

known over the country for his herd of thoroughbred cattle, and also for his first-class potato seed. He raises a large acreage every year of Red River valley seed potatoes. He built an extensive potato warehouse on his farm near the Northern Pacific tracks, which road runs through his farm. However, the warehouse is reached by a private siding. His potatoes are shipped to many states and find a good market everywhere. He has made a special study of this line and understands every phase of raising and handling Irish potatoes. Mr. Schroeder employs on an average of about twenty men on his farm, all of whom are housed and fed on the place, whose homes together with the dwelling of the proprietor, barns and other out-buildings constitute a little village. The dwelling of Mr. Schroeder is in the midst of a large attractive grove and lawn.

Mr. Schroeder was married in 1902 to Magdelina J. Kuchl, a daughter of Denis Kuehl, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume. To this union five children have been born, namely: Irene, Edward, Carl, Elenora and Ruth.

Mr. Schroeder is president of the Dilworth Dairymens Association, and takes an active interest in its affairs. He has done much to encourage better dairying and better stock raising in this section of the country. He is a member of the Lutheran church. He is public-spirited, neighborly, a man of progressive ideas and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

IVER O. HAGEN.

Another son of the kingdom of Norway is Iver O. Hagen, owner of two hundred acres of fine land in Bear Park township, Norman county, and identified with the business life of the township for several years. He was born in Norway, a son of Ole G. and Kari (Lovenstuen) Hagen, natives also of Norway and who came to America in 1869.

When Ole G. Hagen arrived in this country he pushed on out to Minnesota and settled in Freeborn county, where he worked on farms and in 1882 moved to Norman county, where he has been living ever since. He homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bear Park township, where Iver O. Hagen, his son, is now living and where Mrs. Kari Hagen died some years ago. They were the parents of one child, Iver O., the subject of this sketch. During his active life Ole G. Hagen was a good farmer and a good citizen, ever concerned for those things best calculated

to promote the general welfare of the community. He helped to start the first church in Sundahl.

Iver O. Hagen had but a brief educational training in his native country and availed of the opportunity to complete his school course in America, where he attended school for some years. He came to Norman county in 1882 with his parents and has lived on the home farm ever since, having added an additional forty acres of railroad land to the original homestead tract which his father entered. He has erected some excellent buildings on the place, which he keeps in fine shape, and is regarded as one of the progressive and substantial farmers in the part of the township where he resides. He is engaged in general farming and has been doing very well.

In 1887 Iver O. Hagen was united in marriage to Marthia Hanson, born in Norway, a daughter of Hans Brohelden and wife, also natives of Norway, and to that union the following children were born: Ole, Helmer (deceased), Hans, Caroline, Ingvald and Gilbert. Following the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Hagen was married in 1901 to Caroline M. Hornshagen, born in Norway, a daughter of Michael Hanson and wife, and to this second union four children have been born, Iver, Manford, Melvin and Clarence. The Hagen family are earnest members of the Lutheran church and warmly interested in all its good works. Mr. Hagen helped to organize the Sundahl Mercantile Company and the Sundahl Creamery and to the business affairs of these two undertakings has given considerable attention.

ANTON NELSON.

Anton Nelson, a well-known and well-to-do farmer, owner of a compact farm of one hundred and seventeen acres of choice land, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of the United States since 1881 and of Norman county since the following year. He was born in Norway on January 18, 1858, a son of Nels and Renog (Severson) Johnson Erstad, both born in Norway and who came to America in 1883, the year after Anton Nelson arrived, and proceeded directly to Ada, Minnesota, later living at various places with their children, their last days being spent on Anton's place in Sundahl township, Norman county. They were the parents of seven children who grew to maturity, as follow: Jacob N., Johan N., Randi, who remained in Norway; Svert, Martinus, Anton and Guro, deceased.