

from 1892 to 1900, when he moved to his present farm. At that time he was made clerk in this school district, which office he has since held. He belongs to the Lutheran church.

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### OMER J. PLUMMER.

Omer J. Plummer, a substantial farmer and stockman of Humboldt township, owner of a half section of land in that township, is a native of the state of Illinois and has been a resident of Clay county for the past ten years. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, on January 20th, 1852, a son of Kaleb and Rebecca (Pittenger) Plummer, the former a native of the state of Maryland and the latter, of the state of Ohio, and whose last days were spent in Iowa.

Kaleb Plummer was born in Maryland in 1803 and was educated in the schools of that state. He followed the occupation of a farmer and thus continued in his native state for some years, later moving to Iowa, where he resumed his farming operations and spent the remainder of his life, his death taking place in 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. He was a good, practical farmer of the old school and trained his sons to lives of usefulness. In 1830 Kaleb Plummer was married to Rebecca Pittenger, who was born in Ohio in 1814. The marriage was performed in Ohio and Mrs. Plummer died in Iowa in 1888, having reached the age of seventy-four years. To Kaleb Plummer and wife the following children were born: John, Susan and Hiram (twins), Anna, Thomas, Joseph, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Julia, Wayne, Omer J., Lydia, Belle and Catherine. Of the sons of this family, all are dead but Omer J., the subject of this sketch. Four of them volunteered for service on behalf of the Union during the Civil War, a family record to be justly proud of, and three of the four boys died while in the service.

Omer J. Plummer was educated in the public schools of Illinois and was reared on his father's farm. He accompanied his parents to Iowa and settled on the farm, where he continued to work, a valuable assistant in the development of the home place. He came to Clay county in 1907 and rented a farm in Eglon township, which place he worked for two years. The next year he rented a farm near Hawley and in 1910 he bought the farm which he now occupies, consisting of a half section of prime land, located in section 10, Humboldt township, and on this tract he is engaged in general farming and in the raising of a choice strain of Hereford cattle and is doing very well.

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.

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#### 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.

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