

scale and he is generally recognized as one of the largest and most substantial potato growers in this part of the state. In addition to the potato trade, he also conducts general farming and has been very successful.

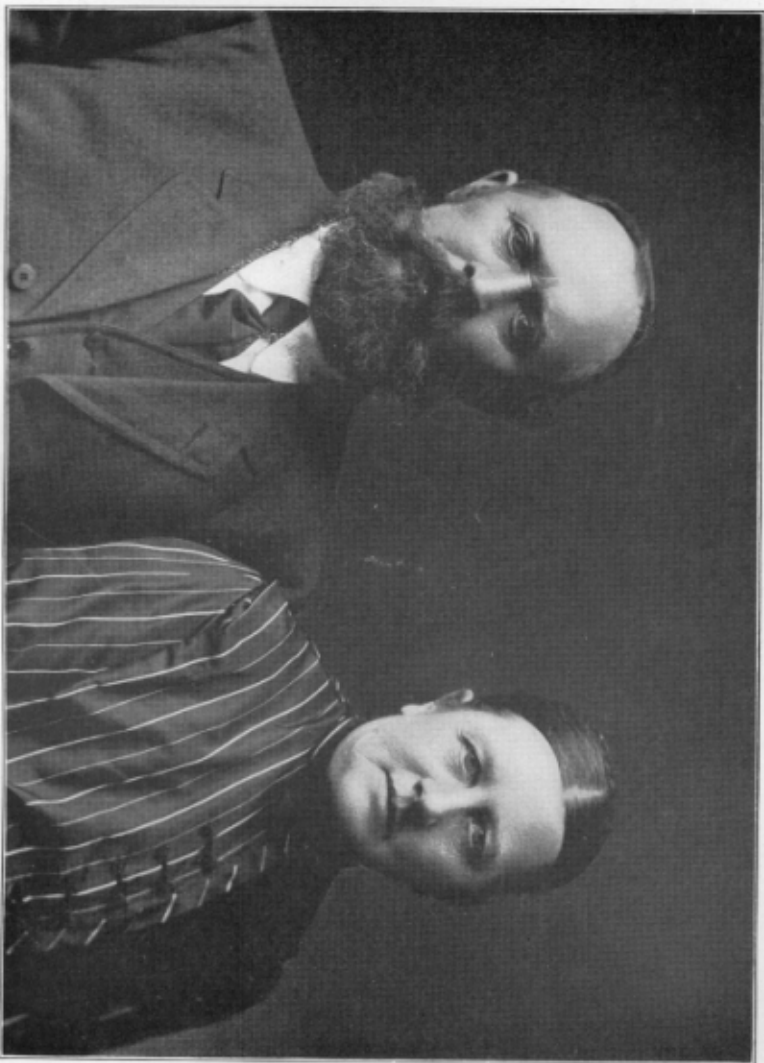
In the summer of 1909, Louis Altenbernd was united in marriage to Mary Brandt, a native of the state of Ohio, and a daughter of Louis Brandt and wife, residents of that state. To Mr. and Mrs. Altenbernd four children have been born, namely: Walter, Esther, Louise and Hilda, all of whom are at home with their parents. The Altenbernd family are members of the Lutheran church and are active participants in the good works of the same. They are warm advocates of all movements designed to advance the community interests. Mr. Altenbernd is an independent in politics, but has never been a seeker after public office, preferring to devote his time to his large potato warehouse interests.

BENEDIX KUEHL.

Benedix Kuehl, a substantial and prosperous farmer, owner of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land in Elmwood township, Clay county, is a native-born German, but has been a resident of this country for more than twenty-seven years. He was born in Germany in 1855 and is a son of Fred and Anna Kuehl, also natives of the Fatherland, where Anna Kuehl died in 1869.

Following the death of his first wife, Fred Kuehl was married a second time and in company with some of the members of his family he immigrated to the United States in 1890. On his arrival in this country he came on out to the state of Minnesota and settled in Clay county. He engaged in farming in Elmwood township, at Sabin, and continued thus engaged for the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1903. He was the father of the following children: Dora, Lizzie, Margaret, Kattie, living in Germany; Fred, who is deceased, and Benedix, the subject of this sketch.

Benedix Kuehl was educated in the common schools of Germany and worked for some time at farm labor. At the age of thirty-five, in 1890, he accompanied his father to the United States and on reaching this country they came on out to Minnesota and settled in Clay county. Benedix Kuehl worked for various farmers in and about this county for a period of about eight years. In 1898 he decided to purchase land and to commence the life of a farmer on his own account. He bought a tract of prime land and



MR. AND MRS. BENEDIX KUEHL.

immediately proceeded to place it in a state of cultivation. He prospered from the very beginning of his farming operations and added other land to his original purchase, and he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of choice land. He is engaged in general farming and has now a well-developed tract, and is generally regarded as one of the most progressive and energetic farmers in Elmwood township; his farming operations being carried on according to modern methods of agriculture. Mr. Kuehl made all the present substantial improvements on his farm, and his buildings and dwelling are among the best in the district.

On July 11, 1880, Benedix Kuehl was united in marriage to Henrietta Neve, while they were living in Germany. They are the parents of the following children: Fred, who is married; Henning; Hans, married; Ferdinand; John; Lena, Margaret, Mary, Dora, the latter four being married, and Lincke. The Kuehl family are earnest members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

ALFRED A. HAAGENSON.

Alfred A. Haagenenson was born at Sacred Heart, Renville county, Minnesota, December 13, 1879, a son of Arne Haagenenson, born in Saaler, Norway, and Ida A. (Ericson) Haagenenson, born in Dakota county, Minnesota. Arne Haagenenson, father of our subject, came to America from Norway at the age of fifteen years and found employment, working on the Mississippi river for three or four years as a river man. Then he went to Renville, Minnesota, in 1877, and was one of the pioneer homesteaders in that county. He established a home on his homestead, improved the land and remained there the rest of his life. He was the father of eight children, namely: Alfred A., the subject of this review; Sina, John, Carl, Matilda, Bennie, Olivia and Robert. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Alfred A. Haagenenson was educated in the public schools of Sacred Heart and Renville, Minnesota, working on the farm when not in school. Later he attended a private school in Minneapolis. From 1901 to 1905, he was employed in the state grain department at Duluth, and for three years following this employment he was manager of the Farmers' elevator at Welcome, Minnesota. In 1908, he came to Barnesville, Minnesota, and