

where he became engaged in the general hardware, furniture and undertaking business and has ever since been thus engaged, his establishment being one of the best-known places of business in that thriving village. Mr. Dorseth also has given considerable attention to the general business affairs of the village and has served as a member of the board of directors of the Farmers State Bank of Flom, for two terms as treasurer of the Flom Creamery Company and for three years as secretary of the same. He served for about six years as justice of the peace and is the present constable of Flom township.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorseth, the latter of whom, before her marriage, was Louise Carlson, have six children, Adolph, Hilda, Anton, Laurence, Jonnette and Selma. The family are members of the Lutheran (Synod) church and take an interested part in church work.

JOHN DANIELSON.

The late John Danielson, for years one of the prosperous and highly esteemed pioneer farmers of Clay county and the proprietor of broad acres and a comfortable home in Moland township, was a native of Sweden, as was his wife, but had resided in this country since 1871, a pioneer of this section of the Red River valley. He was born in Kronsbergslau on August 2, 1838, and in 1864 was married in his native land to Johannah Peterson. In 1871 he and his wife left Sweden and came to Minnesota with a view to making a home for themselves in the new country. They secured a pony and an old buggy placed their few belongings in the vehicle and started out for Clay county, the wife riding and himself trudging along on foot. They neither understood nor could speak English and their experiences on this journey over the plains were laughable as well as pathetic. They arrived at Glyndon during the summer and Mr. Danielson secured employment on the reception building and shelter house which the railroad company was erecting at that place for the accommodation of emigrants. The wages thus secured provided for the winter and he also was able to buy a cow. He homesteaded in section 18, where he put up a sod house. He bought land in section 17 of Moland township, and he and his wife began their home-making in the new country. After a season of patient labor Mr. Danielson bought a yoke of oxen and with these began the improvement of his place, the result in due time becoming apparent in his broad, well-cultivated fields

and comfortable surroundings, the Danielson place in time becoming recognized as one of the best-kept farm plants in all that neighborhood. As Mr. Danielson prospered in his undertakings he added to his holdings until he became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres and was accounted one of the most substantial residents of that part of the county. He was a Republican, ever standing stanchly for the principles of that party, and took an active part in the general public affairs of his home township and of the county at large. On the pioneer farm on which they settled early in the seventies John Danielson and his wife spent their last days, honored and influential pioneers. John Danielson died on August 8, 1905, and Johannah Danielson died on December 23, 1907. They were the parents of five children, Annie, Amelia, Oscar, Gotfrey and Emma.

The two sons of the late John Danielson and wife, William Oscar and Henry Gotfrey Danielson, are twins and now own and operate the old home place, to which they have added until they are now owners of one thousand acres of excellent land, on which they have erected excellent buildings and made extensive improvements, carrying on their operations on a large scale and in accordance with the most up-to-date methods of scientific agriculture, going in chiefly for grain farming and potato raising. Their sister Anna is mistress of the household and they are very pleasantly and very comfortably situated.

OLE NYSTEVOLD.

Ole Nystevold, a well-known contractor and builder of Twin Valley, Norman county, was born on the old Nystevold homestead in Flom township, section 32, November 22, 1885, a son of John O. and Guri (Stuedahler) Nystevold, both of whom were natives of Norway.

John O. Nystevold, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born, April 15, 1850, and is now living an active life on the farm which he homesteaded many years ago in section 32, Flom township, a successful farmer and good citizen. He is a son of Ole S. and Carrie Nystevold, both of whom were born in Norway, but spent their whole lives in their native land, never coming to America. The father, who was a farmer and business man in the old country, died there in 1912 and the death of the mother occurred in 1907. They were the parents of five children, namely: John, the father of the subject of this review; Mary, who is married and now