

church at Moorhead. Fraternally, Doctor Weld is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He, also, is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity.

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DAVID A. LAMB.

David A. Lamb, chairman of the board of supervisors of Elkton township, Clay county, and the proprietor of a fine farm in section 28 of that township, is a native of Scotland, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was five years of age, the Lamb family having come here in 1872, first settling in Becker county and later moving over into Clay county, becoming prominent and influential factors in the development of the pioneer interests of Elkton and Elmwood townships. In a memorial sketch relating to the late John Lamb, uncle of the subject of this sketch, and a biographical sketch relating to Charles Lamb, Sr., father of subject, presented elsewhere in this volume, there are set out in considerable detail particulars of the coming of the Lamb family from Scotland, their settlement in the Red river country and the part they took in the development of this region, and the attention of the reader is respectively directed to those narratives for further details of a genealogical and historical character in this connection.

David A. Lamb, eldest son of his father, Charles Lamb, Sr., was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, June 9, 1867, and was but five years of age when he came with his parents and grandparents to Minnesota, the family settling in Becker county and later moving over into Clay county, where he ever since has made his home. He received his schooling in the early schools of this latter county and grew up a practical farmer, thoroughly familiar with pioneer conditions hereabout. When he reached his majority, in 1888, he homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in section 28 of Elkton township and entered upon the task of improving and developing the same, and after his marriage in 1893 established his home there and has ever since resided there, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers and stockmen of that neighborhood. As he prospered in his operations Mr. Lamb added to his land holdings and is now the owner of three hundred and forty acres of excellent land, three hundred and twenty acres of which is in the home place, one of the best-developed half-sections thereabout. Mr. Lamb has substantial buildings on his place and has a fine farm plant. In

addition to his general farming, Mr. Lamb has given considerable attention to the raising of graded Shorthorn cattle and is doing very well. For years he has given close attention to the civic affairs of his community and for more than ten years has been serving as a member of the board of township supervisors, the present chairman of the board, and in that capacity has done much for the advancement of the general public interest.

In 1893 David A. Lamb was united in marriage to Elizabeth Mann, who also was born in Scotland and who died in 1901, leaving five children, Ernest, Jessie, Laura, David and Margaret, all of whom are living. Mrs. Lamb was a daughter of Alexander Mann and wife, who came to this country, but who returned to their native land after about two years of residence here. Mr. Lamb is a member of the Presbyterian church and takes a proper interest in the various beneficences of the same. He is a member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and takes an active interest in the affairs of that organization.

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#### NILS HOLBECK.

Nils Holbeck, proprietor of the New Columbia Hotel at Moorhead, former chief of police of that city, former deputy sheriff of Clay county and actively identified with the affairs of that county since old homestead days, he having been a homesteader in Morken township, is a native of the kingdom of Denmark, but has been a resident of Minnesota since the days of his boyhood, having come to this state with his parents, who settled on a homestead farm in Otter Tail county, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives, honored pioneers of that county.

Nils Holbeck was born on December 16, 1855, and was about fifteen years of age when he came to Minnesota with his parents. For some time after coming here he worked as a farm hand on a farm near Fergus Falls and then came on farther West and for a time was employed on a farm in the vicinity of Fargo. He then went over to Bismark and thence after a while down into the Black Hills, whence he presently returned to Minnesota and settled at Moorhead, where he has made his home most of the time since then. Upon coming back to this state Mr. Holbeck entered a homestead claim to a tract of Land in Morken township, Clay county, and while living there was made deputy sheriff of that county, moving to Moorhead, where he later was made chief of police. Upon the com-