

when he removed to Moorhead, where he has since lived. He still owns the business at Felton.

In 1897 Mr. Dahl was married to Mae Dewell, a daughter of Herbert O. Dewell, of Le Roy, Minnesota. To this union four children have been born: Anton, who died at the age of ten years; Doris, Virgil and Oliver Wendell. Mr. and Mrs. Dahl are members of the Congregational church at Moorhead.

While living at Felton Mr. Dahl served as a member of the school board and as a member of the village council, of which he was president for two years, and also held other offices of trust. He was actively interested in getting the first church built in Felton. Mr. Dahl has always been interested in music, and while living in Felton organized and was the director of the brass band at that place, the membership being composed of village and country boys.

JOHN OBERG.

No life is more satisfactory than that of the farmer, provided he has the right outlook and the proper attitude toward his work. One of the contented and successful agriculturists of Clay county is John Oberg of Kragnes township, who is also interested in the banking business and is one of the leading citizens of his locality, a splendid example of a self-made man.

Mr. Oberg was born in Norway in 1855, a son of Engebrigt and Maria Oberg, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and established their home, never coming to America. They devoted their active lives to farming. The death of the father occurred in 1905 at the advanced age of eighty-six, and the mother reached the unusual age of ninety-two, dying in 1909. To these parents the following children were born: Nels, Andrew, Ola, Mary, Ole and John, three of whom are living in Norway on farms.

John Oberg grew to manhood in Norway, where he attended school there, and, as a boy, helped his father on the farm. He came to America in 1879, first locating in Houston county, Minnesota, but in a short time went to Wisconsin where he spent three years working in a lumber camp. He came to Clay county in 1882 and, during his residence here, of thirty-five years, has seen the country transformed from a wild stretch of plains to one of the foremost farming communities in the state. He has played well his part in this transformation, being a useful citizen from the first.

He owned a store at Kragnes for about six years and in 1891 bought six hundred and eighty-five acres in sections 24 and 26 in Kragnes township, which he still owns. He replaced the old buildings with substantial new ones and made other improvements. In 1900 he bought one-fourth of section 13 and subsequently another one-fourth of the same section, on which holding he also erected new buildings. He is now owner of one thousand and seven acres, and also owns the picturesque Riverside Addition in the city of Moorhead. He has carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale for many years and is regarded as one of the foremost general agriculturists in Clay county. He keeps an excellent grade of live stock, preparing many cattle for the market annually, feeding to them a large portion of the immense amount of grain he raises. His land is all under a high state of scientific cultivation.

Mr. Oberg is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished unaided, having started out with very little capital and no influential friends in a new land, where even the language was strange, but he has forged to the front amid discouraging environments and is today one of the representative citizens of western Minnesota. Besides farming, he is interested in a financial way in various enterprises, being a business man of rare foresight and acumen. He is a stockholder in the Norwegian-American Steamship Line, the Olness Lumber Company in Montana, of which he is president, the Houglam Furniture Company of Moorhead, also the Pederson Mercantile Company of that city, the Cream of Barley Company of Minneapolis, and the Service Machine Company of Chicago. He is also financially interested in numerous banks. He was one of the organizers of the First State Bank of Moorhead and has been vice-president of the same almost all the time it was organized. He is a stockholder in the State Bank at South Haven, Minnesota; the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Steele, North Dakota; the State Bank at Perley, Minnesota; the Equity Bank at Fargo, North Dakota; the Peoples Bank in St. Paul, and the Bankers Trust and Savings Company in Minneapolis.

Mr. Oberg was married in Fargo, North Dakota, in 1890, to Christina Nelsen, a native of Goodhue county, Minnesota. She received a good education and was a woman of many commendable traits of head and heart. Her death occurred on the home farm, in Clay county, in 1903, at the early age of thirty-four years. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oberg, all of whom are now living at home with the exception of the eldest, who is deceased; they are Ingemann, who died when seventeen years old; Goodman, Maria, Josephine, Nettie and Martin.

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.

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