

himself, both in bricklaying and plastering. He is an expert in each and his services have been in constant demand, for his work has always been high-class and promptly and honestly done. He has always been a close student of modern methods in his line of work.

Mr. Euren was married in 1881 to Marie Hallquist, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Gust and Henrietta (Rasmusson) Hallquist, both natives of Sweden, where they established their home on a farm and where the mother still resides, the father dying some time ago. To these parents six children were born, all still living, namely: Marie, wife of the subject of this sketch; Caroline, who lives in Sweden; Henrietta, who also resides in the old country; Sophia lives in Boston, Massachusetts; Alga lives in Sweden, and Anna makes her home in Boston.

Mrs. Euren came to Fargo in 1880. She has borne her husband eight children, all of whom survive at this writing, namely: Oscar, Alga, who is the wife of G. E. Freburg; Eddie, Signe, Hjalmer, Iver, Conrad and Gertrude. Mr. Euren has been a member of the city council from his ward at two different periods. He is a member of the Swedish Mission church.

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### JOHN C. FOSTER.

John C. Foster, a well-known and successful farmer and stockman of Lockhart township, Norman county, was born in England on October 1, 1859, a son of Frank and Elizabeth (Collins) Foster. His parents were also natives of that country, and highly respected people, who lived and died in the land of their nativity.

John C. Foster received his early education in the schools of England, where he lived until he was eleven years of age, when in 1870 he came to America alone. On his arrival in this country he proceeded to the state of Illinois and located at Jacksonville, where he continued to reside until 1915, when he came to Lockhart, Minnesota, and purchased the old Lockhart farm of one thousand two hundred and four acres.

In 1874, John C. Foster was united in marriage to Emma Parkin, of English parents, but she was born and reared in Scott county, Illinois. To this union the following children have been born: Charles, Richard, Bert, Roy, Leslie and Bessie. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent in the activities of the com-

munity in which they live and where they are held in the highest regard and esteem by all who know them. Mr. Foster is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and takes much interest in the growth and success of that organization.

The parents of Mr. Foster were of the farming class in England and the father spent his life as a laborer on farms there. The opportunities were small for the young man without funds, with which to start on life's work, and being an energetic youth, John C. Foster decided when but a small boy to seek his fortune in America. He left his home and came to the United States at the age when most boys are in school. The parents of Mrs. Emma (Parkin) Foster were Richard and Sarah (Robinson) Parkin, who received their education in the schools of England and later came to this country and established their home in the state of Illinois many years ago. Their home was near Jacksonville and in the vicinity of the farm of two hundred and forty acres of John C. Foster.

Few men have risen to a higher degree of usefulness and influence than has John C. Foster. Coming to America, a mere lad, alone and without funds, he has by his own efforts become one of the substantial and successful men of the community in which he lives. His success has been due to correct living, hard work and the practice of economy. He has always taken much interest in local affairs and is held in high esteem.

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### J. H. POWERS.

J. H. Powers, well-known professor of music, was born in Potsdam, New York, in 1882, a son of James L. and Charlotte (Swift) Powers, both natives of New York, the father of Louisville, and the mother, of Potsdam, of that state. James L. Powers was a farmer in New York state, where he lived and reared his family.

J. H. Powers received his elementary education in the public schools of Potsdam, New York, and afterwards attended the Potsdam Normal School, from which he graduated in 1903. He early evinced a desire for a musical career and completed a course in the Crane Institute of Music and graduated in 1904. In 1905 he came to Willmar, Minnesota, where he had charge of the music in the public schools for one year. He then went to Hutchinson, Minnesota, and took charge of the music in the schools of that place for three years. From 1908 to 1909 he was in Crookston, Minnesota, engaged