

ceased; Ben, married, living in Minneapolis, this state; Yetta, deceased; Lizzie, married, living in Wisconsin; George C., the subject of this sketch, and Emil, married, who owns land in section 16, Pleasant View township.

George C. Bauer was educated in the schools of Red Wing, this state, and was reared in his parent's home in that place. In 1880 he came to Norman county and worked on farms for some time. About 1889, in partnership with his brother, Emil, he bought land and later acquired a holding on his own account, gradually adding to the place, and is now the owner of four hundred and forty acres of prime land, residing in section 14, and also owns land in sections 11 and 15. Mr. Bauer made many valuable improvements on his holdings and is recognized as one of the progressive farmers of the township, carrying on general farming according to the most approved modern methods.

In 1891, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, George C. Bauer was united in marriage to Bertha Duenow, born in Wisconsin in 1871. To this union the following children have been born: Minnie, Dora, Herbert, Martha and Walter. The Bauer family are members of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Bauer was at one time a trustee. He takes a general interest in the commercial welfare of the district in which he resides and is a stockholder in the local creamery and elevator and in the Farmers and Merchants bank at Ada. At the present time he serves on the township school board, his interest in educational matters being well known to the people of the township.

JOHANNES PEDERSON LIEN.

Johannes Pederson Lien, a prosperous farmer and well-known citizen of Twin Valley, Fossum township, Norman county, was born in Norway on May 3, 1846, being the only child born to Peter and Maret (Arnesdatter) Ingebrightson, the latter having been married before. The parents, both natives of Norway, heard the call of opportunity in the New World and came to America, settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota, and remained there until 1872. In that year they yoked a team of oxen to a covered wagon in which they had loaded their household goods and a few farming implements, and came overland from Zunibrota township, Goodhue county, to Fossum township, Norman county, the journey taking thirteen days. In the party of immigrants there were, besides the Ingebrightson family, Hans Aamoth and family and a Yankee farmer who left the settlers in Otter

Tail county. As soon as the Ingebrightson family arrived in Fossum township, the father pre-empted one hundred sixty acres, where the subject of this review now lives, but he did not prove it up. The son, however, let the quarter section of section 34 which he had pre-empted, revert and took over his father's place where the family immediately took up their residence until the death of the parents.

Johannes Pederson Lien spent the days of his youth and early manhood in Norway, where he attended the common schools, and when his parents decided to emigrate to America, he gave the change his hearty consent and came over with them when he was twenty-four years of age. Three years before his coming to the land of opportunity, he was united in marriage with Agnethe Hansdatter, born in Norway, a daughter of Hans P. Aamoth, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. As is shown above, he allowed his first pre-empted holdings to revert in order to take over his father's place, and there he and his family have since lived. With diligence and marked industry he set about to improve the holding by erecting substantial farm buildings and by planting a grove since the land was cut out of the bare prairie. Later he extended his holdings by the purchase of one hundred twenty acres of state land in section 31, Fossum township, but he sold this in 1915. By dint of hard work and careful management on his farm, where he has carried on general agriculture, Mr. Pederson Lien has become very comfortably and pleasantly situated on his fine, well-improved farm.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pederson Lien have been born the following children: Peter, Carrie, Emiline, Nels, Sebert and Lewis, all of whom are living; however there are three children who are dead: John, Isabell and Anna. Mr. Pederson Lien and family, as were his parents, are firm and very active members of the Lutheran church. He and his father helped to organize the East Wild Rice church and were especially instrumental in the construction of the first church building, for they cut logs and hauled them to the site of the present edifice and there helped to construct a log meeting house. Moreover, the father and son, being among the first settlers of Fossum township, helped to organize the township as it stands today. Mr. Pederson Lien has always been deeply interested in furthering the educational interests of the community, for he not only has been a member of the township board but has also served as a school board director and at different times as treasurer. When the time came to organize the eleventh school district, the meeting was held in Mr. Pederson Lien's home, when he served as director on the first school board. Obviously, Mr. Pederson Lien has

been a strong asset to his community, for every movement for bettering social, educational and business conditions has met with his marked approval and his hearty co-operation; thus he stands among his neighbors as an example of good citizenship.

HANS O. SOLUM.

Hans O. Solum, the well-to-do proprietor of a two hundred and eighty-seven acres and formerly a well-known grain buyer of Barnesville, Clay county, was born in Hadeland, Norway, in 1862, a son of Ole H. and (Kari) Stadum Solum, the former of whom was a laborer in the old country, but some years after settling in Minnesota became a prosperous farmer.

In 1868 the Solum family immigrated to the United States and on arriving in Minnesota, settled in Fillmore county, where they acquired a homestead tract on which they resided for four years, during this period laying the foundations of the success which subsequently they achieved. The elder Solum was among the first to settle in Tansem township, Clay county, and began his farming career with a wagon, a yoke of oxen and three cows. He built a log cabin with a sod roof, and in that the family lived for several years. The elder Solum, on one occasion started to Alexandria with oxen to get a quantity of wheat ground into flour, but while on the journey, at Fergus Falls, he traded the wheat for flour and returned. The children of the Solum family were: Hans O., Andrew, Sever, Martin and Peter.

Hans O. Solum was reared on a frontier farm and was educated in the common schools, remaining at home until he was twenty-three years old. He assisted his parents in the labors of improving and developing the farm and his boyhood days were full of hard work, mingled with experiences common to boys in a new country. After his marriage in 1885, Mr. Solum bought land in Tansem township and began farming operations with a team of oxen, remaining for three years on that farm, at the end of which time he moved to Barnesville and bought grain for the Minnesota and Dakota Elevator Company, remaining with the company for two years. For several years he was in partnership with S. F. Packard in the grain-buying business at Barnesville, having warehouses in that place and in Lawndale, and for six years did a very successful business. Mr. Solum disposed of his interest in the grain business in 1895 and became connected with the Min-