

of the period spent in "proving up" a homestead tract of a half section of land in the vicinity of Miles City, Montana. He is the eldest of the three Connelly brothers and his judgment is highly valued by them.

On December 9, 1914, James Connelly was united in marriage to Amanda Henrietta Kuehl, who was born in the neighboring township of Elmwood, daughter of Fred Kuehl and wife, pioneers of that section of Clay county, the latter of whom died suddenly on March 4, 1917, at Sabin, Minnesota, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was of German ancestry, and was the father of ten children, six girls and four boys. Mr. and Mrs. James Connelly are the parents of one child, a son, Raymond. They are members of the Catholic church and have ever taken an active interest in parish affairs, liberal contributors to the work of the same and helpful in other ways in advancing the good works of the neighborhood, in which they have been residents since pioneer days.

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#### ORRIS OLIVER.

Orris Oliver was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, July 5, 1873, a son of Douglas and Sarah (Fitzgerald) Oliver, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Grant county, Wisconsin. Douglas Oliver came to Grant county, Wisconsin, when a young man and there was interested in a woolen and flour mill, and also was engaged in the mercantile and farming business. About 1879, he removed to Kansas, where he conducted a large farm, on which he engaged in general extensive agriculture. He died at Junction City, Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver were born the following children: Charles R., Dwight, Grant, Hattie, Fred, and Orris, the subject of this review. Mrs. Oliver, who was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, survived her husband a few years, her death occurring also at Junction City.

Orris Oliver was educated in the public schools at Kansas, and later took a business course in a school at Fargo, North Dakota. In 1893, he entered the Barnesville bank as a bookkeeper, and on December 1, 1894, he entered the law office of Charles S. Marden, at Barnesville, to take charge of the real estate department in which that office was largely engaged. In 1897, he went to the Klondyke, where he remained for two years, and after returning to Minnesota in 1899, he located at Minneapolis, where he was employed until 1901 with a threshing machine company. Then he

returned to Barnesville and again took charge of the real estate business in the office of Charles S. Marden. In 1910, on Mr. Marden's removal to Moorhead, the Red River Farm and Loan Company was organized in Barnesville to handle the real estate business of the community, and Mr. Oliver took charge of the enterprise and has continued in this business since.

Mr. Oliver was married to Minnie G. Cornish in 1902, and to this union three children have been born: Charles D., Frank C., and Lew D. Mr. Oliver's fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen lodges. He has served on the city council two terms and is at present serving his second term as a member of the school board.

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#### ARTHUR L. FOBES.

Arthur L. Fobes, one of the best-known and most progressive farmers of Elmwood township, Clay county, and the proprietor there of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Racine, in Racine county, Wisconsin, January 21, 1866, son of Orange and Cynthia (Morse) Fobes, natives of the state of Ohio. His parents settled in Wisconsin about 1865, but later moved to Iowa, where the former spent his last days and where the latter is still living.

Orange Fobes was a farmer through life. He was of old Colonial and of Revolutionary descent and his wife was descended from "Mayflower" stock. He and his wife located in Racine county, Wisconsin, about 1865, and remained there until 1876, when they moved to Grundy county, Iowa, where the former died in 1881. His widow is now living in Butler county, Iowa. They were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch, who is the second in order of birth, being Homer L.; Stiles, who died in infancy; Clarence M. and Clara E., twins, and one other, who died in infancy.

Arthur L. Fobes was about twelve years of age when his parents moved from Wisconsin to Iowa, and he completed his schooling in the latter state. He began farming on his own account in Butler county, Iowa, where he was married in 1892, and continued to reside until 1902, when he came up into Minnesota and bought the farm on which he is now living, a half section in Elmwood township, Clay county. He has since made this his place of residence, he and his family being very comfortably situated