

son and wife have been born two children, Gunder and Hannah. Halvor Peterson was previously married and was the father of one son named Peter. Mrs. Peterson has shares in the companies operating the telephone lines at Gary and at Sundahl and also owns an interest in a store at the latter place. Mr. Peterson is a shareholder in the local elevator company at Flaming. The family have a very pleasant home in Sundahl township and the members of the same take a proper interest in the community's general social affairs. Mr. Peterson takes a good citizen's interest in political affairs, but has not been an office seeker.

ELLING H. FLOM.

Elling H. Flom, one of the real pioneers of Norman county and a substantial retired farmer of Flom township, proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and fifty acres in section 21 of that township, where he has made his home since the early eighties, is a native of the state of Iowa, but has been a resident of the Red River country since he was sixteen years of age. He was born on a pioneer farm in Winneshiek county, Iowa, September 15, 1858, son of Hans Flom, who came up into Minnesota with his family in 1874 and settled in what later came to be organized as Flom township, Norman county, that township being named in his honor when the petition for its organization was granted by the county commissioners.

As noted above, Elling H. Flom was sixteen years of age when he came up here into the Red River Valley with his father in 1874. He had received his schooling in Iowa and upon coming here became a valued aid to his father in the labors of improving and developing the home place. In 1882 he proved up a pre-emption claim to a quarter of a section of land in section 12 of Flom township and eight or nine months later sold the same and bought his present farm of two hundred and fifty acres in section 21 of that same township. When he took possession of that place forty-five acres of it had been "broken" and the task of bringing under cultivation the remainder of the tract thus fell upon his shoulders, a no inconsiderable task, by the way. Though there was some natural timber on the place, Mr. Flom did considerable tree planting as a wind-break measure, and the groves he planted are now attractive features of the landscape thereabout. He erected new buildings on the place and has added to the same from time to time until now he has one of the best-kept farm plants in that part of the

county. For some time past Mr. Flom has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, his son Edwin assuming the responsibility of running the place. Ever since the organization of his home township Mr. Flom has been a member of the board of township supervisors and is now treasurer of the same. For many years he has also been a member of the school board, for eighteen years a director, and is now also treasurer of that board. He is a stockholder in the Flom Bank and in other ways has given his active attention to the general business affairs of the community, in the development of which he has been a prominent participant since the very beginning of settlement there.

On December 19, 1882, Elling H. Flom was united in marriage to Oleanna Olson, who was born in the kingdom of Norway in 1863 and who had come to this country with her parents when she was eighteen years of age, and to this union nine children have been born, namely: Hans M., who is now a landowner in North Dakota; Marie Alma, who also owns land in North Dakota; Gunda Catherine, also a North Dakota landowner; Anthony, a landowner in Montana; Edwin, who is renting and farming the old home place in Flom township; Olga Berthina, a member of Norman county's public-school teaching force, and Berton, Mildred and Kenneth, at home. The Floms have a very pleasant home and have ever given their interested attention to the community's general social affairs. They are members of the Wild Rice church and Mr. Flom was formerly and for years a member of the board of trustees of that congregation.

GUSTAV O. EEG.

Gary, one of the progressive and up-to-date towns of Norman county, has many men who have won distinction in their various walks of life, and have had much to do with the growth and the development of the district. Among the number who have had an influential effect on the business development of the community, it is well to mention Gustav O. Eeg, a well-known and prominent banker of the town, who was born in Becker county, Minnesota, on August 9, 1871, and is the son of Olaus and Johannah (Christopherson) Eeg.

Olaus and Johannah Eeg were both born in Norway, where they received their education in the public schools and there they grew to manhood and womanhood and were married. After their marriage