

Schroeder passed away on April 5, 1917, and was buried in the German Evangelical Lutheran cemetery at Sabin on April 8. The Schroeder family are earnest members of the German Lutheran church and are active workers in all church affairs, warmly interested in all that concerns the welfare of the community, where during their long years of residence they have been universally esteemed and regarded as representing the highest type of citizens. In politics, Mr. Schroeder is a supporter of the Republican party, but has never been a seeker after public office, preferring to devote his time and energies to his commercial, banking and land-holding interests.

ANDREW EGGIMAN.

Among the native-born Swiss who have come to America and engaged in general farming with considerable success in Elmwood township, Clay county, is Andrew Eggiman, who was born in the republic of Switzerland, August 24, 1869. He is the son of John and Anna (Merkendahl) Eggiman, also natives of the same country, the former of whom is now about seventy years old, but the son, Andrew, has not heard from his father or mother for some twenty years. John and Anna Eggiman are parents of three children, namely: Anna and Elsie, who are living in Switzerland, and Andrew, the subject of this sketch. The members of the Eggiman family in the old country are members of the Lutheran church. The parents came from a long line of ancestors, noted for upright lives in the part of their native country in which they lived.

Andrew Eggiman attended the schools of his home district in Switzerland, and when he reached the age of twenty-three in 1892, he immigrated to the United States. On arriving in this country, he went on out to Livingston, Illinois, where he was employed at farming work for two years. At the end of that period, he went to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he also engaged in the labors of the farm, living in that state for nine years. He then decided to acquire land for himself and, with that purpose in view, came to Minnesota in 1900, and settled in Elmwood township, Clay county. Here he is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of choice land, which has been placed in a high state of cultivation. He has placed important and valuable improvements on his farm, on which his operations are very successful. When Mr. Eggiman assumed possession of his farm, a house stood on the land, but this he has torn down and a new and substantial dwelling erected

in its place; here he and his family are comfortably and pleasantly situated.

On February 9, 1895, Andrew Eggiman was united in marriage to Anna Nyfler, a daughter of Jacob Nyfler and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Eggiman are the parents of the following children: William, Martha, Walter, Herman and Rudolph, all of whom are living at home with their parents. Andrew Eggiman and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is a Republican in politics.

HALDOR P. NYGAARD.

Haldor P. Nygaard, former president of the village of Halstad, former recorder and treasurer of the same, former justice of the peace, present secretary of the local school board, secretary of the local creamery company and head of the firm of Nygaard & Hostad, retail dealers in meats at Halstad, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota and of Norman county since the days of his childhood. He was born in the city of Trondhjem on May 30, 1871, son of P. J. and Jonette (Moen) Nygaard, natives of that same country, who came to Minnesota in 1881 with their family and settled in Hendrum township, Norman county, remaining there on a farm until the station at Halstad was established, when, in 1883, they moved to that place, where Mrs. Nygaard spent her last days and where Mr. Nygaard is still living, an honored pioneer of Norman county.

P. J. Nygaard was a carpenter in his native land and he built for himself one of the first houses erected in Halstad, besides building many other houses there in an early day. On April 9, 1910, he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, about sixty guests being present, besides six of their children, forty-three grand-children and one great-grandchild. Mr. Nygaard now has fifty-one grandchildren and fourteen great-grand-children. To him and his wife eight children were born, all of whom are living save Ole, the last-born, who died in 1883, the others being Jacob, Ingeborg, Hansine, Haldor and John P.

Haldor P. Nygaard was ten years of age when his parents came to Minnesota and he grew to manhood at Halstad, early learning the carpenter trade under the skillful direction of his father. Upon completing the course in the local public schools he took a course at Concordia College at Moorhead, and upon leaving school engaged in the carpenter trade and was thus engaged at Halstad for ten years. In 1900 he started a meat market at Hal-