

the improvements on the place and have one of the best-equipped farm plants in that neighborhood. John H. Braman has given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and for some time served as constable in his home township and is now treasurer of the local school board.

In October, 1896, in Fargo, John H. Braman was united in marriage to Anna Johnk, who was born in the city of Chicago in January, 1875, and to that union two children have been born, sons both, Albert H., named for his grandfather, and Clifford. The Bramans have a very pleasant home and take a proper interest in the community's general social activities.

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### THEODORE S. NELSON.

Theodore S. Nelson, cashier of the State Bank of Georgetown, Clay county, was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, June 23, 1879, a son of Severt and Barbara (Moen) Nelson, both natives of Norway, in which country they spent their earlier years. Severt Nelson immigrated to America about 1862, locating among the early settlers of Fillmore county, Minnesota. About 1881 he came up to this part of the state and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hendrum township, Norman county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1912, when he retired from active life and moved to the village of Hendrum, where he still makes his home. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. His family consists of the following children: Cornelius, Theodore S., Anton, Julia, Martin and Amanda.

Theodore S. Nelson grew to manhood on the home farm in Hendrum township, Norman county, and there attended the public schools, later becoming a student in Concordia College at Moorhead. He worked with his father on the home farm until he was twenty years of age, then began working in a store at Twin Valley, in the eastern part of Norman county, remaining there seven months; then worked three months for G. T. Ingberg in a store in the village of Hendrum. In 1901 he became assistant cashier of the State Bank of Hendrum and continued with that institution for three years. He then took a course in the Dakota Business College at Fargo, and in the spring of 1904, helped organize the State Bank of Georgetown and has been cashier of the same ever since, discharging his duties in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of both the stockholders and patrons; in fact, he has done much

to increase the prestige and popularity of this sound and safe banking house, which has had a very satisfactory growth. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Elevator Company at Georgetown, which operates one of the thriving elevators in Clay county.

In 1904 Mr. Nelson was married to Burgetta Gunderson, a daughter of Peter Gunderson and wife, of Hendrum, where she grew to womanhood and attended school. Mrs. Nelson was called to her eternal rest on April 16, 1916, leaving three children, Sylvester, Eunice and Hubert.

Mr. Nelson is a Republican and is one of the leaders of his party in Clay county. He was treasurer of the Republican county committee in 1916; is treasurer of the village of Georgetown, and is also treasurer of the local school district. As a public servant he has always discharged his duties in an able, faithful and creditable manner. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

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#### OLE S. NARVERUD.

Ole S. Narverud was born in Norway, February 26, 1855, a son of Stengrim Ostenson and Birgit (Bakhus) Narverud, both natives of Norway, where they spent their entire life. They were the parents of eight children: Osten, Sunnev, Halvor, Ole S., Gurine, Barbro, Stengrim and Sivert.

Ole S. Narverud received his early education in the public schools of Norway, supplemented by attendance of public schools in Clay county for a few months after coming to this country. As a young man, he learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked for some time in his native country. In 1879 he came to America and located first in Goose Prairie township, Clay county, Minnesota, and three years later he bought one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land in Highland Grove township, Clay county, and located on this land. He put up buildings and improved the land, breaking the sod and clearing the land of the wild growth of underbrush, and in time had the land in a fair condition for the production of crops. He lived on this farm for seven years and during that time expended a vast amount of hard labor incident in putting the land in condition for cultivation. In 1889 he sold the farm and worked out for about one year, and in July, 1890, he embarked in the hardware and implement business, at Hitterdal, in which he has continued ever since.