

United Workmen, of which he is a past master. For the past five years, he has served as a member of the school board, where he has given most efficient service. As a member of the Progress Club, he has done much active work and has given his best service to the home city. Few men in the community have done more for the welfare of Moorhead and the surrounding country than has Mr. Hopeman, whose best efforts have always been exerted for the district in which he has lived and where he is held in the highest regard.

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### OLE P. NOKKEN.

Among the native-born Norwegians who have come to the United States and engaged in general farming and stock raising in Clay county, is Ole P. Nokken, the owner of a fine farm in Moorhead, Kurt township. He was born in Norway in 1852 and is the son of Peter P. and Anna (Quamme) Nokken, the former of whom was born in Sogn, Norway in 1825 and the latter, in 1824, in the same country.

Peter P. Nokken, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years, was a farmer in his native country. He was married in Norway to Anna Quamme, and, in 1870, he and his wife and children immigrated to this country, where he resumed his farming operations and continued in such during the active years of his life. Peter P. Nokken and wife were the parents of four children, as follow: Peter, deceased; Ole, the subject of this sketch; Bertha, deceased, and Sven, who is married and living in North Dakota. His long residence in Clay county has endeared Peter Nokken to a wide circle of friends. He and his wife were earnest members of the United Lutheran church, and were ever interested in all its good works.

Ole P. Nokken was educated in the schools of his native land and for some time afterwards assisted his father in farming operations. At the age of eighteen years he came with his parents to this country, in 1870. On arriving here, the family came on out to Minnesota and, in 1871, Ole P. Nokken came to Clay county, where he acquired a tract of land and commenced farming on his own account. As he prospered in his labors on the farm, he added to his land holdings and finally became the owner of three hundred and seventy-three acres of the choicest land, having purchased the place on which he lives outright in 1882. He is engaged in general farming and is very successful, his land being profitably and sys-

tematically cultivated. Mr. Nokken has made many valuable and costly improvements on his place to bring it up to the standard of modern requirements, and he is now accounted one of the best farmers in this section of the county.

In 1883, Ole P. Nokken was united in marriage to Emlie Hettland, who was born in 1865, and following their marriage, they settled on the farm where they have ever since been living. Mr. and Mrs. Nokken are the parents of the following children: Mabel, who is married; Emma, also married; Anna, Henry, Gilford, Engel, Caroline and Bertha. The Nokken family are members of the United Lutheran church at Salem and are earnestly interested in all its good works, as well as in the general social activities of the community, ever supporting all movements having for their purpose the advancement of the public welfare.

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#### FRED SCHELLAK.

Fred Schellak, owner of a half section of fine land in Elkton township, Clay county, where he and his family are very comfortably situated, is of European birth, a native of western Germany, but has been a resident of this country for the past twenty-five years or more. He was born on September 16, 1864, son of Gustav and Augusta (Parshartus) Schellak, also natives of Germany, the former of whom, a stonemason, died when his son Fred was but six weeks of age. The Widow Schellak was still living in Germany at the time communication was interrupted upon the declaration of war between the United States and that country in the spring of 1917. Gustav Schellak and wife were the parents of two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Carl Schellak, who remained in his native land.

Reared in his native land, Fred Schellak received his schooling there and grew up a practical farmer, remaining there engaged in farming until 1892, when he came to the United States and located at St. Louis, where for three years thereafter he was employed working in a factory. He then decided to take up farming and went to Iowa, where he rented a farm in Buchanan county, that state, and was engaged in farming there for three years, at the end of which time he came up into Minnesota and bought a farm of eighty acres in Elkton township, Clay county. Three years later he sold that place and bought the farm on which he is now living, in that