

he was graduated in the spring of 1896. Upon receiving his diploma Mr. Ueland remained employed in a law office at Minneapolis until the summer of 1897, when he returned to Norman county and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Halstad, where he ever since has made his home and where he has continued in practice, one of the best-known members of the bar in this section of the state. For years Mr. Ueland served as recorder of the village of Halstad and since 1907 has been engaged as assistant cashier of the State Bank of Halstad. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat and gives his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs.

In 1897 Andreas O. Ueland was united in marriage to Elsie Ueland, daughter of Nels N. Ueland and wife, of Shelly township, Norman county. She died in 1899 without issue. Mr. Ueland is a member of the local society of the Sons of Norway and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of both of which organizations he takes an active interest.

OSCAR LOVSNES.

Oscar Lovsnes, a well-known hardware merchant of Halstad and former member of the village council there, is a native son of Norman county and has lived there all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Halstad township, August 28, 1878, son of Engel and Mollie (Serum) Lovsnes, natives of Norway, who came to the United States in 1866 and proceeded on out to Minnesota, locating in Fillmore county. There they remained until about 1872, when they came up into this part of the state and homesteaded a farm in what later came to be organized as Halstad township, Norman county, and there spent the rest of their lives, substantial and influential pioneers. Engel Lovsnes and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being: Camella, Syvert, Isabel, Ella, Clara, Marie and Enuma, all of whom are living save Ella, who died when about fifteen years of age, and Clara, who died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Lovsnes were earnest members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, active workers in the same, and their children were reared in the faith of that denomination:

Reared on the paternal farm in Halstad township, Oscar Lovsnes received his early training in the schools of that township and at the village school at Halstad and supplemented the same by a course in the Metro-

politan Business College at Minneapolis. In 1902 he began his mercantile career as a clerk in the hardware store of the Solerud Brothers at Halstad, and four years later, in 1906, bought a hardware store at Ada, remaining in business there for four years. At the end of that period, in 1910, he returned to Halstad, bought an interest in the store of his former employers, Solerud Brothers, and has ever since been thus connected with that long-established and progressive firm. Mr. Lovsnes gives proper attention to local civic affairs and has served for one term as a member of the Halstad village council. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that order.

In 1905 Oscar Lovsnes was united in marriage to Minnie Beise, daughter of August Beise and wife, and to this union three children have been born, Russell, Wallace and Eleanor. Mr. and Mrs. Lovsnes have a very pleasant home at Halstad and take a proper part in the general social activities of the village.

DAVID ASKEGAARD.

A well-known citizen of the southwestern part of Clay county is David Askegaard, merchant, banker, lumber and elevator man of Comstock, where he owned a farm before the village was started. He was born in Norway, June 19, 1853, and is a son of David and Johanna Askegaard, both natives of Norway, where they grew up and married and continued to reside until 1872, when they immigrated with their family to the United States, locating in Cass county, North Dakota, where the father entered a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Pleasant township, which he developed into a farm and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. Their family consisted of the following children: Corrinne, Ingeborg, Clara, Ole, David, John, Otto, Peter, Johannes and Mary.

The junior David Askegaard grew to manhood in Norway and there he attended the public schools. He was nineteen years old when he came with the rest of the family to America. As a young man he took up a homestead of eighty acres in Pleasant township, Cass county, North Dakota, which he developed into a farm through hard work and perseverance, remaining there until 1886, when he removed to Holy Cross township, Clay county, Minnesota, and bought the land on which the village of Comstock now stands. Here he improved another farm and established the