

of his time to the business interests of the community, since he helped to organize the Halstad Farmers Lumber Company, the farmers elevator and the creamery at Halstad. In politics, Mr. Enger is a staunch adherent of the Republican party. He and his family are members of the Augustana Lutheran church and in the affairs of the same they take an active interest.

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### ELBERT A. MELDRUM.

Elbert D. Meldrum, one of Norman county's most extensive landowners and most successful stock raisers, the owner of a splendidly improved farm of more than thirteen hundred acres in Lee township and long accounted one of the most progressive agriculturists in this section of the Red River valley, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of this part of the country since the early eighties and is, therefore, very properly regarded as one of the real "old settlers" of this section. He was born in the city of Buffalo, New York, in 1859, a son of Robert O. and Julia Ettie (Brown) Meldrum, the latter of whom is still living at Buffalo, being now in the eighty-sixth year of her age. She was born at East Aurora, New York, of old Colonial stock, one of her ancestors having come over in the "Mayflower." Robert O. Meldrum was a native of Nova Scotia and came to the States with his parents in the days of his youth. He was one of the pioneer oil men in Pennsylvania and was quite successful in his operations, having investments both in that state and in New York, and was also interested in land in this part of the country, his total real-estate investments being very extensive. He died at his home in Buffalo in 1884, he then being seventy years of age. Robert O. Meldrum and wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: Charles H., who is married and who now makes his home at Mt. Clemens, Michigan; Mrs. Ettie M. Kurtz, New York; Mattie E., wife of H. C. Prox, of Terre Haute, Indiana, and Robert O., Jr., who is married and continues to make his home in Buffalo.

Elbert D. Meldrum grew to manhood in Buffalo, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and early became engaged with his father in the oil business. About 1882 he became attracted to the possibilities of land investments up here in the Red River valley and with a view to developing property in this section located at Moorhead, where he acquired consid-

erable interests and at the same time bought land on which he is now living in Norman county. For several years after coming here he made his home in Moorhead, but shortly after his marriage, in 1885, established his home on his farm in Norman county and has since continued to reside there, having developed one of the finest bits of farming property in this section of the state. Mr. Meldrum is the owner of thirteen hundred and eighty-four acres of excellent land in sections 36 and 30, 31 and 32, in Lee township, and has an admirable farm plant. In addition to his general farming he has for years given close attention to the raising of pure-bred live stock and his operations have been quite successful. In addition to his interests here, Mr. Meldrum owns a handsome bit of residence property in Buffalo and he and his wife spend their winters in that city.

It was on March 27, 1885, at Buffalo, that Elbert D. Meldrum was united in marriage to Grace Darrow, who was born in that city in 1860. and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mrs. Clarabelle Metzger, who lives in Buffalo and has one child, a daughter, Grace E. Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum have a delightful home in Lee township and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community of which they have been members since pioneer days. Mr. Meldrum is a life member of the Masonic order and takes a warm interest in the affairs of that fraternal organization.

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### JUSTUS C. BERGH.

Justus C. Bergh, one of Norman county's best-known and most substantial farmers, the proprietor of a fine farm in the vicinity of Hendrum, former justice of the peace in and for Hendrum township, president of the village school board, a director of the State Bank at that place, a director of the Equity Co-operative Grain Exchange of St. Paul, of the Farmers Elevator Company at Hendrum, of the Hendrum Creamery Company, a member of the village park board and in other ways interested in and identified with the progress of that village and vicinity, was born on a farm in Vernon county, Wisconsin, November 1, 1869, a son of John J. and Karia J. (Bergh) Bergh, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who later became residents of Norman county, where the former spent his last days and where the latter is still living.