

Politically, Mr. Oberg is an independent voter. He has never been very active in public affairs, nor a seeker for political leadership, however, he has always stood ready to support all movements having for their object the general upbuilding of his locality, trying at all times to perform the duties of a good citizen. He was a member of the school board in district No. 101 for many years, and he also served as treasurer and supervisor of the town board for many years. Other business interests with which Mr. Oberg has been and is connected are: the Farmers Elevator Company of Moorhead, which he helped to organize; the Moorhead Telephone Company, of which he was treasurer, and the Comstock and Holy Cross Insurance Company, of which he was a director and also an agent. He is a wide reader and has kept well informed along general lines and personally his reputation has ever been above all idle cavil. He is held in high esteem by all who know him.

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#### ANDREAS O. UELAND.

Andreas O. Ueland, lawyer and banker, of Halstad, recorder of that village for a number of years, and one of the best-known citizens of Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been living in Minnesota, a resident of Norman county, since he was eighteen years of age. He was born on October 1, 1871, son of O. M. and Bertha (Eeg) Ueland, both natives of Norway, farming people, who spent all their lives in that country. They were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Martha, Anna, Ole G., Enoch, Christine, Arne, Olga, Christan and Tine.

Reared on a farm, Andreas O. Ueland completed his local schooling in the schools of his native amt and when eighteen years of age, in 1889, came to the United States and proceeded on out to Minnesota, his point of destination being Norman county. He spent the first two years after his arrival here in Shelly township, attending school there during the winters, advancing his study of English, and during the following winter attended Concordia College at Moorhead. He then entered Curtis Business College at Minneapolis and after a course there returned to Norman county and, in 1893, was installed as bookkeeper in the State Bank of Halstad. The following winter he returned to Minneapolis and in the fall of 1894 entered the law department of the University of Minnesota, from which

he was graduated in the spring of 1896. Upon receiving his diploma Mr. Ueland remained employed in a law office at Minneapolis until the summer of 1897, when he returned to Norman county and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Halstad, where he ever since has made his home and where he has continued in practice, one of the best-known members of the bar in this section of the state. For years Mr. Ueland served as recorder of the village of Halstad and since 1907 has been engaged as assistant cashier of the State Bank of Halstad. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat and gives his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs.

In 1897 Andreas O. Ueland was united in marriage to Elsie Ueland, daughter of Nels N. Ueland and wife, of Shelly township, Norman county. She died in 1899 without issue. Mr. Ueland is a member of the local society of the Sons of Norway and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of both of which organizations he takes an active interest.

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#### OSCAR LOVSNES.

Oscar Lovsnes, a well-known hardware merchant of Halstad and former member of the village council there, is a native son of Norman county and has lived there all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Halstad township, August 28, 1878, son of Engel and Mollie (Serum) Lovsnes, natives of Norway, who came to the United States in 1866 and proceeded on out to Minnesota, locating in Fillmore county. There they remained until about 1872, when they came up into this part of the state and homesteaded a farm in what later came to be organized as Halstad township, Norman county, and there spent the rest of their lives, substantial and influential pioneers. Engel Lovsnes and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being: Camella, Syvert, Isabel, Ella, Clara, Marie and Enuma, all of whom are living save Ella, who died when about fifteen years of age, and Clara, who died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Lovsnes were earnest members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, active workers in the same, and their children were reared in the faith of that denomination:

Reared on the paternal farm in Halstad township, Oscar Lovsnes received his early training in the schools of that township and at the village school at Halstad and supplemented the same by a course in the Metro-