

George, Alfred, Walter, Della, Charles, Harold, Lester and Ernest, all of whom are living on the home place with their mother. The Garvens attend the German Lutheran church and take an interested part in the work of the church, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community in which they live.

CLAUS P. LAMMERS.

Claus P. Lammers, a native-born German, but who has been a resident of this country for more than thirty-five years, and is now the owner of a fine farm in Elmwood township, Clay county, was born in the Fatherland in 1859. He is the son of Frenz and Anna (Keuh) Lammers, also born in Germany and both of whom are now deceased. They were of the farming class and trained their children to lives of usefulness and self-reliance. Frenz and Anna Lammers were the parents of the following children: John, Jurgen, Mary, Margaret, Catherine and Claus P., the subject of this sketch.

Claus P. Lammers was educated in the excellent schools of his native land. For some time after leaving school, he worked at farm labor and later decided to try his fortune in America. He left Germany in 1882 and, on his arrival in this country, came on out to Minnesota and settled on a farm in Elmwood township. He commenced farming on his own account and, after the lapse of some time, purchased a tract of land and proceeded to put it under cultivation. As he prospered in his farming, he added more land to his original holding and is now the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of prime land. He is now carrying on general farming according to modern methods of agriculture and is doing very well. When Mr. Lammers acquired his present holdings, there were very few improvements on the place. He has, however, been to considerable expense to bring the farm up to a good standard in this respect and there are now on the place large and substantial outbuildings and a fine dwelling, and Mr. Lammers and his family are here comfortably situated.

In 1886 Claus P. Lammers was united in marriage to Minnie Poehls and to their union the following children have been born: Frank, who is married; Emma, married; John, married; and Louie, Hulda, Edward and Anna, all at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lammers are not members of any church, but their children have all been confirmed at the Lutheran church. Mr. Lammers takes a good American citizen's interest in his

political party and has given of his time and attention to the interests of the public for many years. He was elected to the township board and served as a member for six years. He is now the treasurer of the school board, which office he has been filling for the past six years, and to the duties of which he gives unremitting care and attention.

WILLIAM P. LARSON.

William P. Larson, an energetic and substantial young farmer of Riverton township, this county, proprietor of a fine farm in section 29 of that township, also member of the school and township boards and in other ways identified with public affairs, was born on August 12, 1876, at Byron, Minnesota. He is a son of Chris and Mary (Jensen) Larson, both natives of the kingdom of Denmark and who were married in that country before coming to America.

Chris Larson was born in Denmark in 1847 and was educated in the schools of that country. He worked at farm labor up to the time of his leaving the old country to try his fortune in the land of opportunity at this side of the Atlantic. At the age of twenty-four, in 1871, he immigrated to America and came on out to Minnesota, settling on a farm at Byron, and there he farmed for the remainder of his life. He prospered in his farming operations and was regarded as an expert in the agricultural neighborhood where he made his home. He was married in Denmark about the year 1870, to Mary Jensen and his death occurred in January, 1914, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife's birthplace also was in Denmark, her birth taking place in 1847, and she is still living on the home farm at Byron, vigorous in mind and body, at the age of seventy. They were recognized in their home community as active and influential residents, ever helpful in neighborhood good works. Chris Larson and wife were the parents of the following children: Jens, who is married; Alfred; Lewis, married; Christine, married, and William P., the subject of this sketch, and all of whom are living in the United States.

William P. Larson was educated in the common schools of his home neighborhood in Byron and was reared on his father's farm. From boyhood he was an able assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place and continued to work on the farm until 1902. In the latter year he acquired his present holding in Clay county, in section 29, Riverton