

same. In the early days he also helped organize the Buffalo Lutheran congregation.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hauger six children were born, namely: Carl J., who was born in Christiania, Norway; Christian A., who also first saw the light of day in that city; Olaf E., who was born on the train between Quebec and Montreal, Canada, while the family was en route to the United States from Norway; Caroline A., who married John E. Carlson, a farmer of Clay county, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin; Julia F., who was also born in the last-named county and state, and Hans Martin, who was born in May, 1875, and who died on the homestead at the age of thirteen years. The death of Anton J. Hauger occurred on November 24, 1894.

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### OTTO L. DAHL.

An enterprising merchant at Felton, Clay county is Otto L. Dahl, who was born at Sparta, Wisconsin, January 18, 1874. He is a son of Lauritz and Thea (Blegen) Dahl, both natives of Norway, where they spent their earlier years, immigrating to America in 1865, establishing their future home at Sparta, Wisconsin. There the mother's death occurred in 1877. In 1884 the father removed to Polk county, Minnesota, taking up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Hill River township, which he developed into a good farm through years of hard work and close application and there he still resides. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church. He has only two children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Oscar J.

Otto L. Dahl grew up in Wisconsin, attended the public schools at Baldwin, that state, and as a young man started clerking in a store at Woodville, his native state. He had a natural inclination to mercantile life and gave eminent satisfaction as a clerk, soon mastering the various ins and outs of the business. He remained there until 1892, when he came to Polk county, Minnesota, and clerked in the store at McIntosh for nine years, his long retention there being sufficient evidence of his faithful and honest work. From 1901 to 1907 he devoted his attention to the picture business, then turned his attention to farming, filing on a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Red Lake county, Minnesota, in 1907, and he lived there until 1910, in which year he built a store and established Roland postoffice, in Red Lake county, remaining there four years, enjoying a very satisfactory

business. He sold out in 1914 and soon thereafter made an extensive trip to Europe, visiting England, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Upon his return home he purchased a farm in Polk county, Minnesota, but in the fall of 1914 he came to Felton and has made his home here ever since. He was manager of the Otto Dahl store, owned by his cousin. In January, 1917, he bought a partnership interest in the business and is now manager and resident owner of this popular and successful store. He has everything under a superb system and a large and well selected general stock of goods is carried. A brisk trade is carried on at all seasons with the people of Felton and the surrounding country.

Mr. Dahl was married in 1907 to Anna Broin, who was born in Minnesota and was educated in the public schools. She is a daughter of John and Lena (Quale) Broin, natives of Wisconsin. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dahl, namely: Vernon, Arlie, Orville, Otto, Doris and Llewellyn.

Mr. Dahl was appointed postmaster at Felton in July, 1915, and he has filled that office ever since in an able and creditable manner. Politically, he is a Democrat.

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#### SWAN NELSON.

Swan Nelson, proprietor of a fine farm of four hundred acres in Elkton township, Clay county, and one of the most substantial farmers of that part of the county, is a native of the kingdom of Sweden, but has been a resident of Minnesota since the year 1881. He was born on January 10, 1857, son of Nels and Cecelia (Swanson) Swanson, both also natives of Sweden, who spent all their lives in their native country, the former dying in 1909 and the latter, in 1910. During the active years of his life Nels Swanson was a coachman. He and his wife were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Edith, deceased; Cecelia, who is still making her home in Sweden; Olaf, also a resident of his native land, and August and Mary, deceased. The Swansons were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Reared in Sweden, Swan Nelson received his schooling there and, in 1877, was married. About four years later, in March, 1881, he came to the United States with his family, his wife's widowed mother accompanying them, and proceeded on out to this part of Minnesota, Hawley being