

ness. Politically, he is a strong exponent of the doctrine of the Republican party and his voice is well-known in the local councils of his party. Feeling that the farmers of the community should have better marketing facilities for their grain products, he helped to organize the Farmers Elevator at Gary.

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### LOUIS KNUDTSON.

Louis Knudtson, a member of the board of supervisors for Good Hope township and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers in the northern part of Norman county, was born at Decorah, in Winneshiek county, Iowa, April 4, 1865, a son of Gilbert and Eliza (Paulson) Knudtson, natives of the kingdom of Norway, the former of whom had come to this country in 1848 and the latter, in 1852, who were married in Iowa, but whose last days were spent in Minnesota. Gilbert Knudtson served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of an Iowa regiment, and in 1866 moved with his family up into Minnesota and established his home on a quarter-section farm about nine miles south of Albert Lea, in Freeborn county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, the latter living until 1915. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Caroline, Serena, Ole, Theodore, Otto and John, the four latter of whom still make their home on the old home place in Freeborn county, where they have an excellent and well-equipped farm plant. Gilbert Knudtson and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Having been but an infant when his parents moved from Iowa to Minnesota, Louis Knudtson was reared in this state and received his schooling in the schools of Freeborn county. In 1895 he started farming for himself in the neighborhood of Albert Lea and in the summer of the following year was married. In 1900 he disposed of his interests in Freeborn county and moved over west into Lac qui Parle county and bought a farm of eighty-seven acres in Freeland township, that county, where he made his home for twelve years, at the end of which time he traded that farm for the farm of two hundred acres in Good Hope township, Norman county, on which he is now living, and has since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. He has a fine herd of Hereford cattle and has done well in his farming operations. Ever since becoming a resident of Norman county Mr. Knudtson has taken a proper interest in

local political affairs and is now serving as a member of the township board, a service he had rendered during another term some years ago, and also has been a member of the school board in his home district almost all the time since moving here. He also held local office during the time of his residence in Lac qui Parle county.

On June 27, 1896, Louis Knudtson was united in marriage to Louisa Hagen, who was born in the town of Freeman, Freeborn county, Minnesota, a daughter of Thorsten Hagen, a veteran of the Civil War, and to this union have been born eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Gustav, Gena, Elmer, Ernest, Lillian, Mabel, Gladys and Florence. The Knudtsons are members of the Lutheran church and take an interested part in local church work, as well as in other local good works and in the general social affairs of the community in which they live.

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#### ALBERT BRAUNSCHEWIG.

Albert Braunschweig, the proprietor of a fine farm in Pleasant View township, Norman county, and who takes a good citizen's interest in the social and moral betterment of the community in which he has lived for several years, was born in Germany, a son of Carl and Amelia (Finskie) Braunschweig, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father and mother came to this country, bringing their family with them, and located on the farm where their son, the subject of this sketch, now lives. Two years ago, they retired from active agricultural pursuits, and moved to Ada, Minnesota. They had four children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest, the others being Lena, who is dead; Amelia and Anna, who became Mrs. Lockhart.

Albert Braunschweig was only eleven years of age when he landed on American soil, and he came on out to Norman county with his parents, whom he aided in the development and cultivation of the home place. Here in the local public schools, he received his formal education, but while he gave his assistance to his father on the farm, he gained a practical training in the agricultural operations of this section. It was in 1915 that he bought the home farm from his parents, when they moved to Ada, this county, and he now is the proprietor of a farm of four hundred and forty acres, on which he carries on general farming and raises stock, having eleven horses and some cattle. Under his skilful management the farm has continued to pro-