

being now the oldest merchant in continuous business in that village. In addition to his general line of hardware and agricultural implements, Mr. Larson carries an excellent stock of furniture and is also the local agent for the sale of the Overland automobile. He holds a claim to a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Koochiching county. Mr. Larson for years has given his earnest attention to local civic affairs, has served as a member of the village council and as treasurer of the village and is now serving as president of the village, in all his public service having ever had at heart the best interests of the community which he has helped to build up. At five or six terms of court he has served as a member of the jury in Norman county.

It was on December 23, 1891, that Ole D. Larson was united in marriage to Emma Bye, of Spring Grove, Minnesota, and to this union five children have been born, Alva, Edmond (deceased), Edmond, Arnold and Viola. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are members of the United Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they take a warm interest, and Mr. Larson has served as a member of the board of trustees, as treasurer and in other capacities as an office bearer in the local congregation.

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### JOHN LUDWIG SCHEIE.

The late John Ludwig Scheie, one of the early settlers of Halstad township, Norman county, where he was the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of good farming land when his death occurred in 1904, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 2, 1855, a son of Andrew and Inger Scheie, both of whom were born in Norway, where they grew up and married and who came to America about 1839 or 1840. At first the father, who was a cooper by trade, located in Rochester, New York, but desiring to acquire some of the new land which was being opened up for settlement in the West, gradually worked his way with his family in this direction and settled for a while in McHenry county, Illinois, moving thence northward into Wisconsin, settling in Muskego and later in Milwaukee, where John Ludwig Scheie was born. The date of the family's residence in the latter place was so early that only a few houses comprised the village which later has grown into such a metropolis. After a few years of residence in Wisconsin, the family moved into Minnesota and located in Fillmore county, from which point they later came up into this part of the state and settled in Halstad township, Norman county, where the parents spent the

remainder of their lives. During his residence in Halstad township, Andrew Scheie lived the life of the pioneer that he was, developing his farm and, in his later years, preaching the gospel, as he was one of the first Lutheran ministers in this section of the country. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, all of whom are dead but Anthony, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this volume, the others having been Ellen Christina, Anna, Hannah, Melvina, Caroline and John, the subject of this memorial review.

John L. Scheie was only three years of age when his parents settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, in 1858, and when they decided to come northward into Norman county, in 1876, he too, came to this county in the same year, in company with B. B. Larson and others from Fillmore county, and settled a quarter section in Halstad township, where he lived until 1892. In that year he moved to an adjoining place, where his family still resides, and there died on October 3, 1904, lamented by all who knew him as an upright man, a good neighbor, an excellent citizen and a loving parent and husband.

On November 4, 1876, John L. Scheie was married to Bessie Thompson, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Knut and Bessie (Fossom) Fossom, both natives of Norway, who came to America late in life and located near Peterson, Fillmore county, Minnesota, on a farm where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Gilbert (deceased), Irvine, Tollef, Knut, Ole, Carrie, Ragnild (deceased) and Bessie. To Mr. and Mrs. John Ludwig Scheie were born three children, the eldest of whom is Emilie Bertina, who married Joseph Forbragd and has three children; Lutie, Willis and Lemoine. Mr. Forbragd now operates the old Scheie farm. The second in order of birth is Clara Albertina, the wife of Ole Strom. They live in Newburg, North Dakota, and are the parents of six children, Lester, Irvine, Clifford, Walter, Morton and Orland. The youngest of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Scheie is Lottie Jeannette, who lives with her widowed mother on the old home place.

Mr. Scheie, although a very busy man, found time to devote to the interests of education in his community, as he served as school clerk for a number of years. As a business, he followed well-drilling and for the most part hired his farming done. He was always concerned with the furtherance of the cause of Christianity, even out in the frontier districts of the North, as he, in company with his father, who was a pioneer minister, and a few others organized the Augustana Lutheran church.