

arrived in these parts he found employment as a farm hand in Sundahl township, where he worked for three years. In 1891 he invested his savings in one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land in Sundahl township, section 36, to which tract he added eighty acres some two years later. This land was all bare, but Mr. Degerness, especially after he began his residence on his holding in 1892, started assiduously to improve it by erecting substantial farm buildings and a comfortable farm house. Here now he carries on general diversified farming.

On March 28, 1888, Mr. Degerness was united in marriage to Martha Thompson, born in Norway on October 19, 1866, a daughter of Peter and Martha (Vikenes) Thompson, the former of whom came to America many years before his daughter immigrated to this country. He lived in Kandiyohi county, Minnesota, and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Degerness are the parents of nine children as follow: Martha, Anna, Petra, Thea, Marie, Toris Gustav, Hannah, Norman and Alvin Martin. The parents are devoted members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Sundahl and according to this faith they have reared their children. Mr. Degerness has been and is prominently connected with the civil affairs of Sundahl township, having been township supervisor for six years and school board chairman for ten years in all. Moreover, his interests in the co-operative business enterprises of his community are well known, he having helped to organize the creamery at Sundahl and also the Sundahl Mercantile Company. In politics, Mr. Degerness is a staunch member of the Republican party.

HOGAN HOGENSON.

Hogan Hogenson is another of the natives of Norway who has come to the United States and from small beginnings has accumulated a substantial means of livelihood, now the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Goose Prairie township and of thirty acres of timber land in section 22, Norman county. He was born in 1864 in the kingdom of Norway, a son of Henry and Mary (Lee) Hogenson, natives of Norway, the former born in 1837 and the later in 1839, and who on arriving in this country first settled in Steele county, Minnesota.

Henry Hogenson came to this country about the year 1871 and bought eighty acres of land in Steele county, this state, which he sold some years

later and then took a homestead tract in Walnut township, Becker county, which he subsequently sold to his son, Martin. This homestead is just across the Clay county line. Henry Hogenson then bought eighty acres to live on, which he still owns. Henry and Mary (Lee) Hogensen are the parents of the following children: Hogan, the immediate subject of this sketch; Hans, married, who rents land north of Ulen and owns land in Becker county; Nels, married, rents land in Keene township; Ed, a widower, living with his father; Martin, living on the original homestead; Belle, married, living in Becker county; Barbara, married, also in Becker county; Anna, married, lives in Clay county, and Leno, deceased.

Hogan Hogenson accompanied his parents to this country when he was seven years old, in 1871, and lived with them in Steele county, this state, and there attended the public schools. Later, he assisted his father in the labors of improving and developing the home farm and at the age of thirty years, in 1894, he bought the homestead of his wife's father in section 4, Goose Prairie township, and later bought eighty acres in section 5. Mr. Hogenson is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres in Clay county and thirty acres of timber land in Norman county. He has made many valuable improvements and is now engaged in general farming and since the very commencement of his operations has met with considerable success and is accounted one of the substantial farmers in that section of Clay county.

Hogan Hogenson was united in marriage to Ellen L. Mallen, born in 1870, in Houston county, Minnesota. Her father was a farmer and owned a tract of land in Houston county. Mrs. Hogenson's parents came to Clay county in 1880, in which year her father homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 4, Goose Prairie township. Mr. and Mrs. Hogenson are the parents of the following children: Henry, who owns land in Montana; Mabel, who lives in North Lake Park; Olva, living in this county; Hilda, married, and living in Montana, and John, Olga, Willis, Hazel, Ina, Ralph and Laura. Mr. Hogenson gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs, and has served as supervisor of the township for the past ten years. He also served on the school board and was one of the organizers of school district No. 89, and he served as clerk of the school board for several years. He has an interest in the local creamery and in other ways has given evidence of his ability to help all proper causes in the township and county. In addition to his farming operations Mr. Hogenson is also a breeder of Shorthorn stock.