

OLE H. HANSON.

The name of the late Ole H. Hanson, for years a well-known and prosperous farmer, living in Bear Park township for nearly thirty years and who died in 1914, will be held in grateful remembrance for a long time to come, because Mr. Hanson was one of the pioneer farmers of Norman county, who braved the dangers and risks of settling in a new country. He and his wife, Carrie Brown, were natives of the state of Wisconsin and moved in an early day to Freeborn county, Minnesota, with their respective parents, who took homesteads in that county, these parents being natives of the kingdom of Norway, where they were farming people.

About 1881 Ole H. Hanson, in company with his brother Charles, drove to Norman county, which was then being opened up to settlement, and each of the brothers took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Sundahl township. They then returned to Freeborn county and in the following year moved up to Sundahl township, bringing their families with them, the trip being made by wagon. On this homestead Ole Hanson lived about five years, during which time he acquired a tree claim of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the homestead, and on which he proved up, later selling the tree claim and the homestead. The trees he set out on the tree claim are standing on the ground to this day.

About 1886 Ole H. Hanson bought one hundred and twenty acres of choice land, which was all in timber, in Bear Park township. He immediately proceeded to put the place into a state of cultivation and put up several good buildings, and as he prospered in his agricultural operations he added to his land holdings, finally becoming the owner of two hundred and fifty-two acres on the original place and twenty acres further north in section 7, Bear Park township. After a residence of nearly thirty years in this township Mr. Hanson's strenuous labors on the farm came to a termination, the "grim reaper" calling him from all earthly scenes in 1914. He had during his long residence in the county enjoyed the friendship and good will of the community, being generally recognized as a good citizen whose worth was felt on all sides. Before coming to Norman county Ole H. Hanson had married Carrie Brown and to that union the following children were born: Lena, Ella, Minnie, Henry, Ida, Cora and Helmer, all of whom are living. In addition to his farming operations, Ole Hanson gave a good citizen's attention to civic affairs and served on the township board and in the early days was a justice of the peace. He assisted in the work

of organizing two churches in Sundahl township and also helped to organize the creamery at Sundahl.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hanson has been living on the farm, her sons Henry and Helmer renting the place from her. The sons carry on the work with the same spirit of enterprise that characterized their father's work. In addition to cultivation of crops they also breed a fine strain of Shorthorn cattle. The wagon which brought the family to the county is still in use on the farm, being prized as a kind of family heirloom, though of antiquated pattern.

G. C. LUCHAN.

G. C. Luchan, a prosperous farmer of Green Meadow township, Norman county, where he owns a fine farm of two hundred eighty acres, a part of which is the old homestead, was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, March 17, 1869, a son of J. P. and Jessie (Augustine) Luchan, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. Along in the early fifties they decided to come to America, and after they had landed here about that time, they located in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where the subject of this review was born. The family resided here until 1882, but two years previous the father came northward to Norman county, where he took a tree claim, near where the son, G. C., now lives, in Green Meadow township. Two years later his family followed him to Norman county. However, the father did not prove up his claim and he and his wife made their home with their son Henry on the place where G. C. Luchan now lives, and here he and his wife died.

G. C. Luchan spent his boyhood in Goodhue county, where he received a part of his common school education and after the family's removal to Norman county he continued his formal education for a while longer. He has always made his home on the place where he now lives since he came to this county with his mother in 1882, contributing a goodly share of the thrift and industry to the development and cultivation of the farm. After the death of his parents, he purchased the farm from the estate and he has added to his holdings until he now is the proprietor of two hundred eighty acres of well-improved land on which he carries on general farming. Some years ago, he decided that the original buildings were inadequate for the