

Anund. They are members of the Lutheran church and are warmly interested in all its good works, also taking an active part in the general social affairs of the community, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the community.

JOHN CORNELIUSON.

Among the native-born Norwegians, who have come to the United States and engaged in general farming in Clay county, is John Corneliuson, owner of a well-kept farm of two hundred and ninety acres in Kurtz township. He was born in Oestre Toten, Norway, June 2, 1863, the second eldest child of Carl A. and Emilia Theolinia (Evenson) Corneliuson, also natives of that same country.

Carl Corneliuson, who was born in 1835, was educated in the schools of Norway and was reared to the life of a farmer in that country. He was united in marriage to Emilia Theolinia Evenson and, in 1885, he and his wife and family immigrated to America. On arriving in this country Carl Corneliuson came on out to Minnesota and settled in Clay county, where he resumed the life of a farmer. He and his wife were members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their children were reared in the same faith. There were nine of those children born to Carl Corneliuson and his wife, namely: Karen, John, Martinus, Maren, Even, Anton, Oluf, Clara and Olga, all of whom are alive, as are the parents.

John Corneliuson was educated in the schools of his native land and worked for some time at farm labor before coming to this country. In 1883 he decided to chance his fortune in this country, where so many of his compatriots had already established themselves. He came on to this state and settled in Clay county. He commenced to work on farms and saved his money with the view to acquire a holding of his own. After the lapse of about twenty years he was able to gratify his ambition and, in 1903, he bought his present place of two hundred and ninety acres of prime land near Moorhead, in Kurtz township, Clay county. He is actively engaged in general farming, devoting portion of his land to potatoes and corn and small grain, and has met with much success, and is now recognized as one of the substantial and prosperous farmers in this part of the county. He carried out several costly improvements on the farm and his outbuildings and dwelling are among the best in the county. His home is modern in every way and is equipped with a fine electric light plant.

On January 25, 1894, at St. Peter's church, Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, John Corneliuson was united in marriage by Rev. O. Gulbranson, to Marie Petterson, also a native of Norway, and to that union the following children have been born: Carl, deceased; Egbert, Emilia, Matilda, Corine, Teckle, Charlotte, Carl, Theolinia and Lillian. Mrs. Corneliuson is a daughter of Petter Larson and Josephine Bergerson Havkloen, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1867, locating in Winneshiek county, Iowa, eight miles east of Decorah. In 1875 they moved to Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota. He died when Mrs. Corneliuson was ten years of age. The mother now lives in Montevideo, Minnesota. The Corneliuson family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are earnest in their support of all its good works, as well as all community affairs having the well-being of the public for their purpose. Mr. Corneliuson is a warm advocate of the best township schools and was a member of the school board for some time, and in many other ways he lends his support to the interests of the community in public matters.

RHINEHART P. IDTSE.

Rhinehart P. Idtse, a well-known and energetic farmer, who has been a resident of Hegne township since the date of its organization for civic purposes, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since 1872 and of Norman county since 1878. He was born on November 15, 1849, a son of Peder and Anna Idtse, both of whom were born in Norway and there spent all their lives, respected and earnest members of the farming community in which they lived.

Rhinehart P. Idtse was educated in the schools of his native Norway and was reared on his father's farm, which was situated on an island one and one-half miles east of Stavanga, the family being thus compelled to make their trips to market by boat. He helped in the labors of cultivating the land on this island farm until he was fifteen years of age, when he went to sea on a sailing vessel, beginning his life as a seafarer as a cook. He later became a sailor and was thus occupied until he came to America. At the age of twenty-three years, in 1872, he immigrated to the United States and on arrival in this country, proceeded on out to Fillmore county, Minnesota, and made that place his home until 1878, in which year he came to Norman county and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hegne