

Orlando, William, Harvey, Pearl, Ordin and Gladys (twins), Kenneth, Martin and Inez, all of whom are living. The Olson family are consistent and conscientious members of the Lutheran church, in the affairs of which denomination they take a deep interest. Mr. Olson is independent in his political views and has never been a seeker after public office, but whenever any movement is set on foot in the community for the social and business betterment of the people, it always finds in Ole K. Olson unstinted support.

PETER LARSON.

Peter Larson, a substantial and progressive farmer, part owner of the "Larson & Johnson Farm," in McDonaldsville township, Norman county, is a native son of Minnesota, born in Norman county, where he has lived all his life with the exception of one year spent in North Dakota. He was born at Ada on August 24, 1881, a son of Hans and Helena (Peterson) Larson, both of whom were born in Norway.

Hans Larson received his education in the schools of Norway and in 1863 immigrated with his parents, Lars and Maria Knutson, to the United States, working for some years later on his father's farm in Iowa. At the age of twenty-eight years, in June, 1880, he came to Ada, Norman county, a horse-team being employed to cover the journey, which occupied about two weeks. He made Ada his home for two years, engaged in running a feed barn, and at the end of that period he bought land in Hegne township, his holding consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he carried on general farming for ten years. He then moved to McDonaldsville township, this county, and purchased a parcel of land, which he has operated with considerable success and on which he has continued to reside ever since, the holding consisting of two hundred and seventy-four acres. He is also interested in the raising of Shorthorn cattle, some excellent specimens of which are to be found on his farm. A more extended account of Hans Larson appears in another part of this work, to which the reader is referred for additional information respecting the Larson family generally.

Peter Larson was educated in the schools of McDonaldsville township and later helped his father in the work of improving and developing the home farm. Some time later he homesteaded a farm in Benson county, North Dakota, and remained there during the year 1903, proving his claim

up with money. He then returned to McDonaldsville township and here he and his partner, Mr. Johnson, own two hundred and forty acres of prime land, known as the "Johnson & Larson Farm," an excellent holding, kept up to all modern requirements demanded for agricultural purposes, on which they have erected fine farm buildings and are engaged in carrying on diversified farming, with satisfactory results. In addition to their farming operations they also have a choice herd of full-blood Shorthorn cattle, and the farm buildings include a substantial barn and silo.

In the fall of 1913 Peter Larson was united in marriage to Minnie Langeland, who was born in the state of Iowa, daughter of Ole Langeland and wife, and to this union one child, Orval, has been born. Mr. Larson and family are members of the Synod church and are active in all neighborhood good works, earnest advocates of all movements calculated to advance the general welfare of the community. Mr. Larson takes a keen interest in public affairs and for the past two years has served as township treasurer and in the execution of the duties of that important office has given general satisfaction.

DAVID COLSTON LIGHTBOURN.

David Colston Lightbourn, editor and publisher of the *Norman County Index* at Ada, chairman of the Republican county central committee of Norman county, former insurance commissioner for the state of Minnesota, former mayor, former member of the council, former recorder and member of the school board and former judge of probate of Norman county, a pioneer of this county and one of the oldest newspaper men in point of continuous service in the Red River valley, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life, with the exception of parts of two years spent in Winnipeg years ago and one summer spent at Grand Forks, North Dakota. He was born in the city of St. Paul on January 30, 1858, a son of Edward S. and Susan Samantha (Murray) Lightbourn, the former a native of the Bermuda Islands and the latter of the state of Illinois, both of whom are now deceased.

The Lightbourns are of English stock and the branch of the family from which the subject of this sketch descended became established in the Bermudas more than three hundred years ago and has ever maintained a prominent part in the affairs of the English colony there. Edward S. Light-