

three years; chairman of the same during the past eighteen years, with the exception of the year 1916, when he was prevented from serving on account of illness. As a public servant Mr. Cederberg has always performed his duties in an able, faithful and highly acceptable manner, for he has at heart the best interests of his community, which he always seeks to promote in every legitimate way.

CHARLES B. ROMKEY.

Charles B. Romkey, a substantial and progressive farmer of Clay county, justice of the peace in and for Riverton township, former chairman of the township board, former treasurer of the school board, and in other ways identified with public affairs, is a native of the state of Iowa, but has been a resident of this part of Minnesota for more than twenty years. He was born on January 4, 1873, near Burlington, Iowa, a son of Conrad D. and Catherine Romkey, natives respectively, of Prussia and of Hessen Darmstadt.

Conrad D. Romkey had a somewhat varied career. When yet not more than a mere boy he was with Napoleon some few years before the final defeat of that great soldier. Another member of the Romkey family, a brother of Conrad D., had also military tastes and was one of Emperor William's body guards. Conrad Romkey immigrated to the United States in 1822, coming on to Defiance, Ohio, where he owned land and operated a boat yard for several years. In 1854 he moved to Iowa, had a fine farm of land and continued the work of the farm for the remainder of his active life. He was regarded as an excellent farmer and he and his wife were active and influential residents of the district in which they had made their homes. Both lived to good ages, Conrad Romkey dying in 1880 and his widow in 1909, both deaths occurring at Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Romkey owned one-half of a section of land in Riverton township, Clay county. They were the parents of the following children: Frank C., deceased; John H., deceased; Edward W., married; Emma, married; Carrie E., married; Sarah, married; Anna, married, and Charles B., the subject of this sketch.

Charles B. Romkey was educated in the public schools of Iowa and was reared on his father's farm, where he helped in the labors of the same for several years. He is quite a machinist, having operated several threshing-machine outfits and assisted also in the contract work on the Northern

Pacific recently. He has been a resident of Clay county for upwards of twenty years and is recognized throughout the township as one of the most progressive and substantial farmers in the district in which he resides. He is now the owner of four hundred and sixty-five acres of prime land, located in sections 9, 16 and 17, Riverton township. Mr. Romkey carries on general farming and since the commencement of his operations he has been quite successful, everything about his holdings being in excellent condition. He has carried out many valuable improvements at considerable expense, and his farming is managed according to modern methods of agriculture, thus ensuring a maximum of profitable results.

In the summer of 1897 Charles B. Romkey was united in marriage to Nellie M. Miller, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, in 1876. To this union two children have been born, Horace C., aged seventeen, and Margaret G., aged thirteen. Mr. and Mrs. Romkey take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of people and district. Mr. Romkey served as postmaster at Stockwood, for many years, giving general satisfaction to the patrons in the discharge of the duties of the office. He was chairman of the township board for three years; was treasurer of the district school board for six years, and is at present serving as justice of the peace. In many other ways also he has given of his time and energy to the interests of the public.

PROF. SEVERT O. TANG.

Prof. Severt O. Tang, superintendent of schools of Clay county and one of the best-known and most influential citizens of Moorhead, is a native of the neighboring state of Wisconsin, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was two years of age, and is therefore as much a Minnesotan as one "native and to the manner born". He was born at Wauzeka, in Crawford county, Wisconsin, August 26, 1866, son of Ole and Sophia (Guam) Tang, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who came to this country in 1862 and proceeded on out to Wisconsin, settling first at Stoughton, in that state, and after spending the summer there moved to Madison, the capital of the state, where they remained for four years. At the end of that period they moved to Wauzeka, where they remained until 1868, in which year they came over into Minnesota and located at Albert Lea, where