

Grasping at the last hope of saving his wife, Mr. Tatley, on the advice of physicians, went out to Montana, took a homestead at a point twenty-eight miles from a railroad, erected a house on the same and prepared a home for the reception of his wife, it having been believed that a change of climate and a higher altitude might prove beneficial to her, but she was unable to be moved and her death came not long afterward, her death occurring in the home of her father, her husband being thus left with two small sons, Earl and Melvin.

After the death of his wife Mr. Tatley remained on his Montana homestead until 1915, when the railroad was finished through from Beach to Olive, Montana. He built a store room at Olive and began the sale there of agricultural implements, which business he still continues, having been quite successful in the same. In addition to his business interests at Olive, Mr. Tatley is the owner of a fine farm of four hundred acres at Hawley, his father's old homestead, which he bought in 1908, and has other land in Canada and in Montana. Though his mercantile business requires that most of his time be spent at Olive, Montana, he manages to spend two or three months during the year looking after his farming interests at Hawley and in Canada. Mr. Tatley is a member of the Minnesota Implement Dealers Association. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, but in the absence of a church of that denomination at Olive, attends the United Brethren church there. Fraternaly, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

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#### SWENSON BROTHERS.

The Swenson brothers, Lenus and August, proprietors of "Spring Valley Stock Farm" in Spring Creek township, Norman county, have long been recognized as among the leading stockmen and public-spirited men of affairs of this section of the Red River valley. In addition to their fine farm of five hundred and eighty acres, on which they give much attention to the raising of registered Shorthorn cattle, they have other interests which place them well up in the list of the substantial citizens of that part of the country, August Swenson being president of the Fertile Co-operative Creamery Company of Fertile, one of the most prosperous concerns in northern Minnesota, and treasurer of his home township and a member of the school board

in district 29 of Norman county. They make a specialty of dual-purpose Shorthorns on their well-equipped stock farm and their sales of their registered stock attract wide attention throughout this part of the state and in the adjacent sections of the neighboring state of North Dakota. They have owned their farm since 1886 and have brought the same up to a high state of productivity, as well as having created there one of the best farm plants in this part of the country, "Spring Valley Stock Farm" having a wide reputation hereabout for the effective methods there adopted by Swenson Brothers, its proprietors.

Lenus and August Swenson are native sons of Minnesota and have lived in this state all their lives. They were born in Fillmore county, sons of Svante and Aaste (Halvorson Fergin) Swenson, the former a native of Sweden, born at Scharborlan, and the latter, of Norway, born in the country town of Posgrund. Upon coming to this country Svante Swenson and his wife for a time made their home in Wisconsin and then in Iowa, later coming up into Minnesota and settling in Fillmore county, where they established their home and where Mrs. Svante Swenson's last days were spent, her death occurring about fifteen years after the family settled there. In 1881 Svante Swenson and his four children, Lena Katrina, Jennie Marie, Lenus and August, left Fillmore county, disposing of their holdings there, and came up into the Red River country, driving through in a prairie schooner, and settled in Norman county, which in that year was established as a separate civic unit, splitting off from Becker county. Upon their arrival here they located on the Dave Bixle farm and there remained for five years, at the end of which time they took a homestead in Spring Creek township, Norman county, Minnesota, and there established their home, the place long known as "Spring Valley Stock Farm," where Swenson Brothers carry on their extensive farming and stock-raising operations. On that place Svante Swenson spent his last days, one of the most substantial pioneers in that neighborhood, his death occurring there in 1908. His sons, as just noted, still live there. His eldest daughter, Mrs. Lena Reiersen, lives at Fosston, in Polk county, and the younger daughter, Mrs. P. P. Haug, is living on a farm in Liberty township, Polk county, Minnesota.

On June 20, 1896, on the farm on which he now lives, Lenus Swenson was united in marriage to Ingebor Johnson, who was born at Spring Grove, Houston county, Minnesota, daughter of Ole and Ingre (Kaatrud) Johnson, and to this union five children have been born, namely: William, Milo, Alice, Eva and Clarence. August Swenson, who is unmarried, makes his home

with his brother and the latter's family. The Swensons have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in many ways in promoting movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout.

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### NILS O. DAHL.

Nils O. Dahl, a well-known retired farmer of Waukon township, Norman county, owning three hundred nine acres of farming and timber land, and who is prominently connected with the social, religious and co-operative business interests of the community in which he lives, was born in Norway, January 18, 1860, a son of Ole and Kari Grytdalen, both of whom were born in Norway, where they died, the father being a farmer and carpenter. The father and mother were the parents of the following twelve children: Carl, deceased; Ingeborg, Marie, deceased; Davet, Johanas, who is dead; Karena, Otto, Nils O., the subject of this review; Ole, Andreas, deceased; Taale and Augusta.

Reared on the old home farm back in Norway, where each member of the large family had to contribute his industry and thrift to the cultivation of the father's holding, Nils O. Dahl received a practical training in farming, which assured much of his success after his coming to this country to establish his home. During his early days in the land of his nativity, he received a limited formal education in the local public schools. The success of many of his countrymen and neighbors in their activities in the New World prompted him to leave his native land and in 1882, when he had reached the age of twenty-two years, he landed on American soil. Knowing that many of his friends were situated in Norman county, Minnesota, he came directly to Ada and immediately took a homestead of one hundred twenty acres in section 32, Bear Park township, which farm he traded a few years later for a part of his present farm. His farming operations have been so successful that he has been enabled to increase his holdings until he now is the owner of three hundred nine acres, two hundred ninety-nine of which comprise the home place in Waukon township and ten acres in Fossum township, which is timberland. His farm is one of the best improved ones in the vicinity, for he has erected excellent buildings, including a substantial, capacious barn and granary and has made an addition to the farm home. At present, in order to assure the adequacy of his farm plant, he is putting