

ress and improvement of Polk county and all the country adjacent to it and tributary to its industrial, commercial, mercantile and social life.

Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden August 7, 1860, the son of Peter and Anna Peterson, farmers in their native land and also in this country after their arrival here in 1882, when they took up their residence at what is now the thriving and progressive city of Thief River Falls. Their son Edward was twenty-two years old when the family came to the United States. He had completed his education in his native place, and was ready for any suitable opening he might find in his new home. He remained at Thief River Falls four years, then moved to Crookston in 1886 and accepted a position in the employ of the waterworks department.

In the course of a little while Mr. Peterson worked his way up to the post of engineer for the company and some time afterward was appointed superintendent. He was elected treasurer of the company in

1892, and since then he has been practically in charge of all the operations of the department in the dual capacity of superintendent and treasurer. He was one of the organizers of the Crookston Building and Loan association; is a director and president of the Crookston Cordage company, a director of the Electrical Development company, and chairman of the development committee of the Crookston Commercial club. He is also a member of the Crookston school board.

On January 1, 1888, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Anderson, the nuptials being solemnized in Minneapolis. This Mrs. Peterson died in 1892, and on August 22, 1894, Mr. Peterson contracted a second marriage, which united him with Miss Anna Pherson, of Chicago. They have eight children, Julia, Esther, Agnes Ethel, Albert Edward, Herbert K., Florence, Adeline and Paul, all of whom are still members of the parental family circle.

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#### EDWIN E. LOMMEN.

Edwin E. Lommen, of Crookston, a prominent citizen and one of the early settlers of the county, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, February 9, 1856, the son of Anders O. and Sigrid (Hoyme) Lommen, natives of Norway. His father was a well known pioneer farmer in Iowa, having located on government land there in 1850, after living two years in Wisconsin. He was widely identified with the public activities of the time, was a member of the lower House of the Legislature and served in a number of local offices.

Edwin E. Lommen taught school at eighteen years of age and clerked in a hardware store at Decorah, Iowa. In 1878 he came to Polk county and took up a Homestead claim five miles west of Crookston, on which he lived for 19 years, cultivating and improving his farm. Since locating in Polk county he has been actively and prominently associated with the interests which have contributed to its progress and

welfare. He has marked the rapid evolution, which has replaced the log cabin store, saloon, and temporary frame shacks, which occupied the site of Crookston in 1878, with the thriving, progressive city of nine thousand inhabitants, with its brick blocks and paved streets. No less remarkable has been the development of the county, which as an agricultural community, ranks second to none in the State. In this development he feels a just pride in having taken part. While living on his farm, he held various local offices and in 1890 was elected to the State Senate and was a member of the legislative body during the sessions of 1891 and 1893. Among the enactments for which he was responsible, there were two which directly affected his home county; the law reducing the salary of county officials, which has saved many thousand dollars annually and the First Red River Valley drainage law, which carried an appropriation of \$100,000 from the state and pro-

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vided for an additional contribution of \$25,000 from the Great Northern railroad. This law made possible the construction of the first extensive ditches in the valley and has had far reaching results, in increasing the value of the land and the prosperity of the region. In 1898 he was elected Clerk of the District Court, which office he held four years. In 1894 he was candidate for lieutenant governor and in 1896 was candidate for Congress on the Populist ticket, with the Democratic endorsement; but was defeated.

Mr. Lommen was cashier of the State Bank of Buxton for 7 years; but failing health caused his retirement, so he returned to Crookston in 1914, where

he has been engaged in the real estate business, devoting some attention to his farming interests. He is a member of I. O. O. F. and the M. W. A. fraternal organizations. He has been twice married. His first union was with Maria Olson in 1881. She is survived by their four children, Clarence E., a physician; Albert M., who resides in Grand Forks; Alice J., a teacher in the schools at Hatton, North Dakota, and Sidney N., a student at the N. D. U. In 1902 Mr. Lommen was married to Addie S. Sanaker, who had been previously married and widowed. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### ALEX H. DUNLAP, M. D.

Alex H. Dunlap, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Crookston, has been eminently connected with the medical profession of the county since 1882, when he first engaged in practice in Crookston. He was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1857. His father, John Dunlap, was a native of Ontario and his wife, Julia (Ellis) Dunlap, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. John Dunlap was a lumber man and mill owner and lived in Canada throughout his life. His death and that of his wife, but a few hours later, occurred in 1905. Of their family of four sons and three daughters, Dr. Alex Dunlap is the only one who does not reside in Canada. He was reared in that country and received his early education in the public schools and then became a student in Queens College at Kingston. After graduating from that institution in 1875, he began to prepare himself for the medical profession, studying for a few months under Dr. Lafferty of Kingston and in the winter of the same year entered McGill college. In 1882 he

received his degree and came to Crookston where he has continued to successfully pursue his professional duties and has received an extensive patronage as a general practitioner. In the length of time of his services as a physician, he now ranks third among the local members of his profession and the many able attainments of his career have won him the respect and confidence of his colleagues. No small part of his success is due to years of keen study and a constant alertness to the rapid advances made in medical discoveries. Dr. Dunlap has availed himself of the advantages of post graduate work, each year, either in New York clinics or at McGill college. He is a member of the Red River Valley Medical association and of the American Medical association. Aside from his private practice, Dr. Dunlap held the position of local surgeon for the Great Northern railroad for several years. He was married in 1912 to Annie Bolie, who is a native of Minnesota. Dr. Dunlap is a member of the Masonic order.

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#### CHARLES F. SKOUG.

Charles F. Skoug, postmaster of Crookston, is a native of Norway, born at Frederickstadt in 1870 and came with his parents to this country when ten

years of age. He is the son of Theo. J. and Caroline (Mathesian) Skoug, who located in Lyon county, Minnesota, in 1880. Here the father entered upon the