

Johnson and wife, well-known citizens of Hawley, where Mr. Johnson has long been a leading merchant. To Robert H. Burrill and wife three children have been born, namely: Robert H., Jr., Laton Herman, and Henry Willard.

JAMES CONNELLY.

James Connelly, one of the best known and most progressive young farmers in the central western part of Clay county and who, in association with his elder brother, William Connelly, is farming the old Patrick Connelly farm in Glyndon township, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on what is now known as the Wright farm, in the vicinity of Moorhead, in Moorhead township, May 2, 1884, son of Patrick and Bridget (Lundy) Connelly, natives of County Monaghan, Ireland, who became pioneers of Clay county, settling here in 1880, and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Patrick Connelly was a substantial and influential pioneer citizen, and for years served as a member of the board of supervisors of Glyndon township, in which he established his home three or four years after coming here and where he spent his last days. His widow is still living on the home place. They were the parents of three sons, William and James Connelly having a brother, John Connelly, also a Glyndon township farmer, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the home place in Glyndon township, to which his parents moved from Moorhead township when he was but an infant, James Connelly completed his schooling in the public schools at Moorhead and early became a practical farmer. At the age of fourteen he became fireman in a threshing crew and at seventeen years of age qualified as an engineer, in which position he acted for five years or more during the threshing seasons. Since the death of their father, he and his elder brother, William, have been operating the home place and have done well. They also own and operate a threshing outfit and have a wide acquaintance throughout the field of their operations. The Connelly farm consists of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land and the brothers have one of the best-equipped farm plants in that part of the county. William Connelly, who is unmarried, was born in 1877, in Pennsylvania, and was but three years of age when his parents moved from that state to Minnesota, where he has ever since lived, making his home on the home place in Glyndon township, with the exception

of the period spent in "proving up" a homestead tract of a half section of land in the vicinity of Miles City, Montana. He is the eldest of the three Connelly brothers and his judgment is highly valued by them.

On December 9, 1914, James Connelly was united in marriage to Amanda Henrietta Kuehl, who was born in the neighboring township of Elmwood, daughter of Fred Kuehl and wife, pioneers of that section of Clay county, the latter of whom died suddenly on March 4, 1917, at Sabin, Minnesota, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was of German ancestry, and was the father of ten children, six girls and four boys. Mr. and Mrs. James Connelly are the parents of one child, a son, Raymond. They are members of the Catholic church and have ever taken an active interest in parish affairs, liberal contributors to the work of the same and helpful in other ways in advancing the good works of the neighborhood, in which they have been residents since pioneer days.

ORRIS OLIVER.

Orris Oliver was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, July 5, 1873, a son of Douglas and Sarah (Fitzgerald) Oliver, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Grant county, Wisconsin. Douglas Oliver came to Grant county, Wisconsin, when a young man and there was interested in a woolen and flour mill, and also was engaged in the mercantile and farming business. About 1879, he removed to Kansas, where he conducted a large farm, on which he engaged in general extensive agriculture. He died at Junction City, Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver were born the following children: Charles R., Dwight, Grant, Hattie, Fred, and Orris, the subject of this review. Mrs. Oliver, who was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, survived her husband a few years, her death occurring also at Junction City.

Orris Oliver was educated in the public schools at Kansas, and later took a business course in a school at Fargo, North Dakota. In 1893, he entered the Barnesville bank as a bookkeeper, and on December 1, 1894, he entered the law office of Charles S. Marden, at Barnesville, to take charge of the real estate department in which that office was largely engaged. In 1897, he went to the Klondyke, where he remained for two years, and after returning to Minnesota in 1899, he located at Minneapolis, where he was employed until 1901 with a threshing machine company. Then he