

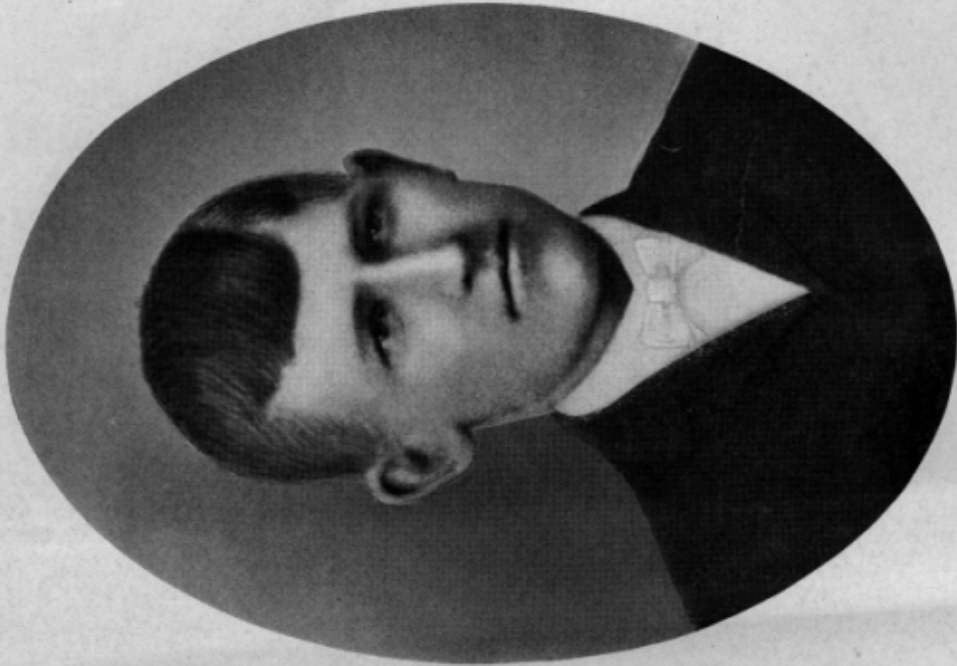
of Halvor O. Rask on May 20, 1878. To Mr. and Mrs. Rask eight children have been born as follow: Oliver, Ida, Alma, Arthur and Stella, all of whom are dead; Oliver, now living in North Dakota; and Stella and Ruby, living at home with their parents. The Rask family are members of the Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they take a deep and active interest. Mr. Rask is a Prohibitionist, and in the civil affairs of his township takes a good citizen's interest.

Mr. Rask has been and is deeply interested in furthering the business interests of his community, since he helped to organize at Hendrum the creamery, the farmers elevator, the local telephone company and the State Bank. At present he is a director of the elevator and the telephone companies, and has been president of the State Bank since its organization.

LOUIS T. LARSON.

One of the farmers of Spring Prairie township, Clay county, who has found life on the farm desirable in every way is Louis T. Larson, who was born in Norway on December 25, 1864. He is a son of Lars and Gesene Andria (Torkelson) Larson, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, married and established their home. The father died there in 1915 and the mother is still living at the old home there. To these parents nine children were born, Trena, Maria, Louis, Anna, Tonnis, Louise, Amelia, Adolph (deceased) and Lena.

Louis T. Larson grew to manhood in Norway and there he attended the common schools. He heard of the fine opportunities for the young man of grit in the vast Northwest of the American continent and when but a boy, resolved to try his fortune there, so he made the long trip from his native land to Minnesota, reaching Clay county in April, 1884, where he joined his sister, Trena Torkilson, who had come here the year previously. He worked in Glyndon, township on farms, also in North Dakota a few years. In 1890 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in section 28 of Spring Prairie township, Clay county, and there he has since made his home. He has developed an excellent farm, putting up all buildings and making other necessary improvements, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully, having made a specialty of Shropshire sheep ever since he began farming for himself. He is now owner of four hundred acres of valuable land, constituting one of the choice farms of Spring



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS T. LARSON.

Prairie township. He devoted his attention exclusively to his large farming interests and has no inclination to political affairs whatever, other than to perform a good citizen's part in his community, assisting in whatever makes for the general upbuilding and good of the same.

On March 29, 1890, Mr. Larson was married to Jennie Lindahl, a native of Sweden and a daughter of John Lindahl, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume. John Lindahl was born in Sweden in 1833 and there he married Sarah Joluson in 1857. They continued to reside in their native land until 1882, when they immigrated to America, locating first in Cass county, North Dakota; then came to Minnesota about a year later and located on a homestead in Spring Prairie township, Clay county, which they developed into a good farm and where they have since resided. They are both now well advanced in years, Mr. Lindahl being eighty-four years of age. His family consisted of sixteen children, as set out in the biographical sketch of this pioneer which appears on another page of this volume.

To Louis T. Larson and wife thirteen children have been born, four of whom are deceased. Adolph, the eldest son, joined the United States navy and died of sickness, while in the service. The nine living children are Lena, Esther, Theodore, Fred, Ray, Louisa, Joseph, Alma and Norman. Politically, Mr. Larson is a Republican. He has been treasurer of Spring Prairie township for many years and also for many years has been a member of the school board, still continuing active in these offices. Formerly the entire township constituted one school district and Mr. Larson helped organize the same.

K. M. DANIELS.

K. M. Daniels, one of Clay county's well-known farmers, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, September 3, 1867, a son of K. C. and Emeline (Rose) Daniels, both of whom were born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania.

The father of our subject went to Jackson county, Iowa, when a young man, and after a few years spent at that place he went to Ida county, Iowa. In the fall of 1880 he came to Minnesota and located on a homestead in Humboldt township, about three miles north of Barnesville, in Clay county. In this homestead there were about one hundred and eighteen acres which he improved and farmed until his death, which occurred in 1891, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife died in 1913, at the age of eighty-four