

Lemkes are members of the German Evangelical Lutheran church at Sabin and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in promoting all agencies having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout.

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### J. PIERCE WOLFE.

One of the substantial and successful men of Moorhead, Clay county, who is engaged in the insurance business, in which he has met with much success, is J. Pierce Wolfe, who was born at Osseo, Hennepin county, Minnesota, on July 11, 1872, a son of John Wolfe and wife, who are prominent farmers and well-known and highly respected people of Nicollet county, Minnesota. The parents were much interested in the education of their children, and after the son, J. Pierce, completed his education in the local schools at St. Peter, Minnesota, he entered the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, where he later completed the course of study, in 1892.

Soon after having completed his work at St. Peter, Mr. Wolfe came to Moorhead, where he established himself in business and where he has since resided. When he first came to Moorhead, he kept books for Jacob Kiefer for some years, and in April, 1898, he entered the general insurance business, in which he has met with much success. He has devoted his best efforts to this business and is today the agent and adjuster of the Security and Reliance Insurance companies for the states of North and South Dakota, Montana and the western part of Minnesota. Further, he is associated with E. A. Davis of Minneapolis as general agents of the hail department of the Security Insurance Company of Connecticut for North and South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota. Withal, as an insurance man, he is today recognized as one of the best in the state. Moreover, he is one of the directors of the Equity Manufacturing Company of Moorhead, and is an advisory director of the U. S. I. Realty Company, a million-dollar corporation of Minneapolis. Even though Mr. Wolfe's business interests cover a wide extent of territory, yet his methods and progressive spirit place him in a position to know every detail in the territory in which his interests are located.

It was on May 12, 1904, that J. Pierce Wolfe was united in marriage to Alice Ambs of Moorhead, and to this union two children have been born, Sarah and John, both of whom are now attending the local schools and are at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe are active members of the

Episcopal church and have long been prominent in the social and the religious life of the community in which they live, and where they are held in the highest regard and esteem by all who know them. They have always taken the greatest interest in the educational and moral development of the district, and their influence has had a marked effect on the high standing of the community.

Mr. Wolfe is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and has attained the Shriner degree, and is also a member of the Elks Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of the Maccabees. Of the latter organization he is a member of the state executive board, a position he has held for twelve years. He has also taken a prominent part in the local affairs and for the past eight years he has been a member of the state Democratic central committee, to which he has devoted much time, thus winning much praise for the efficient work that he has rendered.

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### JOHN C. SULERUD.

John C. Sulerud, president of the State Bank of Halstad, former president of the village of Halstad, for years actively engaged in the hardware business at Halstad and the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres north of that village, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was twenty-one years of age, having made his home in Norman county ever since he came over. He was born on January 5, 1862, seventh in order of birth of the eight children born to his parents, Christen A. and Karen (Johnson) Sulerud, also natives of Norway, the former of whom was a blacksmith and farmer and both of whom spent all their lives in their native land. The others of these children are Carl, Maren, Johan, Martin, Caroline, Sophia and the Hon. Christen L. Sulerud, former representative in the Legislature from the sixty-first Minnesota district, who is engaged with his brother, the subject of this sketch, in the hardware business at Halstad and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on a farm in his native land, John C. Sulerud received his schooling in the common schools there and at the age of fifteen went into the city of Christiania, where he became engaged as a clerk in a store and where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, when, in 1883, he came to the United States and proceeded on out to Minnesota, his destination