

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.

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#### 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-

bourn was born in 1831 and some time after coming to the United States from the fair island of his birth established his home in the city of St. Paul. His death occurred in 1908. His widow survived him for several years, her death occurring in 1913. She was born in Illinois in 1832, daughter of D. C. Murray and wife, both of Colonial stock, whose ancestors fought in every war in the history of this country. Edward S. Lightbourn and wife were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Mrs. Leni L. Shire, E. T. Lightbourn and Mrs. George W. Harding, of St. Paul; Mrs. M. Tyllia, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Emma Van Horne, of Morris, this state; Charles Lightbourn, of Willits, California; Mrs. A. G. Kulander, of Walker, Minnesota, Mrs. Ernest Hopwood, of Portland, Oregon, and Mary Lightbourn, deceased.

Reared at St. Paul, the city of his birth, David C. Lightbourn received his schooling there and was graduated from the high school in that city. He early became interested in newspaper work and after spending parts of two years at Winnipeg and a summer over at Grand Forks, North Dakota, came to Ada in the spring of 1883 and established the *Norman County Index* at Ada, and has ever since been the publisher of that sterling newspaper, he for years having been widely recognized as one of the oldest newspaper men in point of continuous service in this part of the state. Mr. Lightbourn is an ardent Republican and his newspaper has ever reflected his views with relation to the principles of that party, having long been recognized as one of the ablest expounders of those principles in Minnesota.

During many campaigns in the past Mr. Lightbourn has served as chairman of the Republican central committee in Norman county and is now serving in that capacity. In 1890 he was elected judge of probate for Norman county and served one term in that capacity. He also has given much of his time and attention to the service of the state and served for some time as insurance commissioner of the state and as deputy insurance commissioner, serving thus from 1892 to 1897 and during 1901-05, serving as deputy insurance commissioner during these periods with the exception of the term including the year 1896, when he served as insurance commissioner. In local civic affairs he also has been active, taking an influential and useful part in the general political affairs of Ada and of Norman county, and has served as mayor of Ada, as a member of the city council, as recorder of the city and as a member of the school board, to all of these various public duties bringing his most thoughtful and intelligent attention. Mr. Lightbourn also has ever given his earnest attention to the general

business affairs of the community and has done much to help promote the same. He not only is editor and publisher of the *Index*, which has ever been a faithful and consistent "booster" of the interests of this section of the state, but he is a stockholder in the First State Bank of Ada and in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Ada, and likewise has stock in and is a member of the board of directors of several other local concerns. During the time that Company I, Third Regiment, Minnesota National Guard, was stationed at Ada, Mr. Lightbourn served for five years as an officer of the same and was a lieutenant at the close of that service.

Mr. Lightbourn has been thrice married. In 1887, at Ada, he was united in marriage to Emily Ginsberg, who died in 1902, leaving three children, namely: Mrs. Arthur M. Mueller, of Ada; Alice Fay Lightbourn, who is the teacher of domestic science in the schools of Ada, and Blanche Lily Lightbourn, who is now (1917) a student in Carleton College. In 1908, at Denver, Colorado, Mr. Lightbourn married Carrie Louise Welley, who died three years later, without issue. On April 3, 1915, Mr. Lightbourn was united in marriage to Ragna Welley, sister of his second wife. Mrs. Lightbourn was born in Strand township, Norman county, on March 27, 1887, a daughter of A. J. Welley and wife, pioneers of this county, who were the parents of quite a family of children, ten of whom are still living, those besides Mrs. Lightbourn being John Welley, Lewis Welley, Elert Welley, Carl Welley, Ida Welley, Mrs. Leslie Barnes, Anna Welley, Hjalmer Welley and Malvin Welley. Mr. Lightbourn was reared as an Episcopalian, but he and his wife are now affiliated with the Congregational church at Ada. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Samaritans and takes a proper interest not only in church and lodge work, but in the general social activities of the community of which he has been a part since pioneer days.

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#### PETER H. AAMOTH.

Peter H. Aamoth, a retired farmer who owns one thousand acres of Minnesota land, living in Twin Valley, Wild Rice township, was born in Norway on September 18, 1847, the son of H. P. and Karen (Clair) Aamoth, both born in Norway, who came to America in 1871 and settled in Rock county, Wisconsin, where they remained one year. In 1872 the elder Aamoth and his family decided to move into Minnesota and located in Fos-