

Clay county, he being accounted one of the substantial and progressive farmers of the township.

On January 9, 1890, at Mankato, this state, Christian Nicklay was united in marriage to Anna Bruels, who was born on August 4, 1868, in Blue Earth county, Minnesota. To this union the following children have been born: George, Leo (married), Mary (married), Catherine, Dora, Anton, Fred, Francis (deceased), Edmond, Mathilda and Mildred (twins) and Olivia. The family are members of the Catholic church of Barnesville and are active in support of all its good works. Mr. Nicklay is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He served as treasurer of the township board for thirty-two years and has been treasurer of the district school board for twenty-two years, and in these representative public positions has rendered valuable service to the people of the district.

EDWARD ALBERTS.

The business of the farm and the business of farming, while in many points analogous, are in reality quite distinctive. The former carries with it the consideration of dollars and cents in the employment of labor, the outlay of capital on buildings and improvements; the cost of raising crops, as against the revenue received after harvesting and sale, the maintenance and repair of machinery and implements, and the saving to be made possible if improved machinery be installed on the farm. One of the citizens of Cromwell township, Clay county, who understands all phases of farming is Edward Alberts.

Mr. Alberts was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, November 30, 1868. He is a son of Klaus and Margaret (Bauman) Alberts, both natives of Germany, from which country they came to America when young and single. After their marriage they located in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where they made their home for about fifteen years, then moved to Dodge county, this state, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm. Their family consisted of eleven children, all of whom survive at this writing but one daughter, namely: George, William, Hiram, Mary, Edward, Kate, Ida (deceased), Margaret, Elizabeth, Frank and Benjamin.

Edward Alberts grew to manhood on the home farm and attended the public schools in Dodge county, this state. There he began farming for himself. In the spring of 1899 he came to Clay county and located on

the farm on which he still resides, in Cromwell township, and here he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. His place consists of three hundred and twenty acres. He has erected an excellent group of buildings and everything about the place is kept in shipshape, indicating the good taste of the owner. He raises a large quantity of grain, much of which he feeds to live stock, preparing a number of carloads of stock annually for the markets, and is one of the best-known stockmen in Cromwell and adjoining townships. He was one of the organizers of the Hawley Live Stock Shipping Association and is a member of the board of directors of the same.

On March 7, 1894, Edward Alberts was married to Eliza Carter, who was born at Winona, Minnesota, a daughter of Harry and Sarah May Carter, natives of Devonshire, England, where they married. They came to America in 1875 and located at Winona, Minnesota. Mr. Carter died there in 1879 and his widow now resides in Mantorville, Minnesota.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Alberts, Guy, Ralph, Esther, Russell (deceased), Marjorie, Lloyd and Mildred. Mr. Alberts is a Republican and is township supervisor. He belongs to the Union church at Hawley.

EDWARD A. KASSENBERG.

Another of the painstaking farmers of Clay county, who has worked hard for the success he has won is Edward A. Kassenborg, who owns a valuable farm, part of which lies in Kragnes township and part in Morken township. He was born in Houston county, Minnesota, in 1868, a son of A. G. and Tilda (Krageness) Kassenborg, natives of Norway, who located in Houston county in pioneer days and established the family home on a farm. The following children were born to A. G. Kassenborg and wife: Mrs. Carolina Berglin, who lives in Moorhead; Mina Augusta; Gilbert, who is unmarried and lives on a farm in Clay county; Mrs. Mary Moe, who lives in Moorhead; Edward, the subject of this sketch; Eliza, the wife of John Olnes; Julia, who married Christ Twedten and lives in Crookston, Minnesota, and Malina, deceased.

Edward A. Kassenborg grew up on the home farm in Houston county, and there he attended the common schools. He has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising and has been very successful. He came to Clay county as a young man and is now owner of a well-improved and