

Minnesota, but he is at present not connected with any of these financial institutions. Even though Mr. Aamoth has been a conspicuous man in the affairs of his community and has ever been active in all movements for the betterment of social and business conditions, he has never aspired to political office.

On January 3, 1878, Peter H. Aamoth was united in marriage, on his own homestead, to Eliza Ovidea Olson, who was born in Winnebago county, Iowa, the daughter of P. S. Olson, a pioneer of Wild Rice township, Norman county. To that union were born the following children, all of whom are still living: Julia, Helmer, Theodore, Alfred, Emma, Cora, Francis and Sidney. Mrs. Aamoth died on November 28, 1902. Mr. Aamoth and family are devout, conscientious and active members of the Lutheran church, belonging to the Mamesta congregation at Faith; however, they were members formerly of the Wild Rice Lutheran church, which he helped to organize, when they lived on the other farm.

MARTIN A. HEIBERG.

Martin A. Heiberg, former proprietor of the Heiberg elevator at Twin Valley and a well-known general dealer in flour, feed, grain and seeds at that place, was born in Norman county and has lived there all his life, with the exception of some years spent in North Dakota and several years spent homesteading in Montana. He was born in the village of Heiberg (old Twin Valley) on March 16, 1887, son of J. F. and Augusta (Slettsback) Heiberg, early and influential residents of that place, who are still living there and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume in a biographical sketch relating to J. F. Heiberg, the well-known veteran miller and electric-light producer at Heiberg.

Reared at Heiberg, M. A. Heiberg received his schooling in the schools of that village and from the days of his youth was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the latter's mill. When sixteen years of age, in 1903, he went to Valley City, North Dakota, and was there engaged until 1908 working in the mills of the Russell Miller Milling Company. He then went over into Montana, meantime having married, and entered a homestead claim to a quarter of a section of land and there made his home, proving up his claim, until 1912, in which year he sold his claim and returned to Norman county, locating at Twin Valley, where he bought the elevator of the Heiberg

Elevator Company, and took charge of the same, maintaining the proprietorship of that thriving business until September 1, 1917, when he sold out to the Twin Valley Grain Company. Mr. Heiberg still carries on a general wholesale flour, feed, hay, potato and seed business and is also the jobber, for the states of Minnesota and North Dakota, for the Packro "seedtape," maintaining a force of men on the road for the sale of his products, besides an ample force of men in the office and warehouses. He also has a feed-grinding mill and in addition to his other activities has built up an extensive business in the real-estate line, being recognized as one of the most energetic young "hustlers" in this part of the state. Mr. Heiberg takes an active interest in the community's general affairs and as secretary of the Twin Valley Good Roads Association has done much to advance the cause of better roads hereabout. His petition for the improvement of forty-six miles of road in the territory adjacent to Broadview, Montana, was granted and the road bears his name. During his residence in Musselshell county, Montana, Mr. Heiberg was the organizer of school district No. 37 in that county and was clerk of the school board, doing a fine work for the advancement of the interests of the schools in that pioneer community.

In the year 1904 M. A. Heiberg was united in marriage to Matilda Peterson, daughter of Henry Peterson and wife, of Heiberg, and to this union have been born six children, Arthur B., Viola M., Francis E. W., Irene L., Ruth M. and Inez B. Mr. and Mrs. Heiberg are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and take an interested part in local church work, as well as in the general social activities of the community and are helpful in promoting such movements as are designed to advance the common welfare.

TRON RISHOF.

The state of Minnesota has many men of prominence who are of foreign birth and who have risen to their present high standing in the community in which they live by their own efforts. Among the number who have thus won their way to success and influence it is well to mention Tron Rishof, who is now living in retirement in Gary, Minnesota, and who was born in far away Norway in the year 1848 and is the son of Tron Rishof and Gunhild Haugerud, born in Tlaskerud.

The parents of our subject, Tron Rishof, received their education in the schools of their native country and there grew to manhood and woman-