

renting the same for seven years. At the end of this time he decided that this tract of land was suited for his farming purposes and he bought it, after selling his property in Ada. Here he has improved the land, erecting new buildings and improving the old ones until he has one of the best farming plants in the neighborhood.

It was on March 26th, 1891, when Mr. Tufte was united in marriage to Tora Bey after he had returned to his native land, and to his union one child was born, a son, Harold, who is married and is living in section 9, on land which he rents from Nels Hagen. Tora (Bey) Tufte was born in Norway, May 18, 1867, a daughter of Olans Berg. Sometime after her death at Ada on April 6, 1898, Mr. Tufte was married to Anna Krohsus, who was born in Minnesota, November 22, 1875, a daughter of Halvor Anderson, whose biography appears on another page. By his second wife, Mr. Tufte was the father of six children, namely: Frederick, at home; Herbert, living with his half-brother, Harold; Clara, Martin, Hans and Merkle, all at home. On October 16, 1914, occurred the death of Mr. Tufte's second wife and since that time he has remained on the home place with his children. He is a devoted member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and in this faith he has reared his children. Mr. Tufte is a member of the Nonpartisan League, and although he takes a deep interest in the civic affairs of his community, he has never sought office.

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#### S. P. ANDERSON.

The Anderson family, of which S. P. Anderson, well-known farmer and business man of Tansem township, Clay county, is a most creditable representative, has been one of the influential and highly esteemed families in Clay county for a number of decades, and their commendable record is worthy of a place within these pages.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, December 28, 1870. He is a son of Brede and Ellen Martha (Berri) Anderson Stromnes, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and made their home until 1868, when they came to America and located in Winneshiek county, Iowa. In 1872 they made the overland trip from there to Clay county, Minnesota, with an ox team and covered wagon, the trip requiring three weeks. They located in section 8, Tansem township, and there pre-empted forty acres and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres. They developed a good farm there by hard work

and perseverance. The mother's death occurred on the home place there in 1903. The father returned to Norway in 1910 and is still living there. He became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land, on which he put the first buildings. He helped organize the township of Tansem, also helped organize the Grong Lutheran church, was at one time township supervisor, and was one of the useful and influential men in his locality during his residence here. He became the father of eleven children, the first two of whom born in Norway, the next two in Iowa, and the others on the homestead in Tansem township, namely: Brent Edvin, Andrew, Erick (deceased), Solomon Peter, Albert Julius. Marie (deceased), John August, Emma, Petra Marie (deceased), Elias and Tideman (deceased).

S. P. Anderson was two years old when his parents brought him to Clay county and he grew to manhood here on the home farm. He received his education in the rural schools of Tansem township, then studied one year at Hope Academy at Moorhead and two years at Concordia College in that city. After leaving school he located on the farm on which he still resides in Tansem township. In 1902 he went to North Dakota and took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, but he changed the homestead to a pre-emption title and, after residing on his land eighteen months, returned to Clay county and now owns a well-improved and valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Tansem township. He has put on all the improvements himself. He has a large, comfortable farm house and a splendid group of outbuildings. He raises a large quantity of grain, much of which he feeds to live stock. He is a breeder of full-blooded Red Polled cattle.

Mr. Anderson is one of the substantial men of Tansem township and besides his large farming business he is interested in various industries. He assisted in organizing the Farmers Elevator Company of Barnesville, of which he is now president. He also helped organize the Barnesville Co-operative Creamery Company, of which he is now secretary. He has been interested in its success, as he is in all co-operative efforts among farmers, and does his best, in a small way, that they may become successes. He also assisted in organizing the Rollag Telephone Company and was secretary of the same during the first five years of its existence. He has just retired from the presidency of the Park Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which office he held for fourteen years. He has been a stockholder in the last two companies and has done much to make them what they are today.

Mr. Anderson was married in 1899 to Marie Erickson, who was born on the Hanson homestead in Tansem township, where she grew to woman-

hood, receiving her education in the local public schools. She is a daughter of Erick Hanson, who was one of the early settlers in Tansem township, where he homesteaded land and where he became very comfortably established through his industry. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson: Ellen Martha, Edgar Berge and Alfred Nordal. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Non-Partisan League. He has served as justice of the peace and also as township assessor, filling both offices in an able, faithful and highly acceptable manner. He belongs to the Rollag Lutheran church at Rollag.

John A. Anderson, brother of the subject of this sketch, although not now at present a resident of Clay county, is deserving of mention in these pages. He is one of the successful scientists of the West. He was educated in Concordia College at Moorhead, later attended the State Normal School in that city and later was a student in the Northern Indiana Normal School (now the University of Valparaiso). He then took a course in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, specializing in astronomy and physics. He became widely known as an expert in these branches and for some time was head of the department of these sciences in Johns Hopkins University, and is now employed at the Wilson Solar Observatory at Pasadena, California.

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#### NELS BECKMAN BAGNE.

The kingdom of Norway has given to Norman county, Minnesota, some splendid men and women who have had much to do with the social, religious, financial and civic life of the state as well as the county. To the sturdy Norwegians who have left their native land and established their homes in a new land and amid new conditions and among strange people, is due much honor for the success that they have attained. They have played a conspicuous role and have had a large part in the development of the great state of Minnesota. The examples of their thrift and energy, the sturdiness of their race and the fervor of their religious belief, have been beneficially scattered throughout the state, whose growth and development are marvels. Among the worthy sons of Norway who represent those elements in the industrial and financial life of Norman county that count for high purpose and great achievement, is Nels Beckman Bagne, cashier of the First State Bank of Gary.