

children have been born, Eva S., Agnes J., George, Lucretia, Ada and Glisa. Mr. and Mrs. Holden have a very pleasant home at Ada and take a proper interest in the general affairs of the city, interested in all local good works. Mr. Holden is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and has for years taken a warm interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He also is a veteran member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and takes much interest in the affairs of that order.

MARTIN O. DAHLEN.

Martin O. Dahlen, a farmer of Tansem township, Clay county, was born in Norway, January 22, 1872, a son of Ole and Carrie (Englen) Dahlen, both also natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and spent their lives on a farm, both dying there many years ago. Four children were born to them, namely: Peter, who died in Norway; Gilbert, who also died in the old country; Martin O., the subject of this sketch, and Anna, whose death occurred in Norway.

Martin O. Dahlen spent his boyhood in his native land and there attended the common schools. When twenty years old, in 1892, he immigrated to the United States, coming directly to Minnesota, where he worked out as a farm hand in the neighborhood of Barnesville, Clay county, for about ten years. He saved his wages and in 1900 bought one hundred and sixty acres in Tansem township. The land had been only slightly improved and had no buildings on it except a granary. The following year he began active work on the place and has since resided on the same. He has brought it up to a fine state of cultivation and has built a comfortable residence and good out-buildings, fences, etc. He carries on general farming and stock raising. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Barnesville, which he helped organize. He also helped organize the Rollag Telephone Company and has been a stockholder in the same ever since.

Mr. Dahlen was married in Clay county, in 1901, to Carrie Johnson, who was born August 11, 1874, in Norwegian Grove township, Otter Tail county, this state, where she grew to womanhood and attended the public schools. She is a daughter of Nels and Anna (Erickson) Johnson, natives of Norway, where they grew up and married and made their home until 1869, when they came to Minnesota. In 1870 they took up a homestead in Norwegian township, Otter Tail county, improving the land and establishing their future

home, spending the rest of their lives there, both dying in 1916, the father in August and the mother in January. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born five children: Alice, Carrie, Albert, Emma and Nettie, all of whom are living at this writing. Nels Johnson was an influential man in his township. He helped organize the Norwegian Lutheran church there and was a useful man in his neighborhood.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dahlen, namely: Cora, born in 1903; Melvin, 1907, and Nellie, 1909. Politically, Mr. Dahlen is a Republican. He has held the office of township supervisor for the past four years and is also a member of the township school board, which position he has held for a number of years. Mr. Dahlen has worked hard to get a start in the new world, and by perseverance has succeeded in becoming very comfortably established.

OLE T. AASEN.

Ole T. Aasen, one of the pioneer farmers of this section of the Red river valley and the owner of a fine farm and a comfortable home in Lee township, Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since 1870, having come here when about twenty-five years of age. He was born on November 17, 1845, and grew to manhood on a farm in his native land, receiving his schooling there and remaining in that country until 1870, in which year he came to the United States. His parents spent all their lives in Norway. They were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, all of whom are living save two. One of the daughters is a resident of Minnesota, living in Houston county.

In 1878 Ole T. Aasen decided to settle in the Red river valley. With that end in view he homesteaded a tract of eighty acres on the Dakota side of the Red river, across the river from his present home in Norman county, and after his marriage in 1881, established his home there, but later moved across the river to his present place of residence in Lee township, where he since has made his home. Mr. Aasen prospered in his farming operations and as he prospered added to his holdings until he became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres on the Dakota side of the river and three hundred and forty-five acres on this side of the river. The former tract he has divided among his children and continues to make his home on his Lee township tract, a fine farm of three hundred