

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.



MR. AND MRS. NELS B. BAGNE.

Nels Beckman Bagne was born on May 14, 1880, the son of Knut and Gjertina Bagne, who were also natives of Norway and were there educated in the public schools, grew to manhood and womanhood and were there married. For some years after their marriage they continued to live in the land of their nativity, but being of a progressive and energetic class, their fondest hopes were based on the possession of a substantial home for themselves and those dependent upon them, and in the year 1881 they decided that they would leave the land where they had spent so many happy years and seek a home in faraway America. On their arrival in the United States in June, 1881, they at once proceeded on out to Minnesota and remained for a few months at Ada, after which they moved to Heiberg, also in Norman county, where Mr. Bagne was employed in the mills for two years. Having by this time become acquainted with conditions in the country, Mr. Bagne pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land two miles west of the village of Gary, which he developed and improved and there remained engaged in general farming until 1896. He then moved to Waukon township, eight miles east of Gary, where he successfully engaged in farming until 1903, in which year he and Mrs. Bagne moved to Verdale, Minnesota, where Mr. Bagne engaged in the flour-milling business for about three years, at the end of which time he disposed of the mill property and located at Mahnomen, county seat of the adjoining county of that name, where he is engaged in the meat business.

To Knut and Gjertina Bagne the following children have been born: Sever, Nels, Alfred, Gena, William, John, Anna, an infant, Martha, Sarah, Clara and Joseph, all of whom are still living with the exceptions of Sever and the infant. Martha and Sarah are twins. Mr. and Mrs. Bagne are active members of the Lutheran church and have ever taken much interest in all religious work. They are a most estimable couple and because of their sterling worth and pleasing personalities they have won for themselves many friends who hold them in the highest regard and esteem. Their lives have been active ones and they have devoted their best efforts to the interests of their family and the communities in which they have lived. Mr. Bagne has always taken an interest in the civic life of his home community and while he has not been a seeker after office his best efforts have been exerted in behalf of the selection of the best men to administer the affairs of the public, and is today recognized as one of the prominent and substantial men of his home city.

Nels Beckman Bagne received his schooling in the schools of Norman county and was reared on the home farm. He early engaged in teaching

in his home county and for seven years was one of the most successful teachers in this section of the state. Feeling the dignity of his calling and the need of his service to the county, he gave his best efforts to his work. His success as a teacher attracted the attention of the officials of the First State Bank of Gary to his excellent work and in 1907 he entered that institution as assistant cashier. In 1913 he became cashier of the bank, which position he now holds. His business-like management of the bank and his courteous treatment of the general public have won for him the confidence and praise of the people of the county. In addition to his duties as cashier of the bank, Mr. Bagne is also treasurer of the Gary Creamery Company, treasurer of the Peoples Supply Company and treasurer of the Gary Telephone Company. His interest in the civic life of the town won for him the office of treasurer of the village and in this official capacity he is giving the people a splendid administration. Mr. Bagne's life is a busy one, yet he finds time to give the closest care and attention to all the duties that have been imposed upon him. He is conscious of the honor and trust that have been given him and feels that his best efforts should be given in return. To him is due much of the fine financial spirit of the town, and his best efforts are ever directed toward a better and larger Gary. Local civic pride has been strengthened by his activities and today the schools, churches, business institutions and public improvements of Gary are second to none, for a place of its size in this part of the state.

On May 14, 1913, Nels Beckman Bagne was united in marriage to Bella Georgina Knutson and to this union two children have been born, Ardith Geraldine and Kermit Kasson. Mr. and Mrs. Bagne are prominent members of the United Lutheran church and are liberal subscribers to the support of the local society. They have long been active in the social life of the community and are held in the highest regard by all.

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#### REINHART W. WILKINS.

One of the native sons of Norman county, who have met with success in their chosen profession and have won distinction in the local business world, is Reinhart W. Wilkins, a well-known grain buyer of Lockhart, who was born in Pleasant township, Norman county, in 1885, the son of William and Augusta (Treichel) Wilkins, who were born in Germany and who came to the United States as young man and woman and settled in Goodhue