

his own successor on the board at every election since that year, and is now holding that position.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1890 to Tobina Thompson, daughter of Iver Thompson, of Ada, county seat of Norman county, and to this union two children have been born, Adeline and Franklin. Mr. Johnson's fraternal affiliation is with the Woodmen's lodge.

CHARLES W. BRENDEMÜHL.

Few farmers in Clay county take greater pleasure in their work than Charles W. Brendemuhl, of Kragnes township. He was born at Rochester, Minnesota, in June, 1871, a son of Charles A. and Wilhelmina (Fink) Brendemuhl. The father was born in Germany, from which country he came to America with his parents when ten years old, the family locating on a farm eighteen miles from the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was the custom of the mother to carry eggs to that city, for which she received only six cents a dozen, making the trip on foot. Later the family moved to near Rochester, Minnesota, where they lived several years. One of the sons, August T., was one of the first settlers on the present site of Moorhead. Charles A. Brendemuhl owned land where the court house now stands. He became owner of sixteen hundred and forty acres in Kragnes township, Clay county. He gave each of his sons a large farm as they attained the age of twenty-five years. The father died in the spring of 1913, at the age of seventy-nine years, on the old home place in Kragnes township, to which he removed in 1878. His wife died there in 1909 at the age of sixty-nine years. She was a native of Wisconsin. These parents were married in 1865. Eleven children were born to them, as follow: Clara, who is married and lives in California; Will, who also is married; Fred, who is married and lives in North Dakota; Charles W., the subject of this review; Albert, who died when two years old; Anna, who lives in Fergus Falls, Minnesota; August, who lives in Idaho; Henry, who has remained on the old home place; Mrs. Minnie Norby, who also lives on the homestead, and Lilly, who died at the age of thirty years.

Charles W. Brendemuhl grew up on the farm and attended the public schools. He has devoted his life successfully to general farming and stock raising, and is now the owner of a well-improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres of productive land in Kragnes township. He built a