

John E. Grinde was an infant when his parents brought him to America in 1870. He grew to manhood in Rice county, Minnesota, where he helped his father with the general work on the home farm during the summer months, attending the district schools there in the winter time. As a young man he began farming for himself. He came to Clay county in 1896. In his earlier days he spent some time in Wisconsin. He first bought one hundred and sixty acres in Moland township, which he sold later and bought the one hundred and sixty acres where he now lives, in 1903. The land lies in section 23, Kragnes township. He has kept it well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. His land is well adapted to potato raising and he has planted as many as twenty-five acres at one time. He has put up all the buildings on his place and keeps them in good repair.

Mr. Grinde was married in Oxford Village, Wisconsin, in 1902 to Lottie Syntegaard, who was born in 1872 in that town and there she grew to womanhood and attended school. To Mr. and Mrs. Grinde five children have been born, namely: Myrtle, Edward, Alice, Cora and Esther. Mr. Grinde has been treasurer of school district No. 101 for about thirteen years and is still in office.

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#### IVER SCHEIDE.

Iver Scheide, who conducts a furniture store and harness shop at Perley in the southwestern corner of Norman county, was born in Norway, February 20, 1867. He is a son of Johannes and Bertha (Grena) Scheide, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, were married and established their home, spending their lives there on a farm. To these parents five children were born, namely: Ingeborg, Iver, Augusta, Louisa and Ingvold.

Iver Scheide grew to manhood in his native land and there he attended the public schools. As a young man he worked on the home farm, also followed commercial fishing. He immigrated to America in 1887, locating at Perley, Norman county, and here he has resided continuously ever since. During his residence here of thirty years he has seen the country develop from a sparsely settled region to one of the leading agricultural sections of the state. During the first ten years here he worked out as a farm hand. He saved his earnings and started a furniture and undertaking business in Perley, which he has since conducted with growing success. He has also engaged in carpentering, becoming quite a highly skilled workman;

he also does paper hanging and work on telephone lines. He is a man who can take up most any trade quickly, having a natural bent in that direction. In 1915 he purchased a harness shop and has built up an excellent business, carrying a complete line of harness and saddlery; he also still conducts the furniture business.

Mr. Scheide was married to Mrs. Matilda Myere, widow of John Myere and a daughter of Martin Olson and wife. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Scheide, Megnon Scheide. One child was also born of Mrs. Scheide's union with John Myere, namely: Syvert Myere. Iver Scheide has been a member of the village council of Perley. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Perley, of which he was a deacon for a number of years, and has long been active in church work.

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#### M. COLEMAN BARRY.

M. Coleman Barry, the well-known potato buyer of Hawley, Clay county, hails from the fair Emerald Isle, having been born in Galway, Ireland, October 7, 1857. He is a son of Robert and Barbara (Connolly) Barry, both natives of Ireland, the father of Galway and the latter of Lettermullen. The grandparents, James and Mary (Cahill) Barry, were both born in Cork, Ireland. James Barry spent practically all of his life on his splendid estate, called "Carna," in County Galway. His son, Robert Barry, grew to manhood in the latter county, and there he attended the common schools. As a young man he worked on the homestead; in fact, operated the estate for about twenty years. In 1874 he came to America, and located among his sons in Wabasha county, Minnesota, where they had settled some time previously, having lived on farms there several years. There he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, both dying in the year 1875, dying only a few months apart, her death having occurred first. These parents were members of the Episcopal church. To Robert Barry and wife the following children were born: Joseph, Margaret, James, William, M. Coleman and Mary Ann.

M. Coleman Barry received his education in the public schools of County Galway, Ireland. When sixteen years old, in 1872, he came to America and began working on a farm with his older brothers in Wabasha county, Minnesota, where he remained until 1882, in which year he came to Evansville, Minnesota, and taught the village school one year. He went to George-