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**J**OHN WILLIAM FREDRICK SCHULTZ, a farmer of Martin county, was born in Prussia, Germany, August 18, 1836, a son of John and Frederica (Schuette) Schultz. The parents came to America in 1843, locating in Niagara county, New York, fourteen miles east of Buffalo, where they remained until 1866. In November, of that year, the father died, at the home of our subject, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother, born in 1806, died in 1881. They were the parents of six children, namely: Charles, Louisa, Fredrica (wife of Charles Visenz), John W. F., William and Henry. All are now deceased but our subject and Fredrica. Henry died in the South during the late war.

John W. F. Schultz came on foot to Washington county, Minnesota, in May, 1862, where he purchased eighty acres of land, and remained there until 1874. He then located on 220 acres of land in Harrison township, Kandiyohi county, this State, and May 17, 1892, he purchased his farm of 440 acres in Martin county, 240 acres of which is under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Schultz is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, owning at the present time eleven horses, twenty-seven cattle and thirteen hogs.

June 17, 1861, our subject was united in marriage with Louisa Pagel, born February 16, 1836, a daughter of Christian and Louisa (Schultz) Pagel. To this union have been born the following children: Henry, born October 16, 1861, died April 20, 1892; William August, born April 7, 1864, is engaged in farming; Christina, born March 3, 1866, married Gustave Roggow; John W., born April 14, 1868, was married November 29, 1894, to Bertha Dorothea Peymann;

August Charles William, born April 29, 1870, is at home; Charles Frederick, born December 19, 1872; Edward Paul, born January 10, 1875, died January 7, 1877; Lewis William, born July 8, 1877; Annie May Amelia, December 11, 1880; and Edward Andrew Orro, April 9, 1884. Mr. Schultz acts with the Democratic party, and is a member of Rev. Beck's church in Fraser township.

**W**ILLIAM CLAUDIUS PORTMANN, M. D., who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Jackson, Minnesota, is a worthy representative of that profession whose importance to humanity is second to that of no other calling to which men devote abilities or energies. A native of Switzerland, he was born in canton Solothurn on the 7th of June, 1858, and is a son of Victor and Ann Maria (Hugo) Portmann. The grandfather was of English and French descent, was a civil engineer by profession and served as a soldier under Louis XIV. The Doctor's father was an only child and was born in the land of the Alps in 1818. A railroad builder and civil engineer he was in the employ of the Swiss government for some time and was a man of considerable ability and force of character. In the latter part of 1865 he was sent to this country to buy railroad iron for a German company, and in 1867 he again visited the United States. He made a permanent location here on the 29th of April, 1869, at which time he landed in New York. He was attracted by the privileges and advantages of the New World and resolved to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. Locating in Ohio, he was employed in the survey of the Tuscarawas Valley Railroad, and his death oc-

curred in Canton, Ohio, July 2, 1874, he having attained the age of fifty-six years.

The children of Victor Portmann were all born in Switzerland and all became residents of this country. Emil Odo died at Canton, Ohio; Victoria is the wife of August Newman, a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Elise is the wife of K. Hug; Albert is a hardware and tin merchant of Massillon, Ohio; Lena is the wife of Julius Hug, who is located in Nevada, Ohio; Anna is the wife of John Snyder, a resident of Canton, Ohio; the Doctor is the next younger; Walter Jacob is a machinist of Canton, Ohio; Rosa is the wife of William M. Finke, of Canton, Ohio; and Ceasar Augustus is a druggist of Jackson, Minnesota.

This family remained together until 1883. William Claudius Portmann was a lad of eleven years when with his father he came to America. The family settled in Canton, Ohio, and he acquired his literary education in its common schools, after which he took up the study of medicine with his brother. He pursued a course of lectures in the Western Reserve College of Cleveland, entering that institution in 1879 and taking a three years' course. He then joined his brother in a partnership for the practice of his chosen profession, which he continued in Canton until the fall of 1883, which year witnessed his removal to Mandan, North Dakota. About two years and a half were passed in that place, after which he came to Jackson, Minnesota, and since May 25, 1886, this place has been his home. He at once opened an office here and from the beginning has enjoyed a liberal patronage from among the best class of people, who recognize his skill and ability. He is a close student of his profession and neglects no opportunity to further perfect himself in his

chosen calling, keeping abreast with all the new theories and discoveries and putting into use all his judgment sanctions.

The Doctor was happily married on the 13th of September, 1883, in Canton, Ohio, to Miss Emma Elizabeth Ball, the estimable daughter of Colonel Ephraim (Babb) Ball. Her mother belonged to one of the old Pennsylvania Dutch families and her father to one of the best families of Virginia, which was founded in the Old Dominion by English ancestors. To Dr. and Mrs. Portmann have been born three children,—Urs Victor, who was born in Jackson, January 20, 1887; Milton Claudius, born October 20, 1889; and Arthur Ball, born December 4, 1890. In social circles the parents occupy an enviable position and throughout the community have many warm friends.

The Doctor is a charter member of the Odd Fellows' Society of Jackson, and is an honored member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In 1887 he was appointed Coroner of the county and has since filled that position. In all the relations of life he is found true and faithful, is a valued citizen and an able physician, and his honorable career has gained him the highest regard.

**H**ON. JAMES WILSON HUNTER, whose name is inseparably connected with the official and commercial history of Jackson county, is now successfully engaged in business as one of the representative merchants of the city of Jackson. A native of Scotland, he was born on the 16th of August, 1837, in Stanley, Perthshire, and is a son of James and Agnes (Cook) Hunter. His father never left Scotland, but died there about thirty