

Norway; Mathia, who also died in that country; Bertha, who is living in Beltrami county, this state; Andrew E., the subject of this sketch, and Torger, of Hendrum township, Norman county. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in the same faith.

Andrew E. Holm was educated in the schools of his native country and in 1871 came to Minnesota with his father and settled in Fillmore county, working on the farm. About nine years later he moved to Norman county and in the summer of 1879 he homesteaded a quarter section of land in Hegne township, and here he has made his home ever since, engaged in general farming, and since the commencement of his agricultural operations has met with a marked degree of success. He has effected a number of substantial improvements and erected some fine farm buildings and has set out a grove which adds much to the general appearance of the holding. Mr. Holm is also the owner of one hundred and thirty-five acres in section 7, Hegne township, which is given over to the production of general crops.

Andrew E. Holm has been twice married. His first wife was Christina Anderson Holm, who was born in Norway; she died some years after her marriage. There were no children of that union. Mr. Holm later was married to Matilda Johnson, also a native of Norway. There are two children of this marriage, Anna and Edwin. The Holm family are members of the Concordia Lutheran church and are earnest supporters of all its good works, Mr. Holm being a generous contributor to the upkeep of the church. Mr. Holm takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs and has served as road overseer for some years.

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#### HON. CHRISTEN L. SULERUD.

Hon. Christen L. Sulerud, mayor of Halstad, former representative in the Minnesota state Legislature from the sixty-first legislative district, a well-known hardware dealer in the flourishing village of Halstad and the proprietor of one of the best-improved and most thoroughly equipped dairy farms in Norman county, is a native of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota and of Norman county since he was sixteen years of age. He was born on July 17, 1865, son and last-born of the eight children of Christen Anderson and Karen (Johnson) Sulerud, also natives of Norway, the former of whom was a blacksmith and farmer, and both of whom spent



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all their lives in their native country, the other children of the family being Carl, Maren, Johan, Martin, Caroline, Sophia and John.

Reared on a farm in his native Norway, Christen L. Sulerud received his schooling there and at the age of sixteen years, in 1881, came to the United States and proceeded on out to Minnesota, his destination being Ada, county seat of Norman county, which county had just been organized in that year. Mr. Sulerud's residence in this county, therefore, has covered the full period of the county's existence as a separate civic entity and he has been a witness to and a participant in the development of the same since pioneer days. After his arrival at Ada, Mr. Sulerud entered school there and attended for some time, perfecting himself in English, and for some years after his arrival was engaged at various forms of employment, including several winters of service as a clerk in a store at Strand. He then engaged in the mercantile business, as a partnership, at Gary and was there about three years, at the end of which time he returned to Ada and clerked in a hardware store there for about three years. He and his brother, John Sulerud, then bought a hardware store at Ada and operated the same for one year, or until 1894, when they moved to Halstad and opened a hardware store there, which business they have been conducting very successfully ever since, long having been regarded as among the leading merchants and business men of that thriving little city.

For years Mr. Sulerud has been much interested in the dairy business and is a practical dairyman of large experience, his dairy farm of about three hundred and seventy-five acres directly adjoining the town of Halstad being looked upon as one of the best-equipped dairy farms in northern Minnesota. During his service in the Legislature Mr. Sulerud succeeded in securing the enactment of a bill furthering the interests of the dairymen of this state, which gained for him the warm gratitude of all those thus engaged. Mr. Sulerud's dairy barn, a very convenient structure, built in L shape, one hundred by sixty by sixty feet, with cement floor, is a model of up-to-date convenience, equipped with steel mangers and stalls for his fine herd of Guernsey cattle, steel watering basins for the cows, a milking-machine, operated by a gasoline engine, electric lights, and other conveniences designed to bring the operations of the dairy plant as near to perfection as possible. Mr. Sulerud raises little corn on his place, devoting the most of it to alfalfa and potatoes.

Politically, Mr. Sulerud is an ardent Prohibitionist and in 1908 he was made the nominee of that party for representative in the Legislature from the sixty-first Minnesota legislative district, carrying the election by

a vote four times in excess of the Prohibition vote, an evidence of confidence on the part of the voters of the district very highly appreciated by Mr. Sulerud and his friends. So satisfactory did his service in the House during the session of 1909 prove that Mr. Sulerud was re-elected in 1910 and gave equally efficient service during the session of 1911. Mr. Sulerud has ever given his close attention to local civic affairs and has served for years as president of the Halstad school board and in other ways has done a good citizen's part in advancing the best interests of his home town, which he now is further serving as mayor.

In 1893 Christen L. Sulerud was united in marriage to Emma Beise and to this union five children have been born, Hazel, Gladys, Clark, George and Lester. The Suleruds have a very pleasant home at Halstad and take an interested part in the community's various social activities. Mr. and Mrs. Sulerud are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and give their earnest attention to church work and other good works in the community, ever helpful in promoting all worthy movements for the advancement of the common welfare.

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### JACOB BURRILL.

The first of the numerous and sterling old Burrill family in America was John Burrill, father of John Burrill, the second, who was born in 1658 and died in 1731. He was the father of John Burrill, the third, who was born in 1694 and died in 1756. He was the father of John Burrill, the fourth, who was born in 1719. He was the father of John Burrill, the fifth, who was born in 1752 and died in 1842. He was the father of Jacob Burrill, who was born in 1818 and died in 1891. The latter was the father of H. R. Burrill, merchant of Hawley, Clay county, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Paul C. Burrill, of 1518 Ninth street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has compiled a genealogical record of the family and from that is copied the following:

There were at least two different families of Burrills in Massachusetts in Colonial times. One was a descendant from George Burrill, of Lynn, that state, who was a prosperous farmer and one of the wealthiest men of his town. One of his descendants was for many years speaker of the Massachusetts Assembly, another was chief justice of Rhode Island, and it is very probable that the city of Burrill, that state, was named for him. The other Burrill family is descended from John Burrill, of Weymouth,