

Elevator Company was organized. He also has given close attention to local civic affairs and for the past eight or nine years has been clerk of the township of Goose Prairie.

In the year 1896, about three years after embarking in business at Hitterdal, M. J. Solum was united in marriage to Anna Anderson, and to this union three children have been born, Norman, Mette and Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Solum are members of the United Lutheran church at Hitterdal and take an active interest in the affairs of the same, Mr. Solum being the present secretary of the local congregation.

LUDVIG WALKER.

Ludvig Walker, one of the well-known and prosperous farmers of Kurtz township, owner of a full section of land of prime quality, was born in the kingdom of Norway on Christmas Eve, 1848. He is the son of Kristen and Brita (Marum) Walker, natives of Solvorn, Norway. The original family name was Walaker, which has been changed to Walker in recent years. Kristen Walker was born in 1809, and his wife, Brita (Marum) Walker, was born in 1809. They were the parents of the following children: Anna, a widow, now living in Norway; Lars, deceased, and Ludvig, the subject of this sketch.

Ludvig Walker was educated in the schools of Norway and worked for some time at farm labor. At the age of twenty-one he decided to seek his fortune in the United States and came to this country in 1869. On his arrival, he went to the state of Wisconsin and worked on farms for about seven or eight years. In 1878, he came to the state of Minnesota and settled in Clay county, where he has ever since been engaged in the active duties of farming and is recognized as one of the most progressive and substantial agriculturalists of Kurtz township. As he prospered in his labors, he added to his land holdings and is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres of prime land, one hundred acres of which is set out to the cultivation of potatoes. Mr. Walker carried out a series of systematic improvements on his farm, and his outbuildings and dwelling house are among the best in the district.

In 1883 Ludvig Walker was united in marriage to Carrie Grove, who was born in Minnesota in November, 1862. They are the parents of the following children: Annie, deceased; Thomas, Carl and Minnie, all living

at home with their parents. The Walker family are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which Mr. Walker has resided for nearly forty years. Mr. Walker is an independent in politics, and has served the public as township supervisor and as treasurer of the district school board. In addition to this, he has in other ways given of his time and ability to the furtherance of all movements having for their object the general good of the community.

GEORGE F. FUCHS.

Among the native-born German settlers of Clay county, who are engaged in agricultural pursuits, is George F. Fuchs, who was born in the Fatherland in 1863, but has been a resident of this country since he was seventeen years old. He is a son of Martin and Mary (Bick) Fuchs, also natives of Germany.

Martin Fuchs was born in Germany about the year 1842 and died there in 1872 at the early age of thirty. He was married to Mary Bick, who came to this country some three years after her son, George F., and spent her last days in this county, dying about 1913, after she had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Martin Fuchs and wife were the parents of two children, Charlie W., deceased, and George F., the subject of this sketch.

George F. Fuchs was educated under the excellent school system prevailing in Germany and at the age of seventeen, in 1880, immigrated to the United States. He was but nine years old at the time of his father's death and the responsibility of doing for himself was early cast upon him. On his arrival in this country, he started for Ottawa, Illinois, and remained in that place for three years. He then moved to Chicago, that state, and work in that city for about seven years, at the end of which period he went to the state of Kansas and engaged in farm work for some twelve years. About 1902, Mr. Fuchs made a further change, coming to the state of Minnesota and settling in Clay county, where he has ever since been engaged in farming and has been very successful. He purchased land in Glyndon township, and, as he succeeded in his farming operations, he added to his holdings, and is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of fine land, the equal of any in the township. He follows general farming