Branch county, Michigan, where he followed farming and lumbering for nearly four years. At the end of the period named he returned to his native county and again devoted his energies to farming there for a number of years. But the West still wore a winning smile for him and he came to St. Croix county, Wisconsin, where he operated a grain elevator and also farmed until 1877. In June of that year he changed his base of operations to Polk county, Minnesota, and located on a farm in Andover township. This farm he sold in 1908, but has lived in Crookston since 1888, and for some years has been nearly free from business cares.

Mr. Lytle has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has filled several local offices in Andover township with credit to himself and benefit to the township. He has been the owner of a considerable amount of real estate in this county. On December 20, 1876, he was married at Richville, New York, to Miss Mary Fisk, a native of the same county as himself and born August 10, 1855. She is the daughter of Edwin R. and Ruth A. (Brown) Fisk, the former born in the city of Rutland, Vermont, and the latter in St. Lawrence county, New York. They came to Polk county, Minnesota, in 1882, and here they passed the remainder of their lives, dying well advanced in years and high in general esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Lytle are cordial supporters of the Congregational church and all its work for the improvement of the community. Mr. Lytle is a member of the Masonic Order, in which he has reached the rank of Knight Templar. He has served as warden of Constantine Commandery No. 20 for more than twenty years and still fills that office. Has been a member of Blue Lodge for forty-eight years.

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JOHN HELDSTAB.

Starting in life for himself at the age of twenty-one, with nothing but his strong arm, clear head and determined spirit as capital, the late John Heldstab, one of the enterprising and successful business men of Crookston, steadily pursued his way through a variety of trials and occupations to consequence in a worldly way and a position of high esteem and regard among the people of the city in which the greater part of his activities were shown.

Mr. Heldstab was a native of Switzerland, born in the city of Davos, December 2, 1860, where he was reared on a farm and remained until he reached the age of twenty-one. He was the son of Honus and Anna (Travaner) Heldstab. Both parents died in Switzerland. In the spring of 1882 he came to the United States in company with his brothers, Christian and Martin, and located at Alma, Buffalo county, Wisconsin. In that locality he worked for about one year at farm labor. Early in 1883 he changed his residence to Crookston, Minnesota, and here also he worked out on farms for a few years, but passed most of the time in the neighborhood of Warren, in Marshall county, during this period.

Mr. Heldstab's next move was to form a partnership with Matthew Ridi for carrying on an active business in the ice trade. The partnership lasted only a few years, as Mr. Heldstab saw a more favorable opening for his energies in a short time and sold his interest in the ice firm. He then turned his attention to the draying industry and also occupied himself to a considerable extent in collecting buffalo bones and shipping them to markets where they were in demand. He continued his draying business for a number of years and then sold it to advantage. In 1896 he purchased the ice business of John Schantzen, which he conducted with increasing trade and prosperity until his death at his home in Crookston, 420 North Main street, on September 8, 1915. He was fifty-four years of age when he died, and twenty-two years of his industrious and useful life were passed in Northwestern Minnesota.

During the whole of his residence in this country