

Anthony township, being supplied with excellent and practical farm buildings, around which he has planted a grove.

On January 17, 1887, Hans Rasmussen was united in marriage to Bertha Jenson, also a native of Norway, daughter of Gunder Jenson. To Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen have been born eleven children, Emlie, Martin, Gunda, Minnie, Helen, Ida, Gladys, Martha, Lillian and Evalyn, all of whom are living, and Gunda, who died at the early age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen are members of the Lutheran church, the former having helped to organize the East Marsh River church of that denomination, and in the teachings of this creed they have reared their children.

Aside from his activity on his fine farm, Mr. Rasmussen has wisely seen fit to connect himself with a very important co-operative business interest of his community, the farmers elevator, at Halstad, which he helped to organize; which interest indicates that he is alive to the needs of his neighborhood in better marketing facilities. He has been chosen by his neighbors to represent their interests as a member of the township board.

GILBERT KITTILSON.

From far-away Norway has come to the United States some of our best citizens and most successful men of affairs. We find former subjects of this peninsular kingdom occupying positions of honor and trust in nearly every part of our great domain. They have entered into the vocations common to our people, have made good in the same and are today honored and substantial men. Educated as they are to battle with the difficulties of life, they have come to a new country and amid new conditions with the determination to succeed in their life's work. Having lived in a land where the horizon of their opportunities is limited, they have come to a land where the field is broader, and have accepted the situation as an omen of success if rightfully used. Honest, frugal and industrious, quick of apprehension and possessed of a strong business acumen, they have succeeded where others have failed. Of this noble class of people who have left their native land and sought their future success in the state of Minnesota, it is well to mention Gilbert Kittilson, a successful banker of Borup, Norman county. He was born on November 3, 1876, and received his education in the schools of his native land, where he was reared amid the picturesque scenes of the homes of the early Norse navigators. He remained in the land of his birth until the year 1892, when he bade farewell to the scenes of his boyhood and sailed for

America, the land of opportunity. On his arrival in this country he proceeded at once to Trail county, North Dakota, where he worked as a farm hand and attended school in the winters. In 1897 he left the farm and came over into Minnesota and began working in a store at Ada. Here he made good and was presently appointed deputy register of deeds, which position he held for eight years, to the entire satisfaction of all. After completing his term of office he entered the First State Bank of Ada, and there remained for two years, at the end of which time, in the spring of 1915, he became cashier of the Security State Bank of Borup. This institution does a general banking business and writes insurance. In his position as cashier of the bank Mr. Kittilson has demonstrated his ability as a man of business acumen and of the highest integrity.

In 1903 Gilbert Kittilson married Hannah Moffatt, the daughter of F. Moffatt and wife, highly respected people of the county, and to this union have been born three children, Mildred, Fayette and Luicine. Mr. and Mrs. Kittilson are prominent members of the Congregational church and are popular in the social life of the town. Mr. Kittilson is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Modern Woodmen of America and has always taken a keen interest in the civic life of his home community.

JAKOB OLSON DRAGELAND.

One of the later settlers of Norman county, where he owns a half interest in a fine farm of two hundred acres of fine farming land in Halstad township, is Jakob Olson Drageland. He is a native of the distant Norway, born there on January 17, 1861, a son of Ole and Karen (Stole) Drageland, both of whom were born in Norway, there grew to manhood and womanhood, married and raised their family. Back in the old home land across the Atlantic, the father, who was a steady farmer, was laid to rest. The widowed mother, on the invitation of her son, the subject of this review, came to Minnesota in 1894 to share with him the comfort and conveniences of his home in Norman county, where she has since resided. Ole and Karen Drageland were the parents of six children, Jakob Olson being the fifth in order of birth, and the others as follow: Gabriel, Severin, Gertie, Anna and Lena, who married John Aamodt and died in 1906 on the farm where her brother, Jakob Drageland, now lives. The subject of this sketch is the only one of his father's children living, all the rest, except Mrs. John Aamodt, dying in Norway.