

able timber land. Here on his farm he carries on a general type of diversified farming and is quite successful in his operations.

Two years after Mr. Havelson homesteaded his farm, he was married to Marie Garden in March, 1880. She was born in Norway, a daughter of Lars and Regina Garden, and to this union two children have been born, sons, Lewis and Martin, both of whom are still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Havelson are both active and influential members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, the former having helped to organize the first church society in this part of the county, the St. Peter Lutheran church of Strand township, to which they both yet belong. The co-operative business interests of the community have been the objects of a considerable part of Mr. Havelson's time and effort, for he helped to organize the creamery at Waukon and also the Waukon Mercantile Company. In politics, he is a Republican, but he has never gone in very seriously for public office. He has been deeply interested in local educational progress for many years, and has been for quite a while treasurer of the school district.

OLE L. NORBY.

Ole L. Norby, proprietor of a well-improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Strand township, Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota since the year 1882, having come here from his native land the year following his marriage there. He was born on March 4, 1855, son of Lars and Maria (Olson) Knutson, also natives of Norway, who spent all their lives there and who were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Knut, Martin, Lizzie, Gunil and Andrew, all of whom are still living in their native land, engaged there in farming, which was the vocation of their father.

In 1881 Ole L. Norby was married in Norway and in the next year he and his wife came to this country and proceeded on out to Minnesota and settled in Norman county, where they ever since have made their home and where they have prospered, being now in possession of a fine farm covering one-half section in Strand township, which has been improved until it is regarded as one of the best-kept farms in that neighborhood. Upon coming into possession of that place Mr. Norby planted trees and erected a substantial set of farm buildings and has otherwise brought the place up to the top notch of agricultural effectiveness. In addition to his general farming

he has given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock and has done quite well in his operations. He also has given considerable attention to the general business affairs of the community in which he lives and is a shareholder in the local creamery company and in the telephone company at Gary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norby nine children have been born, namely: Mary, Louis, Herman, Clara, Olga, Otilla, John, Olaf (deceased) and Ole (deceased). Clara Norby married and is now living on a farm in South Dakota. Otilla is on a farm in the vicinity of Thief River, this state, and the others are at home on the home farm. The Norbys have a very pleasant home and take a proper part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

ANDREW J. WELLEY.

Andrew J. Welley, one of the best-known and most substantial pioneer farmers of Strand township, Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this state and of Norman county since 1882, the year after the formal organization of Norman county as a civic unit. He was born on February 15, 1850, one of the seven children born to John and Carrie (Oien) Welley, also natives of Norway, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land.

Reared and educated in Norway, Andrew J. Welley was married there in 1874 and continued to reside there until 1882, in which year he came with his family to the United States and proceeded on out to Minnesota, homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in section 28 of Strand township, Norman county, the place on which his son Hjelmmer now lives, and there established his home. Later he bought the eighty-acre tract on which he is now living, in that same township, and for a time resided on the same, but afterward moved back to his homestead tract, to which he added by purchase until he had two hundred and forty acres there. Still later, however, he returned to his "eighty" and has since made his home there, both farms being well improved and profitably cultivated.

To Mr. and Mrs. Welley fifteen children have been born, namely: Carrie (deceased), John, Laura (deceased), Ingeborg, Lewis, Edward (deceased), Elert, Ragne, Carl, Minnie, Ida, Amanda, Anna, Hjelmmer and Malvin. Mrs. Welley also was born in Norway, Ellen Benson, daughter of Bent Wennevald and wife. Hjelmmer Welley, who is now farming his father's old homestead