

the farm on which he still resides, in Cromwell township, and here he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. His place consists of three hundred and twenty acres. He has erected an excellent group of buildings and everything about the place is kept in shipshape, indicating the good taste of the owner. He raises a large quantity of grain, much of which he feeds to live stock, preparing a number of carloads of stock annually for the markets, and is one of the best-known stockmen in Cromwell and adjoining townships. He was one of the organizers of the Hawley Live Stock Shipping Association and is a member of the board of directors of the same.

On March 7, 1894, Edward Alberts was married to Eliza Carter, who was born at Winona, Minnesota, a daughter of Harry and Sarah May Carter, natives of Devonshire, England, where they married. They came to America in 1875 and located at Winona, Minnesota. Mr. Carter died there in 1879 and his widow now resides in Mantorville, Minnesota.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Alberts, Guy, Ralph, Esther, Russell (deceased), Marjorie, Lloyd and Mildred. Mr. Alberts is a Republican and is township supervisor. He belongs to the Union church at Hawley.

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#### EDWARD A. KASSENBERG.

Another of the painstaking farmers of Clay county, who has worked hard for the success he has won is Edward A. Kassenborg, who owns a valuable farm, part of which lies in Kragnes township and part in Morken township. He was born in Houston county, Minnesota, in 1868, a son of A. G. and Tilda (Krageness) Kassenborg, natives of Norway, who located in Houston county in pioneer days and established the family home on a farm. The following children were born to A. G. Kassenborg and wife: Mrs. Carolina Berglin, who lives in Moorhead; Mina Augusta; Gilbert, who is unmarried and lives on a farm in Clay county; Mrs. Mary Moe, who lives in Moorhead; Edward, the subject of this sketch; Eliza, the wife of John Olnes; Julia, who married Christ Twedten and lives in Crookston, Minnesota, and Malina, deceased.

Edward A. Kassenborg grew up on the home farm in Houston county, and there he attended the common schools. He has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising and has been very successful. He came to Clay county as a young man and is now owner of a well-improved and

well-cultivated farm of three hundred and ninety acres, part of which lies in Kragnes township and part in Morken township. He makes a specialty of raising Shorthorn cattle.

On October 15, 1890, Edward A. Kassenborg was married at Concordia church, Clay county, to Christina Kragnes, who was born in 1871 in Houston county, this state. She is a daughter of Levi and Sarah (Oleson) Kragnes, natives of Norway, the father born in 1837. They came to Minnesota in an early day and located on a farm in Houston county. The father died in 1900. His widow is still living on the homestead in Houston county, being now seventy-three years old. There were fourteen children in this family, eleven of whom are now living.

Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kassenborg, namely: Dora, the eldest; Alva, at home; Mabel, who is working as a bookkeeper in St. Luke's Hospital at Fargo; Louise and Selvene, twins; Elmer, Florence, Edna, Bennie, Gilbert and Ernest. They all live at home but the three elder children.

Politically, Mr. Kassenborg is a Republican. He served as treasurer of the school board in district No. 103, and was a director on the board for a period of twenty years.

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### MONS J. WANGEN.

Any man who works on the land, who feeds a field and watches the result, gains a real fundamental knowledge of the underlying foundation on which rests all our civilization. It makes him a sober man, a thoughtful man; and, if he experiments wisely, a hopeful optimist. Such a man is Mons J. Wangen, a farmer of Spring Prairie township, Clay county. He was born in Norway on September 1, 1851. He is a son of Johanas Monson and Carrie (Aslaksdatter) Wangen, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, married and established their future home. They never came to America and died in their native country. He was a carpenter by trade. To these parents seven children were born.

Mons J. Wangen grew to manhood in Norway and there he attended the common schools. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade under his father and in due course of time became an expert workman. He came to America about 1871, locating in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he spent six years, then came to Clay county with Ole G. Farsdale, a sketch