CHARLES E. WILSON, the present well-known and popular sheriff of Cass county', North Dakota, is a native of Connecticut, his birth occurring in Hartford, May 14, I86o. His parents were Roswell and Rebecca (reskey) Wilson, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Connecticut. They spent the greater part of their lives in the Nutmeg state, but both died in Ontario, Canada. To them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, but our subject is the only one of the family living in North DaKota.

The early life of Charles E. Wilson was passed in Connecticut and Buffalo, New York, and at the age of thirteen years he became a resident of Chicago, Illinois. where he finished learning his trade, that of an upholsterer. which he followed there until coming to Fargo, North Dakota, in 1878. Here he was also interested in the furniture trade until 1887, when he became interested in a general business. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man and in his undertakings has net with well-deserved success.

court, is one of the prominent young men of Traill county. He is thoroughly qualified for the position which he holds, and has devoted much of his career to office work of this character, becoming proficient in public record work. He resides in Hillsboro and has attained an assured position as a citizen of active public spirit and energetic character.

Our subject was born in Waterford, Racine county, Wisconsin, March 30, 1861, and was the youngest in a family of ten children, born to Thomas and Ann (McWilliams) Kelley. His parents were born in North Ireland and there is a Scotch strain running through the family. His parents are now deceased. His father was a mason by trade, and provided our subject with good educational advantages.

Mr. Kelly attended the common schools, and at the age of fifteen years entered the seminary at Rochester, Wisconsin, a mile and a half from their home. He taught school at intervals during three years and attended the seminary, beginning teaching at the age of sixteen years. He taught four years in Wisconsin, and after the death of his father, in 188o, he was his mother's support, and moved farther westward. During the winter of 1881-82 he taught near Beaver falls, Minnesota. and in the spring of 1882 went to Caledonia, Traill county, North Dakota. where his brothers and sisters resided, and where he secured a position in the office of register of deeds. Work in the court house continued until 3886, working in the capacity of deputy register of deeds, deputy treasurer and deputy auditor, and in the fall of 1886 he was a successful candidate for county superintendent of schools. The legislature had passed the township school system, and our subject had the responsibility of re-organization. In the first session of the North Dakota legislature he was elected first assistant engrossing and enrolling clerk, and at the second sesion of that body he was elected enrolling and engrossing clerk, and was elected to that office for the third session. In 1895 he was placed in charge of a corps of clerks for the purpose of enrolling the code as reported from the board of compilation. He had previously worked in the office of the secretary of state transcribing a copy of the corporation records for North and South Dakota, and in 1891 he receivedanappointment from the government to assist in securing the amount of the recorded indebtedness of the state.' He purchased the "Halstad Reporter" at Halstad, Minnesota, in 1893, and operated the same one and a half tears, abinulsinlaetsesr in Caledonia.iHnseur,avialsceelacicitdedcott

HON. ANDREW 0. IIEGLIE, a pioneer settler of North Dakota, has been closely identified with the development and advancement of that region. He is public-spirited and progressive, and as a worthy citizen is well-known throughout Richland county. He has been a resident of Walcott township since his settling in Dakota, and is now a resident of section 32, wherein he has lived for over ten years, spending the first ten years in Dakota on section zo of Walcott township. He has improved his farm, and enjoys the comforts of rural life.

Our subject was horn in Norway, November 28, 1852. He came with his parents to America in 1866, at the age of fourteen years, and the family settled in Filmore county, Minnesota. Our subject remained with his parents there until 1878, when, in the spring of that year. he went to Dakota, with his wife and two children, and entered claim as a homestead to one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 20 of Walcott township. Richland county. After ten years he removed to his present home on section 32, and is now the owner of four hundred and forty acres of well-improved land. His buildings are substantial and afford the conveniences and comforts of modern farming.

Our subject was married, in Filmore county,:Minnesota, November 19, 1873, to bliss Carrie Thompson, who was born in Norway. Seven chil-

In July, 1882. Mr. Wilson led to the marriage altar bliss Ida Seigne, who was born in Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of three daughters who are still living, namely: Addle bf., Constance '

E. and Ellen Fraternally Mr. Wilson is identi-   
fied with Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Since casting his first vote he has affiliated with the Republican party, and has done all i-, his power to advance its interests and has serve,. on the county central committee. He was a member of the board of county co lllll dssioners from the second district of Cass county for six years, and for the same number of years was a member of the city council of Fargo. In 1896 he was elected sheritf and so ably and acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1898 by an increased majority. A trust reposed in him has never been misplaced and he has the entire confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

his present office, without opposition, in the fall of 1898, and has gained the confidence of the people of Traill county.

Our subject was married, October 15, 1889, to Miss Lizzie Cleveland, a native of Maine. Mrs.

Kelly is a lady of excellent education, and was a teacher in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Eel-

WILLIAM A. KELLY, clerk of the district lv are the parents of two children, Clarence D. and Alice M. Mr. Kelly assisted in the organization of Company L, First Regiment of Infantry, National Guard of North Dakota, in the fall of 1898, and was commissioned first lieutenant. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and politically is an ardent Republican, and has attended all state conventions of his party since taking up his residence in North Dakota.

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dren have been born to 'Mr. and Mrs. Heglie, as follows: Enuna, Tilla. Julia, Alma, Randie, Ole and Albert. Mr. Heglie was elected to the first state legislature ins the fall of 1889 on the Republican ticket, and did very efficient work during his terns of office. He has held several of the offices of trust in his township, and was chosen county commissioner to fill a vacancy. He is an active member of the Norwegians Lutheran church.

WILLIAM J. CLAPP, a prominent and successful attorney of Fargo. North Dakota. was born in Wakefield, Massachusetts, November 28, 1857, a son of George L. and Harriet (Fuller) Clapp, both natives of Versions. The father, who was a farmer by occupation. spent most of his life in Montgomery, Vermont, where his death occurred. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Joshua Clapp and the great-grandfather was Captain Joshua Clapp, who was the first settler of Montgomery and a captain in the American army during the Revolutionay war. Both were farmers. but the maternal grandfather was a physician and surgeon. He served as town clerk, as did also the grandfather Clapp for many years.

Our subject was reared and educated in Vermont, graduating front the Montpelier Academy in 1880, and soon afterward he began the study: of law. On coming West, in 1882, he located in Moorhead, Minnesota, and there Ile was admitted to the bar in Novensber, 1883. Removing to Tower City, North Dakota, he successfully engaged in practice there until 1890. He was elected a member of tine constitutional convention in 1889 and in the fall of that year was appointed county superintendent of schools for Cass county. The following year he was appointed state superintendent of public instructions and removed to Bismarck. In January, 1891, he became a resident of Fargo, where he has since made his home. His skill and ability: in his chosen profession were 50011 widely recognized and he was not long ins building tip a large practice, which he still enjoys.

In 1882 Mr. Clapp married Miss Alice Stevens. a native of Vermont, and they have two children: Fannie S. and Henry S. Mr. Clapp has been a lifelong Republican and an active worker for the party's interests. He is a pleasant and affable gentleman, and a stranger in his presence soon feels perfectly at ease. Constant study and close application to the details of his professions have enabled him to reach an enviable position in legal circles, and he to-clay stands at the head of the Cass county bar.

FRANK SANFORD. Barnes County's well-known and popular register of deeds has an inter-I esting record, and from the study of his life history one can learn valuable lessons. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual and is the means of bringing to man success which has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's life. Depending on his own resources, looking, for no outside aid or support, Mr. Sanford has become one of the most prosperous and influential citizens of Valley City.

He was born in Liberty township, Jackson County, Michigan, September 25, i86o, a son of James P. and Cornelia (Nutter) Sanford. The mother, who was a native of Pan Yarn, New York, died in Michigan, at the early age of thirty-two years, and for his second wife the father married Alice McCormick, of Rochester, New York. He was born in the Empire state in 183o, but since a boy of four years has made his home in Michigan, and is now living on the farm which his father, Abraham Sanford, took tip from the government. The latter removed to that state when it was still a territory, and helped construct the old state road from Detroit to Chicago. He died in Jackson County, 'Michigan, in 188o, at the age of seventy-seven years and five months.

Frank Sanford attended the district schools near his boyhood home and later was a student in the high school at Hillsdale, Michigan. On leaving that institution he went to Logansport, Indana, where he took a course of study in higher mathematics at the Smithson College and remained there until the school was abandoned. On his return to Michigan he taught school for a number of terms in that state and also for one term at Mornence, Kankakee County, Illinois.

On the 18th of March, 1882, -Mr. Sanford first set foot in Valley City, North Dakota, and at once located land on section 20, township 142, range 59 west, as a homestead. He also took up a tree claim and pre-enspted other land. Industrious, enterprising and persevering, he has met with well deserved success during his residence in this state, and is now the owner of a two and three-quarter sections of land in one body, while his wife has a section, of very fine land in Griggs County, North Dakota. He was first married, November 20, 1879, to bliss Esther Rhoades a native of Jackson County, Michigan, who died on the homestead in Barnes County, North Dakota, June 26, 1882, and on the 13th of October, 1886, he led to the marriage altar Miss Helen S. Kingsley, a native of New York state.

Mr. Sanford has always taken an active part in political affairs and is a stanch supporter of the Independent party. He has represented his district on the board of county commissioners, being elected in 1891, and in 1894 was first elected register of deeds, in which office he is now serving his third term with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is a prominent Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine which meets at El Zagal temple, Fargo. For the success that he has achieved in life he desert-es great credit, for it is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts and good management. During his early residence in this state he would return to Michigan during the winter and teach school in order to defray the expenses of improving his land.

HORATIO C. PLUMLEY, manager and part owner of the "Forum," of Fargo, North Dakota, is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and business capability. He has made a success of his vocation, and is one of the influential citizens of the state, and his paper is widely known. He holds many important commissions and ever performs Iris duties faithfully and well.

Mr. Plumley was born in Addison County, Vermont, June 15, 1856, and was the son of Frederick S. and Sarah (Clark) Plumley. His father was a farmer by occupation and shed in Vermont, and his mother died in Fargo, North Dakota. His father served in the legislature of the state of Vermont, and was a public-spirited and respected citizens.

At the age of thirteen our subject left his native state and went to Mexico, New York, where he was educated in the Mexico \_Academy, and the high school of Syracuse. He then entered the office of the "Mexico Independent," as "devil," and there learned the trade of a printer, continuing there until 1881, when he went to Fargo,'North Dakota, and because associated with the -Argus,- first as traveling solicitor and then as night editor and local reporter. In 1883 Inc was appointed managing, editor and continued with that paper until 1891. In October of that year, in company with Major A. 1,V. Edwards, Inc founded the -Forum," since which time he has been manager of that paper. He is thoroughly acquainted with the calling, which he has chosen, and since 1893 bas been state printing expert. Mr. Plumley was married in 1888 to Miss Helen S. Green, a native of New York. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is deputy inspector general for North Dakota, and secretary of the board of trustees of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. He is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, iris great-grandfather and his great-great-grandfather serving, in the American army from Massachusetts. He has been president of the State Press Association. He served as a member of the state prison board for several years, and was chief clerk of the territorial census for 1885. Mr. Phonies- stands for the principles of the Republican party.

ELLIS R. PETERSON. Industry and natural ability are the leading powers in the agricultural as well as the commercial world, and in a new country the display of these talents is more manifest than in a more developed region. Richland County, North Dakota, has many who have made a success of the pursuit of agriculture by dint of their well-directed labor, and a prominent place among that class is accorded the gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs. He makes his home on section 12 in Garfield township, and although a young man is the possessor of a fine estate.

Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden January 5, t869, and was the fifth in a family of twelve children born to Andrew and Anna S. Peterson. The mother died in Garfield township in t894. Our subject came to America with his parents in 1881 and the family settled in Richland County, where Mr. Peterson has made his home since. He is the possessor of one half-section of land in Garfield township, on which he has placed modern improvements and is surrounded by all the comforts of rural life.

Mr. Peterson is a member of the Lutheran church, being secretary and organist of the local congregation, and is a man who is respected wherever he is known. He has filled various local offices of trust and gained the confidence of the people among whom he resides. He is chairman of the township board of supervisors and as an interested worker for education is clerk of the school board. He has a prosperous future in North Dakota and his oneness of purpose in all public affairs has already gained hint an enviable place in the minds of all.

FRED D. ALPIN, editor and part owner of the "Ransom County Gazette," has ably conducted the various departments of that paper, and has built for himself an enviable reputation as an editor, and a large patronage for his paper. He is also connected with other financial enterprises and is one of the substantial men of the county. He has made his Lome in Lisbon for the past fifteen years and is well known as 311 excellent business !nail and true citizen.

I\ Ir. Aplin was born in Perry, Wyoming County, New York, May 5, 1858, and was the youngest in a family of five children born to Abner 1'. and Eliza C. (Meltcher) Aplin. When about fourteens years of age he began working in a printing office, and when sixteen years of age went to Caro, Michigan, to complete his trade. He remained in that state seven years, during which time be was part owner of the "Advertiser." On his way to Montana, where relatives of Mrs. Aplin were living, our subject stopped in Lisbon, in October, 1884, and there formed a partnership with IL S. Harcourt, the original newspaper man of Lisbon, publishing the "Dakota Herald." The "Dakota Herald" and "Dakota Clipper" were consolilated in January. 1886, and the "Ransom County Gazette" was established under the control of our subject and W. S. Brickley. The present partnership with E. S. Kilbourne was formed in August, 1892. The paper is a Republican sheet and stands firmly for the principles of that party. Aside from his newspaper interests Mr. Aplin is a director of the State Bank and director of the Lisbon Building & Loan Associations at Lisbon.

Our subject was married, in January, 1883, to Miss Luella E. Cooper, a native of Michigan. TWO children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Aplin, as follows: Loins and Harold. 'Mr. Aplin is prominent in secret society circles and is past master of Sheyenne Valley Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; high priest of Lisbon Chapter, No. 7, R. A. 1\1.; T. I. M. of Tyrian Council; prelate of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar; R. E. grand king of Grand Chapter of North Dakota; past V. Al. of Lisbon Lodge of Perfection, No. 4, and a member of the Scottish Rites and York Rites. He has served as a member of the local school board for two terrns and in 1898 was elected mayor of the city of Lisbon.

ESTEY A. BORSHEII. This gentleman is one of the educational workers of North Dakota and is the present county superintendent of schools of Traill County. He has devoted his career to the profession of teaching and has met with unbounded success. He is a gentleman of excellent education and broad mind, and every need of the community in which he labors is anticipated by him and the standard of education advanced as far as lies in Iris power.

Our subject was born in Kingseryik, Hardanger, Norway, April 11, 1869, and was the younger of two sons born to Anders and Sigrid (Huns) Borsheim, both of whom now reside in [\\](file://///-inneshiek)-inneshiek County, lowa. His parents located in Iowa in 1883 and settled on a farm.

Mr. Borsheinn attended the common schools and in 1886-87 attended Decorah Institute, and in July, 1888, went to Dakota and visited his brother in Nelson County. In the winter of 1889-90 he taught for the first time in Winneshiek County, Iowa, and the following spring went to Traill County, North Dakota, and began teaching in Garfield township, near the village of Hatton, and then became thoroughly identified with educational work in Trail] County, being in the school room almost continuously until the fall of 1896, when he was elected to the office he now holds, and his efficient work and popularity is best evidenced by the fact that he was returned to the same office in 1898. He has worked for a uniform series of text books and has met with success in that line, and he now has under his supervision one hundred school buildings, with one hundred and twenty-six departments and an enrollment of scholars of thirty-six hundred and forty-six and one hundred and thirty teachers. There are four thousand scholars of school age in the county. The average salary of the teachers in the county for the year 1898-99 was forty-three dollars and fifty-two cents. The abolition of the institute and the establishment of four weeks of summer school has tended to raise the standard of instructors throughout the county.

Mr. Borsheim was married, in 1899, to Miss Bertha Wand)laeim. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Borsheim, as follows: Allie Lawrence, Sylvia C. and Arthur M. Mr. Borsheim is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America, and politically is a Republican.

CHRISTIAN M. JOHNSON. Probably no man in Richland County, in North Dakota, is more interested, financially, in the improvement and development of that region. He is connected with several important business enterprises, and is one of the best known and public-spirited men in that community. Ile is the possessor of twenty--two hundred acres of land, and he makes his home in section 20, in Dwight township, and has improved his home farm, until it is one of the best in the vicinity.

Mr. Johnson was born in Norway, in July, 1843-He came to America with his parents in 1855, and the family resided in Chicago two years, after which they removed to Houston County, Minnesota, where our subject worked out the first summer at farm labor at five dollars per month. He clerked in a store during the following winter, and later returned to Chicago and was employed in various ways until the breaking out of the Civil war. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served three years and four months as a private soldier. At the battle of Chickamauga he was dangerously wounded, being shot through the right lung and the right arm. He was left on the field and taken prisoner and held ten days, and by agreement between Posecrans and Bragg, an exchange of prisoners was effected and Mr. Johnson was sent to the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, where he remained three months, then having im proved sufficiently in strength he was sent to the United States hospital in Chicago. He remained there until the following April, when he was ordered transferred to the invalid corps, but refused to comply, and consequently was returned to his regiment, and remained with them through the Georgia campaign, although a sufferer from the wound received in his lung at Chickamauga. He served through the Atlanta campaign and was recommended for a government position by his regimental commander and General Thomas, and was appointed post sutler at Shell Mound, Tennessee, where he remained until about two years after the close of the war, when he went to Meridian, Mississippi, and engaged in the wholesale and retail business of clothing and planter's supplies. After six years he disposed of his business interests in Mississippi and removed to Chicago and engaged in the grocery trade until 188o, when he went to Dwight, North Dakota, and purchased a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Dwight township, one mile from the town of Dwight. This tract was purchased at a cost of five hundred dollars, and is now valued at four thousand dollars. He engaged in the mercantile business in Dwight, carrying a stock of general merchandise, from I88o to 0898, when he disposed of the mercantile business. During all this time he was postmaster of Dwight, which office he held until the Cleveland administration. After disposing of his mercantile business he engaged in private banking and real estate loans in Dwight, and was again appointed postmaster under the present administration in 1898. He engages in general farming, and raises some excellent horses and cattle, and his home farm where he resides, one-half mile from Dwight, is supplied with every comfort and convenience of modern farming. He has two thousand two hundred acres of land in Richland County, and is one of the well-to-do men of that section, and is a gentleman who has shown marked ability, in business management.

Mr. Johnson was married in Chicago, December 31, 1876, to Miss Minnie Anderson, a native of Norway. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, as follows: Annetta Matilda, Clarence Herbert and Myrtle C. Mr. Johnson takes an active part in church work, and is a member of the United Norwegian Lutheran church of Dwight. He was appointed by ex-Governor Briggs, a member of the board of management of the Mayville, North Dakota Normal School, which office he filled four years. He has held numerous township offices, such as treasurer, school treasurer, etc. He has always identified himself with the Republican party, and was a delegate to the convention at St. Louis, when William DIcKinlev was nominated for the presidency. He was there elected one of the notification committee to apprise Mr. McKinley of his non3inalion, and went with that committee to Canton, Ohio, and all were cordially received. Mr. Johnson en-joy's the distinction of being the first of his countrymen to be called to serve in that capacity. He has on numerous occasions been chosen as delegate to county and state conventions, and is a prominent worker for the principles of his party. His career has been marked throughout by persistent efforts to advance the interests of his community, and he has acquired an enviable reputation and a host of friends, who will be pleased to find his portrait 111 connection with this article.

WILBUR F. BALL. It is to Mr. Ball's perseverance and indomitable energy that he owes his success in life. He is one of the most prominent lawyers of Fargo and one of the best known men of North Dakota.

He was born in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1843, and is of English descent. Representatives of the family took a prominent part in the Revolutionary war and to it belonged Mary Ball, mother of General Washington. Dabney Ball, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Virginia and a farmer, who died in Washington, D. C. The parents of our subject, John and Sarah (Webb) Ball, were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was a minister of the -Methodist Episcopal church, as were also three of his brothers, and Inc preached in Virginia, Maryland and a part of Pennsylvania. He attended college 111 Baltimore, Maryland, and died in that state in 1845. His wife passed away in 186o.

During his early boyhood Mr. Ball attended the public schools of Virginia and Pennsylvania, but is principally self-educated, as he began the battle of life for himself at the age of twelve years as "devil" in a printing office at Washington, D. C. Later he was employed on some of the old newspapers of that city and was in the office of the "Washington Constitution" for a time. From there Inc went to Baltimore, Maryland, and subsequently returned to Pennsylvania, working on the "Titusville Gazette' for a time. He next drifted to Canton, Ohio, and from there to Akron, that state. At the opening of the Civil war Ile enlisted at Canton, in 1861, in the Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but was rejected 011 account of his youth. The same spring he again enlisted and went to the front as a member of Company A, Second Ohio Cavalry, with which he served for some months,. fighting bushwhackers in southern Kansas and Missouri. He was injured by the fall of his horse and was discharged at Fort Scott, Kansas, in the fall of 1861.

Returning to Meadville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Ball entered the service of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad as brakeman, and after some months spent in the employ of that company became connected with the Buffalo & Erie Railroad, where he remained until the spring of 1864. During that year he commenced the study of law at Ontonagon, Michigan, and on his admission to the bar, in 1865, opened an office at Eagle River, .Michigan, where he engaged in practice until 1868. The following

12 three years were passed at Alexandria, Minnesota, and in 1871 he went to Otter Tail City, where inc founded the "Otter Tail Record" and conducted the same for one year. He then moved his plant to Detroit, Minnesota. and edited a paper there in connection with his law practice until 1876, when he returned to Alexandria. 111 1878 he came to what is now Fargo, North Dakota, driving across the country, and formed a law partnership with John A. Stowell, then district attorney and prosecutor for the third judicial district, comprising all of What is now the state of North Dakota. Mr. Ball began active practice in Fargo January 19, 1879, and two years later was elected district attorney for the district last above named, which position he filled until 1885. In the meantime Inc was engaged in private practice witri George P. Wilson, of Minnesota, for seven years. Judge W"allin became a member of the firm in 1887. In 1888 General Wilson retired from the firm and business seas conducted under the name of Ball, Wallin & Smith until the Judge was elected to the supreme bench in 1889. Since then John S. Watson has been admitted to partnership and the firm is now known as Ball, Watson & McClay. Mr. Ball is one of the most successful lawyers of the state, and is assistant counsel for the Northern Pacific Railroad, with which he has been connected since 1872. He was one of the organizers and builders of the Fargo Southern Railroad and was one of its officers and directors during its existence. He is a man of good executive and business ability, who generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and has been a director of the /Merchants State Bank of Fargo for some years.

On the 25th of December, 1865, Colonel Ball married Miss Mary A. AIenyweather, a native of Michigan, and they have four children: 'William M., John G., Frank A. and Sarah G. The Colonel has been a life-long Republican and has taken a very prominent part in party affairs. Socially he is a thirty-second-degree Mason. a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Fargo and is widely and favorably known throughout the state as a lawyer and public-spirited citizen.

WALTER S. EMERY. There is no class of biographies which is more interesting to read than that of the industrious and enterprising, farmer's boy who has risen unaided from humble circumstances to a position of affluence and comfort. Prominent among the men of Barnes county who have thus laboriously toiled onward and upward is Walter S. Emery, a prosperous and substantial farmer residing on section 14,' township 142, range 58.

He was born on a farm in Somerset County, Maine, Tune 26, 1861, and is a son of Edwin and Mary (Ricker) Emery, also natives of the Pine Tree state, where the mother still resides. In 1861, at the opening of the Civil war, the father was following the peaceful occupation of farming, but he laid aside all personal interests and in response to his call for aid Ile enlisted in the Seventh Maine Volunteer Infantry. Some months later he was taken ill and died in the service.

During his boyhood and youth our subject attended school and assisted in the operation of the home farm, remaining under the parental roof until the spring of 1883, when he came west. After a short time spent in Minneapolis he went to Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, where he worked in a sawmill one season. In the fall of that year he came to Barnes County, North Dakota, and found employment on the farm where he now lives. In 1884 he took up a tree claim and during his residence in this state he has been remarkably successful, being now the owner of twelve hundred and eighty acres of rich and arable land.

In Valley City, Barnes County, Mr. Emery was married, in March, 1884, the lady of his choice being Miss Martha B. Beal, also a native of Maine, born February 17, 1866. Her parents, Henry and Emily Beal, make their home at present in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Emery have eight children, four sons and four daughters, all born on the farm where they still reside. In his political views he is a stanch Republican, but has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. In connection with general farming he is quite extensively engaged in stock raising, and at present has upon his place forty-nine head of good horses and a large herd of high-grade cattle. For the success that he has achieved in life he deserves great credit, as it is due entirely to his own industry, enterprise and good management. He is now one of the wealthiest men in the northern part of Barnes County. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

JOHN ALM, one of the leading farmers of Richland County, is an early resident of that region. He makes his home on section 36, of Eagle township, and is the owner of one of the best farms of the locality. He has accumulated his property single-handed and is enjoying the fruits of his labors.

Our subject was born in Sweden September 1848. He was employed several years in a sawmill in his native country, and in the spring of 188o came to America. He went direct to Richland County, North Dakota, and settled on the farm where he has since made his home. He has erected a complete set of substantial farm buildings and made other improvements on the place, looking to the comfort of the family and stock. He now owns six hundred acres of land and has made a success of general farming.

Our subject was married, in Sweden, October 5. 1872, to Miss Mary Nelson. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Alm, named as follows: Albert. Charles, Hilda, Freda. HeInia, Selma, Emma, Axel, Anna and Frank. Mr. Alm has passed through the experiences of pioneer life and surmounted the difficulties which beset the early settler, and aside front gaining a comfortable competence has acquired an enviable reputation in Richland County. He is industrious and systematic in his work and deserves his success.

JUDGE ALFRED WALLIN, now of Fargo, is a member of the supreme bench of North Dakota. In the last half-century, especially, it is seldom that one wins prominence in several lines. It is the tendency of the age to devote one's entire energies to a special line, continually wdrIting upward and concentrating his efforts toward accomplishing a desired end; yet in the case of Judge 1Vallin it is demonstrated that an exalted position may be reached in more than one line of action. He is an eminent jurist, an able lawyer and a leader in political circles.

The Judge was born in Otsego County, New York, February 12, 1836, a son of Charles C. and Dorothy (Strongitharrn) Wallin, also natives of New York. The father was a successful physician and surgeon who graduated from the famous old medical school at Philadelphia, the Washington & Jefferson Medical College, and was engaged in the practice of his profession in his native state until 1836, when he removed to Michigan. For fifteen years he practiced in that state and then, in 1851, event to Chicago, where he made his home until called from this life, in 1898, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. The wife and mother died in Michigan in 1851. The paternal grandparents of our subject were born, reared and married in England.

Judge Wallin spent his boyhood in Michigan and attended the common schools of that state until fifteen years of age, when he seas. apprenticed to a tanner and currier. He soon mastered the trade and worked at the same until reaching his majority. Feeling the need of a better education he entered the academy at Elgin, Illinois, in 1858, and pursued his studies there for one year, during which time he began the study of law. Later he entered the law department of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was admitted to practice in Allegan County, that state, in 5864, and subsequently by the supreme court of Illinois. He commenced the practice of his chosen profession at St. Peter, Minnesota, in October, 1865, and continued there and at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, until January, 1883, whets he removed to Fargo, Dakota territory. He soon became a member of the law firm of Wilson & Ball, of that city, and later of the firm of Ball, Wallin & Smith, being, associated with those gentlemen when the state was admitted to the Union in 1889. At the first election he was elected a member of the supreme bench and was re-elected in 1896, the duties of which position be is now most ably discharging. During his residence in Minnesota he was elected county attorney of Nicollet County and the same in Redwood County, and was also a candidate for district judge, but was defeated by Judge E. St. Julian Con, of that state.

At Elgin, Illinois, Judge Wallin was married. in 1868. to Miss Ellen G. Keyes. also a native of New York, and a daughter of Eher and Juliette Gray Keyes, and by this union one daughter was horn, Madeleine, now the wife of George C. Sikes, an editorial writer on the "Chicago Record." The Judge has always been a stanch supporter of the Republican party since its organization, and while in Minnesota stumped the state in support of its principles. He is an able jurist and is held in high esteem by the people of North Dakota.

and Mrs. Oliver, as follows: Fred and Harry. Mr. Oliver is a stanch Republican and is firm for the gold standard, and is one of the few men who stood firm for the principles of his party in 1895 and 1896, as regards that issue. He served as county assessor in 1882 and in 1884 was chairman of the county central committee and was re-elected is 1888, 1894 and 1896. He was a member of the territorial legislature in 1885 and 1886 and a member of the state legislature in the second and third sessions. He was the author of the "Open Wheat Market Bill." providing for the right of an individual to erect elevators. He was also chairman of the committee of comity boundaries and Oliver County was named in his honor. in the special session of 1892 he introduced and secured the passage of the "platform bill." He was chairman of the committee on banks and banking in 1891 and in 1892 was chairman of the committee on grain grading and warehousing. He has attended all but one state and territorial convention since going to Dakota and numbers a large list of friends and acquaintances in all parts of the state. He is prominent in secret society circles and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern ‘Voodmen of America and Royal Arcanum, and is commander of the Knights Templar commandery.

HON. HARRY S. OLIVER. postmaster of Lisbon, Ransom County, is a gentleman of excellent characteristics and one in whom all who honor true citizenship can find a ready friend. He has labored faithfully for the better interests of the state and his county, and thoroughly appreciates the wants of his community. He has been called upon by his fellow citizens to occupy various important official positions, and in every instance has proven his efficiency and has administered the duties of his -various offices with rare fidelity and increasing popularity. He is owner of a fine estate about twelve miles from Lisbon, and makes his home in the city, placing a tenant on the farm.

Our subject was born in Chautauqua County, New York, July 27, 1855, and was the youngest in a family of eleven children born to Stephen and Mary (Loyd) Oliver, both of whom were natives of Biddenden, England. The father, his brother and our subject's grandfather were wholesale merchants in England and the father of our subject, upon coming to America, purchased a tract of land in New York, a portion of which is now included in the Chautauqua S. S. grounds. The father died in 1859, and the mother in 1866. Our subject received an academic education in the Friendship Academy, and after the death of his father his property was lost through the decline in oil. He went to work in Jamestown. New York, in a wholesale house and operated a hardware store in Friendship, New York, for a short time. He went to Lisbon, North Dakota, in 1880, and in December of that year purchased a farm about twelve miles from the city. He located there permanently in 1881 and opened up a large wheat farm, which soon covered one thousand acres of land. The fancily joined him in 1882. In 1884 our subject became interested in stock raising and now has a general farm, operated by a tenant.

Our subject was married, in 1879, to Miss Florence Waterhouse. Two sons have been born to Mr.

MILTON D. WILLIAMS, who is successfully pursuing agriculture in township 14o, range 63, is one of the pioneers of that locality, and has aided in the development of Stutsman County. His active public spirit and good citizenship has never been called in question and he is one of the substantial farmers of his county.

Our subject was born on a farm in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1849. His father, George W. Williams, was born and raised on the same farm, on which the grandfather, John Williams, settled in 1804 He was of Welsh descent. and was one of the first settlers of Pennsylvania. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Deal, and was born and raised in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. and was of German descent.

Our subject was the seventh in order of birth in a family of ten children, and received a common-school education and also attended Tipton Seminary and Millersville State Normal. After completing; his studies he engaged in teaching and followed that profession ten years. after spending one summer its Nebraska. He went to Nemeha County, Kansas, in the spring of 1879, and located on a farm, where he followed that calling three years, and on account of ill health went to North Dakota in March. 1882. He selected land as a homestead and tree claim northeast of Montpelier, in Stutsman County. and erected a small house and stable, and in the fall of that year was joined by his family. He engaged in farming there seven years. and then removed to section 9, in township 140, range 63, where he resided six years, and then purchased the south half of section 18, in township 140, range 63, on which place he now resides and has added valuable improvements. His farm consists of four hundred and eighty acres, with about three hundred acres under cultivation, and Mr. Williams operates about twenty-one hundred acres, and is one of the most extensive farmers of Stutsman County. He follows general farming, but his interests are in the main the raising of the cereals. He has a complete set of substantial farm buildings and all necessary farm machinery, including a steam threshing rig, and threshes his own gram. When he went to Dakota he had but a few personal effects and no money, but by dint of his own efforts he has become one of the substantial men of that region. He worked in a lumber yard during the first summer in Dakota and also broke land for others with an ox-team, and engaged in that work over a great portion of the county. He worked for others until 1884, when fin began farming for himself.

At the age of twenty-four years, our subject was married to Miss Mary E. Hartman, who was born and raised near Hagerstown, Maryland, and is of German descent. Mrs. Williams is a lady of considerable education and was a teacher for one year. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, as follows: Margaret E., married; Hartman and Calvin, twins, and the latter is now in South America, representing a machine company; Lawrence, who has recently returned from the Philippines, and is a member of the First North Dakota Infantry—these four were born on the same farm in Pennsylvania where their father and grandfather were born; George, born in Kansas; and Ruth and Elizabeth, born in North Dakota. Mr. Williams is a Populist in political faith and stands firmly for his convictions. He was presidential elector in 1892, and was the nominee of the Populist party in 1898 for the state legislature, and was chairman of the first Populist state central committee, and was active in the organization of the party. He was secretary of the state Farmers' Alliance from November, 1889, to June, 1891, and was president of the same from June, 1892, to jUne,1893. He was land commissioner of North Dakota front April, 1893, to July, 1895, and was the first to be appointed in that capacity. He has attended as delegate every state convention of his party, and takes an active part in state and county affairs. His earnest labors have been given with a oneness of purpose which has commended him to all alike.

WILLIAM McGLIIGAN, proprietor of one of the line farms of Maple River township, Cass County, is one of the energetic and well-to-do citizens of his locality. He went to Dakota without means, and by persistent effort and economical methods has placed himself in comfortable circumstances, and is accorded a prominent place among those of his calling.

Our subject was born in county Down, Ireland, August 2, 1837, and was a son of Bernard and Susanna (Allister) McGuigan, both of whom were natives of county Down. His father was a farmer by occupation and remained in his native land until Ins death, which occurred February 22, 1899. The mother came to the United States in May, 1899, and now resides with our subject. Our subject has six brothers and one sister, all in North Dakota with the exception of one brother now residing in Oregon.

Ale. McGuigan was reared in Ireland and educated there and later followed farming, in his native isle until 1883, when he emigrated to America and went to Cass county direct, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. He had but one dollar when he arrived there, and is now the fortunate possessor of three quarter-sections of land, all of which is well improved and furnishes a comfortable income. Our subject was married, April 2, 1891, TO Miss Maggie Ross, a native of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. McGuigan are the parents of three children, named as follows: James E., Melvin B. and Mildred A. The family are members of the Presbyterian church and are highly respected in the community in which they reside. Mr. McGuigan has filled some of the township offices, and is actively interested in the welfare of Isis adopted land. Politically Ise is independent, and is a man of progressive ideas and is deservedly popular with his associates.

WILLIAM A. BENTLEY, M. D. The world has little use for the misanthrope. The universal truth of brotherhood is widely recognized also that he serves God best who serves his fellow men. There is no profession or line of business that calls for greater self-sacrifice or more devoted attention than the medical profession, and the successful physician is he who, through love of his fellowmen, gives his time and attention to the relief of human suffering Dr. Bentley is one of the ablest representatives of this noble calling in Bismarck, and is today at the head of the Northwestern Sanitorium in that ciy. His portrait is presented on another page.

He was born in Lebanon, New London County, Connecticut, November 30, 1837, a son of Eleazer and Fidelia (Henry) Bentley, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively. His father also studied medicine but never engaged in practice and for many years taught school. He died in his native state in 1865, and his wife in 1867. In their family were three sons and one daughter. One son was drowned off Long Island in 1852, and the other brother of our subject is now a dentist at Hopkinton. Iowa, while the sister is still a resident of Connecticut.

Reared in his native state, Dr. Bentley began his education in its public schools; and later attended H. A. BaIcom's Private English and Classical Academy, and Bacon's Academy at Colchester, Connecticut. At the age of seventeen he commenced life as a teacher in the west and was thus employed for some time. He became a resident of Minnesota in 1856 and in 186o removed to Iowa, where during the Civil war he enlisted in November, 1861, in Company H, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel 'William Vanderer, whose regsment was known as the Iowa Greyhounds after their march of sixty miles on the 5th of March, 1862, to participate in the battle of Yea Ridge, which commenced the following clay. The Doctor was in the service one year, and was with General Curtiss in Arkansas. Besides the battle of Pea Ridge he tools part in a 1111111- her of small engagements. He was discharged on account of disability.

In 1863, Dr. Bentley went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he engaged in newspaper work for some time. He commenced reading medicine in 1867, attending a local school in St. Faith Minnesota, and in 1869 entered .Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated the same year. For a time he was engaged in practice with Dr. Woodworth, in St. Paul, and then moved to Rush City. Minnesota, where he remained for several years. In July, 1877, he came to Bismarck, North Dakota, where he has since engaged in practice with marked success, not only in the city but throughout the surrounding country and towns along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. In connection wills his private practice he also conducted the Northwestern Sanitarium as proprietor and manager.

In 186o Dr. Bentley was united in marriage with Miss Emily A. White, a native of Massachusetts, who died in 1894, leaving five children, namely: Hattie F., Nellie S., Emma E., Charles A. and \_Miriam H. The Doctor is a charter member of the Chicago Orificial Surgical Associations, and is acknowledged to be one of the best and most skillful physicians and surgeons of the state. He served as physician at the state penitentiary for five years, and has been county and city physician several terms. He is also a prominent factor inn public affairs, and was mayor of Bismarck for four years. He is president of the board of health of Burleigh County, and has beets president of the United States pensions examining board since 1891, prior to which time he was its secretary for ten years. He was president of the board of trustees of the State Soldiers' Home during the period of its construction and for some time afterwards, and was president of the board of trustees in charge of state capital lands and property from 1889 to 1896. He organized the First Regiment Dakota National Guards, under Governor Pierce, and became its colonel, which rank he held for seven years. He was then commissioned adjutant-general by Governor Burke and served as such for two years. Socially the Doctor is a Irian of considerable prominence: is past grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for both North and South Dakota: and past grand treasurer of the Masonic Grand Lodge. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason and is in line for the thirty-third degree. He is also an influential member of the Grand Army of the Republic and past department commander of the state. Politically he is a Republican, but is an advocate of the coinage of silver on an equal basis with gold. While at Rush City, blumesota, he was elected to the state legislature and was a member of the North Dakota legislature in 1893. Wherever he goes the Doctor wins friends and has the happy faculty of being able to retain them. In 1897 Dr. Bentley was the nominee of the opposition caucus in election for United States senator for the state of North Dakota, and received twenty-seven votes, which was the entire vote of the opposition to Senator Hansbrough.

ADONIJAH J. DIJNHAAL The maturer years of this gentleman have been devoted to the pursuit of farming, in which vocation inc has met with success, and is now the proprietor of a' fine estate in De Villo township, Richland County. He makes his home on section 23, where he located many years ago, and has added such improvements as are found on a model farm.

Our subject was born in Kings County, Nova Scotia, December 25. 1847, where Inc lived and followed farming until about twenty-four years of age, when he came to Massachusetts, and for several years was engaged at the trade of shoe-making. He moved to Dakota territory with his wife and two children in the spring of 1879. and entered a homestead claim to one hundred and sixty acre's of land on sections 23 of De Villo township. He is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land and has made extensive improvements on his homestead farm.

Our subject was married, in Ashland, Massachusetts, December 15. 1872, to bliss Elizabeth E. Farley, who was born in Birmingham, England, Februry 2, 1848. Mrs. Dunham came to America in 1871. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, four of whom are living, as follows: Allston E., Harry E., Nellie L. and Louis C. Mr. Dunham is an influential citizens of De Villo township, and for three years was constable of that township, which office his eldest son is now filling. The family are held in high esteem by their many friends.

THEODORE T. JAHR. Among the public officials of Traill County who are efficient, honorable and highly esteemed, the name of Mr. Jahr, county treasurer, should be given a foremost place. He is a gentleman whose interests are with his community and whose earnest labors for the advancement of Traill County, together with Isis excellence of character. have gained him the entire confidence of those among whom he has made his home for many years. He is proprietor of a fine farm in Norway township, and his residence is located in section 32.

Our subject was born in Freeborn County, Minnesota, April 9. 1868, and was the second in a family of six children born to Troger and Among (Stererson) Jahr, both of whom were natives of Norway, and now reside in Norway township, Traill County, North Dakota. Four of the children are now living and reside in Traill County.

Our subject was the eldest son, and with his parents moved to North Dakota in 1882, shipping stock and other supplies, and the family located in Norway township, a raill County, and they farmed in common for some years. A division of the land was made in 1891 and our subject then began farming for himself. He is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land, which is well located and improved, and furnishes a comfortable home. An artesian well supplies an abundance of good water, and the- farm is admirably adapted to general farming. Mr. Jahr took a business course at Bruflat College, in Portland, North Dakota, from 1888-9o, farming during the summer season and attending school during the winter months. He was elected to his present office as county treasurer in 1898 without opposition.

Our subject was married, in 1896, to Miss Esther Johnson. Mrs. Jahr was one of the best-known educators of Trail County, having taught there about ten years. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jahr, as follows: Johan C. and one unnamed (twins), both deceased; Richard T., born May 221 1898, and Claudie Marie, born January 21, 190o. Mr. Jahr is a member of the United Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican, but is a popular official regardless of party affiliations. He has served on the township board and takes an active part in public affairs and is rapidly gaining influence.

AUGL ST KR-L.7:MM, a public-spirited and enterprising member of the farming community of Cass County, has devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, in the pursuit of winch he has been very fortunate and is the proprietor of a fine estate in Maple River township.

Our subject was born in the province of Thuringen, Germany. June 27, t858, and is a son of Henry and Christina (Moench) Krumm, who were natives of the same province. His father was a farmer by occupation, and was foreman of his district for years. He died in his native land December;6, 1899, and the mother died in 1898. They had three sons and three daughters, and our subject is the only one of the family in the United States.

Mr. Krumm was reared in his native laud and educated there, and then learned the painter's trade, which he followed and also farming until 1882, when, in company with his uncle, he came to America. He [\\TM](file://///TM) direct to Cass County, North Dakota, and entered a homestead and pre-emption claim to land in Pontiac township, and began the improvement of his farm. He purchased the laud on which he now resides in 1892, and is now the owner of an entire section of land, which he has under cultivation, and has made a success of general farming.

Our subject was married, in 1895, to Miss Mary L. Kant, a native of Wisconsin. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Krunim, as follows: Jane 11I. and Emma L. The family are members of the Evangelical Association, and are highly respected in their community. Sir. Krumm is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. He takes an active interest in local affairs and in political sentiment is a Republican. He has met with success in North Dakota, and enjoys the result of a well-spent career.

THOMAS D. PARSONS. "Fairview Farrn," in Mooreton township, Richland County, is one the largest estates in that region, and is under the management of one of the progressive, intelligent gentlemen of the vicinity, the subject of this review. He is making a successs of his work and has been entrusted with the entire management for several years past. He is yet a young man, but has shown marked ability for business, and is enterprising and careful in detail.

Mr. Parsons was born on a farm in Steele County-, Minnesota, December 21, 186o, and was the son of George and Mary (Paul) Parsons, both of whom were natives of Somersetshire, England. Our subject was one of nine chilmen, as follows; Henry, Anna, Mary, William, Louisa, Thomas D., Charles H., Sarah F. and George F.

Thomas D. Parsons was reared in his native county and educated in the common schools, and later attended Pillsbury Academy at Owatonna. After leaving the school room he was employed by the Walter A. Wood Harvester Company as traveling salesman, and was in their employ- as such for about ten years. He entered the employ of W. P. Adams in 1889, and after two years assumed the management of the entire farm, which comprises nine sections of land. During the harvest and threshing season one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five men are at work, and during the fall and spring forty to fifty men are under his employ. The farm is owned by W. P. Adams, of Chicago, and Mr. Adams entrusts every branch of the work to the management of Mr. Parsons. He has so well conducted the farm that he has made of it one of the best in the county, and his labors have been satisfactory in every- way.

Our subject was married, at Milford. .Massachusetts, November 24, 1892, to Miss Jennie L. Phipps, daughter of Waldo and Margaret (Claflin) Phipps, the father a native of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and the mother of Holliston, Massachusetts. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, namely: Jennie L. and Maggie I. Jennie L., now Sirs. Parsons, was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, October 21, 1864. She is a lady of refinement and has inherited the housewifely instincts of the New England home. Two children have been born to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, upon whom they have bestowed the names of Robert Adams and Mary Margaret. Both our subject and wife are members of the Episcopal church, and Mr. Parsons affiliates with the Masonic fraternity. He is a gentleman who is entitled to much credit for the labors he has pot, forth for the advancement of Isis community, and is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of acquaintances. It is indeed no easy task for one to conduct as large an estate as has been placed in his care and bring pleasing results in every instance, and its the handling of those under his employ during the busy seasons he has shown great ability in a business way, and at the same time displayed a spirit of kindliness which has gained Inns many friends and assured hint success.

The W. P. Adams farm is widely known and deserves the highest praise for its high state of cultivation, good crops and its neatness in every detail, and is one of the very best in the state, being almost entirely under cultivation.

MAJOR JOHN H. FRAINE. This gentleman occupies a prominent and influential position as a member of the North Dakota bar. He has an extensive practice in Grafton, North Dakota, and his practice has brought bins in contact with the most learned members of the profession in the state, and he is recognized as a gentleman of broad ideas and excellent qualities. He has recently returned from the Spanish-American war with the rank of major, and during his service earned high honors for loyalty and bravery.

Our subject was born near Sheffield, Nottinghamshire, England, September 7, 1861, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Cook) Fraine.the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of England. His father was an ivory-worker and came to America in 1866 and settled in Brooklyn, and now resides in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Our subject is one of the four sons who grew to manhood, of whom one brother and our subject reside in North Dakota. Mr. Fraine was reared and educated ill Springfield, Massachusetts, and remained in that state until 1878, and then spent some years in travel. He came to North Dakota in 1885 and settled at Grafton, where he finished reading law and was admitted to the bar in May, 1891. He at once began the practice of his profession and continued alone until January 1, 1893, when he formed a partnership with Judge Santer, which existed until Judge Sauter was appointed district judge of the newly created seventh judicial circuit. Mr. Braille gave his entire attention to the practice of law until the breaking out of the Spanish-American war, when he enlisted, April 26, 1898. as captain of Company C, First North Dakota Infantry. Prior to that he had been captain of Company C for five years as a member of the National Guard. He sailed for Manila in May, 1898, and served seventeen months, and was discharged with the rank of major of the First North Dakota, Second Battalion. During the service he participated in twenty-four engagements, including the battle of Manila, Santa Cruz, and was with General Lawton in three campaigns. He served with distinction and honor to himself and country. He has met with good success as an attorney and has an increasing practice.

Our subject was married, in 1882, to Miss Marian Robinson, a native of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Fraine are the parents of one son, named John R. Mr. Fraine is prominent in secret society circles, and holds membership in the Masonic fraternity, Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Foresters. He is independent in political faith, and wields his influence for good local government.

NELSE C. RUKKE belongs to that class of enterprising and intelligent farmers whose homes are places of social and mental comfort, and whose work as developers of the country is a credit alike to themselves and the community. His estate is in Pilot Mound township, and his pleasant residence is situated in a picturesque spot on the banks of the Sheyenne river, in section 1. He was the first settler of that township, and is widely; known and highly esteemed.

Our subject was born in Norway, December 4, t840, and was the seventh in a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, born to Christian and Ture (Syverson) Rukke, both of whom died in Minnesota. A brother of our subject, Sever, was a member of the Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and died in camp at Helena, Arkansas.

Mr. Rukke came to America with his parents when three years of age, and the family located on a farm in Rock County, Wisconsin, where he received his first educational training, and in 1857 removed with his parents to Brown County, Minnesota, and there grew to manhood and assisted his father on the farm until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company E, Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, at St. Peter, Minnesota, in April, 1861. and the regiment was consigned to the Fourteenth Army Corps, under command of General George Thomas. Mr. Rake served four years, and was wounded at the storming of Missionary Ridge, November 24, 1863, and in consequence was confined in the hospital at Evansville, Indiana, six months. He participated in the battles of Mill Spring, Kentucky; Corinth, Mississippi; Shiloh; Perryville, Kentucky; Chickamauga, Chattanooga and others, and marched three months with Sherman from Dalton to Atlanta.

After his return front the war Mr. Rukke purchased a half-section of railroad land near his father's farm in Minnesota. and there engaged in farming for some years. He was elected county treasurer of Brown County, Minnesota, in 187o, and was elected in the same capacity three times, and after leaving that office he removed to St. Paul, where he became traveling representative for the Walter A. Woods Harvesting Machine Company, under Fuller & Johnson, general agents for the Northwest. He remained with them about six years, and then went to North Dakota and secured a positions with Bayam & Holland, at Mayville. He was in their employ one year, and in 11:84, in company with Mr. Holland, engaged in the machine business at Cooperstown, and were the pioneers ins that line. The following year our subject disposed of his interests to Knnte Thompson & Finley, and he removed to his farm, where his family had resided since locating in the state. He has continued farming since, and is now the owner of fire quarter-sections of well-improved land, all of which is located in Griggs County.

Our subject was married, in 1868, to Miss Guro Odegard, a native of Norway, who was born May 9, 1850, and was a daughter of Thore and Gum Odegard. Mrs. Rukke's father now resides in Cooperstown, North Dakota, and the mother died in that city in 1896, aged seventy-six years. I:iglu children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rukke, as follows: Christian W. died at the age of five years; Agnes T.; Christian \V.; Elma died at the age of twelve years;; Guy V.; Seward died at the age of three years; Nellie G. and Erna S. Mr. Rukke is prominent in public affairs in his township and county, and served on the first board of county commissioners after the county was organized, and has been chairman of the board of supervisors of his township for the past six years. He is a member of Rockwell Post, G. A. R., at Cooperstown, North Dakota. Politically he is a Republican, and stands firmly for the principles of his party.

GEORGE A. BANGS.. Among the younger professional men of Grand Forks County, North Dakota, who are rapidly attaining prominence, may be mentioned Mr. Bangs, of Grand Forks. He is a gentleman of good education, energetic and progressive, and enjoys the highest' esteems of his fellowmen. His success has been unbounded since taking up the practice of law, and he has built up a large and remunerative practice and is one of the substantial citizens of that city.

Our subject was born ins Le Smut- County, Minnesota, November 1, 1867, and was a son of Alfred IN'. and Sarah D. (Plowman) Bangs. A brother of our subject, Tracy R. Bangs, is also well known in North Dakota, and a sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this work. Air. Bangs was reared and educated in his native county and attended the high school, and studied law first in his father's office. and in 1882 went to Grand Forks, North Dakota, as a clerk ins the land office. He also held a claim to land in that vicinity and remained in the land office until 1892. He then spent two years in the study of Ida, in the office of Tracy R. Bangs and

C. J. Fisk, and was admitted to practice ins the fall of 1893. He had purchased an interest in the above named firm, and after being admitted to the bar remained with then until July, 1895, when Tracy R. Bangs retired from the firm, and it then existed as George A. Bangs and C. J. Fisk until Judge Fisk was chosen for the bench. AIr. Bangs was appointed city attorney in 189(i, and is now serving ins that capacity. Ile was elected state's attorney for Grand Forks County in 1898 and is acting in that office.

Our subject was married, in 1889, to Miss .Maria A. Griggs, a niece of Captain Griggs. a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume. Mrs. Bangs died March to, 1891. AIr. Bangs was married in North Dakota to Miss Xenia Gilbreath, a native of that state. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and at present is grand chancellor of the state. He also holds membership in the Order of Elks. Politically he is a Democrat, and is firm in his convictions, but takes little part in political movements. He is one of the learned members of his professions, and is deservedly popular with the people.

HON. JOHN H. WORST. Faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose in life will do more to advance a mans interests than wealth or adventitious circumstances. The successful men of the day are those who have planned their own advancement and have accomplished it in spite of many obstacles and with a certainty that could have been attained ottl) through their own efforts. This class has a worthy representative in John H. Worst, ex-lieutenant-governor of North Dakota. and president of the Agricultural College at Fargo. A portrait of President Worst is presented on another page.

He was born in Ashland County, Ohio, December 23. 185o. and is a son of George and Margaret (Martin) Worst. natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father, wino was a farmer be occupation spent his entire life in the Buckeye state, where two of his sons, still reside. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Henry Worst. was a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania. and a pioneer of Ohio, where he continued to make his home until called from this life.

The early education of our subject was acquired in the public schools of Wayne County, Olnffi, and was supplemented by a course at Smithville Academy. Ohio. at Salem College, Indiana, and Ashland University. Ins his native state he taught school and engaged ins farming for ten years, and during the following four years edited the 'Fairfield County Republicans.- of Fairfield. Lancaster County, Ohio. In September, 1883. Ise cause to Bismarck, North Dakota. and tine following year brought his family to this state, locating on land in Emmons County. When the count was organized in 1883 he was appointed county superintendent of schools, and served as such for six years. In 1839 he was elected the first senator from the twenty-sixth district, comprising the counties of Emmons, Kidder, Logan and McIntosh, and filled that office for five years with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. At the end of that time, in 1894, he was elected lieutenant-governor on the ticket with Roger Allen, as chief executive, and served his in-- lose citizens in that capacity for two years, during which time he was appointed president of the Agricultural College at Fargo. He has most capably filled that office ever since, and in connection with his son Clayton is engaged in cattle raising.

Mr. \Vorst was married, in 1872, to Miss Susan Wohlgamuth, also a native of Ohio, and three children bless their union: Olive J., Clayton L. and Lloyd VS'. During our recent war with Spain the elder son served as sergeant of Troop G, Third United States Volunteer Cavalry. Mr. \Vorst has been a life-long Republican, and has canvassed the state in the interests of his party during every campaign. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, wise master of Rose Croix; prelate of the commander}, and past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias. He is one of the best known and most highly esteemed men of the state, and his popularity is well deserved, as he has always done all in his power to advance its interests and promote general prosperity.

JOHN J. LIUbl, a public-spirited and enterprising member of the farming community of Richland County, has devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, in the pursuit of which he has met with great success. He is proprietor of a fine estate in 'Walcott township, wherein he makes his home on section 21.

Our subject was born in Norway, July 7, 185o. He was reared 00 his father's farm, and resided in his native land until July, 1870, when he came to America in a sailing vessel, landing at Quebec, Canada. He at once went to Dunn County, Wisconsin, where- he lived two years, and then went to Eau Claire, where he remained until 1875, going from thence to Richland County, North Dakota. He selected a farm on the Wild Rice river, in 'Walcott township, and has since made Iris home there. He now owns eight hundred and eighty acres of land, and is one of the substantial farmers of that vicinity. He has improved his estate, and the buildings upon it are substantial and convenient in construction and neat in design, and every comfort of rural life is supplied for the family and the stock, while ample storage is provided for the products of the farm.

Our subject was married in Richland County, North Dakota, to bliss Olena Branum, a nativenof Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Limn have been the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving children hear the following names: Olena, Mary, Sophia, Julius 0., Gustav

A., blena, Amelia J., Olaf, Bennie and Elder L. Mr. Limn is a prominent member of his community, and works for the advancement of his township and county. He has held various offices of trust in Walcott township, and is held in the highest esteem by his associates. He has become thoroughly identified with American progress and is a worthy citizens of Richland County.

JACOB LOWELL, an honored pioneer and highly-esteemed citizen of Fargo, pre-empted a part of the land on which the city now stands and has been prominently identified with its development and progress for almost thirty years. He has seen the wild lands of the state transformed into beautiful homes and farms, its hamlets grow into villages and flourishing towns, and all of the interests and evidences of advanced civilization introduced.

Mr. Lowell was born in Somerset County, Maine, May 7, 1843, a son of Jacob and Climena (Thompson) Lowell, also natives of the Pine Tree state, where the father engaged in business as a lumberman and was also collector of customs for some time. Corning to Fargo, North Dakota, in 1871, he took a claim near his son, but died in Stillwater, Minnesota, in 1884. The wife and mother died in Fargo. In their family were four children, three sons and one daughter, but our subject is the only one now living. The grandfather, Jacob Lowell, spent his entire life in blaine.

The subject of this sketch was but eleven years of age when, with his parents, he removed from Maine to New Hampshire, and in 1854 they became residents of Stillsvater, Minnesota, where he grew to manhood. He completed his literary educations at Hamlin University, Red Wing, blinnesota, where he was a student in 1861 and 1862, and in 1865 and 1866 attended a business college at St. Paul. In 1868 he entered the law department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, and on the completion of the course was admitted to the bar.

10 1870 Mr. Lowell came to North Dakota, by way of St. Cloud and Abercrombie, and after spending the winter on Elm river, came to the present site of Fargo in the spring of 1871. Here he preempted one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Fargo township, and began to break and improve his land, but did not follow farming, most of his time being devoted to locating settlers in the neighborhood. Fargo was laid out in 1874, and he took an active part in promoting its interests. He engaged in the practice of law until 1882, when he retired from that business. He was the first county attorney appointed by the governor, and held that position) a short time, and later served as county superintendent of schools. He was also a member of the constitutional convention in 1889. He has handled considerable real estate and has met with most excellent success in business affairs, becoming one of the substantial and prosperous residents of the city.

In June, 1874, Mr. Lowell was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Dinsmore, a native of Maine, who died in August, 1878. Three children were born of that union, Anna L., Jacob, Jr., and Alpheus J., but only Jacob is now living. Mr. Lowell was again married. in September, 1892, his second union being with Etta M. Thompson.

Fraternally Mr. Lowell is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. but has never sought public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. His father was one of the first county commissioners of Cass County, which was organized in 1873, and served one year. All of that body are now deceased. When our subject located in Fargo his nearest neighbor was fourteen miles away, and is the oldest settler now living in North DakOta wills the exception of Martin Show, who located here in June, while our subject came in October, 1870. He is widely and favorably known and is recognized as a valued citizen of the community with whose interests he has been long and prominently identified.

STEPHEN A. NYE is the well-known editor and proprietor of the "Times-Record," of Valley City, North Dakota, the leading journal of Barnes County and the official organ of the Republican party. He was born in Mt. Sterling, Brown County, Illinois, July 20, 1862, and is the eldest in a family of five children. His father, Stephen Nye, a native of Montpelier, Vermont, made the journey- overland to California clueing the gold excitement in that state, and on his return east settled in the vicinity of Muscatine, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for a short time, being one of the early settlers of that region. He wedded Miss Mary Pigman, who survives him, and is now living in Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

Our subject received a high-school education in his native city and at the age of fifteen entered the "Brown County Democrat" office as an apprentice to the printer's trade, which he subsequently followed in various cities of the East until coming to Fargo, North Dakota, in 1882. Here he worked on the "Daily Argus- for two years and then went to Devil's Lake, where he took up land. At intervals he worked on the "Inter Ocean" at that place, and in October, 1886, established "Churchs Ferry Sun." He left there to take charge of the "Devils Lake Inter Ocean" in the fall of 1699, and was connected with that paper until January 1, 1899, when Ice purchased the "Times Record" at Valley City, which he is now so successfully conducting,. He is an able journalist and good business man and has already succeeded in making his paper one of the best published in this section of the state.

In 1896 Mr. Nye was united in marriage with Miss Anna E. Gundlach. of Menominee, Wisconsin, and to them have been born two children. Stephen G. and Ruth. Mr. Nye is a prominent member of the Masonic order, belonging to Valley City Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M.; Sheyenne Chapter, No. 5. RA. M.; Cvrene Cornmasidery, K. T., of Devil's Lake; Elzayne Temple, A. A. 0. N. M. S., of Fargo. Be is also a member of Crofton Lodge, No. 3, 1. 0. 0. F. the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the St. Paul Typographical Union.

ERICK G. ERICKSON. The maturer years of this gentleman have been devoted almost exclusively to the calling of a farmer, and he has acquired a. valuable knowledge of this occupation in performing-the duties and labors incident to the management of a large estate. He owns and occupies a pleasant and remunerative tract of land in section 3, of Norway township, Steele County, and enjoys a comfortable home and enviable reputation.

Our subject was born near Christiania, Norway, January 5, 1840, and was the only child born to Gilbert and Marte (Hanson) .Erickson. At the age of sixteen years he learned the carpenter's trace, and in 1862 he and his father came to America, the mother having died in their native land. They first resided in Spring Grove, Houston County, Minnesota, and our subject plied his trade there for over ten years. He later resided in Allarnakee County-, Iowa, and about 1878 went to Dakota to make a home for his family. He event- direct to Fargo, and during the working months for about six years followed carpenter work in that vicinity. He filed claim to his land in 1883, and in the spring of the following year removed his family to the new home, where they have since remained. His sons operated the farm for some time and our subject continued at his trade. From time to time he purchased additional land, and is now the owner of seven hundred and fifty acres, forming a fine property.

Our subject was married in 1862 to Miss Anne Olson. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, as follows: Gilbert, deceased; Michael, now residing at home; Mary, now Mrs. 0. Feld, of Mayville; Gilbert, residing at home; Emma, deceased; Christina, residing at home; and Oscar, deceased, Mr. Erickson served as township clerk about seven years, and in the fall of 1898 was appointed county commissioner for the fourth district to fill the office made vacant by the election of 0. W. -Williams as county treasurer. Mr. Erickson is an influential citizen and is held in high esteem by his fellow men. Ile is a member of the Lutheran church, and in political sentiment is a Republican.