

sive farming interests, his farm machinery alone being valued at five thousand dollars.

In 1896 Albert Carlson was united in marriage to Christina Mattson, who was born in Sweden, in 1873, and who came to the United States in 1892. They are the parents of the following children: Eugene Carl, Alice Viola, Mildred Irene, Loraine Doris and Leah Evelyn, twins, and Inez Catherine. They are members of the First Presbyterian church, which Mr. Carlson serves as a trustee and as an elder and in the affairs of which congregation the Carlson family take a proper interest, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they reside, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the township and neighborhood.

EDWARD H. STENNES.

A natural-born American citizen, in whom is combined the thrift of his parents' native land and the enterprise of the American spirit, is Edward H. Stennes, who was born on the old homestead in Halstad township, Norman county, September 21, 1881, the son of Hans O. and Ingeborg (Ness) Stennes. The elder Stennes and wife were natives of Norway, who heeded the call of the New World and came to America about 1870 and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they remained until 1875. Feeling that they could find a better opportunity to establish their home in the new land farther north in the state, in the year mentioned above they came up into the Red River country and homesteaded eighty acres in Halstad township, Norman county, where their son, Edward, now lives. At that time the land comprising the homestead was bare prairie, but by their indomitable perseverance and consummate thrift, the family improved their holding by planting a grove, raising strong and substantial buildings and bringing the stubborn sod of the rolling prairie under cultivation. The natural consequence was that the family prospered and finally the father was enabled to extend his holdings by the acquisition of another eighty acres, which he bought. The elder Stennes and wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Olena, the wife of John D. Henry, living in Grand Forks, North Dakota; Edward H., the subject of this review; Marie and Emma, who live on the home place with Edward H., and Clara, Ole and Henry, who are dead. Hans Stennes and family were members of the Lutheran church, of which

faith he and his good wife remained strong adherents until their deaths occurred on the old home place.

Edward H. Stennes received his early education in Halstad township, Norman county, during his boyhood days on the old homestead. As he grew to manhood, however, he received the training of the skilled agriculturalist, as he is, behind the plow in his father's field. After he had arrived at man's estate, he did not leave the parental rooftree, but remained on the home farm, looking after his parents' agricultural and business interests, during their decline. Since their deaths he has remained on the home farm with his sister, carrying on general farming and stock raising. Mr. Stennes is a stock breeder of note and deals in thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Stennes is a devout, consistent and conscientious member of the Lutheran church, which denomination has in him a stanch adherent. He is an advocate of sound political principles, but has never sought after office. If any movement is started in the community, the state or the nation which gains the attention of good citizens, such a movement will find among its ardent supporters Edward H. Stennes.

PATRICK DULLARD.

Patrick Dullard, president of the water and light commission of the city of Ada and one of Norman county's best-known retired pioneer farmers, is a native of Ireland, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was eighteen years of age. He was born on November 6, 1852, son of John and Julia (Rine) Dullard, also natives of Ireland, who spent all their lives in that country. There Patrick Dullard learned the carpenter trade as a boy and when eighteen years of age came to the United States and proceeded at once on out to Minnesota, locating in Faribault county. That was in 1870. There he found ready employment at his trade and presently became engaged on the bridge-construction force of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, in 1872 moving to St. Paul in that employ. While thus engaged, in 1877, Mr. Dullard, who was married in that year, was sent out to this part of the state to superintend the erection of railway stations and he was so greatly taken with the apparent possibilities of this part of the state that he homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in section 30 of what later came to be organized as McDonaldsville township, Norman county, and some time afterward established his home there.