

DAVID E. FULTON.

David E. Fulton, auditor of Norman county, cashier of the Farmers Bank of Ada and for years actively engaged in the real-estate business in that city, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Norman county since he was eighteen years of age. He was born in the city of Red Wing, this state, in 1861, a son of Samuel M. and Elizabeth J. (Hutchinson) Fulton, both of whom were born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and who came to Minnesota in 1859, locating at Red Wing, where Samuel M. Fulton engaged in the drayage business.

In 1879 Samuel M. Fulton left Red Wing and with his family came up into this part of the state and settled on a homestead tract in what later came to be organized as Winchester township, Norman county, which farm he improved and there made his home for fifteen years or more, or until his retirement from the active labors of the farm, when he moved to Ada, where he and his wife spent their last days in the home of their son, the subject of this sketch. Samuel M. Fulton and wife formerly were members of the Presbyterian church, but when the Congregationalists effected an organization here they became affiliated with that denomination. Of their children five are now living, Alzada, David E., Mary, J. H. and Minnie M.

As noted above, David E. Fulton was eighteen years of age when he came to this section with his parents from Red Wing in 1879 and he at once entered upon the task of aiding in the development of the homestead farm in Winchester township. In 1883, he by that time having arrived at legal age, he took a homestead claim of his own and for a short time followed farming on his own account, but presently gave that up and engaged in the buying of grain in the neighboring county of Polk, presently engaging in the real-estate business at Ada, in which he was engaged for about four or five years, at the end of which time he was made cashier of a bank at Beltrami, where he remained for four years. He then returned to Ada, resuming there his real-estate business, and in the fall of 1904 was elected auditor of Norman county, a position of trust and responsibility he ever since has held, the voters of the county displaying their confidence in him by successive re-elections. Mr. Fulton helped to organize the Farmers Bank at Ada and is the cashier of that institution.

In December, 1887, David E. Fulton was united in marriage to Ella M. Phelps, of Dane county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Rolland Phelps and

wife, and to this union two daughters have been born, Jean Marie and Millicent. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton attend the Congregational church and take a proper part in the various beneficences of the same, as well as in the general social activities of their home city. Mr. Fulton is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and in the affairs of these organizations takes a warm interest.

MAGNUS P. NELSON.

Magnus P. Nelson is of Swedish nativity and ancestry, which runs back through several generations. He was born in Sweden, February 20, 1845, a son of Nels Pearson and Anne Nelson, both born in Sweden. The father was a farmer in Sweden and spent his entire life in that country. He had five children: Nellie, Ole, Magnus P., Sigre and Ellen. He was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Magnus P. Nelson was educated in the public schools in Sweden and worked with his father on the farm in his youthful days. Later he started farming on his own account. With a view of seeking larger opportunities for a livelihood, he came to America in 1866. He located first at Red Wing, Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he found employment on a farm, continuing at that place for six years. In 1871 he returned to his native land for a visit and after remaining there for a short time returned again to America, bringing his mother with him. He located again in Goodhue county, Minnesota, and resumed work on the farm. In 1880, he came to Clay county, Minnesota, and located on a tract of land that he had bought in 1878. This land comprises a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, lying on the river three miles south of Moorhead. In 1883 he bought eighty acres of land in section 30, on which he put up buildings and made other improvements. He made his home on this place and was engaged in general farming until the spring of 1914, at which time he removed to Moorhead, where he has since continued to live. At one time Mr. Nelson was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land, a part of which he has sold, and now owns three hundred and twenty acres of good farming land. Though living a somewhat retired life, Mr. Nelson continues to look after his farming interests and continues to take an active interest in public affairs. As one of the pioneers of Clay county, he has always occupied a prominent place in county