

On January 25, 1894, at St. Peter's church, Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, John Corneliuson was united in marriage by Rev. O. Gulbranson, to Marie Petterson, also a native of Norway, and to that union the following children have been born: Carl, deceased; Egbert, Emilia, Matilda, Corine, Teckle, Charlotte, Carl, Theolinia and Lillian. Mrs. Corneliuson is a daughter of Petter Larson and Josephine Bergerson Havkloen, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1867, locating in Winneshiek county, Iowa, eight miles east of Decorah. In 1875 they moved to Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota. He died when Mrs. Corneliuson was ten years of age. The mother now lives in Montevideo, Minnesota. The Corneliuson family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and are earnest in their support of all its good works, as well as all community affairs having the well-being of the public for their purpose. Mr. Corneliuson is a warm advocate of the best township schools and was a member of the school board for some time, and in many other ways he lends his support to the interests of the community in public matters.

RHINEHART P. IDTSE.

Rhinehart P. Idtse, a well-known and energetic farmer, who has been a resident of Hegne township since the date of its organization for civic purposes, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since 1872 and of Norman county since 1878. He was born on November 15, 1849, a son of Peder and Anna Idtse, both of whom were born in Norway and there spent all their lives, respected and earnest members of the farming community in which they lived.

Rhinehart P. Idtse was educated in the schools of his native Norway and was reared on his father's farm, which was situated on an island one and one-half miles east of Stavanga, the family being thus compelled to make their trips to market by boat. He helped in the labors of cultivating the land on this island farm until he was fifteen years of age, when he went to sea on a sailing vessel, beginning his life as a seafarer as a cook. He later became a sailor and was thus occupied until he came to America. At the age of twenty-three years, in 1872, he immigrated to the United States and on arrival in this country, proceeded on out to Fillmore county, Minnesota, and made that place his home until 1878, in which year he came to Norman county and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hegne

township and has since lived there, one of the oldest residents in the locality. He commenced immediately to prepare the land for crops, meeting with success from the very beginning of his farming operations and has erected some fine buildings on the farm, his place being regarded as one of the best kept in the township. He is now the owner of two hundred and seventy-five acres of prime land and is engaged in general farming, his operations being carried on according to modern methods of agriculture.

In 1880 Rhinchart P. Idtse was united in marriage to Rachael Quam, who was born in Fillmore county, this state, a daughter of Thor Quam and wife. To this union have been born nine children, Anna, Marth, Dora, Ellen, Richard, Ruby, Fred and Constance, who are still living, and Peder T., who died at the age of one year. Mr. Idtse has been active in the affairs of his home community since the commencement of his residence in Norman county. He helped to organize Hegne township and has served as township supervisor and was a member of the first township board, to the duties of which he brought a ripe intelligence. He also helped to organize the first church in the neighborhood and in other ways he has given of his time and energies to the advancement of all good causes calculated to benefit the township and county.

ALEXANDER HOLDEN.

Alexander Holden, an honored veteran of the Civil War and one of the real pioneers of Norman county, now living retired at his pleasant home in Ada, is a native of the Emerald Isle, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years of age. He was born in the north of Ireland, June 24, 1844, son of Dr. Alexander and Margaret (Woodside) Holden, both natives of Ireland, who spent all their lives there. Dr. Alexander Holden was a college graduate and in addition to following the practice of medicine was a landowner and farmer.

At the age of ten years the junior Alexander Holden began clerking in a general store in the city of Belfast and was engaged there and in a bakery in that same city until he was eighteen years of age, when, in 1862, he came to the United States. The vessel on which he took passage struck a sandbar on the south side of Long Island, some miles from Sagg Harbor, and went to pieces, but the passengers and crew were saved and young Holden finally landed safely at port. That was in May, 1862, and in July of the same year, in St. Lawrence county, New York, Alexander Holden, the Irish lad, less