his arrival there, the father died in 1871 aged nearly eighty-three years. The mother also died in that county in 1891 at an advanced age and well esteemed, as was the father wherever he was known.

Their son Ole reached manhood on his father’s farm in Faribault county and completed his education in the State Normal School at Mankato. For a number of years he taught school in Waseca county, Minnesota, and in the spring of 1883 came to Polk county and filed on 160 acres of land in section 27, Knute township. For the first fifteen years of his residence in this county he again taught school while improving his farm and bringing it to productiveness, but since the expiration of the period named he has devoted his energies wholly to his farming operations except what have been required in the performance of public duties to which the people have chosen him. He has the greater part of his land under cultivation and the farm is well improved with good buildings suitable to its needs for every purpose.

Mr. Dale has always taken an active and serviceable part in the public affairs of his township. He has served as assessor three years, town clerk six years, justice of the peace fourteen years. During the last thirteen years he has been chairman of the town board.

In 1886 Mr. Dale was married in Knute township to Miss Anna Levorson, a native of Waseca county, this state, and the daughter of Halvor Levorson, who was one of Waseca county’s pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Dale have had five children. Hilda, Agnes, Henry and Ella are living. Emma died September 16, 1913, at the age of sixteen years, four months and two days. The parents are active members of the United Lutheran church.

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Cyrus H. Holmes.

Born and reared in the west, and with the whole of his life to the present time (1915) passed in the Mississippi Valley, part of it amid the privations and hardships of the frontier, Cyrus H. Holmes, one of the prominent farmers and public-spirited citizens of Onstad township, this county, is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of this section of the country and fitly represents its stalwart, sturdy manhood and elevated, progressive citizenship.

Mr. Holmes is a native of Pike county, Illinois, where his life began January 19, 1857, on a farm located about four miles from Pittsfield, the seat of the county government. When he was about twelve years old his parents moved to Champaign county, in the same state, and there the son remained until October, 1880, when he went to Kansas and located on a farm near Wellington, Sumner county, on which he lived about two years and a half. In the spring of 1883 he became a resident of this county, and the next year he settled on the farm on which he now lives, in Section 21, near the village of Melvin, in Onstad township, the tract being 160 acres which he bought of the railroad company, and on which he lived until 1897.

In the year last named Mr. Holmes moved his family to Litchfield for the purpose of obtaining better educational facilities for his children, and in that city he remained six years, his farm being operated by a tenant during that period. In 1903 he returned to the farm and lived on it three years longer, and in 1906 went back to Kansas, locating at Moran, in Allen county, and engaging in the oil business during the next three years. He returned to his farm in 1910, and since then he has made it his home continuously. He has added forty acres to his original purchase and now owns 200. In 1909 the railroad company opened a gravel pit on his farm, and this has proven very profitable to him. He has erected good buildings on the farm, set out a fine grove and added other features which have greatly increased its value and attractiveness as a rural home, and he has carried on a general farming industry with studious attention to the qualities of the soil and according to the most approved methods of present-day farming.