

and thence to the *Capital* at Jamestown, North Dakota, later to the *Bismark Tribune* and then returning to the *Forum*, where he holds an editorial chair.

OLE E. REIRSGORD.

Ole E. Reirsgord was born, July 23, 1875, in Norway, a son of Evan Gury (Ellingson) Reirsgord, both natives of Norway, the former being born, September 4, 1851, and the latter, January 1, 1852. The father came to America in 1875 and located in Houston county, Minnesota, his wife and child coming the following year. In 1877, Evan Reirsgord came to Clay county and located a tree claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Ulen township, section 10, where he lived two years and then sold the improvements to Robert Syverson. He then removed to another location in Hagen township, six miles west, taking a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres. He lived on this for about sixteen years and then sold out and removed to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, where he lived for four years. Disposing of this place, he removed to Canada, where he still lives. His first wife died in 1888, and four years later he married Julia Halvorson, who died in 1898. He was the father of six children by his first wife: Ole E., the subject of this review; Annie, Ella, Julius, Olof and Carrie; and of four children by his second wife: Edward, Gilbert, Bert, and Hilman. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

O. E. Reirsgord was educated in the public schools of Hagen township, and in the city schools of Moorhead which he attended about three winters. In the spring of 1893, he began teaching school in Clay county, continuing in this profession every spring and fall until the spring of 1898. In the winter and spring of 1894, he attended Concordia College at Moorhead, where he completed a business course, graduating from that institution. In the spring of 1898, he bought the plant of the *Ulen Union*, took possession as sole proprietor, May 17, of that year, and has been editor and publisher of the same since that date.

Mr. Reirsgord was postmaster of Ulen from June, 1909, to June, 1913. He is the present chairman of the Republican central committee of Clay county, and president of the public school board. He has served as president of the village council, village recorder and justice of the peace. He held all these official positions before he became postmaster.

On June 3, 1897, O. E. Reirsgord and Clara Bjerke, a daughter of

Nels and Catherine Bjerke, were united in marriage. They have seven children: Alice, Erwin, Cora, Lila, Reuben, Milton and May. They are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Reirsgord is at present superintendent of the Sunday school and takes a prominent part in all church activities. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

OLE O. EGGE.

Ole O. Egge, a well-to-do and prominent farmer and owner of a several tracts of land in Humboldt township, Clay county, director on the township school board and on the township board and otherwise active in public affairs, was born in the kingdom of Norway, March 1, 1861, but has been living in this country since 1884, having settled in Clay county in April of that year. He is the son of Ole Hanson and Carrie (Dahlen) Egge, also born in Norway and who lived and died in that country.

Ole Hanson Egge was educated in the schools of Norway where he was a farmer by occupation and continued thus engaged for the remainder of his active life, his death occurring in his native land in 1878. Ole H. Egge was twice married, his first wife being Goro Dahlen, to whom he was married about 1828, and to that union the following children were born: Hans, who was born in 1830 and died in Norway at the age of eighty-seven years; Paul; Anders and Anna. By his second marriage, in 1846, to Carrie Dahlen he was the father of four children, namely: Ole O., the subject of this sketch; Goro, Bertha Marie and Carrie. Mrs. Carrie (Dahlen) Egge died in Norway in 1890. Ole H. Egge was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Ole O. Egge was educated in the schools of Norway and was reared on his father's farm, where he assisted in the labors of the same. His father died when he was seventeen years old, and for six years thereafter, or until 1884 when he immigrated to this country, he continued to remain on the old home farm and help the other members of the family. Upon his arrival in Clay county, Mr. Egge purchased eighty acres of land, part of his present farm, and, as he prospered in his farming operations, he made further purchases and now has a tract of five hundred and eighty acres of choice land in section 12, Humboldt township, and has additional land in sections 1 and 11, in the same township. He carries on general farming according to