

neapolis & Northern Elevator Company, and was thus engaged for ten years or more.

In 1885 Hans O. Solum was united in marriage to Engeborg Haugen, who was born in Norway and who came to this country with her parents, who were numbered among the earlier settlers of Otter Tail county, this state. To this union the following children have been born: Peter (deceased), Hilda, Emma, Carl, Mabel, Norman and Eddie. The parents of Mrs. Solum, Peter and Kari (Loftingmo) Haugen, were natives of Norway and on coming to Minnesota took a homestead near Erhart, Otter Tail county, and there spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Solum has ever given a good citizen's attention to public affairs and has served on the city council for four years and is also a member of the school board, and for some years was treasurer of the same. Upon his retirement from the grain business he bought an interest in the concern of Norby & Solum, general merchants, Barnesville, and was in the company for four years. He bought his father's homestead and has lived on it since 1913. This was originally a tract of eighty acres, to which he has added and is now the owner of two hundred and eighty-seven acres. Mr. Solum is also engaged in breeding full-blooded Shorthorn cattle and is regarded throughout the township as one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of the community in which he resides.

NIKOLAI NELSON.

Nikolai Nelson, one of the well-known and substantial farmers of Good Hope township, Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was fifteen years of age. He was born on March 16, 1877, a son of Nels and Engbor (Aslock) Larson, farming people, natives also of Norway, who are still living in that country and who are the parents of seven children, all of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Anna, Louritz, Emanuel, Bertina, Martina and Maria. Of these children, the three sons are all farming in Norman county. Of the daughters, one, the first-born, Anna, widow of Ludwig Nilson, came to this country and is now living in the village of Lockhart, in Norman county. The other daughters continue to make their homes in their native land.

In 1892 Nikolai Nelson was brought to this country and he was reared in Minnesota, receiving here his schooling and being trained in the way

of practical farming. He married in 1904 and established his home on his present fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Good Hope township, where he has continued to reside and where he and his family are very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. One of the first moves Mr. Nelson made upon taking possession of his farm was to plant trees, which are now beginning to form a most attractive feature of the landscape there. He erected the buildings which form his well-kept farm plant and all the improvements he has made on the place bear the marks of substantiality. In addition to his farming and stock raising, in which he has been quite successful, Mr. Nelson gives proper attention to the general business affairs of his home community and is a shareholder in the Halstead Telephone Company. He has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, serving as treasurer of school district No. 83.

On December 10, 1904, Nikolai Nelson was united in marriage to Carrie Stuhaug, who was born on October 13, 1885, at Norway, daughter of Ole and Berte Stuhang, and to this union have been born five children, Manda, Oscar, Clifford, Garfield and Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Lutheran church, which Mr. Nelson helped to organize, and take an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community in which they live, and are helpful in promoting all movements designed to advance the common welfare not only of that community, but of the county at large.

R. M. LEE.

R. M. Lee, a prosperous and extensive farmer, part owner of six hundred and forty acres of choice land in Spring Creek township, Norman county, chairman of the township board and otherwise connected with the public life of the community, is a native of the state of Iowa, born in Webster City, Hamilton county, October 28, 1888. He is a son of P. W. and Nettie (Selder) Lee, natives of the state of Ohio, who are still living in Webster City, Iowa. They are the parents of four children, namely, Bessie F., J. W., R. M., and R. S.

R. M., the third-born of the children of P. W. and Nettie Lee, was educated in the schools of Iowa and in 1907 came to his present farm. He is part owner of six hundred and forty acres of excellent land, on which he carries on general farming on an extensive scale, and in addition he operates