

Anton Nelson was educated in the schools of Norway and in 1881 came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, remaining there until March, 1882, when he moved to Norman county and worked on farms for two years. In 1884 he went to Montana and was married in that state in the summer of the same year, and worked with his father-in-law on a farm, remaining there until the spring of 1885, when he returned to Norman county. In 1887 Mr. Nelson bought eighty acres of land, which was in a raw state, and put up some buildings on same. For the next three years he rented land of P. H. Hanson and lived on the rented place, meantime being engaged in clearing and building on his own farm, which was mostly in timber. In 1890 he moved onto his own land and has lived there ever since. He is the owner of one hundred and seventeen acres of prime land on which he erected a fine house in 1913. He is engaged in general farming and breeds graded Short-horn cattle, doing very well in his agricultural operations from the beginning. His farm plant and place are well kept and he is regarded as one of the energetic and painstaking farmers in that part of the township.

In 1884 Anton Nelson was united in marriage to Betsie C. Peterson, born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, a daughter of Peter H. Peterson, who came in an early day and settled near Halstad, Norman county, going later to Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of the following children: Nels M., Peter H., John R., Albert B., Ella B., Lena C. (deceased), Gilbert W., Lewis M., Mabel C. and Clarence S. The Nelson family are members of the Lutheran church and warm supporters of all its good works. Mr. Nelson has long been giving close attention to local civic affairs and served on the township board for ten years, for one year being chairman. He helped to organize the Sundahl Creamery and the Sundahl Mercantile Company, and in other ways has given of his time and energy to the advancement of the interests of the community.

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#### ROBERT H. FETTING.

Robert H. Fetting, the owner of one hundred sixty acres of well-improved land in Mary township, Norman county, where he carries on a scientific form of diversified agriculture, was born in Wisconsin on March 8, 1860, a son of Ludwig and Henrietta (Krause) Fetting, both natives of Germany where they were reared, married and moved to America in 1856. The family settled in Wisconsin and there the father and mother lived the

rest of their lives on the old home farm, where the former carried on mixed farming, the father dying when the subject of this sketch was about fourteen years of age and the mother about twenty-five years ago. They were the parents of six children, the youngest of whom is Robert H., the others being: Amclia, deceased; Otto, married and living in Wisconsin, a retired farmer; Albert, married and also living in Wisconsin, a retired farmer, and Charlie and Rudolph, deceased.

For six years after the death of his father in 1874, Robert Fetting remained on the home farm aiding his widowed mother to develop the home farm where he had spent his boyhood, receiving his common school education in the district schools of the neighborhood. In 1880 he decided to cast his lot with the settlers in the new country which had recently been opened in Norman county, Minnesota, and accordingly he came out here and homesteaded one hundred sixty acres in section 14, northwest quarter, and section 15, southwest quarter of southeast quarter, Mary township, where he still lives. He immediately set about putting his holding under cultivation and raised temporary farm buildings. As he prospered in his operations, he replaced the old shacks of his homesteading days with new and up-to-date farm buildings, it being only six years ago that he built his fine new farm house, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. He now carries on a scientific form of diversified agriculture and is very successful in all his operations.

In 1882 Mr. Fetting was united in marriage to Mary Sontag, who was born in Missouri, in 1862, a daughter of John and Barbara Sontag, and to this union was born one child, a daughter, Oillie, who is married and living in North Dakota. Some time after the death of his first wife in 1894, Mr. Fetting married Sophia Kreier, who was born in Wisconsin, in 1875, a daughter of Herman and Johanna Kreier, the former now living in Montana and having once resided in Borup, this county, and the latter being deceased. Mrs. Fetting has four brothers in Montana and one, Paul Kreier, the proprietor of a transfer business, in Fargo, North Dakota, and two sisters. By his second wife Mr. Fetting is the father of eight children, namely: Arthur, at home; Esther, the wife of Chester Miller, now living in McDonaldsville township, this county; and Eddie, Janet, Martha, Hulda, Robert and Melvin, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Fetting are consistent and conscientious members of the German Lutheran church and in the affairs of this denomination they take a proper interest.

In addition to his very busy operations on his fine farm, Mr. Fetting has found time to devote to the civic and co-operative business affairs of his

community. He was township assessor for a number of years, treasurer of the school board for fifteen years and is now director of the same. Being interested in bettering the marketing facilities of the farmers of this neighborhood, he is interested in the Farmers Elevator at Perley and in the potato warehouse at Borup. In politics Mr. Fetting is an ardent advocate of the Democratic party and fraternally, he is a member of Camp No. 2881, Modern Woodmen of America, at Ada, Minnesota. Religiously, politically, fraternally and socially Mr. Fetting is ever striving not only for the good of himself and family, but also for the betterment of the community in which he has made his home for so many years.

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#### ALFRED R. OLSON.

Alfred R. Olson, a prosperous farmer of Waukon township, Norman county, was born on the farm, where he still lives in Waukon township, April 25, 1886, a son of Asle and Randi (Wermager) Olson, both of whom are natives of Norway. He operates five hundred acres of farming land, one hundred and sixty of which belong to him and he is well-known in the local civic and business interests of the community in which he lives.

Asle Olson, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born on January 2, 1849, a son of Ole and Ingeborg (Aslesdatter) Knutson, both of whom were born in Norway, where the mother died. The father came to America late in life, after he was seventy years of age, to make his home with his children who had preceded him to this country, and his death occurred at the home of his grandson, Ole Olson, in Waukon township, Norman county, at the age of ninety-three years. Ole and Ingeborg Knutson were the parents of several children and the seven who grew to maturity are, as follow: Kari, who did not leave her native Norway, where she died in 1914; Knut, who lives on a farm in Waukon township, Norman county; Kristi, Barbro, Asle, the father of the subject of this sketch; Svend and Gunild, both still living in Norway.

Asle Olson received an elementary academic training in the local schools in his native land, and there he gave valuable assistance in the farming operations of his father. When he reached the age of twenty years, he decided to immigrate to the New World and here established his home on some of the fertile soil in the great West, of which he had heard so much from his friends and acquaintances who had friends and relatives in this