

vator at Barnesville. For sixteen years he served as a member of the township board and for the past twenty years has been treasurer of his local school board.

In 1879, at Greenfield, Iowa, James E. Henry was united in marriage to Mary E. Daniels, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, daughter of Kensey Daniels and wife, further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Marion Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Henry have an adopted daughter, Ida Ellen.

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### W. P. KROLL.

Among the many enterprising Germans who have made a success in their adopted country is W. P. Kroll, who is the owner of a fine farm in Elkton township, Clay county, and is also the affable proprietor of a flourishing livery business in Barnesville. He was born near Stetien, Prussia, on September 3, 1860, and is a son of Charles and Augusta (Riemer) Kroll, both of whom were also natives of Germany.

Charles Kroll and family came to America in 1870, settling first in St. Cloud, Minnesota, from which place they dove overland with an ox-team to Long Prairie, Todd county, Minnesota. They were among the early pioneers of that county, where they homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land. In those early days their market and base of supplies was either St. Cloud or Long Prairie, and supplies had to be hauled one hundred miles, the round trip requiring six days. In addition to farming, Charles Kroll freighted supplies to the early settlers of Todd county for four or five years, and his death occurred in Long Prairie in 1876. In 1884 the mother and family moved to Hawley, Clay county, Minnesota, where the mother died in 1915. Charles Kroll and wife were parents of six children, B. E., Charles, W. P., Annie, Rudolph and Albert, the last two named being deceased. The family were all faithful members of the German Lutheran church.

W. P. Kroll received his early education in the public schools of Long Prairie, later attending the schools of Moorhead. After leaving school he worked for a time with his brother in a flour-mill at Hawley, but in 1887 he homesteaded land in Elkton township, and proceeded to develop and cultivate his tract. He placed all the improvements on his farm, which now consists of two hundred acres, and lived there until 1910, when he moved to

Barnesville, and in this little city he has been engaged in the livery business very successfully for the past seven years.

In 1887 Mr. Kroll was married to Isabel Wilson, the daughter of A. Henry Wilson, a resident of Elkton, Minnesota. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen lodge, and takes an active interest in the affairs of that organization. While living in Elkton township, Mr. Kroll very efficiently served his township as school clerk for eighteen years; was supervisor of Elktown township for a period of four years, and also served as road overseer for eight years, and ably discharged his duties as a citizen of his community.

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### WALTER COOK, JR.

Walter Cook, Jr., a prosperous farmer and stockman, the owner of a full section of land in Clay county, is another of those enterprising Canadians who have come across the border to Minnesota. He was born in Canada on July 8, 1866, a son of Walter and Eleanor (Ching) Cook, both of whom were natives of Devonshire, England.

The elder Walter Cook and his wife left England in 1857 and went to Toronto, Canada, where they resided up to the year 1882, in which year they crossed over to the United States and settled in this part of Minnesota. Walter Cook had learned the carpenter trade and participated in the "Targo boom" of 1882. In the same year he settled on a homestead and farmed during all the years of his active life and met with marked success in his farming operations. He was among the early settlers in this part of the county and lived on the homestead farm, which he acquired in 1882, until 1909, after his wife died, when he came to live with his son, Walter, Jr., and has reached the fine old age of ninety years, honored and respected by the community in which he has lived for more than thirty-five years. His wife, Eleanor (Ching) Cook, died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. She was born on March 4, 1826, in Devonshire, England. To Walter Cook and wife the following children were born: William Alfred, living in Flint, Michigan; Anna, who resides in Canada; Jennie, in Minneapolis, this state; Ellen, deceased; Carrie, Josephine, Mary Grace and Walter, all living in this country, and Joseph, who was drowned when a boy of nine years old. The Cook family were members of the Episcopal church.

Walter Cook, Jr., came with his parents from Canada to Clay county in 1883 and settled on the homestead farm which his father entered the