

of Carl and Karin (Sveson) Palmquist, both natives of Sweden, where they grew up, married and established their home on a farm. The father's death occurred there some time ago and the mother is still living there. Their family consisted of the following children: Matilda S., wife of the subject of this sketch; Josephina, who lives in Nebraska; Amanda, who lives in Sweden; Annie, who lives in Helena, Montana; Carl Johan, who makes his home in Sweden, and two other children who died in early life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Olson seven children, all living at this writing, have been born: Sellstine, Annie, Alice, Carl, Ellen, John and Clara. Mrs. Olson spent her girlhood in Sweden and there attended the common schools. She came to America in 1890. Mr. Olson has served as road boss. When a young man in Sweden he was under military training for some time.

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#### P. N. RAMSTAD.

One of the promising young business men of the southern part of Clay county is P. N. Ramstad, manager of the Baker Lumber Company at Baker. He was born at Ada, Norman county, Minnesota, March 8, 1889, a son of Peter and Christina (Skriver) Ramstad, both natives of Norway, the mother born in the city of Christiana. Peter Ramstad came to America as a young man with his parents, the family locating in Vernon county, Wisconsin, where he remained until in the seventies when he came to Minnesota, locating at Ada, and there he and his brother engaged in the general-merchandise business for many years, and while living there he was elected register of deeds, serving in that office several years. He subsequently moved to McDonalds-ville township, Norman county, where he followed farming until his death in 1896. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. His family consisted of seven children, Isben L., Carrie V., P. N., Orrin, Ella, Sigurd and Petra.

P. N. Ramstad received his early education in the public schools of Ada and later studied in the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota at St. Anthony Park, St. Paul. After leaving school he worked with the Norman county surveyor for about three summers. During the winter months of that period he attended a business college in Fargo. In July, 1908, Mr. Ramstad started in the retail lumber business and was associated with the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company for three years. He then worked for J. J. Geib at Morris, Minnesota, for eighteen months then spent

a year and a half at Tintah, in the employ of the Crescent Lumber Company. He was then employed by the Nortz Lumber Company at Breckenridge, this state, for six months; then worked for the Kunk Sash and Door Company at Minneapolis for eight months. In April, 1915, he came to Baker as manager of the Baker Lumber Company and has continued here in this capacity ever since. He knows thoroughly the various phases of the lumber business, and has given eminent satisfaction to the firms with which he has been connected, being honest, faithful, industrious, reliable and courteous to the trade.

Mr. Ramstad was married in 1914 to Anna Marie Moebius, a native of Minnesota, and a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Ritter) Moebius, natives of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Ramstad one child has been born, a son, Carl O. Ramstad. Fraternaly, the subject of this sketch is a member of the Yeomen and of the Woodmen.

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#### LARS I. GRINA.

Lars I. Grina, manager, secretary and treasurer of the Stenerson Brothers Lumber Company, with head office at Felton, Clay county, was born at Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county, Minnesota, June 2, 1876, a son of Iver O. and Olea L. (Ohe) Grina.

Iver O. Grina has been a resident of Otter Tail county for more than forty years. He was born in Hadeland, Norway, April 1, 1851, and is a son of Ole H. and Martha O. (Moger) Grina, natives of the same country. The parents of Iver O. Grina came to America in 1854, only a few years after their marriage. After crossing the Atlantic, a voyage that covered fifteen weeks, the couple took up their residence in Clayton county, Iowa; later the father bought a farm there on which he spent twenty years, then moved to Otter Tail county, Minnesota, where he joined his son, Iver O. Grina. Ole H. Grina bought two hundred and fifty acres of land, where he lived till he died in 1908, he then being eighty-eight years of age. His first wife died in 1874, and he subsequently married Betsey O. Hougvet, who is also now deceased. By his first wife the following children were born: Hans, who engaged in farming in Otter Tail county, and is now deceased; Ole, a retired farmer of Pelican Rapids, that county; Iver O., father of the subject of this sketch; Peter, a retired farmer of North Dakota; Martin, who is farming in North Dakota; Ellen, who died in Iowa; Edward,