ued as Stone, Gray & Childs until 1878, having in those years been extensive dealers not only in grain but also in agricultural implements. In the historical department of this work will be found a very interesting reminiscence of Mr. Childs relative to early days in Crookston, to which the reader is referred, and which will be found well worth perusal, and which gives so much of his own relation to the Red River Valley that we will not repeat it here. July 7, 1873, Mr. Childs was united in marriage at Norwalk, Ohio, to Eliza McLorinan, whose death of paralysis occurred November 4, 1904. Of four children born, one died in infancy.

In 1907 Mr. Childs removed to the west, engaging in the extensive growing of fruits at North Yakima, Washington, where he still resides.

CORNELIUS J. KELLEHER.

Cornelius J. Kelleher, mayor of East Grand Forks, and a prominent business man, has been a resident of Polk county since 1906. Prior to that time he had resided for a number of years in Grand Forks, where he engaged in the plumbing and heating business, to which activity he has devoted his business career with notable success. He is a native of Ireland, born in the city of Cork, March 2, 1867, and accompanied his parents to this country when twelve years of age. For a few years they resided at Ithaca, N. Y., and in 1882 removed to St. Paul, where his parents continue to make their home. As a youth he became apprenticed to the plumber's trade and steadily worked his way to an independent business and for ten years conducted a profitable trade in Grand Forks. In 1906 he located in East Grand Forks, where he is recognized as one of the substantial and capable business men of the city. Not only in commercial circles but in every phase of civic interest, Mr. Kelleher has made his influence a factor in behalf of progress and higher achievement, and while his preference is for the service of a private citizen, his aggressive and capable cooperation has compelled a more active and responsible position. He served as a member of the city council during the term which was marked by the installation of the city water works and was also a member of the charter commission. Upon the launching of a citizens' ticket in the political arena, through which the voters advocated enforcement of city ordinances and a clean and efficient government, Mr. Kelleher was chosen to head the ticket and led it to victorious election and a commendable fulfillment of its pledges. He was married in East Grand Forks to Nellie Racine, daughter of Louis and Mary Racine, pioneers of the city. Mr. Kelleher and his wife have four children, Mary, Firmin, Louis and Cornelius J., and he with his family, is a communicant of the Sacred Heart Catholic church.

PETER A. HOTVEDT.

The late Peter A. Hotvedt, who made a quarter of Section 8, Sullivan township, and some other land into choice farms, well improved and highly productive, and who became one of the leading citizens of his township, began his career in this county with almost nothing in the way of capital, continued it through many difficulties and rendered every step of it one of progress and service to his locality. He was born in Portage county, Wisconsin, February 26, 1856, and died on his Sullivan township farm July 22, 1905. On April 1, 1878, in company with his brother, Nels Hotvedt and O. T. Onneland, he came to the Red river valley, whose promise had been painted in glowing colors to his two companions while they were working on farms in Fillmore county, Minnesota, by a traveling merchant tailor.

Each of the three adventurers selected a homestead, Peter A. Hotvedt taking the southwest quarter, his