

of potatoes. He carries on general farming and since the commencement of his operations he has been successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition. Since acquiring this holding Mr. Bredemeier has been to considerable expense in carrying out substantial improvements, and his place is ranked among the best in the township. He is also the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Wilkin county.

In 1884 Christian Bredemeier was united in marriage to Marion Fankhanel, who was born in Germany in 1864 and came to America in 1882. To this union the following children were born Cecelia, who is married; William, married; Alfred, a farmer, also clerk of district school board No. 31; Thelma, married; Lilly, Martha and Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Bredemeier take a proper interest in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the neighborhood and township.

BORRE HOVEN.

Borre Hoven, a substantial and energetic farmer and breeder of high-grade stock, owner of three hundred and twenty acres of prime land in Winchester township, Norman county, chairman of the local school board and otherwise identified with the public life of the township, is a native of Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, born in 1857, but has been a resident of this country for thirty-five years, having immigrated in 1882. He is a son of John and Mary Hoven, also born in Norway, the former a farmer, and both of whom are deceased, Borre Hoven being deprived of his mother when he was but eighteen months old.

In 1882, Borre Hoven, who had been married in the previous year, came to this country with his wife and proceeded to the state of Minnesota, locating at Crookston, where he remained for six months. He then homesteaded a quarter section of land in section 10, Winchester township, and later bought another quarter section in section 9, same township, and here he is engaged in general farming and stock raising and since the commencement of his agricultural operations he has been uniformly successful. Mr. Hoven has effected many substantial improvements on his holdings and his farm buildings are well built, his fences being one of the well-kept features of the place, and his farming operations are carried on along modern lines.

In 1881, before leaving Norway, Borre Hoven was united in marriage to Anna Wange, also a native of Norway, born in 1863. They are parents of the following children: Ole, married, in Montana; Mary, married, living in North Dakota; Bennie, in Montana; Gilbert, who works on the home farm; Alfred, married, living in Montana; Sylvester, also in Montana; Gena, a school teacher; Otto, farming at home; Anna, a school teacher, and Tena, Edwin, Ella and Olga, all living at home. The Hoven family are members of the United church and earnestly interested in all its good works, Mr. Hoven being a trustee of the church and has served the congregation in other capacities. He helped to build one church.

Mr. Hoven gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and for years has been identified with the progress of education in the township and neighborhood and has helped to build two of the district schools and has served on the school board in various capacities. He has also served on the township board and helped to organize the Lake Ida Telephone Company, of which he is a stockholder, and in other ways he has given his active support to all movements designed to serve the public good.

LARS BJORNSON.

Lars Bjornson, local manager at Twin Valley for the Wilcox Lumber Company, treasurer of the local creamery company, former treasurer and councilman of the village, former newspaper editor and merchant there and for years one of the most energetic "boosters" of the affairs of that thriving village, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country and of Minnesota since he was twenty-one years of age. He is a Telemarking, born in the parish of Saude on July 20, 1869, son of Bjorn and Ingeborg (Olson) Johnson, farmers and natives of that same place, who spent all their lives in their native land and who were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being John, Kjersti, John (second), Aasta and Ingeborg. The parents were members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and the children were reared in that faith.

Reared on the home farm, Lars Bjornson received his schooling in the village schools and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, when he came to this country, in 1890, and proceeded on out to Minnesota,