

faith he and his good wife remained strong adherents until their deaths occurred on the old home place.

Edward H. Stennes received his early education in Halstad township, Norman county, during his boyhood days on the old homestead. As he grew to manhood, however, he received the training of the skilled agriculturalist, as he is, behind the plow in his father's field. After he had arrived at man's estate, he did not leave the parental rooftree, but remained on the home farm, looking after his parents' agricultural and business interests, during their decline. Since their deaths he has remained on the home farm with his sister, carrying on general farming and stock raising. Mr. Stennes is a stock breeder of note and deals in thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Stennes is a devout, consistent and conscientious member of the Lutheran church, which denomination has in him a stanch adherent. He is an advocate of sound political principles, but has never sought after office. If any movement is started in the community, the state or the nation which gains the attention of good citizens, such a movement will find among its ardent supporters Edward H. Stennes.

PATRICK DULLARD.

Patrick Dullard, president of the water and light commission of the city of Ada and one of Norman county's best-known retired pioneer farmers, is a native of Ireland, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was eighteen years of age. He was born on November 6, 1852, son of John and Julia (Rine) Dullard, also natives of Ireland, who spent all their lives in that country. There Patrick Dullard learned the carpenter trade as a boy and when eighteen years of age came to the United States and proceeded at once on out to Minnesota, locating in Faribault county. That was in 1870. There he found ready employment at his trade and presently became engaged on the bridge-construction force of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, in 1872 moving to St. Paul in that employ. While thus engaged, in 1877, Mr. Dullard, who was married in that year, was sent out to this part of the state to superintend the erection of railway stations and he was so greatly taken with the apparent possibilities of this part of the state that he homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in section 30 of what later came to be organized as McDonaldsville township, Norman county, and some time afterward established his home there.

For three years after coming to this part of the state Patrick Dullard retained his connection with the railroad work and then he began contracting on his own account, as a bridge builder and general carpenter, in the meantime continuing to develop his homestead tract, and as he prospered added to his land holdings until he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land, engaging there in general farming and stock raising until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal to Ada, where he since has made his home and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Since retiring from the farm Mr. Dullard has sold his land and has made other investments. During his residence on the farm he for some time served as a member of the board of township supervisors of McDonaldsville township and is now serving the public as president of the water and light commission of the city of Ada.

As noted above, it was in 1877 that Patrick Dullard was united in marriage to Ellen McLaughlin, who was born in Vermont, a daughter of Patrick McLaughlin and wife, and to this union five children have been born, Edward Henry, Arthur James, Katherine, William Raymond and Joseph Benjamin, all of whom are living. Mr. Dullard is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America and in the affairs of these two organizations takes a warm and active interest.

THE GILBERTSON BROTHERS.

The Gilbertson brothers, Albert and Cornelius, well-known farmers and stock raisers of Halstad township, Norman county, where they operate jointly the old Gilbertson homestead of five hundred and three acres, are the sons of Ole and Christie (Monson) Gilbertson, both natives of Norway. Ole Gilbertson, one of the pioneers of Halstad township, was a son of Gilbert Klemmer and wife, the latter of whom died in her native Norway. In 1861, bringing with him his aged father and his two children, Anna and Gilbert, whose mother had died in Norway, he came to the United States and settled in Richland county, Wisconsin, where he met and married Christie Monson, who had followed her parents to America, two years after they had left their native country and settled in Grant county, Wisconsin. Her parents later removed to North Dakota and settled with some of their children who resided there, where they spent the rest of their lives. Years after their marriage Ole Gilbertson and wife left Richland