

To Mr. and Mrs. John P. Grothe six children were born, all of whom are living, namely: Cornelia, wife of Theodore Osterson; Charles B., Palmer O., Minnie, Joseph B. and Clarence. The Grothes are members of the Norwegian Lutheran denomination and the father helped to organize the Augustana church of that creed. Mr. Grothe also was always deeply interested in the advancement of the civic and industrial well-being of his neighborhood.

JOSEPH W. G. ANDERSON.

Joseph W. G. Anderson, well-known banker of Norman county, president of the State Bank of Shelly and a stockholder and director in eight banks in this part of the state, North Dakota and Montana, former president of the village of Shelly and who also has extensive lumber and real-estate interests hereabout, was born in the neighboring state of Wisconsin, but has been a resident of Minnesota for the past twenty years and during his residence here has come to be recognized as one of the real "live wires" of this part of the state. He was born on a farm in Vernon county, Wisconsin, March 11, 1871, son of Ole and Rachel Anderson, the former a native of Sweden and the latter of Norway, who were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being A. O., Olaus (deceased), Caroline, Norton, Bennett (deceased), James, Albert and Josephine. Ole Anderson was but a lad when he came to this country with his parents, Andrew Anderson and wife, from his native Sweden, the family settling in Vernon county, Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood, married, engaged in farming and there spent the remainder of his life, a substantial and useful citizen. He and his wife were members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Reared on the home farm in Wisconsin, Joseph W. G. Anderson received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and completed the same in the high school at Hillsboro, North Dakota. Upon completing his schooling he was given a position in the First National Bank of Hillsboro and remained thus employed for ten years, becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of the banking business. He then went to Caledonia, North Dakota, where he was further engaged in banking for a period of three years, at the end of which time, in 1898, he came over the line into Minnesota and at Shelly helped to organize the First State Bank of that village. Upon the organization of this bank Mr. Anderson was made cashier of the same and

served in that capacity until the fall of 1916, when he was elected president of the bank, which position he now holds, one of the best-known bankers in this part of the state, North Dakota and Montana. In addition to his banking interests at Shelly Mr. Anderson is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of seven other banks and has been a large influence in the work of developing the resources of this section, ever helpful in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare. He also has extensive lumber and real-estate interests and is one of the well-to-do men of Norman county. Mr. Anderson also has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and has served as president of his home village.

In 1901 Joseph W. G. Anderson was united in marriage to Caroline Tronnes, who was born in the Red River valley. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have a very pleasant home at Shelly and take a proper part in the general social activities of the community. They are members of the Lutheran church and, fraternally, Mr. Anderson is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Woodmen of America.

GUNERIUS I. CROSBY.

Gunerius I. Crosby, the first homesteader in Lee township, Norman county, where he carries on general farming and stock raising on his fine farm of four hundred and forty acres, is a native of Norway, born in March, 1856, a son of Iver Jenson and Anna Christina Crosby, both of whom were natives of Norway. The former came to America with his son, Gunerius, with whom he lived, helping with the farm work on the old homestead until he died at the age of sixty-eight years in 1889. The mother died while the family lived in the old country, when the subject of this review was only six years of age. The elder Crosby and wife were the parents of five children: Jens, who died at Minneapolis in 1873; Gunerius I., the subject of this sketch; Anna, the widow of Nels Odegaard; Johannah, who lived with her brother, Gunerius I., until her death in 1883, and another brother, who died in Norway, the last two being twins.

Gunerius I. Crosby spent the early years of his life at the old home back in Norway, where he received his early schooling; but early missed the guiding counsel of his mother, who died when he was a child of six years. Soon after he had reached man's estate he decided to cast his lot with others of his countrymen who were coming to America, and in 1872 he and his father landed and came directly out to Minnesota, settling in Good-