

trials and privations of a life on the frontier and who died in 1896, after a residence of more than twenty-five years in Halstad township. To that union seven children were born, Bernhardt, Emma, Isabel, Theodore, Clara, Emelia and Lawrence. On January 2, 1907, Mr. Larson married Betsie Bloom, who died on July 10, 1915.

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### W. L. SPOTTS.

W. L. Spotts, postmaster at Dilworth and a well-known railway conductor in the service of the Northern Pacific, was born in Sterling, Illinois, August 7, 1869, a son of Adam and Margaret (Lichtenwalter) Spotts, who were both natives of Ohio, the father having been born in Akron and the mother, in Massilon, that state.

Adam Spotts was a farmer in Ohio. Later he removed to Sterling, Illinois, where he lived and followed the same occupation for several years. In 1880 he removed to Fargo, North Dakota, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land near that place under the homestead law. He improved this land and maintained his home there until about 1886, when he removed to Oberon, North Dakota, and made a pre-emption and tree-claim entry of three hundred and twenty acres. He farmed this for a number of years and then returned to Fargo where he continued to live until his death, which occurred in August, 1916. Adam Spotts was the father of six children: Ella, Laura, Emma, William L., Herbert F. and Jennie. He was an active member of the Congregational church and was for many years a deacon in the Plymouth church of that denomination in Fargo.

William L. Spotts was educated in the public schools of Sterling, Illinois. In his young manhood he was employed as a salesman for the Luger Furniture Company, at Fargo, and continued with that firm for six years. He was then with the American Express Company for two years, and then entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company as a brakeman. He continued with this company for several years, working his way up to the position of conductor. He was conductor on this road, running out of Fargo, for about twelve years; then came to Dilworth, in 1904, and took a position as conductor on the Northern Pacific railroad, a position which he still holds. In 1916 Mr. Spotts was appointed postmaster of Dilworth but did not give up his railroad position. He still