

the Duluth Elevator Company. He then resumed farming, at the same time engaging in the sale of farm machinery, and was thus engaged for about nine years, at the end of which time he turned his attention more particularly to the dairy side of farming and has since created at Glyndon one of the best-equipped dairy farms in this county. Mr. Webb has ninety-three acres at the edge of the village and has a very comfortable home there. He maintains an excellent Guernsey herd and the products of his dairy are in wide demand. He formerly owned a quarter of a section of land farther out. Mr. Webb has for years taken an active part in political affairs, has held various local offices of trust and responsibility and since 1902, by successive re-elections, has been serving the county as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district.

In 1868, ten years before coming up into Minnesota, Robert B. Webb was united in marriage to Anna Jewell, daughter of Almon Jewell and wife, pioneers of southern Wisconsin, and to this union five children have been born, Halbert L., Bertha M., Clara B., Hattie E. and Robert B., Jr., all of whom are living at Glyndon, Halbert L. Webb being the present postmaster of that village. The Webbs are members of the Congregational church and take an interested part in the general good works and social activities of their home town.

ESTEN T. WIEGEN.

Esten T. Wiegen, a well-known farmer of Hegne township, owner of a well-kept and compact farm of one hundred and twenty acres of choice land, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of the United States for thirty-seven years and of Norman county since 1901. He is the son of Thor and Karen (Wiegen) Wiegen, and was born on March 9, 1854, three miles from Trondhjem, Norway.

Thor and Karen Wiegen, parents of the subject of this sketch were both born in Norway and spent all their lives in that country, where they were engaged in the farming industry and were respected and representative citizens of the community in which they resided. Thor Wiegen was a farmer by occupation and gave all the active years of his life to that calling, to which he brought up his son, Esten T., and to whom he imparted the fundamentals of successful husbandry. Thor and Karen Wiegen were the parents of the following children: Edward, still living on the old home farm in Nor-

way; Esten T., the subject of this sketch; Ole living near Bemidji, this state; Severt, who lives with his brother, Esten T.; Bernt, living in Hegne township; Thorsten, also of Hegne township; Mart and Pauline, in Norway, and Peter, who died young. Thor Wiegen and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in the faith of that denomination.

Esten T. Wiegen was educated in the schools of his native land and was reared on his father's farm, where he became a valued assistant in the labors of improving and developing the home place. At the age of twenty-six, in 1880, he immigrated to America and on arrival in this country he proceeded on out to this state, going to Barnesville, where he worked with a steel gang in the construction of the Great Northern railroad from Barnesville to Ada. He then worked for the Northern Pacific railroad on construction work, spending in all a period of three years. Mr. Wiegen's next move was to the farm and he engaged with Wilhelm Ray, a farmer, living two miles of Fargo, in Cass county, North Dakota, and worked there for sixteen years, or up to the time of Mr. Ray's death, after which he continued with the son for two years. In the meantime, about 1897, he had bought one hundred and twenty acres of railroad land in section 13, Hegne township, this county, and worked out on other farms until he had the holding paid for. The tract was all wild land and the task of clearing and preparing it for crops was a heavy one. He has the place in a thorough state of cultivation and has erected substantial and modern buildings and is generally regarded as a successful and progressive farmer, whose operations are conducted along modern agricultural lines. Mr. Wiegen is a member of the Lutheran church and earnestly interested in all its good works, as well as in all movements designed to serve the community at large.

IVER N. ELLINGSON.

Iver N. Ellingson, well-known and substantial farmer, owner of two hundred acres of prime land in Bear Park township, Norman county, connected with various mercantile pursuits and active in public affairs, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country for thirty-seven years. He was born in Norway on March 20, 1859, a son of Nels and Carrie (Jacobsdatter) Ellingson, both natives of the same country and who came to