

When Mr. Plummer took over the holding a set of good buildings had been already erected and his farm is now regarded as one of the best-kept and productive in the township.

On November 1st, 1874, Omer J. Plummer was united in marriage to Ida Downs, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, July 9th, 1857, the marriage taking place in Iowa. To this union eleven children were born as follow: Lucy, married and lives in Missouri; Nicholas, married, lives in Nebraska; Mary, deceased; Caleb, married, in Iowa; Belle, married, in Iowa; Eddie, who is married and lives in Clay county; Cora, killed by a cyclone while the family lived in Iowa; Ida, at home, Hazel, deceased, and Sylvester and Henry, at home. Mr. Plummer takes a good citizen's interest in local affairs and in all movements intended for the benefit of the public. He is a director and vice-president of the Clay County Fair Association, proving a valuable factor in making the annual fairs a success, and in other ways he gives of his time and energy to the best interests of the community.

P. H. PEDERSON.

P. H. Pederson, one of Moorhead's leading business men, proprietor of a hardware store in that city and president of the Equity Manufacturing Company, is a native of the Kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was seven years of age and of Moorhead since he was twenty. He was born in 1862 and was seven years of age when his parents, Peter E. and Mary (Chrislock) Pederson, left their native Norway in 1869 and with their children came to this country.

Upon his arrival in this country in 1869, Peter E. Pederson proceeded on out to Minnesota with his family and settled in Goodhue county, where he engaged in farming and where he made his home until 1882, in which year he came over into this part of the state with his family and settled in Norman county, buying a tract of land near Twin Valley, where he for a second time established his home in a pioneer section of this state and where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Erick, Ralph, Caroline and Gertina.

As noted above, P. H. Pederson was but seven years of age when he came to Minnesota with his parents in 1869 and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Goodhue county, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood

schools and at the same time gaining some practical business experience which, when he came over to this part of the state in 1882 with his parents, he presently put into use. Mr. Pederson was twenty years of age when he came up into this section and he secured employment at Moorhead, where he ever since has made his home. Some time after locating there he engaged in the wholesale liquor business in that city and later engaged in the lumber business over the river in North Dakota, though continuing to make his home in Moorhead. Gradually he acquired other interests and it was not long until he came to be recognized as one of the most active business men in his home town. In 1913 he became connected with the Moorhead Hardware Company, as a partner in that concern, a corporation, and presently became the sole owner of the same, now operating the business alone. Mr. Pederson also is president of the Equity Manufacturing Company of Moorhead and is vice-president of the Bergerth Fish Company at Fargo.

In 1893 P. H. Pederson was united in marriage to Emma Thorson, and to this union four children have been born, Irene, Esther, Clifford and Earl. The Pedersons are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and take an active interest in church work and the general good works of their home city.

HENRY WILLIAM HABERLE.

Henry William Haberle, one of the pioneers of Clay county and the owner of a half section of excellent land in Elkton township, where he and his family make their home, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of this county since 1882. He was born on December 25, 1854, son of John and Fredericka (Caesemann) Haberle, also natives of that country, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land and who were the parents of five children, Fred, Fredericka, Katherina, Henry W. and Elizabeth, all of whom are still living. John Haberle and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Reared on the home farm in his native land, Henry W. Haberle received his schooling there and remained at home until 1882, when he came to the United States and after a year spent in New York state came to Minnesota, in 1883, and homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in Elkton township, Clay county, and proceeded to improve and develop the same. After his marriage in 1887 he established his home on that place and has ever since resided there. As he prospered he added to his land holdings until he now owns three

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