which he also served for a time as treasurer. He was the first president of the council and has occupied that office altogether seven years, filling it with ability and studious attention to the welfare of the community and to its entire satisfaction.

In 1897 Mr. Kronschnabel started what is now the tile factory as a sand mold brick plant. In 1900 the business was incorporated with him as president of the company, which he has been ever since, and in 1903 the manufacture of tile and hollow blocks was added to the operations of the factory. It has a capacity of 40,000 brick a day, or 4,000,000 a year. Mr. Kronschnabel is the manager of the business as well as president of the company. Brown Duckstad is vice president of the company and E. B. Hanson is secretary and treasurer. The industry is a leader in this part of the state and has an extensive and steadily expanding trade. It is admirably managed and enjoys hearty and widespread popularity, which is based wholly on the excellence of its products and the strict integrity which governs the business.

Mr. Kronschnabel is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and the Workmen of the World. He has been a director of the First State Bank of Fertile from its organization, and has taken an earnest and serviceable interest in every worthy undertaking for the good of his home community. On June 27, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Oehler, a native of Rice county, Minnesota. Four children have been born to them, two of whom died in infancy. The two living are Alma O. and George C.

JULIUS BRADLEY.

Julius Bradley, president of the Scandia Bank of Erskine and a well known farmer in Knute township, was born in Norway, February 15, 1859. He grew to manhood in his native land and came to the United States in 1881 to seek his fortunes amid the opportunities of the northwest. He possessed no capital but sturdy ambition and industriousness and paid for his passage from his first earnings in the new country. During the first years he worked in the harvest fields and at other farm labor, in Wisconsin and Minnesota, coming to Northfield, Minnesota, in 1882. In the following year he secured a homestead in the newly opened Thirteen Towns. The payment on his claim demanded all his savings and for a few years he continued to work as a harvester and in other employment. During the winter months he was employed in the lumber woods and also worked on the log drives on the Clearwater and Mississippi rivers. Able and thrifty management soon brought success to his farming operations, which have steadily increased. Mr. Bradley now owns six hundred acres of land in Knute township, which is included in three different farms and located in sections thirty-two, twenty-eight, twenty-one, twenty-two and twenty-seven. This land is all operated under the direct management of Mr. Bradley and he has put under cultivation some three hundred acres of wild land. Aside from grain farming he engages in the raising of high grade short horn stock and keeps a herd of ten dairy cows. Mr. Bradley has always been active in township affairs and has ably served his fellow citizens as township treasurer and as treasurer of the school district, having held the latter office for many years. He is a member of the Republican party but has never allowed party lines to influence his personal convictions in political questions. Mr. Bradley is further identified with those who have established the agricultural and financial prosperity of Polk county as one of the organizers and the largest stock holder in the Scandia Bank at Erskine. He has been most prominently associated with the direction of this successful institution, having been president, since its incorporation. Mr. Bradley was married in 1886 to Martha Bensen, who came to Minnesota as a child and to Polk county in 1883. They have a family of seven daughters and