

of years to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has been clerk of the local school board for over twenty years. He is now township chairman, which position he has held for three years, and he has been a member of the township board for thirteen years. He is a member of the Rollag Lutheran church which he helped organize. He has been one of the leading men in his township since the pioneer days and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

ALBERT W. PERRY.

Among the well-known and successful residents of Ada, Norman county, is Albert W. Perry, a proficient plumber, who was born in Merrick county, New Hampshire, July 26, 1858, a son of Harston J. and Emlie E. (Morey) Perry.

Harston J. and Emlie E. Perry were natives of the states of Vermont and New Hampshire, respectively, and were educated in their respective communities. After their marriage they established their home in New Hampshire, where they lived for a number of years, and where Mr. Perry engaged in general farming. In 1885, they decided to leave the New England state and seek a home in the West. It was in that year that they came to South Dakota, and there in March, 1885, Mr. Perry homesteaded three hundred and twenty acres near Northville. The territory was a new one at that time and it meant much hard work and privation for the little family to make a home. A house was erected and the task of developing the tract was begun, which in time became one of the ideal farms of this section of the state. The tract was later increased, until there were six hundred and forty acres in the farm. Here Mr. Perry engaged in general farming and stockraising for many years, and there the wife and mother died. The father died some years ago, when on a visit to his old home in the East. They were highly respected people and had much to do with the moral and general development of the new settlement. They were the parents of the following children: Albert W., Curtis H., Ida E. and Della, all of whom are now living. Ida and Della are now residing in South Dakota.

During the Civil War two members of the Perry family enlisted in defence of the Union, and gave their lives for that cause. Martin Perry, an uncle of Albert W., entered the service as a drummer boy, and was taken sick and came home and died. The other uncle, Morey, saw much active service and was killed in battle. The Perry family are of the same line

as Commodore Perry. The family were among the very first settlers in this country, and Albert W. Perry has one of the broad axes, with which the Pilgrim Fathers hewed the logs to build their houses. The ax has been handed down from generation to generation, and is now in the home of Mr. Perry and is to him one of his most valued possessions. Uri Perry, the paternal grandfather of Albert W. Perry, was the son of Nathan Perry, who lived and died near Marble Head, Massachusetts. The grandfather was one of the pioneers of Mole county, Massachusetts, and there he cleared a farm and made his home until the time of his death. He and the other members of the Perry family had much to do with the early history of that section of the country. Their education and progressive spirit had much to do with the future greatness of the state, and today their names and their work are held in grateful remembrance.

Albert W. Perry received his education in the local schools and in the Peoples Academy at Morristown, Vermont, and grew to manhood amid the environments of the New England states. On March 9, 1882, he came to Ashton, South Dakota, which was then the end of the Milwaukee railroad, and remained at that place for the rest of the summer. He then went to Northville, that state, and associated himself with the firm of Britton Yard & Company, land and locating attorneys. The firm did a large business and practiced before the Watertown land office. In their capacity of locating agents and attorneys, the firm located practically all the people in the half of Spink and Faulk counties. After two years engaged in this business, Mr. Perry homesteaded and tree-claimed three hundred and twenty acres of land in Faulk county. This he improved and developed, and there he made his home for five years, when he returned to Northville, where he had one hundred and sixty acres of good land, which he had pre-empted. He then purchased three hundred and twenty acres more of land and there made his home for three years, after which he left the farm and moved to Minneapolis, where he entered the employ of the Lake Belt Supply Company, and there learned the heating and plumbing business. He remained in Minneapolis until the year 1909, when he returned to the farm at Northville, and erected fine buildings on the place, and put down an artesian well. His buildings were all modern and substantial, and were among the best in that locality. He remained on the farm for three years, during which time he managed his extensive interests and engaged in the heating and plumbing business in the village of Northville and the surrounding country. He met with the greatest success in his business enterprise, and in 1911 he came to Ada, Norman county, where he has since been successfully engaged in the

business of heating and plumbing. He is today one of the substantial and successful business men of town, and is operating a growing business. He has a beautiful home, modern in every respect and nicely located, and one that is a credit to the little city.

On April 4, 1883, Albert W. Perry married Hattie Garrison, a native of Gouverneur, New York, a daughter of Nathan Garrison and wife, who were born and educated in Massachusetts, and who later settled in the state of New York, where he died when Mrs. Perry was but a young girl. To Albert W. and Hattie Perry have been born the following children: Fannie L., Mazzie, Albert H. and Zuleime. Mr. Perry is a member of the Congregational church. He and his wife have long been active in the social life of the community in which they live and where they are held in the highest regard and esteem by all. Coming to the West, as he did, when but a young man, Mr. Perry has by his own efforts met with success, and has become one of the prominent and substantial men of the county.

OLE A. DAHL.

Ole A. Dahl, a substantial farmer of Bear Park township, Norman county, where he is the owner of eighty acres of well-improved land and where he is interested in the common business enterprises of the community, was born in Bear Park township, on the farm where Otto Dahl now lives, November 26, 1883, a son of Andreas and Oleana (Evanson) Dahl, who were both natives of Norway, from which country they came to America in 1883.

Andreas Dahl was a son of Ole and Kari Grytdahl, both of whom spent their whole lives in Norway, where the father was a farmer. They were the parents of twelve children, as follow: Carl, deceased; Ingeborg, Marie, deceased; Davet Johanas, deceased; Karena, Otto, Nils O., Ole, Andreas, deceased; Taale and Augusta. Reared on the old home farm back in his native Norway, Andreas Dahl there acquired habits of industry which were of great use to him when he came to this country. Some years after his marriage in Norway, he decided to immigrate to America and landed on the soil of the New World in 1883. He and his wife came directly out to Minnesota, where they stopped for a short time at Ada and from thence they went to the home of Ole Garden, in Bear Park township. While at the home of his friend, Andreas Dahl looked about for a location and in 1884 took a home-