

of modern methods of agriculture. He feeds much of the grain the place produces to live stock, fattening large numbers of cattle and hogs for the market annually. He has remained unmarried. He has been treasurer of the local school district for two years. Politically, he is a Republican.

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### JOHN HENRY FREEMAN.

John Henry Freeman, manager of the *Moorhead News*, is a native of the state of Illinois, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was a child, having been but four years of age when his parents settled at Moorhead. He was born at Rockford, Illinois, May 27, 1878, son of C. W. and Anna M. (Blomquist) Freeman, who came to Minnesota in March, 1882, and settled in Moorhead, where they since have made their home.

In 1907. John H. Freeman became proprietor of the *Moorhead Independent* and continued as the publisher of that paper until 1911, in which year he disposed of his paper and was thereafter engaged in operating a job-printing plant in Fargo, North Dakota, until in April, 1916, when he was engaged as manager by the Moorhead News Company, of which he is one of the stockholders.

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### LEWIS LOFGREN.

Lewis Lofgren, cashier of the First National Bank of Ulen and one of the most active real-estate dealers and promoters of immigration in Clay county, is a native of Sweden, but has been a resident of this country since he was four years of age. He was born on March 12, 1864, son of Olaf and Margaret (Johnson) Lofgren, also natives of the kingdom of Sweden, who came to the United States with their family in 1868 and settled in Trempealeau county, Wisconsin. Two years later, in 1870, they came over into Minnesota and located on a homestead quarter section in Pope county, between Glenwood and Sauk Center, remaining there until their retirement from the farm and removal in 1908 to Duluth, where both are now living. To Olaf Lofgren and wife were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth; the others being: Charles J., August, Julius, Fred, Melvin and Clara L.

As noted above, Lewis Lofgren was but four years of age when he came with his parents to this country and was but six when they moved

from Wisconsin to Pope county, this state. He grew to manhood on the home farm in the latter county, a valued assistant to his father and elder brother in the labors of improving and developing the home place. He supplemented the schooling he received in the local schools by attendance at the high school at Sauk Center and at a business college at La Crosse, Wisconsin. In the meantime, his elder brother, Charles J. Lofgren, had become engaged in the drug business at Sauk Center and, upon leaving the business college, Lewis Lofgren became engaged as prescription and general clerk in his brother's store, continuing thus engaged for three years. At the end of that period, in 1886, he transferred his services to the Bank of Park River at Park River, North Dakota, and was there employed as bookkeeper and assistant cashier until 1890, when he returned to Minnesota and became engaged as assistant cashier in the bank of his brother, Charles J. Lofgren, at Ada, now the First National Bank, and was thus engaged there until 1892. In that year, he went to the coast and for two years thereafter was employed in a bank at Sumas City, Washington. In 1894 Mr. Lofgren returned to the place he had left in the bank at Ada and remained there until 1897, when he went to Chicago and was for a year engaged in the manufacturing business in that city. He then returned to the bank at Ada and was there again employed until in June, 1899, when he was elected cashier of the State Bank of Ulen and moved to that village, where he has since resided. In December, 1903, the State Bank of Ulen was reorganized and was rechartered as the First National Bank of Ulen, Mr. Lofgren being retained as cashier of the same, a position he still occupies, one of the best-known bankers in this part of the state. Since taking up his residence in Ulen, Mr. Lofgren has been also actively engaged in the general real-estate business, with particular reference to farm lands, and in that capacity has done much to stimulate immigration to this part of the state, having encouraged many settlers to locate in this region.

In the year 1897 Lewis Lofgren was united in marriage to Charlotte C. Irwin, and to this union five children have been born: Lowell I., Margaret L., Lawrence, Mildred and Charles. The Lofgrens have a very pleasant home at Ulen and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community. Mr. Lofgren is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and in the affairs of these organizations takes a warm interest. He gives careful attention to the general business and civic activities of his home village and of the county at large, and has long been regarded as one of Clay county's "live wires."