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CARL O. SCHLYTERN.

(Deceased.)

Carl O. Schlytern, now deceased, was a man prominent in all affairs of his county during his lifetime, and who had always taken a firm stand for prohibition. He served as chairman of the Dannebrog city council, also was treasurer of the school board for many years, was known far and wide for his upright character and integrity.

Mr. Schlytern was born in Sweden on April 2, 1823, and grew up in that country. He made his home in northern Sweden during his younger years, engaged in the lumber business, and was prominently known as in extensive lumber exporter for a number of years. He was married there to Anna S. Sjoding, in 1844, and they remained in Sweden up to 1871, then our subject came to America accompanied by his eldest son, the latter locating in Chicago, while his father came on west and settled in Howard county, Nebraska, where he purchased a tract of three thousand acres of land in the locality of Dannebrog and Nysted. After a short time spent in getting his affairs started, he returned to Sweden and settled up his business interests there, then came back to America, bringing with him two daughters, all coming to Howard county with him. The homestead was situated about two miles southwest of Dannebrog, and here all went to work to develop a farm. In August, 1873, Mr. Schlytern sent for the balance of his family to join them, consisting of his wife, a daughter and son. They immediately came on from their home in Sweden, and on arrival all were delighted with their new location. They lived on the farm for over ten years, when the father retired from active work and removed with his wife into Dannebrog, where he engaged in the banking business, conducting the same up to the time of his death, which occurred on September 16, 1894. His widow, now eighty-eight years of age, still resides at the family residence in Dannebrog, and enjoys the companionship of a large circle of devoted friends.

Mr. Schlytern's family consisted of eleven children, as follows: Caroline, still living in Sweden, and employed as government telegraph operator; Hilda, married, also living in Sweden; Anna, with her mother; Agnes, wife of John Mark; they are the parents of four children, and reside in Wyoming; Charles E., of Chicago, president of the Union Bank of that city; John G., married and living in Howard county with his family, a sketch of whose career follows this. Five children of our subject died while the family lived in Sweden.