J. AUSTIN REGAN, one of the pioneer business men of Fessenden, Wells County, is engaged in handling implements and machinery, and is snidely known as a man of ability, and true citizenship. He is the present efficient postmaster of that town, and is also in the elevator business, in partnership with

W. \V. Lyness. He is a young man of good business capacity, and combines industry and integrity and is rapidly taking a prominent position among his fellowmen.

Our subject was born on a farm near. London, Ontario, Canada, November 3, 1870. His father, Patrick Regan, was born in Canada, and was a farmer by occupation. He removed his family to Unionville,:Missouri, in 187o, where he followed the mercantile business. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Mary Coughlin, was born and raised in Canada, and was of Irish descent.

Mr. Regan is the second in a family of nine children, and was raised in Unionville, Missouri, and after attaining, his majority started for himself. He went to Carrington, North Dakota, in 1891, and was employed by Thomas Doughty in the machine business, and in June, 1893, he came to Fessenden and established the same business, in partnership with Mr. Doughty. They continued to conduct the business together till January 1, 1897, when Mr. Doughty sold his interests to our subject, who became sole proprietor, since which time he has conducted the same alone. This was the first machine firm in the town, and their building was the third or fourth erected in Fessenden. Mr. Regan lost his store buildings by fire, December 27, 1899. His store was 240100 feet, with an addition 2.1.060 feet, and was two stories high. Several other places of business were also burned, and the fire was the largest and most destructive of any that ever occurred in Fessenden. Mr. Regan and Mr. W. W. Lyness have been in partnership in the elevator business since 1897, and carry on an extensive business in that line.

Our subject was married January t9, 1899. to Miss Grace Christie, who was born and raised in Minnesota, and is a (laughter of Captain A. E. Christie. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Regan, Arthur C. Mr. Regan was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland, in November, 1893, and has held the office continuously the past seven years. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was elected chairman of tine Republican county central committee in \Veils County, in 1898, and is an earnest worker for party principles.

OLAUS R. THUS, one of the leading merchants of Walcott, Richland County has built up an extensive and profitable trade by careful attention to the various details of his work. He is enterprising and possessed of marked business ability, and his efforts have been well rewarded. He has been a resident of North Dakota since 1881, and although he entered the country as a foreign-born citizen he has placed himself among the prominent citizens of his adopted land.

Our subject was born in Norway, October 26, 186o. He received a common-school education and learned the tinner's trade in his native country, and remained there until 1881, when he came to America. He went at once to North Dakota, and located in Walcott, where he remained about three years in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company. He then removed to Mayville, Traill County, North Dakota, and was employed in a general merchandise and machinery establishment three years, going from thence to Minot, Ward County, where he engaged in farming five years. He then returned to Walcott, Richland County, since which time he has been engaged in the general merchandise business in that town. He carries hardware, groceries, furniture, and a general stock, and enjoys an extensive patronage.

Our subject was married at Minot, North Dakota, November 19, 1889, to Miss Paulina Monson, who was also born in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Thus are the parents of seven children, named as follows: Richard, Iver, Oscar, Ida, Monrad, Denver, and Dena. The last named two arc twins.

ADENIRAM J. AYRES is recognized as one of the leading farmers of Clifton Township, Cass County. He was one of the earliest settlers of that region and has aided in the uphuilding of the better interests and become thoroughly identified with the early history of that locality. He has a fine farm, and makes his home on section twenty-eight, where he is surrounded by every comfort of country life, and enjoys the highest esteem of his fellowmen.

Our subject was born at the foot of the Mansfield mountains, in Lamoille County, Vermont. May 13, 1847, and was the third in a family of thirteen children, born to Jasper and Malissa (Green) Ayres. His father was born in Maine, and was a carpenter and fanner by occupation, and when a young man was a captain in the Vermont militia.

Mr. Ayres finished his education and grew to manhood in his native state, and after leaving school learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked in Vermont until 1869, and in the spring of that year started west. While traveling through Wisconsin he heard of the destruction by fire of the city of Chippewa Falls, and decided to go there, and upon his arrival began contracting and building. and was engaged in that business until he went to Dakota Territory, in 1879. He followed his business in the city about five years, and then decided to engage in farming, and accordingly filed claim to the northwest quarter of section 34, in Clifton Township, which he still owns and where he lived about three years. He then removed to his present location in section 28 and his holdings now amount to one section of land.

Our subject was married, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. in September, 1870, to Miss Jennett Sillers. Mrs. Ayers was born in Nova Scotia July 33, 1846, and was a daughter of 'William and Alexis (Corbin) Sillers. Her father was a native of Nova Scotia and her mother of Scotland. One child, a son, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, who bears the name of Morton J. Mr. Ayers is a member of the Brotherhood of American Yoemen. He has served as chairman of the township board for a number of years and is active in public affairs. Politically he is a Republican and is firm in his convictions.

JOHN H. MOVIUS, the efficient postmaster of Lidgerwood, and one of the prominent business men of that locality, is a young man of more than ordinary business ability, and is highly esteemed in the city where he makes his home. He was born in Goblow, Germany, June 24, 1860, and has been a resident of Lidgerwood, Richland County, many years. In connection with this sketch will be found a portrait of Mr. Movius.

The father of our subject, Dr. J. William Movius, was a native of Germany, and died in New Ulm, Minnesota, October 13, 1877, aged fifty-six years. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Henrietta Bratz, and was also a native of Germany. Eleven children, six sons and five daughters, were born to this worthy couple, of whom our subject was theyoungest son.

john H. Movius came to America with his parents in May 1867, and was reared at Big Stone City. South Dakota, where he remained until locating in Lidgemvood, Richland County. He was ens-played by his twoolder brothers,Albert W. and WHIR., in the implement business at Big Stone for two years, after which in company with his brother, Emil A., he purchased the business at Big Stone, which they conducted until their removal to Lidgerwood, in March, 1887. They now conduct an extensive business and enjoy all ever-increasing patronage. Mr. Movius is also interested in the Lidgerwood Mill Company, Movius Elevator Company, Movius Lumber Company, and cashier of Movius State Bank.

Our subject was married in Lidgerwood, January 1, 5895, to Miss Margaret W. Wagner, a native of Ontario. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Movius as follows: Eva H., Charles E. and Gretchen H. Mr. Movius is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been grand herald of the state lodge in the last named order. He was appointed postmaster of Lidgerwood, January 18, 1898, and assumed the office March t, since which time the office has been raised from the fourth to the third class. He is a man of the highest integrity and well merits his success.

SEYMOUR S. TITUS, cashier of the First National Bank of Grand Forks. is one of the oldest bankers of North Dakota. He went there when the village contained bit about one hundred people, and with his keen observation and good judgment decided to make permanent residence in Red river valley. Success has attended him financially and socially and Ise is now one of the most influential men of that region, while the institution with which Ise is connected is one of the leading banks of the Northwest.

Mr. Titus was born in Oak Grove, Minnesota, June 3, 1851. and was a son of Moses S. and Jane L. Titus, who were natives of Connecticut. His parents settled in Minnesota about 184} and for many years his father was engaged in business in that state, where our subject was reared and educated. He began life as a farmer and followed that calling in his native state until October, 1872, when he entered the First National Bank of Shakopee, Minnesota, as a general helper, working without wages until February, 1874. when he went to Sauk Center in the employ of Andrew J. Smith, banker, and remained with hint at that place until 1879, acting as clerk and bookkeeper. He went to Grand Forks in June, 1879, going by stage by Fisher's Landing. and was the only passenger. He remained several days and traveled from the village through the surrounding country, the fertility of the soil and the possibilities of the country being forcibly impressed on his mind. He returned to Sauk Center for a short time and later located in Grand Forks, North Dakota, August 29, 1879. and in company with J. Walker Smith opened a small bank under the name of the Bank of Grand Forks. This was the first bank on the lower Red river valley and the place they occupied was a assail building situated on Third street, between Kittson and Bruce avenues, and was purchased by them front J. G. Hamilton for about four hundred dollars and was 18x26 feet. In the fall they erected a small addition in the rear, but were unable to obtain sufficient lumber that year to complete the building, which was only shiplapper. That building now stands in the rear of the Reeler & Stewart block and is used by that firm as a smoke house. The first deposit made in the Bank of Grand Forks was made by Thomas Collins and was for forty-six dollars and eighty-four cents, and the first draft issued was to W. G. Woodruff for seventy-five dollars. The first loan was made to Elias Rice and was for seventy-five dollars. On October 31, 1881, the day the Bank of Grand Forks. was superseded by the now First National Bank, the deposits amounted to $234,233.71. To give an idea of the volume of business done in early days, the total aggregate of business done by the Bank of Grand Forks from August 20, 1879, to an0 in-eluding October 31, 1881, amounted to the enormous suns of $14,203,096.94. The Bank of Grand Forks ceased to exist on October 31, 1881, and the First National Bank cause into existence, with the following officers: J. S. Eshelman, president ; J. Walker Smith, vice-president, and Seymour S. Titus, cashier. In the summer of 1881 Titus Smith erected the brick block now occupied by the Union National Bank, which was the first brick block in the valley north of Fargo and was occupied by the First National Bank for some years. This bank is one of the oldest and also one of the soundest financial institutions of that region, and Mr. Titus has ably discharged the duties of cashier since its organization.

Mr. Titus was married, April 5, 1880, to Hiss Annie L. Stabler, a native of Maine. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Titus, one of whom is now living, viz., Marion E.

HON. ERIK STAFNE, the efficient postmaster of Galchutt, Richland County, North Dakota, and one of the leading merchants of that village, has been a resident of North Dakota since the early days of its settlement. For many years he engaged in farming in Abercrombie Township and is now the owtler of extensive farm lands in that vicinity,

Mr. Stafne was born in Norway, September 30, 1848. He was reared on a farm in his native place and educated in that land. He resided with his parents until coining to America in the spring of 1871, when he located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and soon afterward engaged in the hotel business, in which he continued until he went to Dakota in the fall of 1877. He located one hundred and sixty acres of land in 1874 on Wild Rice river, in Abercrombie Township, and settled on the land in 1877, continuing his residence there until 1895. During that time aside from his farming he engaged in the mercantile business in Abercrombie about four 3-ears, and in the fall of 1896 engaged in the mercantile business in Galchutt. He carries a general stock of merchandise and enjoys Isis share of the patronage. He owns five hundred and sixty-five acres of land and is one of the substantial men of Richland County.

Our subject was married, in Abercrombie Township, March 22, 1882, to Miss Christina Hagen, a native of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Stafne are the parents of eight children, as follows: Albert, John, Theodore, Gilbert, Edward, Gunhild, Esther and Anna. Mr. Stafne was appointed postmaster of Galchutt in the summer of 1896, which office he still holds. He was elected to the legislature of North Dakota in the fall of 1895 and served one term. He has held the office of supervisor of Abercrombie Township and seas county commissioner four years. He takes an active interest in public affairs and every enterprise which tends to the advancement of his community is ably supported by hint. Politically-he is a Republican.

OSCAR G. BARNES, secretary and general manager of the Fargo Gas & Electric Company and es-sheriff of Cass County, is one of the leading and prosperous business men of the city. He is a man of strong force of character, purposeful and energetic, and carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Barnes was born in Grafton County, New Hampshire, April 18, 1855, and is a son of Hiram and Esther B. (Gillette) Barnes, who were natives of Vermont, but spent the greater part of their lives in New Hampshire, where the father's death ococcurred. By occupation the father was a merchant and farmer. Our subject is one of a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, and is the only one of the number living in North Dakota. His education was acquired in his native state, where he attended high school.

On leaving home Mr. Barnes went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he engaged in the hotel business for five years, and the following five years he spent in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1882 he cause to Fargo, North Dakota, and entered the employ of J. B. Weaver & Company, With whom be was interested in the real estate business for nearly two years. Later he was connected with the Fargo foundry as superintendent for sonic years, and on leaving that concern started in business on his own account, carrying on the sane until 1886, when appointed deputy sheriff under J. D. Benton. After serving in that capacity for six years he was elected sheriff in 1892 and most creditably filled that office for two terms of two years each. He was then elected to the county board of commissioners and is now chairman of the same. In the discharge of Isis official duties he has always been found prompt and faithful, winning the commendation of the general public and the high regard of all law abiding citizens. He is now vice-president of the Merchants National Bank of Fargo, a rnernter of its board of directors and also owns stock in other leading business enterprises.

Its 1890 Mr. Barnes was married, in Wisconsin, to Miss Anna Cassaday, a native of that state, and to them have been born two children, Carroll 0. and Esther E., both living,. Socially Mr. Barnes is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Knights. Politically he has always affiliated with the Republican party, has served on the county central committee and been chairman of the city central committee. He is quite prominent and influential in business circles and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JOHN SATTERLUND. No foreign element has become a more important part of our American citizenship than that furnished by Sweden. The emigrants front that land have brought with them to the new world the stability, enterprise and perseverance characteristic of their 'people and have fused these qualities with the progressiveness and indomitable spirit of the \Vest. A prominent representative of this class is I\ Ir. Saterlund, the present receiver of the United States land office at Bismarck.

Ile was born in Carlstad, Sweden, allay 3, 185r, and in 1869 came to America with his parents, Errick and Mary Saterlund, who located in Traverse County, Minnesota, where the mother is still living, but the father is now deceased. After some time spent in that state our subject came to

Bismarck, North Dakota, in 1872, and remained here for some time. Subsequently he spent about four years in Port Arthur, Canada, and then, in 1878, returned to Burleigh County, North Dakota, where he purchased two thousand acres of land north of Bismarck, on which he engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1882 he removed to Washburn, which was laid out and platted by Mr. Satterlund. McLean County was not organized until November, 1883, and Washburn was made the county scat. Upon the organization Sir. Satterlund was chosen the first sheriff of the county and re-elected to that office in 1884. in 1890 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and reelected two years later. He was the moving spirit in having the county enlarged in 1891, and is now president of the \Vashburn Real Estate Company.

In Duluth,:Minnesota, \ Ir. Satterlund was married, in 1877, to Miss Charlotte Peterson, of Clay County, Iowa, and they now have a family of four children, one son and three daughters: Hilda, Lulu, Florence and Floyd. In business affairs \ Ir. Satterlund has met with marked success and has large landed interests in this state. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a prominent representative of the Republican party, having served to all the county and state conventions since coming to North Dakota. Besides the offices already mentioned Ile filled that of county commissioner of Burleigh County in 1882 and was deputy United States marshal for four years from 1883. In 1898 he was made receiver of the United States land office at Bismarck and is now most creditably and acceptably filling that position. His public and private life are alike above reproach and he stands high in public esteem.

GEORGE H. SANBORN. This gentleman has for over a quarter of a century been engaged in farming in Barnes Township, Cass County, and has gained an enviable reputation as a citizen and incidentally laid aside a competenceto tide hint through Isis declining years. He has an estate covering eighty acres of land and makes his home in section 24.

Our subject was born in Rochester, New York, September 18, 1831, and was the third in a family of ten children born to William and Perrnelia (Black) Sanborn, both of whom were natives of Kew York. When our subject was a child his parents removed to Erie, Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm, where he was reared to th age of seventeen years and then went with his father's family to Meadville, Pennsylvania. to which city they removed on account of the educational advantages. Our subject attended the Allegheny College in that city for two years, and then went to Erie, Pennsylvania, and was employed as clerk in a general merchandise establishment one year and later clerked in his father's store at Wattsburg two years and then went to what is now Winona, then Wabasha, and was engaged in the mercantile and real estate business. He continued his residence there from the spring of 1833 to the fall of 186o, when he removed to Texas, but after a few months removed to Ontario, Canada, and was engaged in the oil business about fifty miles from London. After two years he located in Chatham, Ontario, and engaged in the lumber business from the spring of. 1863 to August, 1871, when lee located in Dakota, about twenty miles north of Fargo. The following June he settled on his present farm in section twenty-four, of Barites Township, Cass County, and has engaged in fanning continuously since, and for two years also conducted a livery business in Fargo. Ile is now the owner of eighty acres of land, one mile front the city limits, and has added such improvements as are found on the model farm.

Our subject was married, in Chatham, Ontario, February 19, t868, to bliss Sarah A. McKellar, who was born in Kent County, Ontario; March 13, 1843. Mrs. Sanborn was the fifth in a family of ten children born to Archibald and Lucy (McNabb) McKellar, both of whom were natives of Scotland. Df r. and Mrs. Sanborn are the parents of one daughter, named Pennelia Anna, now Mrs. E. D. Naylor. The family are attendants of the First Presbyterian church of Fargo, of which denomination Mrs. Sanborn is an active member. Mr. Sanborn is a wide-awake and well-to-do farmer and attends strictly to his work and is highly esteemed thronghout lets locality.

ALMON L. LOOMIS, a leading representative of the business interests of Fargo, North Dakota, is the junior member of the firm of March & Loomis, a well-known liveryman of that place. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among its substantial citizens and is a recognized leader in public affairs. He has -won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, and the property that has come to him is certainly well merited.

Mr. Loomis was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, January 3, t854, a son of Almon and Amelia (Morgan) Loomis, who spent their entire lives in that state, the father dying when our subject was only two years old, the mother five years later. In his native state the son passed his boyhood and youth, attending the Grand River Institute of Atistinlmrg and the Orwell Normal Institute of Ashtabula County. In t874 he went to Chicago, Illinois, and filled the position of traveling salesman for five years. He came to Fargo, North Dakota, in 1879, and for three years was employed as clerk in the postoffice at this place. Subsequently he spent a short time in Montana, but in the fall of the same year returned to Fargo, where he was employed as bookkeeper and was in the real estate business for some time. In the spring of 5887 lee embarked in the livery business, which he has since most successfully conducted and now as a member of the firm of Starch & Loomis is doing a large and profitable business.

Socially Mr. Loomis is a prominent member of the Masonic order and politically is an ardent Republican, taking an active interest in political affairs. In 1890 he was elected to the state legislature from Cass County for a period of two years, and in 1891 was appointed deputy United States marshal, in which capacity he served for eight years. He was appointed postmaster of Fargo in Slay, 1898, and is now filling that office in a most efficient and satisfactory manner.

PETER ROBERTS occupies a prominent place as a well-to-do and progressive member of the farming community of Foster comity, and lee has a tine farm in township 147, range 67. He is now retired from active labors and has accumulated a competence to tide him through his declining years.

Our subject was born in Wales, in 1844, and was a son of David and Mary Roberts, both of whom were natives of Wales. His father was one of the early settlers of Wisconsin, and took government land there. He spent the last of his career in his native land, and the mother of our subject died in Wisconsin at the age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Roberts' maiden name was Hughs. The Hughs family was quite a prominent family of England and were professional men, bankers, etc.

Mr. Roberts was the-fourth in a fancily of nine children and at the age of three years came to America with his parents and was reared on a farm in Wisconsin. He was given a good common-school education and attended two terms at Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin. He began for himself at the age of sixteen years and after hiring out one year followed lumbering eight years and traveled from Warsaw, Wisconsin, to St. Louis, Missouri for many years, and while raft pilot made seven dollars per day. He began farming in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, in 1871, and owned eighty acres of land, part of which was timber land. He made this a pleasant home and from the farm gained a comfortable competence, and when he disposed of his interests there was able to begin in Dakota with some means. He went to Foster County, North Dakota, in 1883, and entered claim to land as a pre-emption and tree claim in township 147 range 67, and erected a house and small barn. He had about four thousand dollars and had all necessary machinery and began farming on an extensive scale. He and his children now own together seven hundred and twenty acres of land, on which he has erected a complete set of substantial buildings. His farm is within two miles of the station and a school building is erected on the land, and lee has one and a half acres of forest trees and plenty of good water. Mr. Roberts was stricken with paralysis after completing arrangements for the economical conduct of the farm and the enjoyment of his fortune, and for the least two years has been an invalid and the farm has been in charge of his sans since 1897.

Our subject was married in 1870 to Miss Matilda Edwards, of Welsh descent. Mrs. Roberts' father, Hugh Edwards, was a farmer by occupation. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts: M. Louisa, Edward W. and M. Pierce. The youngest child died in infancy. Mrs. Roberts was an invalid for ten years and her death occurred in 1892. Mr. Roberts has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his community and has held numerous township offices. Politically he is a Populist and is a man of worth and highly esteemed by his fellow men.

HON. CHARLES A. SANFORD. As an all round prominent citizen no man in Stutsman County is more entitled to mention in a volume of this nature, than Mr. Sanford. He has aided materially in the upbuilding of that region, and his present high position among the business men and public-spirited citizens of his community has been accorded hint as a fitting tribute to his labors. Aside front extensive land interests in North Dakota, he is proprietor of the "Courtenay Gazette," and is also established in the real estate, insurance and collection business, in which he has built up a lucrative and ever-increasing business. A portrait of I\ Ir. Sanford is shown in connection with this sketch.

Our subject was born in Washtenaw County, Michigan, in 1838 and was a son of Ezra and Almira (Chamberlain) Sanford. His parents were of American descent, and his father was born in Vermont, and was a farmer by occupation. He settled in Michigan in 1837, and when our subject was but seven years of age the mother died, and the lousily moved to Indiana, and after two years returned to Michigan.

Our subject was the youngest in a family of twelve children, and was reared on his father's tarn:, and at the age of fourteen years he went to Indiana to make his home with his sister. After three and a half years there he returned to his native state and three years later attended the State Normal School and then taught one term of school, after which he entered the Ypsilanti high school, and entered the classical department of the University of Michigan in 1861. He attended this institution three and a half years, and during his junior year he was for several months employed in the office of the auditor-general at Lansing, Michigan, and returned to school in the fall of '64. He was appointed paymaster's clerk in the United States volunteer service in February, 1865, and went to Washington where, in addition to his clerical duties, he continued his studies without instructors, and returning to Ann Arbor in the fall he passed private examinations before his several professors, and was graduated from the University with the class of 1866, with the degree of A. 11., and later took the degree of A. M. He then engaged in the lumber business in the Saginaw valley, but fire soon destroyed his null, and he lost about four thousand six hundred dollars. He spent two years as principal of the ward schools of Lansing, Michigan, and in 1876 was elected superintendent of the Lansing city schools, which position he held nearly seven years, when he was compelled to resign on account of failing health. He went to North Dakota in the spring of 1883, and raised one crop on land east of Jamestown, and the following fall filed claim to the south half of section 26, township, 144, range 62, and built a claim shanty and a board barn and began farming. He moved onto this land in the fall of 1884, where he resided until the spring of 1898. He purchased section 35, township 144, range 62, in 1889, and has added to his possessions from time to time since, and is now the owner of extensive and valuable tracts. His home farm consists of six hundred and forty acres, and in 1899 he purchased nine hundred and thirty-four acres of land in the southwestern part of Griggs County. The last named tract is yet uncultivated, but is valuable property. Mr. Sanford engaged in stock-raising and dairying largely while on his farm, and has every convenience on the farm to facilitate the work. His articles on dairying were widely copied its state reports and dairy journals. He retired from farm labors in the spring of 1898 and removed to Courtenay, where he erected the finest residence in that locality, and has since made his home. He established the "Courtenay Gazette" in October, t897, and the following spring assumed charge of the paper.

Mr. Sanford is an influential citizen, and takes an active interest in affairs of a public or religious nature. In 1896 he was commissioned from the Fargo presbytery to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States, which met in Saratoga. He is secretary and treasurer of the Jamestown Presbyterian College. For several years he has been a director in the Alliance Hail Association of North Dakota. He was elected as a representative to the state legislature of North Dakota in 1898, and is at this writing, March, 1900, chairman of the committee on education, occupies a place on the committee on appropriations, committee on irrigation and on the joint committee on charitable institutions and the joint committee on educational institutions. During Roger Allen's administration he was a member of the state board of agriculture. In 1897 Governor Briggs appointed Mr. Sanford delegate to the farmers' national congress which convened at St. Paul. He did very efficient work and his public spirit is always manifest. He occupied a very eligible seat in the parquet in Ford's theater on the night of April 14, 1865, when President Lincoln was assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth whose escape he witnessed with profound regret.

He has been treasurer of the school district since t893. Politically Mr. Sanford is a Republican and has attended as a delegate, numerous conventions in the county and state. He holds membership in the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Owls and Delta Kappa Epsilon (college) fraternities.

JOHN E. HEADLAND. The lands beyond the seas are well represented in the agricultural districts of the West and Cass County, North Dakota, owes much to these foreign-born citizens who are found in tine possession of well cultivated tracts and are working for the better interests of the country which they have chosen as their home. The subject of this review has resisted in Cass County for over a quarter of a century and at all times has been found standing on the side of right and justice and laboring to upuild his community, and his efforts have been crowned by the acquisitions of a good estate and a wide reputations as a public-spirited and energetic citizen. He quakes his home on sections 1 in Stanley Township.

Our subject was born in Sogn Bergen Stift, Norway, July 3o, t837, and was reared on a farm and continued his residence there till April, 1869, when he left his native land for America and landed at Quebec in Slay, of that year. He went with Isis wife Irons Quebec to Red Wing, Minnesota, and later to Goodhue County, -Minnesota, and worked there one year at farm labor and then worked in Rice County one year. He went to Cass County, North Dakota, June 9, 1871, and settled on the farm where inc now lives. He has added to his possessions front tine to time and is now the owner of one hundred and ninety acres of well improved land, and he has erected good buildings and completed every arrangement for lessening, labor and disposing more easily of the products of the farm. He is a thorough, practical farmer and his estate bears evidence of careful management and painstaking care in its operation.

Our subject was married, ins Norway, April 15, 1869, to Miss Solvei Ousen, who was born in Nor' way Slay 27, 185o. Mr. and Mrs. Headland are the parents of six children, as follows: Ella SI., Andrew J., Carrie 0., Emil J., Anna S. and Herman N. Mr. Headland takes an active interest in educational affairs, and has served as a member of the school board for many years. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

ANDREW A. FRISKOP, an influential and well-to-do farmer of Sargent county, has acquired his fortune by dint of Isis own efforts. He is a foreign-born citizens, but has become thoroughly identified with American progress and is one of the leading men of his community. He has a tine farm in Hall Township and his home on section 24 furnishes all the comforts of rural life.

Our subject was born in Norway September 28, 1850. He resisted in his native land until the spring of t877, when he cause to America and located in Winneshiek County, Iowa, where he re-

14 mauled five years, working at farm labor. He went to Sargent County, North Dakota, in the spring of 1882 and entered a homestead claim to land on sections 24, of Hall Township, where he located and has since been a resident. He has erected a complete set of farm buildings of substantial and commodious fortis and Isis fans bears every evidence of good management. He has added to Isis possessions and is now the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of land.

Our subject was married, in the spring of 1883, in Winneshiek County, Iowa. to Hell-nine Gilbertson, who was born in Winneshick County, June 17, 186t. Mr. and Mrs. Friskoji are the parents of six children, as follows: Edwin, Albert, Nora, Alma, Henry and Clara. Mr. Friskop is an active church worker and is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He takes much interest in local affairs of a public nature and works earnestly for the better interests of his community. He has served as township assessor two years, school treasurer thirteen years, township treasurer six years and county commissioner six years. He was a candidate on the Independent ticket in the fall of 1898 for the state legislature and is one of the leaching men of Sargent County. He is a gentleman of true worth and highly respected wherever he is known.

O. J. OLSON, one of the worthy citizens that Norway has furnished the new world, is now an honored resident of Fargo, North Dakota, and is efficiently serving as auditor of Cass County. He was born near the village of Kragcroe, Norway, August 12, 1851, and during his early life remained in his native land, where his education was acquired. On leaving, school in 1869. He came to the United States and first located in Amherst, Portage County, Wisconsin. He made his house in that state for some years and for five years engaged in clerking for Hons. James J. Nelson. In 1876 he removed to Minnesota and during his residence there was interested in the pump and windmill business.

In November, 1878, Mr. Olson came to Fargo, North Dakota, and for souse time was employed as clerk in the office of P. P. Nokken, then county treasurer. Later he was engaged in various occupations until 1880, when he started a store at Norman. Subsequently he removed to Kindred and conducted a store and hotel at that place until t884, when he was elected assessor of Cass County and served in that capacity for two years. In 1887 he was appointed city assessor of Fargo, under Major A. W. Edwards, mayor of the city, and in t889 was made clerk of the probate and county courts, which positions he most creditably filled for seven years. In 1896 he was selected by the Republican central committee. five slays before the election, to fill the vacancy caused by the cleatIn of John C. Miller. nominee for county auditor, and was elected to that office. He was re-elected in 1898 and is now filling that position in a most capable and satisfactory manner.

In 1881 Mr. Olson was united in marriage with Christine Thorson, a native of Iowa, and to them have been born four children, who are still living, namely: Bessie L., Alice G., Charles N. and Ethel L. Since becoming an American citizen Mr. Olson has affiliated with the Republican party and he has served as secretary of the county central committee. Socially he is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine; is past master of Fargo Lodge, A. 0. U. W., and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is well known and highly respected and has proved a very popular and efficient officer.

ANDREW A. BARBO. In whatever vocation engaged the successful man is the industrious man. Among those who have added to their possessions and have gained a goodly competence by the exercise of that characteristic the gentleman above named is entitled to mention. He is now the owner of one of the best farms in Eagle Township, Richland County, and has acquired his estate through honest industry. He is well-known as a man of good character, and is highly esteemed. -

Our subject was born in Norway, December 28, 1845, and was the only child born to Andrew O. and Randi Barbo. His father died in Norway in the winter of 5897, aged eighty-three years, and Isis mother died in 1890, aged ninety-six years.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm, and was educated in his native land. He continued his residence there until April, 1871, when he emigrated to America, landing in New York, in May of that year. He went at once to Menomonie, Wisconsin, where he was employed nine years by the KnoppStout Lumber Company. He went to Richland County, North Dakota, in June, 188o, and entered claim to one hundred and sixty acres of land as a homestead. He is now in possession of this farm, on which he has erected a complete set of substantial and commodious farm buildings, and added every convenience of modern farming. He is the fortunate possessor of four hundred and eighty acres of land and engages in general fawning-.

Our subject was married in Norway, in the fall of 1870, to Engar A. Oinm, a native of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Barbo have one daughter and one son, as follows: Mary A. and Albert R. Mr. Barbo takes much interest in local affairs and has served as one of the board of supervisors of Eagle Township, chairman of the board, and in various school offices, and is an earnest worker for the development and advancement of his community.

LOUIS L. BRAKKE. Among the foreign-born residents of Cass County, North Dakota, who arc thoroughly identified wills American civilization and progress, may be noted Mr. Brakke. He is the owner of a fine farm in section 30, in Stanley Township, on which he has placed good improvements, and is surrounded by all which goes to make country life pleasant. He has spent nearly a quarter of a century in North Dakota, and is known throughout Cass County as a progressive, enlightened farmer, who is an earnest supporter of every good cause, and enterprise which tends to the general welfare of his community.

Our subject was born in Bergen Stift, Norway, May 20, 1842, and was reared in his native land and received a good education. He was raised on a farm till seventeen years of age, when he started to earn his own livelihood, and he followed sea coasting for several years till he emigrated to America in the spring of 1871. He settled in Goodhue County, Minnesota, and worked at farming and carpentry in that county about seven years, and in 1878 went to Cass County, North Dakota, and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, in section 30, in Stanley Township, where he has since resided. He is now the owner of two hundred and thirty-three acres of choice laud in North Dakota, and four hundred in Minnesota, and follows genera] farming, and has suet with eminent success.

Our subject was married in Cass County, North Dakota, in June, 1878, to Miss Agnetta Paulson, who was born in Norway, December 23, 1857. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brakke, as follows: Albert C., Leonard 0., and Emma 0. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Brakke and two children spent the slimmer of 1899 in Norway, and Mr. Brakke previously paid a visit to his native land. He is a gentleman of wide experience and practical nature, and highly esteeen led by his fellowmen. He has served as a member of the board board of supervisors of Stanley Township, and lends his influence for good local government.

A. H. GRAY. The prosperity of any community depends upon its business activity and the enterprise manifest in commercial circles is the foundation upon which is builded the material welfare of town, state and nation. The most important factors in public life at the 'present day are therfore men who are in control of 'successful business interests and such a one is Mr. Gray, the leading lumber dealer of Valley City.

He was born in Branch County, Michigan, October 7, 1840, and is a soil of B. D. Gray, a native of Hinesburg, Vermont, who came west in the early 'thirties, and in 1849 made the trip overland to California. For some time he was engaged in contracting, and building in San Francisco, and many of the important buildings of that city were constructed by him. Our subject attended school at Constantine and Coldwater, Michig,an, and at the age of fourteen began his business career as a clerk in the general store of Miles & Cull, with whom he remained for three years. Ile then accepted a position with John W. Shively, for whom he worked for the succeeding twelve years. After resigning that position he entered the employ of Morris, Hemming & Company, of New York, as a traveling salesman, selling hats, caps and furs throughout southern Michigan and northern Indiana for five years. In 1879 he left Michigan and carve to Valley City, North Dakota, on the first five-car emigrant train which came into the state over the Northern Pacific Railroad. He at once entered land near the city, upon which he lived for one year, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and then took tip Isis residence in Valley City, where he was interested in the farm machinery business until 1885. In that year he took the agency for the Gull River Lumber Company and has acted as such continuously since. On the Ione of April, 1899, the Valley City State Bank was organized and he was elected vice-president of the same, which office he is now filling with great tact and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is the only man in Valley City who has been continuously engaged in bossiness since his arrival in the state, and is now connected with various business enterprises. He is energetic, progressive and persevering and generally carries forwad to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In t879 Mr. Gray married Miss Mary M. Barnes, of Goshen, Indiana, a daughter of James and Mary Barnes„ now deceased. 1 he father was one of the early settlers of Goshen, always took an active part in the affairs of the city generally, and was engaged its the banking business there for years. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have two children, a son and daughter, namely: Henry B. and Amy M. The family occupy one of the most modern and beautiful dwellings in Valley City, it being located in the northwest portion of the place, and its hospitable doors are ever open for the reception of their many friends. Mr. Gray has taken quite a prominent and influential part in public affairs, and has served as mayor of the city three years and president of the school board for the same length of time.

ISAAC P. CLAPP, one of Fargo's best-known citizens and successful business men, was born in Dutchess County, New York, March 4. 1839. and is a son of Peter B. and Sarall E. (Pelts) Clapp, also natives of New York, in whose family were only two children, one son and one daughter, both still living. The father, who was an agrIculturist. spent his entire life in the Empire state, as did also the grandfather, Isaac Clapp.

Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, assisting, in the labors of the fields and attending the district schools near his childhood home. He followed farming in New York until t867, when Ile removed to Norfolk, Virginia, and after residing there for some time Ice went to central Texas, where Ise engaged in agricultural pursuits for ten years. He next made his home in Kenosha, Wisconsin, until 188o, when he came to Fargo, North Dakota, landing here on the 4tIt of October. He soon returned to Wisconsin, however, but the following April located permanently in Fargo, where, as a member of the firm of Clapp & McCrow, he was engaged in the banking business until t884, conducting the Cass County Bank, which was a private institution. On closing the bank they turned their attention to the real estate business, in which Mr. Clamf is still suecessfstlly engaged, and to some extent ire is also interested in farming. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man of known reliability and due success has not been denied hint.

On the 711r of June, 1882, in Wisconsin. Mr. Clapp was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Sleight, a native of Indiana, and they now have one son, Edwin G., at home. Socially Mr. Clapp is a man of prominence in the community where he has so long made his home, and is honored and respected by all who know him. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

GEORGE A. LIKE, one of the leading citizens of Hope, North Dakota, conducts a thriving agricultural implement business and is a wide-awake and progressive man. He was the first established business man of that city, and has met with continued success in whatever line he has directed his abilities, and is the proprietor of a well-stocked establishment, and also engages in wheat raising on his farm near there.

Our subject was born in Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois, August 18, 1842, and was the oldest son and second child born to Benjamin C. and Mrs. Rebecca (Brown) Luce. His mother bore the maiden name of Ruth. The name of Luce is probably a French name, Luci, which has been perverted. The great-grandfathers of our subject, both paternal and maternal, served with the Vermont soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and the grandfather, Andrew Luce, served in the war of 1812.

Until eighteen years of age our subject resided on his father's farm in Cook County, and he attended school, and spent two years in a private school in Connecticut. He purchased forty acres of timber land in Berrien County, Michigan, when eighteen years of age, and developed a fruit farm, and resided its that state almost continuously until 1875, and while there he was agent for a steamboat for three years and bought grain one year. He took charge of his father's farm until ..1882, and in February of that year went to Hope, North Dakota. The town seas then but platted, and consisted of but one story of the Hope House hotel. Our subject erected the first `shack" in the town, a 14x32-foot structure. and battled three carloads of machinery sixteen miles across the couture front Clifford and established the first business of the city. He was in partnership with C. G.:\ lerriell. under the firm name of Luce & Merriell, and in the fall of 1882 two of Mr. MerrielFs brothers joined the firm and introduced hardware, and the firm was changed to Merriell Brothers & Luce. They continued in business thus until 1892, when our subject withdrew, and now conducts the agricultural implement business himself. He enjoys an extensive patronage and is among the well-Informed men in that line. He is the owner of one section of land six miles northwest of Hope, and rents out the land, which is devoted to wheat raising.

Our subject is the father of five children, three by his first marriage and two by his second marriage. The elder children bear the following names: Ernest M. C., employed with the Deering Company at Hope; Leona M., now Mrs. J. T. Masters, of Steele County ; and Myrtie, now Mrs. George Swingle, of Chicago. Two younger children bear the names of Elsie and Gcorgie. Mrs. Luce bore the maiden name of Minnie 3,. Ellsbury. Mr. Luce is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Masonic fraternity, and has taken the thirty-second degree in the last named order. He is a Democrat in political faith and stands stanchly for party principles.

HERMAN G. SHIRLEY, register of deeds of Ransom County, is one of the most popular and efficient public officers of the county. He is a young man of much business capacity, and is interested in an extensive drug business in Enderlin, Ransom County, and is one of the substantial men of that region. He has gained his possessions and good name through his push and energy, having taken up his residence in Dakota without means and but little business experience. He makes his home in Lisbon, and is well known throughout the county.

Our subject was born in Goodhue County, Alinnesota, January 29, 1866, and was the third in a family of six children born to Nels H. and Astrid (Olson) Shirley, both of whom now live in Minnesota. His parents were of Norwegian birth and came to America when young, and were married in this country and located on a farm in Wisconsin, from whence they removed to Minnesota.

After attaining his majority our subject went to Dakota and applied himself for two years to farm labor, after which he took a commercial course at Red \ Ving Business College. He then purchased wheat in Sheldon and other towns, and in 1891 entered a drug store at Sheldon. With W. P. Hoff, he invested in a drug store at Enderlin, in 1898. This store is known as one of the best stocked and most handsomely furnished establishments of its kind in the state.

Mr. Shirley was elected register of deeds of Ransom County in 1894. and had the distinction of being the first candidate chosen from the east end of the county. His popularity is best evidenced by the fact that he is now serving his third term in the sane capacity. He is a prominent member of the Masonic lodge. and has taken the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter, Knight Templar, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, Mystic Shrine, and is at present master of the Lodge of Perfection. He also holds membership in the Modern \Voodruen of America and Ancient Order of United \ Vorkmen. Politically he is a Republican.

MAXIME BELLEMARE, M. D. This gentleman is well known as a physician of practical skill and theoretical knowledge, and he occupies a prominent position among the people. He has followed farming and the practice of his profession in Cass County for many years, and makes his home in sections 27, hi Stanley Township.

Our subject was born in St, Mau rice County, Quebec, January 24, 1847, and was reared in his native place and attended the Nicolet College. When eighteen years of age he began the study of medicine, attending the University of Victoria, from which institution he graduated in 1871. He followed his profession in Canada until the spring of 1882, when he went to North Dakota and located in Stanley Township, Cass County, and has since engaged in farming, and also practiced medicine. He has built up a lucrative practice and is widely known. His farm consists of two hundred and forty acres of land, on which he has completed good improvements, and has gathered about Inns the comforts of a model country home.

Our subject was married in Canada to Miss Albertine Gerin Lajoie, a native of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Bellernare are the parents or ten children, as follows: Emma, Corrine, Anna, Marie, Caroline, Joseph, Aurora, Francis, Aurelie and Maxim. Dr. Bellemare has been active in public affairs since taking up his residence in North Dakota, and has held the office of township assessor four years, and clerk of the school district, and has been a member of the board of supervisors of Stanley Township. As a man and citizen he is highly respected and as a physician he has built up an extensive practice.

JOHN H. VAN METER, the leading, contractor and builder of Dickey County, resides on his homestead farm in Van !Meter Township. He is the possessor of one half-section of land in section 8, township t29, range 62, but his contracts take his attention so entirely that he rents his land annually and does not attempt farming. He is one of the early settlers and well known as a business:Ilan of much ability and a citizen of true worth in his community.

Our subject was born in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois, January 7, t838. His father, Miles H. Van Meter, was born in Grayson County, Kentucky, March 6, 181o, and died in Hudson, Wisconsin, May 31, 1898. He was a pilot on the Ohio river when a young man, and went to Illinois in 1836, where he lived on a farm for some tine, and in later years he followed the joiner's trade in Wisconsin. He was captain in the Illinois militia, and

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had command of a company that was sent to Ottawa, Illinois, to quell the riot there during the construction of the Illinois-Michigan Canal, The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Litsey, and was a native of Grayson, Kentucky. She died in Hudson, Wisconsin, in the late 'seventies, and was the mother of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, our subject being the fifth child. Of the other children two daughters and one son are at the old home in Hudson ; two of the elder sons, D. K. and M. L., are living in Illinois. and are contractors and builders; one S011, E. W., resides at Aberdeen, South Dakota; Henry was killed at the battle of Chickamauga; and Abe C. died in the early part of 1899. He was the founder, the editor and proprietor of the

"St. Croix (Wisconsin) Republican." -

Our subject at the age of fourteen years, went to Hudson, Wisconsin, with his parents, where he at once secured work on the river, and at nineteen years of age was a first-class pilot, plying between St. Paul and St. Louis. He continued to work on the river during the summers and in the lumber woods during, the winters until 1861, when, in May of that year, he answered his country's cab and enlisted in the City Guards, of Hudson, Wisconsin, later known as Company G, Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, and in 1863 the regiment was merged into the Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry. In 1861 he was in Maryland and Newport News, and left the lower James the day before the Merrimac came out. They were then ordered to Ship Island, Gulf of Mexico, and from thence to the Mississippi river, and were there during the bombardment of Forts Jackson and St. Phillip, under Farragut. Our subject was a member of one of the four companies sent to the rear of Fort Phillips to cot off the retreat of the garrison at that place, and after capturing the garrison were put into gunboat No. 3 and sent to New Orleans, and our subject landed in that city April 29, among the first, and on the night of May 8, 1862, he was pin into the pilot house of a Mississippi river steamer to pilot an expedition to Vicksburg, a distance of over four hundred miles, over an up-familiar course, rendering the task a difficult one. He remained on the river until July, and in the latter part of that month left the canal which he was helping to construct opposite Vicksburg. He was in the hospital at Baton Rouge for a few days, and then participated in the battle of that place, after which they evacuated the city and fell back to New Orleans, and his company was then detached from the regiment and put into the artillery, where he served until the spring of t863. He was with General Banks on his western Louisiana expedition to Red river, crossing the Mississippi at Bayou Sara, and then went to the rear of Port Hudson to besiege it, and was in the assault May 28, 1863. They were sent to Clinton, Louisiana, June 3, to break up the rebel camp, after which hotly contested engagement they went into the rifle pits at Port Hudson, and there remained until June t4, when the grand assault occurred, when his regitnnt lost one hundred and sixty men in fifteen minutes'. They were compelled to retreat, and July 9 renewed the attack, when the enemy surrendered they then went to Baton Rouge and spent the fall and winter of t863-64 scouting as cavalry, and in February, 1864, about four hundred men re-enlisted after the expiration of their term of service, and were recruited as a full cavalry regiment. Our subject visited his home on a thirty-days' furlough at this time, and during the summer of 1864, and until March, 1865. they were at Highland Stockade and at Baton Rouge, and from the latter place went to New Orleans, and were at the capture of Ports Spanish, Blakesley and Mobile, and were then put in the cavalry service under General Greerson, when they started to join Sherman, who was on his march to the sea. They crossed Alabama and the south end of Florida, and after crossing the Chattahoochee river at Einfala, they met some of General Johnston's men, who informed them that he had surrendered to General Sherman, and they then went into camp, and after receiving orders returned to Montgomery, Alabama, where they were divided, and that portion of the brigade to which his regiment belonged sent to Columbus, Mississippi, through the Yazoo country to Vicksburg, and thence to Shreveport, Louisiana, by transport. where they were joined by the Third Michigan and Twelfth New York, and were ordered to San Antonio, Texas, leaving Shreveport July 9. 1865. After their arrival they made two expeditions into the mountains against the Indians, after which the brigade was divided ; the regiment to which our subject belonged, the Fourth Wisconsin, semi across the lower plains of western Texas, striking- the Rio Grande at Fort 'McIntosh. They were the only cavalry regiment stationed on the river, and their work covered a river frontage of two hundred and fifty miles. Our subject assisted in taking prisoners to Brownsville, and he witnessed much of the warfare between General:Maximilian and General Corteno at Matamoras, Mexico. He served his country five years, one month and a half, as a brave and loyal soldier, and was mustered out at Brownsville, Texas, May 19, t866, and June 4 left for his home, where he arrived June 22.

During the summer after his return from the war, Mr. Van Meter resumed his profession as pilot On the river, and in the spring of 186; began to learn the builder's art under Alexander Gamble, of Hudson, Wisconsin. for whom he worked five years. He has followed the work continuously since, and has constructed many mills and elevators in North Dakota. He resides on his farm, about two miles from the city of Ellendale, and rents his land. He came to Dickey County, North Dakota, April 15, 1882, and entered claim to his land, and returned to Wisconsin for a full set of tools with which to commence his work, and May 12, 1882, he took up the quarter-section where he now resides.

Our subject was married in Hudson, Wisconsin, May 29, 1867, to Mary Kennedy, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Van Meter died in Dickey County, North Dakota, .April 26, t886, leaving two children, as follows: Warren W., now a conductor on the Mexican Central Railroad, out of the City of Mexico; and Kate Mabel, now Mrs. P. J. Cruikshanks, of Bozeman, Montana. Mr. Van Meter married Mrs. May J. Sweezey Chapman, in Ellen-dale, North Dakota, October 20, t887. Mrs. Van Meter is a native of New York City, and was born July 5, 1836. Her father was a captain in the American merchant marine service, and died in Jackson, Michigan, where also her mother, who bore the maiden name of Marian Hoar, passed away. Mrs. Van Meter is the mother of three children by her marriage to Mr. Chapman, as follows: William L., a farmer of Kent County, Michigan; Frank D., a passenger conductor on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad; and Rose L., who died aged eight years. The family arc attendants of the Baptist church, of which denomination Mrs. Van Meter is a member. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter appear on another page. Our subject is commander of John A. Spellman Post, No. t3. G. A. It., Department of North Dakota, and is a prominent citizens. He has held numerous township offices and labors for the better interests of his community. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

HANS J. KINDE. Every community has its public-spirited and progressive members, and a prominent place among those of Richland County is accorded Mr. Kinde. He is an early settler of that region and has become thoroughly identified man of good education and practical knowledge of with its development and advancement. A gentle-Ins calling, he has aided in transformingthat country into a thriving agricultural district, and is the pro-proprietor of as tine a farm as is found in Eagle Township, wherein he makes his home on sections 13.

Our subject was born in Norway. November 24, 1858. He came to America with his parents in 1866, and the family settled in Houston County, Minnesota, where our subject remained until 1873, and then went to Richland County. North Dakota. and settled in. Eagle Township, where he has since been a resident. He was educated in the common school and at Curtis's Business College, at Minneapolis.:Minnesota. He has engaged in farming and stock raising during his entire career. and has been remarkably successful. He owns six hundred acres of land. and on his home farm has added improvements of a substantial nature, and completed every arrangement for the comforts of rural life.

Mr. Kinde was married, in Richland County, North Dakota. November 13, 1883, to Miss Nikoline Christianson, a native of Norway. Three children have blessed the union, and are named as follows: Oscar, Clara and John. Mr. Kinde takes an active part in local affairs, and has held the office of township clerk and school treasurer, and has been. a member of the board of supervisors. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican, and is strong in his convictions.

J. D. HENNING, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Fargo, North Dakota, was born January 9, 185o, near the city of Pittsburg, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Dodds) Henning, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania, the father following the occupation of farming.

The Doctor attended the academy at Wilkins-bury, Pennsylvania, and after leaving that institution he 'commenced the study of medicine. In .March, 1876, he entered the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated two years later. During the following three years he engaged in practice at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and from there removed to Cedarville, Ohio, where he remained for two years. In 1883 he came to North Dakota. and after eight years spent in practice at Sheldon became a resident of Fargo, where he has since made his home. He is now at the head of a large and growing general practice, and as county physician has charge of the Cass County hospital. He has met with eminent success in his chosen calling, and is justly ranked among the ablest physicians and surgeons of this section of the state.

In 1877 Dr. Henning Was united in marriage with Miss Mary Sterrett, also a native of the Keystone state, and they are the parents of two children, Carl S. and Helen. Politically the Doctor is an ardent Republican and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. Ile is a member of the State Medical Society, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Foresters. He is examining surgeon of all these secret organizations and others. and is quite a popular and prominent citizen of Fargo.

CHRISTIAN 0. BRINK, the popular and efficient postmaster at Horace, Cass County, owns and operates a fine farm in Stanley Township, and resides on section 18. His loran is seed improved, and he is well known as an agriculturist who is doing an extensive business. His career affords a striking example of what can be accomplished by persistent efforts and honest industry. He is a foreign-born citizen who came to America when a young man and had no means on which to depend aside from those traits of character inherited from thrifty and industrious ancestors. He is now in possession of a fine estate and enjoys a comfortable competence and is highly respected by his fellowmen.

One subject was born in Norway, Judy 10. 1845, and lived in Christiana till 1867, when he emigrated to America and located in Houston County, Minnesota, where he worked at farm labor five years, and in the summer of 1872 went to Cass County, North Dakota, where he entered claim to eighty acres of land in Stanley Township, which constitutes part of his present farm. The buildings upon his farm are modern structures of neat design and finish, and furnish commodious accommodations for the family, stock and products, and modern methods are used in the work of carrying on the place.

Our subject was married in Norway, June 18, 1867, to Miss Carrie Hanson, a native of Norway. Four children have been horn to Mr. and Mrs. Brink, as follows: Caroline, Ole, John and Mary. Mr. Brink was appointed postmaster at Horace, North Dakota, in January, 1898, by Postmaster-General Gary. He has served as chairman of the board of supervisors for the past twelve years, and takes an active and leading part in all matters pertaining to the local government, and is known as public-spirited citizen. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

GEORGE M. SMITH. This gentleman may be truly classed as one of the leading farmers of township 143, range 65. He was one of the first settlers of Stotsman County, and in prosecuting his farm work has ever been industrious, progressive in his ideas and ready to take advantage of every turn of the tide to improve his circumstances.

Mr. Smith was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 15, 1845. His father, John M. Smith, was a native of Germany and came to America in 1843, and followed farming throughout his career. He was a soldier in the German army. The mother of our subject, Adaline Smith, was born in Germany, and was left all orphan at an early age.

Our subject was the second in a family of five children and was reared on a farm and received very little country schooling, it being necessary for him to assist in the support of the family. He was early put to work, and at the age of twenty years learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in southern Wisconsin fourteen years. He later lived in Rio, Wisconsin, and in 1879 went to Stutsman County, North Dakota, and entered claim to land in section 26, township 141, range 64, upon which he erected a 14x2o-feet shanty and a board barn. He improved the farm and worked at his trade in Jamestown, and in 1882 moved to section 28. township 143, range 6$. He erected buildings on the place and otherwise improved the farm and also worked at his trade more or less for some thne after locating there. He now owns four hundred and eighty acres of land and cultivates about two hundred and forty acres, aside from land which he -leases, controlling in all about five to six hundred acres annually. He engages in grans raising, and is interested to some extent in the cattle raising industry, and keeps about sixteen to eighteen head. His farm is admirably adapted to stock raising, and has about two and a half acres of fine forest trees. He has erected a complete set of substantial farm buildings, and is supplied with all modern and necessary machinery and other conveniences for lessening the labor incident to farm life. His land yielded thirty bushels of wheat per acre in 1891, and Ise has made a success of grain raising.

Our subject was married, in 1871, to Miss Helen Van Kleek, who was born in Wisconsin state and reared in Dane County, Wisconsin. Mrs. Smith Taught school in Wisconsin five or six years, and is a lady of rare attainments. The Van Kleek family have been in America many generations, and her father, James Van Kleek, was formerly a farmer in New York and later settled in Dane County, Wisconsin, Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, as follows: Georgiana, Carl Hiram, Ernest Walter, Mintie Belle and Will James. The four older children were born in Wisconsin and the last named in North Dakota. Mr. Smith is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a man of true worth and is highly esteemed throughout his township. He takes an active part in local affairs and has held numerous school offices. Politically he is a Republican and has been identified with that party since 1862, and stands firmly for the principles of the same.

Three of the oldest children have made a success of teaching, and have obtained a good education in the new country, Georgiana holding a first-grade certificate for a number of years. Carl H. is a natural machinist, a great reader and close reasoner. Mimic B. has taught continually for over six years without scarcely any vacation exceeding a couple of weeks between terms. Ernest W. is engaged its the harness trade for the past four years. Will is on the farm and takes great pride in fine horses and turning over a good cleats furrow.

GEORGE I. FOSTER, the first clerk of the court of Cass County, North Dakota, and an honored pioneer of this state, who is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Fargo, was born in Hillsdale, Columbia County, Ness York, December 29, 1837, a son of Albert and Clarissa M. (Maxson) Foster, natives of Connecticut. Both died in New York. By occupation the father was a farmer.

Our subject was reared in the Empire state, and after attending its common schools for sonse time became a student in Holster Academy. On leaving there in August, 1861, he joined the boys in blue to assist in crushing the rebellion, enlisting in Company D, Seventy-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run, and the engagements at Gainesville, South Mountain and Antietam, but was never wounded. On account of disability, however. he was mustered out in December, 1862, as second lieutenant of his company.

Mr. Foster remained in New York until 1864, when he came to Yankton, South Dakota, and took up land. For sonic time he was employed in the office of the surveyor-general at that place and also served as deputy United States marshal and was clerk of the territorial legislature from 1864 until 1874. He continued his residence in Yankton until 1871, when he went to Pembina, Pembina County, North Dakota, as clerk of the third district court, having been appointed to that office at Yankton in 1869. Subsequently Ile returned to New York, but in February, 1872, again Caine to this state, and this time took up Isis residence in Fargo, where he has since continued to make his home. He served as clerk of the court until 1883. thirteen years in all, and has taken a very prominent and active part in the development and uffimilding of Cass County. He is'as appointed clerk of the supreme court ill 1870 and served in that capacity for five years, and has also filled several city offices of honor and trust. In 1876 he became interested in the insurance business and since his retirement front office tins given his entire attentions to that and the real estate business, meeting with good success in both branches.

In Illinois, Mr. Foster was married, in 1873, to Miss Phila. Smith, a native of Ohio, and to them have been born two children. The older, Charles S., is now second lieuenant in the Ninth United States Infantry, and is with the army in the Philippine Islands, having participated in all of the important battles of the Spanish-American war. Clara is the only daughter. Mr. Foster is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and as a member of the county central committee has done nntch to advance its interests. Since 1863 he has been a Mason and is also an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is widely known and highly respected, and on the roll of North Dakota's honored pioneers his name should be among the foremost.

WILLIAM 0. BAIRD, senior member of the firm of Baird & Dresser, of New Rockford, dealers in real estate, loans and collections, is one of the wide-awake business men of Eddy County, and has been closely identified with the financial interests of that region for the past tell years. He owns extensive farm lands in that vicinity and conducts general farming and stock raising with eminent success.

Our subject was born in Bloomington. Illinois. December 3, 1861, and is a son of William F. and Alma M. (Offutt) Baird, both of whom were Americans by birth, and the mother was a native of Kentucky. Our subject was the eldest of the living children, and was raised on a funk His father was an extensive farmer and also conducted the real estate business. and his son was given the advantage of a liberal education. he attended the common schools and later spent two years at Helmuth College, in London, Ontario, and in 1879 began work with the Bloomington Nursery Company, and was employed in their offices:bout three years.

He began farming in Illinois in and engaged   
in that pursuit five years, and in the spring of 1883 came to North Dakota. After two months spent at Devil's Lake he locates! at New Rockford and established a real estate and loan office, and also followed farming. William C. Dresser became his partner in January, 1896, and the firm is known as Baird & Dresser. The business has prospered, and they now conduct a general real-estate, collection and loan business. The firm owns and operates a large farm near the town, and Mr. Baird also owns seventeen hundred and sixty acres of land, divided into two farms, eleven hundred and twenty acres being two and a half miles front New Rockford, and the other six hundred and forty acres two miles further from the town. He engages in grain, cattle and horse raising, and general farming.

Our subject was married, in 1882, to Miss Mary \_Johnston, who was born and raised in Danvers, Illinois. Mrs. Baird's father, Levi Johnson, was a traveling salesman. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baird: Charles E., born in Illinois; and William J., born in Dakota. Mr. Baird is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic fraternity, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America and Yeomen. He is an earliest worker for the welfare of his community, and was elected clerk of courts in 1889 and served one terns. He is an independent voter ill political matters, and is a man who keeps abreast of the times and lends his influence for the best local -government.

THE UNION NATIONAL BANK, of Grand Forks, was organized during the summer of 1890, with Luthur B. Richardson, president; David H. Beecher, vice-president; and Sidney Clarke, cashier. Mr. Richardson continued as its president until 1894, when he removed from the state, and Mr. Beecher succeeded to that position, and Charles F. Sims became vice-president, Sidney Clarke remaining as cashier. The capital stock in 1890 was $5o,000, and in 1892 was increased to $loo,000. The institution does a general banking business in foreign and domestic exchange, and is one of the foremost financial institutions of the state.

DAVID H. BEECH ER, president of the Union National Bank, was born in Rushford, New York, March 15, 1852, and is a son of Norman and Lois (George) Beecher. both of whom were natives of New York. His father was a farmer and followed that calling in Allegany County, New York, where he died, in Tioga County, in 1878. The grandfather of our subject, Joseph A. Beecher, was a native of Connecticut, and a farmer and teacher by occupation. He was a man of good education and was superintendent of schools in his county. He removed from Connecticut to New York and (lied in Tioga County in 1868. Our subject's great-grandfather, Amos Beecher, was a clock-maker by trade, and made the first clock used in Yale College. Our subject has three brothers who live in Massachusetts and New York. Mr. Beecher was reared and his early education was received in Rush ford, New York, and at the age of eighteen removed to Binghamton, New York, where his educations was completed. In 1873, in company with his brother, H. H. Beecher, he purchased a wholesale supply house and conducted business until 1883, when inc disposed of his interest to his brother and came to Lrookston, Minnesota. He there engaged in the wholesale and retail drug business for four years, and in 1884 went to Park River, North Dakota, and in company with Sidney Clarke organized the Park River Bank, with a capital stock of $20,000. The following year that institution merged into the First National Bank of Park River, witls a capital stock of $so,000. The bank has prospered, now having a surplus equal to its capital, and during the panic of 1893-94 stood unshaken. The officers of the bank also own the bank at Milton, North Dakota, established in 1889 as the State Bank of Milton, also the Forest River State Bank, of Forest River, North Dakota, and Mr. Beecher is president of all of the banks. He is also treasurer of the Northwestern Fire & Marine Insurance Company, organized in 1899, with a capital stock of $100,000. He also handles a large amount of eastern capital and does a general investment business.

Mr. Beecher was married in 1878 to Effie Gifford, a native of New York. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beecher, Ethel Lois, who died at about one year of age. Mr. Beecher is a man of excellent business ability, having met with eminent success in all of the business enterprises in which he has embarked. He is a man of strict integrity, and has made many friends by his push and energy. In politics he is a Republican. A portrait of Mr. Beecher will be found on another page.

WARREN E. HICKS, superintendent of schools of Dickey County, is a young man who has rapidly risen in educational work to a position of prominence. He is an efficient officer, and one with whoin all who come in contact are influenced for the up-building of the educational system of the state. He has devoted his life to the work, and his personality is pleasing, which together with the capacity and excellent training entitle him to Isis present positions. He was one of the promoters of the State Industrial Training School at Ellendale, and was appointed president of the institution, which office he is ably fining.

Our subject was born on a farm near River Junction, Jackson County, Michigan, October 8, 1867, and was the third in a family of four children, two sons and two clangliters, born to W. B. and Charlotte H. (Shaw) Hicks. The father was born in Ness' York in 1834, and was a farmer by occupation until the past year, when he engaged in the lams machinery business at Frederick, South Dakota. The mother of our subject was a native of New Hampshire.

'When but a child Mr. Hicks accompanied his parents to Cass County, AIissouri, where he attended school, and when ten years of age returned to Michigan with Isis parents and settled near .Mason, in Ingham County. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching in that county and taught two years, and then entered the Ypsilanti State Normal, front -which school inc graduated in the class of '80. He then went to Frederick, South Dakota, where he was appointed principal of the village school, and acted in that capacity six years, five years of which time Ise also edited and published the "Frederick Free Press." He became principal of the Ellendale, North Dakota, high school in 1892, and filled that positions until 1890, when Inc was appointed to serve an unexpired terns as county superintendent of schools, and in the fall of 1898 was elected to that office on the Republican ticket.

Our subject was married, at Frederick, South Dakota, in 1892, to Miss Jennie Schraudenbach. Mrs. Hicks was born in Wisconsin, in 1876, and is a daughter of Edward and Advina Schrauderbach. Her father seas formerly manager of the Frederick, South Dakota, ➢filling Company, and is now a flour broker, exporting that commodity to all parts of the world. Air. and Mrs. Hicks are the parents of two children, as follows: Clarence and Marian. Mr. Hicks is a tffirty-second-degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the auxiliaries of these orders. Politically he is a Republican and is a man of broad mind and keeps pace with matters of a public nature.

GUSTAV J. LOUBERGET. The farming community of Stanley Township. Cass County, has an able representative in the persons of Mr. Louberget. He is vet in the prime of vigorous manhood and has resided in North Dakota from his boyhood days, and has been identified intimately with its growth and development and is proprietor of an excellent fares, his home being located on section 3. He is a Marl of strict integrity and careful and methodical habits, and carries these characteristics into every detail of his life. He has made many friends by his push and energy and active public spirit.

Our subject was born in Norway, January 27. 1867, and came to America with his parents when he was but a few months old. The family settled in Rice County, Minnesota. and lived there till the spring of 187o, When they removed to Cass County, North Dakota, and settled in Barnes Township, where the parents have since resided. Our subject was reared to manhood in Cass County, and educated in the public schools, and assisted on the farm where he remained till the spring of r891, when Ise began farming for himself in Barnes Township, and lived there till the fall of 1897, and then settled on section 3, in Stanley Township, where he has since resided. He is now the owner of four hundred and fifty-nine acres of land, on which are good improvements, and he is enjoying the comforts of a pleasant country home. He has spent his entire career in the pursuit of agriculture, and is meeting with eminent success. He and his brother, Ole Louberget, own the farm in partnership, and are classed atnong the substantial farmers of Stanley Township.

Our subject was married in Barnes Township, Cass County, April t7, 189r, to Matilda Hanson, who was born in Norway, August 23, 5875. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Louberget: Carl, Maria, Jennie, Henry and Mildred. One daughter died in infancy. Mr. Louberget possesses a good capacity for well-directed labor, and is intelligent and progressive.. He keeps pace with the times in public affairs, and stands for right and justice.

CAPTAIN JOHN L. JOHNSON, county judge of Traill County, is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of that part of the state. He was born in Hademarken, Norway, February t2, 1839.

The parents of our subject, Rev. Larse and Agnetta (Johannson of the farm Skatum) Johnson, were natives of Norway, and the father came to America when our subject was eight years of age, and accepted the pastorate of Honges Synod church in Columbia County, Wisconsin. Our subject was the eldest in a family of four children, and is the only survivor of the family, and he grew to manhood in Wisconsin, and followed farm work there, and then entered Beloit College, and when about twenty years of age began handling insurance and farm machinery. In the fall of 1862 he enlisted in Company H, Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of second lieutenant. Union City, Tennessee, seas the first engagement, and then followed Island No. so, after which he was forced to resign his commission on account of sickness, and return home, where he partially regained his health and at the organization of Company H, Twenty-third Wisconsin Infantry. he was elected captain by popular ballot and started again for the south, but was compelled to resign again on account of his health. After the war he was commissioned captain of the East Claire State Militia. He went to Rochester, Minnesota, in 1865, where he engaged in the machine business and conducted one of the most extensive establishments of the kind in the state. He returned to Eau Claire in 187o, and served there as justice of the peace, and in the spring of 1885 went to Hillsboro, North Dakota, and followed his trade, lathing,, and also served as deputy clerk of courts. He was elected to his present office as county judge of Traill County, in 1898, and is ably filling the position.

Our subject was married, in 1862, to Miss Jane Jesme, of Norway. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, named as follows:Matthias I.,deceased,and Anetta J.,deceased. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Lutheran Synod church, and also holds membership in the Modern \Voodmen of America and Grand Army of the Republic. He was assistant sergeant-at-arms at the fifth session of the state legislature, and has also served as justice of the peace and one term as alderman of Hillsboro. Politically, he is a Republican, and is a delegate to many county conventions of his party. He is keenly awake to the interests of his con-Inutility, and has probably taken a more active part in public affairs than any other citizen of that locality and is deservedly popular with the people.

REV. ANDERS WALD, pastor of Richland Norwegian Lutheran church, Immanuel church at Abercrombie, and the Lutheran church at Christine, is a gentleman of nitwit culture, and earnest, practical nature, and is very popular with his people. He has accomplished much since taking up his present work in that vicinity, and is deserving of much praise. He resides in Eagle Township, Richland County, and is one of the honored citizens of his community.

Our subject was born in Norway, July 28, 1851. He was educated in his native land and resided there until about twenty-nine years of age. He graduated from the seminary at Hamar, Norway, and later studied different langnages under private tutors, at the sane time attending the high school at Fredrikstad. He came to America in September, 1880, and was engaged in religious work in Rock comity. Wisconsin, two years, and then entered the Theological Seminary at Red Wing, Minnesota. where he remained one year, and was also a teacher in the college. He studied theology in the Theological Seminary at Madison, kVisconsin, and in the fall of 1884 was ordained to the ministry at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he remained six and a half years. He teas called to his present pastorate in 1891.

Mr. Wald was married in Norway, October 28, 1878, to bliss Constance Amanda Anderson, who was also a native of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Wald are the parents of the following, children: Aasta; Harold, Thore, Einar, Sigurd, Thorfin F. and Borghild. One other child, a doughtier, died when about two years of age.

Our subject is president of the Fargo district of the United Norwegian Lutheran church. The district comprises sixteen pastorates.

EDWARD BLACK \VELL, manager of the Gull River Lumber Company, at Cooperstown, North Dakota, is a man of much business ability. He was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin„thgust 25, 1863.

Our subject's father, Charles Blackwell, was a native of New York, and was one of the pioneers of southern Wisconsin. He was a soldier in the Civil

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war, and died in a hospital at Memphis, Tennessee. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Jane Moon.

Edward Blackwell was the voung,est of four children, two sons and two daughters, and he was reared and educated in his native city, and at the age of sixteen years went to Topeka, Kansas, where he accepted a position with the Kansas Lumber Company, remaining in their employ three years. He then returned to Wisconsin for a short time, and then went to Fergus Falls. Minnesota, where he was employed with the John McCullough Lumber Company about one year, and then went to Sanborn, North Dakota, and from thence to LaMoure. He soon afterward traveled as lumber salesman through Nebraska, and in the spring of 1885 located at Cooperstown, accepting the position of manager for the Gull River Lumber Company, with which firm he has been connected continuously since. He has successfully conducted the business in that city, and is known as a man of good business principles.

Our subject was married in St. Clair County, Michigan, in 1887, to Miss Mary Davis, a daughter of William H. Davis, a farmer of that county. Two children have been born to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell, named Lillian and Ruth. Mr. Blackwell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and Ancient Order of United Workmen. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

MARTIN E. JOHNSON, one of the well-to-do and leading citizens of Stanley Township, Cass County, is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in section 31. His life affords a striking example of what can be accomplished by persistent efforts and honest industry. He is a young, man and has spent the greater part of his career in North Dakota, and since attaining his majority has gained many friends by his push and energy.

Our subject was born in Norway, February 22, 1860, and in the summer of 1867 he came to America with his parents. and a home was made in Houston County, Minnesota. After four years spent there the family removed to Cass County, North Dakota, and settled in Norman Township. Here they lived a short time, and then censored to Stanley Township, where our subject grew to manhood and where he has since lived. He received a good education and has followed farming throughout his career. He has met with success, and is now the fortunate possessor of three hundred and twenty acres of land, on which he conducts general fanning. His place is well improved and hears evidence of careful management and painstaking care in its operation.

Our subject was married in Norman Township, Cass County, in 1885, to Miss Jennie R. Anderson, who was born in Norway. December 6, 1858. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson as follows: Lena K., Alfred, Mabel J., Ella R., Cora and Hilda M. In all matters tending to promote the general welfare and to develop the financial and social interests of his community, Mr. Johnson has taken a hearty interest and has aided in the upbuilding and strengthening of good local government, and he is highly: respected as a man and citizen. He has served his township as treasurer, and is also prominent in school affairs.

OLE J. HESTDALEN is a striking example of a self-made man. He has acquired wealth single-handed, and had nothing on which to depend upon for a start aside from his own efforts, but by constant and systematic labor has become one of the substantial men of Richland County, North Dakota. He is the owner of a fine estate in Eagle Township, comprising one thousand two hundred acres of well-improved land. and his home farm is in section 24.

Mr. Hestdalen was born in Norway, May 13, 1846. He was reared on a farm and remained in his native county until 1870. He left for America in April of that year, and landed at Quebec in May, and from thence went to Wisconsin. For the greater part of eight years he was employed at farm labor and in the pineries, and in May, 1878, went to Richland County, North Dakota, and entered a claim to one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 24 of Eagle Township where he still resides. He has improved his property with a complete set of farm buildings, and uses modern machinery and methods in his farm work, and is supplied with all the adjuncts of a model country home.

Our subject was marriedin Trenmeleau County, Wisconsin, to Miss Martha Lawson, a native of Norway. Mrs. Hestdalen died in Eagle Township, September 12, 1897. She was the mother of eight children, three of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are named as follows: Lars, Eda, Guast, George and Helen. Mr. Hestdalen married Eda Olson Vik, in Eagle Township, in July, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Hestdalen are the parents of one child, who bears the name of Rudolph. Mr. Hestdalen takes an active part in local affairs and has been a member of the board of supervisors and school director.

GILBERT LA DU, register of deeds of Ransom County, is one of the early settlers of North Dakota. He has been interested in various business enterprises and is a gentleman of marked business ability and well qualified for the important commission which he is at present filling. He is well known as a worthy citizen and faithful officer.

Mr. LaDu was born in New York, June 26, 1847, and was the fifth in a family of eight children born to Brinckerhoff and Susan (Lamerson) LaDu, the former of French-German extraction and the latter of French-English. Our subject engaged in farming until 1871. during which time he completed his education by a „year's work at Fairfield Seminary, and also taught school two years. He took land in Lac-qui Parle County, -Minnesota, in 1871, and soon afterwards established in the drug business with a partner. After one year he became sole proprietor and conducted the business for about three years. He began railroad work in 1876 and is an expert accountant. He went to Fargo, North Dakota, in 1881, as ticket agent for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad Company, and in t883 went to Lisbon, Ransom County, in the capacity of bookkeeper for a real estate firer, with whom he was associated until 1886, when he formed a partnership with Edward S. Ellis and dealt in real estate and loan business. He withdrew from the partnership in 1888 and the following year was elected clerk of district courts and served three years, since which time he has been deputy register of deeds of Ransom County.

Our subject was married, in 1885, to Miss Flora A. Squier. Mr, and Mrs. LaDu are the parents of three children, named as follows: Edith G., Elva A. and Viola S. Mr. LaDu, aside from the offices above mentioned, has served as treasurer and county auditor, having been associated with county affairs for the past ten' years, and has served the public longer than any man in the court house at present. He has also been city treasurer and a member of the local school board. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has passed the degrees of the Knights Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite. Politically he is a Republican.

CHARLES W. PORTER. This gentleman stands in a foremost place among the public officials of La .Moure County, North Dakota. He has twice been called upon to serve as county treasurer, and is a man of practical business ability, and enjoys the confidence of the people among whom he has chosen to reside since the early days of the settlement of North Dakota.

Mr. Porter was born on a farm in McHenry County, Illinois, March 4, 1858, and was the second in a family of six children, three sons and two daughters, five of whom are now living. His father, Thomas W. Porter, was born in England, and was one of the early settlers of McHenry County, Illinois, where he was married to Miss Julia Roper, who was also a native of England.

Our subject was educated in the district school near his home and assisted on his father's farm until 188o, in which year he went to North Dakota, then a territory, and soon afterward returned to Illinois. He again went to Dakota in 1881 and settled in La Moore County and filed claim to the southeast quarter of section 18. township 136, range 63, since which time he has followed fanning, and has met with eminent success. He is now the possessor of one and a half sections of land and he has added valuable improvements to his property.

Mr. Porter returned to his home in Illinois in 1883, and while there he was married to Miss Mary Tanner, a native of Illinois, who was born in 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have been the parents of three children, as follows: Emma, Grace and Harvey. Mr. Porter was elected county treasurer in 1884, and served two years, and in September, 1898, he was appointed to the same position to fill an unexpired term, and in November of that year he was elected to that office, which he at present holds. He is an efficient officer and commands the respect and esteem of the people. During territorial times he was appointed by Governor Ordway as a member of the first board of county commissioners. Politically he is a Republican and is a titan who keeps pace with the times. He holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Modern Woodmen of America. He and family attend the Presbyterian church.

OLE E. HEADLAND. For over a quarter of a century this gentleman has been identified with the farming interests of Stanley Township, Cass County, and has acquired a codifortable competence and a pleasant home, and gained the confidence and esteem of his associates. He came to America in search of a home and advantages for a young man, and his fine farm is evidence of Iris prosperity and thrift. He has a thorough knowledge of his calling and has aided materially in the development of that region. His home is in section 2, and he is engaged in general farming.

Our subject was born in Norway, June 1, 18.1.1, and retitled in his native land until 1875, when he came to America and landed in New York, in May of that year. He went train there direct to Dakota, and entered claim to one hundred and sixty acres of land as a pre-emption, and has since resided thereon. He has increased his acreage, and is now the owner of a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, the improvements of which he has placed there, and they include a good residence, barn and outbuildings, and all the machinery and conveniences of modern farming.

Our subject was married in Norway, in June, 1873, to Miss Bertha Burial, who was also a native of Norway. Ten children have been born to Sir. and Mrs. Headland, named as follows: Ella, Gertie, Andrew, Gertina. Hannah G., Ada N., Edwin H., Jensene M., Adolph J. and Oscar B. Adolph died at the age of elevens and a half years. Mr. Headland is active in public affairs, and has served as a member of the school board for several years. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran hurch.

WILLIAM J. MILLIGAN is well known as an early settler and influential citizen of Steele County, North Dakota. He is a man of good business tact, and has met with success as grain buyer. and is the representative in the city of Hope for the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company.

Our subject was born in Burlington County, New Jersey. April 15. 1854, and was a son of William and Alice (Taggart) Milligan, both of whom were natives of county Antrim, Ireland. His parents were married in America, and six children were born to them, our subject being the second child and oldest son. He removed with lus parents to Ford county, Illinois, when about nine years of age, and remained with his father on the farm there until about twenty-two years of age, when he learned the blacksmith's trade. He followed the trade about one and a half years, and April to, 1883, went to Hope, North Dakota, and soon began work at Isis trade in Colgate, Steele County, and erected the first blacksmith shop in that town. He disposed of his shop in August, and in the fall worked in the harvest field and then returned to Illinois for his wife. He returned to Hope, North Dakota, in January, 7884, and for four years worked at various occupations, and then began grain buying for the company with which he is now associated. He was located in Colgate for about three years, and was then placed in charge of the business at Hope. He was postmaster of Hope from 1891-94, and was again tendered the office, but refused, on account of party sentiment, although supported by members of both political parties. During the early days many amusements were indulged in to while away the time, and Mr. Milligan was a member and captain of a base ball nine during the summer of 1885, known as the Hope Blackstochdngs. The team successfully competed with all amateur teams of the state.

Mr. Milligan was married in 7882 to Miss Mary A. \Varner, a native of Ford County, Illinois. Mrs. Milligan is the present postmaster of Hope, North Dakota. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, as follows: Myrtle hi., Edgar, Carrie, Gene, Bert and Mamie. Their many friends will be pleased to find a portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Milligan on another page. Mr. Milligan is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the blue lodge and lodge of perfection in the Masonic fraternity. He is a stanch Democrat its political faith and advocates prohibition.

NELS M. BERSETH. Among the better class of agriculturists, the young man whose name heads this personal history is entitled to prominent locution. He possesses many estimable traits of character, is endowed with activity, persistence, and a good capacity for well-directed labor, and has met with marked success in his vocation. He is keenly alive to the interests of his community, and is highly esteemed by his associates. He OWI1S a pleasant estate in Eagle Township, Richland County, and snakes his home there on section 14.

Our subject was born in Norway, October 30, 18(s9, and was a son of Mickel Berseth, a resident of Richland County. In 1872 when he was about 4Wo years of age, he came to America with his parents, and the family settled near Northfield, Minnesota, where the mother died in t875. His father removed the family to Richland County, North

Dakota, in the summer of 1877, and settled on sec-

tion 14 of Eagle Township. here our subject grew   
to manhood, and was educated in the common schools, and attended one year at Concordia College, in Morehead, Minnesota. He has followed farming since completing his studies, and is now the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land, on which he has good improvements, and is gaining, a competence for future years.

Mr. Berseth was married in Eagle Township, Richland County, February 14, 1899, to bliss Mary Stomprud, daughter of Frederick stomprud. Mrs. Berseth was born in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, January 1, 1874. Both our subject and wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and are highly respected in their community. Mr. Berseth takes an active part in local, state and national public affairs and has been a member of the board of supervisors for two years, chairman of the school boad and clerk of the school board. He has been a member of the school board since twenty-one years old. Politically he is a Republican.

ALBERT [W. WEDM.AN](http://W.WEDM.AN). Among the best class of agriculturists, whose fine estates evidence the present solid prosperity of Stutsman County-, this gentleman is worthy special mention. His farm is well improved, and is one of the best in the western part of the county. He is possessed of practical knowledge of his calling, and every arrangement for the lessening of labor has been supplied, and Mr. Wedman has prospered as a general farmer. He makes his home on section 8, in township 140, range 64-

Our subject was born in Port Washington County, Wisconsin, in 1852, and was a son of Peter and Jane (Evans) Weilman. His father was born in America, and was of Holland descent, and was a soldier in the United States army during the Civil war. The mother of our subject was born and reared in England and came to America when a young girl. His father was a woolen manufacturer in England and later in New York.

Our subject was the third in a family of seven children, and lived at home on the farm until about fifteen years of age, when the family removed to the town near the funs and there our subject received a common-school education. He left home at the age of twenty years, and worked in the lumber woods in northern Wisconsin at contract work which he followed until MI. He then went to Jamestown, North Dakota, and entered claim to the northwest quarter of section 8, in township 140, range 64, and erected a dwelling and board barn. His first crop yielded abundantly. and he had a fair start toward Isis present comfortable circumstances. He now has a farm of six hundred and forty acres and by lease and ownership operates about fifteen hundred acres of land each season. His residence and barn are the largest and most substantial in that vicinity and are of modern design and finish.

He has an ample supply of machinery, including seven binders, and a twelve-horse-power threshing machine and engine, which latter machine Ile uses for his own threshing only. He engages in grain raising mostly, but is interested to some extent in the raising of cattle, and now has about forty head. His extensive farm interests claim his entire attention.

Mr. Wedman was married in t873, to Miss Sylvia Lee, a native of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Wedman are the parents of the following children: Fred, Emma. Maud, Harry, Hiram, George, Mabel, Wesley, Elsie, and Yinie. Mr. Wedman is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Politically he is a Republican, and is a man who keeps pace with the times in all public affairs, and is highly respected in his community.

CHARLES H. MITCHELL, one of the brave defenders of the Union during the Civil war and the present popular city treasurer of Fargo, North Dakota, was born in Norwich, New York, June 8, 1842, and is the only son of Charles H. and Mary (Ryder) Mitchell, also natives of the Empire state, where the father was engaged in practice as a physician and surgeon throughout his active business life. He died in 1842. The grandfather, Henry Mitchell, was also a physician and surgeon of New York state and was a very prominent and influential citizen of his community. He was of English descent.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated at Norwich and Oxford, Nev., York, and after leaving school commenced the study of medicine, but in t861, on the opening of the Rebellion, he laid aside all personal interests and enlisted in Company G, Sixty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, of which regiment General Miles was then lieutenant-colonel. Mr. Mitchell was in active service with that command for fourteen months, participating in the battles of Yorktown, Fair Oakes, the seven days' fight the battles of Malvern Hill, White Oaks and a number of smaller engagements, and was then discharged on account of disability in 1863, but subsequently he re-enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Fourteenth New York Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Southwest. He was captured at Cain River Crossing, Louisiana, and held prisoner for six months, being exchanged in 1864. He was then in active service until the winter of 1865, when he was placed on duty in the reconstruction of the south. Fortunately he escaped unwounded, and when finally mustered out returned to his home in New York.

In 1867 Mr. Mitchell went to Chicago, where he remained three years, being engaged in the grocery trade a part of the time and the remainder as an employe in the postoffice. The following, two years were passed at Minneapolis. and for seven years he conducted a hotel at Duluth, Minnesota. In 1878 he came to Fargo, North Dakota, and here he has since made his home, conducting a livery, sale and feed stable and also engaging in farming to some extent.

In 1874 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mitchell and Miss Eleanore A. Bennett, also a native of New York. He has always been identified with the Republican party, and is now a prominent member of the Grand Army post of Fargo. As one of its leading, progressive and public-spirited citizens, he has been called upon to serve as alderman of Fargo and in 1898 was elected city treasurer, which office he is now filling in a most commendable manner.

JOEL S. WEISER. One of the busiest, most energetic and most enterprising citizens of Valley City, North Dakota, is Joel S. Weiser, a prominent merchant and business man of that place. He bears in his veins some of the best blood of our early colonists, being a descendant of Conrad Weiser, of colonial fame, who played an important part in dealing with the British and the Indians in the days when our forefathers were striving to free themselves front the English yoke of oppression, and a man whose deeds were cherished by Washington and those high in authority.

Our subject was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, August 3t, 1834, and during early life attended school and assisted his father on the home farm until eighteen years of age, when he came west. After stopping for about thirty days at Dan-by Station, Du Page County, Illinois, he proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, and shortly afterward located in Shakopee, that state, where he made his home for fifteen years, following the trade of a mason.

Ott the 31st of September, 1864, Mr. Weiser enlisted in Company 1, Ninth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and was at once ordered to Memphis, Tennessee, where the regiment was on cathp duty until the middle of November, when they moved to Nashville, going through Kentucky on the tray. After taking part in the two-days' engagement at Nashville, they followed Hood to Pulaski, Tennessee, and then turned to the right, passing through Clifton, on the Cumberland river, on their way to Mississippi. During the march they were engaged in fighting bushwhackers. On the morning of January 17, 1865, they arrived in Eastport, Mississippi, where they went into camp and remained three weeks, Miring which time they were constantly annoyed by bushwhackers. They next pushed forward to Vicksburg, where they camped five days and then proceeded to New Orleans, where they embarked on a steamer for Dauphin island. After remaining there for about four weeks they went up the Perdido river and on through the pines to Spanish Fort, to which they laid siege and captured April 9. On the nth they marched, towards Montgomery and Selma to destroy the rebel works, but on their arrival found they had been taken by Wilson's cavalry regiment. After camping at Selma three days they went to Marion, where the regiment remained until the close of the war.- Returning home they were mustered out August 24, 1865.

Mr. Weiser continued his residence in Shakopee, Minnesota, until 5870, when he removed to St. Paul, and Wan there engaged in contracting for a period of four years. Later he lived on a farm in Washington County, Minnesota, twelve miles east of St. Paul, for three and a half years, during which time he followed farming, and in the fall of 1877 came to Valley City, where he has since made his home. He erected the second house in the village, known as the Northern Pacific House, which was burned to the ground April 25, 1808. In the spring of 1878 he embarked in general merchandising at this place, and is now the oldest merchant in years of continuous business in the city.

On the loth of May, 1854, Mr. Weiser was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Clever, of Berks County, Pennsylvania, by whom he has had eleven children, six still living, one son and five daughters, three sons and two daughters being now deceased. The youngest daughter, Lillian, was the second white child born in Barnes County, and is now teaching in the public schools of Valley City. The son, John, is in the store with his father.

Mr. Weiser has been prominently identified with public affairs during his residence in this state. He was a member of the territorial council under Governor Church, also of the second assembly of the state legislature under Governor John Burke, now of Minnesota. During his career in Bismarck he was appointed watchman of the constitutional convention. He was the first treasurer of Barnes County, being first appointed by Governor Howard and later elected to that position for two terms, serving in all five years. He was also mayor of Valley City for four years, and alderman and member of the school board for years. He was given the honor of christening the city in which he now lives, and has borne a very active and prominent part in her tip-building and prosperity. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is an honored member of the Grand Army post. In business affairs he has met with a well deserved success during his residence here, and he has also won the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens and of all with whom he has come in contact, either its public or private life.

OLE. N. HEM, register of deeds of Traill County, is among the popular and influential public officials of that county. Ile has resided in Hillsboro for the past four years, but previous to that time was a well-known and prosperous business man of Portland. He attends strictly to the duties of his office, and is efficient, thorough, and a man in whom the people repose confidence.

Our subject was born in Christiansands Stift, Norway, June 16, 1857, and was the oldest in a family of eight children, born to Eels and Guro (Hem) Sundvall, both of whom are deceased. The soother died when our subject was twelve years of age.

Mr. Hem worked at farm labor and attended the Military College, and at the age of twenty-two years, after completing his education, he came to America and worked a short time in Swift County, Minnesota, and later entered a hardware store in Benson. He went to Train County, North Dakota, May 13, 1882, and worked in a hardware store in Portland, and in the early part of:884, assumed the management of the lumber business now conducted under the firm name of the Beidler & Robinson Lumber Company. He was elected to his present office in 180 and then removed his family to Hillsboro.

Our subject was married, in t883,to Miss Amelia H. Engeland, a native of Norway. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hem, as follows: Nils, deceased, Hans, Gina, Ida, Otto, Effie, Alfha and William MeK. Mr. Hem served as mayor of Portland and also treasurer while a resident of that place, and has participated in public affairs wherever he has resided. He is a man of the best of character, unassuming, and earnestly devoted to his work, and his popularity is best evidenced by the fact that he was returned to the office of register of deeds of Traill County by general vote. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern 'Woodmen, of America, and AncientOrder of United Workmen. In political faith he is a Republican and attends the county and state conventions of his party and is firm in his convictions.

FRANK N. GILMORE. The financial standing of Hope, in Steele County, North Dakota, has been materially increased by the labors of this gentleman since taking up his residence here. He was one of the five original business men of the city, and has always taken an active part in affairs of a public or social nature. He is the possessor of a fine farm near the city, and is a resident of Hope, wherein he is the manager of the lumber yards of the Beidler & Robinson Lumber Company.

Our subject was born in Monroe County, Maine, January 4, 1855. His grandparents on the father's side were from Scotland and England, and were early settlers of Monroe County, Maine, where they followed farming. Our subject and an older sister were the only children born to Josiah and Rosella (Nichols) Gilmore, and our subject is now the only survivor of the family. The father was a general merchant in the town of Monroe, and he died when our subject Wan but one year of age. after which the mother and two children made their home with the maternal grandparents, and resided in Davenport, Iowa. After about two years they returned to a farm, and there our subject remained until about seventeen years of age. He then learned the manufacture of sand-paper in Melrose, Massachusetts, and when about twenty-five years of age learned telegraphy and was employed with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. He joined a Northern Pacific surveying party in the spring of 1882, and traveled through Montana, and in the fall of that year began work for the company with which he is now engaged, at Portland, Traill County, North Dakota, and in the spring of 1883 was placed in charge of the yards at Hope. He is a successful business man, and has gained the confidence of his employers and associates. He is the owner of one half-section of land, and has gained a comfortable competence by earnest efforts.

Our subject was married, in 1886, to bliss Lela Johnson. Two children were horn to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore, as follows: Frank \V. and Eileen V. Mrs. Gilmore was horn in Illinois, October 4, 1866, and she died in North Dakota, October 14, 1898. She was a lady who was mourned by a host of friends, and was a member of the Congregational church, and an earnest worker in the same, and she was also a member of the Daughters of Rebekah. Mr, Gilmore is prominent in the fraternal world and is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the last-named order he has served as grand treasurer for five years, and he was a charter member and the first noble grand of Hope Lodge, No. 59, which was organized August 23, 1885. He also holds membership in the' Brotherhood of American Yeomen. In political faith Mr. Gilmore is a Republican.

JOHN 0. STRAND. Although this gentleman is a foreign born resident of Richland County, he has become thoroughly identified with American civilization and progress, and is one of the substantial citizens of Eagle Township, wherein he is a large land owner. He has been a resident of Richland County since its early settlement, and his farm is one of the well-improved estates of that region.

Mr. Strand was horn in Norway, October 30, 1853. He was reared on a farm and educated in She common schools of his native land, where he continued his residence until 1873, and in the fall of that year came to America. He locates] in Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, and was employed by a large lumber firm, remaining until the spring of t 878, when he went to Richland County, North Dakota. He entered claim to a homestead on sections 2 of Abercrombie Township, where he lived until t896, engaged in farming with marked success. He purchased the farm on section 30 of Eagle Township, where he now resides, in 1896, and is now the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of land. He has a set of tine buildings on his farm, and enjoys the comforts afforded by country life, and is engaged in general farming.

Otnr subject was married in Eau Claire. Wisconsin, November my, 1877, to Miss Hilda Thompson, a native of Muskeg°, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Strand are the parents of the following, children: Oscar. Hulbert. Selma. John O., Jr., Helen, Myrtle, Clarence, Torfend and Inmar. Three chil dren died in infancy. Alr. Strand has held the office of supervisor In Abercrombie Township, and takes an active interest in matters of local importance. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican.

HON. HARRY D. HURLEY, residing on section 33, in township 146, range 49, in Caledonia tow-mg-11p, is one of the most extensive farmers and business men of North Dakota, and is widely and favorably known. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, and whatever enlists his assistance is sure of meeting with success. Careful and systematic in all details, the general outcome of all matters is assuredly desirable and profitable. He possesses twenty-three hundred acres of land, and is also president of the H. D. C. & S. Telephone Company. His home is a commodious and handsome structure and in all its appointments bespeaks the culture and refinement of its occupants. A portrait of Mr. Hurley appears on another page.

Our subject was born in Fultonville, Montgomery County, New York, October 3, 1853, and was the elder of two children and only son born to John and Mary (Chamberlain) Hurley. His parents were natives of Ireland, but the mother is not of Irish descent. His father was a brickmaker.

When our subject was but ten years of age he left home and began driving on the canal, and then was engaged as water boy on the train two years, and then became news agent on the train. Following railroad work, he began at the lowest position and worked himself up, becoming conductor of sleeping and drawing-room cars on the Vanderbilt system. He heard of the wonderful resources of the Red river valley, and in the fall of 1879, in company with A. W. Russell, went to North Dakota and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land from the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and then resumed his work in the east, and in 1882 went again to North Dakota to engage in farming. In the meantime he had purchased an additional one hundred and sixty acres of land, and cultivated the first purchase. He took the first crop from the original purchase in 1881, and the yield was valued at $6,400. This determined his future, and he settle° to fanning in the West. He now has one of the best improved estates in the state, and during the working season fifteen men are kept busy, while seven private grain storehouses are put in each year. His buildings are of the best, and Isis residence is equipped with hot-water heat, telephone, all modern conveniences, and is a model in finish and furnishings.

The H. D. C. & S. Telephone Company, of which he is president, was organized in 1898, and has thirty miles of country line, and local exchange at Hillsboro of one hundred and thirty telephones.

Mr. Hurley was married, in 1893. to Miss Theodora Miller. a native of Philadelphia. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurley, named Alton B. Mr. Hurley is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has passed the degree of the Myst1c Shrine. He is venerable master of Hillsboro Lodge of Perfection, and in political sentiment is a Republican, and an earnest worker for party principles. He participated in the county seat fight, and has since taken an active part in public affairs, and served as a member of the state legislature (luring the third and fifth sessions of that body. During his first term in office he was a member of the appropriation committee, and during second term was a member of the judiciary committee, and chairman of the appropriation committee and taxes and tax laws. He was identified with the prohibition movement, and labors for reform in expenditures of public funds. He introduced the bill making Lincoln's birthday a state holiday.

JOHN E. INDERGAARD. Foremost among the pioneers to settle in Foster County, North Daota, must be mentioned John E. Indergaard. Mr. Indergaard is a native of Norway, where he was born on a farm January 14, 1862.

The father of our subject, Elting Indergaard Jenne, was a farmer, and his grandfather, Jergan L:astman, was a blacksrnitk and farmer, while his grandfather, Ole Jemne, was a farmer. Knute Jennie, snide of our subject, was a soldier in the Norwegian army. In a family of eight children, John E. Indergaard was the third in order of birth. He grew to manhood in his native land and attended the public schools until he was twenty years old. He then came to America, and landing in New York, proceeded west to Minnesota. There he worked for one year on a farm, and then came to Foster County in 1883, and took up government land. He put up a claim shanty, ten by ten feet, and started to improve his land. At that time Ite owned one team of oxen, five or six dollars in cash, and from these humble beginnings he has built up his present comfortable fortune. He worked for others a good portion of the first two years. In 1885 he raised a crop of wheat of only ten acres, and this yielded hint seventeen bushels to the acre. He lived the life of a bachelor for eight years, and in that time had made substantial improvements on his land. He sold his farm in 1892, and located 011 section to, township 147, range 66, where he still lives.

In 1894 Mr. Indergaard married Miss Bertha Rooldson, daughter of Sivert Rooldson, one of the earliest settlers of North Dakota. Mrs. Indergaard was born in Norway, and came to America with her parents when she was but one year old. Mr. and Mrs. Indergaard are the parents of the following children: Elting M., Sidney E., and Edna R., all natives of North Dakota.

Mr. Indergaard has been a very successful farmer, and is now the owner of about eight hundred acres of excellent land, five hundred acres of which are in a good state of cultivation. His estate is furnished with a valuable set of farm buildings, with ample machinery, and is well stocked. In 1891 his farm produced seven thousand bushels of grant.

Mr. Indergaard takes an active interest in political matters. He is a Republican in political faith. He is a valued citizen, and has helped to develop the natural stealth of Foster County in no small degree. He has witnessed the marvelous changes !that have taken place in North Dakota, and his influence has always been directed to the best interests and advancement of the state and county.

JAY II. MALTBY, the efficient and popular postmaster of Milnor, and editor and proprietor of "The Sargent County Teller," is one of the rising young men of that region. He occupies a pronunent place in the minds of his fellows, and has gained his position by earnest and honest efforts.

Mr. hi altby was born in Adams Center, Jefferson County, New York, July 3o, 1868. When he was but four years of age he moved with his parents to Detroit, Minnesota, where Ire was reared to manhood, and educated in the CO111111011 schools, and at the high school at Minneapolis. After completing his studies he entered the office of the "Detroit Record," where he learned the printer's trade, and was also employed in the office of the "Fergus Falls Journal." He became foreman and assistant editor of the "Detroit Record," and spent twelve years in the two offices above named. He went to Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota, in 1891, and purchased "The Sargent County Teller," since which time he bas been editor and proprietor of that paper. The circulation of the paper steadily increases, and it is one of the leading papers of that locality. It is Republican in politics and stands firmly for the principles of that party. Mr. Maltby is an able editor, and "The Sargent County Teller" is among the bright exchanges of the newspaper world.

Our subject was marrried in .Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 19, 1890, to Miss Alice Hostetter, who was born in Filmore County, Minnesota. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maltby, as follows: Dexter J., Allen J., Violet E., L'elva A., and George D. Mr. Maltby is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Modern Woodmen of America, and American Yeoman. He was appointed postmaster of Milli.- in 1897, and assumed the duties of the office July 15, of that year. He takes an active part in the local government, and has been village clerk of Milnor for three years. He is public-spirited and progressive and well merits his success.

THE CASS COUNTY STATE BANK of Casselton, Cass County, North Dakota, was organized March 1, 1891, with all authorized capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. The following- officers were chosen: President, E. H. Paine vice-president, Wallace Grosvenor; cashier, A. H. Paine, and directors, Wallace-

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Grosvenor, R. M. Pollock, J. H. Gale, E. H. Paine, and A. H. Paine. At the end of the first year Mr. P. II. Paine was succeeded by John C. Hunter, as president, and W. C, Macfadden was chosen cashier. Mr. Hunter continued as president two years, and Mr. Macfadden the same length of time as cashier, when Robert Riddell, now of Minneapolis, was appointed president, and N. M. Young, cashier. Mr. Grosvenor has continued as vice-president throughout the life of the institution. ..the present board of directors is R. Riddell, N. K. Hubbard, L.

C. Hornell, W. Grosvenor and N. Young.

A tcnoor,sa M. 1 SUNG, the active manager of the above institution, is a native of Canada, and was born in Ontario, February: 6, 186o. He was a son of Richard and Jane (Eaton) Young, both natives of Canada, and his father was a itunbennan and passed his life there.

Mr. Young was reared and educated in Canada, attending the Clinton Collegiate Institute of Clinton, Ontario. He then taught school three years, and in ttiSi went to North sialsota, and located at Drayton, and remained there and at Peminna and Grafton for some tune m the newspaper business. He was associated with Frank M. N't inship, in publishing the '11 alsh County News," and was massager of the "Pembina Pioneer Express" two years. He removed to Fargo in 1884, and began the study of law with iloyesen & Phelps, ants completed the course with h. B. Bartlett, of Casselton. he was admitted to the bar in 1887, and then spent two years when R. M. Pollock in the practice of his profession. He went to West Superior, Wisconsin, in 189o, and engaged in the real estate and loan business three years, and then located in Casselton in 1894. since which time he has resided there.

Our subject was married in 1890 to Ellen L. Davis. a native of Vermont. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, who bears the name of Lucien F. Mr. Young is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has passed the degrees of the Cornmandery, Knights Templar and Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican in political sentiment, but does not enter actively into party matters, lending his influence for good local government. He is a gentleman of excellent business capabilities, and progressive, and the institution whose affairs he conducts is under careful and approved business methods, and he is highly respected as a business man and

citizen. '

CI I RISTIAN J. JOHNSON, owner of one of the fine farms of Eagle Township, Richland County, is a man who commands respect wherever he is known. l le is industrious and faithful in his efforts and his labors have brought good results. Ile makes his h, ate on section 36 of Eagle Township. and has been a resident of Richland County nearly twenty years.

Our subject was born in Norway, June 2, t846. I be came to America with his parents in June, 5863, and settled in Racine County, 'Wisconsin, on a farm. After about three years the fancily moved to Dakota County, Minnesota, where our subject stayed two years and then returned to Wisconsin and remained one year in Racine County, working at farm labor. He then went to Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, and worked at carpenter work for ten years, till the spring of 188o, when he removed to Richland County, North Dakota, and entered claim to land as a homestead on section 3o, in Eagle Township. Fle lived there about eight years, and then purcitased the farm where he now resides on section 36, of Eagle Township. He has erected substantial buildings and otherwise improved the property, and is time owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land. He has made a success of lamming, and is one of the progressive men of his connnunity.

Our subject was married in Racine County, Wisconsin, July 24, t870, to Miss Esther Thompson, who was also a native of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of hve children, named as follows: Nellie, Anna, Hilda, Amelia, and John. Mr. Johnson takes an active interest in the welfare of his township and county, and has served as a member of the board of supervisors of Eagle town-slop.

CHARLES A. DIGNESS. Among the better class of agriculturists of Train County, the gentleman above named is entitled to a foremost rank. He has a pleasant home in section 26 of Garfield Township. and has gained a high standing with his associates for his push and energy and active public spirit.

Our subject was born in Solor, Norway, in 1855, and was the second in a family of eleven children, born to Svenung and Mares (Bredesen) Digness. He remained in Norway until 1864 and then emigrated to America and settled at Decorah, NVinneshiek County, Iowa, and there attended business college and gained a good knowledge of the English language and the principles of commercial life. In 1878 he went to Traill County, North Dakota. and entered claim to three hundred and twenty acres of government land. He now has one of the best improved farms of the locality and is thoroughly versed its the most approved methods of its operation. He has a comfortable residence erected in 1897, and a fine barn with sheds and shelter for over thirty head of stock and seventy tons of hay. The fann is swell arranged in the way of improvements and he has made a success of general fanning.

(Inc subject was married in 1883 to Mina Carolina Jensen. Three slaughters and one son have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Digness. as follows: Selma, Anna. Cornelia and Agnar. Mr. Digness has served as is township officer since the org,dnization of Garfield Township. with the exception of three years, when he served as county commissioner, being chosen for the latter office in 1891 and served one tern). He was a delegate to the state convention in 1890 on the Republican ticket, and was nominated presidential elector on the Fusion ticket in 1896. He is a leader in township and county affairs, and well merits his enviable reputation.

man county—a homestead, pre-emption and tree claim. Like many others, he put up a shanty and sod barn and started in with a team of oxen. His first crop of wheat was a poor yield, but oats averaged nearly ninety bushels per acre and were sold for eighty-five cents per bushel on the place. In 1882 he built a substantial house and other buildings on the homestead where he has since resided. He has now six hundred and forty acres of land with comfortable improvements; excellent water, a fine grove of trees, a herd of cattle, plenty of horses and farm machinery and is called a successful fanner.

Mr. Lovett feels he has been much hampered in the race of life by being so much of the time an invalid.

The subject of our sketch was married, in 1879, to Miss Emma C. Powell, a native of Oregon. Mrs. Lovett's father, Silas Powell, was an American of German descent and a farmer by occupation, and one of the pioneers of Oregon.

Her grandfather, Joab Powell, was an eminent Baptist divine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovett have been the parents of the following children, the eldest of whom was born in California and the younger children in North Dakota: Homer S., Laura G., Edna J., Waldo 1\1., Harriet P. and Earl.

Mr. Lovett is a gentleman who keeps abreast of the times in all matters of a public nature and is written considerably for the press upon educational and political topics and is well equipped on public questions. He is at present identified with the reform principles of the Populist party, but was a Republican prior to 1896, changing his views when he believed his party had abandoned its principles.

He is a pleasant gentleman to meet and highly esteemed in the community where he lives.

JAMES McGURREN, one of the oldest settlers of Cass County, has prospered as an agriculturist and is now residing on his fine farm in sec-rims 20, Casselton Township. His possessions have been acquired by dint of honest efforts, and he has gained an enviable station as a citizen of intelligence and enterprise.

Our subject is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Tyrone, November 1, 1836. His parents, John and Margaret (Murphy) McGurren, were natives of Ireland, and the father died there when our subject was but three years of age. The mother and stepfather came to America and died in this country.

James McGurren was reared in Ireland as a farmer until 1857. when he emigrated to the United States and settled in Herkimer County, New York, and remained there mail 1861. He then enlisted in the Ninety-seventh New York I volunteer Infantry as a member of Company G, and served in that company and regiment four years, participating in the following battles: Second Bull Run, Freder-

CHARLES M. LOVETT. An honorable position among the farmers of township 143, range 65, in Stutsman County, is willingly accorded this gentleman by his associates. He occupies one of the well-developed farms pf the county-, and is greatly respected in the community where he has spent the past eighteen years.

Our subject was born in Maine in 1845. The family has been in America since colonial times, and formerly lived in the vicinity of Salem. His father, Richard N. Lovett, was a ship carpenter and builder, and in later years followed farming to some extent. Israel Lovett, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a sea captain, as many of his forebears had been before him, and the grandfather of our subject, Robert Lovett, was a millwright. He was also a lieutenant in the war of 1812. Our subject's mother, Sarah V. Martin before her marriage, was a native of Maine, as were also her parents. She was raised in her native state, and her family was closely identified with the sea, two of her brothers being sea captains and her father a ship builder.

Mr. Lovett was the fourth in a family of six children, and was raised in Maine, spending the greater part of his time till early manhood on the farm. He was accorded a good education in the common and higher schools, attending Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Bates University. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted in the navy and was assigned to the United States ship Casco, a light draft torpedo ship, where he saw almost two years' service. He

i  was at the battle of Fort Fisher, and was among the   
first to enter Richmond after its evacuation, going in small boats to clear the way. This little flotilla entered Richmond on the morning of the 3d of April, 1865, accompanied by Admiral Porter and Abraham Lincoln. The vessel on which he was doing duty was ordered to guard the Potomac when Booth was trying to escape. Our subject wac discharged from the service in June, 1865, and returned to his home. He re-entered the school-room, but his eyesight and health soon began failing and he was forced to abandon college. He then spent a year and a half at home, traveled some, and in 1867 went to California, where he engaged in teaching and merchandising. He taught at Nevada City, Ophir, San Luis Obispo, Lincoln, Arroyo Grande and other places, was the Republican nominee for superintendent of schools of San Luis Obispo comity in r877, and altogether put in about sixteen years teaching in that state. He holds a teacher's life diploma of California, and was for many years a member of her examining boards.

His health further failing, he went to North Dakota in 1881, and took government land in Stutsicksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Antietam, Wilderness, thirty days' siege of Petersburg, Weldon's Road, and in the latter engagement he was captured and held a prisoner six months in Libby, Salsbury, North Carolina, and Danville, Virginia. He was wounded at Gettysburg and Weldon's Road and in front of Petersburg, and soon after his release from prison was mustered out of the service, after a brave and loyal service. He was promoted three times while in active service, first to be sergeant, second, orderly or first sergeant, third, first lientenant, and was cominissioned captain, but did not muster in. He then returned to New York and lived there until taking up his residence in North Dakota, in 1878. He settled on the farm where he now resides in that year, taking one quarter-section of land as a homestead. He now owns an entire section, and is among the substantial men of his calling.

Our subject was married, in New York, in 1868, to Julia Drum, a native of that state. Eleven children. six sons and five daughters, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGurren, all of whom are living. Mr. hlcGurren has served as school and town treasurer, and is active in local public affairs. He is a member of the Catholic church. In political sentiment he is a Democrat, and is strong in his convictions.

HON. NATHAN UPHAM, of Grafton, ex-register of deeds of \Valsh County, and the first man to serve in that capacity in the county, deserves especial mention as being one of the leading men who helped to organize and execute many enterprises and to assist in the work of bringing order out of chaos in the early days of Walsh County and North Dakota. He is well known throughout the state and the Northwest.

Nathan Upham was born in Nova Scotia, November 24, 1857. His parents, Henry and Charlotte (Peppard) Upham, were natives of Nova Scotia, where the father was superintendent of public instruction for fifteen consecutive years. He was a graduate of a Boston college and his parents were among the pilgrims. Our subject"s grandfather Ivas a sea captain and secured a large grant of land in Nova Scotia. In 1881 Henry C. Upham, the father of our present subject, came to Dakota and located at Acton on the Red river, then the only town in this region. He soon after went to Grafton and in the sante year, 1881, started the "Walsh County Times." The next year he purchased the "News" and consolidated the "News" and the "Times," which he continued to publish until 1889.

The paper was Republican in politics and the organ of theparty. Thatyear he sold the paper to Mr. Bates and retired from active business. He died in 1889. Of his six sons and three daughters, four sons are now living. On son died in Manila, having gone there as a member of Company C, First North Dakota Volunteers.

Nathan Upham was reared and educated in his native land and in 1878 came to Dakota and first located on land near Drayton. He then spent some time in travel through the Northwest and British Columbia. In 188o he came to Grafton and opened a lumber yard and also engaged in buying and shipping wheat. In 18So he was appointed register to deeds of \Valsh County, being the first person to fill that office in the county. He served in this capacity six years, having been twice elected to the same position. In 1886 he served as a member of the lower house of the territorial legislature. He was also elected probate judge of Pembina County, prior to the division of the two counties, but resigned to accept the office to which he was elected in Walsh County. He afterward engaged in farming- on the Red river and his farming operattions included in all sixteen hundred acres of land. He engaged largely in raising and handling of high-grade stock, especially Aberdeen Angus cattle. In 1897 he purchased the hardware business of J. Tombs & Sons, of Grafton, and has since conducted that business. He is one of the directors of the Grafton National Bank.

Mr. Upham was married, in 1886, to Miss Agnes McDugal, also a native of Nova Scotia. They are the parents of four children, one son and three daughters. Mr. Upham is one of the pioneer Republicans of North Dakota and assisted in organizing the party forces in the state. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar and a "Shriller."

PETER P. GOODMAN, a well-to-do and enterprising farmer of Shenford Township, Ransom County, is a man of much force of character and business ability. For many years he was one of the leading business men of Fargo, and since retiring from a commercial life has purchased an extensive farm and operates twelve hundred acres of land. He makes his home in the village of AnseIm, and is one of the pioneers of that locality. A portrait of Mr. Goodman appears on another page.

Our subject was born in Star County, Ohio, June 29, 1846, and was the eldest son and fifth in order of birth in a family of ten children, born to Theobald and Catherine (Gulling) Goodman. The father came to this country from France in 1823 and engaged in farming in Ohio, where he cleared a farm, and was one of the earliest settlers of that state. At the age of twenty years our subject left his home, in 1866, and joined his brother-in-law, who was stationed on the Red river of the North at Georgetown, as agent of the Hudson Bay Company. The following fall our subject took a contract front the Hudson Bay Company to cut cord wood 011 the banks of the Red river, and in 1868 began flat-boating between Fort Abercrombie and Winnipeg, and his life during those days was frill of adventures. He later went to Fargo, in 1871, when the Northern Pacific Railroad was built to Aloorehead, and in Fargo he worked its a restaurant owned by J. B. Chapin. He had invested in land along the Red river, and in 1875 disposed of the same and engaged with W. A. Yerxa its the general merchandise business. They were successful, and were known as the most extensive business men of the city. Our subject disposed of his interest in 1882 and invested in from three to four thousand acres of land in Ransom County. He soon had sixteen hundred acres under cultivation, and now conducts farming on an extensive scale. he entered claim to land in Cass County in November, 1868, and was the earliest settler of that county.

Our subject was married in 1877 to Miss Jannet Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman have been the parents of five children, as follows: Emeretta, deceased; Diary J.; Frank, deceased; John, and Ruth. Mr. Goodman is a member of,the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

KNUT E. FLAA, who is a potent factor in the prosperity enjoyed by Richland County, has been of great assistance in developing and extending its agriculture. He is an influential citizen and where-ever he has chosen his home has gained many friends by his upright character and industrious habits. He is proprietor of a well-improved estate and his home is on section 25, of Eagle Township, where he located many years since.

Our subject was born in Norway, March 16, 1848. He was reared on a farm in his native land and remained there until 1870, when Ile decided to ,try\_ his fortunes in the New World, and accordingly, in the summer of that tear, started to America. He located at Menomonie, Wisconsin, where he was employed eight years at farm labor and in a saw-null. He then went to Richland County, North Dakota, and settled in Eagle Township on his present farm. He has erected good buildings and added valuable improvements and is now the fortunate possessor of about four hundred acres of well-improved land. He has made a success of his voca, tion and is one of the substantial men of his community.

Our subject was married, in Menomonie, Wisconsin, July 26, 1873, to Miss Curie Olson. Airs. Flaa was born in Norway October u, 1848, came to America in 1871, locating in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Mr. Flaa has been township assessor of Eagie Township for several years and justice of the peace and a member of the board of supervisors. He and Mrs. Flaa are members and active workers in the Norwegian Lutheran church. They are well known and highly respected.

HANS E. GRINAGER, clerk of courts of Ransom County, is a man of capability and true citizenship. He has heels associated with the public interests of Ransom County for the past fifteen years and in every in stance has proven Isis loyalty and is held its the highest esteem by his fellows. He is one of the well-known residents of Lisbon, North Dakota.

Our subject was born in Gran, Hadeland, about fifty miles north of Christiania, Norway, June 30, 1844, and was the eldest its a family of thirteen children. He completed his education at an agricultural school in his native land and subsequently attended the high school in the city of Hamar, Norway, and assisted his father for some years in the pursuit of farming and the lumber business and lived two years at Gjovik, clerking in a saw-mill. In 1880, at the age of thirty-six years, Ise came to the United States, as slid also his parents and several brothers and one sister. An uncle and two of the brothers of our subject were living in Alinnesota at the time. After one year spent in Minnesota near where his brother resisted, our subject went to Iowa and in 1883 went to Lisbon, subsequently pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sargent County, North Dakota, later going to Lisbon, Ransom County, where he worked in the Lisbon lumber yards. He became clerk in the county treasurer's office about 1884, and was there about four years, and in 1888 he was elected treasurer of Ransom County. After the expiration of his terns he purchased wheat for two seasons and then served two years as deputy auditor. He was elected clerk of courts on the fusion ticket in 1896 and is now serving his second terns in that capacity.

Our subject was married in 1876 to Miss Ingeborg A. Haug. Mr. and Airs. Grinager are the parents of nine children, as follows: Peter, Martha, Lars. Adolph. Lizzie. hsga, Henry, Alma. and Edwin, who died at the age of one year. Air. Grinager is a member of the Lutheran church, and a member of the I. C). O. F.. He is one of the men in whose coming to America all who honor honest and faithful service can rejoice.

T. j. COOPER, now retired from active labors, is the possessor of extensive -farm lands in the vicinity of Cooperstown, and makes his home in that city amid pleasant surroundings that are the result of a well-spent career. He was one of the pioneers of that region. and was associated with his brother many years in business enterprises. but for the past ten or twelve rears has conducted his business alone. and is enjoying his declining years in retirement, although he personally oversees his land interests.

Our subject was born in Vermont, September 3, 1830, and was a son of Thomas and Caroline (Balser) Cooper. His father was a native of Vermont, and was a farmer by occupation, and was one of tin. pioneer settlers of Michigan, where he removed with his fatuity when our subject was but two rears of age. They resided there for a number of years, and then located in Minnesota.

T. J. Cooper was the third in a family of eleven children, and was reared in Michigan, and later engaged in farming in Minnesota. He went from there to Colorado and followed mining a number of years in company with his brother, R. C. Cooper, and they continued in business together till 1889, when the partnership was dissolved. Our subject owns two thousand acres of land in the vicinity of Coopers-, town, on which he has valuable improvements.

Our subject was married in Red Wing, Minnesota, in 1858, to Aliss Mary Washburn, a native of Illinois. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, as follows: Charles L., now a mining engineer of Victor, Colorado; and Julia L., now Mrs. Merriell, of Fruita, Colorado. Her husband is engaged in fruit growing and lumbering. Mr. Cooper is a'mentber of the Masonic fraternity. He is a Republican in political sentiment, and is a man who keeps pace with the times, but does not seek public preferment.

JOHN DeWITT McCONNELL, M. D., is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Fargo, North Dakota, and has that love for and devotion to his profession which has brought to him success and won hint a place among the ablest representatives of the medical fraternity in this locality.

He was born Leipsic, Putnam County, Ohio, No-   
vember 23, 1848, and is one of the four sons of John R. and Mary (Hofsteater) McConnell, also natives of Ohio. The father, who was a farmer and hotel man, served for a year and a half in the Civil war as a member of Company K, Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being discharged at the end of that time on account of disability. He died in Ohio in 1891.

The Doctor passed his boyhood and youth in Williams County, Ohio, and completed his literary education in the Bryan Academy. Subsequently he engaged in teaching school, being an instructor in the higher branches of learning. At the age of twenty-five he commenced reading medicine under Dr. J. G. Cameron, of 'Edon, Ohio, and devoted three years to preparation for the medical profession, in the meantime attending lectures at the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, front which he was graduated in 1877. He first engaged in practice at his old home in Ohio, but on account of failing health came west and settled at Clearwater, Minnesota, where he made his home for two years. In 1881 he came to Fargo, North Dakota, where he has since successfully engaged in general practice. In 1891 he took a post-graduate course in New York City, remaining there nine months, and constant study and close application have made him one of the best physicians of his adopted city. He is a member of the State Medical Society, has been connected with the American Medical Association since 1888, and is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He has met with success financially as well as professionally during, his residence in North Dakota, and is now a stockholder and director of the

erchants State Bank of Fargo. Politically his support is always given the men and measures of the

Republican party. In 1892 Dr. McConnell was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Brockett, a native of Iowa. They occupy an enviable position in social circles and have a large circle of friends in the community where they make their home.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GRAND FORKS. The First National Bank of Grand Forks was founded in 1879 by J. W. Smith and S. S. Titus, first as a private bank, known as the Bank of Grand Forks, which continued until November, 1881, when and it was merged into the Citizens' National Bank, with Jacob I. Eshelman as president and S. S. Titus, cashier. The bank continued under that title until July, 1890, tritest the name was changed to the First National Bank, and has continued as such since. Mr. Eshelman was president until January I, 1887, when \Valiant Budge was elected to succeed hint and continued president until January, 1889, when the present president of the institution, J. W. Smith, was elected to that position. The original capital stock was fifty thousand dollars, which was increased in 1884 to one hundred thousand dollars, and remains at that figure. The bank does a general banking business in foreign and domestic exchange, and is one of the substantial institutions of the city.

J. W. SMITH was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 15, 1858, and was the son of David and Agnes (Thorn) Smith, both of whom were natives of Scotland, and came to America in an early day. They settled in Appleton, Wisconsin, where the father was engaged in banking business until his death in 1876.

Our subject was one of sevens children, four sons and three daughters, and was reared and educated in Wisconsin. At an early age he began earning his livelihood, and in 1879 went to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he has been engaged in the banking business continuously since.

Mr. Smith was married in Grand Forks, in 1884, to Clara E. McIntosh, who is a native of Canada. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, as follows: Agnes M., and Dorothy E. Mr. Smith has exhibited much executive ability in the management of the intricate affairs of the banking institution of which he is the head, and to him is dine largely the success which has attended the First National Bank. Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM S. MOORHOLISE, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and the present efficient and popular auditor of Burlei.gli County, North Dakota, whose home is in Bismarck, was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. January 26, 1840. His parents, Edward and Margaret i Larson) Moorhouse, were both natives of Yorkshire, England. and came to the United States in 1829, locating in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where the father died in 1854. By occupation he was a coal merchant. The mother is still living at the advanced age of ninety-one years

r and makes her home in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. In their family were seven sons and four daughters, all living in Pennsylvania with the exception of our subject.

In his native state William S. Moorhouse grew to manhood and acquired a good practical education. On leaving home in 1857 he went to Atchison County, Kansas, where Ile clerked in a hardware store for a time. He took an active part in the border warfare, and on the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted, in 1864 in Company B, Seventh Kansas Cavalry. He remained in the service for three years and six months and participated in the siege of Corinth, the Vicksburg campaign, the second battle of Corinth, the battles of luka and Tupelo, Mississippi, and a large number of smaller engagements. Fortunately he was never wounded nor taken prisoner, and at the close of the war, in 1865, was mustered out as captain of his company, to which rank he attained by meritorious service on field of battle.

Returning to Atchison Mr. Moorhouse resided there until appointed adjutant-general of Kansas in 1869, and while serving in that office during that and the following year he made his home in Topeka. Going back to Atchison, he continued to reside there until coming to Bismarck, North Dakota.., in 1883. Here he engaged in the hardware trade for twelve years. In 1894 he was elected auditor of Burleigh County and is now serving his third term in that office. He was also on the board of county commissioners one term, and has been a member of the city council. His official ditties have always been discharged with the utmost promptness and fidelity, winning the commendation of all concerned.

While a resident of Kansas, Mr. Moorhouse was married, in 1863, to Miss Annie HoIthorn, a native of England, by whom he has one son, Frank E., now serving as deputy auditor. Socially I■dr. Moorliouse is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Knights of Pythias, and politically has always been identified with the Republican party. He served as chairman of the county committee for four years. He has always been found faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as well as when he followed the old flag to victory on southern battle fields.

ALBERT SCHMIDT. A prominent position as a citizen and member of the farming community of Abercrombie Township, Richland County, is held by the gentleman above named. He is the owner of a fine estate and makes his home on section to.

Mr. Schmidt was born in Prussia, Germany, April 17, 184o. He was reared in his native land and was employed front the time he was fourteen years of age until he reached' the age of twenty years as clerk in a mercantile establishment. He served in the Prussian army four years, and in the summer of 1864 set sail for America. He landed in New York in September, and after three months in that city went to Watertown, Wisconsin. He remained there a short time and then went to Columbus, Wisconsin, and after six months to La Crosse, and three months later to St. Cloud, Minnesota, where he remained three years employed in a saloon and billiard hall. He went to McCauleyville, Minnesota, in 1869, and engaged in the mercantile business there some tell years, when Inc went to Richland County, North Dakota, and settled on section to in Abercrombie Township, since which time he has given his attention to farming. Ile now owns two hundred and forty-eight acres of land, and has met with success in his chosen calling.

Mr. Schmidt was married, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, September 30, 1869, to Miss Marie Tebing, who was horn in Missouri, of German parentage. Mrs. Schmidt died in McCauleyville, Minnesota, in April, 1875, leaving four children, as follows: Mary, Anna, Herman and Louisa. Mr. Schmidt married Miss Magdalene Bauer, in McCauleyville, Minnesota. May 9, 1876. Mrs. Schmidt was born in Syracuse, New York, and when about four years of age came with her parents to Dane County, Wisconsin, where she grew to womanhood. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, as follows: August, Otto, Bertha, Carl, Lottie, Leo, Lena, Paul, Olga and Albert. Mr. Schmidt takes an active part in local affairs, and was the first president of the school board in Abercrombie Township, and has served as a member of the board of supervisors. He is highly esteemed in Richland County, where he has made his home for so many years.

JACOB A. SORUNI, comity sheriff of Traill County, is extensively interested in farming in that county, and is one of the substantial and public-spirited citizens of the state. He has acquired his property and high reputation by his earnest efforts, and is a man of much energy and a capacity for well-directed labor. He has resided in flillsboro but a short time, but has become well known and is highly respected by all. His farm consists of four hundred and sixty acres of choice land. upon which he has placed modern buildings. and it is a home of luxury and the farm yields abundantly and furnishes a comfortable competence.

Our subject was born in Allamakee County, Iowa, April 13. 1858, and was the eldest in a family. of twelve children, born to Andrew and Bertha (Torgerson) Sornm, both of whom are living and make their home in Eldorado Township, Trail County, North Dakota.

Our subject, tvith his father and sister, went to Dakota from the home farm in Iowa in the fall of 1879, and both father and son entered claim to land in Traill County, each in section 30. A log house was erected on each farm. and the following spring the remaining members of the family joined them in the new home. They broke the land and engaged in wheat raising during the first season, and hauled their grain to Fargo, forty miles distant, the nearest railroad point. Mr. Sorum had but forty dollars on his arrival in Dakota, and the strictest economy and hard work were necessary to get a start on the pioneer farm. He put a small addition to the small log house and this was his home until 1896, when it was supplanted by a fine frame residence, and a 4ox6o-foot barn was erected in 189o, giving the place an appearance of thrift and care in its development. Our subject has added to his real estate as circumstances permitted. and now owns four hundred and sixty acres of land, which forms one of the best farms in the conuty. An artesian well furnishes an abundance of water, and also gives a supply of naturals gas, which as vet can not be utilized.

Our subject was married, in 1881, to Miss Rindena Ekdahl, a native of Norway. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sorum, as follows: Bertha, now Mrs. A. Dahl; John, now attending Agricultural College at Fargo; Turine ; Julius ; Carl and Albert. The family reside in the county jail building, which Is one of the most substantial and imposing structures of the county, built of stone to a height of about twelve feet and the upper part of pressed brick. Mr. Sorum was elected county sheriff in 1898, and during the summer of 1899 removed to Hillsboro. He served on the township board in his township three years, and during two of the time was chairman of that body. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and also the United Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican, and is a fins, supporter of party principles, but does not seek public preferment.

MILLARD F. WASHBURN, one of the earliest pioneer settlers of Griggs County, has resided in the township which bears his name for the past twenty years, and has been intimately connected with the history and development of that region. He has a fine farm in section 20, in which section he first settled, and is now enjoying the fruits of his labors in North Dakota.

Our subject was born on a farm in Lake County, Illinois. April 25, 1848, and was the youngest in a family of nine children, born to Sells and Ora (Warren) Washburn. His father was a native of Vermont, and settled in Illinois in the early '405.

Millard F. Washburn. at the age of seven years, went with his parents to Red Wing, Minnesota, where he finished his education and grew to manhood. He was engaged wills the American Express Company five years, and with the Red Wing , Milling Company three years, and in the spring of 188t went to Griggs County, North Dakota. He filed claim to land with the government surveyors, who lucre then working, in the county, and he has lived on the original claim continuously since. He has met with success as a farmer and now enjoys a good income.

Our subject was married, near Cooperstown, in 1883, to Miss Maria Russel, a native of St. Clair County, Michigan. Mrs. Washburn was born November to, 1855, and was a daughter of Andrew and Maria (Kling,ler) Hassel, who followed farming in Michigan. Her father was a soldier in a Michigan regiment during the Civil war, and served two years. Mrs. Washburn was one of the seven chil- siren born to this worthy couple. Her father was a successful farmer, and is now living in retirement in St. Clair County, Michigan. Mr. Washburn is chairman of the board of supervisors of Washburn Township, and has always taken all active part in local affairs, and the township of Washburn was named in honor of his services. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

ELLING K. SPOONHEIM, county superintendent of schools of Grand Forks County, is one of the leading educators of the state of North Dakota. He is a gentleman of excellent education, intelligent and possessed of excellent characteristics, and well merits his success and high standing as a public officer and"citizen.

Our subject was born in Norway, May 19, 1874, and is a son of Knudt and Margaret (Hakestead) Spoonheim. His parents were natives of Norway and came to America its 1881 and settled in Grand Forks County, North Dakota, and the father still lives in that county. The mother died in July, 1899. Two sons and one daughter were born to this worthy couple, all of whom reside its North Dakota.

Mr. Spoonheim was reared in North Dakota and received his early education here. He spent one year at Bruflat Academy at Portland, North Dakota, and three years at Arvilla Academy, and then followed teaching several years and completed his education with a three years' course at Valparaiso, Indiana, taking the degree from that institution of Bachelor of Science and Arts. Immediately following his graduation he returned to North Dakota and accepted the principalship of the city schools of Haton, Train County, and later engaged with the schools of Grand Forks. He was elected county superintendent of schools in 1898 and is now discharging the duties of that office faithfully and well. He is also interested in farming to some extent in the vicinity of Grand Forks, and has a pleasant farm, well improved and cultivated.

Mr. Spoonheim is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta and Modern Woodmen of America. He is well known throughout the state in educational circles and is an efficient and highly esteemed officer. Politically he is a Populist, and is a gentleman of broad mind and keeps abreast of the times and favors returns principles. His many friends will be pleased to find a portrait of Mr. Spoonheim in connection wins this article.