

original tract, Mr. Hanson made a valuable acquisition when he bought five acres of timber land.

Mr. Hanson has been married twice. He was married in 1882 to Anne Serine Anderson. To this union three children were born, namely, Henry Melvin, Hartwig Emcl and Alfred, the two last of whom died in infancy. On January 7, 1890, Mrs. Hanson died. His second marriage occurred on October 27, 1891, when he was married to Serena Olson, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Ole and Malina (Anderson) Olson, both natives of Norway, who came to America in 1889 and settled in Norman county. Two children, Ole and Minnie, were born to this union. Mr. Hanson and his family are devoted members of the Lutheran church, and in the affairs of which they are imbued with an abiding interest.

Mr. Hanson is a valuable citizen to his community, as he has been active in its material betterment. He helped to organize the first creamery and the first Farmers Elevator at Halstad, and was also instrumental in the organization of the Halstad Farmers Fire Insurance Company. The fact that he has served as township supervisor and on the grand jury nine or ten times, shows that he holds the civil interests of his community worthy of a good citizen's attention. Politically, Mr. Hanson adheres to Republican principles and policies and in the affairs of this party he takes a good American's interest.

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#### ANDREW K. RUDE.

Andrew K. Rude, one of Norman county's best-known farmers and men of affairs, proprietor of an excellent farm in Wild Rice township, former treasurer and a member of the board of supervisors of that township, director in several local concerns of a semi-public character and in other ways actively identified with the general affairs of the community, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was twenty-one years of age. He was born on May 8, 1867, son of Knute and Guri (Olean) Jolson, also natives of Norway, who spent all their lives in their native land. Knute Jolson was a farmer and he and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Julius, Maria, Ingebright, Ragnild and Evold (twins), the latter of whom died at the age of six months, and Cecilia, who died when eighteen years of age.

Reared on a farm in his native Norway, Andrew K. Rude received

his schooling there and remained at home until he reached his majority, when, in 1888, he came to the United States and proceeded on out to Minnesota, locating at Fertile, up in Polk county. Two or three months later he came down into Norman county and began working at farm labor in Wild Rice township, where he ever since has made his home. In the spring of 1894, shortly after his marriage, he bought a farm of eighty acres in Wild Rice township and there established his home. Not long afterward he bought an adjoining "eighty" and in due time had an excellent farm plant there, developing from the wild land he found upon taking possession of the place a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm, on which he still makes his home and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Politically, Mr. Rude is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local public affairs. For two years he served as township treasurer and for six years as a member of the board of township supervisors, while for the past sixteen years or more he has been a school officer in his home district. In the general business affairs of the community Mr. Rude also has taken much interest. He was the chief promoter of the Wild Rice Telephone Company and is still a member of the board of directors of the same; for many years was a director of the Gary Telephone Company and for the four years was vice-president of the same; helped organize the Twin Valley Creamery Association and is a member of the board of directors of the same, and is also a member of the board of directors of the Flom Mutual Fire Insurance Company. For the past eight years Mr. Rude has owned and operated a threshing-machine outfit and enjoys an extensive patronage in that line.

On December 27, 1893, in Wild Rice township, Andrew K. Rude was united in marriage to Anna Natwick, member of one of the pioneer families of that township, and to this union fifteen children have been born, all of whom are living save William, the fifth in order of birth, who died when about two years of age, the others being Gena, Clarence and Henry (twins), Arthur, Julia, Ida, Agnes, Ruby, William, Walter, Alfred, Cecelia, Selma and Ella. The Rudes are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community in which they live, their home being the center of much cordial hospitality. Mrs. Rude was born in Wisconsin, a daughter of Herman and Susan (Johnson) Natwick, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who were married in Wisconsin and who later moved to Iowa, where they remained until 1882, when they came with their family

up into the Red River country and settled on a quarter-section homestead tract in Wild Rice township, Norman county, where they established their permanent home. There Herman Natwick died in 1908. His widow is still living there, the farm being managed by her eldest son, James H. Natwick, present assessor of Wild Rice township. Mrs. Rude has another brother, Henry, and a sister, Jessie. Herman Natwick was one of the most useful and influential pioneers of Wild Rice township. He helped materially in the organization of the local Lutheran church, helped organize the school district in his neighborhood and gave to the district the land on which the school house still stands.

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### WILLIAM BECK.

William Beck, one of Norman county's well-known and prosperous farmers, owner of three hundred and seventy-five acres of prime land, breeder of high-grade stock, interested in the cause of education and in other ways concerned for the public welfare, is a native of the little republic of Switzerland, but has been a resident of this country for thirty-seven years. He is a son of Andrew and Susan (Berger) Beck, both natives of Switzerland.

Andrew Beck was born in 1841 and was educated in Switzerland, later becoming a farmer and at a subsequent time owned land in his native country. In 1881 he immigrated to the United States and came on to Minnesota, settling in Ada, Norman county, where in 1883, he homesteaded a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 14, Winchester township, and engaged in general farming. He carried out many valuable improvements on his holding and came to be recognized as one of the progressive farmers of this part of the county. The wife of Andrew Beck was born in Switzerland in 1842 and died in 1891. Mr. Beck is now living in Illinois, to which state he went in 1914, but still retains his interest in his original quarter section in this county. They were the parents of the following children: William, the subject of this sketch; Barbara, deceased; Andrew, deceased; Louisa, living with her father in Illinois; Anna, married and living on a farm in Illinois, and Julius, formerly in the reclamation service, later going to Oregon, where he homesteaded a tract of land, and recently enlisted in the United States Medical Corps.

William Beck left his native Switzerland at the age of eight years and on coming to this county with his parents, attended the public schools of this county. He assisted his father in the work of developing and