

Annabel, Fred and Alice, both deceased; Benjamin, Louis, Arthur, Mabel, Robert, Alexander, Ruth Elenda, and Grace Vivian.

Mr. Kimm is a member of the Dilworth Dairy Association. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has served as township assessor and in the spring of 1911 he became county commissioner, which position he still holds, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

PETER BRUNSBURG.

One of the substantial and prosperous farmers of Bear Park township, Norman county, where he enters unostentatiously into the good work of the community, was born in Thoten, Norway, February 24, 1850, a son of Ole and Mary Brunsberg, both of whom were natives of Norway; however, they spent their last days in America. In 1867 the father came to America, accompanied by his son, the subject of this sketch, to find a location, and some years later he was joined by Mary Brunsberg, his wife. They were the parents of eight children who grew to maturity: Peder, deceased; Lizzie, Martha, Ole, deceased; John, Martin, deceased; Peter, the subject of this review, and Ed.

Peter Brunsberg was just entering the age of early manhood when he left the land of his birth, where he had acquired an elementary education which the time and the place afforded, and came in 1867 in company with his father to cast his lot with the agricultural interests of the New World. They came on out to Minnesota, and after a short stay in St. Peter, Nicollet county, the father went into Sibley county, which joins Nicollet on the north, where he took a homestead of eighty acres. His wife joined him there. His death occurred on the homestead, but Mrs. Brunsberg died later at the home of her son, Peter, near Fertile, Minnesota. After gaining some valuable experience in the extensive agricultural operations of the Northwest, Peter Brunsberg left his father's home, joined a party of settlers who were coming north up into this state. He drove a yoke of oxen, and, after a tiresome journey of three weeks, he arrived in Polk county, where he took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, two and one-half miles southeast of Fertile. Since he had brought with him the necessary farming implements and had driven some stock before him as he came up into this country, it was not long until he was well started on the road to success in his farming.

After he had remained there eight or nine years, he decided that a better opportunity awaited him down in Norman county, hence he sold out and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Bear Park township, this county, where he has since continued to live. With his wonted thrift and industry, he set to work to improve his new holding and now he has a well-cultivated farm and an excellent farm plant, comprised of good buildings and a comfortable farm home, where he carries on general farming very successfully and efficiently.

In 1875, Mr. Brunsberg was married to Johana Erickson, who was born in Sweden, a daughter of Erick Peterson and wife, and to this union have been born the following children: Ole, Martin, John, Albert and Emma, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Brunsberg are devoted members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Rindahl and the former helped to build the church edifice of this congregation. They are also connected with all the good works of the community. In politics, Mr. Brunsberg has never sought after office, but he takes a good citizen's interest in the civil and political affairs of the community.

JACOB HURNER.

The swiss have ever been known as a liberty-loving and independent people. Switzerland has furnished an admirable example to many of the larger nations of the earth and her government and institutions might be emulated with profit by the kingdoms and monarchies whose subjects do not seem to be as fortunate as the Swiss. Among this nationality in Clay county is Jacob Hurner, a farmer of Spring Prairie township.

Mr. Hurner was born in Switzerland in 1852. He is a son of Jacob and Anna (Moser) Hurner, both natives of Switzerland, where they grew up, married and established their home, remaining there until 1873, when they immigrated to America, reaching here in the spring of that year, joining their son Jacob, who had preceded them to the New World in the autumn of 1872, locating in Nebraska. The father remained in that state until his death, after which the mother went to Oregon, where she died. To these parents six children were born, namely: Jacob, Emma, Albert, Louis, Fred and Alexander.

Jacob Hurner grew up in Switzerland and there he attended the public schools. He immigrated to America in the fall of 1872, single, and located