

Ever since engaging in the sterner realities of life, Mr. Thune has taken an active interest in all the affairs of his home town and district. For a number of years he has been court commissioner and chief of the fire department. For two terms he served as mayor of Ada, and is now secretary of the local school board. To the duties of all of his official positions he has given the most careful care and attention, has served the people well and honorably, and today is held in high regard on account of the service that he has rendered.

WILLIAM O. ISHAUG.

It is a pleasure to look over a well-kept and well-stocked farm like that of William O. Ishaug, of Tansem township, Clay county. He was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, December 27, 1863, a son of Goodman O. and Ingeborg (Stanshole) Ishaug, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and made their home until 1861, when they immigrated to America, coming direct to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they bought land and established their future home on a farm. Ten years later, in 1871, they came overland, driving an ox-team to a prairie schooner to Clay county, the trip requiring four weeks, being among the early pioneers here, when neighbors were few and trading posts far remote. The father pre-empted the land, the place on which the subject of this sketch now resides. He broke the prairie sod with his oxen, erected buildings and put the land under cultivation and had one of the best one hundred and sixty acre farms in the township. His children have kept the land well improved, clearing some of it, and they have also erected new and more modern buildings. There occurred the death of the mother in 1913. Goodman O. Ishaug went to Polk county, this state, in 1883, where he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres on which he resided for a period of fifteen years; he then returned to Clay county, making his home on the farm with his son, William O. He helped organize and build the first church—the Snejd Lutheran church, in his locality. His family consisted of five children, namely: Oleana, the wife of Peter Arneson; Bertha, the wife of John Peterson; Hannah, deceased; Hannah, the second, deceased; and William O., of this sketch.

William O. Ishaug grew to manhood on the home farm. He was eight years old when the family moved from Fillmore to Clay county. He attended the district schools. He has remained on the home farm in Tansem township and now owns three hundred and twenty acres, constituting

an excellent and well-improved farm, on which he has erected a fine group of buildings. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Ishaug was married in 1884 to Sophia Nelson, who was born in Norway, from which country she came to America with her parents when young. She is a daughter of Christian Nelson and wife, who were pioneers in Tansem township, where they became well established on a farm as the result of their industry and perseverance. Thirteen children, all living at this writing, but one, have been born to William O. Ishaug and wife, named as follow: Carl, Josephine, deceased; Oscar, Hilda, Alfred, Josephine, Helmer, Emma, Henry, Melvin, Selma, Victor and Ferdinand.

ADOLPH GUSTAVSON.

Adolph Gustavson, a successful farmer of Cromwell township, Clay county, belongs to that type of adventurous men who spread civilization in new countries, giving vent to that mysterious quality in the blood of primitive people to push on to the edge of things.

Mr. Gustavson was born in Sweden, July 4, 1853. He is a son of Gustav and Ann (Melberg) Erickson, natives of Sweden, where they grew up, married and established their permanent home on a farm and died there. They never came to America. They were parents of ten children, five of whom grew to maturity, named as follows: Adolph, of this sketch; John, foreman in a glass factory in Sweden; Tilda, who lives on the old homestead in Sweden; Christie, the wife of Andrew Erickson and they make their home in North Dakota, and Emil, who lives on his father's old farm in Sweden, and in connection with farming he operates a butcher shop.

Adolph Gustavson grew up on the home farm in Sweden and he helped his father with the general work on the same when a boy. He received his education in the common schools. He immigrated to America in 1884, first locating in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he spent two and one-half years, first securing employment in a planing mill; he later worked for a farmer and gardener, who owned a farm between Minneapolis and Anoka. He then came to Clay county, and helped build the first hotel at Ulen. He had learned the carpenter's trade in Sweden. Not long after coming to Clay county he bought eighty acres of railroad land, which he developed into a good farm on which he has since made his home, with the exception