

served as chairman of the board of supervisors and was a member of the board of school trustees. In the business life of Moorhead he was identified with many commercial undertakings, including being a stockholder in the Moorhead National Bank. He was a splendid type of man physically, standing six feet two inches, and as a citizen he helped to build this part of the great Northwest, living to see it developed from a raw state to a well-established section of the commonwealth. He was a man of dependable habits, temperance being a prominent feature of his whole life, and his death in 1903 at the age of sixty-seven was a matter for very general regret throughout the entire county.

Mr. Holes was married to Conie Conant in 1870 at St. Paul. She was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, in 1834. She is still living in Moorhead, her parents and brothers and sisters being all deceased. Mrs. Holes is the owner of considerable property in Moorhead, as well as a quarter section of land in Brown Valley, a quarter section in Breckenbridge, property in Crookston and Ada, this state, farm land in Clay county and property in Alexandria. During the many years of residence in Moorhead Mrs. Holes has taken an active part in the many social and cultural movements that have passed since she settled here in 1870, doing her duty as a citizen and a neighbor with credit and earnestness of purpose, an example to the whole community.

---

### JOHN MALAKOWSKY.

John Malakowsky, a prosperous and energetic farmer of Lockhart township, Norman county, where he cultivates four hundred acres of land, two hundred and forty of which he owns, is a native of Germany, born on February 8, 1863. His parents were both natives of Germany, where the father died when the son, John, was quite young. The mother, feeling that America promised more to her family than her native land, brought her son, the subject of this review, and her two daughters to this country in 1879, her other sons having preceded her to America some years before. The mother brought her family on out to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where they remained for three years, and in 1881 she brought her two daughters on up into Norman county, joining her son, Julius, who had homesteaded in Lockhart township in the year preceding. After some years residence in this county, the mother died.

John Malakowsky did not accompany his mother up into, Norman

county, but in the following year, 1882, he followed her here and this county has practically been his home since. Since he was under age when he came up to the Red River country, Mr. Malakowsky could not take a homestead; instead he worked out in northern Minnesota, gathering funds in preparation for the time when he could start farming operations for himself. This he did in 1889 when he began the improvement of the homestead which his mother took for him in his minority by planting a grove and erecting the necessary farm buildings. Since he has been fortunate in his operations, Mr. Malakowsky has been enabled to add to his original quarter section and is now the owner of two hundred forty acres. In addition to farming his own holdings, he rents another quartersection; in all there are four hundred acres on which he carries on general farming.

In 1892, Mr. Malakowsky was united in marriage with Katie Wolf, who was born in Rochester, New York, a daughter of Michael Wolf, who now lives in Ada, this county. To this union ten children have been born, all of whom are living, as follow: Ida, Edward, Helen, Amie, Esther, Raymond, Westley, Ruth, Irene and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Malakowsky are consistent and conscientious members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the former helping to start the first church of that denomination in the community. Mr. Malakowsky formerly served as chairman of the township board, and is now township treasurer.

---

### ALBERT H. JOHNSON.

The career of Albert H. Johnson, a farmer of Skree township, Clay county, is a splendid example of what many of the thrifty sons of Norway have accomplished in this great western republic, after landing within our borders with little capital and being compelled to start out in a strange environment without assistance from anyone.

Mr. Johnson was born in Norway, August 24, 1871, a son of Hans and Margaret (Polgrud) Johnson, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, were married and established their home, but in the early part of 1872 they immigrated to America, locating at St. Peter, Minnesota, but remained there only a short time, then came on to Becker county, this state, and were pioneer settlers there, taking up a homestead in the early seventies, which they developed into a farm and lived there until they retired