

Mr. Grothe is independent in his political views. He has been called upon by his neighbors to serve the community in public office; was township supervisor for several years and is now serving as county commissioner. He has also taken a keen interest in the common business agencies of his community, for he helped to organize the companies operating the farmers elevator, the creamery and the Farmers State Bank, all of Hendrum.

ALBERT CARLSON.

Among the native-born Swedes who have come to America and engaged in farming and stock raising, is Albert Carlson, well-known and extensive farmer and stockman of Glyndon township, Clay county. He was born in Sweden in 1872, a son of Charlie and Oleana Anderson, who were also born in that country.

Charlie Anderson, who was a farmer in Sweden, was born in 1852 and died at the early age of thirty-one years in 1883, having spent all of his life in his native country. His wife, Oleana Anderson, was born in 1848 and died at the age of sixty-one years, in 1909. They were the parents of seven children: Hanna, who is married and living in Sweden; Albert Carlson, the subject of this sketch, and Emma, Andrew, Anna, Anthony and Andrew, all deceased. Charlie Anderson and his wife were members of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Albert Carlson was educated in the schools of Sweden and thereafter spent some few years at farming work. At the age of nineteen he immigrated to the United States and since 1891 has been a resident of Clay county. He has been engaged in farming ever since and has in a comparatively short period advanced to a position which places him in the front rank among the farmers and stockmen of the county. He bought his first tract of land in 1898 and has since been gradually adding to his holdings and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land, in addition to which he rents and farms eleven hundred and sixty-eight acres, and has one hundred acres planted to potatoes. His live stock is comprised of grade Short-horn cattle, thoroughbred stallions and Poland China hogs, and in all his farming operations he has done very well, being recognized as one of the progressive and modern-method farmers of the district in which he lives. Mr. Carlson carried out a systematic series of improvements on his farms and employs tractors and steam engines to assist in taking care of his exten-

sive farming interests, his farm machinery alone being valued at five thousand dollars.

In 1896 Albert Carlson was united in marriage to Christina Mattson, who was born in Sweden, in 1873, and who came to the United States in 1892. They are the parents of the following children: Eugene Carl, Alice Viola, Mildred Irene, Loraine Doris and Leah Evelyn, twins, and Inez Catherine. They are members of the First Presbyterian church, which Mr. Carlson serves as a trustee and as an elder and in the affairs of which congregation the Carlson family take a proper interest, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they reside, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the township and neighborhood.

EDWARD H. STENNES.

A natural-born American citizen, in whom is combined the thrift of his parents' native land and the enterprise of the American spirit, is Edward H. Stennes, who was born on the old homestead in Halstad township, Norman county, September 21, 1881, the son of Hans O. and Ingeborg (Ness) Stennes. The elder Stennes and wife were natives of Norway, who heeded the call of the New World and came to America about 1870 and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they remained until 1875. Feeling that they could find a better opportunity to establish their home in the new land farther north in the state, in the year mentioned above they came up into the Red River country and homesteaded eighty acres in Halstad township, Norman county, where their son, Edward, now lives. At that time the land comprising the homestead was bare prairie, but by their indomitable perseverance and consummate thrift, the family improved their holding by planting a grove, raising strong and substantial buildings and bringing the stubborn sod of the rolling prairie under cultivation. The natural consequence was that the family prospered and finally the father was enabled to extend his holdings by the acquisition of another eighty acres, which he bought. The elder Stennes and wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Olena, the wife of John D. Henry, living in Grand Forks, North Dakota; Edward H., the subject of this review; Marie and Emma, who live on the home place with Edward H., and Clara, Ole and Henry, who are dead. Hans Stennes and family were members of the Lutheran church, of which