

Nels and Catherine Bjerke, were united in marriage. They have seven children: Alice, Erwin, Cora, Lila, Reuben, Milton and May. They are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Reirsgord is at present superintendent of the Sunday school and takes a prominent part in all church activities. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

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### OLE O. EGGE.

Ole O. Egge, a well-to-do and prominent farmer and owner of a several tracts of land in Humboldt township, Clay county, director on the township school board and on the township board and otherwise active in public affairs, was born in the kingdom of Norway, March 1, 1861, but has been living in this country since 1884, having settled in Clay county in April of that year. He is the son of Ole Hanson and Carrie (Dahlen) Egge, also born in Norway and who lived and died in that country.

Ole Hanson Egge was educated in the schools of Norway where he was a farmer by occupation and continued thus engaged for the remainder of his active life, his death occurring in his native land in 1878. Ole H. Egge was twice married, his first wife being Goro Dahlen, to whom he was married about 1828, and to that union the following children were born: Hans, who was born in 1830 and died in Norway at the age of eighty-seven years; Paul; Anders and Anna. By his second marriage, in 1846, to Carrie Dahlen he was the father of four children, namely: Ole O., the subject of this sketch; Goro, Bertha Marie and Carrie. Mrs. Carrie (Dahlen) Egge died in Norway in 1890. Ole H. Egge was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Ole O. Egge was educated in the schools of Norway and was reared on his father's farm, where he assisted in the labors of the same. His father died when he was seventeen years old, and for six years thereafter, or until 1884 when he immigrated to this country, he continued to remain on the old home farm and help the other members of the family. Upon his arrival in Clay county, Mr. Egge purchased eighty acres of land, part of his present farm, and, as he prospered in his farming operations, he made further purchases and now has a tract of five hundred and eighty acres of choice land in section 12, Humboldt township, and has additional land in sections 1 and 11, in the same township. He carries on general farming according to

modern methods of agriculture and is very successful. His place is well improved with new buildings and dwelling house, and he is accounted one of the substantial and progressive farmers of this section of the county.

On November 7, 1894, at Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, Ole O. Egge was united in marriage to Anna Egge, who was born in Norway in 1861 and came to America in 1884, ten years before the date of her marriage. To this union the following children have been born: Clara, Oscar, Olga (deceased), Gena and Henry. The Egge family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are warmly interested in all its good works, and to the congregation of the church Mr. Egge has been secretary for the past twenty-three years. He takes a good citizen's interest in the civic and general affairs of the township and has served as a member of district school board No. 45 for upwards of twenty-four years. He has rendered further public service through his connection with the township board, at the deliberations of which he has been a constant attendant for the long period of eighteen years. In many other directions he has given evidence of a warm interest in all matters tending toward the common good of the community.

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#### PETER B. MOORE.

Peter B. Moore was born in Becker county, Minnesota, November 10, 1878, a son of Peter and Kari (Oppen) Moore, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1872 and located in Becker county, Minnesota, where they took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Cuba township, of that county. Here they built a home, improved the land, and continued to live until Peter Moore's death in 1881. His wife is still living. There were seven children in this family: Christina, Bertha, Andrew, Atlanta, who was born on the Atlantic ocean on their way to this country; Ellick, Hans and Peter B. The father was an active member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Peter B. Moore was educated in the public schools of Cuba township, Baker county, and worked on the farm in his early years. In the spring of 1897, he came to Ulen, Clay county, and was employed as a clerk in the store of Robert Hanson for two years. He was afterward employed for three years as a clerk for L. P. Herreid, and then with the Ulen Mercantile Company until 1910, in which year, Mr. Moore, in partnership with Gill Fevig, bought out this company and assumed full control of the business