

returned to Barnesville and again took charge of the real estate business in the office of Charles S. Marden. In 1910, on Mr. Marden's removal to Moorhead, the Red River Farm and Loan Company was organized in Barnesville to handle the real estate business of the community, and Mr. Oliver took charge of the enterprise and has continued in this business since.

Mr. Oliver was married to Minnie G. Cornish in 1902, and to this union three children have been born: Charles D., Frank C., and Lew D. Mr. Oliver's fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen lodges. He has served on the city council two terms and is at present serving his second term as a member of the school board.

ARTHUR L. FOBES.

Arthur L. Fobes, one of the best-known and most progressive farmers of Elmwood township, Clay county, and the proprietor there of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Racine, in Racine county, Wisconsin, January 21, 1866, son of Orange and Cynthia (Morse) Fobes, natives of the state of Ohio. His parents settled in Wisconsin about 1865, but later moved to Iowa, where the former spent his last days and where the latter is still living.

Orange Fobes was a farmer through life. He was of old Colonial and of Revolutionary descent and his wife was descended from "Mayflower" stock. He and his wife located in Racine county, Wisconsin, about 1865, and remained there until 1876, when they moved to Grundy county, Iowa, where the former died in 1881. His widow is now living in Butler county, Iowa. They were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch, who is the second in order of birth, being Homer L.; Stiles, who died in infancy; Clarence M. and Clara E., twins, and one other, who died in infancy.

Arthur L. Fobes was about twelve years of age when his parents moved from Wisconsin to Iowa, and he completed his schooling in the latter state. He began farming on his own account in Butler county, Iowa, where he was married in 1892, and continued to reside until 1902, when he came up into Minnesota and bought the farm on which he is now living, a half section in Elmwood township, Clay county. He has since made this his place of residence, he and his family being very comfortably situated

there. In addition to his general farming interests, Mr. Fobes has given considerable attention to other interests and is president of the Home Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Minneapolis, which he helped to organize and of which he has been the president since the date of its organization. He also is actively interested in the local telephone company. In civic affairs he likewise has taken a proper interest, and has been clerk of the school board in his home district ever since it was organized.

On September 28, 1892, in Iowa, Arthur L. Fobes was united in marriage to Cora G. Bronson, daughter of G. M. and Margaret (Hendrick) Bronson, natives of New York state, who became residents of Wisconsin and later of Iowa. G. M. Bronson was a veteran of the Civil War, who performed service in a Wisconsin regiment, a member of the Twelfth Wisconsin Battery, and also was for some time connected with the United States secret service. Mr. and Mrs. Fobes have four children: Charles V., Orange G., Joseph and Josephine, all of whom are at home. Mr. Fobes is a member of the Baptist church and the children are connected with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Fobes is a member of the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Knights of the Maccabees, and in the affairs of these organizations takes a warm interest. He is now serving as supervisor of highway construction in his home district.

JAMES LAMB.

The late James Lamb, one of the pioneers of Clay county, who died at Fergus Falls, and whose widow is still living on the home place, the owner of three-quarters of a section of land besides a quarter section in North Dakota, was a native of Scotland, born in Forfarshire in 1847, son of John and Elizabeth Lamb, also natives of Scotland, the former of whom died in his native land and the latter of whom came to Minnesota with her younger son, John, in the seventies. The son pre-empted a claim in Elkton township, Clay county, and here she spent her last days on a quarter section near D~~over~~er. In a memorial sketch relating to the late John Lamb and in a biographical sketch relating to Charles Lamb, Sr., of Baker, brother of the subject of this memorial sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out at some length further details of the settlement of the Lamb family in Clay county and the attention of the reader is respectfully invited