardizing the funds of depositors or stockholders. He is interested financially in the McLean County State Bank of Wilton and in the Baldwin State Bank at Baldwin.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1899 to Miss Clara M. Patterson, a resident of Steele, North Dakota, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Patterson, pioneers of that city. Her father has passed away, but her mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children, Louise and Hugh.

The republican party has a stalwart supporter in Mr. Johnson, and he has taken quite an active part in local politics. As previously mentioned, he served for six years as auditor of McLean county, and in 1902 and again in 1906 he was chosen state senator. As a member of the upper house of the legislature he fully justified the trust which his fellow citizens had reposed in him, working consistently for the general good. In 1912 he was honored by election as a delegate to the national convention of his party, and he at all times keeps closely in touch with the political situation. In addition to the offices men-

tioned he has been called to fill a number of township offices. He belongs to the Elks at Bismarek and to the Knights of Pythias at Washburn, in which he has passed through all of the chairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, and in business as in other relations of life he has conformed to the highest standards.

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#### GEORGE AUSTIN MCFARLAND.

George Austin McFarland, president of the State Normal School at Valley City, has throughout his career as an educator held to high ideals and utilized progressive methods. Since 1884 he has been identified with educational interests in the Dakotas after having a short time previously graduated from Hiram College in Ohio, his native state. He was born at Chagrin Falls, April 8, 1858, a son of Johnson and Isabelle (Watson) McFarland, both of whom were natives of Ireland, as was the paternal grandfather, James McFarland, who in 1843 came to the new world settling at Chagrin Falls, where he lived to the age of eighty-six years. His son, Johnson McFarland, followed farming in the vicinity of the town and there spent his entire life after coming to the new world. The McFarlands were originally Presbyterians but in this country became connected with the Disciples of Christ. Johnson McFarland was very active in local political circles, holding staunchly to democratic principles while living in a republican stronghold. He reached the age of seventy-one years.

Professor McFarland, an only son and with but one sister, was reared on the old homestead in Ohio and after attending the public schools and completing the high school course at Bedford, Ohio, attended Hiram College, where he won the Bachelor of Science degree in 1883, while in 1886 the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him. In 1884 he secured the position of superintendent of schools in Scotland, Dakota, now South Dakota, where he remained for three years and afterward became secretary of the territorial board of education by appointment of the governor. After occupying that position for two and one-half years he was made professor of pedagogy and history at Madison, South Dakota, and was the first democratic candidate for state superintendent of education in that state, which was strongly republican. Although he failed of election, he polled a large vote indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. In 1892 he became president of the Valley City Normal School, which he aided in organizing, and he also had supervision in part over the erection of the buildings. He has stood by the school through all of its vicissitudes, watching and directing its splendid development and making it an institution of which the state has every reason to be proud.

On the 17th of August, 1884, Professor McFarland was married to Miss Duella Harris, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Jacob Harris, a representative of one of the old colonial families connected with the famous Rittenhouse family of that time. The children of this marriage are: Elsie, now the wife of J. R. McLean, of Las Vegas, New Mexico; Genevieve, the wife of E. B. Cox, living in Courtenay, North Dakota; Eugene H., an architect of Valley City; R. Kenneth, a photographer of Valley City; Dorothy, who is teaching in the schools of Bismarek; and Pauline, who is yet in school. The children have all been provided with good educational privileges, for Professor McFarland has always felt, as Horace Mann has expressed it, that "education is capital to the poor man and interest to the rich man." After attending the public schools his children became students in the State Normal and passed on to advanced university work.

Professor McFarland is a Knights Templar Mason and in the Odd Fellows lodge passed through all the chairs. He is an active worker in the Congregational church, in which he has served as a deacon for a number of years, but naturally his efforts have been concentrated most largely upon education and his labors have been most splendidly resultant. In 1887 he became the founder and editor of the Dakota Educator and continued its publication for five years, during which time the circulation rapidly increased as the value of the paper became recognized. It is still published in South Dakota and is the oldest educational publication of the Dakotas. While editor of the paper Professor McFarland was on the territorial board of education. Since 1887 he has been continuously a member of the



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National Educational Association, has been a member of the State Teachers Association since 1892 and has served as its president and is a member of the state board of education. In 1902 he founded the State Summer School at the Valley City Normal and his plan has since been adopted all over the state. The report which the educational board made in 1889 was the inspiration of the school laws in both North and South Dakota. This report covered teachers' institutes, organization of school districts and most, if not all, of the advanced school laws now in use. It was Professor McFarland who suggested to the Commercial Club of Valley City the feasibility of a Chautauqua and, acting on his suggestion, it was organized and has become a great and beneficial institution. From the beginning he has served on its board and done much to bring to its sessions men and women of high reputation in their especial fields, making the programs both educational and entertaining. Professor McFarland is continually reaching out along broadening lines, actuated by a spirit of progress, and the worth of his work is evidenced in the high scholarship of the school and in the splendid endorsement given to it by his colleagues and contemporaries.

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HON. THOMAS E. FOX.

Hon. Thomas E. Fox, a well known business man, was a foremost figure in the early development of North Dakota and still remains an active factor in commercial circles in Bantry, McHenry county. In more recent years, however, by reason of the success he has already acquired, he has found time for the enjoyment of those interests which leisure permits and has spent much time in travel, gleaning therefrom not only pleasure and recreation but also the broad general knowledge and culture which only travel can bring. England claims him as a native son. He was born in Sheffield, April 13, 1862, a son of Robert and Margaret (Alexander) Fox, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. The paternal grandfather, John Fox, was one of the last survivors of the Scotch Grays, the famous regiment that made the brilliant charge at the battle of Waterloo. He died at the notable old age of one hundred and six years. Robert Fox in 1866, accompanied by his wife and seven children, came to the United States and established his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he engaged in contracting and building. His last days were spent in Howard City, Michigan, where he passed away in 1897 at the age of seventy-three years. His widow survived until 1905 and departed this life in Howard City at the age of eighty-two years.

Thomas E. Fox acquired his education in the schools of Michigan and supplemented his high school course at Howard City by a commercial course in a Grand Rapids business college. When his textbooks were put aside he came to North Dakota in August, 1883, settling first at Pembina, where he was employed in various ways. In March, 1885, he went to what was then the Northwest territory and engaged in freighting for the Canadian government during the Riel rebellion. In April, 1886, he arrived in the Mouse River valley and took up a homestead where Towner now stands. In 1886 and 1887 he was one of the contractors engaged in the building of the Great Northern Railroad from Devils Lake, North Dakota, to Great Falls, Montana, and later he turned his attention to the live stock business in McHenry, being prominently identified with that undertaking up to the time of the settlement of the land by homesteaders in 1904. All through the intervening years he had been a most active and prominent figure in promoting the development and progress of the state and was also well known in connection with his public service, for his recognized ability and public spirit had led to his selection for a number of important official positions. He was postmaster of Willow City from 1900 until 1902, when he resigned. In 1901 he was appointed a member of the first state pardon board by Governor Frank White and in 1903 he was appointed a receiver in the United States land office at Minot during the great land rush, serving in that capacity for four and one-half years.

In 1908 Mr. Fox removed to Bantry, where he established a hardware store and also engaged in farming. He has extensive land holdings, owning eight hundred acres, and he also holds an equity in other lands. His investments have been carefully and judiciously made and his property is continually advancing in value. He is also identified with the

Union Bank of Bantry and his important business connections place him among the foremost citizens of McHenry county.

In 1908 Mr. Fox was united in marriage to Miss Bertha A. Hussey, of Minot, North Dakota, a daughter of John and Susan (Ballard) Hussey, who removed to this state in 1900 and settled in Des Laes, Ward county. Her father served for three and a half years in the Civil war as a member of Company G, Ninety-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted as a private but was mustered out as a second lieutenant. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have a son, Robert Alexander. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Willow Lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M., of Willow City; Mystic Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Towner, North Dakota; De Molay Commandery, K. T., of Minot; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., of Fargo; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is likewise a member of Bantry Lodge, K. P. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are members of the Episcopal church and are interested in all those forces which work for the uplift of humanity and the betterment of city and state along the lines of civic progress and virtue. Mr. Fox has been a broad traveler, having visited nearly all the European countries as well as Central and South America, while the states of the Union are thoroughly familiar to him. In his travels he holds his mind ever in a receptive attitude toward those impressions which make the memory a storehouse of interesting reminiscences, which enrich conversation and take one out of the narrow confines of a community into the broader reaches of world thought and purpose.

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#### JOHN A. BECK.

John A. Beck, president of the First National Bank of McClusky and regarded as one of the most progressive business men of the town, was born in Germany in 1865, a son of Andrew and Catherina (Paul) Beck, who were also natives of that country. The father, who engaged in general farming, came to the United States in 1868, settling in Stearns county, Minnesota, where he spent his remaining days. He followed farming there for many years, but both he and his wife have now passed away.

John A. Beck was the sixth in order of birth in a family of nine children, eight of whom are yet living. He was educated in the Minnesota schools and remained with his father on the home farm until he attained his majority. He then took up general merchandising at Wendell, Minnesota, in which business he continued for thirteen years, selling out at that place in 1900. He then removed to McLean county, North Dakota, where he began dealing in cattle and horses, in which business he engaged for a period of four years. He then took up his abode in McClusky, where he established a real estate office in connection with F. J. Newman. In 1907 he was elected sheriff of McLean county and occupied the office for four years, being chosen to that position on the republican ticket. He remained in the real estate business for a period of three years and operated quite successfully in that field. After retiring from the position of county sheriff he returned to McClusky and, being financially interested in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, he then became an active factor in its management. This bank was organized by E. B. Robertson and others in 1906 under the name of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. In 1912 Mr. Robertson withdrew and Mr. Beck took over the active management of the bank, which in 1907 was converted into the First National Bank of McClusky. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has a surplus of twenty-five hundred dollars. Mr. Beck is also interested in farming, having property in Sheridan county to which he gives direct oversight, and he also owns land in other parts of the state. He has almost an entire section under cultivation in Sheridan county devoted to diversified farming, including the raising of cereals, cattle, horses and hogs. He is a very progressive agriculturist and is doing much to advance and improve farming conditions in his part of the state. He has indicated by his own success what can be accomplished with the North Dakota soil. He studies and utilizes scientific methods and his example is one well worthy of emulation. His interest perhaps centers more largely in scientific farming than in the banking business and he has won prizes on barley and other grains, which indicates that his work is of a most practical and resultant character.

He is also extensively engaged in raising cattle, horses and hogs and that branch of his business is proving very profitable.

On the 8th of January, 1895, Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Thelen, a native of Germany, who was reared, however, in the United States. Her parents, Servatius and Maria Thelen, have both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Beck have been born three children, namely: Albert, whose birth occurred on the 4th of December, 1901; Andrew, whose natal day was February 29, 1904; and Francis, born January 8, 1907.

Mr. Beck gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in the spring of 1916 he was the fortunate one of three candidates to receive his party's nomination for the office of state senator. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen camp of McClusky, of which he is now banker, and he is a member of the Catholic church. His life work is being attended with excellent results, bringing to him substantial success by reason of his keen discrimination and unabating diligence.

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#### KARL KLEIN.

The Klein-Johnson Company of Washburn, McLean county, is widely known throughout this section of North Dakota, in the development of which it has played an important part. Its assets reach the one hundred thousand dollar mark and it has been largely instrumental in bringing about the settlement of the district but is now transferring its activities largely to the banking field. Its president is Karl Klein, who was born December 15, 1876, in southern Russia, where he remained until seventeen years of age. He came to the United States with his parents, Gottlob and Katharine (Bischof) Klein, and the family settled at Fessenden, North Dakota. In 1909 the parents retired and took up their residence in Washburn, where they are now living.

Karl Klein received a good education in his native country and secured a certificate to teach in the schools there although at that time he was only in his teens. After his removal to North Dakota he attended school at Fessenden, thus perfecting his knowledge of English, and later he took a commercial course in a business college at Minneapolis, from which he was graduated in 1912. Recognizing the great value of a knowledge of the law to the business man, he took a legal course in the night school of the law department of the University of Minnesota. In 1898 he came to Washburn, McLean county, and established a real estate business under the firm name of the Klein Land Agency. He was alone for six months but at the end of that time admitted to partnership August E. Johnson and the business was incorporated as the Klein Land Agency, under which name it was conducted until 1915, when it became the Klein-Johnson Company with a capital of thirty thousand dollars. The corporation has also a large surplus and its total assets amount to one hundred thousand dollars. It is very active in promoting emigration to North Dakota and many of the people now living in the central part of the state came here and became landowners through this agency. In 1902 it organized the First National Bank of Washburn, in 1910 established the Baldwin State Bank and in 1915 bought the Wilton State Bank, and the activities of the company are gradually being turned into the banking field. In addition to the institutions mentioned the company has organized the Farmers State Bank of Malcolm, the Emmet State Bank of Emmet and the Security State Bank of Blackwater. Mr. Klein is vice president of the Baldwin State Bank and the Wilton State Bank and is a director in the First National Bank of Washburn. He owns individually about three thousand acres of land near Washburn, which he is farming on an extensive scale, and his varied and well managed interests yield him a handsome income. In 1909 he was admitted under Judge Winchester to the bar as a land attorney.

Mr. Klein was married in 1901 to Miss Emilia Bibelheimer, a native of southern Russia, who, when five years of age was taken by her parents to Selby, South Dakota, where she lived until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Klein have a son and daughter, Ernst E. and Violet Dorothy.

Mr. Klein is a progressive in politics and is now serving as the head of the city government of Washburn, in which capacity he is proving as efficient as in the management of his

private business affairs. He is also filling the office of police magistrate, of which he has been the incumbent for the past six years. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and in spite of his many business and political interests finds time to devote to the work of the church. For many years he has resided in Washburn, and his foresight, energy and sound judgment have been felt in the life of the community in many ways.

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JOSEPH SIM.

Joseph Sim, who holds title to seventeen hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Kelso township and is president of the Farmers Elevator at Grandin, is one of the leaders in business and agricultural circles of Traill county. He was born in Oxford county, Ontario province, Canada, on the 2d of May, 1852, of the marriage of Francis and Elizabeth (Cousins) Sim, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England. Both removed to Canada in their youth and there the mother passed away. The father died in Traill county, North Dakota, while visiting his son. Ten of their fourteen children are still living.

Joseph Sim was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools of Canada, where he remained until 1878. In that year he came to North Dakota, having heard much concerning the advantages offered the agriculturist here, and located on section 26, Kelso township, Traill county. He has erected excellent buildings upon his farm, where he still resides, and has purchased additional land from time to time until he now holds title to seventeen hundred and sixty acres, all of which is in a high state of cultivation. He raises an immense amount of grain each year, but has not confined his attention exclusively to grain farming as he recognizes the value of stock-raising, and he derives a gratifying addition to his income from that branch of his business. He is also a large stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Grandin, of which he is the president.

Mr. Sim was married in 1884 to Miss Maria Lockhart, also a native of the Dominion, where her parents, James and Margaret Lockhart, both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Sim have been born six children: Blanche; Gertrude; Lida; Gordon, deceased; Milton, who is attending the Fargo College, and Frances.

Mr. Sim has given his political allegiance to the republican party since becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States, and for thirty years has been a member of the board of county supervisors and chairman for over twenty years, a record which indicates the high esteem in which he is held. He has also served on the school board for a long period of time. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and is also identified with the Foresters. He has given strict attention to the management of his affairs, and his energy, foresight and good judgment have been richly rewarded, as he is now one of the well-to-do men of his section. He has also found time to cooperate with others in the promotion of the interests of his community, and has always had the greatest faith in the future of the county and state. He is widely known and his ability and integrity are universally acknowledged.

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JUDGE JOHN T. BERDAHL.

Judge John T. Berdahl, of Rugby, who is judge of the probate court of Pierce county, was born on the 28th of April, 1872, in Norway, a son of Torkel L. and Kari (Helleland) Berdal. The spelling of the family name has been changed from the Norwegian to the American form. The father was a farmer by occupation and he and his wife spent their entire lives in their native country, the former passing away in 1910, at the age of seventy-three years, while the latter reached the age of but forty-four years, her death occurring in 1886.

Judge Berdahl attended the common schools and also the Amtskole (Folkehoiskole) of Norway, an institution similar to the state colleges of this country. After arriving in the

new world he also studied in the public schools and in the Bruflat Academy at Portland, North Dakota, completing his education with a commercial post graduate course in a Minneapolis college. It was in 1891, when a youth of nineteen years, that he crossed the Atlantic and for one month was located at De Forest, Dane county, Wisconsin, from which point he made his way westward to Milton, North Dakota, where he was employed at farm work. He also taught in a Norwegian parochial school through the following two years and later he worked as a clerk in mercantile establishments in various towns while completing his studies, earning the money that enabled him to advance his education. In 1901 he arrived in Pierce county and filed on a homestead covering what is now the southwest quarter of section 15, Jefferson township. Thereon he took up his abode and also secured a position in the store of Nels Jacobson in Rugby, serving as bookkeeper and clerk. He worked there through the summer and in the following winter occupied the position of deputy in the office of the county treasurer under Karl Julsrud. In the summer of 1902 he was appointed deputy county auditor under John Kellesvig and so served until January 1, 1905. In the November election of 1904 he was a candidate for the office of county judge and popular franchise called him to the position, the duties of which he assumed on the 1st of January following. He has continuously sat upon the bench, having been elected for six consecutive terms, and at the primary of 1916 he was again nominated without opposition, so that he will be continued upon the bench for the seventh term—a record of which he has every reason to be proud, for it indicates his personal popularity, the confidence reposed in him and the ability, fidelity and impartiality which he has displayed in the discharge of his judicial duties. He still retains the ownership of three hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm land in Pierce county and has also made judicious investment in city property.

In 1905 Judge Berdahl was married to Miss Britha Aafedt, of Pierce county, but a native of Norway. He and his wife attend the Lutheran church and in politics he is a staunch republican, having supported the party since becoming a naturalized American citizen. The record of perhaps no resident of Pierce county more clearly indicates the American spirit and no native son of this land is more true and loyal to the principles of our democratic government. The record of scarcely an official of Pierce county has extended over so long a period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

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#### A. J. HELGERSON.

A. J. Helgerson, manager of the Farmers elevator at Westhope, was born in Deuel county, South Dakota, in 1881, a son of Andrew and Andrea (Dale) Helgerson. The father is a native of Norway and came to the United States in young manhood, settling in Wisconsin, where he was married. Two children were born ere the removal of the family to Minnesota and from that state they went to South Dakota, the father homesteading in Deuel county. For many years he was engaged in merchandising in Brandt in addition to operating his farm. In 1901 he came to North Dakota and for thirteen years was numbered among the leading and progressive merchants of Landa. In 1914 he retired from active business life and has since lived with his children.

At the usual age A. J. Helgerson began attending the district schools and his initial training as a grain buyer was received when he was in his thirteenth year, for at that time he was employed in driving the horse in a horse power elevator at Brandt, South Dakota. Proving capable and faithful, he was advanced to the position of second man in the elevator and in 1899 he became buyer in his brother's elevator at Maynard, Minnesota. Two years later he arrived in Bottineau county, North Dakota, reaching his destination on the 29th of July, 1901. For four years thereafter he bought grain for the Imperial Elevator Company at Bottineau and in 1905 he removed to Westhope to take charge of the Farmers elevator upon the organization of the Farmers Elevator Company. In that capacity he has since continued and has built up a large business for the company, being today one of the well known grain men of Bottineau county, controlling and promoting important interests. Watchful of opportunities for judicious investment in lands, he is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres in his county and he also has a half interest in a half section and

a third interest in another half section, so that his landed possessions are now extensive and return to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 23d of July, 1904, Mr. Helgerson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Thompson, of Toronto, South Dakota, by whom he has four children, namely: Ruth, Arthur, Vivian and Kenneth Werdell.

In fraternal relations Mr. Helgerson is a Mason, belonging to Westhope Lodge, No. 74, F. & A. M.; and Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and for two years he was a member of the city council of Westhope, in which connection he exercised his official prerogatives in support of all the plans and measures which he deemed of value in relation to municipal affairs. In a business way he has gradually worked his way upward and his enterprise and energy have enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path.

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#### HON. H. F. EMERY.

The purpose of life is to afford opportunity and the successful man is he who sees and utilizes that opportunity, directing his efforts along lines which achieve individual success and at the same time contribute to public welfare and progress. Such has been the record of Hon. H. F. Emery, the present mayor of Fargo and one of its foremost citizens, who in business connections is well known as the secretary of the Western Realty Company. He has never been so busy with his own concerns, however, that he has had no time for public duties and there is none perhaps who understands more fully the obligations that rest upon the citizen or who more fully meets these obligations in public service.

Mr. Emery is a native of Bradford, Pennsylvania, born June 12, 1862, and is a son of Elam M. and Cynthia J. (Hammond) Emery, who were also born in the Keystone state. The father was a farmer by occupation but at the time of the Civil war put aside all personal interests and considerations and immediately after the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south joined the Union army. He died in a hospital during the service and was laid to rest between Richmond and Norfolk on the banks of the St. James river. His widow, with her family consisting of three sons and two daughters, came to Dakota territory in 1869, settling upon a farm in Clay county. Subsequently a removal was made to Turner, where they lived in the first house that was built in the town. Later Mrs. Emery used her soldier's widow's right in taking up a homestead.

Her son, H. F. Emery, has now been a witness of Dakota's growth and development for forty-eight years. At the time of the family's arrival, Sioux City, Iowa, was the nearest point reached by rail adjoining the territory on the southeast corner, and St. Paul was the nearest point reached by rail to the north. Pioneer conditions everywhere existed and the most farsighted could scarcely have dreamed of the wonderful changes soon to be wrought. The first permanent schoolhouse was at Vermillion, where Mr. Emery lived, and it is known as the log schoolhouse of the territory of Dakota. In the period of his early manhood he assisted his mother and eighteen years ago removed to Fargo to engage in the hardware business, opening a business on First street, where for twelve years he conducted a large, growing and profitable trade. On the 1st of January, 1910, at the advice of his physician he sold his store and took a much needed rest but this lasted for only four months, for at the end of that period Mayor Elliott appointed him city treasurer.

When the question of voting upon a commission form of government was adopted, Mr. Emery took an active part in the discussion of the question and upon the adoption of the commission plan he was unanimously chosen as Fargo's first mayor under this form of government and is now the chief executive of the city. He is carefully directing public interests after having thoroughly studied municipal needs and opportunities and in the exercise of his official prerogatives he has furthered many plans and measures for the public good.

In the meantime Mr. Emery has remained more or less active in business, dealing always



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to a greater or less extent in real estate since coming to Fargo. He is also a director of the Northwestern Savings & Loan association and is a member of the firm of Emery & Johnson, dealers in firearms and sporting goods.

In the year 1887 Mr. Emery was united in marriage to Miss Ida Kemp, of Mattoon, Illinois, and to them have been born a son and daughter. The former, Floyd H., is now a student in Fargo College, while Jennie Frances, after graduating from Fargo College with the class of 1913, took a special course in elocution and reading at Madison, Wisconsin. Both children are still at home with their parents.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Emery is a well known Mason, having taken the degrees of the consistory and of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a member of the Commercial Club, cooperating heartily in those plans for the upbuilding of this city and the extension of its trade relations. He is also a trustee of the First Congregational church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party but he recognizes that there is something higher than partisanship—American citizenship—and he never sacrifices the public welfare to party or the general good to personal aggrandizement. He has led a busy life, yet has found time to assist others and aid in the upbuilding of the great northwest. For several years he has been a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association of Fargo and for one year was its president. He was one of the incorporators of Fargo College and is serving on its board of trustees. In April, 1915, he was appointed by Judge Pollock as one of the members of the new board to take over the property of the North Dakota Improvement Company and later was elected secretary of the company. During his residence of forty-eight years in the northwest he has seen a desolate and largely unpopulated territory transformed into two states—North and South Dakota—and he believes that no part of the country affords better opportunity for rich and poor. As mayor he receives letters from all over the country asking about North Dakota and his answer is always this: "There is plenty of room and opportunity for the man who is willing to work." He knows from experience that activity does not tire, that it hardens, gives resisting power, and the exercise of effort is keeping him alert. He has never allowed personal interest or ambition to dwarf his public spirit and his labors have found culmination in the development of his city and state.

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#### WILLIAM H. LACKEY.

One of the most prominent business men and influential citizens of Westhope is William H. Lackey, who is proprietor of a large hardware establishment at that place. He is a native of Wisconsin, his birth occurring in Westfield, July 25, 1861, and his parents being Philo and Mary (Stewart) Lackey. The father was born in Vermont but the mother's birth occurred across the line in Ontario, Canada. By trade Philo Lackey was a wagon and carriage maker. He removed to Wisconsin about 1840 and was engaged in wagon making at Westfield when the Civil war broke out. Feeling that his country needed his services he enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment and remained at the front for one year. He then returned to Westfield and continued to reside there until called from this life in May, 1885. His wife had passed away in March, 1876.

Reared to manhood in Wisconsin, William H. Lackey is indebted to the public schools of Westfield for his early education, which was completed in the Curtiss Business College of Minneapolis. He learned wagon and carriage making under his father, with whom he worked about seven years, and succeeded him in business which he conducted until the summer of 1885, when he sold out and went to Minneapolis. He was subsequently engaged in the real estate business there for twelve years and while there took a very active and prominent part in public affairs, serving as a member of the city council of Minneapolis for four years.

In 1897 Mr. Lackey removed to Langdon, North Dakota, and entered the employ of F. H. Stoltze in the lumber business, remaining there one year. He next went to Devils Lake in the interest of the same company, and in December, 1903, established a lumberyard for Mr. Stoltze at Westhope, Bottineau county. He had charge of the same until May, 1907, when he severed his connection with the company and embarked in the hardware business at

Westhope on his own account. He has since purchased the building which he now occupies and he carries a well selected stock of both shelf and heavy hardware, for which he finds a ready sale in the town and surrounding country.

Mr. Lackey was married in November, 1893, to Miss Sadie Adamson, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Isabelle, born in Minneapolis, March 29, 1895; Stella, born in Minneapolis, March 5, 1897; Esther, born in Devils Lake, North Dakota, August 22, 1899; and William, born in Westhope, December 22, 1906.

The democratic party has always found in Mr. Lackey a staunch supporter of its principles and he is now serving as a member of the democratic state committee from Bottineau county. He has served on the school board of Westhope and was president of the county association of school boards for four years. He was also a member of the town council one year and ran for state senator on his party ticket in 1908 but was defeated by forty votes. He was the first master of the Masonic lodge at Westhope and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian and is now serving as a member of the board of trustees of the church to which he belongs. No man in the community is held in higher regard or exerts a greater influence in local affairs than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. In business affairs he is always prompt and reliable and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed.

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#### LEWIS H. RUUD.

Lewis H. Ruud, manager of the Langworthy Lumber Company at Heimdal, North Dakota, was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, on the 20th of June, 1871, and began his education in the public schools of that state. He subsequently attended high school in Decorah, Iowa, and also Luther College at the same place. Having thus acquired an excellent education he was well fitted for the responsible duties of life when starting on his business career.

In 1891 Mr. Ruud removed to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he was variously employed for a time, and later conducted a livery stable at Mayville, this state, for five years. On selling that establishment he removed to Fessenden, where he worked for the McCormick Harvester Company for one year, and was then appointed deputy sheriff of Wells county, in which capacity he served for five years. He next worked at the carpenter's trade until 1912, when he went to Heimdal as manager for the Langworthy Lumber Company, which position he has since filled most satisfactorily. He erected all the company's buildings at that place, hauling the lumber for the same from Harvey, and in the control of their interests has displayed excellent business and executive ability.

Mr. Ruud was married in 1901 to Miss Mamie Larson, by whom he has three children, namely: Halver, Curtis and Marlys. He takes an active interest in educational affairs and for the past three years has efficiently served as chairman of the school board of Heimdal. For some years he has held school offices and he has also served as justice of the peace. In politics he is a republican and in religious faith is a Lutheran. He is a member of the Yeomen lodge at Harvey and is held in high regard by all who know him.

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#### CARL L. SMETTE.

Carl L. Smette, a merchant at Upham, McHenry county, was born in Traill county, North Dakota, December 3, 1878, a son of H. C. and R. (Finnseth) Smette, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Minnesota. It was in 1866 that H. C. Smette came to the United States and established his home in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he was employed at farm labor and also taught school for a time. He afterward engaged in merchandising for two years and in 1878 he removed to Traill county, North Dakota, where he secured a preemption claim, upon which he has since engaged in general farming, being numbered among the representative agriculturists of that district.

While spending his youthful days under the parental roof Carl L. Smette acquired his edu-

cation in the schools of Traill county and in periods of vacation worked in the fields, so that he early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Thinking to find other pursuits more congenial, he began clerking in stores, spending four years in that employment. He next secured a homestead in McHenry county and spent four years in developing and improving the property, since which time he has rented it. In 1905 he was joined by his brother, Louis C. Smette, and they embarked in general merchandising at Upham. For eleven years they have now conducted their store and throughout the entire period have enjoyed a large and growing trade. They erected a fine two story double store building and carry an extensive stock, their interests being conducted under the name of the Upham Mercantile Company. The brothers are also proprietors of a general store at Newburg and were the owners of a store at Bantry until 1916, when they sold out at that place. Carl L. Smette is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Upham.

In November, 1904, Mr. Smette was united in marriage to Miss Lina Lund and they have become the parents of four children, George, Robert, Lillian and Adeline. Mr. and Mrs. Smette hold membership in the Lutheran church and his membership relations also extend to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Sons of Norway. His study of the political questions and issues of the day has led to his support of the republican party. His chief interest, however, is his business and along the lines of steady progression he has developed his commercial activities, which are now important, while the capable management of his business affairs has brought to him a well deserved and constantly growing measure of success.

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#### EDWIN HENRY HEADLAND.

The healthfulness of business conditions in a given community is largely indicated by the substantial character of its financial institutions, and Litchville has no hesitancy in being judged with the First State Bank of the town as a standard of its business life, for it is a very reliable institution, back of which stand men of well known business ability, enterprise and integrity. The cashier of the institution is Edwin Henry Headland, who is one of North Dakota's native sons, his birth having occurred near Fargo on the 31st of March, 1881. His parents, O. E. and Bertha (Berdbl) Headland, were natives of Bergen, Norway, and about 1872 came to America, first establishing their home five miles southwest of Fargo, in which locality they were among the earliest settlers. There the father engaged in farming successfully up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1910, when he was sixty-seven years of age.

In a family of eleven children E. H. Headland was the seventh in order of birth. His youthful days were spent in the usual manner of farm lads and after he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his home neighborhood he attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, and later pursued a year's course in the Dakota Business College at Fargo. He started in the business world as a clerk in a store at De Lamere and at the end of three months accepted a position in a bank at Fingal, in which he was employed for three years. He afterward became bookkeeper in the First State Bank at Litchville and two years later was advanced to the position of cashier, in which capacity he has since continued. This bank was organized when the town was started in 1900 by Thomas Casey and C. E. Batcheller. It has had a steady growth from the beginning, there being nothing spasmodic or spectacular in its development. In 1909 the present bank building, a two-story brick structure with stone trimmings, was erected, the bank occupying the first floor, which is fitted up with modern banking equipment. The desks and counters are of oak and there are burglar proof vaults and safes. The present officers of the bank are: John M. Olson, president; Lewis M. Olson, vice president; E. H. Headland, cashier; and H. O. Hanson, assistant cashier. On the 1st of May, 1916, the loans and discounts of the bank amounted to one hundred and eighty-seven thousand one hundred and twenty-nine dollars and its deposits to two hundred and sixteen thousand and fifty dollars. The capital stock of the bank is all paid in and the surplus and undivided profits amount to ten thousand and thirty-nine dollars. Something of the growth of the institution is indicated in the fact

that the deposits May 1, 1912, were one hundred and eight thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars, which sum has been doubled in the succeeding four years.

On the 10th of June, 1908, Mr. Headland was united in marriage to Miss Olga Strand, of Wisconsin, a daughter of B. F. and Maria (Knutson) Strand, who removed from Blair, Wisconsin, to Gary, Minnesota, where they now make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Headland have had four children, namely: Beatrice Marie; Edwin H., Jr.; Oliver Wendell, who is deceased; and Leslie Warren.

Mr. Headland holds membership with the Sons of Norway and also with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while in the Masonic fraternity he has attained high rank in the York Rite, being now a member of lodge, chapter and commandery, while he has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His entire life has been spent in this state and the spirit of enterprise which has led to the rapid development of this great commonwealth in the northwest has been manifest in his business career.

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#### GEORGE PAUL HOMNES.

George Paul Homnes, states attorney of Divide county, residing at Crosby, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 9, 1873, a son of Gunerius and Grethe (Vibe) Homnes, who were natives of Norway. When a young man the father went to sea and for twenty years was a sailor. He was therefore in middle age when he came to America, after which he established his home in Milwaukee and sailed on Lake Michigan. In 1881 he removed to Monfort township, Grant county, Wisconsin, settling near what was the town of Castle Rock, there purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he developed and improved from 1881 until 1912, when he retired from active life and soon after passed away. In young womanhood Grethe Vibe had come to the United States and they were married in Milwaukee in 1870. She is still living on the old homestead farm in Grant county, Wisconsin.

George P. Homnes began his education in the city schools of Milwaukee but when seven years of age went with his parents to the farm, after which he attended district school and also pursued a business course in Valder's Business College at Decorah, Iowa. Later he returned to the old homestead in Wisconsin and afterward spent six months as a pupil in a private academy at Mount Horeb, that state. Still later he became a student in St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, spending two years in the preparatory department and four years in the college, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon his graduation with the class of 1903. In that year he removed to Williams county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead in what is now Divide county. Later in the same year he matriculated in the law department of the University of Minnesota and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1906. During vacation periods he lived upon his homestead and following his graduation, at which time he won the Bachelor of Laws degree, he returned to the homestead, securing the title thereto in the fall of 1907. At the latter date he took an examination at Fargo, North Dakota, and was admitted to the bar on the 7th of December of that year, at which time he located for practice in Crosby, where he has since remained. He is an able lawyer, having displayed marked ability in coping with intricate legal problems. He is always very careful and thorough in the preparation of his cases and is devoted to the interests of his clients.

On the 17th of June, 1909, at Northfield, Minnesota, Mr. Homnes wedded Miss Frida Magdalene Bue, who was born at Ostrander, Fillmore county, Minnesota, a daughter of the Rev. Ole A. and Caroline (Hjort) Bue, who were natives of Norway and were there married. Rev. Bue was educated for the ministry in his native country and on coming to America first settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota. He afterward was in charge of the church at Ostrander, Minnesota, for more than thirty years, but at length retired from the ministry and is now living upon a farm near Northfield, and upon that farm his wife passed away October 5, 1912. Mrs. Homnes attended the public schools at Ostrander, was graduated from the high school at Spring Valley, Minnesota, and from St. Olaf College at Northfield, where she won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1902. She was afterward a teacher of the German, Latin and Norwegian languages in that school for five years. In 1907 she returned home and there remained until her marriage.



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The young couple began their domestic life at Crosby, where Mr. Homnes had erected a substantial and pleasant residence. He has sold his old homestead but owns considerable farm land in Divide county, from which he derives a good rental. He is serving as a member of the park board of Crosby and he is interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the town, taking an active and helpful part in promoting its civic improvement. He was largely instrumental in setting off Divide from Williams county and he became one of the organizers of the Divide County Publishing Company, which publishes the Divide County Journal. He is president of the corporation and he conducts the editorial department, for which the paper is noted. In 1916 he became one of the organizers of the Divide County Fair Association, of which he is the secretary, and he was instrumental in starting the movement to organize the Commercial Club of Crosby, of which he was the president for the first year. Before the division of the counties he was elected to represent the forty-first district, comprising Williams and McKenzie counties, in the state legislature in 1908 and was reelected in 1910, capably serving for two terms, during which he gave earnest consideration to the settlement of many important questions and used his legislative powers for the benefit and upbuilding of the commonwealth. He did much important committee work, being a member of the judiciary committee for both terms and its chairman during the second term, while on other committees he was also active and prominent. He was an earnest supporter of the corrupt practice act and was identified with much other progressive legislation which has had to do with bringing about cleaner and better conditions in the body politic. In 1912 he was elected states attorney for Divide county and was reelected in 1914. He is the present incumbent in the office. His religious faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church and its teachings have guided him in all of the relations of life, making him a man whom to know is to respect and honor. There are many opportunities for the citizens of a new district to build along progressive lines and, recognizing this fact, Mr. Homnes has ever labored for the welfare of the city and county in which he makes his home.

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#### HON. E. GILBERTSON.

Hon. E. Gilbertson has on various occasions been called to public office in Cass county and has ever proved most loyal to the trust and confidence reposed in him. He is, moreover, an enterprising farmer and stockraiser and owns excellent farm property in Pleasant township. He was born in Norway, March 5, 1853, and is a son of Gulbrand and Kari Gilbertson, who were also natives of that country. The father died in the land of the midnight sun, after which the mother came to the new world in 1871, our subject having preceded her to this country two years. She resided in Minnesota until 1882, when she and a son and daughter came to Cass county, North Dakota, where our subject had located in 1879. Here her remaining days were passed. In the family were four children, of whom three are yet living, namely: E.; Julius; and Mrs. R. Evingson, of Kindred, North Dakota.

E. Gilbertson was a youth of sixteen years when he came alone to the new world in 1869 and was twenty-six years of age at the time of his removal to North Dakota. He was reared to the occupation of farming and has always made it his life work, and owns the farm whereon he resides on section 21, Pleasant township. He has improved the property with substantial and commodious buildings, has set out a fine grove and has an excellent farm, equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. His place comprises four hundred acres of land and all has been brought under cultivation. His labors are attended with substantial success, for he practices the rotation of crops, studies the condition of the soil and meets every requirement of modern farming. Moreover, he is known in other business connections, being a director of the local telephone company and secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company. He has ever recognized the value of industry as a moving force in the attainment of success and along well defined lines of labor has met with prosperity.

In 1889 Mr. Gilbertson was married to Miss Agnes Hanson, a native of Norway and a daughter of Ole and Olna Hanson, who came to America in 1882 and settled on a farm in Cass county. The mother died while living in North Dakota, after which the father removed westward to Washington, where his death occurred and where two sons and two daughters

live. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson became the parents of eight children: Mabel H., who is a graduate of the Valley City Normal School and is now engaged in teaching at Jamestown, North Dakota; Ovidia A., who is a normal school graduate and is now successfully teaching; Clara, who was graduated from the schools of Fargo and is also teaching; Bernice, who has completed a musical course and is now teaching the art of music; George and Elmer, both deceased; Walter; and Carlott.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and are interested in all that tends to advance the moral progress of the community. Mr. Gilbertson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has held various local offices. For four years he filled the position of county treasurer, has been assessor for twenty-four years and was school clerk for a similar period. In 1895 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and served until 1897. He has ever regarded a public office as a public trust and has discharged his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is never so busy that he neglects the duties of citizenship and feels that every individual owes to the public a service in connection with the advancement of those plans and projects which contribute most to the general welfare.

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#### A. M. BERGET.

A. M. Berget, deputy county auditor of McHenry county and a resident of Towner, was born in Boyd, Minnesota, May 23, 1892, a son of Anton P. and Mary I. (Teigen) Berget, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father is one of the well known and leading grain buyers of Towner, being manager of the Towner elevator, owned by the Andrews Grain Company.

Brought to Towner in his boyhood days, A. M. Berget completed a high school course by graduation with the class of 1910 and soon afterward he entered the county auditor's office as clerk, in which capacity he served until 1913, when he was appointed to the position of deputy county auditor, in which connection he has since served, loyally and capably performing the duties that devolve upon him in this connection.

In 1915 Mr. Berget wedded Miss Marissa J. Pitts, a daughter of William R. Pitts, of Towner, one of the earliest of the pioneers in this section of the state. Mr. Berget exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has been city auditor of Towner since 1913. Fraternally, he is connected with Mouse River Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., of Towner, Mystic Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M. of Towner and Lebanon Council, No. 2, R. & S. M., of Rugby. He is likewise identified with Towner Camp, No. 3777, M. W. A. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, while his wife belongs to the Episcopal church, and in the social circles of their city they occupy an enviable position. Mr. Berget is a prominent representative of the younger generation of Towner's citizens and his worth is acknowledged by all, for he has proven himself loyal to his public duties and faithful to the trust reposed in him.

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#### J. P. SHAHANE.

J. P. Shahane, postmaster of Souris, was born in Ireland, July 6, 1864, a son of William and Catherine (Fogerty) Shahane, who came to Canada in 1865 and in 1878 crossed the border into the United States, settling in Pembina county, North Dakota. The father was the first of the pioneers to file on a homestead out on the prairie and with characteristic energy he there began the development of a farm, which continued to be his place of residence until his death in 1911, when he was eighty-six years of age. His wife passed away in 1904, at the age of sixty years.

J. P. Shahane received but limited educational privileges. His entire opportunities along that line possibly could have been encompassed within a twelvemonth. His training at farm work, however, was not meager and he soon became familiar with every phase of

farm life. He continued to work with his father on the old homestead until his twenty-fifth year and subsequently he took up farming on his own account, following that pursuit in Pembina county for seven or eight years. In 1897 he engaged in the hardware business in the town of Backoo, Pembina county, and in 1903 he removed to Souris, where he again opened a hardware store which he conducted until the spring of 1916, when he sold his stock and has since given his attention to the duties of postmaster, to which office he was appointed in 1914.

In 1902 Mr. Shahane was united in marriage to Mrs. E. Mountain, who bore the maiden name of Essie Cook and has two children by her former marriage, namely: Elma, the wife of Everett Dempsey, a farmer of Bottineau county; and Marion, who is a teacher in the schools of Overly, North Dakota.

In his political views Mr. Shahane is a democrat but has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking. He belongs to the Catholic church and to the Knights of Columbus, while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. He is classed with the representative men of Souris and he has a wide and favorable acquaintance in the community in which he makes his home.

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#### ROBERT CLENDENING.

Robert Clendening is a man of large business and financial interests at Wimbledon, where he is connected with real estate interests, also makes farm loans and collections, is a grain broker and elevator owner. His activities have constituted an important element in business progress and prosperity in that section of the state. A native of Canada, he was born in Huron county, Ontario, on the 19th of August, 1858, a son of William and Isabelle (Dunbar) Clendening. The father was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and the mother in Inverness, Scotland. In early life they crossed the Atlantic to Canada and were there married, maintaining their home at Goodrich, Huron county, until they were called to their final rest. The father, who devoted his entire life to farming, died in 1882 but the mother survived until 1912. In their family were fourteen children, all of whom reached adult age. Those living are Isaac, James, Mary Ann, John, William, George, Robert and Janet; but the following have passed away, Eliza, Sarah Jane, Wilson, Joseph, Isabella and Donald.

In the schools of his native county Robert Clendening pursued his education while spending his youthful days under the parental roof, completing a high school course at Goodrich by graduation. He continued at home until twenty-four years of age and in 1882 crossed the border into the United States, where competition is greater but where advancement is more quickly secured. He made his way to Wheatland, North Dakota, and in March of that year established a general store which he conducted for six years, when he sold out and removed to Dazey, North Dakota, where he entered into partnership with A. E. Clendening, his cousin, for the sale of general merchandise, hardware and farm implements under the firm style of A. E. and R. Clendening. For about ten years he was actively connected with commercial interests at Dazey, after which he sold out to his partner and removed to Duluth, Minnesota. There he embarked in the wholesale candy business in connection with the firm of J. S. Shinnors & Company, with which he was associated for two years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his interest in the business and returned to North Dakota, spending a short time at Fargo. He afterward became interested in the Moorhead National Bank and in the Fred Kruger Company, proprietors of a general store, but in 1900 removed to Wimbledon and in the fall of that year entered the Merchants State Bank. Two years later he organized the Merchants National Bank, of which he was president from the beginning until 1911, when he sold his stock. Soon after removing to Wimbledon he purchased a grain elevator which has since been conducted under the name of the R. Clendening & Company elevator. He also built the Midland elevator of Wimbledon in 1914 and is conducting an extensive grain business. He is also heavily interested in merchandising as a member of a corporation called the Merchants Investment Company, in which he is associated with D. J. Burns of Minneapolis. This company controls nine stores—at Kensal, Carrington, Plaza, Jamestown, Woodworth, Edgeley, Fargo, Clementsville and Wimbledon. In association

with its other interests the Merchants Investment Company deals in farms and elevators. Mr. Clendening has many large local investments, having financed various enterprises in his part of the state. He is a business man of keen sagacity and notably sound judgment and in all business affairs readily discriminates between the essential and the nonessential.

In June, 1900, Mr. Clendening was married to Miss Grace E. Ingraham, a native of Winona, Minnesota, and they have become parents of two children: Robert, born in 1905; and Janet, in 1908. The parents hold membership in the Unitarian church and Mr. Clendening is a prominent Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Wimbledon, the chapter at Casselton, the commandery and the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He is likewise connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a recognized leader in republican circles and in 1905 was elected to the state legislature, in which he represented the fifteenth district. His ability and varied talents well fit him for leadership along many lines and the soundness of his judgment has caused him to have marked influence over public thought and action.

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#### THADDEUS C. MICHAEL.

Thaddens C. Michael, engaged in newspaper publication at Willow City, was born in Hocking county, Ohio, February 8, 1872, a son of George C. and Anna E. (McQuery) Michael. The father, a native of West Virginia, removed to Ohio at an early period in the settlement of that state and there engaged in mining and contracting. In 1881 he arrived in Dakota territory and took up a homestead in Sanborn county, now in South Dakota, within two miles of Woonsocket, at which time the nearest railroad point was Mitchell, South Dakota. He improved this place and continued its cultivation until 1891, when he abandoned farming on account of the drought. Removing to Woonsocket, he there resided until 1894, when he became a resident of Missouri, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in the winter of 1897. His wife passed away in May, 1913, having survived him for about sixteen years.

Thaddens C. Michael pursued his education in the public schools of South Dakota and while still pursuing his studies learned the printer's trade, beginning work in that line when twelve years of age under Colonel Knouse, who had been a Confederate army officer. Mr. Michael afterward rode the range for five years, driving cattle from the Black Hills to Carbury, Nebraska, after which he returned to the printing business and has since devoted his attention to that vocation. In 1895 he went to Bottineau, where he worked for two years, and in July, 1897, he established his home in Willow City, where he purchased the North Dakota Eagle, which he has since owned and published. This paper was established in September, 1886, and Mr. Michael has made it a potent force in shaping public thought and opinion in his locality. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern journalism and gives to his readers a most interesting publication.

On the 2nd of October, 1897, Mr. Michael was united in marriage to Miss Laura McBain, of Bottineau, who in 1882 came with her parents to North Dakota. Her sister was the first white woman in Bottineau county, having arrived there several years prior to the removal of the other members of the family. The parents, Alexander and Harriett (Bagsley) McBain, were natives of New York but in early life went to Canada, where Mr. McBain engaged in merchandising until he made his way to Bottineau county and secured a homestead which included a part of the site of the town of Bottineau. Upon that land he continued to engage in farming until his death, which occurred in 1906. His widow yet survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael have been born four children, as follows: one who died in infancy; Norine E., who passed away on the 3rd of November, 1901; Cecil, whose birth occurred on the 18th of July, 1904; and Lenore, whose natal day was September 18, 1911.

In politics Mr. Michael is a republican and is now serving as district deputy game warden, which position he has occupied for two years. He has also been justice of the peace in Willow City. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church. People of sterling worth, they enjoy the confidence and

goodwill of their fellow townsmen and have a large circle of warm friends in the community where for many years Mr. Michael has now been a moving force in molding public thought and opinion.

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JUDGE GEORGE P. GIBSON.

Judge George P. Gibson, who presides over the county court of McLean county, is one of the honored residents of Washburn, where he has engaged in the practice of law for a number of years. He was born in New London, Minnesota, March 30, 1874, of the marriage of James and Evaline (Libby) Gibson. The father's birth occurred on the 9th of November, 1842, in Ayr, Canada. He was a physician and surgeon by profession and for thirty years engaged in practice at Atwater, Minnesota, but passed away on the 22d of January, 1916, at Wayzata, that state. The mother, whose natal day was March 10, 1847, was a native of Illinois and died at Atwater in November, 1907. They were married in Minnesota and to them were born three children, namely: George P.; Belle, now the wife of Charles Minnick; and Edna, who married Max Goar and lives at Spokane, Washington.

George P. Gibson was graduated from the law school of the University of Minnesota in 1895 and at once located at Langdon, North Dakota. In October of that year he took the state bar examination and after his admission to practice opened an office of his own at Langdon. After two years he went to Milton, North Dakota, where he practiced for a similar length of time and where he was also active in politics. In 1900 he was appointed clerk of the judiciary committee of the state senate and filled that position during the sessions of 1900 and 1901. In May of the latter year he came to Washburn and has since been a member of the local bar. He was retained as counsel in the greater number of cases tried in the local courts and his record shows that he was very successful in winning favorable verdicts. Since 1912 he has given the greater part of his time to the discharge of his duties as county judge and is now republican nominee for third term with no opposition, this indicating the general satisfaction which his services have given.

On the 11th of February, 1908, occurred the marriage of Judge Gibson and Josie Nelson, a native of Minnesota. By her first husband she has two children, Jeannette and Myrtle.

Judge Gibson is a strong advocate of republican principles and in addition to the offices mentioned served from 1903 to 1907 as states attorney of Oliver county, having been appointed to that position by the county commissioners. For three years he has been president of the board of education and has given a great deal of thought and effort to the advancement of the schools of the city. He is a member of the Masonic blue lodge at Milton, North Dakota, of the Knights of Pythias at Washburn and of the Independent Order of Foresters at Milton. The principles which guide his conduct are found in the teachings of the Baptist church, of which he is a member, and his character as well as his ability commands the respect of all who know him.

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PETER BORESON.

Peter Boreson, manager of the yards of the Imperial Lumber Company at Landa and numbered among the pioneer settlers of Bottineau county, was born in Norway, July 4, 1852, a son of Borre Peterson and Martha Solberg, who came to the United States in 1867, settling at Spring Grove, Houston county, Minnesota. There the father took up a homestead claim upon which he resided to the time of his death. His widow afterward removed to the state of Washington, where she passed away.

Peter Boreson was a lad of fifteen years when he came with his parents to the United States and in the public schools here he supplemented the educational training which he had received in the public schools of his native country. His education, however, was somewhat limited, for soon after his arrival in America he became a wage earner, working as a farm hand at a salary of thirteen dollars per month. Later when he was receiving eighteen

dollars per month, he thought he was receiving a munificent wage. In 1881 he went to Hillsboro, Traill county, where he was employed for four years at the carpenter's trade, and in 1885 he received his initial training in the lumber business as an employe in the yard of the Robertson Lumber Company at Hillsboro. A year later this company sold out to the firm of Beadler & Robertson, Mr. Boreson remaining with the latter for three years. In 1889 he accepted the position of assistant postmaster of Hillsboro under C. W. Morgan and remained in that connection for about a year and a half. He then resumed connection with the lumber trade as an employe of O. C. Sarles in the yard now opened by the Valley Lumber Company of Hillsboro. He remained with this firm for nine years and one month and in March, 1900, he went to Bottineau county, filing on a homestead four miles south of the present town of Roth. On the 6th of April of the same year he was placed in charge of the Bottineau yards of the Imperial Lumber Company as manager. In 1901, when the Great Northern Railroad was extended west to Souris, he went to that place to establish a yard there, making the trip from Bottineau to Souris on a bicycle, and on the night of the 17th of July he slept in the lumber office which he had erected after his arrival. This was the first building erected in Souris. In 1904, when the railroad was extended west to Westhope, he again did pioneer work by going to Landa to establish a yard for the Imperial Lumber Company at that point. Their Landa office was the second building erected in the town. Since then Mr. Boreson has remained in charge of the Landa yard and has there built up a business of large and gratifying proportions. He is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the lumber trade and has made his service of great worth to the corporation which he represents. Moreover, he has proven his faith in Dakota by his investment in property and is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land two miles from Landa, on which he resides and which is operated under his personal direction and supervision.

In 1883 Mr. Boreson was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna Swenson, who bore the maiden name of Anna Gdstie and is a native of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Boreson have six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Benhardt, a farmer residing at Tampico, Montana; Gildard, an agriculturist of Bottineau county, North Dakota; Alvin, who also follows farming in Bottineau county; Jennie, the wife of Carl Pearson, of Tampico, Montana; May, a high school student who is still under the parental roof; and Vera, also at home.

Fraternally Mr. Boreson is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and with the American Yeomen. In politics he is a republican and in religious faith he and his wife are Lutherans. Gradually since making his initial step in the business world he has worked his way upward, assuming larger responsibilities as the years have gone on and winning success through persistent, earnest effort.

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#### HON. THOMAS HALL.

Prominent among the men who are guiding the destinies of North Dakota at the present time is Thomas Hall, now filling the office of secretary of state for the second term. He had become well established in business at Fargo, and in public office had demonstrated his loyalty to the best interests of the commonwealth. His qualities therefore recommended him for further official honors and distinction and he was chosen for the important position which he is now acceptably filling. A native of Michigan, his birth occurred at Clifton, Keweenaw county, June 6, 1869, his parents being Richard and Ellen (Peters) Hall, natives of Redruth, Cornwall, England. Coming to America they established their home in Michigan and after acquiring his education in the common schools of that state, their son, Thomas Hall, continued his studies in Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota. He was a youth of fourteen years when in June, 1883, he came to North Dakota with his parents, who established their home near Jamestown. He entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company at that place and was afterward transferred to Mandan, where he remained until 1892, when he removed to Fargo, where he resided for sixteen years. For a time he was employed as railway clerk.

He afterwards entered newspaper circles at Fargo as a newspaper reporter and making gradual advance along that line he ultimately became a publisher at Fargo, in 1898. As the



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newspaper is both the mold and mirror of public opinion it naturally followed that he became a student of vital questions of general interest and through editorial expression had marked influence in molding public thought and action. Naturally therefore he became a political leader of the republican party, whose principles he endorsed and championed in stalwart fashion. He was first called to public office in 1908, when he was made secretary to the board of railroad commissioners, in which capacity he served for four years, or until 1912, when his name was placed upon the republican ticket in connection with the candidacy of secretary of state. His party gave him a substantial majority, and endorsement of his first term's service was received in his reelection. He does not lightly regard the duties that devolve upon him in this connection. On the contrary, he meets every responsibility in a conscientious manner that results from his devotion to the general good and is the expression of his public-spirited citizenship. That he is a recognized leader in political circles in the state is indicated in the fact that he was chosen secretary of the progressive republican central committee in the campaigns of 1906, 1908 and 1910.

In Jamestown, North Dakota, September 1, 1897, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Grafenstein, a daughter of Herman and Elizabeth Grafenstein. Their union has been blessed with a son and three daughters, Richard, Lucile, Ellen and Edna, aged respectively fifteen, thirteen, ten and eight years.

Mr. Hall has an interesting military record covering two periods of enlistment as a member of Company B of the National Guard at Fargo. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, his membership being in Shiloh Lodge, F. & A. M. at Fargo, of which he served as master in 1907. He is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens of his state. His course has ever been above suspicion. The good of the commonwealth he places before partisanship and the welfare of his constituents before personal aggrandizement. He commands the respect of his official colleagues and in his home town where he is best known he forms personal friendships of unusual strength, while all who know him have the highest admiration for his good qualities of heart and mind.

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#### JOSEPH A. WIK.

On the roster of officials in McHenry county appears the name of Joseph A. Wik, who is now occupying the position of sheriff, and in the discharge of the duties of the office he is prompt, fearless and thoroughly reliable. He was born in Chippewa county, Minnesota, November 18, 1879, his parents being Tollef and Sophia (Bay) Wik, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Denmark. They came with their respective parents to America in their childhood days, the father when a little lad of but six summers and the mother when a maiden of fifteen years. Both families settled in Dodge county, Minnesota, where the father and mother were reared and married, after which they established their home in Chippewa county, where Mr. Wik filed on a homestead, on which he resided to the time of his death on the 26th of December, 1911. He was then sixty-four years of age and for a little more than a year had survived his wife, who passed away August 28, 1910, at the age of fifty-six years.

Joseph A. Wik was educated in the public schools of Watson, Minnesota, but when only twelve years of age became a wage earner. For a time he was employed in a butcher shop and as clerk in a grocery store and in 1899 he became identified with the grain trade as second man in a grain elevator in Watson. In 1902 he removed to Granville, North Dakota, where he became buyer for George Lippman, and while serving in the capacity of manager of the elevator there he filed on a homestead near Deering, McHenry county. Complying with the laws regarding occupancy and improvement, he secured title to his property, which ultimately he sold. He then became manager of the Granville elevator and after two years spent in that connection he went to Denbigh as manager of the Imperial Elevator, which position he filled for two years. On the expiration of that period he bought an interest in an elevator at Riga and for a year engaged in buying grain on his own account. He next went to Upham as manager for the Imperial Elevator Company and a year later was elected manager of the Farmers Elevator Company at that place, in which capacity he continued for

four years. In 1913 he was appointed deputy sheriff of McHenry county and removed to Towner. The following year he was elected to the office of sheriff, in which capacity he is now serving, and he has proven himself a most popular official, one in whom the lawabiding element has every confidence, while the criminals recognize that he will put forth every possible effort to apprehend those who are guilty of misdemeanor or crime. In the discharge of his duties he is prompt and fearless and his record is a creditable one.

On the 25th of September, 1907, Mr. Wik was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary McNickel, of Granville, and they have three children, Florence E., Edna A. and Joseph A.

Mr. Wik is a republican voter and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. His fraternal relations are with Mouse River Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., Mystic Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., Lebanon Council, No. 2, R. & S. M., De Moley Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of Minot, and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He also belongs to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E., the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Sons of Norway. He is well known and popular in these various organizations and is loyal to their teachings and purposes. He still owns his farm of three hundred and twenty acres near Upham and he is regarded as one of the representative and valued citizens of McHenry county by reason of the enterprise which he has displayed in business and his thorough reliability in office.

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#### HENRY E. MARTIN.

Henry E. Martin, postmaster at Newburg, where he is also station agent, an implement dealer and proprietor of the electric light plant, was one of the early pioneers in the north-western section of the state. He comes of English and German parentage, his birth having occurred in Germany on the 28th of October, 1873. His father, A. C. Martin, was a veterinary surgeon in the English army and went down with a vessel which sank at Havre, France, while he was on a government mission in 1874. His son, Henry E., was then a babe of but six months. The mother, who was a noted singer, was the daughter of Senator Adolph Testdorf, of Hamburg, Germany. She died while her son Henry was but two and one-half years of age and the boy then came under the guardianship of his grandfather, Senator Testdorf. When he was six years of age he was placed in the care of the family of Max Kuehl and by that family was brought to the United States. They settled on land that is now a part of the city of Chicago and which had been purchased for them by Senator Testdorf.

At that place Henry E. Martin was reared to manhood and he pursued his education in the old Ferren school, which was the first school built south of Thirty-ninth street in Chicago. It stood at the corner of Wabash avenue and Fifty-first street. When seventeen years of age he entered the employ of C. K. G. Billings, the noted race horse man, for whom he worked and drove for six years. In that connection he became acquainted with many of the prominent men of Chicago. After leaving the employ of Mr. Billings in 1895 he made his way westward to North Dakota and entered the service of the Great Northern Railroad Company, becoming the first station agent at Deslacs, in Ward county, where arrived the first emigrant to settle west of Minot. Mr. Martin was located at that place for ten years and while there he filed on a homestead near the town and proved up on his property in 1902. His love of horses remained with him and he was always the owner of some fine stock. The freedom of the boundless west appealed to him and by reason of his love of sport he kept a pack of greyhounds, having as many as eighteen at a time. His success in hunting the coyote gained for him the sobriquet of Coyote Hank. He trained many horses in pioneer racing circles, among which was Irma's Choice, which was owned by Martin Jacobson, who broke the state record at Minot. In 1906 he went east to Charlotte, Michigan, to escape the rigors of the North Dakota winters but after three years spent at that place in the capacity of ticket agent for the Grand Trunk he again heeded the call of the west and returned to North Dakota, being made station agent at Newburg. He has since served in that capacity but has greatly extended his efforts into other lines and is now successfully engaged in the implement business, is also owner of the electric light plant of the town and for the past seven years has been postmaster of Newburg. He is now serv-

ing for his fourth term as mayor of the town and he does everything in his power to promote its progress.

Mr. Martin is a member of Russell Lodge, No. 89, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, while he is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both belong to the German Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. In politics he is a republican. Those who know him, and he has a constantly broadening circle of acquaintances, find in him a man whom to know is to respect and honor, for his has been a well spent life which at all times has measured up to high standards.

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#### JAMES A. MURPHY.

James A. Murphy, of Jamestown, who is one of the able attorneys of Stutsman county and is also engaged in the real estate and insurance business, was born in Clermont, Iowa, on the 21st of June, 1863. His parents, Michael and Margaret (Houlihan) Murphy, were both natives of Ireland but emigrated to this country many years ago and became pioneer settlers of Iowa. James A. Murphy was reared under the parental roof and divided his time during his boyhood and youth between attending the public schools and assisting in the work of the home farm. He entered Bayliss College at Dubuque, Iowa, and following his graduation therefrom in 1883 he removed to Fargo, Dakota territory, where he accepted a position as bookkeeper for a machinery company. Later in the same year he went to Foster county, taking up a homestead near Carrington. He also had charge of a machine company at that place and while living there served as postmaster of Carrington and as clerk of Foster county. In 1891-92 he served as county treasurer and in 1893 was appointed deputy state insurance commissioner. In the meantime he had taken up the study of law and, having been admitted to the bar, he located in Jamestown in 1895 and entered upon the active practice of law. He has gained a commendable reputation as an attorney and has also won gratifying success as a real estate and insurance agent. He owns valuable city and farm property and is one of the substantial citizens of his county.

On the 19th of December, 1895, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Minnie B. Jones, of Sturgis, South Dakota, by whom he has two children, Louise and Jerome J. Mr. Murphy is a republican and for many years has been a leader in state politics, serving as a delegate to state conventions on several occasions. For a number of years he served as city magistrate of Jamestown, discharging his duties with fairness and impartiality. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of Columbus, his association with the last named indicating his membership in the Roman Catholic church. He belongs to the Jamestown Commercial Club and cooperates heartily with that organization in its efforts to advance the interests of Jamestown and Stutsman county. He not only has the respect of all with whom he has been associated but has also gained the warm friendship of many.

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#### HON. C. I. F. WAGNER.

Hon. C. I. F. Wagner, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Rolla, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in December, 1861, a son of the Rev. John M. and Sarah F. (Voorhees) Wagner, the former a native of Germany and the latter of New Jersey. In his boyhood days John M. Wagner crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he was educated for the ministry of the Dutch Reformed church. He devoted his entire life to that holy calling and during his last twenty-five years engaged in preaching in Brooklyn. The marriage ceremonies which he performed and the funeral services which he attended exceeded the days of the year. He was a very popular minister, loved and honored by all who knew him. He passed away in November, 1894, and his wife died one week later.

C. I. F. Wagner was a pupil in Wright's Business College of Brooklyn, New York, after attending the public schools and for a year he was employed in a wholesale commission house in New York. In 1882 he arrived in the territory of Dakota, settling at Grand Harbor, near Devils Lake, although there was no town there at the time. It was Mr. Wagner and F. Eugene Farrell who in 1883 established the first newspaper in the district, the Devils Lake Globe, which paper they conducted until 1884, when they removed to Dunseith, North Dakota, a new town which had just been founded. Two years afterward Mr. Wagner bought out his partner and continued the publication of the paper until 1896, when he was elected register of deeds of Rolette county and entered upon the duties of that position, in which he was continued for eight years. In 1904 he was again called to office, being elected to represent his district in the state legislature, and in 1906 he was made the representative of his district in the state senate. His public career has ever been characterized by loyalty to duty, capability in office and strict adherence to high ideals of citizenship.

In 1902 Mr. Wagner, in company with C. R. Gailfus organized the Rolette County Abstract Company and within a year they had made money enough to erect the present bank building. Mr. Wagner continued in the abstract business until 1907, when he returned to Dunseith, where he established a hardware store which he conducted for three years. At the end of that time he took charge of the Dunseith State Bank, of which he was manager for three years, after which he was offered the position of cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Rolla in 1913. He has since served in that capacity and his ability has contributed much to the upbuilding and success of the institution. He also owns six hundred and forty acres of land in Rolette county and likewise has landed interests in Canada and in Florida.

Mr. Wagner has been married twice. On the 1st of May, 1886, he wedded Leah Nore De Esterre and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Martin, Norman L., Charles, Leah C., Fred, James and Lucille. The son Charles is now fighting with the French army in the great European war. The wife and mother passed away in November, 1902, and in March, 1906, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Algie V. Stewart. Mr. Wagner has always been a republican in his political views and aside from filling the offices already mentioned he served as the first coroner of Rolette county and is the present public administrator. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Eastern Star, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. His activities have been of a nature that have contributed to the material upbuilding of the state, to the attainment of better conditions in citizenship and to the upholding of higher individual standards.

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#### AUGUST L. KRUMM.

August L. Krumm is widely known throughout Cass county and is one of the foremost residents of Durbin, where he is engaged in general merchandising and is also filling the office of postmaster. He is likewise identified with agricultural interests as he owns eight hundred acres of fine land in the county. A native of Germany, he was born on the 27th of June, 1858, and is a son of John H. and Christina Krumm, who were lifelong residents of the fatherland. To them were born seven children, of whom one is now deceased.

August L. Krumm was reared at home and received his education in his native land but in 1880, when twenty-two years of age, he decided to try his fortune in America. He at once located in Cass county, North Dakota, where he was employed on a farm until 1882, when he filed on a homestead, on which he resided for about a year. In 1893 he purchased six hundred and forty acres on sections 11 and 12, Maple River township, and took up his residence upon that place. He lived there for nine years, during which time he made many improvements upon the farm, and subsequently he bought an additional one hundred and sixty acres, making his holdings eight hundred acres in all. In 1904 he left the farm and removed to Durbin, where he has since conducted a general store. He carries a well selected stock and as he gives full value for the money received and strives to please his

patrons he has met with gratifying success in his business. Since 1906 he has also served as postmaster.

In 1895 Mr. Krumm was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Kaut, a native of Wisconsin, by whom he has had seven children: Jennie M., Emma L., Louisa M., John H., Francis W., Charles L. and Alice D. John H. is deceased.

Mr. Krumm votes the republican ticket and for a number of years has been a member of the school board. Both he and his wife belong to the Evangelical church. He is a typical resident of the west, for he has the qualities of self-reliance, perseverance and the readiness to take advantage of an opportunity. When he came to Cass county he was without money and he has always relied upon his own resources but as the years have passed his capital has steadily increased and he is now a man of independent means.

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#### WILLIAM R. KELLOGG.

William R. Kellogg, editor of the Jamestown Alert, is one of the most widely known journalists of the state, having been identified with newspaper publications here for a third of a century. When statehood was being agitated he was one of the leaders in the movement and has at all times been an advocate of progressive measures. He was born in Pittsfield, Illinois, in 1857, a son of D. F. and Helen Kellogg, both members of old New England families. They were pioneer settlers of Illinois and performed well their part in the development of their section of the state.

After completing the course offered by the public schools of Pittsfield, William R. Kellogg entered the Illinois College at Jacksonville, Illinois. In 1882, in early manhood, he came to Dakota territory and became connected with the Fargo Argus under Major Edwards, one of the pioneer publishers of the state. He worked on the Argus until 1885, when he purchased the Jamestown Alert, which he has conducted during the three decades that have intervened. He has made the paper one of the most influential dailies in the state and it has time and time again been felt as a strong force making for advancement and civic righteousness. Its progressiveness and the reliability of its news columns have gained it a wide and representative circulation and it carries a large amount of high grade advertising.

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#### C. W. GRAVES.

One of the most wide-awake and progressive business men of Bottineau county is C. W. Graves, a well known druggist of Lansford and secretary of the Lansford Commercial Club, of which he was one of the founders. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 26, 1882, and is a son of Thomas and Emma (Thruen) Graves, who are still living and now reside in Warsaw, Minnesota. The mother is a native of Rice county, that state, but the birth of the father occurred in Illinois. By occupation he is a carpenter and builder.

C. W. Graves completed his literary education in the Faribault high school and at the age of fifteen years began his business career as a clerk in a drug store at Morristown, Minnesota, where he received his first lessons in pharmacy. In 1900 he entered the pharmaceutical department of the University of Minnesota, where he was a student for two years, and was later employed as a pharmacist in Minneapolis until 1905. In that year he left his native state and removed to Lansford, North Dakota, where for two years he held the position of pharmacist in the drug store of Samuel Turner. At the end of that time he and James Dunn bought out his employer and connected the business under the firm name of the Donnybrook Drug Company for two years. In 1909 Mr. Graves purchased his partner's interest in the business, which he has since conducted independently with marked success. Under his ownership the drug store has become one of the most modern pharmacies of North Dakota. Besides this property he owns a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Ward county.

Mr. Graves was married in 1907 to Miss Delia Fink, of Berthold, North Dakota, who was

at that time engaged in teaching in this state. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Ione A., Beryl E. and Truman F. Fraternally Mr. Graves is a member of Lansford Lodge, No. 82, A. F. & A. M., and politically he affiliates with the republican party. As previously stated he is secretary of the Lansford Commercial Club and is one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens of the town, taking a very active interest in its development and upbuilding.

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#### EDWARD WITHNELL.

Edward Withnell, postmaster of Nortonville and president of the North Dakota League of Postmasters, was born in Lancashire, England, on the 28th of June, 1858, his parents being Thomas and Eliza (Nightingale) Withnell. The father died during the boyhood of his son Edward and in 1881 the mother followed two of her older sons to the United States, passing away in Jamestown, North Dakota, in 1915, when she had reached the age of seventy-nine years.

Edward Withnell was educated in the public schools of England and on reaching early manhood found employment in a bleach works as a "maker up" but thinking to enjoy better opportunities in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in 1885 and made his way direct to Jamestown, North Dakota, where he was first employed as a section hand on the James River Valley Railroad, working in that way for eight days. He then secured the position of material clerk with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, having charge of the material department. He filled that important position for six years and continued in the employ of the Northern Pacific in other capacities until 1899, when he arrived in Lamoure county and purchased a half section of land two miles west of Nortonville. He then turned his attention to farming, to which he devoted his energies until 1912, when he retired and removed to Nortonville. On the 28th of February, 1913, on the establishment of the postoffice in that town, he was appointed the first postmaster and is still acting in that capacity.

In 1878 occurred the marriage of Mr. Withnell and Miss Anna Haslen, by whom he had five children, of whom three are yet living: Emma, the wife of Arthur Harrington, a farmer of Lamoure county; Alice, the wife of Jacob Vink, who farms in Lamoure county; and May, the wife of Chester Denton, of Wilsall, Montana. The wife and mother passed away in 1908 and Mr. Withnell subsequently wedded Miss Rosena Bingley, of Edgeley.

Politically Mr. Withnell is a republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and he has served as a member of the town board, while for several years he was a member of the school board. He belongs to Jamestown Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., and to Edgeley Lodge, K. P., and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was honored at the meeting of the Postmasters' State League convention, held in Fargo the last week of July, 1916, by being elected president of the organization, in which connection one of the county papers said: "The honor conferred on Mr. Withnell is a fitting tribute to his executive ability and indeed justly placed. While Mr. Withnell may be pleased by the action of his fellow members in honoring him with the office, his delight could hardly be greater than that of his many Lamoure county friends, who are very proud to know that the honor was conferred upon a fellow citizen."

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#### HON. CHARLES O. HECKLE.

Hon. Charles O. Heckle, a prominent attorney of Lisbon and state senator from the fourteenth legislative district for the term of 1912-1916, is classed with the builders of Ransom county because of his well defined activity and progressiveness along lines which lead to material and political progress. He was born in Decorah, Iowa, on the 8th of November, 1865, a son of John and Mary A. (Stewart) Heckle, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ireland, whence she came to America with her parents when a maiden of nine



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summers. John Heckle cast in his lot with the pioneer residents of Iowa, where for many years he followed the blacksmith's trade, which he had learned in early life. He resided in Winneshiek county for almost sixty years and passed away at the home of his son in Burr Oak, that county, at the very venerable age of ninety-three years, while his wife reached the advanced age of eighty-seven.

Charles O. Heckle, after completing his studies in the Burr Oak high school, took up the profession of teaching and on the 9th of July, 1886, arrived in North Dakota, where for seven years he engaged in teaching school. He afterward served for four years as deputy county treasurer and in 1898 he entered the law department of Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1901, receiving at that time his law degree, his diploma bearing the date of May 9th of that year.

In the same month Mr. Heckle came to North Dakota, passed the required examination before the supreme court at Fargo and made his way direct to Lisbon, where he has since been located. His success as a barrister has been pronounced and he has risen to distinction in his profession. His cases are always carefully analyzed and the judicial trend of his mind enables him to readily understand the facts and legal principles bearing upon his cause and precludes the possibility of presenting evidence that does not have a direct bearing upon the point at issue. He is strong in argument, logical in his deductions and clear in his reasoning. Not only has he been active in the interpretation of the law, but in 1910 was chosen to represent his district in the state senate. His first election was for the short term and in November, 1911, he was reelected for the four years' term. As a law maker he has left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the state during that period, loyally supporting all those measures which he regards as beneficial to the commonwealth. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, but he has never allowed partisanship to stand before the public welfare.

Mr. Heckle is a member of Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the consistory, while his membership also extends to the Mystic Shrine at Fargo. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias and of Mystic Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F. He has important business connections outside the strict path of his profession, for he is a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank of Anselm and he owns a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres northeast of Lisbon. He is likewise secretary of the Lisbon Land & Loan Agency and thus in various business connections as well as in public life he is contributing to the material development of the district in which he lives. There is no question as to the value of his citizenship and his patriotic spirit and his fellow townsmen trust and honor him because of the course that he has followed and because of what he has accomplished for the public weal.

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#### DAVID M. HOLMES.

David M. Holmes, actively engaged in the insurance business in Grand Forks, in which connection he has gained a large clientage, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1851, a son of Hugh and Jane (Love) Holmes. In the paternal line he represents one of the old American families, the original progenitor coming to the new world in 1640, at which time he settled in Massachusetts, while later a removal was made to Pennsylvania, which has long been the ancestral home. The Love family came from the north of Ireland, representatives arriving in America in 1708, when settlement was made in Pennsylvania. On leaving the Keystone state Hugh Holmes removed to North Dakota in 1881. In early life he engaged in railroad contracting and in blacksmithing but after coming to the northwest retired from active business. He was born in 1807 and passed away in Grand Forks in 1883, while his wife, who was born, reared, educated and married in Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia in 1865, at the age of fifty-one years.

David M. Holmes is the last survivor of a family of five children, two sons and three daughters, and was the youngest of the number. He attended school in Philadelphia and in 1865 went to Caledonia, Elk county, Pennsylvania, where he was connected with the lumber business. He was only nineteen years of age when in 1871 he arrived in North Dakota and

took up the work of flatboating on the Red river. After a brief period he engaged in government work with a surveying crew, laying out the township and subdivision lines, spending two years in that service. He next went to work for the Hudson's Bay Company, with which he continued for a year, at the end of which time he was appointed manager at Grand Forks for the Western Union Telegraph Company. In 1876 he went to the Black Hills and while on that trip became involved in a combat with a band of Indians. He engaged in prospecting all through the Black Hills from February until August, 1876, and then again went to Grand Forks, where he was once more made manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company. The city was at that time a tiny hamlet on the western frontier and in 1877 he established the first drug store of Grand Forks, continually developing the business until 1900, when he sold out. He was one of the earliest merchants of the city and for many years has figured as one of the leading business men. After retiring from the drug trade he was elected county treasurer, which position he filled for four years, and in 1904 he was the candidate for governor on the democratic ticket but was defeated for that office. He next entered the field of insurance, in which he has since operated, and his success has grown with the passing of the years.

Again and again Mr. Holmes has been called to positions of public honor and trust and in all such has proved his loyalty to the best interests and development of city and state. For two terms he was mayor of Grand Forks and gave to the city a most businesslike and progressive administration. He was the first county surveyor of Grand Forks county and the second county superintendent of schools. He also was made register of deeds and filled all three offices at the same period. He served as deputy postmaster of Grand Forks and from the earliest period of development he has been closely associated with the upbuilding and progress of the city.

On the 10th of March, 1879, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Schlager, of Grand Forks, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlager, of Iowa. They became the parents of three children: Mrs. Jessie Fulton, of Great Falls, Montana, who has one child, Holmes Montgomery Fulton, of Great Falls; Frank, who was born in Grand Forks and is now married and makes his home in Des Moines, Iowa, where he is connected with the Bitulithic Paving Company; and Mrs. Vivian Hunter, of Grand Forks, who has two children, David Kenneth Hunter and Ralph Hunter.

Mr. Holmes is a very prominent Mason and has been master of perfection of Carmel Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R., for the past twenty-eight years. The honorary thirty-third degree has been conferred upon him and he enjoys in highest measure the confidence and regard of his fellow members of the craft. His acquaintance in the state is wide and honors have come to him in recognition of his ability and patriotic loyalty to the best interests of the state. He is familiar with every phase of North Dakota's development and progress and has left the stamp of his individuality upon its upbuilding. No history of the state would be complete without extended reference to this man, who was a pioneer of Grand Forks and of the Black Hills country and was closely associated with all of those activities which marked the early development of the district in which he yet resides.

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#### CHARLES GLITSCHKA.

Charles Glitschka, who is conducting a well patronized amusement parlor in Bismarck, was born in Carver, Minnesota, on the 28th of January, 1863, a son of William and Elizabeth Glitschka. In 1877 the family came to North Dakota and settled at Bismarck, where the father engaged in merchandising until his death on New Year's day, 1898. His wife is also deceased. They were the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters.

Charles Glitschka was educated in the public schools and when fourteen years of age began his business career, becoming connected with merchandising at that time. He continued to follow mercantile pursuits in Bismarck until February, 1914, when he sold his store, and he has since devoted his time and attention to the conduct of an amusement parlor. His place is well equipped and is accorded a representative and profitable patronage. He

also has the agency for the Hollier eight-cylinder motor and owns considerable real estate in North Dakota.

Mr. Glitschka is an adherent of the democratic party and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. At the time of the Spanish-American war he served as clerk in Company A, First North Dakota Volunteers. He went with the regiment to the Philippines and was at the front for seventeen months, serving during a year of that time as clerk. His command was in much hard fighting and he saw a great deal of active service. He has resided in North Dakota for almost four decades and during that time has seen a development little short of marvelous. When he accompanied his parents to Bismarck in 1877 there was only a small town of tents and log cabins that gave little promise of developing into the capital city of today. At that time the white settlement ceased at the Missouri river and even in the eastern part of the state the pioneer villages were so far apart that each community had to rely almost entirely on itself for protection from the Indians. These hard conditions of early life developed in the settlers unusual hardihood and self-reliance. That our subject was a true son of the frontier is indicated by the fact that when but a boy he made a trip of one hundred and twenty-five miles during extremely cold weather and bought three thousand dollars worth of furs for his father, who was engaged in the fur business. He was caught in a severe storm and, to make matters worse, his horse gave out and it took him eleven days to make the trip, but he was undaunted by difficulties and at length reached home in safety. He has always retained a love of outdoor life and of manly sports, such as fishing and hunting, and he likewise finds great pleasure in motoring. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the state and no movement seeking its advancement or development lacks his heartiest support.

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#### ROBERT GETTY.

Commercial enterprise in Stutsman county finds a worthy representative in Robert Getty, who owns and conducts a general store at Montpelier. A native of Ireland, he was born on the 1st of December, 1875, a son of John and Margaret (Agnew) Getty, who are also natives of the Emerald isle, on which they resided until 1880, when they left that country to seek a home in the new world. Settling in Minnesota, they purchased land near Blue Earth and there the father concentrated his efforts upon general farming, his work bringing to him a measure of success that has enabled him to provide comfortably for his family. To Mr. and Mrs. Getty were born six children, of whom Robert is the third, and the family circle still remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Robert Getty was a little lad of but five summers when the voyage to the new world was made and in the schools of Minnesota he pursued his education, while upon the home farm he was trained to habits of industry, economy and perseverance. When not busy with his textbooks his attention was given to the work of the fields and he continued to assist his father until he attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account. The year 1905 witnessed his arrival in North Dakota, at which time he settled in Kidder county, where he homesteaded, thereafter giving his attention to general farming and stock raising until 1910. His labors were manifest in the cultivation of the fields, which annually brought forth good harvests. He worked diligently day after day in reclaiming the wild land and converting it into productive fields. In April, 1911, he removed to Crystal Springs, where he entered the general mercantile field, remaining there until November, 1914, when he established a store at Montpelier, having disposed of his interests at Crystal Springs. At both places his business was attended with a steady growth consequent upon his close application and keen business discrimination. His stock of goods is attractive and in the management of his store he is assisted by one clerk and also by his wife. He is still interested in farm lands from the standpoint of a speculator and he owns property in Kidder county.

In 1900 Mr. Getty was married to Miss Edith Cook, who was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota, May 21, 1876, a daughter of Silas and Hannah Cook, both early residents of Minnesota. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Getty is the third. The father is now deceased but the mother still resides at Blue Earth. Mr. and Mrs. Getty have three

children: Eva, born February 21, 1906; Hazel, born May 18, 1909; and Bernice, born December 21, 1911.

In his political views Mr. Getty is a republican and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have called him to several local offices. He was formerly a member of the town board and was president of the board in Tanner township, Kidder county, for two terms. He also served on the school board of the same township for four years. He is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge at Jamestown. He attends the Presbyterian church of Montpelier and the rules which have governed him in all of his life's relations are those which measure up to high standards of manhood and citizenship. Almost his entire life has been passed in the west and the spirit of enterprise which has led to the rapid development of this section of the country has been manifest in his entire career, gaining him advancement along the lines of his chosen life work.

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#### CLAYTON E. BRACE.

Clayton E. Brace, who is a well known member of the bar at Crosby and was elected states attorney of Divide county in 1916, was born in Houston county, Minnesota, near the present town of Mabel, Fillmore county, July 21, 1878, a son of Silas C. and Ella (Dibble) Brace. The father was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, August 25, 1851, and in 1859 accompanied his parents to northeastern Iowa, where he was reared and acquired his preliminary education. He afterward attended a private academy at Decorah, Iowa, and later taught school in that state and in southeastern Minnesota. In 1873 he removed to Minnesota and engaged in the lumber business in Mabel from the time of the establishment of the town until 1912. He then retired and removed to his farm near Backus, Minnesota, where he now makes his home. His wife was born in New York, December 17, 1853, and in pioneer times accompanied her parents to Brownsville, Minnesota, where her father conducted a hotel at a period when all travel was principally by boat on the Mississippi river.

Clayton E. Brace was but eight years of age when his mother passed away. He had been born upon the farm and was only two years of age when the family removed to Mabel, where he attended the common schools. He was also a high school pupil in Preston, Minnesota, and following his graduation with the class of 1897 he took up the profession of teaching, but regarded it merely as an initial step to other professional labor, as it was his desire to become a member of the bar. With that end in view he studied law in the office of H. S. Bassett at Preston for two and one-half years and then entered the University of Minnesota, being graduated from the law department with the class of 1901, at which time the Bachelor of Laws degree was conferred upon him. He was then admitted to practice and followed his profession in Mabel, Minnesota, for a year. Later he removed to Woods county, Oklahoma, where he practiced law for a year and then returned to Mabel. In August, 1905, he went to Westhope, North Dakota, and in 1909 opened an office at Ambrose, Williams county. The following year he took active part in bringing about the division of the county, whereby Divide county was created, and in that year he was appointed states attorney and removed to Crosby, the county seat. He filled the office for one term and then resumed the private practice of law in Crosby. In 1916 he was nominated and elected to the office of states attorney and previously he served as city attorney of Westhope and of Crosby. He is also vice president of the park board of Crosby and there is no phase of the city's development in which he is not deeply interested, giving his aid and support to many plans and measures for the public good. The park board with which he is identified has through hard work secured several plots of ground and has laid out a number of parks according to a "city beautiful" plan. This work has been conducted along the line of modern thought in this connection, includes playgrounds for the children and embodies all the other ideas that are built upon the need of mankind for recreation and outdoor life.

On the 24th of January, 1906, in Mabel, Minnesota, Mr. Brace was married to Miss Minnie Redo, who was born at Lansing, Iowa, a daughter of Nels and Antoinette (Farrisen) Redo. The father was born and educated in Sweden and in young manhood came to America, following the stone mason's trade in Iowa until his death, which occurred when his daughter,



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Mrs. Brace, was but a little girl. The mother was born in Iowa and died prior to her husband's death, thus leaving orphaned a family of seven children. After completing a high school course Mrs. Brace taught school in Iowa, in and near Lansing, up to two years before her marriage. She has become the mother of four children: Ella Antoinette, born in Westhope; Clayton E., born in Ambrose, North Dakota; and Leona Redo and William Silas, born in Crosby.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Brace is a prominent member of Crosby Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M., of which he is now master, while both he and his wife are connected with the Order of the Eastern Star, in which Mrs. Brace is holding office. Mr. Brace was a prime mover in the organization of the Commercial Club, of which he is now president, and is also president of the Divide County Fair Association, of which he was one of the organizers. There is no feature of progressive public life in his community that does not elicit his support and his work in behalf of the city has been far-reaching and resultant. He is a broad-minded man of liberal education and his love of learning is indicated in the fact that he possesses the largest library in Crosby. In a word, he keeps in touch with the best thinking men of the age on all sociological, political and economic questions and at the same time he finds opportunity for mental culture and because of the innate refinement of his nature is opposed to anything common.

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CHARLES J. LEE.

Charles J. Lee, a Fargo capitalist numbered among Wisconsin's native sons, was born at Arcadia, Trempealeau county, that state, January 9, 1869, and comes of a family who largely followed the occupation of farming in Norway, where John Lee, father of Charles J. Lee, was born in the year 1810. Coming to America, he settled in Wisconsin in pioneer times, securing a homestead claim where Winona now stands. He married Miss Christina Johnson and later removed to Halfway Creek, now called Holmen. Subsequently he became a resident of Trempealeau county and was the first settler in the district now known as Lee Valley, there passing his remaining days, his death occurring in 1888. He was a man of marked business energy and accumulated considerable land.

Charles J. Lee was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, dividing his time between the work of the fields on the home farm, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. He arrived in Barnes county in 1887, when a youth of eighteen years, and for one year was employed as a farm hand after which he accepted a clerkship in a store in Valley City and while thus employed also attended school. He realized the value of educational training and in 1893 he entered the pharmaceutical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. He then returned to Valley City, where he embarked in the drug business, successfully conducting his store until 1901, when he sold out to George Day. Having acquired considerable farm land, he then gave his attention to his agricultural interests and he now owns and cultivates seven sections of land, thus becoming one of the most extensive farmers of Barnes county. He likewise owns considerable property in Valley City and he has contributed to the substantial improvement of the place by the erection of the Valley Hotel, a two-story structure and finished basement, seventy-five by one hundred feet, and containing sixty-five rooms. It is a thoroughly modern structure supplied with hot and cold water in each room and other up-to-date conveniences. He has also erected other buildings in Valley City and he was one of the organizers and the president of the Equity Rural Credit Association, having its head offices in Fargo. He was likewise a leader in the promotion of the Equity International Bank, which was opened at Fargo in 1916 and of which he became the first president. He has removed to Fargo to take an active part in the management of those two concerns and of other equity enterprises. He also organized the American National Bank of Valley City, of which he has been a director from the beginning.

In 1887 Mr. Lee was married to Miss Mary Halverson, a native of Trempealeau county,

Wisconsin, and their children are: Carl John, attending the Valley City State Normal; and Victor John, Edwin Howard, Junette Marion and Clifford Marvin, all in school.

Mr. Lee several times served as alderman of Valley City and was the father of the present waterworks system, which is considered the best in the northwest. He it was who suggested and promoted the municipal ownership of the electric light plant and also of the new sewerage system. He has closely studied the question of public utilities and believes strongly in municipal ownership. He has been honored with the presidency of the North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association and fraternally he is connected with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

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HON. H. M. ERICKSON.

Hon. H. M. Erickson, cashier of the Security State Bank of Upham, was born in Norway, September 10, 1875, and was therefore but six years of age when in 1881 his parents, Hans and Bertha (Knudson) Erickson, brought their family to the United States. They established their home in Jones county, Iowa, and after three years removed to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming throughout his remaining days, becoming one of the representative agriculturists of that locality. He died in April, 1911, and his widow now makes her home with a daughter in Fillmore county.

Mr. Erickson acquired his education in the public schools of Mabel, Minnesota, supplemented by a business course in the Valder Business College at Decorah, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1896. He then returned home, assisting his father in the work of the farm for a year, at the end of which time he went to Grand Forks, where he pursued a course in stenography under private instruction. He then became identified with the abstract, title, real estate and insurance business of H. Bendeke & Company of Grand Forks, remaining in the employ of that firm until 1905, after which he went to Grafton, North Dakota, and organized an abstract, title and insurance business, which he conducted until 1906, when he sold out to H. A. McConnell. On the 1st of November of that year he removed to Upham and became interested in banking as cashier of the Security State Bank, in which capacity he has since continued, and the success and growth of the institution are attributable in no small measure to his careful management, close application and progressive methods.

In 1902 Mr. Erickson was married to Miss Hilda Dahl, of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of two children, Doris E. and Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church and he also belongs to the Sons of Norway. He is likewise well known in Masonic circles, holding membership in Meadow Lodge, No. 85, F. & A. M., Mystic Chapter, No 13, R. A. M., Loraine Commandery, K. T., of Bottineau, and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Grand Forks and of the American Yeomen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1914 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, of which he is yet a member.

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CHARLES SUMNER BUCK.

Charles Sumner Buck, who is engaged in the practice of law in Jamestown, was born at Steamburg, New York, on the 16th of March, 1868, a son of Amasa and Lucy (Hayward) Buck. The paternal ancestors came from England in 1635 and the maternal ancestors from the same country in 1640. Representatives of the family in both lines were found in the war of the Revolution. Amasa Buck was born at Bath, New Hampshire, and served as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company H, Sixty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry with which he continued for three years and three months. He died in 1879, while his wife, who was born at Sodus, New York, March 7, 1837, passed away in 1891.

Charles Sumner Buck attended Chamberlain Institute at Randolph, New York, from

which he was graduated with the class of 1887. In 1893 he removed to North Dakota, locating at New Rockford and two years later he came to Jamestown. He afterward became a student in the University of Minnesota, at Minneapolis, and was graduated therefrom in 1902 with the degree of LL. B., having there prepared for the bar. In the meantime he had worked on the home farm as a boy and had later clerked in a drug store for seven years. He then became a commercial traveler in North Dakota, spending three years in that way and since 1902 he has continuously practiced law in this state. He was also cashier of a bank for two years and a half but the major part of his attention for the past decade and a half has been given to his law practice. For five years he has been general attorney for the Midland Continental Railroad and his private practice has been of an important and distinctly representative character. For four years he has been a director of the Midland Continental Railroad and he is a director of the Jamestown Gas Company.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 29th of August, 1900, Mr. Buck was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Lenhart, a daughter of W. and Mary Lenhart. Her father was a soldier of the Civil war and one of the early pioneers of Iowa and North Dakota. The children of this marriage are Lucy Elizabeth, who was born April 4, 1902; Charles Sumner, Jr., born July 1, 1905; and Marian Luella, born April 6, 1907.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Buck has served as one of the elders of the church since 1909. He was one of the committee of five that organized the present Young Men's Christian Association in Jamestown, and is one of its directors and takes an active part in its work. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a republican of the conservative, progressive type. He believes in protective tariff and in a reasonable military preparedness, a preparedness for defence rather than for attack. In 1913 he was elected a member of the North Dakota legislature and as both lawmaker and lawyer he has made an excellent record, doing much to uphold the legal and political status of the state and to further advance intellectual and moral progress.

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#### FRANK C. NYE.

Frank C. Nye, owner and editor of the *Lansford Journal*, published at Lansford, Bottineau county, is a representative of the spirit of modern journalism which has made the weekly paper of the northwest a rival in content and interest of many of the city dailies. Minnesota claims Mr. Nye as a native son, his birth having occurred at Wells, September 4, 1878. His parents, Joseph M. and Esther (Roberts) Nye, were both natives of Quebec, Canada, and when a youth of sixteen years the former crossed the border into the United States and during the period of the Civil war served for two years as a military telegraph operator. He afterward worked as telegraph operator at the Stock Exchange in New York for three years and in the meantime was married and about 1873 removed to Minnesota, settling at Wells, where he became train dispatcher for the Southern Minnesota Railroad, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. He occupied that position for several years and then engaged in the banking business, but failure overtook him in that connection and he afterward established a drug store. Eventually he was elected county superintendent of schools at Faribault, Minnesota, and occupied that position for eight years, the school system being greatly improved under his direction. In 1901 he removed to Inkster, North Dakota, where he lived retired until his death in February, 1903. His widow still survives and now makes her home in Park River.

Frank C. Nye was largely reared and educated in Wells, Minnesota, and he, too, turned to the profession of teaching in early manhood, devoting five years to that work. He afterward learned the printer's trade, at which he was employed in Wells until 1902, when he became a resident of Inkster, Grand Forks county, North Dakota. He then purchased a printing plant and engaged in business along that line until 1913, when he went to Grand Forks and spent a year in connection with the *Herald*. On the expiration of that period he removed to Lansford, Bottineau county, and purchased the *Lansford Journal*, which he has

since owned and published. He has a well equipped newspaper office, supplied with modern presses and all equipment for doing excellent job work as well as newspaper publication.

On the 1st of November, 1905, Mr. Nye was married to Miss Myrtle Pritchard and to them have been born two children: Chester F., born March 16, 1911; and William M., born May 3, 1912.

Mr. Nye is a stalwart advocate of the republican party and publishes his paper in its support. He served as justice of the peace in Grand Forks county for six years and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial but he has never been an aspirant for public office, being content to do his duties in citizenship in a private capacity. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge and the Rebecca degree and he also has membership with the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife belong to the Episcopal church and their influence is always on the side of right, truth, progress and improvement.

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#### GEORGE F. PETERSON.

George F. Peterson, cashier of the First State Bank of Russell, is a native of the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Kandiyohi county on the 28th of February, 1885. His parents, Charles A. and Ellen (Johnson) Peterson, are natives of Sweden and in boyhood and girlhood days came with their respective parents to the United States, being reared in Minnesota, where they were married. Soon afterward they established their home upon a farm in Kandiyohi county, where they still reside.

Reared under the parental roof, George F. Peterson attended the public schools of Atwater, Minnesota, and later matriculated in the Willmar Seminary, in which he pursued the commercial course. Following the completion of his studies he went to Twin Valley, Minnesota, and entered upon his business career as an employee of the First National Bank. He started as bookkeeper and subsequently was made assistant cashier of that institution and his fidelity, capability and loyalty are indicated in the fact that he remained with the bank for eight years. Ambitious to make advancement in the business world, he went to Russell, North Dakota, in February, 1910, to accept the position of cashier of the First State Bank of that place and has since acted in that capacity. His loyalty to the institution and his broad experience have made him a valuable official and his efforts have contributed in substantial measure to its success.

In 1911 Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Rae Bahn, of Russell. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with Russell Lodge, No. 89, A. F. & A. M., of which he served as secretary for one year. The nature and breadth of his interests make him one of the representative citizens of his town and one whose efforts have been a contributing factor to public progress and improvement.

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#### GEORGE E. GILLMORE.

George E. Gillmore is a member of the firm of Gillmore & Tyvand, dealers in agricultural implements, lumber and coal at Barton. He is also the vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Barton and is extensively engaged in farming. The variety and importance of his business connections thus render him a leading factor in the material development of the district in which he lives. He was born in Norwood, St. Lawrence county, New York, September 16, 1865, and is a son of Alfred and Margaret (Woster) Gillmore, the former a native of Norwood, New York, and the latter of Crown Point, New York. The father became a farmer of St. Lawrence county, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1895, his widow surviving him until 1913.

George E. Gillmore was educated in the district schools and in the Norwood high school and through the summer months aided in the work of the home farm. He continued under the parental roof until 1888, when he came to Dakota territory, settling first at Devils Lake, where he worked for two years as a farm hand. Subsequently he entered the employ of the

St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company as a grain buyer at Barton, in which capacity he served for about fourteen years, and later he spent a year as traveling auditor with the firm. In 1903 he went to California, where he remained for a year, returning to Barton in June, 1904. In the fall of 1905 he became associated with James A. Tyvand in the establishment of a lumberyard at Barton, which was the beginning of a fight to the death with the old line yards; but after Mr. Gillmore and Mr. Tyvand had carried the fight into other territory, establishing a yard at Rugby, the opponents were more than glad to make peace on Mr. Gillmore's terms. As a consequence the firm of Gillmore & Tyvand absorbed one of the old line yards and some years later acquired the St. Anthony & Dakota elevator at Barton, which they have since operated. In 1903 they opened the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Barton, of which Mr. Gillmore became and still remains the vice president. He is a man of resourceful business ability, enterprising and alert and constantly watchful of opportunities. As the years have gone on he has used his time and talents wisely and well and, accomplishing what he has undertaken, has made for himself a most creditable position in commercial and financial circles.

In 1893 Mr. Gillmore was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Olson, a native of Sweden, by whom he has seven children, namely: Alfred, Esther, Bertha, Pearl, Harvey, Myrtle and Cal. Fraternally Mr. Gillmore is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and his wife is a member of the Lutheran church. In politics he is a stalwart republican but has always refused public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his individual interests. Forceful and resourceful, he is ever ready to meet any emergency, and when one avenue of opportunity seems closed he marks out another path whereby he may reach the desired goal. His determination is unflinching and his persistency of purpose has ever been coupled with the most honorable business dealings.

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#### FRANK E. STOTT.

Frank E. Stott, proprietor of a general store at Montpelier and thus identified with a business activity which is proving an element in the material development of the state, was born in Kirksville, Missouri, January 8, 1886, a son of Charles and Louise (Hayden) Stott, who were farming people. Throughout the period of his minority the son remained under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the high school of Kirksville, the State Normal School of that place and the Kirksville Business College, in which he pursued a commercial course. When not busy with his textbooks his attention was given to the work of the home farm and his early practical experience along that line proved of marked value to him when in 1898 he came to North Dakota and homesteaded a quarter section in Lamoure county, obtaining the southwest quarter of section 4, township 136, range 64. He proved up on that property and occupied it for seven years, his unremitting labor converting the raw prairie land into rich and productive fields.

In 1905 Mr. Stott traded his farm for the general store of which he is now the owner. It was located at the corner of Bailey and Front streets, in Montpelier, and the building was included in the trade. He continued to conduct business there for eight years but in 1913 sold the building and erected a new business block of two stories on Bailey street considerably larger than the one which he first occupied. He accordingly increased his stock and now carries a large and carefully selected line of general merchandise, including dry goods, ladies' and men's furnishings, groceries and in fact everything but hardware. In 1912 he was joined in a partnership by H. A. Hughes but Mr. Stott still remains the active head of the business. This store was established by William Campbell in 1905 but had only been conducted for six months when it was taken over by Mr. Stott, who has proven one of the progressive merchants of Stutsman county, possessing marked energy and enterprise leading to substantial success. He has also engaged in farming near the village in which he lives and he has other important business connections, being a stockholder and president of the board of directors of the Montpelier Farmers Elevator Company, and a stockholder, director and treasurer of the Montpelier Telephone Company.

Mr. Stott exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the

republican party and has filled various local offices in the township and village, the duties of which he discharged so promptly and faithfully that he was again called to positions of public trust. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and to the Odd Fellows lodge in Montpelier and his cooperation in any movement is considered of value.

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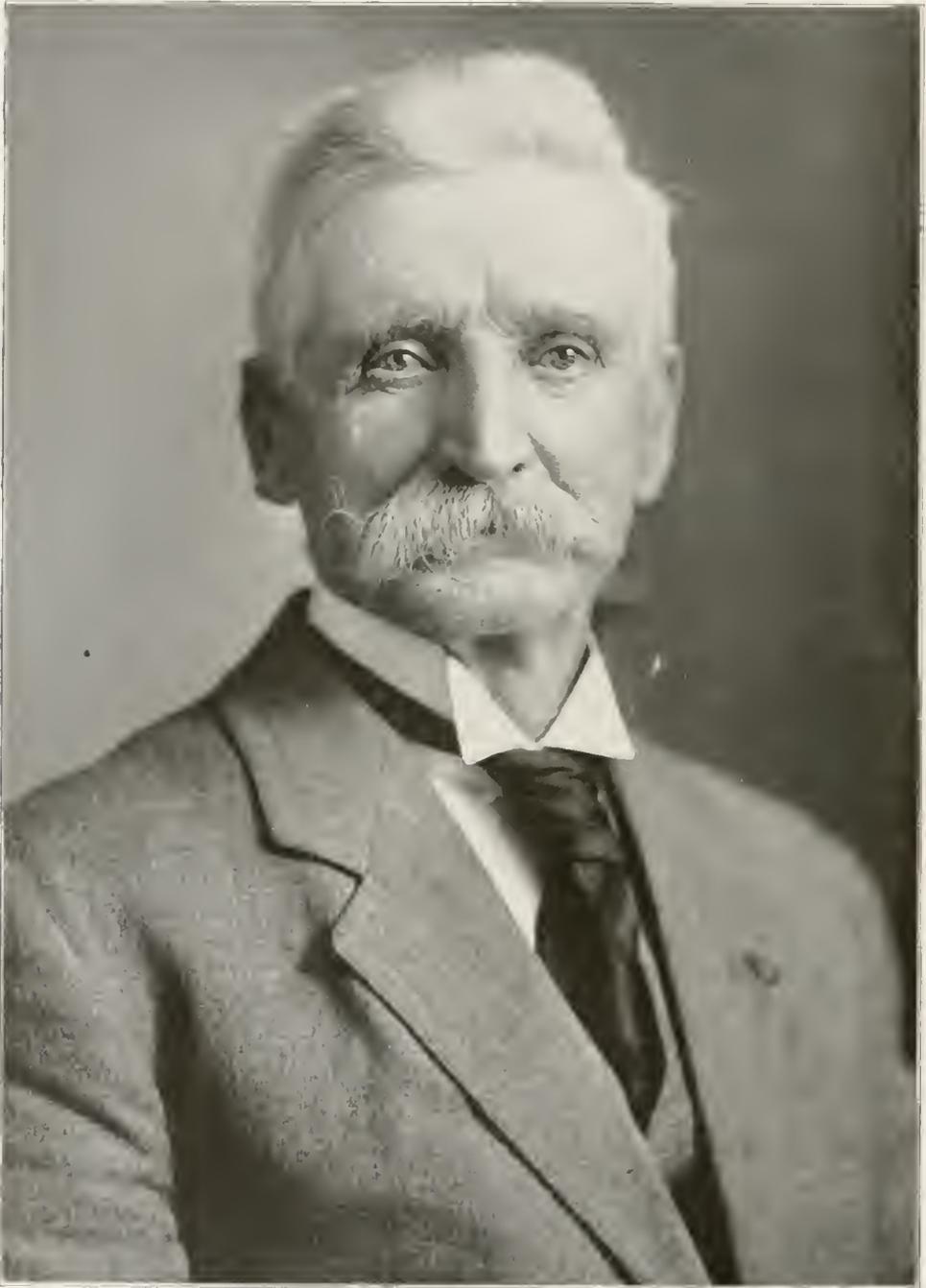
#### WALTER MUIR.

Walter Muir, deceased, who was a pioneer citizen of Hunter and for many years one of the most prominent figures in North Dakota politics, being known as the father of populism in this state, in all public connections manifested a devotion to duty that rested upon a clear understanding of the obligations of mankind in public service as well as in private life. A native of Scotland, he was born on the 22d of April, 1836, and had therefore almost reached the eightieth milestone of life's journey when his death occurred in January, 1916. His parents were William and Agnes (Strong) Muir. The mother died in Scotland and some time afterward the father married Miss Elizabeth Simms and with her came to the United States in 1848, settling at Roundout, New York. Later a removal was made to Chicago and subsequently they took up their abode upon a farm in Lake county, Illinois, where they remained until called to their final rest.

Walter Muir was a lad of twelve years at the time of the removal of the family from Scotland to the new world and he supplemented his public school education by study in the Wauconda Academy at Wauconda, Illinois. He afterward worked in the shipyards in Chicago and while in that city began reading law but on attaining his majority heeded the advice of Horace Greeley—"Go west, young man, go west"—and made his way to Pike's Peak at the time of the gold rush. From that point he proceeded to Denver, at which period there were not two completed houses in the city. He later went to Fort Kearney, where he established himself on a ranch and also engaged in merchandising. In the fall of 1860 he returned to Chicago and began work in the shipyards as a ship carpenter. In his boyhood he had learned the trade under his father, who was a shipbuilder and calker, and he had worked on Roundout Creek in New York. On the outbreak of the Civil war he sent his tools home and enlisted for active service at the front, joining the army in response to the first call for troops in April, 1861, to serve for three months. The company, however, arrived too late to join the regiment in Freeport, Illinois, where they had rendezvoused, and later Mr. Muir was mustered into the Fifteenth Illinois Infantry as a member of Company I, of which he was soon made orderly sergeant. He served until the close of the war, being mustered out in June, 1865. He took part in the battles of Fort Pemberton and Island No. 10 and also in the last engagement of the war, the battle of Mobile, together with various other engagements during the period of his service. His command furnished twenty-three men to help man the Mississippi squadron under the general order of General Halleek, and Mr. Muir was among the number. This squadron was transferred to the navy and Mr. Muir was for a short time in charge of the postoffice department for the fleet. Subsequently he was promoted to master's mate and was sent with Captain Sanford up to Jefferson, Indiana, for service on the new gunboat *Chillicothe*. He was made fourth master and later acting ensign, and when the question arose as to the availability of a man to take charge of the forward battery on the gunboat *Cincinnati*, Mr. Muir was selected and under special order was placed in charge at Cairo. He remained with that vessel in the taking of Mobile and in its various activities up to the close of the war, resigning his position in June, 1865. He had made a most creditable record by his continuous and faithful performance of duty and he was complimented very highly by the secretary of the navy for his clear and neatly written reports.

Mr. Muir, at the close of the war, returned home and soon afterward purchased a farm in Steele county, Minnesota, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for about fifteen years, carefully and wisely directing the interests of his business. At the same time he took an active part in public affairs and the strong and admirable traits which he showed in citizenship led to his selection on two different occasions as representative from his district in the state legislature. In 1879 he came to North Dakota and took up a homestead in what is now Hunter township, Cass county. He proved up his property, which he afterward sold,





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and after gaining title to his first farm he filed on a preemption and later took up a tree claim. Until 1881 he continued to occupy and improve his farm and then removed to Hunter that he might give his children better educational advantages. He was the owner of all that part of the town site of Hunter west of the railroad, having purchased forty acres there. He owned at the time of his death a little more than a section of land and from his farm property derived a substantial annual income.

On the 20th of June, 1863, Mr. Muir was united in marriage to Miss Lovisa L. Wheelock, of McHenry county, Illinois, a lady of liberal culture and natural refinement who had been a teacher in Lake and McHenry counties of Illinois. Mr. Muir was also known in the role of teacher of penmanship in Illinois and Minnesota. To this worthy couple were born seven children, four of whom survive, as follows: Marion, who is the wife of William H. Simmons, of Minneapolis; William C., a graduate of the State University of Minnesota, who follows farming and is also engaged in the real estate business at Hunter, North Dakota; Edwin S., a graduate of the State University of Minnesota, who is a successful practicing physician and surgeon of Winona, Minnesota, where for two terms he filled the office of mayor; and Robert W., a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a resident of Hunter, who pursued a law course in the University of North Dakota and is not only now engaged in the practice of law but is also acting as principal of the high school of his city. As is indicated, Mr. Muir was ever most deeply interested in the cause of education, providing his children with the best possible advantages in that direction. In this connection it is interesting to note that two of his grandchildren are also graduates of the State University, while three more are now students there.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Muir were member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as an elder from the organization of the Hunter church in 1882. In politics Mr. Muir was independent. In ante-bellum days he was an Abraham Lincoln republican, believing firmly in the teachings of the martyr president. During the early days of North Dakota's statehood he felt that the conditions were such that there should be some changes and he organized the Farmers' Alliance in the state, being made president of the organization and becoming one of its foremost leaders when it was merged in the populist party. His wife, too, also took an active part in the affairs of the populist party and was elected to attend the convention at Omaha in 1892 as a delegate, which she did, exercising her delegate prerogatives in that meeting. For eighteen months Mr. and Mrs. Muir had charge of the populist newspaper, *The Independent*. At the convention held in Grand Forks he was named the candidate for governor on the independent ticket and he was later also a candidate for congress as the opponent of N. M. Johnson. He was also twice a candidate for the United States senate and once came within three votes of being elected. He did much to mold public thought and action, for while his party did not win victory at the polls, it had a strong influence in curbing the actions of the other parties and in awakening the people to an understanding of political situations. Throughout his entire life Mr. Muir was actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good, manifesting in days of peace the same loyalty to his country which he displayed when he followed the stars and stripes upon the battlefields of the south, and thus it was that when death called him on the 17th of January, 1916, his demise occasioned most deep and widespread regret, the commonwealth feeling that it had lost one of its most valued and representative citizens.

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#### WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER.

William H. Alexander, city auditor of Grand Forks, was born at Wanstead, Ontario, February 7, 1874. His father, Thomas Alexander, also a native of Ontario, was descended from a Canadian family of Scotch-Irish origin. Frank Alexander, the grandfather, became the founder of the family in Canada, where he took up his abode about 1830. His son, Thomas Alexander, was a farmer by occupation and became a pioneer settler of North Dakota, taking up his abode at Grand Forks in March, 1877. A week later, however, he went to Minto, where he took up a tree claim and thereon resided until 1883, when he passed away. The family endured many hardships incident to life on the frontier and experienced

all the difficulties and privations of pioneer life. They had to use their cows for plowing and other farm work, as they had no money with which to buy horses. After a year the father secured an ox team, which was a valuable asset in the farm work. During the first year five acres of the land was broken, on which was raised forty-five bushels of wheat to the acre, and for this he was paid a dollar and thirty-three cents per bushel. The first home of the family was a little sod house on the bank of the Forest river and within the present corporation limits of Minto. The father died when but thirty nine years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Carson, is a native of London, Ontario, and a daughter of Andrew Carson, one of the old-time settlers of North Dakota who for fifty years was connected with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, acting as foreman in road building. He lived to the notable old age of ninety-three years and passed away at Sarnia, Ontario. His daughter, Mrs. Alexander, survives and makes her home at St. Paul, Minnesota.

• William H. Alexander, the eldest of her nine children, spent two winter seasons in attending district schools in Walsh county, North Dakota, walking a distance of three miles. When but nine years of age he began to earn his own living, being first employed in the printing office of the Minto Journal. There he learned the printer's trade and when sixteen years of age he had the opportunity to attend school for another year. He continued to engage in the printing business as a journeyman until 1906, when he became one of the founders of the Evening Times of Grand Forks. He was chosen for the position of secretary and circulation manager and was thus connected with the Times until its discontinuance six months later. Previously he had been connected with the Courier of Buffalo, New York, from 1894 until 1904, the company doing a large share of the printing in that city. In the latter year he returned to Grand Forks, where he secured employment with the G. F. Lee Company as general manager, and it was subsequent to this that he became one of the promoters of the Grand Forks Times. In 1908 and 1909 he filled the position of city auditor and was then made deputy county treasurer, which position he occupied until 1914. In the latter year he was reappointed city auditor and has since occupied that position. He has made an excellent record in public office by his fidelity and capability and Grand Forks recognizes in him one of its substantial and valued citizens.

At Buffalo, New York, on the 3d of October, 1899, Mr. Alexander was married to Miss Edith Rice McLean, a native of that city and a daughter of the late Rev. McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander hold membership in the Episcopal church and he also belongs to the various Masonic bodies, having attained the Knights Templar degree in the York Rite. He is also identified with the Mystic Shrine and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The Commercial Club of Grand Forks finds in him a worthy representative and one who is deeply interested in the accomplishment of its purposes. In politics he is an active, earnest republican and since 1914 has been secretary of the republican central committee of Grand Forks county, to which position he was reelected in the summer of 1916. Mr. Alexander is indeed a self-made man and is as well self-educated. His opportunities in youth were extremely limited and from the age of nine years he has never had a chance to attend school save when he provided for his own expenses. His boyhood was a period of earnest, unremitting toil and his entire life has been an active one in which persistency of purpose has brought its reward.

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#### CHRIST J. CHRISTIANSON.

One of the attractive modern residences of Roger is the home of Christ J. Christianson, who was formerly extensively engaged in farming in Barnes county, cultivating nearly one thousand acres of land. Desiring to be relieved of much of the burden of large business interests, he has since disposed of the greater part of his holdings, retaining only one hundred and sixty acres. He was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, January 1, 1859. His father, John Christianson, a native of Norway, became a resident of Minnesota in 1856, when the state was upon the "far western frontier." He took up his abode in Fillmore county and there devoted his attention to farming until May 13, 1881, when he became a resident of

Barnes county, North Dakota. He had lost his wife in 1863 and he came to this state with his two sons, Thomas and Christ J., the father and Christ J. each securing a homestead claim. The latter preempted four miles north of Roger and upon that place made his home for a few years, after which he sold out and he and his brother Thomas bought a half section, on which the brother now resides, five and one-half miles northwest of Roger. Christ J. Christianson also invested in a farm on section 23, Edna township, and later added thereto another half section, becoming in all the owner of nearly one thousand acres which he developed and improved for about three decades, continuing actively in farm work until 1915. He then sold eight hundred acres of his land but still retains one hundred and sixty acres, which constitutes one of the well developed farms of Barnes county. In 1906 he removed his residence to Roger, where he has since lived, occupying an attractive modern home there.

In 1886 Mr. Christianson was married to Miss Mary Mason, a native of Dodge county, Wisconsin, and a sister of Matts, Sim, Mart and Oscar Mason, all of Valley City. Mr. Christianson has served on the city school board and the town board of education and has ever given strong endorsement to progressive measures for the benefit of the schools. Since removing to Roger he has been a member of the town board and in 1889, following the admission of the state into the Union, he was elected a member of the legislature and was reelected to the second general assembly, serving in all for four years, during which time he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to the many vital problems which arose in connection with the work of shaping the policy of the newly organized commonwealth. He was elected to the legislature on the republican ticket but is now affiliated with the democratic party. While in the house he served on the judiciary committee through both terms. He is a man of keen intellect who readily recognizes both the strong and weak points of every situation, is thoroughly American in spirit and interests, and the energy and ability with which he has attacked all his public duties mark him as a citizen of sterling worth.

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#### GEORGE A. WESTON.

George A. Weston, owner and publisher of the Montpelier Magnet and otherwise actively identified with the interests of the town of Montpelier, claims Maine as the state of his nativity, his birth having there occurred in Orono, February 18, 1870, his parents being A. J. and Elizabeth (Wilkey) Weston, the former a native of Maine and the latter of Quebec, Canada. The father died in 1904, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1879. He was a millwright by trade and in 1880 removed westward to Stillwater, Minnesota, while later he became a resident of Detroit, Minnesota, where he spent his remaining days.

George A. Weston was the fifth in a family of six children, three of whom are yet living. He began his education in the schools of the Pine Tree state and afterward continued his studies in Canada, finishing in a St. Paul business college. After leaving school he entered the printing establishment of Baker, Collins & Company at St. Paul and there remained for a period of five years, thoroughly learning the trade while in that establishment. He next became an employe of the firm of Brown & Tracey, with whom he continued for eight years, and no higher testimonial of his capability and fidelity can be given than the fact that he was so long retained in the service of both companies. He next went to Wabasha, Minnesota, where he was made foreman of the Wabasha County Herald, in which position he continued for a period of five and one-half years. Removing to North Dakota in 1904, he settled at Grand Forks, where he resumed active connection with the printing trade as an employe. After leaving Grand Forks he went to Dickey, North Dakota, where he remained for two years, and in May, 1914, he arrived in Montpelier, where he founded the Montpelier Magnet, which he has made a successful enterprise. The paper now has a circulation of five hundred and its patronage is continually growing. He is also accorded a good advertising patronage and he does everything to make the Magnet an attractive and readable paper, embodying high ideals of modern journalism.

In 1891 Mr. Weston was married to Miss Jennie Lockwood, who was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1875, a daughter of John and Clementine B. (Allen) Lockwood, the latter a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and the former of Cornwall, England. The father, who was an engineer, emigrated to the United States and entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, with which he was connected during the greater part of his life. Mrs. Weston is one of a family of twelve children and by her marriage has become the mother of two sons: Lawrence, born in 1892; and Hugh, in 1897. Mr. Weston is a republican and issues his paper in support of the principles of that party. He is not bitterly partisan, however, and the Magnet is characterized by a fair and impartial discussion of public questions.

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#### JOHN KENT.

John Kent, engaged in the undertaking business in Lansford, was born in Shiawassee county, Michigan, August 4, 1875, a son of Jacob and Mary (Readson) Kent, the former a native of New York and the latter of Michigan. The father was a farmer by occupation and in early life removed westward to Michigan, where he purchased land whereon he engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. He died in the year 1898, while his wife passed away in 1900.

John Kent was reared and educated in Michigan and remained with his parents until they passed away. In 1901 he became a resident of Bottineau county, North Dakota, and for a year was employed at day labor. He then filed on a homestead and broke the first furrows in his fields, converting the tract of wild prairie land into a rich and productive farm. After living upon that place for six years he sold out and established his home in Lansford, where he opened a furniture store and undertaking business, continuing active along those lines for five years. On the expiration of that period he sold the furniture store but has since continued active in connection with the undertaking business and he is now also engaged in the sale of pianos.

On the 22d of January, 1902, Mr. Kent was united in marriage to Miss Bertha M. Hamblin and they have become parents of two sons: John William, born November 20, 1902; and Charles H., born September 3, 1904.

In his political views Mr. Kent has always been an earnest republican and has served as a member of the town council of Lansford, while for three and one-half years he was chief of the fire department. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, of which he is an exemplary representative, and he is a consistent member of the Methodist church, possessing many sterling qualities which have won for him the warm regard, confidence and goodwill of his fellow townsmen.

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#### RASMUS MILLER.

Rasmus Miller, of Tolley, was born in Schleswig, Germany, in the town of Norhus, December 1, 1875, a son of J. C. and Andrea (Holm) Miller, who were also natives of Germany. The father followed the profession of school teaching and died in his native country, after which his widow became the wife of Peter Wibeck, with whom she came to the United States, settling first in Winona county, Minnesota, in 1882. After seven years they removed to Buena Vista county, Iowa, where Mr. Wibeck engaged in farming.

Rasmus Miller came with his mother and stepfather to the new world and largely acquired his education in the public schools of this country. When a youth of fourteen years he started to earn his living as clerk in a grocery store at Alta, Iowa, where he remained for three years. Later he was employed on different farms in that state until he reached his twenty-fourth year, when he came to North Dakota and on the 26th of May, 1899, homesteaded in Ward County. He proved up on that property and converted the tract of wild prairie into richly cultivated fields, devoting six years to the development and im-

provement of the land. In the fall of 1906 he removed to Tolley, where he purchased an implement business from E. C. Tolley, and through the intervening years he has given his attention to the development of his trade in that line. He also handles the Velie automobile and he is likewise a stockholder in the Great Northern Life Insurance Company of Grand Forks, of which he is one of the directors. In addition to his varied commercial and financial interests he owns a half section of land near Tolley, which he rents.

On the 16th of May, 1900, at Minot, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Bena Jensen, a daughter of Jorgen and Stina (Jensen) Jensen, who resided near Donnybrook, North Dakota. There are three children by this marriage: Harold Jesse, Gladys Ethlyn and Irene Ada, all of whom are attending school.

Mr. Miller is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Mohall, and he also has membership in the Elks lodge at Minot. In politics he is a republican and for four terms capably filled the office of president of the village board, while at the present time he is one of the school directors. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is serving on its directorate, and through cooperation with that organization he is doing everything possible to further the welfare and promote the progress of the city in which he lives.

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#### WILLIAM F. THIELE.

William F. Thiele, cashier of the Rolette State Bank since 1913, was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 8, 1887, a son of Henry and Frieda (Bettge) Thiele, who are natives of Germany. The father came to America in early life and settled in Proviso, a suburb of Chicago. He was a contractor and builder and afterward in government employ spent some time in Alabama, building locks in a river. He and his wife are now residents of South Bend, Indiana.

William F. Thiele was reared and educated in Nebraska, where his parents resided for a number of years. In 1906 he became a clerk in a store in North Dakota, spending six months in that connection. He then went to Seattle and was employed in the general offices of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Company for a year. In 1908 he returned to North Dakota, settling at Bisbee, where he entered the Citizens State Bank as assistant cashier, a position which he occupied for a year. He later spent six months in the Towner County Bank at Perth, North Dakota, and was assistant cashier in the Rolette County Bank at Saint John for two and one-half years. On the expiration of that period he accepted the assistant cashiership of the Rolette State Bank and in 1913 was advanced to the position of cashier, in which capacity he has since continued. The officers are Theodore Albrecht, president, and William F. Thiele, vice president and cashier. The bank is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars and has a surplus of three thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to one hundred and ninety thousand dollars. The bank was organized in 1905 by David H. Beecher, of Grand Forks, North Dakota. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Thiele is the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres of improved land in Rolette county and in this connection is contributing much to the agricultural development of the district.

In September, 1915, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Thiele and Miss Cora L. Dubay. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, while his wife is of the Catholic faith. In Masonic circles he is prominent, having attained high rank in the order, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is never found remiss in the duties of citizenship.

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#### J. W. N. FISHER.

J. W. N. Fisher, cashier of the First State Bank of Balfour, was born in Nassau, on the Bahama islands, July 17, 1884, a son of the Rev. James H. and Evelyn (Burnside) Fisher, the former a native of Jamaica and the latter of Nassau. They never came to the United States. The father was an Episcopal minister and for fifty years occupied one pulpit.

J. W. N. Fisher completed his education in Nassau College, from which he was graduated in 1903. He spent three years in the service of the United States consul at Nassau and then came to this country, making his way to Carrington, North Dakota, where he entered the employ of the Ross-Davidson Banking Company, with which he has since remained, although the business has been reorganized under the name of the Bankers Investment Company, both Mr. Ross and Mr. Davidson having passed away. In Carrington, Mr. Fisher occupied the position of bookkeeper and upon his removal to Balfour in 1910 was made assistant cashier, in which capacity he continued to serve until 1916, when he was chosen cashier and is now acting in that official capacity.

On the 8th of August, 1915, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Amelia Huber, of Dogden, North Dakota, a daughter of J. P. Huber. In his political views Mr. Fisher is a republican and, while never an office seeker, he was appointed and is serving as treasurer of the Balfour schools. He is a Knights Templar Mason, holding membership in De Molay Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of Minot, and he also has membership in the Odd Fellows Lodge of Balfour. His many substantial qualities have gained for him high regard. Well descended and well bred, he is recognized as a citizen of worth in the community in which he resides and in his business career his course has been marked by steady progress.

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#### HON. ALPHEUS E. RANEY.

Hon. Alpheus E. Raney, who has been a member of the state legislature of North Dakota, is extensively engaged in dealing in farm lands and is also president of the First State Bank of Jud, Lamoure county recognizing him as one of its foremost citizens. He was born in Noble county, Ohio, on the 9th of February, 1858, and is a son of Elias and Raney (Poston) Raney, who were also natives of Noble county and were representatives of early families of West Virginia. In 1866 they removed to Jasper county, Iowa, where the father purchased a farm four miles north of Colfax, there remaining for twenty-eight years or until 1894, when he came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Lamoure county. He afterward returned to Iowa with the intention of removing to this state, but became ill and died at his Iowa home soon after his return. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Seventh Ohio Cavalry in defense of the Union.

Alpheus E. Raney, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, supplemented a public school education by study in the Mitchellville Seminary and in the Southern Iowa Normal School at Bloomfield. He afterward took up the profession of teaching and for two years was principal of the city schools of Greencastle, Iowa. His brother Joseph had previously come to North Dakota and had selected two quarter sections of land in Lamoure county in 1882. In April of the following year A. E. Raney suspended his educational work and made his way to this state, after which he and his brother filed on the two quarter sections as preemptions. They lived on these claims for four years and in 1887 they went to what is now Raney township, which was so named in honor of the two brothers. Each took up a homestead and a tree claim and also bought adjoining lands until their holdings comprised two thousand and eighty acres of land, which they operated extensively as a cattle and horse ranch, while later they cultivated five or six hundred acres. The partnership between the brothers was continued until 1906, when they sold out and Joseph Raney went to Arkansas. After roving around the country for a year or more A. E. Raney returned to Lamoure county and settled in Jud, where he has since been engaged extensively in the sale of farm lands. On the organization of the First State Bank of Jud in the winter of 1905-6 he became one of the stockholders and soon after the institution was opened for business he was elected president of the bank, in which office he has since continued, being the directing head of the institution and largely shaping its policy.

Voting with the democratic party, Mr. Raney gives stalwart support to its principles, while his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have called him to some local offices. For three years he served as county commissioner and for two years was county treasurer of Lamoure county, and then in 1912 still higher political honors were conferred upon him by election to the state legislature, in which his record was characterized by unfal-



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tering devotion to the best interests of the commonwealth, based upon a careful consideration of the vital questions which came up for settlement. Mr. Raney is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Maple River Lodge, No. 41, F. & A. M., of Edgeley; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Dependent upon his own resources from early manhood, whatever success he has achieved is the result of intelligently directed effort and judicious investment, and his fellow townsmen recognize in him a man of excellent business qualifications.

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D. J. McLENNAN.

D. J. McLennan, attorney at law practicing in Rolette, was born in Cottonwood, Minnesota, November 30, 1879, a son of John F. and Jessie (McKinley) McLennan. The father was an architect and followed that profession for a number of years in Duluth but subsequently engaged in farming in Lyon county, Minnesota, where he resided up to the time of his death in 1905. His widow is still living and now makes her home in Marshall, Minnesota.

D. J. McLennan became a pupil in the Marshall high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900. He afterward attended the University of Minnesota for two years and later spent a year in the North Dakota State University, in which he completed his law course, being graduated with the LL. B. degree in the class of 1903. Following his graduation he located for practice at Lidgerwood, where he became the associate and partner of C. M. Parsons, forming the law firm of Parsons & McLennan. A year later he removed to Rolette, where he has since practiced independently and now has an extensive clientage, connecting him with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of his district. He is thorough and painstaking in the preparation of his cases and his ability is evidenced in the success which attends his efforts in the presentation of a cause before the courts. He is also the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Blaine county, Montana, which is improved and stocked with horses.

In 1908 Mr. McLennan was united in marriage to Miss Maude McCutcheon, of Bottineau, North Dakota, by whom he has two children, Ione V. and Maxine E. Politically Mr. McLennan is a democrat and in 1910 and 1911 served as prosecuting attorney of Rolette county. He has also been city attorney and clerk of the school board and has taken an active part in civic affairs. Fraternally he is connected with Doric Lodge, F. & A. M., of Rolette; Rugby Chapter, R. A. M., the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Modern Brotherhood of America, while he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church. During the period of his residence in Rolette county he has gained a wide acquaintance and wherever known is held in high regard by reason of both his professional and personal worth.

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C. C. BANKS.

C. C. Banks, now acceptably serving as mayor of Lansford, is the leading merchant of that town and one of its foremost citizens. His birth occurred in Bancroft, Michigan, on the 29th of December, 1871, and his parents were Henry D. and Emma (Cornell) Banks, the former also a native of Michigan and the latter of New York. They were married in the Badger state, whence the mother had removed with her parents at an early age. There the father followed farming until 1900, when he came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead near Kramer in Bottineau county. He subsequently sold that place and removed to Lansford, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1908. For four years he served his country during the Civil war, being a member of the Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry and corporal of his company. The mother of our subject is still living and continues to reside in Lansford.

During his boyhood C. C. Banks attended the public schools of Bancroft, Michigan, and was graduated from the high school of that place with the class of 1894. After completing

his literary education he began his training in mercantile pursuits as a clerk in a general store in Montrose, Michigan. In 1900 he came to North Dakota and secured a clerkship in a store in Bottineau, where he was employed for three years. In 1903 he removed to Lansford and embarked in the mercantile business on his own account. His success in this field would lead one to draw the conclusion that his training had been under competent masters for he is today one of the foremost business men of Bottineau county. He also owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres four miles from Lansford and in all his undertakings is meeting with marked success.

In 1909 Mr. Banks was united in marriage to Miss Helen M. MacMillen, of Bottineau, by whom he has two children, Mildred and Dorothy. In politics he is an ardent republican, taking an active and influential part in public affairs. He served as postmaster of Lansford from 1903 to 1913 and is the present chief executive of the village, now filling the office of mayor for the second term. He was one of the organizers of the Lansford Commercial Club and served as its president for two terms. He never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit, giving liberally of his time and means. He is an honored member of Lansford Lodge, No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Minot Chapter, R. A. M.; Minot Commandery, K. T.; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks, North Dakota. He also belongs to Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of Bottineau county and wherever known is held in the highest regard.

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#### GILBERT R. HORTON.

Gilbert R. Horton, who makes his home in Jamestown, Stutsman county, is one of the best known architects in his part of the state and has erected many important buildings, especially school buildings. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on the 10th of November, 1888, a son of Gilbert L. and Annie (Napier) Horton. The father, who is a traveling salesman, is living in Litchfield, Minnesota, but the mother is deceased.

Gilbert R. Horton attended the public and high schools of Litchfield, Minnesota, the University of Minnesota and the University of Washington, adding to his general education the study of mechanical engineering. Since leaving school he has gained gratifying success as an architect. In the spring of 1911 he located in Jamestown, where he has since remained. Among the buildings which he has erected are the following: the Consolidated school of Montpelier and the Consolidated Hebron school in Wells county; schools at Woodworth, Goodrich, Warwick, Nortonville, Wilton, Colcharbor, Mercer, Streeter, McKenzie and Edmunds; the graded and high schools at Ellendale; the high schools at Medina, Mandan, and Linton, and at Veblen, South Dakota; the hospital at Carrington; the residences of H. C. Flint, Dr. W. A. Gerrish and A. Sundahl, and of W. T. Martin at Edgeley and J. A. Buchanan, of Buchanan; a store and office buildings for the W. B. S. Trimble Company at Jamestown and L. W. Blaisdell at Medina; and bank buildings at Edmunds and Clements ville. He has remodeled and built an addition to the following: the Northside high school at Jamestown; the State Bank at Kimball, Minnesota; and the public school at Denhoff. He has also built an addition to St. Mary's Episcopal church and to the business building owned by A. D. Grant and Morris Beck and has remodeled the offices of the Dakota Meat Company, the office of the firm of Moviuss & Wood, the passenger and freight depots for the Midland Continental Railroad at Jamestown and a garage building for J. E. Anderson. He has likewise installed the mechanical equipment in the Carrington high school and in many other buildings. He has specialized to a considerable extent in schools and besides those schools mentioned has erected many one room schoolhouses.

Mr. Horton was married on the 10th of November, 1913, to Miss Evangelyn M. Roberts, a daughter of R. A. Roberts, of Jamestown, and they have one son, Gilbert E.

Mr. Horton is a republican in politics and takes an active interest in affairs of public concern. He is especially active in the good roads movement, as he realizes the close connection between the development of a district and its highways. He is fond of all outdoor sports and finds much recreation in baseball and motoring. His religious faith is

that of the Protestant Episcopal church and at all times he strives to conform his conduct to high standards. He is one of the youngest architects in the state and is also one of the most successful, having gained an enviable reputation in his chosen profession.

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ANDREW GEISTER.

Coming to this country in limited circumstances, Andrew Geister has steadily worked his way upward until he has become one of the substantial citizens and leading business men of Bottineau county. He is now manager and treasurer of the Lansford Mill Company, one of the important milling concerns of the state, located at Lansford, where he makes his home. He was born on the 9th of November, 1869, in Germany, of which country his parents, Andrew and Margaret (Kleifges) Geister, were lifelong residents. The father was also a miller by trade and it was under his direction that our subject began his apprenticeship. He continued to work in his father's mill in Büdesheim, Germany, until 1893, which year witnessed his arrival in the new world.

Mr. Geister first located in Wahpeton, North Dakota, where he became associated with Math Braun & Company as second miller, and remained in the employ of that firm for nine years. At the end of that time he went to Fertile, Minnesota, as head miller in the Garfield Roller Mills, serving in that position for four years, and in 1906 removed to Lansford, North Dakota, where he assisted in organizing the Lansford Mill Company and built the present mill and elevator of that concern. Mr. Geister has since served as treasurer and manager of the company, which now does an extensive business. Their mill has a daily capacity of from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five barrels per day and turns out the finest product that the market affords. Mr. Geister is also interested in farming and owns four hundred and eighty acres of land in Bottineau county.

In 1903 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Klemik, of Melville, Minnesota, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Leo T., Erna, Allen and Agatha. They are faithful members of the Catholic church and Mr. Geister also belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political support is given the men and measures of the republican party. He is a business man of much more than ordinary ability and his success in life is due entirely to his own industry, enterprise and good management, for he came to America empty handed.

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I. M. INGEBRETSON.

I. M. Ingebretson, county treasurer of Rolette county and now engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, resides on a farm on section 34, Leonard precinct, two miles south of the town of Rolette. He was born in Norway on the 30th of July, 1864, and is a son of Ingebret and Melinda (Uetland) Ingebretson, who came to the United States in 1870. After spending two years in Chicago, during which period he worked at the trade of coopering, which he had previously learned in his native country, the father removed to Ottertail county, Minnesota, where he purchased a farm and thereon resided for two years. He next took up a homestead claim across the line in Clay county, Minnesota, and there resided for thirteen years. In 1888 he arrived in Rolette county, North Dakota, where he filed on a preemption and tree claim, devoting his remaining days to the further development and improvement of that property. He died in 1902, while his wife passed away in 1914.

I. M. Ingebretson was but six years of age on coming to the United States and the common schools of Chicago and Minnesota afforded him his educational opportunities. In 1886 he came to North Dakota to begin business life on his own account and filed on a tree claim and a preemption, making his home on the latter. In 1891 he homesteaded and located upon that tract, on which he has since lived. He has more recently purchased another quarter section, so that he owns an entire section or six hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land which responds readily to the care and cultivation he bestows upon it. In 1903 he

began the breeding of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and has built up an enviable reputation in that line. At the present writing he has forty-two registered animals and has bred some of the best cattle in the state. He thoroughly understands every phase of scientific stock raising and has done much to improve the grade of stock raised in Rolette county and throughout North Dakota. He is seldom, if ever, mistaken in the value of an animal and he has thus been able to make judicious purchases and profitable sales. He is also connected with commercial interests as president of the Farmers elevator at Rolette.

In 1891 Mr. Ingebretson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Selveg, of Rolette county, who was born in Norway and by whom he has ten children, as follows: Dora, who is the wife of Edward Roen, a Montana ranchman; and Mary, Julia, Ingvall, Anna, John, Stella, Marvin, Herbert and Stanley, all at home.

Mr. Ingebretson belongs to Doric Lodge, No. 100, F. & A. M., and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church. He is recognized as one of the local leaders of the republican party and in 1900 was elected county treasurer, which position he filled for two years. In 1910 he was chosen county commissioner and served in that capacity for four years, at the end of which time, or in 1914, he was again elected county treasurer and is now the incumbent in that office, making a most creditable record as a capable custodian of the public funds. His devotion to public interests is pronounced and he cooperates in all plans and measures to promote the general welfare.

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#### GEORGE ELHARD.

Logan county probably has no more progressive or public-spirited citizen than George Elhard—the founder of the town of Gackle, where he now makes his home. His early home, however, was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Russia, July 7, 1867, and is a son of Phillip and Elizabeth (Gackle) Elhard, who were likewise natives of that country but were of German descent. The father continued to farm in Russia until 1897, when he came to America and on reaching this country proceeded at once to North Dakota. He filed on a homestead south of Alfred and engaged in the cultivation of his land for some time but at length removed to Gackle, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying on the 28th of June, 1914. His wife had passed away in May, 1908.

In his native land George Elhard was reared and educated and after leaving school engaged in farming there until 1894, which year witnessed his arrival in the new world. Coming direct to North Dakota, he filed on a homestead in Logan county where the town of Gackle now stands and to the improvement and cultivation of his land he devoted his energies for some time. He was also employed in a general store at Kulm until 1903 and thus gained a practical knowledge of business affairs which has been of great benefit to him. On resigning his position in 1903 he and his cousin, George Gackle, opened a general store seven miles south of the present site of Gackle but the following year moved their stock of goods to where the village now stands. Mr. Elhard may be called the father of the town, which was established upon his land and he has twice moved the town site. He served as its postmaster for four years and has done everything within his power to promote its interests. In 1907 he was elected to the state legislature and acceptably filled that position for one term. He continued to conduct his store until 1908, when he sold out and organized the State Bank of Gackle, of which he was president for five years. He then disposed of his interest in that establishment and for the following year was again engaged in the general mercantile business. At the present time, however, he is devoting his attention principally to the real estate, fire and life insurance business and also handles flour and feed. His home is the finest residence in Gackle and besides the property already mentioned he owns three hundred acres of oil land in Texas and is a stockholder in an oil company in that state and also in the Home Life Insurance Company of Bismarek, North Dakota.

On the 22d of April, 1904, Mr. Elhard was united in marriage to Miss Emma Ammon, a daughter of John and Caroline (Von Wolmersdorf) Ammon, also natives of Russia, where the father died. The mother afterward came to America and now makes her home in Gackle, North Dakota. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Elhard, three—Anna, Bertha and



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Flora—all died of scarlet fever in one week, between the 15th and 21st of May, 1911. Those living are Henry George, born October 29, 1911; and Robert Bernhard, born April 29, 1913.

In religious faith Mr. Elhard is a Congregationalist and in politics he is a republican. He is a man of prominence in his community, and has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs. He possesses good business and executive ability and has not only promoted his own interests but has been an influential factor in advancing the public welfare.

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#### LOUIS E. FEINSTEIN.

Louis E. Feinstein, who is successfully engaged in merchandising in Zeeland, North Dakota, was born in New York city in October, 1882, his parents being Adolph and Sarah M. (Pleno) Feinstein, both natives of Odessa, Russia. In that country the father learned the baker's trade, at which he worked for some years, but after coming to America in 1880 found employment in an overall factory in New York city. In 1882 he removed to South Dakota, where he found work as a farm hand and soon became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits. He took up a homestead in Campbell county, North Dakota, in 1884, and was engaged in the improvement and cultivation of that place until 1901, when he sold his farm and removed to Zeeland, where he conducted a general store until 1912. Since that time he has lived retired in Zeeland and has now reached the age of seventy-two years. His wife is also living.

Louis E. Feinstein was only a small child when the family came to North Dakota and here he grew to manhood, completing his education in the schools of Eureka. He remained with his parents until they left the farm and removed to Zeeland, where he was in partnership with his father in the mercantile business for some time. Since 1914 he has been alone in business and is now conducting an up-to-date store, carrying a well selected stock of general merchandise, for which he finds a ready sale in the village and surrounding country. He owns the building in which he does business and is today numbered among the substantial men of his community.

In August, 1912, Mr. Feinstein married Miss Sadie Mackoff, by whom he has two children, Stella and Esther. He is of the Jewish faith and politically is identified with the republican party, which he supports at the polls. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Zeeland until its dissolution and has served his fellow citizens on the town board with credit to himself and to their entire satisfaction.

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#### NELS P. FALK.

Nels P. Falk, a hardware merchant of Montpelier, was born near Skåne, Sweden, on the 8th of April, 1866, and the first twenty years of his life were spent in the land of his nativity, during which period he pursued his education and worked on the home farm for his father. He is a son of Peter S. and Elna Falk, both of whom have now passed away, the former in 1888 and the latter in 1910. Their family numbered four children, Swan, Nels P., Martin and Anna, but Nels P. is the only one who ever came to the United States.

It was in May, 1887, that he bade adieu to friends and native land and crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling at Wilmar, Minnesota, when a young man of twenty-one years. He resided in that locality for two years, working at farm labor and also attending school. In 1889 he arrived in North Dakota, settling in Jamestown, where he was employed for four years, but desirous of engaging in business on his own account, he rented land north of Montpelier in 1894 and in 1896 took up a homestead claim on section 26, township 136, range 63, in Stutsman county. He at once began to develop and improve the property and in time was given title to the land. For seven years he remained upon that farm, converting it into a neat and attractive tract of land, but in 1906 he removed to Montpelier and has since been identified with its commercial interests. Here he purchased a hardware business—a small stock in a small building. Concentrating

his energies upon the development of the trade, success attended his efforts and in 1910 he erected a large building and now carries an extensive and complete line of hardware, implements and harness. He has a good trade and his business is constantly growing in a satisfactory manner. He has ever realized that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement, and he has done everything to please his customers. Aside from his mercantile interests he is interested in the Montpelier Farmers Elevator Company as one of its stockholders and he is farming about three-fourths of a section of land, thus being actively and prominently connected with agricultural interests in Stutsman county. Upon his place he has one hundred and ten head of full blooded Duroc-Jersey hogs, also shorthorn Durham cattle, and he utilizes both horses and a tractor for his farm work. In fact he follows the most modern and progressive methods and accordingly wins most substantial results. In the early days he met many hardships and with some difficulty gained a business start, in fact he had to go to the woods of Minnesota and secure work there in order to obtain a little ready money, but he combined industry with perseverance and with diligence and determination at length overcame all difficulties and obstacles in his path, so that he is now on the road to success and fortune. He certainly deserves all that he has acquired, for it has come to him as the merited reward of persistent, earnest and honorable labor.

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#### ASMUNDUR BENSON.

Asmundur Benson, an attorney at law practicing at Bottineau, was born in Pembina county, North Dakota, July 28, 1885, a son of Thordur and Maria (Sveinson) Benson, who were natives of Iceland. They came to North Dakota in 1883, settling in Pembina county, where the father filed on land and with characteristic energy began to cultivate and improve the property. He resided upon that farm until 1896, and then removed to McHenry county, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1903. His widow is now living at Upham, North Dakota.

Asmundur Benson pursued his education in the schools of Pembina and McHenry counties and in the State University, from which he was graduated on the completion of the arts course as a member of the class of 1913. He continued there as a law student and won his Bachelor of Laws degree upon graduation with the class of 1915. Immediately afterward he settled at Bottineau, where he opened a law office and has since engaged in practice. Although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow he has already won a creditable position in connection with his chosen life work and his practice is steadily increasing.

On the 29th of March, 1916, Mr. Benson was united in marriage to Miss Lilja Freeman, a daughter of George and Gudbjorg (Goodman) Freeman, who were natives of Iceland and in early life became residents of Michigan. In 1885 they removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, where the father homesteaded and is still engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Benson hold membership in the Lutheran church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party.

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#### FRED J. BOHNET.

A most progressive business enterprise is that conducted by Bohnet Brothers at Kief. Their large store with its well selected stock would be a credit to a city of much greater size and the business methods of the house measure up to the highest standards of modern commercialism. Fred J. Bohnet, a partner in the undertaking, was born in Roumania, January 2, 1887, a son of Martin and Katherine Bohnet, who were natives of Prussia. The father followed farming and milling in his native country until 1887 and then crossed the Atlantic with his family, establishing his home in Wells county, North Dakota, where he entered a claim. This he at once began to develop and improve and thereon engaged in general farming until 1902, when he retired from active business life and removed to Fessenden, North Dakota, where he and his wife are now making their home.

Fred J. Bohnet, brought to the new world in his infancy, was reared on the old homestead in Wells county with the usual experiences of the farm bred boy, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He supplemented his public school training by study in a business college in Fargo and thus well trained for commercial pursuits he and his brothers engaged in general merchandising at Fessenden from 1903 until 1909. In the latter year he and his brother, Emil W. Bohnet, removed to Kief, McHenry county, and established another store. They erected a double store building and carry a mammoth stock of goods for a town of that size. They are accorded a very liberal patronage and their trade is constantly growing as the population increases, for their reliable business methods commend them to the continued patronage of the public. In addition to his mercantile interests Fred J. Bohnet is a stockholder in the First State Bank of Kief.

On the 4th of June, 1908, Mr. Bohnet was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Orlovski and they become the parents of two children: Harold, born March 6, 1909, and Herbert, born in September, 1911.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Baptist church, and in his political views Mr. Bohnet is a republican, giving stalwart support to party principles. He has served as township clerk for two years and as township treasurer for a year and is now filling the position of township supervisor. He makes a capable officer, for he is always loyal to any trust reposed in him, and his deep interest in the welfare of the community is indicated by his hearty cooperation in all movements for the public good. In business circles he is alert and enterprising, carrying forward to successful completion what he undertakes, for in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. He realizes that when one avenue of opportunity seems closed he can carve out another path which will bring him to the desired goal.

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#### HUBERT V. NICHOLS.

Hubert V. Nichols, postmaster and a merchant of Ypsilanti, was born in Brandon, Minnesota, in 1871, a son of Valentine and Antoinette (Stephenson) Nichols, the former born in Lagrange county, Indiana, in 1845, and the latter in New York in 1846. They were married in 1868 and had a family of nine children, eight of whom are yet living. The mother passed away in 1877 and in 1878 the father wedded Catherine L. Bartos. He is living in California, where he engaged in fruit growing and farming, but is now living retired.

Hubert V. Nichols, who was the second of the nine children, was educated in Brandon, Minnesota, and remained upon his father's farm until he attained his majority, being trained to habits of industry in connection with the work of the fields, wherein his labors began almost as soon as he was old enough to reach the plow handles. His residence in North Dakota dates from 1893, in which year he settled in Pingree, where he remained for three years, working on the railroad. In the fall of 1896 he went to Ypsilanti and was made section gang foreman on the Northern Pacific Railroad, continuing in that position for ten years. He then started in the elevator business, managing elevators at Woods, Coburn, Sheldon and Buchanan, devoting six years to that business, after which he returned to Ypsilanti and entered into partnership with M. O. Rund for the conduct of a general merchandise establishment. Throughout his entire business life he has made good use of every opportunity that has been presented and steadily and persistently has worked his way upward, winning his success by honorable, earnest and indefatigable effort.

On the 22d of November, 1910, Mr. Nichols was married to Miss Alice Egan, who was born at Lowe, Canada, in 1878, a daughter of Patrick and Eleanor Egan, both of whom have passed away. They were the parents of eight children. To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols was born a son, Marcus, on the 21st of March, 1912, and on the 15th of October, 1915, the wife and mother passed away. She had been reared in Minnesota, where she completed her education by study in the Glenwood Academy. She afterward devoted thirteen years to school teaching in Minnesota and in North Dakota. She was a member of the Catholic church and was laid to rest in Calvary cemetery at Jamestown, her death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret among the friends whom she had won in Stutsman county.

In his political views Mr. Nichols is a stalwart republican and has held several local offices, including that of township clerk of Convin township, while at the present time he is postmaster of Ypsilanti, to which office he was appointed in March, 1916. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen and with the Knights of the Maccabees at Jamestown and is a charter member of the Yeomen lodge at Sheldon. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Jamestown Presbyterian church. The marked characteristics which he has always displayed are designated as sterling by his friends. He has proven his worth in many connections and his business advancement has been the expression of strong and honorable purpose and indefatigable effort.

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HON. WILL FREEMAN.

Hon. Will Freeman, banker, farmer and leading citizen of Maxbass, is occupying the position of cashier of the State Bank in that town, and not only has contributed toward shaping the destiny and promoting the policy of town and county, but has also aided in framing the legislation of the state as a member of the North Dakota general assembly. The name of Freeman has long been associated with the history of the northwest. His grandfather, John Freeman, bought furs in North Dakota for the Hudson's Bay Company more than ninety years ago. He was a Welshman by birth and when a youth of fifteen years crossed the Atlantic to Canada, after which he spent a quarter of a century in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company—a member of that band of fearless hunters and trappers who upon the western frontier constituted the vanguard of civilization. His son, Charles Freeman, was born in Ogdensburg, New York, where he was reared to the occupation of farming. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, with which he served as first sergeant. After the close of the war he went west to Wisconsin, settling at River Falls, where he was engaged in farming and blacksmithing until 1877. He then removed to the Red river valley of North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Grand Forks county, thirteen miles south of Grand Forks, on which he established his home, there residing to the time of his death. In the meantime, however, he had purchased other land adjoining the home place and at one time was the owner of eight hundred acres constituting a very valuable farm property. He was always active in support of measures for the public good and at one time served as county commissioner of Grand Forks county. In early manhood he wedded Sarah Purves, also a native of Ogdensburg, New York, born on the farm adjoining that on which her husband's birth occurred, and both passed away in the year 1898.

Their son, Hon. Will Freeman, was born May 30, 1861, on the farm at Ogdensburg, which was the birthplace of his father. He was reared, however, in Wisconsin, where he attended public schools and also the State Normal School at River Falls, that state. As a youth he learned the blacksmith's trade under the direction of his father and followed that pursuit for five years. Subsequently he spent three years in the railway mail service and for eight years thereafter was engaged in farming. He then became associated with the grain trade and spent ten years in buying grain for the Minneapolis & Northern Railway Company, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he felt that his capital was sufficient to justify his engaging in business on his own account. In 1902 he opened a store in Old Renville, Bottineau county, and when four years later the railroad was built into Maxbass he made that point the seat of his operations, erecting the first store building there and opening the first store in the town. For four years he continued to engage in general merchandising at that place, meeting with very substantial success and gaining thereby the capital which enabled him to embark in the banking business in 1910. In that year he entered the State Bank of Maxbass as cashier of the institution and has since presided over the financial policies of the bank, carefully directing its interests along lines that do not hamper progressiveness and yet hold to a conservative policy that safeguards the interests of the institution in every way. Under his guidance the business of the bank has continually increased and he is also giving personal supervision to the operation of

twenty quarter sections of farm land for the bank, all of which is located in the vicinity of Maxbass.

In 1884 Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Eugenia Harris, a native of Illinois, and they have become parents of two daughters: Edith, the wife of Theodore Thompson, of Grand Forks; and Clare, the wife of Perry N. Johnson, an attorney also of Grand Forks. Mr. Freeman belongs to Lansford Lodge, A. F. & A. M. His political support is given the republican party and he has served as a member of the town board of Maxbass, while at all times he is interested in every local movement for the benefit and upbuilding of the community. In 1906 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature and served through the tenth general assembly, giving careful consideration to the important questions which came up for settlement during that period. His prescience recognizes the opportunities of the northwest and his spirit responds to the call to action. Energy, industry and ambition are numbered among his salient characteristics and have constituted him one of the alert, diligent and progressive business men of the northern part of the state.

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#### MARION EDWARDS.

Marion Edwards, postmaster at Rolette, has been identified with that town since its organization, was a pioneer banker there and has been active in the field of real estate operation. He belongs to that alert and progressive type of men who are contributing in large measure to the upbuilding of that section of the state. His birth occurred at Knoxville, Iowa, December 10, 1871, his parents being William H. and Elizabeth (Gibson) Edwards, who were natives of Bureau county, Illinois. The father followed farming in Iowa throughout his entire active business career, but is now living retired, he and his wife making their home in Winterset, Iowa.

Marion Edwards was reared in Madison county, Iowa, and supplemented his public school education there acquired by study in Des Moines. He early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and for several years engaged in farming in Madison county, but in the spring of 1902 removed to Rolla, Rolette county, North Dakota, where he established the State Bank of Rolla, which he conducted for two years. He afterward became proprietor of a country store at Fisher, where he remained for a year, and with the establishment of the town of Rolette he took up his abode there in August, 1905, and helped to organize the First National Bank. He became cashier of the institution and was cashier and president for some time. He is still one of its stockholders, but is not now active in its management. He has been engaged in the real estate business since retiring from his bank position and is the owner of fifteen hundred acres of land in Rolette county. On the 5th of October, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of Rolette and is now filling that position.

In November, 1904, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Whitaker, by whom he has a daughter, Doris C., who was born May 9, 1908. Politically Mr. Edwards has always been a democrat and for years has been an active worker in party circles, serving for a long period as a member of the democratic state central committee. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, also of the Mystic Shrine, and is likewise connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

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#### JOHN M. HERBERG.

For over four decades John M. Herberg, a farmer of Herberg township, has resided in Traill county, and he is recognized as one of the leading citizens of the county. He began his career empty handed, but through the exercise of sound judgment, determination and industry he has gained financial independence and now holds title to five hundred acres of excellent land. A native of Norway, he was born on the 15th of February, 1839, of the marriage of Thomas and Bertha Herberg, both natives of that country, where they lived and

died. To them were born ten children, of whom only two now survive, our subject and a sister, Bertha Benedickson, who is living in Norway.

John M. Herberg was reared and educated in his native land and remained there until 1870, when he came to America and, making his way into the interior of the country, settled in Minnesota. The following year, however, he came to North Dakota and located on a claim near Fargo, which he soon afterward sold. He then removed to Traill county and took up a homestead on section 36, Herberg township, where he has since resided. The place was totally unimproved when it came into his possession, and as soon as possible he erected a small log cabin, which was covered with a sod roof and which had only the ground for the floor. For some time this primitive structure was his only home, but later he built a substantial and attractive frame residence. He has also erected good barns and other necessary farm buildings and the improvements upon his place compare favorably with those on adjoining farms. He has brought his land to a high state of development, has carefully conserved its fertility and has seldom failed to harvest large crops. From time to time he has purchased additional land and now owns five hundred acres. He was one of the pioneers of the county and has always been among the leaders in movements for the community welfare, and the high esteem in which he is held by the early settlers of the county is evidenced by the fact that Herberg township, in which he lives, was named in his honor. The school district was also given his name.

Mr. Herberg was married in Norway to Miss Magel Serine Kolsto, and they have become the parents of ten children, namely, Thomas, Tracy, Olof, Bertha, Albert, Olga, Edward, Thorolf, Herbert, and one who is deceased.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Herberg has staunchly supported the republican party and he has been called to office, having served acceptably as supervisor and as treasurer of his township. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church, and take a commendable interest in the moral advancement of their community. He is a fine representative of those self-reliant, determined and public-spirited men who in a generation transformed the state of North Dakota from a wild, uninviting and sparsely settled region to a prosperous and highly developed commonwealth.

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#### J. C. PETERS.

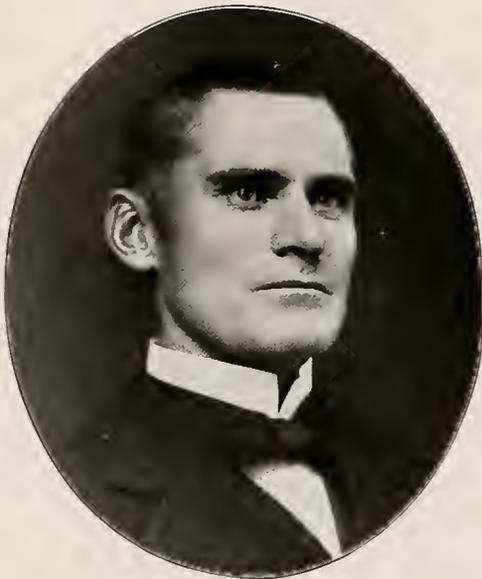
There is probably no more wide-awake or enterprising business man in Renville county than J. C. Peters, the present cashier of the Mohall State Bank and one of its principal stock holders. He does not confine his attention, however, to the banking business for he is interested in a number of other enterprises and in all his undertakings is meeting with marked success.

Mr. Peters was born in Cottonwood county, Minnesota, on the 2d of October, 1884, and is a son of Cornelius and Helena (Foth) Peters, natives of Germany, where they were reared and married and where they continued to reside until after the birth of four of their children. About 1875 the family sailed for the United States and first located in New Ulm, Minnesota, where the father followed the carpenter's trade, which he had previously learned, for seven years. At the end of that time he located on a farm in Cottonwood county, the same state, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1901, but the mother of our subject is still living and resides in Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

During his boyhood J. C. Peters pursued his studies in the public schools of Mountain Lake and later took a business course at the Mankato Commercial College. At the age of nineteen years he began his business training as a delivery boy for a mercantile house in Mountain Lake, with which he was connected for six years, gradually advancing during that time to the position of manager as his employers recognized his worth and ability. On resigning that position he attended the Mankato Commercial College as previously stated and then accepted the management of the silk department and the position of window trimmer of Richard Brothers Glass Block of Mankato, remaining with that firm for nine months. He resigned to come to North Dakota as manager of the dry goods department of the Harvey



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Mercantile Company of Harvey and filled that position for one year. Since the end of that time he has been identified with the banking business, first as bookkeeper of the First National Bank of Harvey for one year; later as assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Martin, North Dakota; and now as cashier of the Mohall State Bank, having accepted that position in the fall of 1913. Over the financial policies of the last named institution he has since presided and now owns a fourth interest in the business. During his connection with the bank the deposits have increased from thirty-one thousand dollars to about a quarter of a million. Mr. Peters is also president of the Northern Investment Company, capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, and holds a third interest in the Patalas addition to Mohall besides other valuable city real estate. He is agent for the Ford automobile at Mohall and in the past year sold one hundred and twenty-eight cars. He is also county chairman of the Insurance Federation of North Dakota.

In 1911 Mr. Peters was united in marriage to Miss Anna Litke, of Owatonna, Minnesota, and they have two daughters: Lourraine Ellen and Marcella Jeanette. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Peters is independent in politics, though he favors the republican party. In the fall of 1913 he organized the Mohall Concert Band and has since acted as president and general manager of that organization, which has become quite prominent in musical circles. He is one of the foremost bankers in the northwestern part of the state and his prominence in business circles is unquestioned.

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#### F. W. WIEBE.

F. W. Wiebe is a well known representative of the banking interests of Renville county, now serving as vice president of the Mohall State Bank of Mohall. He was born in Cottonwood county, Minnesota, May 16, 1879, his parents being Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Dickman) Wiebe, who are natives of Germany but removed to Russia after their marriage and remained there until coming to America in 1875. They located in Cottonwood county, Minnesota, where the father homesteaded eighty acres and subsequently purchased more land. Meeting with success in his farming operations he is now able to live retired at Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

At the usual age F. W. Wiebe began his education in the district schools of his native county and he took work in the La Salle Extension University of Chicago. At the early age of ten years he became a wage earner, receiving only thirty dollars, however, for his first year's work. He was employed on farms up to the time he attained his majority and in 1901 went on the road in the interests of the Golden Valley Land & Cattle Company of St. Paul, which corporation was at that time opening up the Golden Valley in Billings county, North Dakota, on the Montana state line. Mr. Wiebe remained with them for two years and in 1904 went to Harvey, North Dakota, where he was employed as clerk in a mercantile establishment for five years. It was in 1909 that he became identified with the banking business, being appointed assistant cashier of the Hurdsfield State Bank at Hurdsfield, North Dakota, where he remained for four years. In 1913 he went to Montana as a homesteader, filing on a claim in Hill county, which he subsequently proved up, and in 1914 came to Mohall, North Dakota. In June of the latter year he bought an interest in the Mohall State Bank and was made vice president of the institution, which today ranks among the leading banks of Renville county. Mr. Wiebe was placed in charge of the collection and insurance departments and has since built up the largest insurance business in the northwestern part of the state. He is also treasurer of the Northern Investment Company, which is a fifty thousand dollar corporation, and has been one of the dominant factors in its development. He holds a third interest in the Patalas addition to Mohall and has farm land in Renville county and in Montana.

Mr. Wiebe was married June 8, 1902, to Miss Agatha Peters, of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, a sister of J. C. Peters, cashier of the Mohall State Bank, a sketch of whom appears above. To this union four children have been born, of whom Hilda, born May 2, 1903, is deceased, those still living being Laura Isabelle, born October 29, 1906; Luella Helen, born September 25, 1912; and Walter Wilhelm, born February 1, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe are

earnest and consistent members of the Congregational church and he is an ardent republican in politics. He is one of the leading citizens and prominent business men of this part of the state and is held in the warmest esteem by all who know him.

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W. W. BERGMAN.

W. W. Bergman, assistant cashier of the Mohall State Bank and one of the representative young business men of Mohall, North Dakota, was born in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, on the 24th of July, 1895, his parents being William and Minnie (Keson) Bergman. For many years his father has been prominently identified with the live stock business both in Wisconsin and Minnesota but is now practically living retired in St. James of the latter state.

Mr. Bergman of this review obtained his early education in the public and high schools of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and subsequently attended St. John's University of Collegeville, Minnesota, where he completed a business course in the spring of 1914. During the following summer he went to Mohall, North Dakota, as teller of the Mohall State Bank and is now acting as assistant cashier of that institution, in which he purchased a fourth interest in 1916. It is one of the most substantial banks of that part of the state and its deposits now amount to about a quarter of a million dollars. Mr. Bergman is also secretary of the Northern Investment Company, which has a capital of fifty thousand dollars, and holds a third interest in the Patalas subdivision of Mohall. Although only twenty-one years of age he has already attained an enviable position in business circles and undoubtedly greater success will be his in the future. He owns an equity in the farm land holdings of the Mohall State Bank and is a prosperous young business man, upright, honorable and farsighted.

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G. E. METCALF.

G. E. Metcalf, grain buyer and proprietor of the G. E. Metcalf elevator at Russell, Bottineau county, was born in Lincoln, Logan county, Illinois, August 30, 1871. His father, John S. Metcalf, was also a native of that state, while his wife was born in Kentucky and was a representative of an old Kentucky family whose ancestors came from Germany to America in the year 1741. In her early girlhood Mrs. Metcalf accompanied her parents to Illinois and was there married. When yet a young man John S. Metcalf was appointed postmaster of Lincoln, Illinois, by President Lincoln in the year 1860 and filled that office for eight years. Subsequently he engaged in business in the same town, there remaining until 1883, when he came to North Dakota, settling in Nelson county, near Lakota. There he used his homestead, preemption and tree claim rights, securing land which he developed and converted into a valuable farm upon which he spent his remaining days. He passed away in 1912, while his widow now resides in Lakota at the age of eighty-four.

G. E. Metcalf was educated in the public schools of Lincoln and in the district schools of Nelson county, North Dakota. His brother was the publisher of a paper in Lakota and in early manhood G. E. Metcalf worked in his brother's office but as early as 1892, being then a young man of twenty-one years, he began buying grain at Dwight, North Dakota. After one season there spent he returned to newspaper work, but in 1909 removed to Russell, North Dakota, and purchased the elevator of which he is now proprietor. For seven years he has been continuously and successfully connected with the grain trade at Russell and has built up a business of large and gratifying proportions, being now one of the prosperous citizens of his community. He has given tangible evidence of his belief in the future of the state by his investment in land, being now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, which constitutes one of the excellent farms of Bottineau county.

On the 4th of January, 1911, Mr. Metcalf was united in marriage to Miss Estella M. Trotter, of Fargo, North Dakota, by whom he has three children, Marjorie, Enid and George McKenzie. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Euclid Lodge, No. 24, A. F. & A. M., of Lakota, North Dakota; Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and Kem

Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. Mrs. Metcalf holds membership with the Congregational church. Mr. Metcalf gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for the past five years has served as a member of the village board of Russell. From the starting point of his business career he has gradually worked his way upward and his energy and ability have carried him into important relations.

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#### ANDREW MCKAY.

Andrew McKay, the popular and capable cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Pingree, was born in Scotland on the 29th of December, 1885, a son of Alexander and Barbara McKay, both of whom are now deceased. The father was for a number of years a railroad conductor.

Andrew McKay was educated in Burchhead, Scotland, and after finishing his schooling was employed as train dispatcher for a time. In 1904, when nineteen years of age, he came to the United States and, making his way to North Dakota, turned his attention to farming, which he followed until 1910. In the spring of that year the Citizens State Bank of Pingree was organized and he was made assistant cashier, which office he held until 1911, when he was elected cashier, in which capacity he is still serving. In 1910 the deposits of the bank totaled seven thousand dollars and in the past six years it has grown so rapidly that they now amount to over ninety thousand dollars. The success of the bank is due in large measure to the ability and enterprise of Mr. McKay and he is recognized as one of the ablest young financiers of Stutsman county. He is a stockholder and director in the bank and also has other interests, owning valuable farm property.

Mr. McKay was married on the 10th of June, 1913, to Miss Mary Flynn, a daughter of Daniel Flynn, a well known resident of Jamestown. To this union has been born a son, Donald R. Mrs. McKay is a communicant of the Catholic church. Mr. McKay is independent in politics, supporting the man whom he deems best fitted for the office in question regardless of his party allegiance. He is very fond of fishing, hunting and motoring and believes that outdoor recreation is far superior to any other kind of amusement. He is a third degree Mason and in his life exemplifies the spirit of the fraternity. He is characterized by progressiveness, by unswerving integrity and by loyalty in friendship and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

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#### HANS ANDERSON.

Hans Anderson, filling the position of county auditor of Grand Forks county, was born in Fayette county, Iowa, July 2, 1867, a son of Thron and Martha (Buraas) Anderson, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father came to the United States in 1852 and established his home among the pioneer settlers of Fayette county, Iowa. There he took up the occupation of farming, which he successfully followed for many years, but is now living retired at the age of eighty-six years, his birth having occurred in 1830. He makes his home with his son, and is still hale and hearty. His wife came to the United States about 1862, and she, too, settled in Fayette county, Iowa, where she became the wife of Thron Anderson. She died on the old homestead farm in Fayette county, in 1898, at the age of sixty-eight years. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, two of whom are now deceased. Hans Anderson was the third in order of birth. The others are: Martin Johnson, a resident of Grand Forks; Andrew, living on the old homestead in Iowa; and Mrs. T. H. Bakke, of Grand Forks.

Hans Anderson is indebted to the public school system of Iowa for the educational opportunities which he received. His early life to the age of eighteen years was spent upon the home farm, and he soon became familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields. In 1885, however, he left the parental roof and came to North Dakota, settling in Fairfield township, Grand Forks county, where he took up the occupation of farming on his own account, devoting ten years to that task. He

next entered the grain and elevator business, in which he engaged at Reynolds and at Thompson, Grand Forks county, for ten years. In 1894 he was elected commissioner of the first district on the democratic ticket and filled that office for three terms. He was appointed county auditor following the death of William Ackerman, who had been the incumbent in the office, and on the completion of the unexpired term, which he filled out, he was elected to that position and is now a candidate for reelection without opposition, this being the only case of the kind in the state. The fact that the opposing party has put no candidate in the field indicates most clearly and indisputably his fidelity, ability and trustworthiness. He has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a strong supporter of the cause.

On the 7th of July, 1887, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage at Grand Forks to Miss Bella Bakke, a native of Clayton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bakke, who were pioneer settlers of that state, but have now passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born three daughters: Martha and Tilda, at home; and Mrs. Fred Fingarson, of Cummings, North Dakota.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Anderson holds membership with the Sons of Norway, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and is much interested in its various projects for promoting the general welfare. His residence in North Dakota covers a period of more than three decades, and when he arrived in Thompson his cash capital consisted of but three dollars. Whatever success he has since achieved or enjoyed is attributable entirely to his own efforts, and he has gained not only a comfortable competency but also the high regard and goodwill of his fellowmen.

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#### W. E. BERNER.

W. E. Berner, of Jamestown, has by his own efforts and ability worked himself up from telegrapher to the important position of division superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railroad and is recognized as one of the able executives of that company. He was born in Meriden, Minnesota, August 6, 1868, a son of William J. and Mary (Wilcox) Berner, the latter of whom is deceased. The father, who followed agricultural pursuits during his active life, is now living retired at Waterville, Minnesota. To them were born three sons and three daughters.

W. E. Berner was educated in the public and high schools at St. Charles, Minnesota, but when fifteen years of age began his business career, becoming a telegraph operator in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in 1883. After remaining with that road for four years he became an operator in the service of the Northern Pacific road, and he worked in that capacity until 1889. He was then made train dispatcher at Jamestown. In the same year he entered the employ of the Wisconsin Central Railroad as dispatcher at St. Paul, which office he filled until the spring of 1890, when he again became connected with the Northern Pacific, becoming chief dispatcher and train master. In 1907, when the old Dakota division was divided into the Fargo division and the Dakota division, he went to Fargo as train master, in which office he served until the spring of 1912. He was then stationed at Livingston, Montana, where he remained for two years, but in the spring of 1914 he was promoted to the position of division superintendent with offices at Jamestown. He has supervision over seven hundred and seventy-seven miles of track and keeps in close touch with conditions throughout his division. His thorough understanding of railroading and his ability to gain the cooperation of those under him qualify him for his present position as an executive. The operation of his division is kept up to a high standard of efficiency and his work has gained the commendation of his superiors. He believes firmly in the prosperous future in store for North Dakota and has given practical evidence of his faith in the state by investing in farm land.

On Christmas Day, 1890, Mr. Berner was united in marriage to Miss Julia Schmutzler, a daughter of Ferdinand Schmutzler, and they have four children: Veta, who is teaching

domestic science in the Park County high school located at Livingston, Montana; and William, Glenn and Vernon.

Mr. Berner is a republican, but has found no time to take an active part in politics. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, to the support of which he contributes. He has given his best energies and his undivided loyalty to the service of the railroad which he represents and his rapid promotion is but the merited reward of his faithfulness, his initiative and aggressiveness and his administrative ability.

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#### JOSEPH QUAMME.

Joseph Quamme, a resident of Bottineau, filling the office of register of deeds in Bottineau county, was born in Steele county, Minnesota, January 3, 1878, a son of John and Emma (Skartum) Quamme, who were natives of Norway and in the '60s came to the United States, following the close of the Civil war. They established their home in Steele county, Minnesota, where John Quamme worked for others until 1881. In that year he removed to Traill county, North Dakota, and later became a resident of Steele county, settling near Hope, where he filed on land which he developed and improved, continuing to cultivate his farm for ten years. He then retired and removed to Hillsboro, North Dakota, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in March, 1893. His widow still survives and is now living at Hillsboro.

After acquiring his education in the public schools of Hillsboro, North Dakota, Joseph Quamme learned the printing trade in the office of the Traill County Times and also worked on the Hillsboro Herald. He followed that pursuit for sixteen years, and during the last eight years of the period was with the Hillsboro Banner. He then went to Fargo and for a short time was connected with the Western Newspaper Union, after which he took charge of the Traill County Times, continuing with the paper until 1903, when the plant was destroyed by fire. He was next appointed deputy register of deeds in Traill county, occupying the office until the spring of 1904. In that year he arrived in Bottineau and was employed on the Bottineau Courant for three and a half years. In the fall of 1907 he was appointed deputy register of deeds in Bottineau county and acted in that capacity until elected to his present position in 1912. In 1914 he was reelected, so that he is now serving for the second term as county register of deeds, making a creditable record in office by the methodical, prompt and faithful manner in which he discharges his duties, having thoroughly systematized the work of the office.

In January, 1903, Mr. Quamme was married to Miss Minnie Anderson and they have become the parents of five children, Milton, Roy, Thelma, Leonard and Francis. Mr. and Mrs. Quamme hold membership in the Lutheran church, and he is in hearty sympathy with the purposes of the various fraternal orders with which he is associated, including the Masons, the United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and upon its ticket he was elected to his present office, while at all times he has been an active and earnest supporter of its principles because of his firm belief in their effectiveness as factors in good government.

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#### ROBERT FRASER.

Robert Fraser, cashier of the First National Bank of Rolla, was born in Scotland on the 9th of March, 1863, his parents being James and Janet (Fraser) Fraser, who spent their entire lives in that land of hills and heather, of mountain, crag and glen—the land which was the home of Scott and Burns and which has sent so many substantial citizens to the new world. The father there engaged in the practice of law as a life work.

After attending the high school of Forres, Scotland, Robert Fraser continued his education in the University of Edinburgh, where he pursued a course in law, but did not

finish it. When his textbooks were put aside he went to Australia, where he received his initial training in the banking business as a bookkeeper in the London Chartered Bank of Melbourne, with which institution he was identified for five years. In 1890 he returned home on a visit and subsequently crossed the Atlantic to Canada, after which he took up the occupation of farming in the province of Manitoba, devoting four years there to the cultivation of the soil.

In 1894 Mr. Fraser crossed the border into the United States and took up his abode in Rolla, Rolette county, North Dakota, where for eight years he occupied the position of deputy in the office of county register of deeds. In 1902 he entered the First National Bank of Rolla as assistant cashier, and about 1906 was advanced to the position of cashier of that institution, in which capacity he has now served for ten years. He has done much to promote the growth and insure the success of the bank, his methods being practical and resultant, while his labors are at all times the expression of sound judgment and business enterprise.

In December, 1900, Mr. Fraser was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Taylor, of Rolla, who passed away on the 1st of April, 1916. Politically Mr. Fraser is a republican and is a Presbyterian in his church affiliations. Those who are brought in contact with him speedily recognize his substantial traits of character, and his qualities have made him one of the well known and highly respected bankers in the northwestern part of the state.

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#### HIRAM A. LIBBY.

Hiram A. Libby, attorney at law in Grand Forks, was born October 17, 1859, in Mantorville, Dodge county, Minnesota. His father, Thomas Libby, was a native of Maine and a descendant of one of the old families of that state of English lineage. The founder of the American branch of the family was Thomas Libby, a Methodist minister, who came to America when this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. Representatives of the family took part in the Revolutionary war. Rev. Thomas Libby, father of Hiram A. Libby, was for thirty years a minister of the Methodist church in central Minnesota. He became a pioneer of Dodge county and during his last days lived retired at Park River, North Dakota, making his home with his son Hiram until his death, which occurred in October, 1890, when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Olive E. Simmons, was a native of Maine and a representative of one of the old families of that state. She, too, died at Park River while living with her son Hiram, passing away January 14, 1906, at the age of seventy-six years. Her family numbered eight children, of whom Hiram A. is the youngest.

In the schools of Atwater, Minnesota, Hiram A. Libby pursued his education until he had completed the high school course and spent four years as a student in the schools of Illinois. He took up the profession of teaching, which he followed at Carbon Cliff, Illinois, and in various cities in Minnesota, devoting four years to educational work, during which period he studied law under the direction of a tutor and also attended a night law school in Des Moines, Iowa, while teaching in Rock Island county, Illinois. In 1881 he was admitted to the bar at Beaver Falls, Minnesota, and in 1882 removed to Crookston, where he entered into a law partnership with Judge J. M. Brower, an association that was maintained for two years. He afterward opened a law office at St. Hilaire, Minnesota, where he remained in active practice until August, 1884. Removing to Park River, North Dakota, he there successfully followed his profession until June, 1913, when he sought a broader field and opened an office in Grand Forks, where he has since remained in general practice, although he devotes considerable time to corporation law. He is now accorded an extensive clientage of an important character and is accounted one of the foremost representatives of the bar in his adopted city. In the spring of 1913 he was appointed supreme court reporter, which position he still fills.

On the 7th of March, 1880, Mr. Libby was married in Atwater, Minnesota, to Miss Della J. Towler, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Towler, both now deceased, who were representatives of old Indiana and Minnesota families. Mr. and Mrs.



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Libby have become parents of two sons and two daughters: Grace A., who was born June 27, 1883, and is the wife of Edward L. Egermayer, who is connected with the First National Bank and is also director of the Military Band of Grand Forks; Florence, who was born in 1885 and died April 20, 1900; Jay, born January 22, 1894; and Walter, born August 23, 1898.

The family possesses marked musical talent and love of the art. Mrs. Libby was choir leader in the Methodist church for fourteen years and all the children have received excellent training along musical lines and have become skilled musicians. The family are members of the Methodist church and Mrs. Libby takes a very active part in church and charitable work. Mr. Libby votes with the republican party and has long been an active worker in its ranks. While at Park River he served as mayor for two terms, from 1892 until 1896, and was states attorney of Walsh county for a number of years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge of Park River and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His interest in community affairs is indicated in his membership in the Commercial Club, while along professional lines he is identified with the County, State and American Bar Associations, and his high standing in professional circles is indicated in the fact that he was for two terms honored with the presidency of the state organization. His career is one which should serve to inspire and encourage others. Even when teaching school in early manhood he furnished financial aid to his father, and from his youthful days has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. Moreover, he chose as a life work a profession in which advancement results entirely from individual merit and ability and by reason of his strong purpose and character he has won recognition as one of the ablest lawyers of the North Dakota bar.

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REV. P. THEOPHILE G. EISELE, PH. D., D.D.

Rev. P. Theophile G. Eisele, pastor of St. Mary's church at Hague, Emmons county, was born on French soil, and he received his higher education in Germany, Spain and Italy. At the age of twenty he absolved the Abiturium or tenth class of the German gymnasium and was sent to the Germanicum at Rome by his bishop, the well known Dr. Haefele, and there, under the guidance of the Jesuits, he took a seven years' course in philosophy, theology and associate grades, and the degrees of Ph. D., D. D., at the Pontifical "Universitas Gregoriana." Before leaving the Eternal city, he received his ordination to priesthood from the hands of Cardinal Parrochi, then vicar general at the Holy See. He took a post graduate course at the universities of Paris and Madrid, upon which he was appointed to a professorship, teaching philosophy, higher mathematics and philology. As a student he traveled through the European countries and in his later life through all Central and South America, and speaks fluently Spanish, French, English, Romansch, German and Italian.

With the permission of his bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Haefele of Rottenburg, he went with bishop Schumacher to Ecuador, where he received the appointment as vicar general of the diocese of Porto-Viejo, comprising the two provinces Manabi and Esmeraldas. After several years of arduous labor in that part of the Lord's vineyard, he was banished from the country together with his learned bishop and all religious as well as secular priests and sisters, the cause being the Masonic Revolution of 1894-1895. With sixty-five sisters of the diocese he fled first to Panama and thence to Cartagena, Colombia, where Rt. Rev. Biffi gave him the city parish, Sanctissima Trinitatis. Part of the sisters took charge of the big hospital of that parish, whilst the rest were appointed to the different public schools of the diocese. Recalled to his native country, he was sent to Switzerland to take charge of a mountain parish whilst restoring his health. Because of his many years of absence from the German empire, he had again to pass the state examination in order to be allowed to again take a government appointment. Continuing for several years to teach literature, languages, trigonometry and philosophy, he received a call to the United States to teach in the Pittsburgh (Pa.) College, now Duquesne University, remaining a member of the faculty there for two years. As instructor and educator he applied himself so strenuously

to the task that his health became impaired. In the hope that a change of climate would prove beneficial, he came to the Dakotas. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Wehrle, O. S. B., gave him temporary charge of Odense, Morton county, from where he received the appointment as pastor of St. Mary's parish at Hague, Emmons county, assuming his duties there April 18, 1911. The community had just completed the building of a church costing thirty-eight thousand dollars and a parsonage amounting to over five thousand, thus incurring an indebtedness of about twenty-five thousand, of which in 1911 were remaining yet twenty thousand with two years' interest unpaid. Since Dr. Eisele took charge of the place over seventeen thousand dollars of the indebtedness, capital and interest, has been paid besides the running expenses, during the time amounting to about eight thousand dollars.

The parish now prides itself on a stately church, one of the most beautiful in the diocese. Its members consist of a healthy stock of extremely successful, enterprising farmers and most valiant and staunch Catholics. The yearly frequency of the sacraments among them rose from one thousand one hundred and nineteen in 1911 to not less than fifteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-three in 1915. There were eighty-five families in the parish on his arrival; at this writing there are one hundred and twenty. The corner stone of the present substantial and imposing church structure was laid under Rev. Father Schardt. Since the advent of a railroad and the building up of this congregation, Hague has become one of the most important grain and live stock centers and business towns in Emmons county. Its steady growth promises a yet far higher activity and importance in the very near future. Pastor and people are concentrating their efforts and attention solely along the line of upbuilding the cause to which they have consecrated their existence. However:

"We must not hope to be mowers,  
And gather the ripe gold ears  
Until we have first been sowers  
And watered the furrows with tears."

Yet:

"Strength for today is all that we need,  
As there never will be a tomorrow;  
Tomorrow is but another today  
With its measure of joy and of sorrow."

Therefore:

"Courage, brother, do not stumble  
Though thy path be dark as night,  
There's a star to guide the humble,  
Trust in God and do the right."

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#### RICARD GAY DE PUY, M. D.

Dr. Richard Gay De Puy, who has gained a place among the successful and able physicians of Jamestown and Stutsman county, was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the 24th of September, 1855. His father, Captain Richard Gay De Puy, who was born in Ohio and was a lawyer by profession, gave proof of his patriotism by enlisting in a regiment of Michigan volunteer infantry and was killed in battle at Gaines Mills, Virginia, on the 27th of June, 1862. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Frances Matilda Pierce, was born in Vermont and reached the advanced age of ninety years, dying in 1913. They were the parents of four children, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth.

Dr. Richard G. De Puy was forced to meet his own expenses at an early age owing to his father's untimely death, but his energy and ability are such that he not only provided for his material needs but also secured an excellent education. After completing the courses in the grammar and high schools of Ann Arbor, Michigan, he entered the University of Michigan there, from which he was graduated in 1879 with the degree of A. B. and two years later with the degree of M. D. He continued his professional preparation for another year, serving during that time in the College Hospital, but in June, 1882, he

located in Jamestown, North Dakota, and opened an office for the practice of medicine. He has since built up a large patronage and holds the respect not only of the general public but also of his professional brethren. He keeps abreast of the developments of medical science by constant study and reading, and has taken post graduate work in the Chicago Homeopathic College. He is also a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and of the Stutsman County Medical Association. Although his practice requires the greater part of his time and attention, he supervises his ranching interests, which are extensive, as he owns twenty-two hundred acres of land near Jamestown. He is also a director in the Citizens National Bank.

Dr. De Puy was married on the 5th of September, 1883, to Miss Charlotte Lloyd, a daughter of Thomas B. and Mary (Patton) Lloyd. She passed away on the 30th of December, 1887, leaving two children, Anna Estella and Thomas Lloyd. On the 3d of March, 1897, Dr. De Puy was again married, Miss Elizabeth Bonham becoming his wife. She is a daughter of Thomas B. and Octavia (Green) Bonham.

Dr. De Puy is a republican and has served for twenty-seven years as county physician, an unusual record, which indicates the confidence placed in him. He has also been city health officer and has likewise served on the school board. In all of these capacities he has proved able and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He is well known in local fraternal circles, being both a thirty-second degree and a Knights Templar Mason, and being also identified with the Elks, the Eagles, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Labor Federation. He is an influential member of the Presbyterian church and for many years has served as trustee thereof, doing much in that time to promote the growth of the church. He is very fond of outdoor life and finds needed recreation in hunting, fishing and motoring. He has been prominent in the good roads movement and has done much to improve the condition of the roads in his county. He is a man of many interests and has aided in promoting the public welfare along varied lines of activity.

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#### J. L. PAGE.

The life record of J. L. Page constitutes an interesting chapter in the financial history of North Dakota, for his career has been actuated by a spirit of enterprise, combined with a ready recognition and utilization of opportunities that has brought him into close and prominent connection with banking interests. He is now cashier of the Bank of Westhope, president of the Citizens State Bank of Antler and president of the Farmers Bank of Newburg, North Dakota. He was born in Girard, Macoupin county, Illinois, April 5, 1875, a son of Elisha W. and Anna M. (Williams) Page, the former a native of North Stoughton, Massachusetts, and the latter of Greene county, Illinois, where their marriage was celebrated, the father having removed to the latter state in early manhood. Following his marriage he lived for a short time in Greene county and then removed to Macoupin county, where he became prominently identified with agricultural interests, being numbered among the representative farmers of that locality for forty years.

J. L. Page completed his public school education by graduation from the Girard high school with the class of 1893 and later he had the benefit of a course in the State Normal University at Normal, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. The following year he spent one term at Shurtleff College in Upper Alton, Illinois, where he pursued a complete commercial course and then seeking the opportunities offered in the growing northwest, he came to North Dakota in 1897 and for a brief period worked for his brother on a farm. Subsequently he became identified with the grain business and for three years bought grain at Niles. In the summer of 1900 he filed on a homestead in Pierce county and proved up on that property in 1901. It was while living upon his farm that he met his future wife, who had homesteaded in his vicinity, and in 1902 he wedded Miss Anna Heidenreich.

It was on the 1st of July, 1901, that Mr. Page entered banking circles in North Dakota as cashier of the Bank of Leeds which at that time was owned by his brother, E. B. Page. On the event of his marriage he visited his old Illinois home on his wedding trip

and persuaded his father to sell out and come to North Dakota to engage in the banking business. Upon the father's arrival the two took a team and drove west to Towner and thence to Carpio and to Donnybrook, from which point they proceeded to Mohall and on to old Renville and from there to Richburg. At the last named place they decided to locate and bought a business lot, after which they at once began the construction of a bank building, founding the Bank of Richburg, which was the first bank established in Bottineau county west of Souris. At that time Richburg was twenty miles from a railroad, and when in 1903 the railroad was built into Westhope, the Bank of Richburg was moved to the new town. The building was taken to Westhope and on the 5th of September the name of the institution was changed to the Bank of Westhope. In 1905 in conjunction with the Trimble State Bank and the First National Bank, the International Bank was absorbed and in December, 1910, the Bank of Westhope bought the building, fixtures and business of the First National Bank, which then became merged into the Bank of Westhope, business being continued in the building erected by the First National. J. L. Page has remained cashier of the bank since its organization in Richburg, with his father as president of the institution, and extending his efforts in the field of banking, he is now president of the Citizens State Bank of Antler and president of the Farmers Bank of Newburg. He is a man of sound and discriminating judgment and in the conduct of his interests has displayed marked energy combined with a thorough knowledge of the banking business. His investments in farm lands in Bottineau county are extensive and he is today the owner of fourteen hundred and eighty acres, with an equity in still other tracts.

To Mr. and Mrs. Page have been born six children, five of whom are yet living, namely: Margaret Louise, Joseph Frederick, Ralph Wightman, Anna Marie and Rosalie Elizabeth. John Lewis has passed away. The parents attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Page belongs to Westhope Lodge, No. 74, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., of Bottineau; and Loraine Commandery, No. 13, K. T., of Bottineau. Politically he is a stalwart democrat and twice has served as mayor of Westhope, while for five or six years he was a member of the city council. He has ever recognized the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and has put forth earnest and effective effort to promote the public good. His sterling traits of character are many, while his business ability is pronounced.

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#### WILLIAM O'LEARY.

William O'Leary, register of the United States land office, representing the department of the interior at Minot, was born at Waverly, Wright county, Minnesota, January 6, 1889, a son of John C. and Bridget (Quinn) O'Leary. The father is a native of the state of New York but was reared and educated at Tomah, Monroe county, Wisconsin, to which place he removed with his parents in early childhood. After attending the district schools he worked for his father upon the home farm and at twenty years of age removed to Waverly, Minnesota, where he engaged in the farm machine business in connection with the firm of Quinn Brothers. His time was thus spent for ten years, after which he was elected clerk of the county court of Wright county, Minnesota, and held the office for two terms. Later he was in the machinery business at Buffalo, Minnesota, and in 1901 removed to Fargo, traveling from that point as a representative of a machinery house. In 1902 he became a resident of Minot, where he now makes his home and is road man for the farm machinery manufactured by the International Harvester Company. His business activity has brought him a wide acquaintance and he is popular among those with whom he has thus come in contact. His wife was also a native of New York but in early girlhood went to Belleplaine, Minnesota, and was there educated. Her father became a farmer of that locality. It was in Waverly, Minnesota, that Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary were married and her death occurred at Buffalo, Minnesota, May 12, 1893, after which her remains were taken back to Waverly for interment.

William O'Leary pursued his education in the schools of Tomah, Wisconsin, to the age



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of ten years and in 1899 went with his father to Buffalo, Minnesota, while in 1902 he became a resident of Minot, where he attended business college. He was afterward employed by the International Harvester Company in the repair department for five years and subsequently was with the Consumers Power Company of Minot in a clerical capacity. In 1909 he entered the employ of the city in connection with the fire department, holding the position of driver for four years. On the 1st of May, 1913, he was appointed chief of the fire department and is still acting in that important capacity. He also has other official duties, for on the 25th of July, 1916, he was appointed by President Wilson register of the district land office of the United States department of the interior, with headquarters at Minot.

Mr. O'Leary holds membership in the Roman Catholic church. His political views accord with the principles of the democratic party and fraternally he is connected with Minot Lodge, No. 1089, B. P. O. E. His entire life has been passed in the northwest and in all that he has undertaken he has been actuated by the spirit of enterprise which has governed the development of this section of the country

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#### FRANKLIN A. CARLEY.

Franklin A. Carley, who is engaged in the implement business in Montpelier, is a native of New England, his birth having occurred near Mount Tabor, Vermont in January, 1849, his parents being Alva B. and Lucina (Greeley) Carley, who in the year 1855 left their Vermont home and removed westward to Wisconsin, settling at Stephenville, near Appleton. There the father took up the occupation of farming, which he continued to follow until his life's labors were ended in death in 1871. His wife has also passed away.

Franklin A. Carley had scarcely begun his education when the removal was made from Vermont, so that his studies were largely pursued in Wisconsin, where he continued to live until 1879. He was married in that state in 1871 to Miss Liza McAllister. He continued to engage in farming with his father until the latter's death, after which he cultivated the home place for about nine years and then disposed of it preparatory to removing to North Dakota in 1879. This was then a frontier state and he homesteaded on section 24, township 137, range 63, Stutsman county. He complied with the law's requirements and became owner of the place and he still lives upon the farm, which he transformed from a tract of raw prairie land into a highly cultivated property, continuing to actively engage in the work of the fields until 1896, when he accepted a position with the Andrews Grain Company at Montpelier as manager. He remained with that company for twelve years and also handled the lumber and coal trade for several years. In fact he controlled all the business interests of the village except the general store. In 1907 he took full charge of the interests of the Lutz Lumber Company and continued in that connection for about two years, after which he was obliged to go to a hospital, where he remained much of the time for two years. He had previously also been engaged in the farm implement business but in 1908 he severed his connection with all other interests and concentrated his efforts upon the farm implement trade. He now carries a large stock and is conducting a profitable and growing business. He also farms two quarter sections of land and lives upon that place and in addition he owns eight lots in the village, upon which his store is located. From 1882 until 1887 he and his wife conducted the noon stage depot or relay station on the stage line from Jamestown to Oakes, and so excellent was their table that their meals became renowned and they had a large trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Carley became the parents of seven children but lost their firstborn, Bert A. The others are: Hattie, now the wife of W. N. Campbell, a real estate dealer and ranchman living at Medford, Oregon; Edith L., the wife of I. H. Porter, a truck farmer residing at Gold Hill, Oregon; Roy E., postmaster at Montpelier; Frank H., who is agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company at Glover, North Dakota; L. Isabelle, who is a graduate of the Valley City Normal School and for three years taught at Wyndmere; and I. Margaret, who is attending the Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, where she is pursuing a general course in domestic science and chemistry.

Mr. Carley has always been deeply interested in the cause of education and has given his children good opportunities in that direction. He served as clerk of school district No. 7, in Stutsman county, from 1881 to 1889 and then became clerk of district No. 14. He was largely instrumental in securing the erection of the fine new high school building, which is the best in this part of the state. He stands at all times for progress and improvement and believes that one can give to the young no better aid than to provide them with liberal educational opportunities. For thirty-seven years Mr. Carley has been a resident of the state and has therefore witnessed much of its growth and development, taking an active and helpful interest in all that has pertained to public progress and improvement in his community.

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#### JOHN N. BLADES.

John N. Blades, filling the position of justice of the peace in Bottineau, where he is also engaged in the real estate and loan business, was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, December 4, 1851, a son of John N. and Mary Blades, the former a native of England and the latter of New York. The father was a general contractor and also bought horses for the government. After coming to America he spent his remaining days in New York, where he passed away in August, 1904, his wife surviving only until July, 1905.

Through the period of his boyhood and early youth John N. Blades attended the public schools of his native city and thus qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. He was fifteen years of age when in 1866 he removed westward to Independence, Iowa, where for five years he was employed in a drug store. He then went upon the road as a traveling salesman for the McCormick Harvester Company, which he represented for twenty-six years in Iowa, Minnesota and North and South Dakota. He continued with the international Harvester Company after it took over the business of the McCormick Company and his identification with the two corporations covered thirty-three years. In 1896 he became a resident of Willow City, Bottineau county, and a year later removed to Bottineau, after which he filed on land which he cultivated and improved for three years. He then took up his abode in the city of Bottineau and for ten years was engaged in the implement business. On the expiration of that period he opened a real estate, loan and collection office and has since been active in that field of labor, during which period he has negotiated many important realty transfers, has placed many loans and has written a large amount of insurance. He also puts up lightning rods each year to the value of about twenty-five hundred dollars and he moreover owns one hundred and thirteen acres of land north of Bottineau. In November, 1915, he was elected justice of the peace and has since served upon the bench of the justice court.

In February, 1882, Mr. Blades was married to Miss Lydia Butler and they have become the parents of two children: Clifford L., who is conducting a moving picture show in Bottineau; and Floyd B., connected with the electric light plant.

Mr. Blades has always voted with the republican party, being a firm believer in its principles. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. High and honorable principles have actuated him at all points in his career and his life measures up to commendable standards of manhood and citizenship.

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#### DANIEL DOW.

Business enterprise in Grand Forks finds a worthy representative in Daniel Dow, the president of the Grand Forks Foundry & Machine Company, which was established and incorporated in 1885. It came into existence through the enterprising efforts and initiative spirit of Mr. Dow and was the first establishment of the kind in the state. It was in that year that he removed to North Dakota from Canada, of which country he is a native, his

birth having occurred in Ontario, December 20, 1861. He was the seventh in a family of ten children whose parents were Donald and Margaret (White) Dow, natives of Scotland, where they were reared and married. In an early day they became residents of Canada. The father traveled three hundred miles by boat and on foot, enduring all kinds of hardships, to the place where he located near Ottawa, and while he became a pioneer resident of that district, he lived to become a successful farmer and representative citizen of his community, there passing away in 1894 at the venerable age of eighty-two years. His wife, who had accompanied him to the new world, died in Grand Forks in 1910, at the age of eighty-three years.

Their son, Daniel Dow, was educated in the country schools of Canada and his youthful experiences were those of the farm bred boy. At the age of twenty years he started out to earn his own living and was apprenticed to the machinery trade, which he afterward followed as a journeyman for four years. He then came to North Dakota, settling in Grand Forks in 1885, at which time he entered the business circles of the city on his own account through the establishment of the Grand Forks Foundry & Machine Company. He organized this business, which he began on a small scale with about six skilled workmen. His plant was originally located at the corner of Dakota avenue and Eighth street, where he continued for about ten years and then removed the business to Second and International streets, where the company purchased a three acre tract of land and erected thereon a modern and thoroughly up-to-date machine shop where they now employ from thirty to thirty-five men, having the largest business of the kind in the state. Their trade covers the northern half of North Dakota and Minnesota and their output finds a ready sale on the market. The officers of the company are: Daniel Dow, president; J. B. Dow, vice president; and Christ Hanson, secretary and treasurer.

On the 20th of December, 1890, at Grand Forks, Mr. Dow was married to Miss Nellie Bell, a native of Ontario and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Dow have become the parents of five children: Jennie B., who is the wife of Ralph Huliek, of Ada, Minnesota; Lillian W.; Donald W., who is associated with his father in business; Ruth H., and Margaret H.

The family are consistent members of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Dow is a trustee. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and he belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. He is likewise a member of the Commercial Club, which indicates his interest in all matters of civic welfare and betterment. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs. For thirty-one years he has now been actively connected with the industrial interests of Grand Forks and his is one of the most substantial business concerns of the city, while in business circles Mr. Dow sustains an unassailable reputation.

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#### T. L. BEISEKER.

In North Dakota, the name of T. L. Beiseker is widely known, and in banking circles, the record which he has made shows what may be accomplished when determination and energy are the moving forces. The steps in his orderly progress are easily discernible, and enterprise and even paced energy have carried him into many important relations and connections. He is the head of Beiseker & Company, of Fessenden, which has banking and other interests at various points in this and other states. His business methods have ever been straightforward and well defined, and his career has evidenced his ability to discriminate between the essential and the non-important.

Mr. Beiseker was born in 1866 at Muncie, Indiana, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Beiseker, now of Austin, Minnesota. They were pioneers of that state, having settled there in 1869, and there they have since made their home. Their son, T. L. Beiseker, obtained a common and high school training, however in the school of experience he has received the major portion of his education.

His first venture in the business world on his own account gained for him the munificent salary of ten dollars per month and board; today, he stands one of the most prominent figures in the banking field of the northwest. He has organized numerous banks and other financial companies, and among others, in North Dakota, is connected with the First State Bank of Cathay, the Chaseley State Bank of Chaseley, the First State Bank of Denhoff, the Wells County State Bank, Farmers Trust Company and Farm Home Credit Company of Fessenden, the Hamberg State Bank of Hamberg, the German State Bank of Harvey, the Heaton State Bank of Heaton, the Hurdsfield State Bank of Hurdsfield, the Mountrail County State Bank of Lostwood, the First State Bank of Manfred, the First State Bank of Martin, the Mercer State Bank of Mercer, the Sheridan County State Bank of McClusky, the First National Bank of New Rockford, the First National Bank of Stanley, the First National Bank of Towner, the Washburn State Bank of Washburn and the Farmers & Merchants Bank of White Earth. In Minnesota, among others he is interested in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Cannon Falls and in the Randolph State Bank at Randolph, while in Montana he is connected with the American National Bank at Forsyth, the Sheridan County State Bank at Plentywood and the Roundup National Bank at Roundup. At each point, a general banking business is carried on and in every instance, the institution occupies an important position in its community, drawing patronage from a large surrounding territory.

In April, 1893, Mr. Beiseker organized the Wells County State Bank, at Sykeston, his first banking institution and the first bank in Wells county. In November, 1894, when the county seat of Wells county was removed to Fessenden, the bank was also moved to that city, where it is now located. Mr. Beiseker still resides in Fessenden and from that point directs his manifold and growing interests.

In his political views Mr. Beiseker is a republican but has never been desirous of holding office. He has always preferred to direct his energies toward the advancement of his business interests and to any movement which has had for its goal a more prosperous and better northwest. He has always been a firm believer that diversified farming, in its broadest sense, would be of the greatest benefit to the state, and has financed and inaugurated many experiments and much propaganda in this field. There is no man who occupies a more enviable position in financial circles, not only by reason of the success he has achieved, but also because of the straightforward business policy which he has ever followed, giving to him the respect and esteem of all.

Truly, his career proves that success is not a matter of genius alone, as is held by some, but is rather the result of clear judgment, tireless energy and honest endeavor.

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#### M. P. MORRIS.

M. P. Morris is postmaster of Jamestown, Stutsman county, and is also the owner of the Stutsman County Democrat, an excellent and well patronized weekly paper. His birth occurred in Wisconsin on the 26th of August, 1857, and his parents were Thomas and Sarah Morris. After leaving the public schools he entered a printing office at Janesville, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1880. Subsequently he followed the printer's trade for four years in the northern part of Wisconsin and for nine years in Minnesota but in 1893 he came to North Dakota and located at Grand Forks. Two years later he arrived in Jamestown and in 1902 he established a job office, while in 1904 he founded the Stutsman County Democrat, which is the official organ of the democratic party in that county. The paper has prospered from the beginning and its circulation and advertising are still growing. It strives to print all news of local interest and is known as both up-to-date and reliable. Through its editorial page Mr. Morris has accomplished much for the democratic party and personally he has been active in county and state politics for eighteen years. For a number of years he served as chairman of the county committee and he has also been connected with the state organization but since receiving his appointment as postmaster has ceased to be active politically. He was appointed to the office on the 19th of August, 1914, and took

charge on the 22d of September. He has proved capable and efficient in the discharge of his duties and the work of the office is done with accuracy and dispatch.

On the 12th of November, 1879, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hayes, who died on the 23d of December, 1908. They became the parents of four sons and one daughter. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, to the teachings of which they strive to conform their lives. Mr. Morris has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his county and state and cooperates heartily with all those who seek the advancement of North Dakota.

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THOMAS NIELSON.

Thomas Nielson, coming to the United States at the age of fifteen years, is practically a self-educated as well as a self-made man. Today he is well informed on all topics of general interest and, moreover, he holds an important position of trust as the manager of the yards of the Imperial Lumber Company at Newburg, his life record therefore demonstrating, what may be accomplished when energy, ambition and determination lead the way. He was born in Denmark, October 10, 1890, a son of Eskild and Maren (Martinusdatter) Nielson. His father died in Denmark in 1908, while the mother is still living in that country.

At the usual age Thomas Nielson began his education in the schools of Denmark and after coming to America when a youth of fifteen years continued his education in the high school of Westhope, North Dakota, being the first pupil to enter the new building when it was opened for school purposes. He arrived in the United States in March, 1905, and made his way at once to Westhope. He worked on a farm through the summer months, while attending school in the winter seasons, and he continued to engage in farm labor until the spring of 1911, when he took up his abode in Westhope and accepted the position of second man in the lumberyard of the Imperial Lumber Company. In the spring of 1912 he was advanced to the position of manager of the Imperial Lumber Company at Newburg, and has since acted in that capacity, making an excellent record through his capability, resourcefulness, diligence and trustworthiness.

In the spring of 1912 Mr. Nielson was united in marriage to Miss Edna Hams, of Souris, North Dakota, by whom he has two sons, Walter E. and Owen T. Fraternally he is identified with the Danish Brotherhood lodge of Westhope and Russell Lodge, No. 89, A. F. & A. M. In his political views Mr. Nielson is a republican but not an office seeker. While never remiss in the duties of citizenship and cooperating in many movements for the public good in a private capacity, he prefers to concentrate his energies upon business affairs rather than hold office, and in the work in which he is now engaged is proving most capable, while his advancement to his present position of responsibility is due entirely to his own efforts.

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HON. ALBERT L. NELSON.

Hon. Albert L. Nelson, attorney at law in Rolette and member of the state senate, has been active along lines that have brought him into close connection with public interests and at all times he has been actuated by a devotion to the general good. He was born in Litchfield, Minnesota, May 24, 1874, a son of N. L. and Emily (Anderson) Nelson, who were natives of Sweden. In early life they came to the United States, settling in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where they lived for a short time. They then removed to Litchfield, Minnesota, and purchased land and throughout his remaining days the father devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He passed away in November, 1897, while the mother is still living.

Albert L. Nelson was reared in his native city, where he pursued his education until graduated from the high school with the class of 1893. He afterward took up the profession

of teaching, which he followed for five years, and later engaged in the newspaper business at Dassel, Minnesota, for two years, learning the printer's trade while thus engaged. He afterward went to Washington, D. C., and for two years was employed in the census bureau. While thus engaged he studied law in Columbian University and upon his return to the middle west established his home in Minneapolis. He worked on the Minneapolis Tribune and the Minneapolis Times and later spent a year in a law office, after which he took the state bar examination in June, 1905. Admitted to practice, he removed to Rolette in October of that year and on the 1st of September, 1906, he bought out the Rolette County Examiner, which he published until July 7, 1916. He then sold his paper and has since concentrated his energies upon the practice of law, in which he has been engaged in Rolette since 1906. He is an able member of the bar and, moreover, is a practical business man whose long experience in the field of journalism has enabled him to form ready and correct judgment concerning individuals which is always a factor in successful law practice. His realty possessions include a quarter section of land in Williams county, North Dakota.

On the 10th of July, 1905, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Nelson, of Minneapolis. Their religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and Mr. Nelson belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a republican and has served as a trustee on the village board, while in 1912 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate. While a member of the upper house he gave careful consideration to the questions which came up for settlement and he was recognized as a public-spirited citizen whose legislative work was ever for the benefit of his fellow citizens and the commonwealth.

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#### W. R. PARSONS.

That North Dakota offers wealth to its agriculturists is indicated in the fact that many who have followed farming within the borders of the state are now able to live retired, possessed of a handsome competence that has come as the reward of their labors in the fields. Such is the record of W. R. Parsons, who now makes his home in Page. He was born in New Carlisle, Clark county, Ohio, on the 21st of July, 1846, a son of Hiram and Jane (Ross) Parsons, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In the year 1882 they arrived in North Dakota and spent the succeeding year at Buffalo, Cass county, following which the father and his son, W. R. Parsons, took up homesteads in Page township. These properties adjoined and they began the development of the farms. Four or five years later our subject purchased a relinquishment on a tree claim, which he proved up and which he still owns.

W. R. Parsons continued his residence on the old homestead until 1907, when he left the farm and removed to Page, where he has since resided, his son, Hiram J., now owning and cultivating the old home property. Mr. Parsons, however, still owns four hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land, from which he derives a substantial annual income. He was progressive in his farming methods, wisely and carefully directing the cultivation of his fields, and his careful management and indefatigable industry brought to him growing success.

In 1871 Mr. Parsons was united in marriage to Miss Anna Dewees, a daughter of William and Jerusha M. (Woodbury) Dewees, of Livingston county, Illinois. To them were born eight children, seven of whom still survive, as follows: Edna V., the wife of B. L. Barkley, who is an agriculturist of Rochester township, Cass county; June, who is the wife of T. J. Pierce, of Fargo; Earl, who lives in Bismarck and is deputy state superintendent of schools; William, a ranchman residing at Nampa, Idaho; Hiram, who owns the homestead farm; Montague, a ranchman living at Chinook, Montana; and Emma, the wife of Howard F. Parker, who cultivates her father's lands. There are seventeen grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Anna Parsons passed away July 31, 1907, and her demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

In his political views Mr. Parsons has always been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For many years he served as township clerk and was also clerk of the school board for many years. He filled the office of member of the village board of Page for three years and he has ever taken an active and helpful interest in those plans and





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projects which tend to further public progress. He became one of the organizers and charter members of the Baptist church of Page, being now the only survivor among the number who formed the church. He has guided his entire life according to its teachings and the integrity of his word and of his acts has placed him in a most enviable position in the regard of his fellowmen.

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FRANK J. MEUWISSEN.

Frank J. Meuwissen, cashier of the State Bank of Rolla, was born in Cologne, Minnesota, on the 25th of October, 1881, his parents being Jacob and Theresa (Wirtz) Meuwissen, who are natives of Germany and in childhood came with their respective parents to the United States, the latter at the age of nine years and the former when eighteen years of age. They were married in Carver county, Minnesota, and for many years thereafter the father was engaged in the hardware and implement business at Cologne, Minnesota, where he became one of the dominant factors in commercial circles, his establishment ranking for a long period with the leading business concerns of his city. At length he retired from business life and for the past twenty years has lived in Cologne in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

Frank J. Meuwissen was educated in the Catholic parochial school of Cologne and when about seventeen years of age secured the position of assistant postmaster, in which capacity he served for two years. About 1900 he removed to Morgan, Minnesota, where he was employed in a clerical capacity in a mercantile house. He afterward removed to Belle Plaine, Minnesota, where he occupied a clerkship, and on the 20th of January, 1903, he went to Rolla and received his initial training in banking in connection with the State Bank of Rolla, which he entered as assistant cashier. In June, 1913, he was promoted to the position of cashier and so continues, the patrons of the bank finding in him a courteous and obliging official who is always ready to further their interests in a financial way if in so doing he does not jeopardize the stability of the bank. From time to time he has made judicious investments in farm lands, of which he is now the owner of six hundred acres, deriving therefrom a substantial income.

On the 24th of December, 1913, Mr. Meuwissen was united in marriage to Miss Maud V. Shaver, of Rolla. Mr. Meuwissen belongs to the Catholic church, while his wife is a communicant of the Episcopal faith. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His entire life has been spent in the northwest and he possesses the spirit of indefatigable energy and progress which has led to the rapid and substantial development of the state.

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JOHN B. HANSEN.

John B. Hansen, an excellent citizen and a prosperous farmer, residing on section 35, Hill township, Cass county, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, at that time a part of Denmark, April 2, 1858, and is a son of Nicholas and Mathilda (Nessen) Hansen, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country. He remained at home during the period of his boyhood and youth and acquired his elementary education in the local schools. Subsequently he pursued a college course in Lindholm, Germany, and his vocational training was gained in an apprenticeship to the miller's trade. In 1883, in early manhood, he came to the United States, having heard favorable reports concerning the conditions here, and landed at New York on the 13th of July. He immediately came west and on the 17th of that month reached North Dakota, where he has since resided. For two years he worked as a farm hand but in 1885 homesteaded a quarter section of land in Eldred township, Cass county, where he resided until 1891. During that time he purchased a one hundred and sixty acre tract in Clifton township which adjoined his homestead on the west and he concentrated his energies upon the cultivation and improvement of his half section of land.

In 1891 he left the farm and removed to Enderlin, Ransom county, and there ran a dray line and also operated a feed mill, remaining there for about three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased three hundred and twenty acres on section 35, Hill township, Cass county, and removed to his new home, which was then raw prairie but which is now in a high state of cultivation. He has erected a good residence and substantial farm buildings and keeps everything about the place in an excellent condition. He now owns four hundred and eighty acres all in a body but operates twelve hundred and eighty acres, on six hundred and forty acres of which he has a six years' option. In addition to his extensive agricultural interests he owns stock in the Independent Harvester Company and the Farmers Elevator Company of Alice, which he was largely instrumental in organizing.

In 1888 Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. Schmidt, a native of Germany, by whom he has nine children: Ella, wife of Ed Birdsall, of Sterling, Illinois; Lillian, who married J. W. Chapman, a bank cashier of Buffalo, Cass county; and Harry and Grover, twins, Clarence, May, Johnny, Hans and Victor, all at home.

Mr. Hansen is a republican in politics and his ability and public spirit have been recognized by his fellow citizens, who have called him to practically all the township offices. For several years he was a member of the township board and for eighteen years he has been township assessor. He has a creditable military record, having entered the German army in 1877 and served the required three years, after which he returned to civil life. However, he was recalled to the colors and remained in the army for an additional three years, winning his commission as lieutenant of his company, which rank he held at the expiration of his term of service. He is a communicant of the Lutheran church and in all relations of life has measured up to high standards of manhood.

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#### GEORGE LANEY.

George Laney, living at Napoleon, occupies the position of sheriff of Logan county and his sterling qualities of manhood and citizenship have gained him high regard. He was born in Ontario, Canada, January 20, 1873, a son of William and Anna (Brennan) Laney, who were also natives of Canada, where they were reared and married. In 1880 they crossed the border into the United States, making their way to North Dakota. The father secured a homestead claim in Pembina county and afterward removed to California, where he resided for thirteen years. In 1908, however, he returned to North Dakota and established his home in Napoleon, where he has since lived.

George Laney was reared and educated in the public schools of Pembina county and in early manhood entered the employ of Judge N. G. Young of Fargo, by whom he was employed for six years. In 1899 he removed to Logan county, where he engaged in ranching, but after two years he took up his abode in Napoleon, where he dealt in live stock. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, called him to public office and for six years, from 1902 until 1908, he served as sheriff of Logan county. He then retired from the office but in 1914 was reelected, so that he is now serving his eighth year in that position, and at the last primary he was again nominated without opposition. His is indeed a creditable record, for the public recognizes that his service constitutes a splendid safeguard of law and order. Mr. Laney also filled the position of postmaster of Napoleon for ten and one-half years, being first appointed to the office in October, 1903.

In 1899 occurred the marriage of Mr. Laney and Miss Delma Perrault, of Bathgate, North Dakota, who died December 29, 1907, leaving a daughter, Lorna, who is now a high school pupil. In 1910 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Shortell, of Logan county.

In his political views Mr. Laney has always been a stalwart republican and is recognized as one of the leading workers of the party in his section of the state. Fraternally he is connected with Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E., and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, while he and his wife hold membership in the Catholic church. His is a notable career of a successful business man who also finds time and opportunity to advance the general good. He has become a heavy holder of farm lands in Logan county,

owning fifteen hundred acres, and this and other interests make him one of the most substantial citizens of his section of the state. All who know him speak of him in terms of high regard and to the law-abiding citizen his name is a bulwark of defence and protection.

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#### CHARLES DRAWZ.

Charles Drawz, manager of a general merchandise store at Edmunds and also postmaster of the town, was born in Minnesota in 1884, a son of Carl and Eliza (Sachow) Drawz, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Minnesota. The father became one of the pioneer settlers of Minnesota and there carried on general farming for many years, his death occurring in 1910. His widow survives and is now living at Minot, North Dakota.

Charles Drawz is the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, all but one of whom are now living. He mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools of his native state and afterward became a high school student in Browerville, Minnesota, while subsequently he pursued a business course in Minneapolis and thus qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. After leaving school he entered the employ of the Haas Mercantile Company of Jamestown, North Dakota, and remained with them for a period of six years, having come to the state in 1905. He removed from Jamestown to Edmunds when made manager at that place for the Haas Mercantile Company, which had established a general store there, and since 1912 he has continuously been in charge, making a success of the business, in which connection he employs two clerks. A complete line of general merchandise is carried and the trade has steadily grown and developed. Mr. Drawz' previous experience had made him well qualified to undertake the management of this business and he had also become well known in commercial circles. He undertook the work entrusted to his care with enthusiasm and his devotion to the interests of the business has made him one of the successful general merchants of this part of the state.

In 1911 Mr. Drawz was married to Miss Adeline Lueck, who was born at Spiritwood, North Dakota, in 1887, a daughter of John and Louise Lueck, who were early residents of this state and are now making their home in Jamestown.

On the 15th of May, 1913, Mr. Drawz was appointed postmaster at Edmunds, which position he has since filled. Fraternally he is connected with Camp No. 1477, M. W. A., at Jamestown, but he makes all other interests subservient to his business affairs, concentrating his efforts chiefly upon the management of the store and the extension of its trade.

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#### FRED WILLIAM SMITH.

Fred William Smith, president of the North Dakota State School of Forestry at Bottineau, has devoted his entire life to educational work and the steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible, bringing him to a prominent position in his chosen field. He was born May 28, 1876, at Fort Ridgely, Minnesota, a son of Thomas and Ella Smith, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. The father was of Irish lineage and the great-great-grandfather was killed in the battle of Waterloo while fighting with an Irish regiment under Wellington. The grandfather of President Smith became a pioneer of the middle west and was killed by the Indians in the Sioux massacre of 1862. In the maternal line the ancestry is traced back to the Mayflower.

In the acquirement of his education President Smith entered the State Normal School at Mankato, Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. He then took advanced work and completed a course in the University of Minnesota in 1900, at which time the Bachelor of Science degree was conferred upon him. After leaving the Mankato school he filled the position of principal of the graded school at St. Clair, Minnesota, in 1895-6 and following the completion of the teachers' and scientific courses at the Minnesota University he accepted the position of teacher of science in the high school at Boise, Idaho. The following year was spent as science teacher in the high school at

Mankato, Minnesota, after which he accepted a call to the head of the department of biology and agriculture at the opening of the Northern State Normal and Industrial School at Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he remained until 1913, becoming vice president of the school. He was then called to the presidency of the North Dakota State School of Forestry at Bottineau. He is now occupying that position and under his guidance the school has made steady progress, its curriculum being broadened and its standards of efficiency raised.

In 1903 President Smith was married to Miss Lillian Nettleton, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who died in 1904, leaving a son, Harold Fred Smith. In 1906 he wedded Lavilla May Shaffer and the children of this marriage are Thomas William, Doris May and Jesse, who are seven, three and one-half and one and one-half years of age respectively. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Smith is also an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity. He is secretary of the Mid-West Forestry Association and his broad study and investigation along the lines of forestry have enabled him to speak with authority upon many phases of the subject, finding answer for many of the questions which are now uppermost in public attention concerning forestry conservation and propagation.

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#### ALVIN P. CLIFFORD.

Alvin P. Clifford, president of A. P. Clifford & Company, Incorporated, of Grand Forks, was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, September 10, 1871, and was the youngest of five children born to Benjamin Barnard and Ruth Nourse (George) Clifford. The father was a native of New Hampshire and a representative of an old family of that state of English descent. The founder of the family in the new world arrived before the American Revolution and representatives of the family participated in the war for independence. Benjamin B. Clifford became a cattle drover and was quite successful in his dealings in live stock. Removing to Massachusetts, he spent the greater part of his life in that state, there passing away in 1873 at the age of fifty-six years. His wife was born in Vermont and represents an old Vermont family of English origin. She survives and is residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Alvin P. Clifford acquired his education in the public schools of Vermont and in Tilton Seminary at Tilton, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1888. At the age of sixteen years he started out to earn his own livelihood and secured a clerkship in a mercantile establishment, there receiving his initial business training. In 1892 he arrived in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and entered manufacturing circles in connection with the manufacture of woolen goods, being one of the organizers of the Grand Forks Woolen Mills, the first and only business of the kind ever established in that city. He remained active along that line for twelve years, at the end of which time the business was discontinued. Mr. Clifford then became connected with the firm of Nash Brothers, wholesale grocers, as credit man, remaining with that house for four years. He afterward entered the general insurance business by organizing the firm of A. P. Clifford & Company, Incorporated, of which he is the president. He has one of the most important agencies in the state, the volume of his business in the field of general insurance exceeding that of the great majority of insurance men in North Dakota. His offices are located in the Clifford block in Grand Forks.

On the 15th of June, 1896, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. Clifford was married to Miss Katherine Stewart, a native of Canada and a daughter of Donald and Mary Stewart, the latter now deceased. The family is of Scotch lineage. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, of whom four are yet living: Stewart Hilton, born September 12, 1900; Benjamin Bailey, January 6, 1903; Katherine, November 26, 1905; and Arthur Farnsworth, on October 3, 1907. All were born in Grand Forks.

The family residence is now at No. 123 Reeves avenue, which property Mr. Clifford owns. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church, in which he holds the office of treasurer. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a

member of the Commercial Club. He also belongs to the Golf and Curling Club—associations which indicate much the nature of his recreation. He has attained high rank in Masonry and is now a member of the Mystic Shrine and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has made good use of his time, talents and opportunities and has won the proud American title of a self-made man. As the architect of his fortunes he has builded wisely and well and notwithstanding the fact that he has met with some discouragements and difficulties, he has maintained a ready courage and has won for himself a prominent and honored position in insurance circles.

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#### JAY WESLEY BLISS.

Jay Wesley Bliss, filling the office of state civil engineer under appointment of Governor L. B. Hanna, was born upon a farm in Nelson county, North Dakota, October 26, 1885, and belongs to that class of native sons of whom the state is justly proud, their ability being of such a character as contributes to the development and progress of the state. His parents are John W. and Alice L. (Cowles) Bliss. The father was born in Bainbridge, Ohio, in 1859 and in the year 1881 came to North Dakota, settling in Nelson county, where he entered land in what was then a frontier district. Two years afterward, or in 1883, he wedded Alice L. Cowles, also a native of the Buckeye state. Through all the intervening years they have been identified with the agricultural interests of Nelson county, where they still make their home.

Ambitious to secure good educational advantages and become fitted for something more than the drudgery of life, Jay Wesley Bliss supplemented his early education, for which he is indebted to the common school system of Nelson county, by study in the State University at Grand Forks. He specialized in engineering and upon his graduation in 1908 won the E. M. degree. Immediately afterward he removed to Bismarck and entered the office of T. R. Atkinson, then state engineer, which gained him the initial experience that qualified him for the position that he is now filling and to which he was appointed in 1913 by Governor L. B. Hanna.

On the 26th of August, 1912, in Nelson county, North Dakota, Mr. Bliss was united in marriage to Miss Elsie, daughter of John H. Nylen, a native of Iowa. They now have two children, Barbara and John Warren. The parents attend the Presbyterian church and Mr. Bliss is a Mason and Knight of Pythias, having attained the Royal Arch degree in the former fraternity. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is a stalwart advocate of its principles. He has never been a politician, however, in the commonly accepted sense of office seeking and has held no other position than that which he is now filling and for which his collegiate training and previous business experience well qualify him. He is making an excellent record in office, solving many important engineering problems for the state, his solution being based upon broad scientific knowledge and practical experience.

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#### HON. ARTHUR O. GRAHAM.

Hon. Arthur O. Graham, vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Rolla, was born near Toronto, Canada, in November, 1858, a son of Ephraim and Jeannette (Duff) Graham, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Scotland. The father followed the occupation of farming in his native country throughout his entire life and passed away in December, 1902, while his wife survived only until May, 1903.

Arthur O. Graham spent the period of his minority in Canada under the parental roof and there acquired a public school education. In 1881 he removed to Brandon, Manitoba, where he engaged in farming until the spring of 1886 and then crossed the border, becoming a resident of Rolette county, North Dakota, where he filed on land and began its development

and improvement. He continued the cultivation of that place until December, 1890, when he was elected county auditor and removed to Rolla, the county seat. There he has resided continuously since and by reelection was continued in the office of county auditor for fourteen years or until March, 1905. In the fall of 1907, in company with others, he organized the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of which he was made the cashier and so continued until 1914, when he was elected vice president. The other officers are Leonard Howson, president, and C. I. F. Wagner, cashier. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars, has a surplus of five thousand dollars and deposits amounting to one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars. The business of the bank has steadily grown and the enterprise of the owners is manifest in its success. Mr. Graham is also president of the Rolette County Bank at St. John, North Dakota. He still owns his homestead property and is likewise the owner of one thousand acres of land which he rents, securing therefrom a very gratifying annual income.

In June, 1892, Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Miss Robina E. Shanks, who passed away in July, 1913, after a short illness, her death being deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her relatives.

Mr. Graham gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is an active worker in its ranks. He has served as a member of the city council of Rolla, also as mayor and in the fall of 1906 was elected a member of the state legislature, in which he served for one term. He was also United States commissioner for four years, and was county judge for one year. He is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and his religious belief is in accord with the teachings of the Presbyterian church. He stands at all times for those things which promote material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress and his aid and influence have been a substantial force in bringing about the development of town and county.

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#### HON. CHESTER H. SHEILS.

The city of Edgeley has enjoyed a period of rapid and substantial growth, its advancement being based upon the progressive efforts of a class of enterprising business men who in conducting their interests look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future and work for later as well as present day interests. Such a one is Hon. Chester H. Sheils, a member of the real estate and insurance firm of Sheils & Weaver and the vice president of the First National Bank of Edgeley. He was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, August 8, 1861, a son of William and Ann E. (Moxen) Sheils, the former a native of Ireland and the latter probably of Scotland. When a lad of fifteen years William Sheils came to America with his brother and in 1855 homesteaded land in Minnesota, being one of the pioneer residents of Goodhue county. His wife died during the early childhood of Chester H. Sheils, so that he had little knowledge of her.

After attending the public schools near his father's home and mastering the branches of learning taught in a high school of Goodhue county, C. H. Sheils entered the employ of the Forest Mills Company, working in their store for six months, at the end of which time he was placed in charge of their elevator. He remained with that company for two years and then spent a year in the grain trade at Frankfort, South Dakota, where he had charge of the Van Duzen elevator. Subsequently he returned to Minnesota and bought an interest in a store in Dennison and also managed the elevator for W. L. Luce, a prominent grain and commission man of Minneapolis. After two years he removed to Edgeley in 1887 for the purpose of taking charge of the Bagley & Cargill elevator, which he managed for four or five years, but ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he then built an elevator for himself and operated it for three years, at the end of which time he sold out. During that period he was also engaged in the farm implement business and owned the controlling interest in the Edgeley Mail, a weekly newspaper. He likewise owned a butcher shop and was proprietor of a hotel, continuing actively in all these lines of business at the same time. About 1900 he joined George F. Weaver in the real estate business, with which he has since been prominently identified, and in the intervening years has negotiated many extensive and important realty



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transfers. In 1905, when the State Bank was reorganized, becoming the First National Bank of Edgeley, he purchased stock in the institution and was made its vice president, in which capacity he has since continued, his sound business judgment and energy constituting a salient feature in the growing success of the bank. He was also one of the organizers of the Pomona Valley Telephone Company, of which he is now president, and he is the owner of large tracts of Minnesota and North Dakota farm lands, having made judicious investment in realty, which the economists tell us is the safest of all investments.

In 1892 Mr. Sheils was united in marriage to Miss Martha Schatz, of Edgeley, by whom he has one child, Isley May. In politics a republican, Mr. Sheils is a recognized leader of his party in the southeastern section of the state and indeed has had marked influence in shaping the political history of the state in later years. Three times has he been chosen to represent his district in the general assembly, during which terms he has had much to do with shaping wise and progressive legislation. He has also been postmaster of Edgeley and for four years has served on the state board of the insane asylum. At the present time he is mayor of his city and in the administration of civic business he brings to bear the same sound judgment which has characterized the conduct of his private business interests. He is widely known in Masonic circles, belonging to Maple River Lodge, No. 41, A. F. & A. M.; Dakota consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R. of Fargo and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Sheils and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are most active and helpful. He is one of the deacons of the church, in which he has been licensed to preach and perform marriage ceremonies. He was a leader in the building of the new twenty-five thousand dollar church, which was erected in 1915 and is the finest church edifice in Lamoure county. His labors have been of far-reaching effect and benefit and his life is a contradiction of the all too popular belief that a successful business man cannot be a Christian. All who know him bear testimony to his upright life and the evidence of his enterprise in business is seen in his many interests—interests which have not only contributed to his individual prosperity but have been dominant and resultant forces in upbuilding the county.

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#### GEORGE STEELE.

George Steele, cashier of the Nortonville State Bank and a landowner of Lamoure county, was born in Bellwood, Nebraska, in April 1887, a son of Frederick and Emma E. Steele, who were natives of Illinois. The father, a farmer by occupation, removed to Nebraska at an early period in the development of that state and secured a homestead claim which he improved and cultivated until 1892. He then removed to Edgeley, North Dakota, and purchased land in Lamoure county, his remaining days being devoted to farming. In 1865, in response to his country's call for troops, although he was quite a young man he went to the front with an Illinois regiment and throughout his entire life he displayed the same spirit of loyalty in citizenship that he manifested when he followed the stars and stripes on the battlefields of the south. He died in May, 1909, but his widow still survives.

George Steele was a little lad of but five summers when brought to North Dakota and was reared and educated in Lamoure county, supplementing his early education by three years' study in the Ellendale Normal and Industrial School and by a business course in Dixon, Illinois. He afterward spent two and a half years as a stenographer in the employ of Davis & Warren, attorneys of Lamoure. On the 8th of September, 1913, he removed to Nortonville and assisted in organizing the Nortonville State Bank, of which he has since been cashier. The other officers are: R. A. McMichael, president; and J. R. Hollingsworth, vice president. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to sixty thousand dollars. The institution is housed in a fine modern bank building on Main street. Mr. Steele was also formerly connected with the Independent Elevator Company but has recently sold his interest therein. He now owns a half section of land near Nortonville, which he rents.

In December, 1915, Mr. Steele wedded Miss Carrie Ellen Moller, a daughter of James B. Moller, who was a pioneer of South Dakota but now resides in Nortonville, where he has been engaged in the hardware business since 1912. He has also been treasurer of Kennison township, Lamoure county since March, 1915.

In his political views Mr. Steele is an earnest republican and keeps thoroughly versed concerning the vital questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World, while his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Presbyterian church. Practically his entire life has been passed in Lamoure county and that his record has ever been a creditable one is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

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#### D. C. RAND.

D. C. Rand, the proprietor of the Northern Automobile Company of Jamestown, Stutsman county, is one of the leading business men of his town and is highly esteemed throughout the county. He was born in Fargo, North Dakota, on the 17th of November, 1876, a son of G. C. and Rachel L. (Craig) Rand. The father is a railroad engineer and master mechanic residing at Jamestown and is likewise traveling auditor for the Powers Elevator Company. The mother is also living.

D. C. Rand attended school in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and subsequently entered Wright College at Tacoma, Washington, from which he was graduated in 1899. For fifteen years thereafter he was auditor for Powers Elevator Company and on severing his connection with that concern engaged in the automobile business in Jamestown. He erected his garage, which is fully equipped for all kinds of repair work. His floor space is eighty-five by one hundred feet exclusive of the basement. He carries all kinds of automobile supplies and is agent for the Packard, the Buick and the Ford machines. He has the agency for the south half of North Dakota and part of Minnesota for the Packard car, for the southeast quarter of North Dakota and a part of Minnesota for the Buick and is local agent for the Ford car. He has been very successful in business and keeps thoroughly abreast of the new developments that are constantly being made in the automobile business.

In July, 1905, Mr. Rand was married to Miss Edith A. May, a daughter of J. A. May, and to this union three children have been born, Loraine, Genevieve and Justine.

Mr. Rand is a republican in politics but is not an active party worker. He holds membership in the Elks, the Workmen and the Masonic order, in which he has taken all the degrees in both the York and Scottish Rites. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church and also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association, which connections indicate the rules which govern his life. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and cooperates readily in all projects looking toward the commercial advancement of Jamestown and Stutsman county. He finds needed recreation in hunting and fishing and, in fact, is fond of all outdoor sports. His public spirit and his adherence to high standards of commercial ethics have gained him the respect of all who know him and his personal friends are many.

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#### JULIUS A. JOHNSON, M. D.

Dr. Julius A. Johnson, physician and surgeon of Bottineau, was born at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, November 3, 1876, a son of Andrew and Carrie (Olson) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Norway. In 1863 they came to the new world, settling near La Crosse, Wisconsin, where the father purchased land and also entered a claim from the government, continuing to there engage in farming throughout his remaining days. He passed away in April, 1908, having for about five years survived his wife, who died in September, 1903.

While spending his youthful days under the parental roof in his native state Julius

A. Johnson pursued a public school education which he completed at the high school in Black River Falls. Later he attended the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon and then in preparation for a professional career entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, which is now the medical department of the University of Illinois. He was graduated therefrom on the completion of the regular medical course in 1903 and returned to Black River Falls, where he remained in practice for six months. He then removed to Bottineau, North Dakota, where he opened an office and has since engaged in the practice of both medicine and surgery. He had previously visited this state, having from 1894 until 1896 worked for his brother on a newspaper at Minot, following the printer's trade for four years. He now concentrates his energies upon his professional duties and has an extensive practice, his office being thoroughly equipped with all modern appliances to facilitate his work. He is also a stockholder and director of the Bottineau National Bank and owns farm lands in Bottineau, McHenry and Williams counties, his holdings embracing six hundred and forty acres.

On the 7th of October, 1903, Dr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Babler and they have become the parents of two children, Thelma and Margaret E. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson hold membership in the Lutheran church and they occupy a fine home which they own and which is the abode of warm-hearted hospitality. Politically he is a republican and has served as coroner of Bottineau county, while for eight years he was president of the school board. In 1908 he became a candidate for state senator on the republican ticket but was defeated. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America and in the first named has attained high rank, being a member of lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Northwestern Medical Society of North Dakota, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and through their proceedings he keeps in close touch with advanced professional thought and methods.

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#### JAMES P. WIDMEYER, M. D.

Dr. James P. Widmeyer, a physician and surgeon practicing at Rolla, opened an office in that city immediately after completing a professional course of study in Chicago, Illinois. He was born in Ontario, Canada, December 9, 1868, a son of Charles and Barbara (Winkler) Widmeyer, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ontario, Canada. When a young man Charles Widmeyer left the fatherland and sailed for the new world. For several years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits but subsequently turned his attention to the hotel business in Ayton, Ontario, where his remaining days were passed. He there died during the boyhood of Dr. Widmeyer and the mother afterward removed with her family to Manitoba. The later years of her life, however, were spent in Towner county, North Dakota, where she took up her abode about 1887, there passing away in 1889.

Dr. Widmeyer at the usual age became a public school pupil, pursuing his studies in Rolla and in the preparatory department of the North Dakota State University. In 1893 he took up the study of medicine, entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, now the medical department of the Illinois State University. He was graduated from that institution with the class of 1896 and by thorough training was well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties that were soon to devolve upon him. He made his way direct to Rolla, where he has now been in continuous practice for the past twenty years, during which period he has built up an enviable reputation as a most efficient physician. He is today one of the best known practitioners of the northern part of the state and is continually demonstrating his ability to successfully cope with the intricate problems which one continually confronts in the effort to restore health and prolong life. He reads broadly and thinks deeply and readily adapts the knowledge that he has acquired to specific needs. He is careful in the diagnosis of his cases and has won a substantial measure of success.

On the 26th of October, 1897, Dr. Widmeyer was united in marriage to Miss Roxie G. Brown, of Rolla, by whom he has two children, namely: Lionel J., a student in the North

Dakota State University; and David Lloyd, who is a junior in the Rolla high school. Dr. Widmeyer is a Mason, belonging to Rolla Lodge, No. 66, and he also has membership in Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, B. P. O. E. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics the Doctor is a republican and has long taken an active and helpful interest in everything pertaining to civic betterment. He is a member of the present school board and for six years he served as mayor of Rolla, giving to the city a businesslike administration that was also characterized by needed reform and improvement. Along professional lines he is connected with the Devils Lake District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and thus he keeps in touch with the trend of progressive, modern thought along professional lines.

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#### A. A. LANE.

A. A. Lane, manager of the Farmers Cooperative Elevator at Sherwood and one of the pioneers of Renville county, having homesteaded there in the fall of 1901, was born at Lock, Ohio, August 25, 1873, a son of William H. and Mary (Orr) Lane, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was a practicing physician who in 1882 came to North Dakota, settling at Devils Lake. After practicing there for two years he removed to Cando, where he successfully followed his profession for eighteen years, being recognized as one of the most able and prominent physicians of that part of the state. In 1901 he came with his son, A. A. Lane, to Renville county and took up a homestead nine miles east of Sherwood, on which he resided until his death in 1912. His widow survives and resides with her son, F. C. Lane, in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Reared in the northwest, A. A. Lane obtained his education in the North Dakota State University at Grand Forks and the Minnesota State Agricultural College, being graduated from the latter institution with the class of 1895. After completing his course there he engaged in farming in Towner county for three years and then went to Aitkin, Minnesota, where he engaged in teaching school for two years. In 1901 he returned to this state, settling in Renville county, where he filed on a homestead nine miles east of Sherwood, securing the northeast quarter of section 30, Wheaton township. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1906, when he took charge of the farmers' elevator in Sherwood, which he has since managed most admirably and profitably. In 1916 the company erected one of the finest elevators in the state.

In 1897 Mr. Lane was married to Miss Iva F. Clark, of Cando, and to them is extended the hospitality of the best homes of Sherwood and the surrounding country. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, loyally adhering to its teachings, and Mr. Lane is also a member of Tyrian Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Sherwood; Sherwood Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F.; and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which include not only the management of the elevator but also a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Renville and Bottineau counties. He is making steady progress along business lines and already has won a substantial measure of success.

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#### RAYMOND G. MEYERS.

Raymond G. Meyers, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Robinson, Kidder county, was born in Nelson, Wisconsin, December 29, 1888, a son of William and Martha Meyers, who were also natives of that state. The father there devoted his attention to farming until 1902, when he removed to the vicinity of Ellendale, North Dakota, and there carries on general farming and stock raising.

Raymond G. Meyers, the eldest in a family of six children, pursued his education in the graded schools of Nelson and afterward accompanied his parents on their removal to this state, becoming a pupil in the high school at Ellendale, from which he was graduated with



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the class of 1906. He further prepared for life's practical and responsible duties by study in the Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale, so that he is a man of liberal education. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the Driscoll State Bank in 1907 in the capacity of bookkeeper and assistant cashier and was thus employed for three years, after which he served for two years as assistant cashier in the First National Bank at Steele. He then returned to the Driscoll State Bank, where he was cashier for two years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Robinson to become cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, in which connection he still continues. He is also a stockholder and director in the institution and is active in shaping its policy and directing its interests. The bank was organized on the 11th of April, 1911, by T. S. Pryse, who became president, F. A. Cameron, who was chosen vice president, C. R. Weber and F. W. Leete. Mr. Pryse and Mr. Cameron still retain their offices, while R. G. Meyers is cashier. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and now has a surplus and undivided profits of ten thousand dollars. It has enjoyed a prosperous existence from the beginning, the business steadily increasing under the wise direction of its officers.

On the 1st of December, 1914, Mr. Meyers was married to Miss Anna Krogen, who was born in Abercrombie, North Dakota, June 6, 1895. They have one son, Robert, whose birth occurred November 1, 1915. Theirs is a pleasant hospitable home in Robinson and Mr. Meyers is the owner of farm property near the town. Their religious faith is that of the Lutheran church and Mr. Meyers belongs to the Masonic lodge at Steele and to the Royal Arch chapter at Bismarck, while of Bismarck Lodge, No. 1199, B. P. O. E., he is also a member. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and while he does not seek nor desire political office he is interested in the welfare and progress of his community and is serving as president of the Robinson school board. Along well defined lines of labor he has worked his way upward, wisely utilizing his time, talents and opportunities, his ability having brought him to the front in the business circles of Kidder county.

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#### OSCAR ZIMMERMAN.

That Oscar Zimmerman of Jamestown is a man of unusual business acumen, executive ability and enterprise is indicated in the fact that he has developed the store owned by the Zimmerman Company, of which he is president, from a comparatively small beginning to one of the largest mercantile establishments of the state. In addition to managing the affairs of this large department store he is interested in many other business concerns and is conceded to be a leader in the commercial growth and expansion of Jamestown. A native of Minnesota, his birth occurred on the 6th of October, 1876, and he is a son of Rudolph Zimmerman, who was born in Switzerland but emigrated to the United States in boyhood and became a resident of Indiana. In 1874 he located at Alexandria, Minnesota, and there engaged in mercantile pursuits until his demise in 1887 at the comparatively early age of forty-two years. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Rosa Loseley, and was also born in Switzerland, is still living in Alexandria.

Oscar Zimmerman, the second in order of birth in a family of six children, received his education in the public schools of his native town and also devoted some time during his boyhood to working in his father's store, thus early learning the principles of successful merchandising. After leaving school he entered the employ of Moles Brothers, merchants of Alexandria, and remained with them for ten years as salesman and buyer. In 1902 he became connected with the store at Valley City, North Dakota, owned by William McKinney and in 1906 he removed to Jamestown to accept the position of manager of the New York Store. After a year he bought the business and incorporated the Zimmerman Company, of which he became president. In the nine years that have since intervened the business has had a remarkable growth and its trade now totals a quarter of a million dollars, although at the time the Zimmerman Company was organized it only amounted to a few thousand dollars a year. All departments of the store are well organized, the buying is done systematically, the sales force is impressed with the value of courtesy and willing service and full value is given for money received. Mr. Zimmerman also has other important business

interests, owning stock in the Burns-Zimmerman Company at Edgeley, North Dakota, of which he is a director and vice president, in the Simonson & Ames Company, of Plaza, this state, of which he is a director, and in the Merchants Investment Company, of North Dakota, of which he is a director and vice president. He is also financially interested in stores at Woodworth, North Dakota, and in Laurel, Montana, and, moreover, owns considerable land in Stutsman county. He is a member of the Retail Merchants Association of North Dakota and keeps in close touch with business conditions in the state.

Mr. Zimmerman was married on the 15th of May, 1899, to Miss Daisy Terrell, a daughter of J. C. and Ella Terrell, of Alexandria, Minnesota. They have four adopted children, Virginia, Rose, Mary and Margaret.

Mr. Zimmerman is a republican and takes the interest of a public-spirited citizen in political affairs, but has never been an office seeker. He is affiliated with the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge, the commandery and the Shrine, and is also a member of the Yeomen. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, to which he belongs and of which he is now serving as a trustee, and he is also prominent in the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is a director. His wife is also a member of the Methodist church and is very active in church and social work. He is serving as a director of the Park View Hospital and can always be counted upon to give freely of his time and thought to the promotion of movements for the general good. He is a member of the Jamestown Commercial Club and he has been a factor of no small importance in carrying its projects for the business expansion of Jamestown through to successful completion. His success as a merchant is notable in itself and is doubly so in consideration of the fact that he is a self-made man, beginning his career without capital or the aid of influential friends.

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#### ALMER P. ANDERSON.

Almer P. Anderson, one of the pioneer business men of Newburg, who is now assistant cashier of the State Bank of Newburg, has always made his home west of the Mississippi and is a representative of that class of progressive citizens who have recognized and utilized the opportunities of the northwest and have thus contributed to the development and upbuilding of this state. He was born in Osakis, Minnesota, October 2, 1878, a son of Peter and Liva (Olson) Anderson, both of whom are natives of Norway, whence they came to the new world about 1873 in young manhood and womanhood. It was subsequent to that time that they were married, after which they settled in Todd county, three and one-half miles east of Osakis, where the father filed on a homestead on which they still reside. He is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of good land which he has brought to a high state of cultivation.

The district schools afforded Almer P. Anderson his educational opportunities and throughout his life he has remained an apt student in the school of experience. He early became familiar with the arduous tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist for he remained upon and assisted in the work of the home farm until his twenty-first year. In 1899 he arrived in Bottineau county, North Dakota, and that fall operated a threshing machine for an uncle. In the month of October, following the attainment of his majority, he filed on a homestead a mile and a half east of the present town site of Newburg and remained thereon until 1905, when the town site of Newburg was platted and he established his home in the new town. There he erected a store building and opened the first hardware store in Newburg, continuing active in business at that point until 1910, when he sold out and entered the State Bank of Newburg as assistant cashier. He has since been active in that connection and is widely known to the business men of the district, who regard him as a substantial and trustworthy business man and representative citizen. He still owns his homestead and another quarter section of land and has an equity in a third quarter. He has likewise bought and sold other land and in this way has added materially to his income.

On the 18th of September, 1907, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Alma Wollan, of Starbuck, Minnesota, by whom he has three children, Pearl Beatrice, Sidney Leroy,

and Helen Elenore. Fraternally Mr. Anderson is connected with Russell Lodge, No. 89, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in which he is filling the office of treasurer. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and since taking up his abode in Newburg he has served in every official capacity in the town except that of marshal and has been president of the school board since the district was organized. He has been the promoter of much that is progressive in the life of the town and has been active in advancing those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

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#### ALEXANDER R. THOMPSON.

Alexander R. Thompson, postmaster of Rolla, was born in Essex county, Ontario, Canada, October 9, 1856, a son of Robert and Susan (Neill) Thompson, who were natives of Ireland. The father came to America at an early day, about 1852. His family numbered nine children, but Alexander R. is the only one born on this side the Atlantic. After living for a short time in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Mr. Thompson removed with his family to Ontario, where he worked at the stone mason's trade throughout his remaining days, his death there occurring in 1863. His widow long survived him and passed away in 1901.

Alexander R. Thompson was educated in the schools of Ontario and there spent his youthful days to the age of sixteen years, after which he remained for brief periods in Chicago, St. Paul and Detroit, being employed in brass foundries. He learned the brass molder's trade but in 1884 entered upon a very different business connection, for in that year he removed to Rolette county, North Dakota, then a part of Dakota territory, and settled on a homestead near Dnnseith. This he improved and cultivated for two years. He afterward homesteaded fifteen miles south of his first place, settling on the second tract in 1896. In 1902 he was elected county treasurer and removed to Rolla, occupying that position for four years and afterward serving as deputy treasurer for a similar length of time. On the 19th of March, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of Rolla, which position he is now filling. He was elected and served for one term as a county commissioner and has also been a member of the school board. Aside from his official duties he has business interests which return to him a good income. He is the owner of a farm of four hundred and eighty acres, which his son is operating, in addition to his homestead property, and he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Fonda and the Farmers Elevator Company of Overly.

On the 12th of January, 1886, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Ella O'Neill and to them were born twelve children, namely: Irene S.; William D.; Nellie R.; Laura E.; Vera and Vida, twins; Agnes E.; Milton N.; Lincoln A.; Bessie R.; Roberta; and Bernice, who is deceased. The wife and mother passed away January 15, 1907, after an illness of three days. The living children are all at home and theirs is a happy household. Mr. Thompson belongs to the Masonic order and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always given his political support to the democratic party, while his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. His has been an active and useful life fraught with good results and bringing to him substantial returns for his labor.

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#### O. N. BEGTRUP, M. D.

Dr. O. N. Begtrup, a practicing physician and surgeon of Rugby, is a representative of that large class of substantial citizens that Norway has furnished to North Dakota and he possesses the sterling characteristics of the people who inhabit the land of the midnight sun. He was born June 4, 1875, a son of O. N. and Magdalene Susanna Begtrup, also natives of Norway. The father is a civil engineer and has spent his entire life in his native country, where he now makes his home, but his wife passed away in 1878.

Dr. Begtrup was reared and educated in Norway and there took up the study of

medicine, being graduated from Christiania University with the class of 1902. He then entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, which he followed in Norway until 1905, when he came to the United States and located for practice at Spring Grove, Minnesota. After eight months, however, he removed to Souris, North Dakota, where he continued for three years and then opened an office in Rugby, where he has practiced since 1909. His ability has brought him prominently to the front. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought, progress and investigation along professional lines and he has membership in the Devils Lake District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases and conscientious in the performance of his professional duties, while he never fails to manifest the deepest interest in anything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life.

In October, 1915, Dr. Begtrup was married to Miss Sophia Thune, a daughter of Lars and Carrie Thune, natives of Norway, whence they came to the United States, now making their home at Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Dr. Begtrup belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity and is also identified with the sons of Norway, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Those who know him, and he has a constantly increasing acquaintance, entertain for him warm regard and his professional colleagues and contemporaries speak of him in terms of high esteem because of his fidelity to the ethical standards of the profession.

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#### ALBERT C. MAXWELL.

Albert C. Maxwell, general manager of the Midland Continental Railroad and a resident of Jamestown, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 21, 1882, a son of Albert and Carrie (Langdon) Maxwell. The father was well known for a considerable period in hotel circles, being manager of the Gibson House of Cincinnati. He served with Pike's Scouts during the period of the Civil war and was ever a loyal, progressive and public-spirited citizen. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

Entering the public schools at the usual age, Albert C. Maxwell passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school, while later he entered the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. He had joined the army as a member of the Fifteenth Regulars and was immediately placed in charge of the Puerto Principe & Neuvitas Railroad. He did all the work as assistant to Major Thompson and saw thirty-one months' active service in the south. He was honorably discharged following the return of his command to the United States, after which he again entered the university and completed his course there.

Turning to business life, Mr. Maxwell entered the Gibson House, acting as clerk of the hotel under his father. Still later he was connected with the Illinois Central and with other railroad lines, doing special work in the east and the west, the north and the south. He was for a time associated with the Atlantic Coast Line, with the Denver & Rio Grande at Denver and the Burlington at Chicago. He was also connected with the Cotton Belt road in Texas and then went to Chicago, where he got out the transcontinental rate tariff in the Spokane and Seattle rate case. He became connected with the Midland Continental Railroad as general auditor in charge of traffic and accounts and was made general manager on the 1st of July, 1913, which position of responsibility he is now filling. The business of the railroad under his direction is constantly increasing and the interests of the company are carefully systematized and wisely directed, his efforts being given to executive control. He manifests keen and discriminating judgment and his long connection with railroad interests has given him the experience upon which his success has been built.

On the 4th of October, 1910, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Dunican, a daughter of James Dunican, of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have one son, James Albert. The religious faith of the family is that of the Episcopal church. In Masonic circles Mr. Maxwell is well known, belonging to the commandery and the Mystic Shrine and having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is likewise identified

with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the American Railroad Association and the General Managers' Association. Mr. Maxwell turns to fishing and hunting for recreation. In fact he is fond of all outdoor sports and exercises and he belongs to the Sportsmen's Club. Since his removal to this state he has become deeply interested in North Dakota and her welfare, is putting forth earnest and effective effort to advance the general good and cooperates in many plans and measures which are resulting beneficially to city and state.

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A. R. MACKAY, M. D.

Dr. A. R. MacKay, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Bottineau, was born in Ontario, Canada, in August, 1869. His father, James MacKay, a native of Scotland, left the land of hills and heather in early life and became a pioneer settler of Ontario, Canada. He had been educated for a medical career and practiced his profession there for forty years. He married Helen Stothers, a native of Canada, and both have now passed away, the latter having died in May, 1889, while the former was called to his final rest in February, 1896.

Dr. A. R. MacKay was reared and educated in Ontario and his professional training was received in Trinity Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. In October of that year he removed to Bottineau, North Dakota, and has since been actively engaged in practice at that place, his ability winning him a liberal patronage. He is devoted to the duties of his profession and his labors have been attended with excellent results. He also has farming interests in Bottineau county.

In November, 1899, Dr. MacKay was married to Miss Eleanor Watson and they have become the parents of three children: Marion, who was born in August, 1901; Margaret, born in December, 1904; and Alexander, born in October, 1911.

Dr. and Mrs. MacKay are members of the Presbyterian church and he also has membership in the Masonic fraternity, being connected with lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He votes with the democratic party and is the present city health officer of Bottineau, while he has also served as a member of the town council. For eight years he was a member of the board of directors of the State School of Forestry at Bottineau and he has served as a member of the county board on insanity. He has membership in the Northwestern Medical Society of North Dakota, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is continually studying to make his professional service of greater worth and his pronounced ability has won for him a liberal practice.

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PERRY A. PICKETT.

Perry A. Pickett, cashier of the Bank of Leal in Leal, Barnes county, has spent his entire life in the Dakotas, his birth having occurred at Grandview, South Dakota, May 20, 1883, his parents being Henry E. and Amelia (Milligan) Pickett, natives of New York and Wisconsin respectively. The father had gone to Green Lake, Wisconsin, in early manhood and while there was married. He afterward spent a few years in Sioux City, Iowa, and later removed to South Dakota, settling at Grandview. He acquired three quarters of a section of land, on which he remained for a few years and then sold the farm. He subsequently returned to Wisconsin and established his home at Kingston, Green Lake county, where he engaged in business until 1903. In that year, he returned to North Dakota and now makes his home at Rogers. His family numbered four children, of whom Perry A. is the second in order of birth.

After pursuing a high school course in Wisconsin Perry A. Pickett completed his education in the Valley City State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1904. On the 30th of May, 1900, he arrived in Valley City and there worked his way through school. He engaged in teaching in a country school south of Leal in 1900 and 1901 and also worked

at farm labor in that locality. Subsequently he taught in the schools of Leal and later spent another year in the Valley City State Normal, after which he became a teacher in Fingal, North Dakota. His identification with banking interests began when he secured a position in the First National Bank of Fingal and later he became one of the promoters of the Bank of Leal, which was organized in 1905 with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars. Something of the success of the bank is indicated in the fact that its capital has been increased to twenty thousand dollars and it has a surplus of four thousand dollars. Mr. Pickett took the position of cashier when the bank was opened and has since served in that office, the success of the institution being attributable in no small measure to his efforts, enterprise and safe conservative policy. The other officers are Howard Willson, president, and C. Christ, vice president, with F. Lannon, H. A. Hilborn, J. W. Widdifield, J. L. Savage and Burl Carr on the board of directors. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Pickett was associated with the late Dr. J. L. Savage, of Fargo, in handling farm lands and did an extensive business in that connection, but owing to the Doctor's ill health Mr. Pickett disposed of almost all the land previous to the Doctor's death.

On the 20th of June, 1906, Mr. Pickett was married to Miss Grayce V. Keep, of Buffalo, North Dakota, where her father, John M. Keep, settled in pioneer times. Their children are Dorothy, Richard M., Roger Allen and Frances.

Mr. Pickett is an exemplary Mason, belonging to the lodge at Leal and to the chapter and Eastern Star at Valley City, his wife being also connected with the ladies' auxiliary. He was formerly secretary of the Masonic lodge and is now treasurer. He has likewise taken an active part in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a man of keen judgment, genial, capable and alert. He is president of the Leal school board and the town has one of the best four room schools in the state. This school has been recognized as a leader in North Dakota, taking an advanced stand in many progressive movements, especially for agriculture and stock competition among the school children. Mr. Pickett has been actively identified with the county organization of school officers. For three years he was on the committee for agricultural development and education of the North Dakota Bankers Association and as chairman, he was its representative at the second annual conference of the committee of some thirty states on August 7 and 8, 1912, at Minneapolis and St. Paul. On that occasion Mr. Pickett took a prominent part. A silver pitcher was open to competition to the various states for the most effective work done. Mr. Pickett thoroughly prepared his reports and the result was that he won the trophy for North Dakota. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and he is an upright man, as honorable as he is progressive, as reliable as he is enterprising. His work along various lines has been of immense value to the community in which he lives.

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#### HON. HARMON W. ALLEN.

Hon. Harmon W. Allen, member of the state senate and cashier of the Emmons County State Bank at Braddock, North Dakota, was born in Monroe county, Michigan, June 6, 1861, his parents being Carlos and Maria (Winslow) Allen, the former a native of Milan, Michigan, and the latter of Lockport, New York. The father spent his entire life on a farm in his native state and passed away in May, 1895, being still survived by his widow, who is now eighty-four years of age and who resides with a daughter in Milan, Michigan.

Harmon W. Allen is largely indebted to the district school system of his native state for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and to the high school at Ann Arbor, in which he studied for a year. In 1883 he came to the west to begin his career as a business man and for two summers was employed on a farm near Steele, North Dakota, at a wage of twenty dollars per month. In the spring of 1884 he filed on a homestead in Emmons county and in the following winter engaged in selling nursery stock in South Dakota. While in that state he purchased a yoke of cattle which in the spring of 1885 he drove to his homestead in North Dakota. He then actively began farming on his own account, devoting the summer season to the arduous task of developing new land. In the winter of 1885-6 he returned to Michigan, where he taught a district school, but in the spring again took up his abode on his North



HON. HARMON W. ALLEN



Dakota homestead, accompanied this time by his bride. He continued to cultivate his farm until 1897, when he put aside the active work of the fields for official service, having in the fall of 1896 been elected to the position of county treasurer, assuming the duties of the office on the 1st of January following. In 1898 he was reelected and continued acceptably in that position for two terms, retiring from the office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned. The succeeding year was spent upon the home farm and in 1902 he entered the Emmons County State Bank in the position of assistant cashier but served as acting cashier and in fact largely had the management of the bank's business. Subsequently he purchased stock in the institution and was formally elected cashier. The bank had been organized by Bismarck capitalists and in 1914 Mr. Allen interested local capital, also purchased more stock himself and reorganized the bank as a home institution. It is the oldest bank in Emmons county, having been founded in 1898, upon the completion of the railroad into Braddock. It has had a prosperous existence, its success being due in large measure to the present cashier. Mr. Allen is also president of the Braddock Elevator Company, which owns elevators at both Braddock and Kintyre. He likewise has made extensive investments in farm lands in Emmons county, owning fourteen hundred acres together with several equities in other counties.

In 1886 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Bertha J. Clark, of Milan, Michigan, and to them has been born a daughter, Lucile M. Fraternally he is connected 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 and in 1910 he was elected to represent the twenty-sixth district of North Dakota in the state legislature, where he made so excellent a record through his earnest support of valuable legislation that in 1914 he was reelected and is now serving for the second term as a member of the upper house. No one questions the integrity of his opinions and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one.

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#### G. M. JORVE.

G. M. Jorve is a representative of commercial interests at Ypsilanti, Stutsman county, where he is conducting a store. He was born near Rothsay, in Wilkin county, Minnesota, November 23, 1879, a son of Martin and Elora Jorve, both of whom were natives of Norway and came separately to the United States. The father entered land in Minnesota, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers there. He devoted his attention to the occupation of farming for a considerable period, or until his life's labors were ended in death. His widow still survives. They were parents of ten children, of whom three sons are now living in North Dakota.

G. M. Jorve, the eldest of the family, pursued his education in the public schools near his boyhood home and worked upon the farm until he attained his majority, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On reaching man's estate he secured a clerkship in a store in Rothsay, Minnesota, where he remained for two years and then went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he resided for four years, and there engaged in the printing business in connection with job printing establishments. He formed a partnership with his uncle, Julius Lynstad, with whom he continued for three years, and was afterward alone in business for a year. He then sold the printing business and removed to Ypsilanti, North Dakota, where he erected a two story business block and opened a hardware store. A few years afterward he bought out the business of the Jamestown Implement Company's branch and is now carrying a complete line of hardware, implements, harness, vehicles and automobile supplies. The business is conducted under a partnership relation, Mr. Jorve being the senior partner. He carefully directs his commercial interests, following thoroughly reliable methods and at all times conforming his trade to high commercial standards.

In the fall of 1911 Mr. Jorve was married to Miss Ethel Swartwood, a native of Minnesota, and they have two sons, Vernon and Harold. In politics Mr. Jorve is an independent republican and is now serving as constable of his district. He holds membership in the

Lutheran church and his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, right and truth. In his business career he has gradually worked his way upward, always placing his dependence upon industry and determination, which are his salient qualities. He is never too courteous to be busy or too busy to be courteous. His is a well balanced life and the high standards to which he adheres have made him a man worthy the respect which is uniformly given him.

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JOHN A. McLEAN.

John A. McLean, sheriff of Bottineau county, was born in Fergus, Ontario, Canada, on the 9th of January, 1872, a son of John and Euphemia (McDonald) McLean, both of whom were natives of Scotland, whence they accompanied their respective parents to Canada. After attaining man's estate the father operated a sawmill, a grist mill and a lime kiln in Ontario for many years, but both he and his wife have now passed away.

John A. McLean supplemented his public school training by a term's study in the Agricultural College at Guelph, Ontario, and as early as his fourteenth year he worked in his father's mill, continuing actively in mill work until his seventeenth year, when he enlisted in the Canadian army, with which he was connected for eight years. He rose from the ranks to the commissioned office of quartermaster sergeant and in 1897 received an honorable discharge.

The following year Mr. McLean arrived in Bottineau county, North Dakota, to visit his wife's people and was so well pleased with the country that he decided to remain. He began work as a farm hand and the following year filed on a homestead in Bottineau county, fifteen miles southwest of the city of Bottineau. In 1900 he began the cultivation of his land and industriously, persistently and successfully continued the development of his farm and its further improvement until his election to his present office. In the meantime he added to his property as his financial resources increased until within the boundaries of the farm are now comprised seven hundred and twenty acres of excellent land. He continues to give personal supervision to the cultivation of his farm, although in 1914, following his election to the office of county sheriff, he removed to the city of Bottineau.

On the 11th of January, 1892, at the age of twenty years, Mr. McLean was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Cameron, of Durham, Ontario, by whom he has two children, John A., Jr., and Euphemia J., both at home. Fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Tuscan Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Lorraine Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; Phoenicia Council, R. & S. M., of Rugby; Ken Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks; and Mouse River Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Kramer, North Dakota. In his political views Mr. McLean has always been a stalwart republican, and when renominated in 1916 for the office of county sheriff he had no opposition at the primaries—a fact which indicates his personal popularity with members of his party and the confidence reposed in him. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church and their influence is always given on the side of progress and improvement, while their aid is a supporting factor in all those movements which seek to advance the material, political, social and moral welfare of the community.

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L. D. GOOLER.

The profession of law is one which confers its favors and rewards only in recognition of marked individual ability and merit, and that L. D. Gooler is now ranked with the leading attorneys of Rolette county, practicing in Rolla, is an indication that he has displayed marked capability in analyzing, presenting and handling his cases. He was born in Portage City, Wisconsin, October 27, 1869, and is a son of Antoine and Mary (Digneau) Gooler, of French extraction, both of whom were natives of Canada. In childhood days, however, they came with their respective parents to the United States and after attaining

man's estate the father took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for some time in Wisconsin. He afterward removed to Lamberton, Minnesota, about 1872, and there resided up to the time of his death. When the Civil war was in progress he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for troops, going to the front with a Wisconsin regiment.

L. D. Gooler was but three years of age when the family went to Minnesota and in the common schools of Redwood county he pursued his education until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then began teaching and followed that profession for three years, during which period he devoted the hours that are usually termed leisure to the reading of law. Subsequently he began studying law in the office of E. M. Matthews of Lamberton, Minnesota, and in 1896 he removed to Milnor, North Dakota, where he continued his studies, also studying for a time in Forman in the office of S. M. Lockerby. In 1897 he was admitted to practice at the North Dakota bar and the following year was elected county judge of Sargent county, serving upon the bench for two years. In 1900 he removed to Devils Lake, where he successfully engaged in practice for six years and then became a resident of Dunseith, where he remained until the 1st of January, 1916, when he went to Rolla. In addition to his professional interests he is a member of the Dunseith Land & Loan Company and he is also senior member of the general merchandise firm of Gooler & Hosmer at Dunseith. He is likewise the president of the Dunseith Farmers Hardware Company, which has been recently incorporated, and he is connected with another incorporated company, owning the Kelvin Store of Kelvin, North Dakota. His business interests are thus varied and important and indicate him to be a man of resourceful business ability and marked enterprise.

In 1899 Mr. Gooler was united in marriage to Miss Rose Hosmer, of Lamberton, Minnesota, by whom he has three children, Max H., Faith and Darrel N. Mr. Gooler belongs to Dunseith Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M., and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. His professional and commercial interests are both extensive and important and he is a man whose constantly expanding powers, combined with even paced energy, have carried him into important relations.

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#### GEORGE THOMAS ERICKSON.

George Thomas Erickson is a partner in the Sawyer Mercantile Company, conducting the largest mercantile establishment in the southern part of Ward county. He was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, February 26, 1884, and is a son of Louis T. and Lena (Holverson) Erickson, both of whom were natives of Wisconsin and were there reared. The father attended the common schools and in an early day became a woodsman, while later he was employed as an engineer in a sawmill. In 1888 he removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, and squatted on a claim three miles south of Velva, where he engaged in hunting and picking buffalo bones, while to some extent he engaged in farming. There he lived for two years, after which he removed to a farm in the valley and continued its cultivation until 1910, when he retired and removed to Velva, where he now makes his home. His wife there passed away in 1915.

George T. Erickson was but four years of age when he accompanied his parents to McHenry county, North Dakota, and in his youthful days he attended the district schools and was employed at farm labor in the vicinity of Velva up to the time of his marriage. He then turned his attention to merchandising as an employe of Muus Brothers at Velva, and later, in connection with his father, he established a men's furnishing goods store at Velva, continuing actively in the business until 1910, when he went to Saskatchewan, Canada. Settling twenty miles west of Swift Current, he took up a homestead of three hundred and twenty acres and there he followed farming for five years, or until he had secured title to the property. In 1915 he returned and established his home at Sawyer, where he became manager for the Sawyer Mercantile Company. Later, with R. T. Hage as a partner, he bought out the Sawyer Mercantile Company and they now own and conduct the largest store in the southern part of Ward county. Their business would be a credit to a city of

much larger size than Sawyer and at every point indicates the progressive spirit and enterprise of the owners. Mr. Erickson still owns his three hundred and twenty acres of land in Canada, all of which is planted to wheat.

On the 4th of November, 1904, at Velva, North Dakota, Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Olga Marie Opsal, who was born in McHenry county, near Velva, and was a schoolmate of her husband in their childhood days. She is a daughter of Carl and Lena Opsal, who were natives of Norway and early settlers of McHenry county, North Dakota, where her father homesteaded and engaged in farming up to the time of his death. His widow survives and is now living in Velva. To Mr. and Mrs. Erickson has been born a son, Leland Randolph, whose natal day was November 13, 1906.

The parents are active and faithful members of the Hauges Norwegian church, doing everything in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. In politics Mr. Erickson is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests, which have been developed along progressive lines and have gained him a place among the substantial citizens of his community.

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#### JUDGE J. WALSETH.

Judge J. Walseth, one of the leading attorneys of Bottineau county, who since 1884 has been actively engaged in the practice of law, was born in Norway, August 17, 1849, a son of Joachim and Christine (Johnson) Walseth, who spent their entire lives in Norway. The father was for many years warden of the House of Correction in the city of Trondhjem.

Judge Walseth was educated in the public schools and in the government academy in his native country until he reached the age of eighteen years, when in 1867 he came to the United States, establishing his home in Fillmore county, Minnesota. There he taught school for many years, being identified with educational work altogether for fifteen years. In 1882 he removed to Polk county and while still engaged in teaching he took up the study of law, to which he devoted his leisure hours. In 1884 he was admitted to practice at the Minnesota bar and entered upon the active work of his profession in Fertile, remaining there and at Thief River Falls until 1907, when he removed to Bottineau. He was admitted to the North Dakota bar a month later and has since been prominent as a successful and able attorney of Bottineau county, many important litigated interests being entrusted to his care.

On the 5th of September, 1869, Judge Walseth was married to Miss Mary Thompson, of Lanesboro, Minnesota, who died two years later, leaving an infant son, Julius F., who is now railroad yardmaster for the Great Northern Railroad Company at Garretson, South Dakota. In 1874 Judge Walseth was again married, his second union being with Miss Tora Jorgenson, of Franklin, Minnesota, and to them have been born three children, of whom but one is living, Delphine, the wife of O. T. Vigen, a merchant of Oklee, Minnesota.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Judge Walseth holds membership with the Sons of Norway. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and in April, 1915, he was elected police magistrate of Bottineau, in which official capacity he is now serving. He is fair and impartial in his rulings and his ability is as pronounced in the interpretation of the law as it was in its application when practicing at the bar.

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#### WILLIAM D. PACKARD.

William D. Packard, editor of the Rolette County Herald, published at Rolla, was born in Wright county, Iowa, March 28, 1861, a son of Cyrenius H. and Isabelle (Pierce) Packard, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. The father was a farmer by occupation and after his removal to the west engaged in carrying mail from St. Paul to McGregor, Iowa. In 1857 he established his home in Wright county, Iowa, where he pur-

chased land and engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. He was killed, however, during the Civil war, having in 1861 enlisted for service as a member of Company A, Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, with which he remained for two years. He met death in battle in 1863, laying down his life as a sacrifice on the altar of his country.

William D. Packard was reared at the Soldiers' Orphans Home and pursued his education in the schools of Cedar Falls, Iowa. He also spent one year in study in Davenport, and at the age of nineteen years, in Belmond, Iowa, he began learning the printer's trade, which he has followed continuously since. For two years he was associated with his brother in the publication of the Eagle Grove Times at Eagle Grove, Iowa, and after selling his interest in that paper worked for others for several years. In 1891 he took charge of the Stephen (Minn.) Leader, which he published for a year and a half, and in 1894 he removed to Rolla, North Dakota, where he worked for W. J. Hoskins on the Turtle Mountain Star for ten years. In 1904 he became a resident of Crookston, Minnesota, and was there night editor on the Crookston Journal and Times for about a year. In 1906 he acquired the Rolette County Herald of Rolla and has since conducted the paper, making it a most interesting journal which has now gained a wide circulation and therefore is an excellent advertising medium. He publishes his paper according to the ideas of modern journalism and his alert and enterprising methods are bringing him success. In 1897 he homesteaded in Towner county North Dakota and proved up on his property in 1900 after which he traded it for his printing business.

In December, 1883, Mr. Packard was married to Miss Mary Kitts, and to them were born seven children, of whom three are living: Richard, who is cashier of a bank of Menominee, Michigan; Helen, at home; and Laura, who is engaged in teaching school. Those who have passed away are: William D. ,who was born in 1886 and died in February, 1908, at the age of twenty-two years; Clifford, who died in December, 1915, at the age of sixteen years; and two sons who died in infancy.

The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Packard gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is the present justice of the peace of Rolla, in which connection he discharges his duties with promptness and capability. Fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen lodge. His wife is the present county superintendent of schools of Rolette county, which position she has acceptably filled for the past four years, doing much to raise the standard of education during that period. Both are held in high esteem and have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

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#### HARRY HORTON TUTTLE.

Harry Horton Tuttle, general secretary of Grand Forks for the Young Men's Christian Association, was born at Painesville, Ohio, August 5, 1869, a son of Myron William and Emily (Race) Tuttle, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The Tuttle were an old Ohio family of English lineage, tracing their ancestry back to John Tuttle, a professional man who in 1635 crossed the Atlantic to America. Representatives of the name participated in the war for independence and were stanch American patriots. During his early years Myron W. Tuttle became a successful hardware merchant of Ohio, and later carried on farming in an equally successful manner in Grand Forks county, North Dakota. He arrived in this state in 1879 and during the first two years lived in Fargo, after which he removed to Grand Forks county and took up government land. With characteristic energy he began to develop and improve the property and thereon continued to engage in farming until 1900, after which he retired, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life. From 1907 until 1914 he was a resident of southern Oregon, but passed away at Grand Forks, April 1, 1914, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was of Dutch descent, her father having been a native of Holland. She died in Grand Forks in 1901, at the age of fifty-six years.

Harry H. Tuttle, the second in order of birth in a family of five children, was educated in the public schools of Painesville, Ohio, and Fargo, North Dakota, and in the district schools of Grand Forks county, ere entering the Arvilla Academy at Arvilla, North Dakota. He also spent one year as a student in the Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio,

and had two years' instruction in the Young Men's Christian Association school in Chicago, where he qualified for his present line of work, being graduated there with the class of 1897. His early training and experiences were those of the farm boy, and on attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account. After leaving the farm he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for several terms in the district schools of Grand Forks county. Later he engaged in clerking for the Holmes & Selberg Drug Company of Grand Forks for two years, but did not find that occupation congenial and turned to Young Men's Christian Association work. It was after leaving the drug store that he started out to organize the present Young Men's Christian Association of Grand Forks and became the first assistant general secretary. In the fall of 1898 he was made general secretary and so continued until 1907, when he removed to the west and began orcharding in Medford, Oregon, where he also engaged in the real estate business. He spent seven years in the Pacific coast country, but on the 1st of March, 1914, returned to Grand Forks and was again made general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which position he has since continued.

On the 6th of July, 1899, Mr. Tuttle was married to Miss Jennie Milne, a native of Canada and a daughter of John and Rachel (Ferguson) Milne. They have become parents of a daughter, Catherine Emily, born in Grand Forks, June 18, 1902. In politics Mr. Tuttle is a prohibitionist and he and his wife hold membership in the First Baptist church, in which he is serving as a deacon. He is also a member of the Commercial Club. His work in Grand Forks in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association has been far-reaching and resultant. The first Association building there was erected in 1904 at a cost of forty-eight thousand dollars, and on his return from the west he became instrumental in securing the erection of an addition at a cost of thirty-five thousand dollars. Both the original project and the addition were largely financed through his efforts and his work for the organization has been a most potent element in upholding a high moral standard among the youths of Grand Forks. The Association is thoroughly organized and in its various departments good work is being done for the physical, mental and moral uplift of the members.

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#### W. F. SENECHAL.

Activity in farm lands, loans and insurance at Drake, McHenry county, constitutes the line of business to which W. F. Senechal is directing his efforts and his energies. He was born in Atwater, Minnesota, July 27, 1875, a son of John and Louisa (Meyer) Senechal, the former a native of Steffin, Germany, and the latter of Bethlehem, New York. When a youth of eighteen years the father came to the United States with his parents, who settled at St. Paul, Minnesota. Soon afterward the grandfather purchased eighty acres of land near that city but five years later disposed of that property and bought one hundred and sixty acres of railroad land a half mile from Atwater, on which he and his wife spent their remaining days. John Senechal was married in Atwater, to which city the Meyer family had formerly removed. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm near Atwater which he had previously purchased and there he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1890, when he removed to Todd county, Minnesota, where he filed on a homestead which he occupied and improved for seven years. He then sold that property and bought a farm in Swift county, Minnesota. Six years later, or in 1902, he came to North Dakota and made purchase of three hundred and twenty acres of land in McHenry county ten miles north of Drake, whereon he has since resided.

W. F. Senechal was reared under the parental roof and acquired a common school education. In 1899 he arrived in North Dakota and filed on a homestead in McHenry county, seven and one-half miles northwest of Anamoose. He lived upon the homestead there for six years and in 1905 went to Drake, where he became identified with the farm implement business, which he successfully managed until 1908. He then spent two years with his family in traveling through Washington, Oregon and California and in 1910 he returned to Drake, where he opened a real estate and insurance office and has since conducted a profitable business in



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farm lands, loans and insurance. He personally owns three hundred and twenty acres of farm land south of Drake and a number of town properties.

In 1905 Mr. Senechal was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Strege, of Drake. She is a native of Bellingham, Minnesota, while her parents were of German birth. Mr. and Mrs. Senechal have five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: Harold, Waldo, Howard, Viola and William.

Politically Mr. Senechal is a republican and has served as justice of the peace and as a member of the town council for several years. He was also a member of the school board in Roosevelt township. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Congregational church. He is one of the representative citizens of Drake and his enterprise and progressiveness are manifest in the continued growth of his business, while the integrity and reliability of his methods have gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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D. L. MANNING.

D. L. Manning, manager for the Farmers Elevator Company at Nortonville, dates his residence in North Dakota from 1904 and throughout the entire period has been a representative of the grain trade. He was born in Hardin county, Iowa, April 4, 1883, and is a son of Edgar and Matilda (Teepie) Manning, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Illinois. The father was a mason by trade and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. At an early day he removed to Hubbard, Hardin county, Iowa, where he continued his residence until death called him in 1907. His widow still survives.

The youthful days of D. L. Manning were spent in his parents' home at Hubbard, after which he devoted two years to study in Sioux City, Iowa. He was but twenty-one years of age when in 1904 he left his native state and removed to Edgeley, North Dakota, where he worked as second man in an elevator for two years. He was afterward manager for the elevator company at Jud for two years, after which he rented land and carried on farming until 1913. In that year he went to Nortonville to accept the position of manager for the Farmers Elevator Company, in which capacity he has since continued, thus having charge of important grain trade interests in the town.

On the 26th of August, 1908, Mr. Manning was married to Miss Edith Withnell, and to them have been born two children: Merle, whose natal day was July 9, 1910; and one who died at the age of eighteen days.

Mr. Manning is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Woodmen of the World and the rules which further govern his conduct are manifest in the fact that he is a loyal member of the Methodist church. His political support is given to the republican party and he keeps well versed on the questions and issues of the day but he does not seek nor desire office, for it is his ambition to attain honorable success in business and he believes this can best be achieved by close application and persistent energy in the control of the interests entrusted to his care.

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THOMAS J. CLIFFORD.

Thomas J. Clifford, cashier of the Rolette County Bank of St. John, thoroughly understands all the complex and intricate problems involved in modern banking and by reason of his knowledge and ability is capably directing the affairs and interests of the institution in which he is now one of the officers. A native of Ireland, he was born on the 18th of February, 1885, of the marriage of Captain James and Mary A. (Maginn) Clifford. The father was well known in military circles of England and became a captain of the famous Coldstream Guards, holding that rank for years. He died in Ireland in 1914 and his widow is still residing on the Emerald isle.

Thomas J. Clifford was reared in his native country and acquired his education in the Dublin University, from which he was graduated on the completion of a law course in the class of 1904. He was not only a thorough student but a well known figure in athletic circles, playing on the university football team, with which he toured the British Isles in 1903, during which tour the team defeated all their opponents.

In 1905 Mr. Clifford came to the United States, making his way to New York city, where he remained for about a year. In the spring of 1906 he arrived at St. Paul, Minnesota, and was given a position in connection with railroading interests by R. I. Farrington, second vice president of the Great Northern Railroad, who was a particular friend of his father's. For some time Mr. Clifford worked as relief agent at various points along the road and while thus engaged was sent to Cando to relieve the agent. When the agent failed to return Mr. Clifford continued to act as agent at that point and while there residing was married in 1907 to Miss May E. Blackorby, by whom he has two children, James Harold and Frances Catherine.

Mr. Clifford left Cando in 1907, following his marriage, for a trip to the western coast and there spent two months. In the spring of 1908 he purchased an interest in the Hansboro State Bank, which he entered as assistant cashier. In 1911 he removed to St. John and in connection with A. O. Graham of Rolla purchased the controlling interest in the Rolette State Bank, Mr. Clifford taking charge of the institution as cashier, in which capacity he has since served. In 1914 he was appointed deputy state bank examiner by Governor Hanna but after a year in that position resigned in order to give his undivided attention to his private banking interests. His labors in this connection are being attended with a substantial measure of success. He is a heavy holder of farm lands, owning eight hundred acres in Rolette county and seven hundred and fifty acres in Towner county. From his property he derives a very substantial annual income and his business interests and connection make him one of the representative citizens of the northwestern part of the state.

Mr. Clifford belongs to Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, B. P. O. E., and also to the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a candidate at the spring primaries for nomination for the state senate and polled a heavy vote, receiving fifty-nine to one in St. John and eighty-nine to ten in Rolla, but was defeated through the country vote. His has been an active, well spent and useful life and the circle of his friends is constantly growing as the circle of his acquaintance widens.

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#### HON. EDWARD T. BURKE.

Hon. Edward T. Burke, associate justice of the supreme court of North Dakota, was born near Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 5, 1870, a son of John H. and Elizabeth B. (Boyle) Burke, natives of Ireland. The father's birth occurred in 1847 and when less than a year old he was brought to the United States, being reared in Iowa, where he engaged in railroad construction work. About 1871 he made his way to Dakota territory and afterward turned his attention to railroad contracting. Later he became a resident of Highland township, Cass county, North Dakota, where he established his home upon a farm, and in connection with the cultivation of his land he engaged in the publication of a newspaper at Sheldon. He was a prominent factor in the development and progress of his community and filled several local offices, including that of county commissioner. In early manhood he wedded Elizabeth B. Boyle, who was born in Ireland in 1849. In 1912 he retired from active business life and now resides in Minnewaukan.

In the pursuit of his education Judge Burke attended the high school of Fargo, the University of North Dakota and the University of Minnesota, being graduated from the law department of the last named institution with the class of 1894, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He at once entered upon the practice of law at Valley City, where he remained for ten years or until elected district judge of the fifth judicial district in 1904 for a term of four years. On the expiration of that period he was reelected and served for two years more. In 1910 he was elected judge of the supreme

court and was made chief justice. In 1916 he was again the candidate of the republican party for the office. He is one of the most distinguished jurists that has ever graced the court of last resort. His ability is pronounced. The limitations which are imposed by the constitution on federal powers are well understood by him. With the long line of decisions from Marshall down, by which the constitution has been expounded, he is familiar. He is at home in all departments of the law, from the minutiae in practice to greater topics wherein is involved the consideration of the ethics and the philosophy of jurisprudence and the higher concerns of public policy; but he is not learned in the law alone, for he has studied long and carefully the subjects that are to the statesman and the man of affairs of the greatest import—the questions of political economy and sociology—and has kept abreast with the best thinking men of his age.

Judge Burke was married at Valley City, December 25, 1900, to Miss Florence Getchell, a daughter of George and Lois (Stiles) Getchell, who were pioneers of this state, having removed to North Dakota from Afton, Minnesota, in 1878. Judge and Mrs. Burke have three children: Charles Getchell, born December 4, 1902; John Edward, born January 24, 1905; and Robert Eugene, born May 1, 1912. They lost a daughter Lois, who died in infancy.

Judge Burke is a Knight Templar Mason, holding membership in Valley City Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M., and Valley City Commandery, No. 5, K. T., and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with Jamestown Lodge, No. 995, B. P. O. E. His residence in North Dakota dates from 1871, covering almost the entire period of his life, and throughout all the ensuing years he has been deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the state, cooperating with all those forces which have worked for its upbuilding and the promotion of its standards. The pronounced ability which he displayed in the practice of law led to his selection for judicial honors and in this connection merited distinction has come to him.

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#### MAJOR DANA WRIGHT.

Major Dana Wright, who has made an excellent record as sheriff of Stutsman county, is also a veteran of the Spanish-American war and has taken a great interest in the work of the Dakota National Guard, now serving as major therein. He was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, on the 30th of August, 1878, a son of Monroe and Clara (Morse) Wright. The father served throughout the Civil war as a member of the Second Michigan Cavalry and proved a brave and loyal soldier. In 1881 he came to North Dakota and in the fall of that year entered a homestead. In the following March the family joined him and he continued to reside upon the place until he retired from active life. Both he and his wife are now living in Jamestown. For twenty years he served as chairman of the school board.

Dana Wright attended the public schools of Jamestown in the acquirement of his education. At the time of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company H, of the First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry, and went with his command to the Philippines, where he served for seventeen months. After being mustered out from the army he returned to Jamestown and for three years taught school during the winters and worked on the home farm during the summers. He then devoted ten years to railroad work, being fireman and engineer on the Northern Pacific, but on the 1st of January, 1913, took office as sheriff of Stutsman county, in which capacity he proved so efficient that he was reelected in the fall of 1914. He is fearless and impartial in the enforcement of the law and has gained the support of all good citizens.

On the 4th of May, 1904, Major Wright was married to Miss Sybilla Pearson, a daughter of the late Peter Pearson, who at one time served as justice of the peace. The Pearson family has been represented in Stutsman county for many years and has had a part in its development. Major and Mrs. Wright have the following children, Lunetta, Dana Monroe, Jr., Sevilla and Jane.

Major Wright is a republican, manifests a keen interest in everything relating to the general welfare and is taking an active part in the good roads movement. He realizes the

need of a body of citizens trained in military tactics and for a number of years has belonged to the National Guard. For some time he was captain of Company H but is now major of the state organization. His interest in the moral progress of the community is indicated by the fact that he is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and is also a member of the Baptist church. He is identified with the Masonic order, in which he has taken the Knight Templar degree, and also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen and the breadth of his interests is further shown by the fact that he is a trustee of the State Historical Society and his knowledge of the past of the state serves to increase his faith in its future. He enjoys all manly outdoor sports, finding especial pleasure in hunting and he is recognized as one of the most expert marksmen in his part of the state. He has a wide acquaintanceship and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

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#### THEODORE KAHELLEK.

Theodore Kahellek, who has been very active in political circles in Ward county and has the honor of being the youngest man who has ever occupied the position of mayor in Kenmare, is also widely known as proprietor of the Irvin Hotel, which enjoys the merited distinction of being among the most sanitary hotels in the state. This and other business interests largely engross his attention and yet he has ever found time to perform his full duty in matters of citizenship. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 17, 1873, a son of Joseph and Johanna (Nickel) Kahellek. The father was born in German Poland and in young manhood reached Milwaukee, Wisconsin,—a poor emigrant who faced the necessity of finding immediate employment. He secured work in an iron foundry and afterward went to Breckenridge, Minnesota, where he was employed as stationary engineer, having mastered that business while in Milwaukee. He passed away in Breckenridge in 1908. His wife, who was also born in German Poland, became a resident of Milwaukee in her girlhood and was there married. She still makes her home in Breckenridge.

Theodore Kahellek removed to Wahpeton, North Dakota, in 1883 and entered the parochial school there, continuing his education until 1887, when he entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad as call boy. He was connected with that corporation in various capacities until 1895, after which he engaged in carpentering for a time, and in 1896 he became connected with J. N. Fox in the conduct of a lumber business. That association was maintained until 1902, when he came to Kenmare and took charge of the Langworthy lumber yard, which position he resigned in 1910, when he leased the Martin Hotel for a period of five years. He proved a popular host, successful in the management and conduct of the hotel, and in 1915 he erected a fine modern brick hotel which contains fifty rooms in addition to the quarters for his family and the help. The structure is three stories in height, is thoroughly modern and sanitary, his former experience having taught him the necessities and demands of hotel life. Every room is an outside room, supplied with hot and cold water, steam heat and other modern equipments. In its erection he made a close study of sanitary conditions and in this connection there is no hotel in the state which surpasses it. The building is situated near the Soo railroad depot and is surrounded by a beautiful lawn adorned with flower beds and overlooks lovely Des Laes lake. The hotel is unexcelled for the excellence of its cuisine and Mr. Kahellek does everything in his power to promote the comfort of his guests, so that the hotel has become most popular. Mr. Kahellek also joined with the farmers of the community in organizing the Farmers Creamery Company and since that time he has acquired all of the stock and is now successfully conducting the Kahellek Creamery. He has also made considerable investment in town lots.

In community affairs Mr. Kahellek has ever taken a deep, active and helpful interest. In the fall of 1903 he was elected alderman of the city of Kenmare for one term and in 1904, at the earnest solicitation of the business men of the town, he consented to become a candidate for mayor, and the succeeding election established him as the youngest man who has ever occupied the position of chief executive there. He served for two years, giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration. In 1908 he was elected treasurer of



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Kenmare for a two years' term and in 1910 was chosen to the office of city justice for two years. He organized the volunteer fire department of Kenmare and has been continuously its chief. He was elected a trustee of the North Dakota Firemen's Association and after serving in that position for three terms was elected president at the annual convention held in Fargo in 1915 and now holds that office. He has also served as president of the Commercial Club of Kenmare and in every possible way promotes the interests and upbuilding of his city.

In 1898, at Breckenridge, Minnesota, Mr. Kahellek was married to Miss Rose Manikowski, who was born at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, October 22, 1876, and acquired her education at Great Bend, Richland county, North Dakota, while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, John and Mary Manikowski, who were natives of German Poland, where they remained until after their marriage. On coming to America in the early '70s they settled in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and in the early '80s became residents of Richland county, North Dakota, where they remained until called to their final rest. Mr. and Mrs. Kahellek have become parents of two children: Irvin, who was born in Breckenridge, Minnesota, January 9, 1900; and Delia, born in Kenmare, North Dakota, March 19, 1904.

The parents hold membership in St. Agnes Roman Catholic church, to which Mr. Kahellek is secretary. He belongs also to the Catholic Order of Foresters, to the Modern Woodmen camp at Kenmare, in which he has passed through all the chairs, serving as secretary for eleven years, and to the Elks lodge at Minot. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, which has ever found in him a stalwart advocate. He is not only a self-made man but he comes from a stock that has had the courage and determination to face difficulties and obstacles and work upward. His parents came to America as emigrants practically penniless and endured all the hardships incident to settlement in a pioneer country with the language and customs of which they were unfamiliar. While they worked hard, they were able to give their children but limited educational opportunities, and Theodore Kahellek's knowledge has been largely gained in the school of experience. When he came to Kenmare, bringing his wife and one child, he was without money and he was willing to start in any position that would yield him an honorable living. He is today one of the city's leading men, strong in his honor and his good name, strong in his ability to plan and perform. He gives his wife much credit for his success, counting her assistance and encouragement an important element in his business advancement. Both certainly deserve the high respect which is uniformly accorded them.

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#### NORMAN E. FJOSEE.

Intelligently directed effort has brought Norman E. Fjosee to a creditable position in connection with the financial interests of Stutsman county and the eastern part of the state, for he is now cashier of the First State Bank of Edmunds. He was born in Decorah, Iowa, August 12, 1884, a son of N. N. Fjosee, a native of Norway, who came to the United States in 1852. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Helvig Tandberg, is also of Norwegian birth and is now living in Decorah, but the father passed away in December, 1915, after having devoted his entire life to general farming and stock raising.

Norman E. Fjosee is the youngest of a family of six children, all of whom are yet living, and the schools of his native city afforded him his educational opportunities. After his textbooks were put aside he entered the State Bank at Matlock, Iowa, an institution that has now passed out of existence. He was employed as stenographer in the bank there for a period of a year and a half and later he entered the employ of the firm of Comstock & Buttz, attorneys of Minnewaukan, North Dakota, with whom he continued for six months, during which period he learned to draw up legal papers, which was his purpose in accepting that position. He then went to Morrystown, South Dakota, where he became cashier in the Morrystown State Bank, with which he was connected for three years. On the expiration of that period he arrived in Edmunds, North Dakota, and accepted the position of cashier in the First State Bank, in which capacity he has continued since 1912. He is a popular and obliging official, always courteous to the patrons of the bank and at the same

time carefully safeguarding the interests of those whom he represents. This bank was organized in 1907 by John McCarty, W. C. Norem and W. C. Wescom, and from the beginning it has had a prosperous existence. Mr. Fjosee is also interested in farming, having two excellent tracts of land which are now being cultivated under his direction and from which he derives a substantial annual income.

In 1913 Mr. Fjosee was married to Miss Matilda Jacobson, who was born at Sauk Center, Minnesota, in 1885, her parents having been among the first settlers of that part of the state. Her father has now passed away, but her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Fjosee have one child, Wayne, born February 22, 1916.

Politically Mr. Fjosee is an earnest republican, having a firm belief in the efficacy of the party principles as factors in good government. He has attained high rank in Masonry, holding membership in the blue lodge at Lemmon, South Dakota, and in the Scottish Rite bodies at Aberdeen, that state. He is a member of the Lutheran church and his influence is always given on the side of moral progress, reform and improvement. A young man, he has already won a creditable position for himself as a business man and as a citizen, and Edmunds is proud to claim him as one of its representatives.

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#### CHRIST NIELSON.

Christ Nielson, a merchant of Buchanan, was born in Denmark in 1868 and in the year in which he attained his majority crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Jamestown, North Dakota. There he engaged in railroad work for about eight years, on the expiration of which period he turned his attention to commercial lines, becoming a clerk in the general store of Bowman Brothers at that place, where he remained for two years.

In 1903 Mr. Nielson arrived in Buchanan, establishing one of the first stores in the town. He secured a stock of general merchandise and erected the building which he now occupies. At the present time he is improving the store by putting in a new front and adding to its equipment. He carries a good line and the integrity and reliability of his business methods have secured to him a growing patronage.

In 1890 occurred the marriage of Mr. Nielson and Miss Christine Romer, a native of Denmark, and they have become the parents of five children: John, who conducts a store at Nortonville, this state; Edna, the wife of Roy Halverson, living at Nortonville; Henry, who is attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and William and Ralph, both at home.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Nielson is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Jamestown, the Yeomen at Buchanan and the Modern Woodmen camp at Jamestown. In politics he is a democrat, has served as postmaster and is now notary public. He takes quite an active interest in political affairs and is serving as a member of the state central committee, his opinions carrying weight in the councils of his party, while his efforts are fearlessly put forth to ensure the success of the principles in which he believes. His ability as a business man is widely recognized and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts, for he came to the United States practically empty handed and has worked his way upward through the immediate improvement of the opportunities that have come to him.

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#### NEIL H. MCKINNON.

Neil H. McKinnon has been identified with Bottineau county since pioneer times and is now filling the office of deputy sheriff, while previously he served as sheriff of the county. He was born in Ontario, March 16, 1864, a son of Hugh and Ann (McCuaig) McKinnon, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada. The father went to Canada when a young man and following his marriage there engaged in farming, in which pursuit he

continued until his death in 1876 or 1877. His widow survived for many years, passing away in 1909.

With a common school education to serve as the foundation upon which to build his later success, Neil H. McKinnon came to the United States in 1886, spending the summer of that year at Devils Lake, while in the following autumn he arrived in Bottineau county and squatted on a piece of land. He soon afterward hired out as a farm hand and throughout all the intervening period he has been identified with the work of general progress and improvement. He has lived to witness notable changes here, for he came three years before the division of the state and at a period when the work of development seemed scarcely begun. In 1893 he established himself in the drayage business in Bottineau, conducting a dray line until 1906. In the meantime, however, or in 1901 he filed on a homestead near Westhope, proving up on the property the following year. In 1906 he was elected to the office of sheriff of Bottineau county and in 1908 was reelected, occupying that position for four years, since which time he has continuously acted as deputy, being thus connected with the office for a decade.

In 1895 Mr. McKinnon was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Acheson, of Bottineau county, by whom he had six children, four of whom still survive, namely: Anna Ruth, Angus A., Gordon E. and Margaret D. All are yet under the parental roof. Fraternaly Mr. McKinnon is connected with Tuscan Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., of Bottineau, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he labors earnestly to win for it success and to secure the adoption of its principles. He has become the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of farm land near Westhope and he is one of the well known residents of Bottineau county, few of its settlers having remained for a longer period within its borders.

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#### HERBERT FULLER CHAFFEE.

Herbert Fuller Chaffee, of Amenia, Cass county, was a prominent factor in the development of that section and was interested in many enterprises that aided in the upbuilding of the whole state.

\* He was born in Sharon, Connecticut, on the 20th of November, 1865. His parents were Eben Whitney and Amanda (Fuller) Chaffee. On the paternal side the family has had many distinguished members in every period of American history—among those to attain fame being General Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., and Senator Jerome Chaffee, of Colorado. The family came to this country in 1635, when they settled in New England near the Plymouth colony. His mother was a daughter of Cyrus Fuller, and traces her ancestry to the Fullers of Mayflower fame, an immediate ancestor being captain of a regiment in the Revolutionary days. Before the Revolution, Mr. Chaffee's family settled in Sharon, Connecticut, and the old home is still in the possession of his family.

Mr. Chaffee received his early education in the common schools of Sharon, a seminary in Amenia, New York, and later attended Williston Seminary, a scientific school at Easthampton, Massachusetts, graduating in 1885.

Before completing his education, he made several trips to North Dakota, the first being in 1881, and upon his graduation took an active part in the business that had been established some years before by eastern capital, in which his father, the late Eben Whitney Chaffee, was largely interested, and a few years later, in 1893, all the remaining eastern investors in The Amenia & Sharon Land Company sold their interests to the young man, who from that time was the president and general manager of the company and owner of a large proportion of its holdings. Through his sound scientific and business judgment he established a farm business that is unique and stands today as a memorial of his faith in the future of his adopted state and his unswerving fidelity to high ideals.

His large interests both in The A. & S. Land Company and elsewhere are being held intact by his family through the incorporation of all their holdings in The H. F. Chaffee Company.

In 1887 Mr. Chaffee was united in marriage to Miss Carrie C. Toogood, of Manchester,

Iowa, and they became the parents of six children, five of whom are living—Eben Whitney, Dorothy Chaffee Stroud, Herbert Laurance, Florence Adele and Lester Fuller.

Mr. Chaffee supported the republican party at the polls and always took a good citizen's interest in affairs of the government that were for advancement along right lines, although he was not an office seeker. He affiliated with the Congregational church, as do the other members of the family, and its teachings guided his life.

He and his wife were returning from an European trip on the ill-fated Titanic, and although Mrs. Chaffee was saved, Mr. Chaffee lost his life, showing even in his death the generous spirit of self-sacrifice, and his demise was a serious loss to his community and his state, which he had served so well for years. The effects of his farsighted and public-spirited labor are still felt and his memory is held in honor by all who were closely associated with him.

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#### BERNARD D. VERRET, M. D.

Dr. Bernard D. Verret was born in Quebec, Canada, February 16, 1876, a son of A. H. and Bridget (Donnelly) Verret, who were natives of Quebec and Ireland respectively. The father served as auditor of the province of Quebec and continued to hold that position until the time of his death in January, 1913. His widow still survives.

Dr. Verret was reared in Quebec, where he pursued his education. He was a student at Laval University and was graduated from that institution in 1900 on the completion of a medical course and he also pursued a ten years' classical course in the Seminary of Quebec. He became connected with St. Joseph's Hospital at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he took post graduate work for a year, after which he located for practice at Fargo, North Dakota, where he remained for a year. On the expiration of that period he removed to St. John, Rolette county, where he opened an office and practiced for a year and a half, while since 1904 he has been located at Rolla, where he now enjoys an extensive and important practice. He served for three years under contract as physician for the Indians on the Turtle Mountain reservation, and he has been health physician of Rolla. He also served on the board of the Dunseith Sanitarium at Dunseith, North Dakota, for a year. In addition to his professional activities he has become interested in farming and other business, being now a stockholder in the Farmers Telephone Company of Rolla and the owner of three quarter sections of land in Rolette county.

In religious faith Dr. Verret is a Roman Catholic. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in his fraternal connections he is a Yeoman and a Modern Woodman. He holds to high professional standards and is continually seeking out new methods which will promote his efficiency in the work of checking the ravages of disease. His ability is widely recognized and his efforts are being attended with excellent results.

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#### B. FRANK BROCKHOFF.

The insurance interests which center in Grand Forks find a worthy and prominent representative in B. Frank Brockhoff, who is now the secretary of the Pioneer Insurance Company. He was born at Reads Landing, Wabasha county, Minnesota, September 28, 1862, a son of George G. and Theresa (Brass) Brockhoff, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born in Hanover and came to America in 1853, settling in Minnesota, where he engaged in business as a baker and freighter. He also served for one term as postmaster at Reads Landing. His wife came to the United States in 1851 and is still living at Reads Landing at the age of eighty years. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, of whom B. Frank Brockhoff is the eldest. The husband and father has passed away, his death occurring at Reads Landing, March 1, 1908, when he was seventy-six years of age.

Mr. Brockhoff of this review, after attending the high school of his native town, took

up the study of telegraphy and was employed as an operator by the Milwaukee Railroad from 1879 until 1890. He removed to Grand Forks in 1890 and became cashier for the Northern Pacific Railway Company. He was engaged in newspaper work from 1895 until 1899, when he was elected to the office of city treasurer, which position he acceptably filled until 1906. He then entered insurance circles, in which he has since been active. He purchased an interest in the Pioneer Insurance Agency, which was established in 1882, and he is now its secretary, in which connection he is active in the control of one of the most important insurance interests of the state. He is also a director of the Microba Antiseptic Company and of the Security Real Estate & Loan Company.

On the 4th of September, 1888, Mr. Brockhoff was married to Miss Katherine Durick, of Portage, Wisconsin, a daughter of James and Ellen Durick. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still living at the age of eighty-four years and is a well preserved woman. Mr. and Mrs. Brockhoff have a son, Frederick J., who was born at Reads Landing, Minnesota, November 21, 1889, and is now attorney for the Fidelity & Casualty Company of Chicago. Fraternaly Mr. Brockhoff is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Railway Telegraphers. In politics he is a democrat and in 1916 became the candidate of his party for the office of railroad commissioner in North Dakota.

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#### CHARLES H. KINNEY.

Charles H. Kinney, residing on section 17, Grand Rapids township, Lamoure county, is engaged in farming nine hundred and sixty acres of land and is also identified with the grain trade as a stockholder of the Equity Elevator Company of Grand Rapids and the Farmers Elevator Company of that place. He was born in Rockford, Illinois, February 13, 1859, a son of Thomas and Jane (Burns) Kinney, who were natives of Ireland and came to America at an early day, settling in Utica, New York. After four years there spent they removed westward to Rockford, Illinois, and the father occupied a position as bookkeeper for three years. He then went to Wisconsin, where he purchased land and began farming. With the outbreak of the Civil war he responded to the country's need for military support in 1861, joining the boys in blue of Company A. Thirty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities. He participated in many hotly contested engagements and was wounded while at the front. With a most creditable military record he returned to his Wisconsin home and there engaged in farming throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1878, while his widow survived until 1905.

Charles H. Kinney passed almost all of his minority in Wisconsin, being reared in the usual manner of farm lads. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and he remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one years. In 1882 he arrived in Lamoure county, North Dakota, and filed on land south of Grand Rapids, developing a farm which he cultivated for eight years. He then sold that property and purchased his present place of five hundred and eighty acres a mile and a half from Grand Rapids, on section 17, Grand Rapids township. He expects soon to undertake the work of improving the place, but at the present time is living on a rented place and farms nine hundred and sixty acres. Much of this is under cultivation, utilized in the production of wheat, corn, oats and other cereals, and he is also engaged quite extensively in stock raising. At the present time he is milking sixteen cows. He also makes a specialty of raising Buff Wyandotte chickens. Of the Farmers Elevator Company and the Equity Elevator Company at Grand Rapids he is a stockholder and of the former is one of the directors. He also operates a threshing outfit and does a big business along that line. Diligence and determination actuate him at every point in his business career and are bringing to him the substantial results of well defined labor.

On the 14th of April, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kinney and Miss Daisy I. Shiek, a daughter of Carl and Louisa Shiek, mentioned elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of C. W. Shiek. They have become parents of sixteen children, seven sons and nine daughters: Joseph, Louise, Edna, Charles, Arthur, Raphael, Paul, Florence,

Margaret, John, Nellie, Beatrice, Gertrude, Everett, Muriel and Miriam. The two last named are twins.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Kinney gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has been a member of the school board for eighteen years serving as president for a part of that time, and he has also occupied the position of constable in his township, but he prefers to concentrate his thought, energies and attention upon his farming interests and the acquirement of a competence to provide for his family.

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#### NILS I. DOKKEN.

Nils I. Dokken, clerk of the district court of Bottineau county, was born in Norway, February 4, 1876, a son of Iver and Kirsti (Groseth) Dokken, who came to the United States in 1881, settling in Grand Forks county, North Dakota. The father filed on a homestead and afterward removed to another farm, but continued to reside in that county until called to his final rest, his death occurring in 1914. His widow still resides on the old homestead there.

Nils I. Dokken supplemented his common school training by study in Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota, which he attended for two years. When not occupied with his textbooks his attention was given to the work of the fields and he continued upon the home farm until 1900, when he removed westward to Bottineau county, filing on a homestead west of the river and seven miles south of the present town of Antler. During the succeeding two years, while proving up on his claim, he worked as a clerk in a store in Minot. In 1902 he took up his abode upon his homestead and began the cultivation of the farm, thereon remaining until 1914, during which time he wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, adding to it all the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. In the meantime he had also purchased an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixty acres. In 1914 he was elected to his present office on the republican ticket and removed to Bottineau to assume his duties as clerk of the district court, in which connection he has made an excellent record and is now his party's candidate for reelection.

In the fall of 1901 Mr. Dokken wedded Miss Mathilda Everson, of Manvel, North Dakota, by whom he has five children, namely: Indred C., Gladys O., Minnie, Lillian M. and Caroline B. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and are people of sterling worth, their many good traits of heart and mind winning for them the goodwill and high regard of those with whom they have been associated.

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#### C. E. LARSON.

C. E. Larson, one of the owners and the manager of the elevator of the Dickey Grain Company in the town of Dickey and well known as a former capable sheriff of Lamoure county, was born in Wisconsin on the 10th of January, 1859, a son of Erick and Amanda (Evans) Larson, both of whom were natives of Norway, whence they came to the new world in young manhood and womanhood. They made their way to Green county, Wisconsin, where they were married and there both passed away in 1876, there being but three months between the dates of their deaths.

C. E. Larson acquired a common school education and was but seventeen years of age when his parents passed away. Thrown upon his own resources, he began earning his living as a farm hand and was thus employed in Wisconsin for five years. In 1882 he came to North Dakota, settling in Lamoure county, where he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sheridan township, on which he resided for two decades. During that period he also took up a tree claim of eighty acres and made purchase of an additional tract of three hundred and twenty acres. He bent his energies to the development and improvement



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of the property and his labors soon wrought a marked transformation in its appearance. In the fall of 1902 he was elected county sheriff and removed to La Moure to assume the duties of that position, in which he made such an excellent record that he was reelected in 1904, serving for two terms and retiring from the office as he had entered it—with the confidence and goodwill of all law-abiding citizens. In the spring of 1907 Mr. Larson removed to Dickey and purchased a hardware store, which he conducted for five years. In 1912 he joined W. D. Paton and H. D. Bloss in the purchase of the Monarch elevator, of which he was made manager. Two years later five farmers were admitted to a share in the ownership and the business was incorporated under the name of the Dickey Grain Company, Mr. Larson still remaining as manager. He was also the principal organizer and promoter of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and served as its president for one year, while through the succeeding six years he occupied the position of vice president, and he still owns stock in the bank. His property holdings also include six hundred and forty acres of valuable farm land in Lamoure county and thus his interests and possessions have become extensive and important, making him one of the substantial citizens of his section of the state.

In 1888 Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Helena Schmoker, of Lamoure county, who was born in Wisconsin. They are the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, as follows: Amanda, a graduate of the State Normal School at Valley City, North Dakota, and now the wife of Connie R. Arduser, cashier of the First State Bank at Adrian, North Dakota; Irwin, who is employed in the Chamber of Commerce at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Myrtle, a student in the State Normal School at Valley City; and Edward, at home.

In his political views Mr. Larson has ever been an earnest republican and has served as chairman of the town board for a number of years. His interest in the public welfare is deep and sincere and he would at any time sacrifice personal affairs rather than retard public progress. Fraternally he is identified with Dickey Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; the Order of the Eastern Star, to which his wife also belongs; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife hold membership in the Episcopal church and his aid and influence can ever be counted upon to further plans and measures for the general good. There have been no spectacular phases in his career but his entire life is one in which there has been manifest a recognition of the rights and privileges of others and of the obligations of citizenship, and through his entire career he has never been neglectful of any duty that has devolved upon him.

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#### GEORGE LUTZ.

George Lutz, a capitalist of Jamestown and one of the foremost business men of the state, has also taken a prominent part in public affairs and for two terms served as a member of the state legislature. He was born in the Black Forest in Germany on the 19th of December, 1852, and is a son of George and Wilhelmina (Klumpp) Lutz, both of whom died in Germany, the father when our subject was fifteen years old, and the mother when he was four years of age.

George Lutz attended school in his native land, receiving a good education, and on putting aside his textbooks entered a general store, where he learned the principles of successful merchandising. Later he engaged in banking for three years, but when twenty-one years of age entered the army, serving the required time and winning promotion to the rank of lieutenant. After leaving the army he again turned his attention to banking, but after a year went to Antwerp, Belgium, where he held a position as correspondent with a large importing firm. In 1879 he was sent by that firm to Chicago, where he remained until 1882, when the French embargo on American pork paralyzed business and he was forced to seek other employment. In that year he came to Dakota territory, taking up a homestead in Stutsman county, but residing at Jamestown. He began working in a lumberyard and his ability was so apparent that the following year he was promoted to the position of manager. In 1893 he engaged in the lumber business on his own account and under his own name, and later organized and incorporated the Lutz Lumber Company, which was an important factor in business circles in southern North Dakota until July, 1914, when it was

sold to the Thompson Lumber Company, Incorporated. Mr. Lutz was for a considerable period interested in the James River National Bank, of which he served as director for seventeen years, and he organized the Jamestown Implement Company, which he subsequently sold. He also erected the Lutz building, which he still owns, and likewise holds title to valuable tracts of land. His keen insight into business conditions, his sound judgment and his enterprise have been instrumental in the business and commercial development of Jamestown and Stutsman county and have placed him among the men of wealth of the county.

Mr. Lutz was married on the 7th of September, 1887, to Miss Matilda Bauer, a daughter of Phillip and Helen Bauer, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Lutz, however, was born and reared in Burlington, Iowa, and was one of the early teachers in the Jamestown public schools. She passed away on the 15th of December, 1914, at the age of fifty-two years, leaving two children: Alma W., a graduate of Vassar College, who is at home; and Paul F., who was educated at the Tarrytown (N. Y.) Academy and in the State University of Wisconsin and is now connected with the Thompson Lumber Company.

Mr. Lutz is a staunch republican and is recognized as one of the leaders of the party in his section of the state. In 1889 and again in 1891 he served as a member of the state legislature and made an excellent record in that capacity, supporting measures that have proved beneficial. Although he was reared as a Lutheran, he is now a member of the Christian Science church. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His recreation consists chiefly of hunting and motoring, as he is very fond of outdoor life. The unusual measure of success which he has gained is due to his thorough business training, his unquestioned ability, his industry and his sterling integrity.

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#### HENRY C. DANA.

Henry C. Dana, a grain buyer operating an independent elevator at Bottineau, was born in Elkhart, Illinois, April 14, 1863, a son of Lorenzo D. and Laura (Sanford) Dana, who were natives of New York, but were married in Illinois, to which state they had removed in childhood with their respective parents. The father became one of the most prominent grain dealers in that state. In 1882 he removed to North Dakota, settling at Devils Lake, where he remained for three years, when in 1885 he came to Bottineau county, where he homesteaded and preempted land. Subsequently he engaged in the land and loan business in Bottineau county, continuing active along that line to the time of his death, which occurred in 1898. He was one of the foremost factors in republican politics in his district and contributed largely to the success of his party in Bottineau county. He thus left the impress of his individuality upon the upbuilding and development of the northern part of the state in many ways.

Henry C. Dana was a little lad of seven or eight years when his parents removed to Springfield, Illinois, and there he pursued a public school education. As early as his seventeenth year he began buying grain on the road for his father and later he had two years' experience in railroad work as an employe of the Chicago & Alton Company. In 1883 he arrived in North Dakota, although it was not until six years later that the division of the territory occurred. All the conditions of pioneer life existed and Mr. Dana met many hardships and privations incident to frontier existence after locating on a preemption of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the old city of Devils Lake. In 1885 he filed on a homestead in Bottineau county adjoining the town of Bottineau and the following year took up his abode thereon, continuing his residence at that place for seven years. In the meantime, however, he began buying grain and in the winter of 1888-9 was a grain buyer for the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company at Barton, this state. In the fall of 1889 he went to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he worked for two years, being in the employ of the Colorado & Manitou Electric Railway Line. The year 1891 witnessed his arrival in Bottineau, whither he came to take charge of the interests of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company, and for fifteen years he managed their business at this point. For two years during that time he also managed their lumberyards in Bottineau and after putting

aside the work connected with the elevator he continued to act as manager of a lumberyard for two years. During the succeeding four years he did not engage in any line of business, but in 1912 he bought the Farmers Elevator and began operating in grain on his own account. He is today one of the best known among the grain buyers of the northwestern part of the state and his business has reached substantial and gratifying proportions. His long experience in the grain trade has well qualified him for the work in which he is now engaged and he is meeting with a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In 1894 Mr. Dana was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Miller, of Bervie, Ontario, Canada, by whom he has two daughters, Laura and Gertrude, who attend the North Dakota State University at Grand Forks. Mr. Dana is a republican in his political views and in 1905 was a candidate for the office of clerk of the courts, but was defeated by five votes. He is now a member of the city council and in that connection is exercising his official prerogatives in support of many well defined plans to advance the public welfare. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church and both are held in high esteem throughout the community in which they reside, the hospitality of the best homes being freely and graciously accorded them.

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#### R. E. ROGNAS.

R. E. Rognas, a merchant of Rolla, has been identified with the commercial interests of that town since 1895 and has contributed much to the business development of Rolette county. He was born in Norway in February, 1870, and is a son of Halvor and Annie (Skjelle) Rognas, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father, a tanner by trade, is now living retired at Christiania, Norway, but the mother died December 27, 1882.

R. E. Rognas spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native country to the age of fifteen years, when, in 1885, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and made his way to Jackson, Minnesota, where he resided for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he went to Minneapolis, where he made his home for eight years, and in 1895 he took up his abode in Rolla, where he purchased an interest in the general store of T. T. Shell, thus forming the firm of Shell & Rognas. They continued together for six and a half years, at the end of which time Mr. Rognas purchased his partner's interest and has carried on the business independently, building up a good trade in this connection. He also organized another store at Devils Lake, which he still conducts under the name of the New York Cash Store. In 1911 he admitted L. Lorenz to a partnership under the firm style of Rognas & Lorenz. He likewise has farming interests in Rolette and Towner counties, owning six and a half quarter sections.

In 1895 Mr. Rognas was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Loken and to them have been born three children, Hazel, Minerva and Rand. Mr. Rognas is a republican in his political views, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of lodge, chapter and commandery, while of the Mystic Shrine he is also a representative. His life is an exemplification of the beneficent spirit of that order and the sterling traits of character which he has displayed have won for him the confidence, goodwill and high regard of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### JOHN NELSON.

John Nelson, proprietor of the Grand Forks Marble and Monument Works and thus actively and prominently connected with industrial interests of his city, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, March 27, 1869. His father, Andrew Nelson, a native of Norway, came to America in 1847 and was a pioneer settler of Winneshiek county, Iowa, where in early days he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits. In 1883 he removed to Crookston, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming for three years. He afterward spent

two years in the livery business and then entered the monument business, becoming the pioneer in that line in Crookston. He carried on business at that point for two years and then removed to Grand Forks, where he established a monument business that he successfully managed and conducted up to the time of his death, which occurred April 20, 1904, when he was fifty-nine years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Bertha Lein, is also a native of Norway, and in 1848 came to the new world with her parents, who also settled in Winneshiek county, Iowa. There she met and married Andrew Nelson, whom she still survives. She is now seventy-two years of age and she makes her home in Grand Forks and in Walla Walla, Washington, dividing her time between her children.

John Nelson, whose name introduces this review, was the fifth in order of birth in the family of twelve children and in the common schools of his native county and of Crookston, Minnesota, acquired his education. His youthful days were passed upon the homestead farm with the usual training and experiences that fall to the lot of the farm bred boy. When twenty years of age he began learning the marble cutting trade and monument business as assistant to his father and never had any other employer. At the death of his father he succeeded to the business, which he has since carefully and wisely managed, winning a substantial competence through his well directed efforts. He now has an extensive patronage and his is one of the leading enterprises of that character in his section of the state. He employs two skilled workmen and the output of his factory is sent not only to other cities of North Dakota but also into neighboring states. He is the owner of the block which he occupies with his business at No. 520 De Mers street.

Mr. Nelson's political allegiance is given the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Lutheran church and his has been a well spent life. Throughout his entire career he has held to principles of honorable manhood and in business affairs has been thoroughly straightforward, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction. He has based his success upon excellent workmanship, fair prices and honorable dealing and he has won a creditable place among the business men of Grand Forks.

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#### FARGO COLLEGE.

Fargo College, one of the strong educational institutions of North Dakota, was founded in 1887 under the auspices of the Congregational church of the state. Five years before the movement to establish the school was begun by a committee of which the Rev. Henry C. Simmons, D. D., was chairman. The first home of the school was two rooms in the old Masonic block in Fargo, but the growth in attendance compelled the board to secure larger quarters and still later three rooms were occupied in the Grandin building. Through the generosity of J. P. Gould and his sister, Mrs. Lucinda S. Bassett, the George H. Jones Memorial Hall was dedicated in 1889. Dill Hall was erected in 1907 and the Carnegie library in 1910, while about the same time the Conservatory of Music was moved to the new Stone building, its present fine quarters. The college stands on a campus of twelve acres in the south side residential district of Fargo. The grounds form a continuation of Island Park, a large wooded tract. In 1914 a campaign was instituted for endowment and a generous response brought about enlargement in the school facilities. Fargo College is affiliated with the Congregational Education Society and is a member of the Association of Colleges of the Interior and of the Association of American Colleges. The aim of the college as expressed in its motto is the building of Christian character. In addition to the usual subjects taught there is a splendid music department under the name of the Fargo Conservatory of Music. There is opportunity for the most thorough physical training for both young men and women, there being a large gymnasium in Dill Hall, while the stadium is one of the finest athletic parks in the northwest, affording ample room for all kinds of outdoor sports and athletics, including baseball and football grounds. Two literary societies are maintained in the college and a publication entitled Blue and Gold is issued bi-weekly by the board of editors chosen by the Blue and Gold Association. The junior annual, the Wau-Kon, is issued each year by the junior class. The faculty now numbers thirty-five

teachers and there is a productive endowment (aside from buildings and equipment) of between eighty and ninety thousand dollars. The total enrollment in 1915 was five hundred and twenty-one and high standards of scholarship are maintained. Scholarship prizes of over eight hundred dollars are awarded students annually.

There are one hundred and seventy-eight living alumni holding the bachelor's degree, aside from graduates of the academy or preparatory department and the conservatory of music. They are holding responsible positions in twenty-one states of the Union, while two are in China, two in Africa, one in India and one in Germany. One lost his life in the recent Armenian massacres. Two have held Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford University, England.

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#### GEORGE W. KIRKEBY.

George W. Kirkeby, cashier of the Mouse River Valley Bank at Souris, North Dakota, is one of the wide-awake, energetic young business men of Bottineau county. He was born in Decorah, Iowa, on the 28th of May, 1891, a son of A. H. and Tilda (Evenrud) Kirkeby. The father is a native of Norway and on coming to the new world about 1872 located in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he purchased land and engaged in agricultural pursuits, residing upon one farm for thirty-two years, but he is now living retired in Decorah.

In that city George W. Kirkeby was reared and educated, being given good advantages. He attended Luther College and completed his education at Valder's Business College. On leaving home he went to Montana, where he was employed in a bank for one year, and then came to Souris, Bottineau county, North Dakota, accepting the position of assistant cashier of the Mouse River Valley Bank, which was organized in 1903. It has a capital of fifteen thousand dollars and does a large business, its deposits now amounting to one hundred and ten thousand dollars. In 1916 Mr. Kirkeby was made cashier of the institution, the other officers being M. E. Wilson, president; C. A. Kirkeby, vice president; and A. C. Brainard, assistant cashier.

Mr. Kirkeby is a member of the Sons of Norway and the Yeoman lodges and is also identified with the Lutheran church. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the democratic party and does all in his power to promote the interests of his adopted state.

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#### NELS B. ARVESON.

Nels B. Arveson, cashier of the Bank of Carbury and one of the leading citizens of that place, was born at St. James, Minnesota, on the 31st of December, 1886, and is a son of Rev. N. and Betsy (Anfinson) Arveson, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Winneshiek county, Iowa. The father was only fourteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, and shortly afterward he began studying for the ministry. He attended Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and a theological seminary at Columbus, Ohio. He has since devoted his life to the ministry and is now preaching at St. Olaf, Iowa. His wife is also living.

Nels B. Arveson was reared in a Christian home and was given good educational privileges, attending high school at Decorah, Iowa, and St. Olaf's College at Northfield, Minnesota. He first became interested in the banking business as cashier of the North McGregor Savings Bank at North McGregor, Iowa, with which he was connected for three years, and for the same length of time was assistant cashier of the Great Western Bank at Osabrock, Cavalier county, North Dakota, where he located in 1912. At the end of that time he removed to Carbury, Bottineau county, and accepted the cashiership of the Bank of Carbury, of which he is a stockholder and director. The other officers are E. T. McCanna, president, and P. P. Engh, vice president, both residents of McCanna, North Dakota. The bank has a capital of ten thousand dollars and its deposits now amount to eighty-five thousand dollars, although it was only organized in the fall of 1915. Its growth has been steady and it has the confidence and support of the public. Mr. Arveson is also a stockholder in the Bankers

Trust Company & Savings Bank of Minneapolis, which is a one million dollar enterprise. He is agent for the Ford cars and also handles real estate and insurance, being a very enterprising and wide-awake business man.

In March, 1912, Mr. Arveson married Miss Agnes G. Looby, and to them have been born two children, but Eugene T., who was born August 1, 1914, died on the 10th of the same month. Jane Margaret was born January 20, 1916. They are faithful members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Arveson is a republican in politics. He occupies an enviable position in business circles and wherever known is held in high esteem.

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#### W. J. HUXLEY.

W. J. Huxley, United States immigrant inspector at St. John, was born at Lowell, Michigan, December 4, 1881. His parents, Edward R. and Emma (Mann) Huxley, were natives of Lockport, New York, and Hamilton county, Ohio, respectively. The father is still living and resides in Springfield, Missouri, where he took up his abode in 1896, but the mother passed away in 1905.

At the usual age, W. J. Huxley became a pupil in the public schools of his native town and passed through consecutive grades to the high school, after which he became a student in the high school at Springfield, Missouri. When twenty years of age he became connected with railroad service and was employed in various capacities for five or six years. In November, 1906, he entered the employ of the government, his first position being in the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture. He continued in that department for three years and eight months and in July, 1910, was appointed immigrant inspector at Brownsville, Texas. After six or seven months there passed he was transferred to the station at Hidalgo, where he was located until the 1st of August following, when he was sent to the office in Winnipeg, Canada. Three weeks later or on the 14th of September, 1911, he was given the position at St. John which he has since occupied.

On the 10th of April, 1903, Mr. Huxley was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Ellis, of Springfield, Missouri, by whom he has a daughter, Mary Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Huxley have become well known in St. John, where they are enjoying the goodwill and high regard of a constantly increasing circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### ALFRED M. FRUH.

Alfred M. Fruh, president of the Tolley State Bank of Tolley, Renville county, and also president of the Security Land & Loan Company, which is doing an extensive business in handling farm property in that section of the state, was born at Marietta, Minnesota, July 1, 1883, his parents being Albert and Agatha (Martie) Fruh, who were natives of Switzerland. They came to the United States in early life and making their way to Minnesota, the father purchased land near Marietta, where he carried on farming for many years, his persistent, earnest and unfaltering labors being attended with a substantial measure of success. In 1916 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in June of that year. He is now living retired, making his home in Marietta.

At the usual age Alfred M. Fruh became a pupil in the public schools of Marietta and passed through consecutive grades to the high school. He remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty and then went to Madison, Minnesota, where he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank, acting in that capacity until 1905, when he removed to Lansford, North Dakota, and became connected with the Farmers & Merchants Bank. He afterward spent eight months in a bank at Grano and in 1908 purchased the Tolley State Bank from E. C. Tolley and has since concentrated his energies upon the development and conduct of the business. He is president of the bank, with L. E. Shores as vice president and A. A. Swanson as cashier. The institution is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and something of its success is indicated in the fact that it has surplus and



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undivided profits amounting to ten thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. They have a model banking house, a two story brick structure equipped for the purpose with large burglar proof vaults, safety deposit vaults and other accessories. Mr. Fruh in the conduct of the bank maintains an even balance between conservatism and progressiveness, doing everything in his power to accommodate its patrons to a point that will not endanger the interests of depositors. He is also extensively engaged in the real estate business, being president of the Security Land & Loan Company of Tolley, which is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars. The business of this corporation is now extensive. In the year 1915 the company sold twenty-one thousand acres of land and up to September, 1916, its sales had amounted to eighteen thousand acres. Mr. Fruh has been instrumental in getting one hundred and fifty-four families to locate in the vicinity of Tolley.

On the 10th of December, 1914, Mr. Fruh was married to Miss Mabel Lindblom and they have become the parents of a son, Alfred M., Jr., born November 12, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Fruh are members of the German Lutheran church and he belongs also to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank, being now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He also has membership relations with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and for four terms he has served as mayor of his town, his long retention in that office by the vote of his fellow citizens being indicative of the splendid and businesslike administration which he has given to them, an administration in which he avoids needless retrenchment and useless expenditure and which is characterized by a progressive effort to promote the best interests of the municipality. In business life his affairs have been carefully and wisely managed and his success is the direct and logical outcome of unflinching industry and keen sagacity.

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#### CHARLES E. DAVIS.

Charles E. Davis cashier of the Millarton State Bank, is a western man by birth, training and preference and the spirit of western enterprise finds expression in his active business career, for he is a representative of that class of men who in advancing individual interests also promote public progress and improvement. He was born in Glencoe, Minnesota, in 1882, and is the third in order of birth in a family of eight children, seven of whom are living. He is a son of John and Hettie (Drew) Davis, both natives of Maine, the former born in 1848 and the latter in 1854. The father became a general merchant and contractor. He spent the period of his minority in the Pine Tree state and upon attaining adult age, in 1869, left New England for the far west. He went first to Minnesota and afterward to Oregon, where he and his wife are now residing. He has put aside business cares and is enjoying a period of well earned rest.

To the public school system of his native state Charles E. Davis is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and when he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the common and high schools he became a student in Hamline College of St. Paul, Minnesota. He did not complete his course there and when he put aside his textbooks he immediately entered the Bank of Glencoe at Glencoe, Minnesota, which was established before the Civil war and was later reorganized as a state bank. He continued in that connection for a period of three years in the capacity of bookkeeper and clerk, and left the bank to accept a position with the firm of Ross & Davidson, a bank syndicate of North Dakota. He afterward became teller in the First National Bank of Williston, North Dakota, where he remained for a year, when he was transferred to the First National Bank of Courtenay, with which he remained for a year. He was next employed in the James River National Bank at Jamestown, where he spent five years, at the end of which time he removed to Millarton, where in June, 1913, he entered upon the duties of cashier of the Millarton State Bank. He has since been active in the management and control of that institution and he also speculates in farm lands and handles city real estate. His judgment concerning property values is good and his investments have been carefully made, bringing to him a substantial financial return.

Mr. Davis studies closely the political problems and questions of the day and votes with the republican party. He has served as treasurer of the district school board but has never sought nor held political office. In fraternal circles he has become widely and favorably known, belonging to Hope Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., at Glencoe, Minnesota, Millarton Lodge, No. 155, I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 2335, also at Glencoe. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Methodist church and he has always endeavored to guide his life by its teachings, being recognized as a man of high principles and of sterling worth.

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#### ALBERT C. HINCKLEY.

Albert C. Hinckley, who is living retired in Bismarck after many years of active life, was born in Lisbon, Maine, on the 5th of March, 1848. His parents, Niah and Clarissa Hinckley, are both deceased. The father was a hotel proprietor and farmer.

Albert C. Hinckley attended the public schools and after finishing his education was employed along various lines. In 1881 he removed to Bismarck, North Dakota, and after ranching for a time turned his attention to the cattle business, in which he engaged until the 15th of April, 1913, when he retired. He was an excellent judge of stock, kept thoroughly informed as to the market and derived a good profit from his transactions. For a number of years he also kept a livery barn. He holds title to the Hinckley block in Bismarck and to other valuable real estate and is recognized as one of the substantial residents of his city.

On the 11th of June, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hinckley and Mrs. Nellie Lambert. He supports the republican party with his ballot and has served as alderman ever since the adoption of the commission form of government. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and in his life exemplifies the spirit of the fraternity. He can always be depended upon to give freely of his time and thought to projects seeking the advancement of his community and among his most salient characteristics are progressiveness and public spirit. The large measure of material prosperity which is his is the direct result of his energy and sound judgment and none begrudges him his success.

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#### ALFRED PLANTE.

Alfred Plante, filling the office of postmaster at St. John, was born in Quebec, Canada, October 12, 1865, a son of Joseph and Calanire (Cinq-Mars) Plante, both of whom were natives of Quebec. The father was a merchant and business man on the island of Orleans, Quebec, and there passed away in 1875. The mother remained a resident of Canada for about nine years longer, and in 1884 came with her family to the United States, locating at St. John, Rolette county, where she passed away in 1891.

Alfred Plante completed his education in the Normal School of Quebec and was nineteen years of age when he came with the family to North Dakota. From that time forward he has been dependent upon his own resources. He began work as a clerk in the store of Fortune Martneau, with whom he remained for twelve years, proving a most capable, faithful and reliable representative of the house. In 1896 he was appointed postmaster of St. John under President Cleveland and occupied that position for four years. Following the expiration of his term he entered the service of Hubert Brooks, a general merchant of St. John, for whom he worked for five years, and during that period carefully saved his earnings until his economy and industry had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to embark in business for himself. Accordingly in 1905 he engaged in merchandising in St. John and there remained for three years, after which he spent about four years in a similar business in Maza, Towner county. During the succeeding two years he managed the St. Anthony & Dakota lumber yards at St. John, covering the years 1913 and 1914.

On the 1st of January, 1915, he was again appointed postmaster of St. John, in which position he is now serving, discharging the duties of the office promptly and capably.

In 1891 Mr. Plante was united in marriage to Miss Flora Brooks, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, by whom he has six children, as follows: Anna, the wife of Peter Rausch, of Raleigh, North Dakota; Rena, who is a teacher in the schools of Brisbane, North Dakota; Beatrice, who is a public school teacher at St. John; Arcelia, who serves as assistant postmaster; and Alfred and Wendell, who are students in the graded schools.

The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Plante is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a democrat and has always taken an active interest in affairs of the village. For several years he served as a member of the school board, and he does everything in his power to advance public interests, his influence ever being on the side of material, intellectual, social and moral progress in the district in which he lives.

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#### HON. JEREMIAH R. CHURCH.

Hon. Jeremiah R. Church, police magistrate of Grand Forks, became a resident of the city when it had a population of but four hundred and throughout the intervening period has been closely associated with its interests and upbuilding. He was born in the township of Woolford, Grenville county, Ontario, October 18, 1835, and is a son of Oliver Church, a native of Vermont and a representative of an old family of that state of Scotch descent. The founder of the American branch of the family was George Church, an agriculturist of Scotland, who came to America in colonial days soon after the arrival of the Mayflower, after which he had to wage war with the Indians in order to assist in the establishment of the rights of the white men to the land on which they settled. Six brothers of the mother of Oliver Church took part in the Revolutionary war and in the War of 1812 Oliver Church was a participant, as was his father. Oliver Church followed the occupation of farming and also became a veterinary surgeon and was recognized as one of the prosperous men of his community. He was born near Danville, Lake Champlain, and soon after the War of 1812 he removed to Canada, where he spent his remaining days. He married Rhoda Smith, a native of New York and a daughter of Humphrey Smith, who was of Scotch descent, although the family was represented in the Empire state through several generations. To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Church were born fourteen children. The father died in Canada in 1869, at the venerable age of eighty-six years, while the mother passed away in 1862, at the age of sixty-two years. All of the children reached adult age. At the time the family settled in Canada the section in which they located was an unimproved wilderness. Wild game of many kinds was abundant and there were many hardships and privations incident to frontier life to be endured. At times the women of the household spun the wool and flax and all of the clothing used by the family was made by the mother.

Jeremiah R. Church, who was ninth in point of age among the fourteen children, was educated in the little log schoolhouse near his father's home and remained upon the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He then took up the study of veterinary surgery and in 1862 came to the United States, settling in Jefferson county, New York, where he practiced his profession until 1879. That year witnessed his arrival in Grand Forks, then a tiny little village giving little promise of its future development. He began the practice of his profession at that point and continued in veterinary work until 1904, when he was elected to the office of police magistrate, in which capacity he has since continuously and satisfactorily served, covering a period of more than twelve years. He is fair and impartial in his rulings, basing his decisions upon the law and the equity in the case. The 18th of October, 1916, was made the occasion of a notable celebration by his fellow workers in the city hall, when every official and clerk gathered about a mammoth cake decorated with eighty-one lighted candles in honor of the eighty-first birthday of Justice Church. The celebration was a total surprise to the magistrate, who was called in by the chief of police, as he supposed, to preside for litigation. It was an attractive time of

merrymaking and a fitting expression of the regard in which he was held by his fellow workers, and on that occasion he was also presented with a fine cane.

Mr. Church has been married twice. In Canada, on the 8th of October, 1865, he wedded Miss Lucy Ann Kilborn, a native of that country and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Trueman Kilborn, who were originally from New York. Mrs. Church passed away in Canada in 1886, leaving five children: Edwin, Henry, John, Ida and Richard. The daughter is the wife of William Edwards, now a resident of New York city. In 1889 Mr. Church was married in Grand Forks to Miss Nora Elston, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Elston, pioneer settlers of that state. They reside at No. 901 North Third street.

Politically Mr. Church is a republican and has always taken an active part in politics, while in Canada he served for many years as a member of the county council. He proudly wears the little bronze button that proclaims him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a Civil war veteran, having served in Company C, Twentieth New York Cavalry, as a private from 1864 until the close of the war. He participated in a number of minor engagements and was on provost duty and at the close of hostilities was honorably discharged. He holds membership in the Church of God and is known as a very devoted Christian man, reading and studying his Bible daily and making every effort to conform his life to its teachings and to secure the adoption of its principles among his fellowmen.

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#### ANDREW G. ANDERSON.

The home farm of Andrew G. Anderson on section 21, South Bend Township, McHenry county, about a mile west of Velva, is known as the Pioneer Farm and is one of the splendidly improved and productive farm properties of the state and its attractive appearance is due to the enterprising efforts and progressive methods of the owner. A native of Sweden, born in March, 1862, Andrew G. Anderson is a son of Andrew and Sophia (Peterson) Anderson, who were likewise natives of that country. The father followed the occupation of farming in Sweden throughout his entire life and passed away in October, 1915, having for about a year and a half survived his wife, who died in April, 1914.

Andrew G. Anderson was reared and educated in Sweden, where he remained to the age of nineteen years, when he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Minnesota. For two years he worked on the section at Northern Pacific Junction and then removed to McHenry county, North Dakota, where he filed on a homestead that has since been his place of residence. It is pleasantly and conveniently situated a mile west of Velva, so that the advantages of town life are easily secured, while those of rural life are always to be enjoyed. With characteristic energy he set about the arduous task of developing and improving his tract of wild prairie. He first built a log cabin which is still upon the farm although long since abandoned as a residence. He worked diligently and untiringly to develop the fields and as his labors brought forth good crops and thereby added to his financial resources he purchased more land from time to time until he now owns six hundred acres, constituting one of the finest and best improved farms in the northwestern part of the state, supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories found upon the model farm of the twentieth century. He has lived upon this farm since 1882, or for a period of more than a third of a century, and it bears every evidence of his progressive spirit. He makes a specialty of handling shorthorn cattle, keeping one hundred head. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Velva.

On the 15th of February, 1895, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Mary Roulier and to them were born four children, of whom Clarence and George are yet living, while Ruth has passed away and one died in infancy. The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Anderson is also an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity and belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is unflinchingly given to the republican party and he served as county commissioner from 1908 to 1912, while for twenty years he has been a member of the school board and has been its president several terms, doing everything in his power to promote the



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interests of education. He is one of the pioneer settlers of McHenry county and with the work of improvement and development has been closely associated for several decades, while throughout the entire period he has occupied a position as one of the leading agriculturists of this part of the state.

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#### ANTON LALLUM.

Anton Lallum, mayor of Bottineau and assistant cashier of the Bottineau County Bank, is a representative of that class of substantial and progressive citizens that Norway has furnished to this state. He was born December 19, 1879, in the land of the midnight sun, his parents being Gunder and Anna (Olson) Lallum, who came to the United States in 1886, settling in Barnes county. The father purchased a farm near Fingal, acquiring three hundred and twenty acres of land which he still owns, but he ceased the active operation of his farm in 1913 and retiring from business life removed to Longbeach, California, where he now makes his home.

Anton Lallum was a little lad of but seven summers when he became a resident of North Dakota, and after attending the public schools he continued his education in the Valley City Normal School, subsequent to which time he devoted five years to educational work. He afterward pursued a business course in the Globe Business College of St. Paul and in the fall of 1904 arrived in Bottineau, where he secured a position in the Bottineau County Bank as bookkeeper. His faithfulness and capability led to his advancement to the position of assistant cashier of this institution, which shows deposits of over a half million dollars and ranks among the most important banking concerns of the northwestern part of the state.

In 1905 Mr. Lallum was united in marriage to Miss Inga Hendrickson, of Brooten, Minnesota, by whom he has a daughter, Bernice Eleanor. Mr. Lallum has always voted with the republican party and at the spring election of 1915 was the popular candidate for the mayoralty, being elected by a good majority. He is now the chief executive of his city, to which he is giving a businesslike and progressive administration characterized by needed improvements and progressive measures. In his work as mayor he avoids all useless expenditures and needless retrenchments and seeks to build not only for the present but for the future. His devotion to the general good stands as an unquestioned fact in his career.

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#### J. P. LEGLER.

J. P. Legler, actively connected with commercial interests in Rolla, is now senior partner in the firm of Legler & Mangan, handling the Oakland, Dodge and Jackson automobiles and conducting a well equipped garage. He was born at Eagle Grove, Wright county, Iowa, September 2, 1883, a son of P. J. and Matilda (Long) Legler, who were natives of the Keystone state. The father went to Iowa early in the year 1879 and engaged in railroading at Eagle Grove for many years but is now living retired, making his home at Oskaloosa, Iowa. His wife also survives.

J. P. Legler was reared and educated at Eagle Grove and in early manhood learned the barber's trade in Sioux City, Iowa. He has worked along that line almost continuously since. In 1905 he removed to Berwick, North Dakota, where he engaged in barbering for a year, and afterward spent a similar period at Rolette. He then removed to Rolla, the county seat of Rolette county, where he conducted a barber shop for a time. Later he removed to Bisbee, where he carried on business for eighteen months, after which he returned to Rolla and bought a shop, which he conducted for six years. He then sold out and purchased a pool hall and at the same time he conducted a lunch room and sold soft drinks and did barbering. In the spring of 1916 he turned his attention to the automobile business, entering into partnership with M. J. Mangan under the firm style of Legler & Mangan. They handle the Oakland, Dodge and Jackson cars and have developed a business of gratifying proportions.

On the 25th of October, 1905, Mr. Legler was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Golden and to them have been born three children, Melburn D., Blanche M. and Phillip W. The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Legler is also identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and with the Yeomen. Politically he is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him as he prefers to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, hoping thereby to win a substantial competence, which is the ultimate goal of all business endeavor.

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OLAUS O. LEE.

Olaus O. Lee, who is successfully engaged in the hardware business in Roth, Bottineau county, North Dakota, was born on the 12th of September, 1865, in Holmestrand, Norway, of which country his parents, Ole and Andrena (Lian) Lee, were also natives. He was only two years of age, when in 1867 the family crossed the Atlantic and took up their residence in Wisconsin, where the father worked at his trade as a stone mason for several years. In 1877, however, he came to North Dakota and securing a homestead in Traill county turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He continued to farm throughout the remainder of his life, dying in 1887. His widow still survives him.

Olaus O. Lee began his education in the public schools of Wisconsin and after the removal of the family to this state continued to attend school for some time in Traill county, where he grew to manhood. He early became familiar with the work of the farm while aiding his father in its operation and he remained with his parents until of age. In 1900 he filed a claim on land near Roth in Bottineau county and was engaged in its improvement and cultivation for five years. For a time he worked for others and hired his own farm operated but in 1907 he removed to Roth and has since engaged in the hardware business, owning the only store of the kind in the village. He carries a large and well selected stock of shelf and heavy hardware and enjoys a large patronage. He still owns his farm in Bottineau county.

In October, 1907, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Elizabeth La Bar, and they have two children: Elton, born October 14, 1909; and Archie, born February 14, 1911. Mr. Lee is serving as township treasurer at the present time and is an ardent supporter of the republican party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. His business career has been most commendable and he has the confidence and high regard of all who know him.

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LAUREAT L. MARTINEAU.

Laureat L. Martineau, attorney at law, general merchant and dealer in farm lands at St. John, was born July 12, 1883, in the town in which he still makes his home, his parents being Fortunate and Cedulie (Plante) Martineau, the father a native of the city of Quebec, while the mother, a daughter of Capitan Plante, M. C., was born on the Isle of Orleans, in the St. Lawrence river. They were married in Quebec and in 1880 came to North Dakota, establishing their home in Rolette county. This was nine years before the division of the territory. At that time there was a trading post at St. John, to which point the father made his way and homesteaded a mile east of the post. His was one of the first families to settle in that locality. He embarked in business there and for a number of years traded with the Indians while for thirty-six years he has been a prominent factor in the business life of St. John, his interests and activities contributing in substantial measure to the upbuilding and prosperity of the village and surrounding country. Laureat L. Martineau is the oldest of a family of twelve children, ten of whom are now living. Six have finished their university education, one having received the M. D. degree from the University of Chicago, on the completion of the medical course, two being graduate dentists from the same school, one having completed the pharmacy course at the North Dakota Agricultural College and another being a graduate of the Mayville Normal School.

Laureat L. Martineau was educated in the public schools of Rolette county and in the University of North Dakota, in which he took up the study of law, winning the LL. B. degree upon graduation with the class of 1905. He then successfully passed the required state bar examination and was admitted to practice. He opened a law office in St. John, where he devoted about three years to professional work, but in 1907 he became a partner of his father in the mercantile business and also engaged in the land business. Gradually he withdrew from law practice in order to give his entire time to his land and mercantile interests, which are extensive and of an important character, while in the conduct of his affairs he displays sound judgment and marked enterprise. He and his father have heavy land holdings, owning eighteen or twenty quarter sections in this state and in Canada.

In 1909 Mr. Martineau was united in marriage to Miss Martha Alice Jones, a daughter of Henry B. Jones, now in the real estate and banking business in San Diego, California, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Casselton, North Dakota. Mrs. Martineau is a graduate of the Valley City Normal School of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Martineau have become the parents of two children, Laureat H. and Grace Lorraine.

In politics Mr. Martineau is a republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church. They are both well known in Rolette county, where they have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

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#### HON. EDWARD L. GARDEN.

Hon. Edward L. Garden, a hardware merchant of Souris, has been prominently identified with events shaping the history of the state as a member of the house of representatives and also as a member of the state senate and his official service has been a tangible evidence of his public-spirited devotion to the general good. He was born in Decorah, Iowa, on the 30th of November, 1873, a son of Halver and Isabelle (Opdahl) Garden, who came to the United States in 1843, being among the first of the Scandinavian people who came to America. Halver Garden settled in Dane county, Wisconsin, and became one of the founders and one of the dominant factors in the upbuilding of the first Scandinavian Methodist church in the world. He was instrumental in organizing a society and erecting a house of worship at Cambridge, Wisconsin, and after he removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, two years later he was the leading spirit in the building of the second Scandinavian Methodist church in the world. He was also connected with the material development of the districts in which he lived as a pioneer settler. He bought land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre and transformed the raw prairie into richly productive fields. He was also quite active in republican politics but was never an office seeker, and he passed away in 1909 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died the same year surviving her husband but thirty days, passing away at the age of eighty-one.

Edward L. Garden supplemented his public school training by study in the Decorah Institute. He was twenty-six years of age when in 1899 he came to North Dakota and in that year he filed on a homestead in Bottineau county west of the river. Later, however, he sold his relinquishment and in 1901 turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, establishing a hardware store in Souris. In 1904 he opened a branch store in Lansford and in 1905 established another store in Landa. In 1909 his Lansford store was destroyed by fire and the following year he sold his Landa establishment. The Souris store, which is the parent store, is one of the leading hardware enterprises of Bottineau county and in addition to carrying a large line of shelf and heavy hardware he does an extensive plumbing and heating business. In 1916 he again broadened the scope of his activities by establishing a branch store at Carbury. His business affairs have been carefully and wisely managed and a spirit of enterprise actuates him in all that he undertakes. He owns the controlling stock in the Souris Messenger, one of the leading weekly publications of the county. In addition to his other interests he owns two quarter sections of farm land in Bottineau county and in his various business affairs is meeting with well earned and well merited success.

In 1906 Mr. Garden was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Purdy, of Pembina county,

North Dakota. They have one son, John Stone. Fraternaly Mr. Garden is a Mason, holding membership in Tuscan Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M.; Phoenicia Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M.; Lorraine Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and Kem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Forks. He also belongs to Souris Lodge, I. O. O. F., while he and his wife are connected with Alpha Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Bottineau. He is likewise a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Garden is a republican in politics and for many years was a prominent leader in local political circles. In 1906 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, in which he served for four years, giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to the questions which came up for settlement. Subsequently he was elected to the state senate and served for four years in that honorable body, during which period he was connected with much important constructive legislation, doing everything in his power to promote the welfare of the state and to place upon its statute books laws that would work not only for immediate but also for future benefit. He is recognized as a man of broad and liberal education which has been self-acquired. He has ever held his mind receptive and has been an apt pupil in the school of experience. While his business affairs have been of growing importance, he has never allowed commercial interests to so monopolize his time as to leave him no opportunity for activity in other fields but on the contrary has recognized his duties and obligations in other connections and stands today among those citizens whose worth is widely acknowledged.

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#### HOWARD ATWOOD WILLSON.

Howard Atwood Willson, agriculturist and banker, to whom the experiences of pioneer life in North Dakota are familiar and who in his career has met with many difficulties and obstacles, but through perseverance and energy has become one of the men of affluence in Barnes county, makes his home in Leal. His birth occurred in York county, Ontario, Canada, May 18, 1860, the third of the nine children of Samuel Lundy and Jane (Walks) Willson. The father was born in York county September 9, 1818, a son of James Willson, who was born September 26, 1783, and died December 12, 1852. He wedded Mary Widdifield, a daughter of Henry and Martha (Willson) Widdifield. The ancestry can be traced back still farther, for the grandfather, Jonathan Willson, who was born March 27, 1748, was married April 15, 1767, at Hardwick, Sussex county, New Jersey, to Abigail Schmuck. Jonathan Willson was a son of Robert Willson, who was born in Warren county, New Jersey, in 1716 and died in 1807. He wedded Mary Lundy, of that county, who was a daughter of Richard Lundy II. and Elizabeth (Large) Lundy, through the former of whom the ancestry is traced back to Sylvester Lundy, of Axminster, England, who spent his entire life in that country. He was the father of Richard Lundy I., who was born in England and became the progenitor of the family in America, crossing the Atlantic in 1676, at which time he settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. He was prominent in religious work and was an elder in the Society of Friends. For the genealogical record we are indebted to the history of the Lundy family, compiled by William Clinton Armstrong, M. A., and published in 1902. Richard Lundy I. married Jane Lyon, of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and their son, Richard Lundy II., married Elizabeth Large. The daughter of this marriage was Mary Lundy, who, as stated, became the wife of Robert Willson, the great-great-grandfather of Howard A. Willson. His father, Samuel Lundy Willson, became a farmer and carpenter. On the 21st of May, 1855, he married Jane Walks and on the 26th of September, 1878, he passed away.

Howard A. Willson was a youth of eighteen years at the time of his father's death. He had attended school in York county and when his father died he started out to earn his own living, working for wages. Five years later, or in 1883, he came to North Dakota, reaching Barnes county on the 4th of April, filing on homestead on the 8th of June. For three years he worked out and in 1886 he started farming for himself and during the first years he was his own housekeeper but on the 19th of June, 1893, he wedded Miss Mary E. Hilborn, a native of York county, Ontario, and a daughter of Henry A. and Elizabeth M. Hilborn, her father being one of the leading farmers of Barnes county for a number of years but now a resident of California. His ancestors came to America with William

Penn and some of their descendants are still living in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Willson became the parents of ten children, Milton Hilborn, Clifford Henry, Fred Stewart, Gordon Lee, Edith Ialine, John Burwell, Vivian Beatrice, Irwin Atwood, Howard Bruce and Merrill Ross. The eldest son wedded Bernice May Widdifield and is now farming on his own account. The parents have ever taken a deep and active interest in the cause of education and have given their children excellent advantages in that direction. The two eldest sons after attending the public and high schools entered the North Dakota Agricultural College high school from which they were graduated and took up the college course.

There is no phase of pioneer life in North Dakota with which Howard A. Willson is not familiar, for locating here at an early day, he met all the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier. His first wheat crop was harvested from only ten acres and he then hauled the wheat five miles to have it threshed, after which it was put in a granary, which was destroyed by a prairie fire. While he thus faced many difficulties and discouraging situations, his persistency and determination enabled him at length to achieve success and today he is the owner of several sections of farm land. He owns six quarter sections in Griggs county, which includes his original homestead tract, a quarter section in Stutsman county, four quarter sections adjoining the town of Leal, where he now resides, two quarter sections three miles north of Leal and three quarter sections eight miles north of the town. He is extensively engaged in growing wheat, corn, oats and other cereals and he is also well known as a stock raiser, handling pure bred Percheron horses and shorthorn cattle. In addition to his other interests he became one of the founders and is now the president of the Bank of Leal, one of the prosperous moneyed institutions of Barnes county. While a resident of Griggs county he served for seven years as county commissioner, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, nor has he desired political preferment as a recognition of his fealty to the democratic party. He has served, however, as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Willson are spoken of in their community as "the salt of the earth." They are rearing a fine family "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," closely and constantly following the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church. They take an active part in all uplift work, are broad-minded, generous, hospitable, kindly and charitable, and the influence of their lives is a force for good throughout the community in which they make their home.

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#### OLOF O. WAREBERG.

Olof O. Wareberg, a leading merchant and business man of Carbury, Bottineau county, was born in Norway on the 22d of March, 1883, a son of Ole and Birgit (Ulshagen) Wareberg, both of whom are still living in Norway. In the public schools of that country their son Olof pursued his preliminary education and afterward attended the Crookston (Minn.) Business College and also the Scandinavia Academy at Scandinavia, Wisconsin. He came alone to the United States when a youth of sixteen years and worked for the first year upon the farm of Hon. M. N. Johnson, of Petersburg, North Dakota. The following year he was employed by a cousin in a hotel at Conway, North Dakota, and it was subsequent to that period that he attended the Crookston Business College. He next worked for a short time for the Great Northern Railroad Company and afterward continued his education in the Scandinavia Academy for three years, teaching school during summer terms to pay his way. He was ambitious to gain a good education that would qualify him for life's practical and responsible duties and he utilized every opportunity to win intellectual advancement. In January, 1905, he entered the employ of Berdahl & Jensen, general merchants of Rugby, and while with them laid the foundation of his later success in the business training which he there received. He remained with that firm until 1907 and later became associated with H. A. Brown & Company of Waseca, Minnesota. His connection with that house was maintained until January, 1908, when he accepted a position with L. H. Olson, of Willow City, North Dakota. He remained with the firm until January, 1911, when he came to Carbury to accept the management of the Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Com-

pany and has since controlled its interests in that capacity, building up a business of large and profitable proportions. He is a man of sound and discriminating judgment and his enterprise and energy are bringing to him and to the establishment well merited success.

In 1909 Mr. Wareberg was married to Miss Magnhild Endora Hagen, of Arkdale, Wisconsin, by whom he has two children, Hagbarth Omar and Birgitte Marie. In his political views Mr. Wareberg is a republican and is now filling the office of postmaster of Carbury, while of the school board he is treasurer. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and their influence is always given on the side of those forces which work for the betterment of the individual and the community. Coming to America when a youth of sixteen years, he has steadily worked his way upward and has never had occasion to regret his determination to find a home in the new world. Embracing the opportunities which he has met and which in some form or another lie before every individual, he has today gained a position among the progressive and representative business men of Bottineau county whose enterprise contributes to the business development of the community, as well as to individual success.

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#### THOMAS S. JOHNSTONE.

Among the prosperous business men of McIntosh county who have won success through their own unaided efforts is Thomas S. Johnstone of Ashley, who is prominently identified with banking and other business interests. He comes from the land of hills and heather, for he was born in Scotland, July 29, 1866, and his parents, Charles S and Helen (Simpson) Johnstone, were likewise natives of that country. There the father was employed in coal and iron mines until 1868, when he brought his family to America and located in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. He continued to work as a coal miner in that region until 1874, when he removed to Boone county, Iowa, and there he was similarly employed for a time. In 1876 he went to the Black Hills and worked in the gold mines for about a year, after which he returned to Boone county, Iowa, making his home there until his removal to McIntosh county, North Dakota, in 1885. Here he took a homestead, which he continued to improve and cultivate until 1901, when he retired from active labor and removed to Ashley, where he still makes his home at the age of seventy-one years. In his farming operations he met with excellent success and was the owner of one thousand acres of land at one time. His wife died on the 18th of June, 1910.

Thomas S. Johnstone passed his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and was educated in the schools of Pennsylvania and Iowa. On starting out in life for himself he worked in coal and gold mines for several years but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, taking up a homestead in McIntosh county, North Dakota, in 1893. He improved the place and engaged in its operation for eight years. In 1901 he was appointed postmaster of Ashley and served in that capacity until 1911, when he and others purchased the Union State Bank, which they reorganized and changed the name to the First National Bank. It has a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, a surplus of five thousand and deposits amounting to two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. Its officers are T. S. Johnstone, president; C. S. Johnstone, vice president; and R. S. Johnstone, cashier. Their bank building being destroyed by fire, they erected another in 1912, which is thoroughly modern and up-to-date in its equipments. Thomas S. Johnstone is also president of the Merchants National Bank, at Mandan, and the German-American Bank of Linton. The First National Bank of Ashley is the largest and strongest institution of the kind in McIntosh county and its success is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of Mr. Johnstone, who is a man of excellent business and executive ability.

On the 21st of August, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Peacock, by whom he has two children, namely: Margaret, now the wife of V. S. Collins, who is engaged in the livery business in Ashley; and Charles, who is still attending school. Mr. Johnstone is also rearing two of his brother's children, Anella and Keith.

In religious faith the family are Presbyterians and take an active interest in the church to which they belong. Mr. Johnstone is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd



THOMAS S. JOHNSTONE



Fellows, the Yeomen and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political support is given the republican party and he is now acceptably serving as chairman of the town board of Ashley. He is one of the leading and representative citizens of the place and wherever known is held in high esteem.

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WILLIAM O. HALES.

William O. Hales, editor and proprietor of the Maxbass Monitor published at Maxbass, North Dakota, was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, on the 16th of August, 1890, and is a son of William and Lilly (Mankin) Hales, natives of Iowa and Ohio respectively. For many years the father was a traveling salesman but at length came to North Dakota and turned his attention to farming. In 1900 he filed on land in Pierce county, this state, and for some time engaged in its development but finally sold that place and bought a farm in McHenry county. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred August 16, 1916. His wife had passed away on the 12th of August, 1910.

William O. Hales began his education in the public schools of Iowa and after the removal of the family to this state continued his studies in Rugby and Willow City. He remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, when he began learning the printer's trade, at which he worked in the employ of others for six years. During that time he became thoroughly familiar with the newspaper business and in the spring of 1915 removed to Maxbass and purchased the Maxbass Monitor, which he has since conducted with good success. He has a good advertising patronage and the circulation of the paper has steadily increased under his management. The Monitor is now a bright, newsy sheet, well edited and well printed. In addition to his paper Mr. Hales has some farming interests in Bottineau county.

On the 4th of October, 1911, he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Deming, and they have become the parents of two children: Francis, born April 9, 1913; and Mildred, born February 27, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Hales are members of the Congregational church and he is a republican in politics. He is now filling the office of justice of the peace and is untiring in his support of any worthy object which he believes will benefit his town, county or state.

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JAMES SMITH.

Long years of successful activity in business have enabled James Smith to put aside arduous cares and responsibilities and now live retired, deriving a substantial income from property interests. He was born in Vermont, November 10, 1844, and has therefore passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. His parents, Thomas and Ellen (Lynch) Smith, were natives of Ireland and in 1840 came to America, settling in Vermont, where the father worked at his trade, that of milling, until 1849, when he removed westward to Wisconsin. He had previously served as a soldier in the Mexican war under General Winfield Scott. On going to Wisconsin he took up government land upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made and with characteristic energy began its development, continuing its cultivation until 1856. He then removed to Minnesota and settled at Dutch Charlie's Creek, where he remained for two years, at which time the whole settlement left that district and went to Nicollet county, Minnesota, where Mr. Smith resided until 1860. At that date he became a resident of Renville county, Minnesota, where he was killed by the Indians on the 18th of August, 1862. His widow long survived and passed away in 1890.

James Smith was reared and educated upon the western frontier of Minnesota and in 1861, in response to the country's call for military aid, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Second Minnesota Infantry, with which he served for four years and seven days. He was wounded in the elbow but not seriously injured, and he remained at the front until the close of hostilities, making an excellent record by his loyalty and his bravery upon southern battlefields as he followed the stars and stripes. With the close of the war he returned to

Renville county, where he engaged in farming for nineteen years. He raised wheat throughout that period but barely made a living, finding it impossible to lay by anything. He then removed to St. John, Rolette county, North Dakota, in June, 1889, and filed on forty acres of land which he improved. Later he bought eighty acres more and continued the cultivation of that tract until 1898, when he established his home in St. John and was appointed postmaster of the town, acting in that capacity continuously for sixteen years, when he was relieved, as the democratic administration came into power. He is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Montana and still owns his homestead in Rolette county, comprising one hundred and twenty acres adjoining the corporation limits of St. John.

On the 12th of January, 1874, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Annie L. Tompkins, by whom he had ten children, as follows: Esther L., who is the wife of Morris Rice, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Elsie, who gave her hand in marriage to Jay Gregory and resides at Carpenter, North Dakota; Walter, living in Madoc, Montana; Henry and George, both at home; Winnie, the wife of Clarence Hanson, who resides on a farm near Minot; Lila, who is the wife of Fred Grosith and also makes her home near Minot, North Dakota; Emily, who passed away at the age of eighteen years; Ruth, who died when thirteen years old; and Phillip T., who died on a claim in Montana at the age of twenty-four years. In religious faith the mother is a Catholic.

Politically Mr. Smith is a republican and he has served as county commissioner in Rolette county for three years and also as a member of the school board for three years. He maintains pleasant relations with his old military comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and delights in meeting with them whenever opportunity offers. He has always been as true and loyal in matters of citizenship through days of peace as in times of war and is a respected and honored resident of Rolette county.

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#### JOHN J. FITZGERALD.

John J. Fitzgerald, chief of the fire department of Grand Forks and thus occupying an important position in relation to the public welfare, was born June 9, 1870, in Wabasha county, Minnesota, a son of Garrett and Margaret (Costello) Fitzgerald, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Kerry and about 1856 came to America, settling in Wabasha county, Minnesota, where he took up the occupation of farming and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 11th of April, 1904. He was a democrat in his political views and while interested in the success of the party would never consent to hold any other than local township offices. In religious faith he was a devout Roman Catholic. He wedded Margaret Costello, who came from the Emerald isle to the new world with relatives in 1860 and settled in Wabasha county, Minnesota, where she formed the acquaintance of Garrett Fitzgerald, who sought her hand in marriage. She died on the home farm in Minnesota in 1876 at the age of forty years. She was the mother of ten children, of whom John J. was the sixth in order of birth.

To the district school system of his native county John J. Fitzgerald is indebted for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. His early life was spent upon the home farm and he was thoroughly trained in the work of the fields. At the age of eighteen years he started out to earn his livelihood independently and was first employed by railroad contractors on the construction of the Great Northern Railroad between Minot, North Dakota, and Great Falls, Montana. He worked as a freighter for a year and afterward was engaged in various lines of business, including farming and machinery repairing. In 1889 he became a resident of Grand Forks and in the early days of his connection with the city was employed by a local implement firm in the assembling and construction of farm machinery, becoming quite expert in that line. He displayed and operated machinery for the firm, thus giving demonstration of its worth. On the 20th of December, 1892, he became connected with the city fire department, being appointed to the position of driver. Two and a half years later, or on the 1st of May, 1896, he was advanced to the position of assistant chief and continued to occupy that office until appointed chief on the 1st of June, 1913. With the exception of a period of eight months during 1903 he has been continuously with the fire department since first

entering upon connection therewith. He is a most capable official in his present position, thoroughly understanding the needs and the work of the department and in the discharge of his duties ever found prompt, fearless, faithful and capable.

On the 19th of July, 1912, in Grand Forks, Mr. Fitzgerald wedded Miss Mary C. Morin, a native of Benson county, Minnesota, and a daughter of August Morin, an early settler of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, who is of French descent. Her parents are still living and reside at Red Lake Falls.

Mr. Fitzgerald has a interesting military record through connection with the North Dakota National Guard as a member of Company F of the First North Dakota Regiment from 1898 until 1904. He takes no active part in politics aside from exercising 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 he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of the Commercial Club and is president of the Fire Department Relief Association of Grand Forks. He has the full confidence and respect of the men who serve under him as well as of his fellow townsmen in general and he has made an excellent record in office.

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#### W. C. WESCOM.

W. C. Wescom, connected with the business interests of Edmunds as a dealer in implements and lumber, comes to the west from New England, his birth having occurred in Belvidere, Vermont, November 28, 1866. His parents, Joseph E. and Julia M. (Smith) Wescom, were likewise natives of the Green Mountain state, where the father engaged in farming and stock raising, but at the time of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal considerations in order to espouse the cause of the Union, joining the army as a member of Company A, Eighth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Gulf. He served for three years and ten months and although he participated in many hotly contested battles was never wounded. When the war was over he returned to Vermont, where he resided until 1883, when he disposed of his property there and removed to North Dakota, securing a homestead in Stutsman county, about two miles south of Edmunds. He proved up on that claim and made his home there until he retired from active business. In the meantime he purchased more land and cultivated three-quarters of a section but in 1907 disposed of his property and returned to Vermont where he lived for a year. At that time his son, W. C. Wescom, returned to the east and brought his father back to North Dakota, where he passed away in April, 1908, at the age of about sixty-eight years, his birth having occurred on the 25th of August, 1840. His wife, who was born April 30, 1845, died in the spring of 1903. In their family were eight children: Frank, who is a section foreman on the railroad and lives at Vashti, North Dakota; W. C.; Minnie, deceased; Edward, a farmer living three miles southwest of Edmunds; Hubert, who makes his home in the village, where he operates an elevator and is also engaged in farming; Effie, the widow of E. W. Hall and a resident of Jamestown; Laura, living near Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada; and Walter, who died in the spring of 1903.

W. C. Wescom attended the public schools in his native state and also continued his education in Brigham Academy at Bakersfield, Vermont. Later he was employed at farm labor until 1886, when he came west. In 1892 Mr. Wescom secured a homestead claim a mile and a half west of Edmunds and began the development of the property, which he still owns. He has since purchased another quarter section in Stutsman county and he continued to reside upon the farm until 1902. His labors wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place, which he converted into a valuable and productive farm. In the fall of that year he was elected county assessor and in the spring of 1903 he erected a store building in Edmunds where in connection with his brother Hubert he engaged in general merchandising, continuing in business for five years. He then traded his stock for a farm and rented the building. He had held the office of assessor four years, being elected to that position on the republican ticket. He afterward went to work for the Lutz Lumber Company, with which he was connected for eight years, when

the business was sold to the Salzer Lumber Company, of which Mr. Wescom is now a representative, having built up a good business for the company. In 1904 he became one of the organizers and original stockholders of the First State Bank of Edmunds, of which he was elected a director and vice president, occupying those positions until 1915, when he sold his interests in the bank. For ten years he operated a threshing machine in the vicinity of Edmunds and thus he has been actively and prominently connected with various lines of business but now makes his home in Edmunds.

On the 31st of October, 1894, Mr. Wescom was married to Miss Miriam Hall, a native of Iowa, who in her girlhood days accompanied her parents on their removal to Stutsman county. She was born January 7, 1876, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, Margaret, Joseph and Mildred, all at home.

Fraternally Mr. Wescom is connected with the Odd Fellows and with the Modern Woodmen camp at Edmunds, of which he is past vice consul. As a pioneer settler he has experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to frontier life in North Dakota. It was necessary for the settlers of his locality to haul lumber from Jamestown and he even worked on the section for twelve months in order to get the money to supply his needs, for no credit was given in those days. He attended Jamestown College, realizing the value of education as a preparation for life's practical and progressive duties, after which he hired out on a ranch and for a number of years was foreman, remaining on the ranch of T. S. Wadsworth until the spring of 1892. When he went to Edmunds the village contained only a hotel, an elevator and a small house. He has erected a number of buildings in the village and in fact has been one of the most active and influential of its citizens, doing more to promote its progress, upbuilding and improvement than almost any other man. His activities have been broad and varied and each one has constituted an element in progress as well as in individual success.

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#### W. N. SHAVER.

W. N. Shaver, hotel proprietor at St. John and one of the pioneers of Rolette county, was born in County Stormont, Ontario, Canada, January 6, 1847. His parents, Nicholas and Margaret (Morgan) Shaver, were both natives of Ontario and were of Irish and German extraction. They spent their entire lives in their native province and there reared a family of thirteen children, all of whom are still living as far as is known. The father was a farmer by occupation and thus provided for the support of the members of his household.

W. N. Shaver acquired a district school education and in early boyhood became a wage-earner, working as chore boy and farm hand in the neighborhood in which he was reared. In 1877 he became identified with the grain trade and for twelve years was engaged in buying grain at Lucan, Ontario, and for two years in London, Ontario. In 1892 he came across the border and established his home in St. John, North Dakota, where for seven years he was the representative of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company. In the meantime he had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land about four miles south of St. John and in the spring of 1902 he removed to his farm, whereon throughout the following four years he engaged in the cultivation of his land. He left the plow, however, in the fall of 1905 and returned to St. John, where he purchased the La Fayette Hotel and with the able assistance of his wife he has since conducted that hostelry, which under its present management has become one of the best hotels in Rolette county. They have built up a large business and many of the traveling men visiting this section of the country look forward with pleasurable anticipation to their stay at the La Fayette.

In 1880 Mr. Shaver was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Kitt, of Lucan, Ontario, and to them was born a son, Russell N., a brakeman in the railway service between Brandon and St. John. The wife and mother passed away September 19, 1883, and on the 18th of March, 1885, Mr. Shaver wedded Miss Rachel McRoberts, of Lucan, Ontario, and to them were born five children: Agnes May, deceased; Margaret Ray, the wife of R. D. Van Camp, of Minot; Ethel Mary, deceased; Irene Mabel, at home; and Charles Wesley, who has departed this life.

Mr. Shaver has taken out his naturalization papers and has become a champion of republi-

can principles, giving his support to that party at the polls. He belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. In business affairs his course has been marked by steady progress owing to his close application and indefatigable energy, qualities which always win success when intelligently directed.

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#### ARTHUR STIENECKER.

Arthur Stienecker, cashier of the First State Bank of Venturia and one of the leading business men of that place, was born on the 15th of October, 1881, in Medina, Wisconsin, and is a son of Henry William and Clara (Muehlmeier) Stienecker, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Wisconsin. The father was a boy of sixteen years when he came to the new world and located in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he worked for several years. He finally studied for the ministry of the German Reformed church and has engaged in preaching ever since. In 1892 he came to North Dakota and secured a homestead near Ashley in McIntosh county, where he still resides. His wife is also living and they are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

Arthur Stienecker was about eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this state. He was reared on the home farm and attended the common schools for some time but completed his education at Mission House College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Being thoroughly equipped for life's practical duties, he then accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Ashley State Bank of Ashley, North Dakota, and eight months later was made cashier, in which capacity he served for four years. In 1906 he removed to Venturia and has since filled the position of cashier of the First State Bank, also being a stockholder and director of that institution, of which P. T. Kretschmar is president. The bank has a capital of ten thousand dollars and its deposits amount to one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. It will thus be seen that they are doing an excellent business and have the confidence and support of the community. In partnership with Mr. Kretschmar, Mr. Stienecker is also engaged in the grain business under the firm name of Stienecker-Kretschmar Company, operating an elevator at Venturia and another at Ashley.

On the 20th of June, 1906, Mr. Stienecker was united in marriage to Miss Ava Jane Mock, a daughter of Joseph and Ordelia Mock, who were pioneers of South Dakota and now reside in Ellendale, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Stienecker have three children: Milton Arthur, born October 1, 1910; Thelma Lorraine, born September 29, 1912; and Walter Otto born December 30, 1914. They are members of the German Reformed church, and in politics Mr. Stienecker is a stalwart republican, taking an active interest in public affairs. For four years he has served as secretary of the county republican central committee, has been school director several terms and is now school treasurer. His influence is always on the side of right and progress and he does everything within his power to promote the educational, moral and material welfare of his community.

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#### E. J. LILLIE.

E. J. Lillie, who is now manager for the Imperial Elevator Company at Maxbass, North Dakota, was born in Marion, Linn county, Iowa, on the 24th of October, 1885, a son of George A. and Mary (White) Lillie. The mother was also a native of Iowa, but the father was born and reared in Vermont, remaining there until after the Civil war. He enlisted in a Vermont regiment and served for one year. In 1866 he removed to Iowa, and purchased land in Linn county, where he continued to follow farming throughout the remainder of his life. He died in September, 1900, and his wife passed away in September, 1895.

E. J. Lillie passed his boyhood and youth in Linn county, Iowa, attending school and assisting in the work of the home farm. In 1902 he came to North Dakota and located in Bottineau county, where he was in the employ of different elevator companies for some time. In 1910 he took charge of the Imperial Elevator Company's business at Maxbass and in its

management he has displayed excellent business ability. He is a wide-awake, energetic man and his services have proved very satisfactory to the company he represents.

Fraternally Mr. Lillie is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and he is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at that place. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, and in politics he is a republican. He takes a deep interest in the questions and issues of the day and keeps well informed on current events.

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#### J. HAMLIN DENNING.

J. Hamlin Denning's connection with Dickey county dates back to pioneer times and throughout the intervening period he has ranked with the leading citizens and is today numbered among the wealthy residents of his part of the state. He is senior member of the firm of Denning & Dyer, proprietors of the Oakes Steam Laundry, and in this connection has built up a business of large and gratifying proportions, yet it does not cover the extent of his activities, for he is associated with various other business projects which have given him high standing as one of the representative residents of the southeastern part of the state. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, October 29, 1850, a son of Jacob and Mary (Wiley) Denning, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. In 1836 they removed to Ohio and resided in Wayne and Holmes counties, at length establishing their residence in Stark county, where the father died in 1858. The mother, with their family of six sons and a daughter, removed to Bloomington, Illinois, in 1859 and there passed away in 1907, when in the eighty-fourth year of her age.

J. Hamlin Denning was but a young lad when his father died but was carefully reared by his mother, who gave him excellent educational opportunities and thus qualified him for life's important and responsible duties. After attending the district schools in McLean county, Illinois, he continued his studies in the Illinois Wesleyan College at Bloomington during the years 1871 and 1872. He was identified with farming interests in McLean county, Illinois, from 1859 until 1883, when he came to North Dakota, settling at Ellendale, Dickey county, which was then the terminus of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, at that time the only railroad that had been built into the county. The earliest settlers of the locality had arrived in 1882 and Mr. Denning, being but little later, was numbered among the pioneer residents and took up a preemption and a tree claim situated on sections 35 and 34, Clement township, respectively. For two years after his arrival he engaged in merchandising at Ellendale and subsequently became interested in the coal, grain and implement business as a member of the firm of Denning Brothers, which association was maintained until 1894, the brother, Samuel R. Denning, looking after the business while J. Hamlin Denning remained upon the farm and gave his attention to the cultivation and development of the land and to the raising of cattle, horses and sheep, which business he carried on very extensively. From time to time he made other purchases until he increased his land holdings to eight hundred acres, which property he still retains. In November, 1904, however, he gave up active farming and established his home in Oakes, where he has since resided, although during the past four years he has spent the winters elsewhere—one winter in Florida and three in southern California. In addition to his other business interests he became one of the organizers of the Oakes National Bank, of which he has been a director from the beginning and is now second vice president.

In 1874 Mr. Denning was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Etta Price, of McLean county, Illinois, by whom he had seven children, six of whom survive, as follows: Lilly May, who acts as superintendent of the Benson Hospital at Benson, Minnesota; Warren W., an agriculturist of Dickey county, North Dakota; Anna B., who is employed as bookkeeper by the firm of Klein & Sutmer, of Oakes, North Dakota; Ira P., who cultivates a part of his father's farm; Ina E., who is the wife of H. F. Brown, cashier of the First National Bank of Oakes; and Addison H., at home.

Fraternally Mr. Denning is identified with the Masons, belonging to Hope Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M.; Oakes Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M.; and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Denning and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their interest in



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its work and development is not of a perfunctory character. Mr. Denning gives generously to the support of the church and does all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. His has been an active and useful life, actuated by laudable ambition, characterized by indefatigable energy and crowned with honorable success.

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#### H. H. GRAVSETH.

H. H. Gravseth, cashier of the State Bank of Roth, was born in Norway, June 9, 1892, a son of Hans I. and Rena (Raanna) Gravseth, both of whom remained in Norway, where the father passed away in 1913, while the mother is still living on the old homestead. The father was a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to the work of tilling the soil.

H. H. Gravseth was educated in the public schools of Norway and in 1909 came to the United States, landing at New York city on the 3d of November of that year. He made his way directly westward to Roth and the following winter attended school, continuing his education in the American Business College at Minneapolis and the Crookston College at Crookston, Minnesota. In the summer months he worked on farms and in the summer of 1911 he began farming on his own account by renting land. For three summers he was thus engaged and during the summers of 1914 and 1915 he worked for others. During the month of July, 1915, he was employed in the State Bank of Roth and in the fall of that year secured a situation in the Farmers Bank at Newburg, with which institution he was associated for six months. In March, 1916, he came to Roth and was assistant cashier of the State Bank until the following July, when he was advanced to the position of cashier, being promoted to that position after only ten months' connection with the banking business, a fact which indicates with what readiness he has mastered the work of the office, showing notable adaptability in this connection.

Always realizing the value of education, he attended a business college in Minneapolis in the winter of 1912-13 and Crookston College in the winter of 1913-14. He has a receptive mind and a retentive memory and he is doing everything in his power to further qualify himself for the responsibilities of business life. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church and his entire course commends him to the confidence, goodwill and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. He is yet a young man and already has attained a position which many an older business man might well envy.

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#### BLAKE LANCASTER, M. D.

Dr. Blake Lancaster, the founder and proprietor of a splendidly equipped modern hospital and actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Crosby, was born in Culloden, Ontario, Canada, May 25, 1881. His father, Dr. David Henry Lancaster, was also a native of Ontario and was educated in London, Ontario, where for some time he was tutored by his father, Dr. Joseph Lancaster, who was one of the leading physicians of that city and a man of marked distinction and fame in the profession. Dr. David H. Lancaster further qualified for the practice of medicine as a student in the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, subsequent to which time he opened an office in London, Ontario, and afterward removed to Culloden, where he continued successfully in practice for many years, retiring after long and honorable service in the field of medicine and surgery, during which time fame and distinction came to him. He passed away in Culloden in April, 1916, at the age of seventy-nine years, having for a considerable period survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of Aveline McArthur and was born at Thorald, Ontario, in 1848, while her education was acquired in the village schools of Culloden.

It was there that Dr. Blake Lancaster began his education, which he continued in the high school at Woodstock, Ontario, and at Tillsonburg. He took up the study of medicine in Trinity Medical College at Toronto, thus following in the professional footsteps of his father

and grandfather, and was graduated with the class of 1904. His high scholarship and ability led to his appointment to the position of house surgeon at Fosston Hospital under Dr. McKinnon at Fosston, Minnesota. A year later, or on the 29th of August, 1905, he removed to Crosby, North Dakota, and became the first practicing physician of Divide county, where he has since remained. In fact, he was the first medical practitioner west of Portal, North Dakota, and throughout the intervening period he has been accorded a very liberal practice, while his work attests his right to be ranked with the leading physicians of the state. In 1906 he built a hospital in Crosby which is supplied with all modern equipment and the accessories of surgical work. Finding the first building inadequate for his increased patronage, he is now erecting a three story hospital building which will be completed in the fall of 1916 and will meet every demand of scientific surgery at the present day. The institution has a capacity of thirty beds and receives patients from Montana, Saskatchewan and south to the Great Northern line. The hospital has been built with the utmost regard to sanitary conditions and the most improved surgical instruments are found as a part of its equipment. Miss Emma Thompson, a graduate nurse of Fargo, North Dakota, is now matron. In 1913 Dr. Lancaster went abroad, studying surgery in the hospitals of London, Paris and Berlin, having at different times attended the clinics and studied under the most expert surgeons in America and Europe. While he specializes in surgery, he also engages in the general practice of medicine to some extent.

In May, 1908, Dr. Lancaster was married at West Lorne, Ontario, to Miss Maud Carson, who was there born, a daughter of S. W. and Mary (Sinclair) Carson, who were likewise natives of Ontario. He has long been identified with farming interests in the vicinity of West Lorne, where Mrs. Lancaster acquired her early education, completing a high school course. She afterward attended the Toronto Conservatory and is an accomplished musician. Eleanor May, born February 27, 1916, is an only daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Lancaster hold membership in the Presbyterian church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is now serving on the board of commissioners of insanity for Divide county but otherwise has not sought nor held public office. He is, however, a progressive citizen and has been president of the Crosby Commercial Club. He organized the Divide County Rural Telephone Company, which was the first farmer's line in Divide county, and he takes a helpful interest in everything pertaining to the advancement of his part of the state. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks at Minot and along strictly professional lines is connected with the Northwestern District Medical Society of North Dakota, the North Dakota Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is surgeon for the Soo Railroad and the Great Northern Railroad Company and he concentrates his efforts upon his professional interests. There are few towns of the size which have as splendidly equipped a hospital as that which Dr. Lancaster has established at Crosby and the town is proud to number this among its institutions.

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#### A. M. HALSTEAD.

A. M. Halstead has gained a competence by well directed labor in former years and is now living retired in Jamestown, Stutsman county. He was born in Indiana on the 28th of October, 1860, a son of John and Sarah (Martin) Halstead, the former a farmer by occupation. The mother died when our subject was a child and the father passed away when his son, A. M., was twenty-one years of age. The two brothers of our subject are J. E., who is proprietor of the Jamestown Steam Laundry, and A. P., of Canada.

A. M. Halstead was educated in the common schools and in the normal school at Ladoga, Indiana, and made his home with his grandmother until he began his independent career. Before he became of age he became connected with merchandising and in 1883 he came to North Dakota and located in Jamestown, where he engaged in the livery business for ten years. At the end of that time he formed a partnership with H. B. Wood for the conduct of a livery barn and they also owned a furniture store. Subsequently Mr. Halstead sold the livery business to his partner and became the sole proprietor of the furniture business, which he conducted successfully for ten years. He then closed out and

purchased a bowling and billiard hall and bottling works, of which he was the proprietor for twelve years. His various ventures were successful and he is now living retired. He still owns five quarter sections of fine land which he rents and he is a director of the Hebron Fire and Pressed Brick Company, which manufactures pressed and fire brick, which is used in the construction of many of the principal buildings in this section. He was an organizer and is a director of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Jamestown, which was established in 1889.

In March, 1908, Mr. Halstead was married to Miss Augusta Schultz, a daughter of Gottlieb Schultz, and three sons have been born of this union: Harold, seven years of age; Everett, aged three; and Stanley born in 1915. Mr. Halstead is a democrat and has served as chairman of the central committee. He is active in politics and has been called to office, having served as county treasurer and as mayor of Jamestown. He finds a great deal of pleasure in outdoor life and spends a great deal of time in the open. During the winter seasons he lives in Florida but his chief interest is in North Dakota and he has great faith in its future development.

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#### REGINALD T. WOOD.

Reginald T. Wood, a resident of Newburg, Bottineau county, was born on the 2d of April, 1881, in Essex, England, of which country his parents were also natives. They never came to America. His mother is still living. Mr. Wood of this review was educated in the schools of England and at the age of fifteen years began learning the printer's trade, at which he worked in his native land until 1901.

In that year he crossed the Atlantic and located in Winnipeg, Canada, where he remained seven months, and then engaged in the newspaper business in Holland, Manitoba, Canada, for three years. During the following four years he was similarly employed at Salteoats, Saskatchewan, but since that time he has been a resident of North Dakota. Going to Newburg in 1908 he bought the Newburg Sun, which he published for fifteen months, and then removed to Russell, three miles distant, where he purchased another paper. He consolidated the two and engaged in the publication of the same at Russell for five years. He also conducted a poolroom and barber shop at that place for two years, but finally sold out and moved to Souris. At the end of three months, however, he again became a resident of Newburg and is now operating a poolroom at that place. He owns residence property both in Russell and Antler, North Dakota, and now writes for the Bottineau Courant.

On the 5th of October, 1911, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Olson, and they have become the parents of two children, Leslie William and Dorothy Rae. Mr. Wood is a Methodist, but his wife is connected with the German Lutheran church. Both are held in high esteem and have many friends in Bottineau county. In politics Mr. Wood is independent but takes a deep interest in public affairs and is well posted on the questions and issues of the day.

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#### TORGER OLSEN.

Torger Olsen, who is carrying on general farming in Pleasant township, Cass county, was born in Norway, April 14, 1844, his parents being Ole and Anna Olsen, who were likewise natives of the same country, in which they resided until 1878, when they made the voyage across the briny deep to the new world and afterward lived with their son Torger, both passing away at his home in Cass county.

Torger Olsen is one of a family of five children, four of whom are yet living. His youthful days were spent in his native country, where his education was acquired in the public schools. He came to America in 1871, when twenty-seven years of age, and made his way to North Dakota, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of the county in which he still resides. He first worked as a farm hand for five years, during which period he care-

fully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land. He then bought the farm upon which he now resides and has since improved it with good buildings, with modern farm machinery, with well kept fences and, in fact, all the accessories and conveniences of the model farm of the twentieth century. To his original purchase he has added as his financial resources have increased and has thus extended the boundaries of his place until it now comprises four hundred acres on section 1, Pleasant township.

On the 2d of February, 1883, Mr. Olsen was married to Miss Antonetta Lee, a native of Norway, who was brought to the new world when four months old. Twelve children have been born to this union: Amelia, the wife of Ole Agge, a resident of Pleasant township, Cass county; Hartvig, living in Stanley township; Matilda, the wife of Joseph Stiles; Tideman, who remains upon the home farm, which he is operating; Anna, the wife of L. Mickleson, of Fargo; Clara, who married Bernard Ertsgaard, of Fargo; Laura, the wife of Hjalmar Thorson, of Fargo, who is a member of the North Dakota National Guard and has gone to the Mexican border; Melvin, Clarence, Tina and Odin, all at home; and Alvin, deceased.

Mr. Olsen and his family are all members of the Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. In politics he is a republican and has served as school director for a number of years but has never filled political positions. He has ever preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for when he came to the new world he was empty handed. He has builded his success upon the sure foundation of industry, perseverance and honorable dealing and is now numbered among the substantial farmers of his county.

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#### HON. LOUIS W. SAUER.

Hon. Louis W. Sauer, one of the partners in the firm of Sauer Brothers, general merchants of Tolley, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 26, 1860. The family name indicates his German lineage, his parents, John M. and Rebecca (Appler) Sauer, both being natives of Germany. They came to America in early life and after living for a time in Indianapolis removed with their family to Ohio and later to Pennsylvania. Subsequently they became residents of Minnesota and in the vicinity of Minneapolis Mr. Sauer purchased land and followed gardening throughout his remaining days, his death there occurring April 4, 1916. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the call of the country for aid and served for two years at the front with a Pennsylvania regiment. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1886.

Louis W. Sauer was reared and educated in Minneapolis and remained with his parents until after he attained his majority. In 1883 he removed to Barnes county, North Dakota, and filed on a homestead near Valley City, after which he began the arduous task of developing and improving the property, upon which he continued for many years. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his place, buying more land from time to time until he owned a section. When the town of Tolley was started in 1905 he took up his abode there and established a lumberyard which he conducted for four years. On selling out he turned his attention to general merchandising in partnership with his brother Peter, and under the firm style of Sauer Brothers they have since conducted a large and growing business. In 1909 they erected a modern two story cement block building, one hundred and twenty by twenty-four feet, and they now carry an attractive line of goods, while the business methods of the house are bringing to them an increased patronage annually. Louis W. Sauer has also made extensive investments in property and is now the owner of one thousand acres of farm land in Renville county which he rents, thus adding materially to his income.

On the 24th of March, 1896, Mr. Sauer was married to Miss Lettie Peterson and they have eight children, namely: Roy, Louis, Andrew, Earl, Esther, Ruth, Grace and Dorothy Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Sauer are faithful members of the Methodist church and he is a popular and prominent figure in several fraternal organizations. He has attained the



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thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and he belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He has always voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has served as a member of the town board at intervals since the town was established. He is now president of the school board and does everything in his power to further local progress and improvement. Still higher political honors, however, have been conferred upon him, as he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature in 1911, serving two years. He was on several committees in the legislature, the more important being those on railways, means, agriculture, education and penal institutions. He is an esteemed and valued resident of Renville county, holding at all times to high standards of manhood and of citizenship.

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#### J. WILBER MORELAND, M. D.

Dr. J. Wilber Moreland, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Maxbass, is a native of Vermilion county, Illinois. He was born January 7, 1876, of the marriage of Pearly B. and Emma (Jamison) Moreland, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father devoted his life to educational work, teaching school from his nineteenth year to the time of his death, which occurred at the comparatively early age of thirty-six years. His wife had passed away some years before.

Dr. Moreland was thus left an orphan when a little lad of eleven years. There were four children in the family and he and an older sister kept them all together and with some little assistance from an uncle they thus managed to remain together until they reached manhood and womanhood. Dr. Moreland attended the public schools at Potomac, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, and when about twenty-one years of age he began teaching, devoting his time to educational work for four years. In 1902 he took up the study of medicine, entering the medical department of the Northwestern University in Chicago, from which he received his professional degree as a member of the class of 1906. Laudable ambition to make good use of his time, talents and opportunities and win for himself a creditable place in the world has prompted him at every point in his career. Following his graduation he located in Highland, Illinois, and a year later removed to Penfield, that state, where he was successfully engaged in practice for five years. In 1913 he removed to Maxbass and in the intervening period has built up a remunerative practice, for his fellow townsmen recognize that he is well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties that devolve upon him in a professional connection. He closely studies the scientific phases of medical practice and keeps in touch with the most recent discoveries and theories.

In 1908 Dr. Moreland was united in marriage to Miss Alice Maud Cole, of Ottawa, Illinois, by whom he has two children, James Wilber, Jr., and Alice Cole. Dr. Moreland is a member of Potomac Lodge, No. 782, F. & A. M., of Potomac, Illinois; of Genevieve Lodge, No. 160, I. O. O. F., of Penfield, Illinois; and the Woodmen of the World. His wife is a member of the Baptist church. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Northwestern District Medical Society, the North Dakota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and he is deeply interested in anything that tends to bring to man a key to the complex mystery which we call life.

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#### GEORGE WHITCOMB NEWTON.

George Whitcomb Newton, for many years an active, able and distinguished member of the bar, is now living retired in Bismarek, in which city he took up his abode during territorial days, remaining an active practitioner there until a recent date. He was born at Swanton, Vermont, February 12, 1838, a son of Silas Whitcomb and Charlotte Amanda (Smith) Newton, both of whom were natives of the Green Mountain state and representatives

of old colonial families. The Newton family was founded in the new world by Richard Newton, the great-great-great-great-grandfather of George W. Newton, who came from England during the early period of the new world colonization. Alvin Newton, the great-grandfather in the paternal line, was a member of a Massachusetts regiment of Continental soldiers in the Revolutionary war and was present at the battle of Concord, while John Austin, great-grandfather in the maternal line, was also one of those who fought for the independence of the nation. The paternal grandfather, Alvin Newton, was a soldier of the War of 1812. The family has through many generations been one of prominence in Vermont and in that state the parents of Mr. Newton continued their residence until called to their final rest.

Reared in Vermont, George W. Newton completed his literary education by graduation from the Thetford Academy of Orange county, Vermont, as a member of the class of 1860. The succeeding two years were devoted to the study of law and in 1862 he was admitted to the bar, after which he located for practice in Franklin county, Vermont, where he successfully engaged in the prosecution of his profession until 1883. The growing northwest attracted him, however, and in that year he removed to Bismarek, Dakota territory, where he opened a law office and soon won recognition as one of the foremost members of the North Dakota bar. He argued many cases and lost but few. His course in the courtroom was characterized by a calmness and dignity that indicated reserve strength and his handling of a case was always full, comprehensive and accurate. He saw without effort the relation and dependence of the facts and so grouped them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tended to prove. His briefs always showed wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons which could be urged for his contention, presented in cogent and logical form and characterized by a style unusually lucid and clear.

Mr. Newton has been twice married. On the 9th of May, 1866, in Vermont, he wedded Miss Mary L. Skeels, who passed away in Bismarek, North Dakota, March 27, 1906, leaving three sons, as follows: William Skeels Newton, of Seattle, Washington; George Gordon Newton, of Superior, Wisconsin; and John Henry Newton, of Mandan, North Dakota. On the 22d of February, 1912, in Fargo, North Dakota, Mr. Newton was again married, his second union being with Elizabeth D. Young nee Moore, the widow of John Young.

Fraternally Mr. Newton is a Master Mason, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party but he has neither sought nor held any office outside the strict path of his profession and even then has cared little to fill public positions. However, in 1874 he was made states attorney of Franklin county, Vermont, and occupied that position for two years. He remained in the active practice of his profession in Bismarek until 1914, when he retired, for he has passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. To him have come "the blest accomplishments of age—honor, riches, troops of friends."

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#### JOHN H. CANHAM.

John H. Canham of Jamestown, Stutsman county, is manager and part owner of the Western Electric Company, which is one of the important industrial concerns of the central part of the state. He was born in Nova Scotia, October 27, 1864, a son of John and Mary (Henderson) Canham. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, settled in North Dakota in the fall of 1879, homesteading land on the Wild Rice river. Subsequently he removed to Idaho and he and his wife are now residing at Moscow, that state. There are nine children in the family, seven sons and two daughters.

John H. Canham received his education in the Dominion of Canada, attending school during the winters. From the age of eight years he worked during the summers and when sixteen years of age he learned steam engineering. He worked for two years on the Missouri river and was subsequently employed in Bismarek for three years. For twenty-six years he has been connected with the Western Electric Company, which he and his wife purchased thirteen years ago and of which she is president and he is

manager. The capacity of the plant has been increased a number of times and it supplies light to the city of Jamestown, pumps the water for the city and also furnishes heat. It has nine blocks of mains in the city and represents an investment of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It furnishes employment to fifteen men and its business is of such volume that an up-town office is maintained.

Mr. Canham was married on the 22d of February, 1888, to Miss Agnes McHarg, a daughter of John McHarg, a veteran of both the Mexican and Civil wars. Three children have been born to this union, Lottie, Norma and Louise.

Mr. Canham casts his ballot in support of the republican party and he has served on the city council, and fraternally is connected with the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen and the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knights Templar degree, and has crossed the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He holds membership in the Young Men's Christian Association, which affiliation indicates the high standards that govern his conduct. He is a public-spirited citizen and cooperates heartily in the various projects of the Commercial Club, of which he is a member. He believes firmly in the great future in store for North Dakota and does all in his power to further its development along all lines.

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#### HON. LOUIS K. HASSELL.

America has no more loyal citizen among the native born than Judge Hassell, of Grand Forks, a man of high character and ideals who has been a stalwart champion of state and national interests. At the same time he is fair and impartial in his rulings, while in manner he is modest and unassuming. The specific office of biography, however, is not to give a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but to leave the record establishing his position by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen.

Judge Hassell was born in Biri, Norway, August 19, 1862. His father, Christian Hassell, also a native of that country, born August 1, 1834, was a traveling man and farmer of Norway. He wedded Oline Fremstad who was of German parentage but was born in Norway in 1837. In the year 1881 Christian Hassell crossed the Atlantic to America with his family and settled in Walsh county, North Dakota, becoming a pioneer resident of that district, where he successfully engaged in farming for many years or until 1903. At that date he was stricken with blindness, after which he returned to Norway, where he passed away March 6, 1912. His wife had died in Walsh county, November 17, 1889, at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are yet living: Louis K.; Nettie, the wife of W. R. Lasham, a resident of Hollywood, a suburb of Los Angeles, California; and Edwin, who occupies the old homestead in Walsh county.

Judge Hassell pursued his education in common and high schools and in the college of Hamar, Norway, being graduated from the last named institution in 1880 on the completion of a literary course. His early training and experiences were those of the farm bred boy and in 1881, when a youth of nineteen years, he started out to earn his own living. He was first employed in the law office of Major J. G. Hamilton, of Grand Forks, following the arrival of the family in the new world, and in the fall of that year he became editor of the Grand Forks Tidende, a Norwegian newspaper, which is now one of the largest Norwegian papers of the United States. It has been a daily for the past thirty years and is now published in Minneapolis. After three years' connection with that paper Judge Hassell was made a deputy in the office of the city auditor and treasurer under Dr. W. T. Collins, a pioneer and Civil war veteran. From the fall of 1884 until January, 1887, Judge Hassell served as clerk in the office of the register of deeds of Grand Forks county. The need of a Scandinavian paper in Grand Forks, following the removal of the Tidende to Minneapolis, led him to begin the publication of the Normanden, which he conducted until the summer of 1888, when he sold out. He afterward spent several months as an employe in the office of the county auditor and in the fall of 1889 was elected on the republican ticket to the position of clerk of the district court. Four times he was reelected to that office, making a most notable record for faithful, efficient and commendable service. After retiring from that

position he served for a time as deputy sheriff under James Collins and was then elected to his present position, that of county judge of Grand Forks county. He has been elected to the bench eight times, his service covering sixteen years to the 1st of January, 1917, and in the fall of 1916 he was renominated without opposition—a record perhaps unequalled in the history of the state.

On the 9th of August, 1885, Judge Hassell was married to Miss Sophia A. Anderson, a native of Norway and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson, who were early settlers of Grand Forks county and are now deceased. Judge and Mrs. Hassell have five children: Selma L., born July 7, 1886; Olga O., May 10, 1888; Clarence L., born August 4, 1892; Agnes F., November 14, 1894; and Dagny M., July 10, 1902.

The family residence is at No. 412 South Fifth street, where Judge Hassell owns a pleasant home. He and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church and he belongs to various fraternal organizations, including the Masons, the Elks, the United Workmen and the Knights of Pythias. He is also identified with the Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with all projects for the public good. In politics he is a republican and cooperates in every movement that tends to advance civic ideals and raise the standards of citizenship. In manner modest and unassuming, the worth of his character is acknowledged by all. He is charitable in his opinions of the individual and upon the bench is thoroughly just, recognizing, however, that justice should often be tempered with mercy. The official record of few county judges in the state has extended over a longer period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

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#### HALLDOR HALLDORSON.

Halldor Halldorson, United States customs officer at St. John, was born in Iceland, April 15, 1873, a son of Halldor and Sigridur (Thorlakson) Halldorson, who were natives of Iceland. The father was a farmer in that country, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Pembina county, North Dakota. There he filed on a homestead and developed and improved land, continuing its cultivation throughout his remaining days. Both he and his wife passed away in December, 1889.

Halldor Halldorson spent the first nine years of his life in his native country and then came with his parents to the new world, so that he was largely reared in Pembina county. He is indebted to its public school system for the educational opportunities which he received supplemented by a term's study in the University of North Dakota. He next entered the Mayville Normal and was graduated therefrom in 1901. He took up the profession of teaching in Pembina, Walsh and Grand Forks counties, devoting his attention to the professional work until 1907, his efforts being a contributing force in advancing and upholding the educational standards of the state. In 1899 he filed on land in Pierce county, North Dakota, twelve miles south of Rolette, and owned and operated his farm there until 1910. In 1907, however, he took the civil service examination for railway mail service and a little later also took the examination for inspector and deputy collector of customs. He received appointment to the railway mail service, in which he continued until appointed in December, 1907, to the customs service and on the 4th of January, 1908, he was assigned to the Pembina office, where he remained for eight months, when he was transferred to Portal, North Dakota, where he remained for two years. On the 1st of August, 1910, he was assigned to duty at St. John, where he has since remained, promptly and capably discharging the duties of this position.

On the 10th of October, 1916, Mr. Halldorson was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Ellen Louise Richardson, a daughter of Alfred W. Richardson, now of Howard Lake, Minnesota. Her father is a native of Australia and her mother of Canada, and both are of English descent. They became pioneer residents of South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Halldorson occupy a pleasant home in St. John and he is the owner of one hundred and seventy-seven acres of land four miles west of the town. Fraternaly he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Rolla Lodge, No. 66, A. F. & A. M. His religious faith

is that of the Lutheran church and his political belief that of the republican party. Much of his life has been spent in this section of the state and he has ever been keenly interested in all those forces that work for the development and progress of the community in which he makes his home.

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#### F. W. LEWIS.

F. W. Lewis, senior partner of the firm of Lewis & Wright, hardware dealers and leading business men of St. John, was born in Oxford county, Ontario, November 18, 1870, a son of Irwin and Ellen (Galloway) Lewis, both of whom were natives of Ontario, where they were reared and married. In 1886 they came to the United States and established their home in Rolette county two and a half miles from the present town site of Rolla. This section of the state was then largely undeveloped, unclaimed and unimproved. The father preempted one hundred and sixty acres and thereon the family took up their abode, making it their place of residence until 1904, his labors having in the meantime converted the wild prairie into richly cultivated fields. Again the father became a frontier settler, going west to Williams county, where he filed on a homestead. He proved up on that property and afterward sold it, subsequent to which time he returned to Rolla, where he is now living retired.

F. W. Lewis was educated in the public schools of Rolla and on reaching manhood began cooperating with his father in the cultivation of the home farm. His life has been one of unremitting industry and his earnest toil has brought him the success which he now enjoys. In 1905 he became identified with the grain business as buyer for the Imperial Elevator Company, being placed in charge of its elevator at Perth. There he remained as manager for seven years and developed a good trade for the company. Desirous, however, of engaging in business on his own account, in 1912 he established an agricultural implement store at Perth, but in the fall of the same year disposed of that business and went to St. John, where he opened a hardware store. In the intervening period he has developed one of the leading business houses of the town, having now an extensive and gratifying patronage which returns to him a good profit. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of farm land in the Turtle mountains.

In 1904 Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Melita McLaughlin, of Rolla. They are members of the Presbyterian church and in social circles occupy an enviable position. Politically Mr. Lewis is a republican and fraternally he is connected with the American Yeomen. For thirty years he has lived in Rolette county and this section of the state and has been closely associated with movements resulting in its upbuilding and development.

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#### HANS C. BJONE.

Hans C. Bjone, a farmer residing on section 14, Black Loam township, Lamoure county, was born in Norway, September 29, 1873, his parents being Crist and Kjariste Bjone, who were also natives of the same country, the father there following the occupation of farming throughout his entire life. He died February 7, 1888, but his widow is still living in Norway.

Hans C. Bjone was a lad of but fourteen years at the time of his father's death. He acquired his education in the schools of his native country and in 1893 came to America, settling in North Dakota, where he worked for his brother for several years, carefully saving his earnings throughout that period until he was able to purchase his present place of six hundred and forty acres. In 1908 he erected a modern nine room house with all modern conveniences which is one of the best homes in Lamoure county. His land was wild and undeveloped when it came into his possession but he at once set about improving it and has since operated the farm, his labors bringing about a marked transformation in its appearance, as it is today one of the highly cultivated and productive farm properties of Lamoure county. Capable management and indefatigable energy have led to his success

and he is now one of the substantial citizens of his district. He became one of the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Verona, of which he is the vice president, with his brother Gilbert as president and Hans Bjone, a nephew, as cashier. The bank is capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars, is housed in a fine modern bank building and was opened to business on Saturday, August 19, 1916.

In March, 1904, Mr. Bjone was united in marriage to Miss Betsey Anderson and they became the parents of a son and daughter, Crist G. and Helen B. The wife and mother passed away in 1908, after a month's illness, and in November, 1911, Mr. Bjone wedded Mary Blaken, by whom he has one child, Christena.

Mr. Bjone is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He gives his political endorsement to the men and measures of the republican party but does not seek nor desire office, feeling that the pursuits of private life are in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. He came to America when a young man of twenty years and throughout the intervening period of twenty-three years has lived in North Dakota, where he found the business opportunities which he sought, and in their utilization he has demonstrated the fact that America offers excellent advantages to the man who is willing to work and utilize her natural resources.

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#### HON. JOHN J. DOYLE.

One of the most prominent and influential citizens of the southern part of North Dakota is John J. Doyle, who is not only an important factor in public affairs but is also one of the representative business men of McIntosh county, now serving as president of the Security State Bank of Wishek. He is a native of Scott county, Minnesota, and a son of Patrick and Elizabeth Doyle, who were born, reared and married in Ireland. It was in 1864 that they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and located in Minnesota, where for some years the father was engaged in railroad work. For a time he was subsequently engaged in farming near Redwood Falls and from 1880 until 1885 was in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad, having charge of the surfacing of their track from Dickinson, North Dakota, to Helena, Montana. In 1885 he brought his family to McIntosh county, North Dakota, and here preempted a quarter section of land and also took up a tree claim of similar size about ten miles south of Wishek, on which he lived until 1896. During the following two years he was engaged in the cattle business and in 1898 removed to Wishek, where he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1907. His wife had passed away in 1895.

John J. Doyle was reared in much the usual manner of boys in the west and is indebted to the public schools of Minnesota and Bozeman, Montana, for the early education he acquired. It was in 1883 that he became a resident of Bozeman and two years later he accompanied the family on their removal to North Dakota, remaining under the parental roof until 1889, when he preempted a quarter section of land and began farming on his own account. He also entered a tree claim and proved up on both tracts, continuing to engage in their operation until 1895, when he sold out. During the following three years he was interested in the cattle business and on disposing of that turned his attention to the grain trade, with which he has since been prominently identified. He owns two elevators in Wishek and a half interest in another, also one at Ashley; and operated another at Burnstad from 1909 to 1915, when he sold it. From 1898 to 1903 he was engaged in the mercantile business in Wishek and in 1905 turned his attention to the banking business, establishing the First State Bank at Richardton, North Dakota. In July of the same year he founded the First State Bank of Glen Ullin, this state, and also built an elevator and opened a lumberyard at the same place, but in January, 1906, sold his interests there and returned to Wishek, where he established a lumberyard. He disposed of it, however, in May of the same year and embarked in the land business, in which he is still engaged, buying and selling land on an extensive scale. In September, 1909, he organized the Security State Bank of Wishek, of which he is the principal stockholder and president. In March, 1914, he was



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one of the principal incorporators of the Wishek Lumber Company, of which he is secretary and general manager. He acquired some four thousand acres of valuable land, for which he paid the top market price, but he has since sold some of this property and bought other tracts from time to time, his present holdings being somewhat less than four thousand acres. He possesses remarkable business and executive ability and usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In 1909 Mr. Doyle married Miss Catherine E. Scanlan, of Page, North Dakota, and to them have been born three children, of whom two survive, namely: John Myron and Walter James. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, and Mr. Doyle is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a staunch republican and his fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability have called upon him to fill official positions of honor and trust. In 1898 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, was reelected in 1910 and again in 1912. In 1909 he was one of the men to advocate the appointment of a committee to investigate the state educational institutions and to place them on an economical basis after finding out what was necessary to maintain them but the proposal met with but little approval at the time. In 1915, however, the legislature was forced to appoint such a committee on account of lack of funds. At all times Mr. Doyle advocated the initiative and referendum and was one of the members to support the measure for the exemption of taxes on farm improvements, etc. He has always kept thoroughly informed on the questions and issues of the day and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit. He stands deservedly high in business and financial circles and is a man of whom any community might feel justly proud.

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#### IVER YTREEIDE.

Norway has contributed largely to the citizenship of North Dakota. Her sons, industrious and diligent, have labored earnestly along the lines of business which have been the chief factors in the development and upbuilding of the state. A representative of this class is Iver Ytreeide, who was born in Norway, February 2, 1880, a son of Peter and Anna Ytreeide, who were born, reared and married in the land of the midnight sun. They remained there until called to their final rest and the father followed the occupation of farming in order to provide for the support of his family of five children, all of whom are yet living.

Iver Ytreeide, who was the second in order of birth, pursued a common school education in his native country and when a youth of nineteen years started out in the world on his own account. The favorable reports which he had heard concerning America and its opportunities led him to the determination to try his fortune in the new world and, crossing the Atlantic, he made his way to Iowa, where he was employed for a time as a farm hand. In the fall of 1906, however, he came to North Dakota, settling in Steele, where he secured a clerkship in a general store, spending a year in that way. In 1907 he accepted a position in the James River National Bank at Jamestown and later went to Montpelier to become teller in the bank, which position he occupied for ten months. At Pingree he held the office of assistant cashier, continuing at that place for five years, when he returned to Montpelier in May, 1913, and has since been actively identified with its financial interests. He is now a stockholder of the James River Bank Syndicate and he has served as cashier of the Montpelier bank for three years. The bank was organized in 1906 by the James River Valley Bank of Jamestown and has had a continuously successful existence. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Ytreeide has investments in farm lands and in town property and in fact the bank conducts a large real estate department and is also agent for different insurance companies. Since his arrival in America Mr. Ytreeide has given financial aid toward bringing to this country two brothers and a sister, all of whom have become successful in the new world.

On the 6th of May, 1914, Mr. Ytreeide was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wahl, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Lars and Ingeborg Wahl, the former now deceased, while the latter resides in Missouri. Mrs. Ytreeide was the fifth in order of birth in their

family of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Ytreeide have become the parents of a little son, Leland, who was born April 20, 1915.

They are members of the Montpelier Lutheran church, of which Mr. Ytreeide is serving as treasurer and to the support of the church he is a liberal contributor. In politics he is a republican, and while he does not seek nor desire political office, he is serving at the present time as school treasurer. Never has he regretted his determination to come to the new world, for he found that in America labor is king and that the way of advancement is always open to the man of ambition and energy—qualities which are numbered among his salient characteristics. Year after year he has worked on along well defined business lines and has continually progressed toward the goal of success.

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#### DUGALD CAMPBELL.

Dugald Campbell, manager for the John D. Gruber Company, dealers in agricultural implements, lumber, coal and harness at Maxbass, was born in Durham, Ontario, August 12, 1881, a son of George and Flora (Gilchrist) Campbell, both of whom were natives of Scotland, whence they emigrated in childhood days to Canada with their respective parents. The father, who is now deceased, devoted his life to farming. The mother is a resident of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Dugald Campbell was educated in the public schools of Durham, Ontario, and became a wage earner in his sixteenth year, at which time he secured employment as a farm hand. In the spring of 1900 he came across the boundary line to the United States and established his home in Bottineau county, North Dakota, where for two years he engaged in farming. He subsequently spent a similar period at work at the carpenter's trade and for one year was in Bottineau and one year at Westhope. In 1904 he filed on a homestead in Lewis township, Bottineau county, a mile south of Maxbass, and thereon resided until 1908, when he took up his abode in the town and accepted a position with the John D. Gruber Company, working in both the office and the yards. Two years later, in recognition of his ability and fidelity, he was advanced to the position of manager of the business, in which capacity he has since continued and under his guidance the enterprise has become a growing and profitable concern. At all times he displays a progressive spirit and his activity has been a forceful element in promoting the progress of the community.

In 1910 Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Anna May Greenwood, of Durham, Ontario, and to them have been born three children, Walter G., Donald E. and Islay G. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Presbyterian church. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he is the present town treasurer of Maxbass, while for two years he served as clerk of the village. He is regarded as one of the representative citizens of his town and in his life exemplifies the spirit of western enterprise and progress—a spirit that is leading to the rapid development and substantial upbuilding of North Dakota.

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#### JOHN McINTYRE.

John McIntyre, who is farming near Cuba, Barnes county, was born in Rochester, Minnesota, August 29, 1876, a son of Thomas Archibald and Mary (Luseomb) McIntyre, the former a native of Adrian, Michigan, and the latter of London, England. About 1873 the father removed with his family to Rochester, Minnesota, where he remained until 1880, when with team and wagon he started overland to Barnes county, North Dakota, arriving at Valley City on the 2d of June. He took up a homestead eight miles south of the county seat and added to it by purchase, continuing to engage in farming there throughout his remaining days. He at first put up a small shed house reinforced by sod and later erected the residence now found upon the place. He was a progressive agriculturist, nor did he neglect his duties of citizenship, but bore his part in promoting the community interests. He passed away in 1909 at the age of fifty-six years and his widow is now living in Los Angeles, California. Their family numbered five children,

of whom John is the eldest. One son, Thomas A. McIntyre, Jr., after attending the high school and the State Normal School at Valley City began a course of medicine at Des Moines, Iowa, and later was graduated from a medical college at Los Angeles, where he is now making his home. A daughter, Melissa, has become the wife of S. P. Southwick, also a resident of Los Angeles. The other two children of the family have passed away.

When a little lad of six years John McIntyre became a pupil in the district schools near his father's home and in due time was graduated from the high school at Valley City. He has since that time devoted his attention to the conduct and operation of a farm and is now the owner of eleven hundred and twenty acres of rich, valuable and productive land. He raises the small grains, wheat, oats and barley, in large quantities, and in addition is well known as a successful stock raiser, having usually a herd of seventy-five or more cattle, largely Holsteins, breeding from registered high grade stock. He also has about thirty-five or forty head of Chester White hogs, breeding with registered sires. His business interests are most carefully and wisely conducted and his unremitting diligence has been the source of his success.

Mr. McIntyre keeps in touch with the latest questions and issues of the day, politically and otherwise, as manifest in the trend of the times. Fraternaly he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Moose. His friends, and they are many, know him as a modest man of genuine worth, reliable and enterprising in business and loyal in matters of citizenship.

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#### ELMER J. WRIGHT.

Elmer J. Wright, a hardware merchant of St. John, was born in Hornellsville, Steuben county, New York, February 11, 1867, a son of Gilbert and Sarah (Thomas) Wright, the former a native of Steuben county, New York, and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer by occupation and also followed carpentering throughout his entire life, always remaining a resident of New York. He served for three years in the One Hundred and Seventh New York Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, enlisting in 1862, and on one occasion he was wounded in the face, his jaw being broken. He has now reached the age of seventy-nine years, while his wife is seventy-five years of age.

Elmer J. Wright was reared in his native county and supplemented his public school education by study in the Alfred University of Allegany county, New York. He learned the carpenter's trade of his father and afterward pursued a civil engineering course in college. Taking up the profession of teaching, he was thus engaged for eleven years, spending eight years in that connection in New York and three years in Cass county, North Dakota. He came to this state in 1896 and settled in Cass county, where he continued to make his home until 1900, when he removed to Rolette county. Upon the opening of the reservation he filed on land which he improved and cultivated for seven years. He then sold his property and went to St. John, where he has since engaged in surveying. He is now county surveyor of Rolette county, having occupied the position continuously for the past fourteen years, having been reelected at each biennial period without specially seeking the office or making effort to win the election. In the spring of 1916 he purchased a half interest in a hardware business, becoming a partner of Fred Lewis under the firm style of Lewis & Wright. They carry an extensive stock of goods and enjoy a large patronage, theirs being the only store of the kind in the town.

In November, 1898, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Solberg, a daughter of John and Matilda (Larson) Solberg, who were natives of Norway. They came to America at an early day, soon after the Civil war, and the father worked in sawmills in Wisconsin. After his removal to North Dakota he worked at the carpenter's trade. He also homesteaded land in this state and he now resides at St. John with Mr. and Mrs. Wright, his wife having passed away on the 30th of June, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have become the parents of three children: Fern E., who was born October 4, 1899; Nina L., born May 24, 1902; and Floyd K., born July 2, 1908.

Mr. Wright holds membership with the Modern Brotherhood of America and for six years was secretary of the local organization. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian

church, while in his political faith he is a republican. He is now president of the town board of St. John and for four years was assessor, while he has also been a member of the school board. He still has farming interests in the county and he is connected with many of those forces which are working for the upbuilding and substantial development of the district. His worth as a citizen is widely acknowledged and his reliability in business is above question.

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HON. PHILIP McLOUGHLIN.

Hon. Philip McLoughlin, justice of the peace at Grand Forks, North Dakota, was born in the village of Bonmahon, County Waterford, Ireland, on the 16th day of January, 1860, a son of Michael and Mary (O'Mahoney) McLoughlin. His father was compelled to leave Ireland in the year 1867 and come to America. This year was the year known as the year of the rising, as the Fenians of Ireland revolted against the cruel laws of England and against landlordism. He located in Michigan and after a few years went to Duluth and Brainerd, Minnesota, and followed the line of the Northern Pacific Railway, finally settling at what is now known as Valley City, then called the second crossing of the Sheyenne river.

Judge McLoughlin left the Emerald isle August 25, 1873, on the steamship Java, when only thirteen years old and arrived at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 10th of the same year. He then went to Fargo after a few weeks stay at St. Paul, and then to Valley City, where he met his father for the first time since he left Ireland. After a few weeks in Valley City he went to Jamestown, North Dakota, then Fort Seward, and entered the employ of Hon. D. Kelligher, then in charge of the Northern Pacific at Jamestown. Fort Seward was commanded by Captain Paterson, Company A, Twentieth Infantry. Judge McLoughlin spent the winter of 1874-75 at Jamestown. The Northern Pacific shut down all traffic in the winter months and all transportation was by teams and government mules. Jamestown at that time was inhabited by Indians. While at Jamestown Judge McLoughlin became intimately acquainted with the army officers of the west, among his friends being General Custer, Colonel Tom Custer, Colonel Kehoe and other notable men that went down to death on the 25th and 26th of June, 1876, at the battle of the Little Big Horn with Sitting Bull and his thirsty followers. He was personally acquainted with all the Seventh Cavalry that were in that fight, having bid good-by to them at Fort Lincoln in May that year as they went west on the ill-fated expedition. While on the frontier he also became acquainted with Major McLaughlin, now Indian inspector, and his family and many of the old Catholic missionaries, notably Rev. J. B. M. Geuin, and many prominent territorial officers of that period.

In the spring of 1875 William Fitzpatrick, roadmaster of the Dakota division of the Northern Pacific, induced Judge McLoughlin to go out on the work train as water boy for the large crew of men then employed, and on May 23d he left Jamestown, where he had resided from the 15th of October, 1874, and then entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. He worked all that summer as water boy and saw many wonderful things during that time. Game of all kinds was abundant, deer, antelope, wolves, foxes, badgers and in fact all the animal kingdom was to be seen on the western prairie of Dakota territory. In the fall of 1875 his sister, Miss Bridget McLoughlin, arrived in Valley City, and that winter was spent in a log house about three miles south of where the city now stands. He spent a large part of his time at the section house west of the railroad bridge with Patrick Flood and wife, attending to the mail horses that were kept there for a change as the mail arrived. It was during that winter that he met Billy Budge, of Grand Forks, Mr. Esleman, David Holmes, James A. Jenks, Al Kenny, Bill Merick and others on their way to the gold fields of the Black Hills. In that winter Colonel Lounsbury came through on the mail team from Bismarek. The only passengers on that trip were the colonel and a lady named Miss Bridget Downey on her way to Fargo, while the colonel continued his trip to St. Paul, and there issued one million copies of the Bismarek Tribune to advertise the Black Hills gold. Miss Downey afterward married Peter Malloy, of Bismarek, and both are now dead.

During the summer of 1875 while a water boy on the Northern Pacific west of Jamestown, an incident occurred that Judge McLoughlin remembers well. On the 15th day of

June, 1875, the gravel train crew was at breakfast when the conductor, Jim Fitzpatrick, requested him to take a look at the water tank car and see what water was there. He jumped on the car and reported not enough for that day, and the brakeman was ordered to get the car on the main track and run to Crystal Springs, east of where the gravel train was, and fill the car tank with water and return. The brakeman said that if the car was jacked up on a screw jack that water enough for the day could be obtained, and in that way the engine could make the trip after supper for fresh water. "Well, all right," said the conductor. Now, mark the irony of fate! This was on June 15, 1875. The pay car was attached to the regular train that day and on its way west with Superintendent J. H. Sullivan and Roadmaster Fitzpatrick riding on the pilot of engine 46, Engineer Clint Rany, Fireman Charles Foster, Conductor Beety, Brakeman Clem Probert, Expressman Swift and J. Rogers, operator. The trains carried an operator with a box relay on the mixed trains as there were no stations between Fargo and Bismarck except Jamestown and in case of accident the operator would cut in and call help. The train was going a fair gait and when west of the 13th siding the engine gave a jerk and tipped over on her side. Fitzpatrick was killed, Sullivan was badly hurt, the engineer and the fireman escaped with slight bruises, and Charles Saunders, an ex-engineer who was riding on the engine, was also killed. The gravel train that was to go east for water that morning was saved the fate of the regular train. About 5 P. M. that day the gravel train was at the 15th siding waiting the passenger to pass by and of course to pay the men. No smoke appeared and no signs of a train and the men began to show signs of uneasiness and kicked for supper. Then at 6 P. M. the conductor gave the signal to back up and the train and crew started for the boarding car on the 14th siding. The conductor and Mr. McLoughlin were on the top of the caboose on the back up to the siding, and Mr. McLoughlin noticed an object far down the track, and called the conductor's attention. He could not see any sign then, but as they came nearer he could see. He at once signaled Engineer Al Kimbal, engine 31, Mike McDonough, fireman, to back up quick and as they approached they soon found Charles Calmer, the boarding boss, on his way to the train to get help. Conductor Fitzpatrick was told that his brother was dead. Judge McLoughlin washed two dead men that night. Saunders was shipped to Bismarck for burial and Fitzpatrick to Kansas. On the 10th of the following month the Brainerd bridge went down carrying death and destruction with it. James Paterkin, engineer, and Dick Grandin, fireman, were both killed. Mr. McLoughlin left Valley City in the fall of 1876 and came to Fargo. His father died at Fargo in September, 1876, and was buried at Holy Cross.

Judge McLoughlin was employed by the firm of Harwood & Hummell, who organized the Bank of Fargo, and in the spring of 1878 he was employed by Harry O'Neil on the water wagon. Leaving Fargo in June, 1878, he went to Barnesville, Minnesota, and entered the employ of the St. Paul & Pacific Railway Company, now the Great Northern, as wiper, and that fall he fired a locomotive for John Kilbane, engine 6, a Norris make. In the winter of that year he went to St. Paul, and returned in the spring of 1879 and went to work for the railway company again as fireman, and continued in the service of the company.

Judge McLoughlin was married at Crookston, August 7, 1879, to Johanna Mulchina, and as a result of said union they have the following children: Michael Maurice, was born in Crookston, is now a conductor on the Great Northern and resides at Crookston; Philip John, of Duluth, is foreman of a telephone crew; Robert Emmet is conductor on the Great Northern at Everett, Washington; Walter James is at Crosby, Minnesota, and is a machinist; Leo Edward is at home attending school; Mary E. Mathers is at Crosby, Minnesota; Josephine Kroll resides at Red Lake, Minnesota; Katherine Wilson lives at Billings, Montana, and Genevieve Verehota at Arvilla, North Dakota. Francis and Rose Anna are at home. The Judge boasts of his large family and seven grandchildren, and, as he puts it, has no real estate in the cemetery to date, November 4, 1916, and all are healthy.

Judge McLoughlin moved to Grand Forks May 1, 1883, and was still with the railway company in charge of their pumping station at Grand Forks. Like all Irishmen, he took a look at politics and was elected a county constable in 1884. On December 18, 1891, he was appointed a justice of the peace in and for Grand Forks county and has held the office to the present day, and is on the ballot for reelection without opposition. Judge McLoughlin is a member of the Roman Catholic faith and boldly asserts it, and is a fourth

degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a strong republican. Always when talking to friends he insists on getting a word in for Ireland, and is in favor of Germany in the present war. The Judge likes to speak with the old timers and of old times, and his memory is a storehouse of events of the early days. He is a member of the Old Settlers Society and a member of the Historical Society of North Dakota. He is now fifty-six years old.

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#### MATT CLOOTEN.

Matt Clooten is the proprietor of an up-to-date livery at Bismarek and also operates his fine farm, which comprises three-quarters of a section. He was born in Jasper, Minnesota, on the 2d of June, 1867, a son of Clements and Delia (Vandeberg) Clooten. The family removed to North Dakota in the fall of 1881 and here the father engaged in farming and later in truck gardening. Both he and his wife are now deceased. To them were born seven sons and two daughters and six of their children are still living.

Matt Clooten has received the greater part of his training in the school of experience as his early educational opportunities were limited. He worked with his father until he was married, at the age of twenty-three years, and then began farming on his own account. He continued to concentrate his energies upon agricultural pursuits until April, 1911, when he entered the livery business in Bismarek, since which time he has given much of his attention to his interests along that line. He still, however, operates his farm of four hundred and eighty acres and derives therefrom a handsome return. He makes his home in Bismarek and is recognized as one of the substantial residents of the city.

On the 6th of April, 1890, Mr. Clooten was united in marriage to Miss Sofia Martinson, a daughter of Christian and Mary Martinson, the latter of whom is still living. To this union have been born the following children: Harry, Louis, Delia, Clements, Elizabeth, Lillian, Agnes, Margaret and Magdalen.

Mr. Clooten is a staunch republican and has been called to office, having served as school director and as a member of the police force. He is connected with the Yeomen, and in religious faith is a Roman Catholic. He finds much pleasure in motoring and hunting, in fact is fond of all forms of outdoor sport. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his state and is confident that a great future awaits it.

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#### CHRISTIAN BAERTSCH.

Christian Baertsch, farmer, banker and business man, who is connected with farming interests in Sheridan township, Lamoure county, and who was the founder and promoter of the village of Marion, where he makes his home, was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, December 30, 1853, a son of Andrew and Mary (Perry) Baertsch, both of whom were natives of Switzerland, although the latter was of French descent. They were married in the land of the Alps and immediately afterward came to the United States, spending three years in Galena, Illinois, after which they removed to Buffalo county, Wisconsin, where they resided until called to their final rest. In early life the father devoted his attention to merchandising but afterward became a farmer.

Christian Baertsch was educated in the public schools of his native state and spent his youthful days there in the usual manner of farm lads, work and play dividing his time. In 1878 he wedded Miss Eliza Dell, of Buffalo county, Wisconsin, and after their marriage he operated a portion of his father's farm until 1882, when he came to North Dakota and took up a preemption on section 2, Sheridan township, Lamoure county. He proved up on that claim and occupied it for six years, after which he homesteaded his present farm, to which he removed on the 1st of October, 1889. On this farm he platted the town of Marion when the railroad was built to that point in 1900 and has since been prominently identified with the upbuilding of the village. He now owns the west half of section 11 and the west half of section 23, Sheridan township, Lamoure county, together with what remains of the



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old homestead, his holdings embracing altogether seven hundred acres, making him one of the substantial citizens of his part of the county. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the First National Bank of Marion and he was one of the dominant factors in the organization of the Farmers Elevator Company of Marion, of which he is now a director.

While a firm believer in democratic principles, Mr. Baertsch would never consent to hold public office. He belongs to Dickey Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Dakota Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., and also has membership in Lincoln Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Baertsch have become parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters: Edmond, an agriculturist of Lamoure county; Estella, the wife of Alden Angevine, who follows farming in Barnes county; Lena, the wife of W. K. Bishop, of Leola, South Dakota; Lewis, who is the cashier of the First National Bank of Marion; William, a merchant of Lead, South Dakota; Earl, who is engaged in the banking business at Conde, South Dakota; Dell, an agriculturist of Lamoure county; and Dudley, at home. The family is one of prominence in the community and Mr. Baertsch has so directed his efforts and activities that he is recognized today as one of the most successful as well as one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Lamoure county.

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#### ISAAC L. O'DELL.

Isaac L. O'Dell, a merchant of Eldridge, has been engaged in the conduct of this business for about seven years, but has resided in the state since 1905. He was born near Cumberland Gap in the northeast part of Tennessee, January 18, 1862, a son of Lacy and Sarah (Owerby) O'Dell, the latter a daughter of a plantation and slave owner of Virginia. However, Mr. O'Dell, the father of our subject, joined the Union army and because of his position on the question of the right of the south to withdraw from the Union he was forced to secretly leave his Tennessee home at night in order to save his life, and went to London, Kentucky. He died of fever in that state and was there buried. To him and his wife were born four children: Mrs. Elizabeth Parman, living in Kentucky; John Henry, of Indiana; William Franklin, of Oklahoma; and Isaac L.

The last named was but two years old when he went with his mother to Kentucky and spent his boyhood in the family home near London, acquiring a district school education. On the 22d of February, 1878, he was married in Laurel county, that state, to Aleie Phelps, a native of Kentucky, and they have become the parents of nine children: Dora E., the wife of W. T. Moore, who follows farming near Salem, Oregon; Flora A., who died at the age of twenty-five years; John Franklin, who died when a year old; William, who is farming in North Dakota; Catherine B., who became the wife of Roy Tory and died at Lakota, North Dakota, in 1915; Helen, the wife of Frank Alexander, of South Dakota; Robert, who was born in Indiana and is now with the Rock Island Plow Company at Minneapolis; Ida Belle, at home; and Lacy Paul, at Jamestown.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell began their domestic life in Kentucky, but after seven years removed with their family to Indiana, settling near Crawfordsville, in Montgomery county, where for nine years Mr. O'Dell was employed by James A. Mount, for four years chief executive of that state. He lived there until 1905, when he sold out all his interests in Indiana and made his way to Jamestown, North Dakota. For four years he cultivated a rented farm and then purchased a stock of merchandise from Alvin Vessey, continuing the business in the same building for five years. In 1914 he purchased ground and erected a substantial business block costing about five thousand dollars, and in this he has a stock of general merchandise and machinery valued at forty-five hundred dollars. He is doing a good business and his trade is steadily growing. His store is neatly and tastefully arranged and his goods attractively displayed. In addition to conducting his mercantile interests he served as postmaster of Eldridge for eight years.

Mr. O'Dell has put forth every possible effort to aid in the upbuilding of his village. He was one of the organizers of the Eldridge Commercial Club in 1915 and became its first president. Since that time the club has been instrumental in securing the establishment of

a bank, a blacksmith shop and a restaurant in this place. Politically Mr. O'Dell is a republican, and for two years filled the office of justice of the peace. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Jamestown and is an exemplary representative of the craft, loyal to its teachings and its purposes.

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#### J. HENRY PITTMAN.

J. Henry Pittman, editor of the Russell Sentinel, has been identified with newspaper work since reaching man's estate and has met with success in his chosen calling. He was born in Bloomington, Indiana, August 25, 1889, his parents being Sethiel and Dorothy E. (Badgley) Pittman, also natives of the Hoosier state. There the father followed farming until his removal to North Dakota in 1904. He first located in McHenry county, where he took up a homestead and engaged in its operation for six years. At the end of that time he removed to Bottineau county and purchased a farm near Bottineau, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies. His wife is also living and they are highly esteemed citizens of the community.

J. Henry Pittman spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents on their removal to North Dakota. He attended school in both states and after laying aside his textbooks began learning the printer's trade in 1906, to which occupation he has since devoted his energies. He edited the Souris Messenger for two years, then the Maxbass Monitor for two months, and then removed to Russell, Bottineau county, where he purchased the Russell Sentinel of R. T. Wood and has since engaged in its publication, making it one of the best country papers in that part of the state.

On the 4th of October, 1911, Mr. Pittman married Miss Thankful N. Deming, by whom he has three children, namely: Edward H., born August 5, 1912; David L., born March 13, 1914; and Nettie A., born February 12, 1916. The parents are earnest and consistent members of the Baptist church, and Mr. Pittman is a republican in politics. He is now serving as school clerk and he does everything within his power to promote the moral and educational welfare of his community. He is a public-spirited citizen whose labors have been effective for the public good.

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#### DON V. MOORE.

Don V. Moore, of Grand Forks, secretary of the North Dakota State Fair Association, has in this connection done much to stimulate local pride in the achievement of the commonwealth, making the annual fairs a matter of inspiration to activity along various lines. Ohio claims Mr. Moore as a native son, his birth having occurred at Edgerton, that state, on the 2d of May, 1871. He is a son of Samuel J. and Nancy (Lewis) Moore, who were also natives of Ohio. The latter was a descendant of an old Kentucky family connected with Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The Moore family, of Scotch descent, was early established in Ohio and for several generations before that time had been represented in America by ancestors who came to the new world prior to the Revolutionary war. Dr. Moore was a dental surgeon and became a pioneer settler of South Dakota, taking up his abode in Mitchell, then in the territory of Dakota, in 1883. There he opened an office and continued to follow his profession to the time of his death, which occurred May 19, 1906, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He exercised his right of franchise in support of the principles and candidates of the republican party and his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. At the time of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal consideration and joined the army as a member of the Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served throughout the entire period of hostilities. He was in all the Confederate states save Florida and Texas and was on active duty under Generals Grant and Sherman, taking part in many hotly contested engagements, including the battles

of Shiloh, Fort Donelson and Vicksburg. While he was often in the thickest of the fight he was never wounded or taken prisoner. He afterward became a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic and was adjutant general of South Dakota. His widow survives and is now a resident of Flandreau, South Dakota. In the family were two children, the younger being Morgia, the wife of J. D. Anderson, of Flandreau.

Don V. Moore was educated in the common schools and from the age of fourteen years has been dependent upon his own resources for a living. He was apprenticed to the printer's trade and after completing his term of indenture served as a journeyman printer for five years. He also spent five years as confidential clerk and bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Mitchell and afterward was for five years connected with mercantile lines. In 1898 he came to Grand Forks, where he engaged in the grain and stock business as a representative of C. E. Lewis & Company, of Minneapolis. He was thus engaged until 1906 and in the meantime he served as secretary of the Commercial Club in 1904 and 1905, being the first working secretary of that organization. In the latter year he was made the first secretary of the North Dakota State Fair Association at Grand Forks. In 1906 he returned to South Dakota, settling at Crow Creek, where for six years he was engaged in merchandising. He sold his interest at that place February 1, 1913, and returned to Grand Forks to again assume the duties of secretary of the North Dakota State Fair Association, which position he has since capably filled, making his work of much worth in that connection.

On the 12th of December, 1894, Mr. Moore was married at Mitchell, South Dakota, to Miss Minnie Anderson, a native of Missouri. They have become the parents of two children: Lewis A., born in Mitchell, April 18, 1898; and Mary D., born in Grand Forks, November 10, 1901.

Mr. Moore has a military chapter in his life history, having at one time been a member of the old Dakota National Guard. In politics he has ever been a republican, active and stalwart in support of the party. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, while fraternally he is a Mason. He was initiated into the order in Mitchell and is now a member of lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Commercial Club of Grand Forks, and there is no plan or project put forth for the benefit and upbuilding of city and state which does not arouse his keen interest and in most cases receive his support. In fact he stands at all times for advancement and improvement and his work in that direction has been far-reaching and beneficial.

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#### AUGUST ARNDT.

August Arndt, manager of the Farmers Elevator at Maxbass, was born in Carver county, Minnesota, on the 10th of October, 1876, a son of August and Catherine (Barlage) Arndt, who were natives of Germany, and in childhood came to the United States with their respective parents, who settled in Minnesota. At the time of the Civil war August Arndt, Sr., responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company H, Ninth Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers. He served throughout the period of the Civil war and, being captured, was incarcerated for several months in Andersonville prison. He had three brothers and a brother-in-law who also were Union soldiers, enlisting from Minnesota, and one of the brothers died in prison. August Arndt, Sr., met an accidental death at Buffalo Lake, Minnesota, about 1896. His widow survives and is now residing in Norwood, Minnesota.

To the public school system of his native state August Arndt is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, but from an early age he has been dependent upon his own resources for a living. In his twelfth year and for two or three summers thereafter he worked in a brickyard and subsequently he was employed in various ways, but eventually secured a position in the flouring mills at Norwood, Minnesota, and was there employed for fourteen years, during which period he thoroughly mastered the trade and steadily worked his way upward in that connection. In August, 1909, he removed to Newburg, North Dakota, in order to take charge of the Heising elevator, which six years later was sold

to the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company. Mr. Arndt remained with the new proprietors for a year and on the 1st of August, 1916, was placed in charge of the Farmers Elevator at Maxbass, which he now manages. He has always been very thorough in anything that he has undertaken and persistent in carrying forward his well formulated plans to successful completion.

On the 13th of July, 1897, Mr. Arndt was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Eklund, of Young America, Minnesota, by whom he had eight children, seven of whom still survive, as follows: Milton, who is employed as bookkeeper in the State Bank of Maxbass; Lloyd, who acts as bookkeeper in the State Bank of Newburg; and Louise, George, Julius, Esther and Theresa, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Arndt is independent. He has served as mayor of Newburg and as a member of the school board of that place for several years. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and he belongs also to Russell Lodge, F. & A. M., of Russell, North Dakota, and to the Modern Woodmen camp. He is one of the representative men of Bottineau county, well known and highly respected, his business ability contributing to the upbuilding of the district, while his social qualities render him a favorite among those whom he meets in business and other relations.

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#### LOUIS DORNACKER.

Louis Dornacker, cashier of the First State Bank at Tuttle, Kidder county, has always lived on this side the Mississippi and the spirit of western progress and enterprise has found manifestation in his active business career. He realized at the outset that industry wins, and he has made industry the strong motive force in his career. His birth occurred in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1882, his father being Nicholas Dornacker, a native of Germany, and one of the pioneer residents of Nebraska. He early learned the carpenter's trade and became a contractor, but during his later years gave his attention to the occupation of farming. His wife, Mrs. Henrietta Dornacker, was a native of Holland and both are now deceased. Their family numbered seven children, all of whom are yet living.

Louis Dornacker, the youngest, pursued his education in the schools of Omaha and of Blair, Nebraska, and after his textbooks were put aside he became connected with the grocery trade in the latter place, devoting three years to that work in Blair. In August, 1905, he became a resident of Steele, North Dakota, where he accepted the position of assistant cashier of the First National Bank, in which capacity he faithfully and capably served for seven years. He then removed to Tuttle, where in connection with John F. Robinson, John C. Taylor and F. D. Jones he organized the First State Bank, becoming cashier at that time and so continuing to the present. This bank is capitalized at ten thousand dollars and its surplus now amounts to six thousand dollars. They not only conduct a general banking business, but also have an insurance department and handle real estate, buying and selling both farm and town property. They have gained a good patronage and the business has proven a growing and profitable one. Mr. Dornacker is also interested in farming, owning land which he rents.

In September, 1911, was celebrated the marriage of Louis Dornacker and Miss Amanda Holland, who was born in Mayville, North Dakota, in 1886, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holland, who were early residents of this state, having settled on a homestead claim in pioneer times when Fargo was their nearest market. Mr. and Mrs. Dornacker have become the parents of two children: Eldred N., born December 25, 1912; and John L., born July 7, 1914.

Mr. Dornacker is an independent voter, supporting the candidates whom he regards as best qualified for the office. While in Blair, Nebraska, he filled the position of city clerk, and he was also the first chairman of the board of trustees of Tuttle. His interest in community affairs is manifest in many tangible ways for the upbuilding and progress of the district. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and his life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles which make him a man whom to know is to respect and honor.

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