

most of the pioneers, but by perseverance they established a good home. Their family consisted of eight children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Huseby twelve children have been born, namely: Albert, Clara, Julia, Ella, Clifford, Rena, Selma, Cora, Delphin, Esther, Emil (deceased), and Oliver. Mr. Huseby and his family belong to the local Norwegian Lutheran church, which he helped organize. The building was erected in 1917. There had never been a church of this denomination in their vicinity before.

MALKER O. VALEN.

Malker O. Valen, an energetic and substantial farmer of Kurtz township, Clay county, owner of nineteen hundred and twenty acres of prime land, as well as raising hogs on an extensive scale, was born in Trondjhem, Norway, in 1871. He is the son of O. O. and Albertina Valen, the former of whom, born in 1823, has been dead for some years and the latter of whom died about five years ago at the advanced age of eighty-one years. The parents were natives of Norway, where O. O. Valen farmed for many years before coming to the United States.

O. O. Valen and wife were the parents of the following children: Anna, deceased; Ove, living in Norway; Nicholi, in this country; Julia, Ergania and Mary, all in Norway; Andrew, Odin and Anna, all deceased, and Malker, the subject of this sketch, and Lina, in this country. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and earnest supporters of all its good works.

Malker O. Valen was educated in the schools of Norway and on coming to this country commenced to work for himself as a farmer. He bought a tract of land after the lapse of some time, and as he prospered in his farming operations he continued to add to his holdings until he is now the owner of nineteen hundred and twenty acres of land, four hundred acres of which he set out to the cultivation of potatoes in 1917. In addition to his general farming he is also engaged in the raising of Duroc-Jersey hogs and all his agricultural efforts have been attended with success. He is now known to be one of the largest and most substantial landowners in this part of the county. His outbuildings and dwelling house are in excellent shape and all the improvements on the holding have been placed thereon at considerable expense, Mr. Valen's entire farming equipment being modern in all details.

On December 18, 1895, Malzer O. Valen was united in marriage to Laura Larson, who was born in Rustad, Clay county, Minnesota, in 1877, the daughter of Gilbert and Mathia Larson, natives of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Valen are the parents of the following children: Tina, Lillian, Anna and Grant, all of whom are at home with their parents. The Valen family are members of the Lutheran church and are earnest supporters of all its good works. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Valen is also interested in the general welfare of the public. For many years he has given attention to the educational affairs of the township and served as a member of the school board for some time. He also served as township supervisor for six years, and as a supporter of the Republican party he has rendered valuable service to the public interests with which that party are identified.

HON. JOHN L. WOLD.

The Hon. John L. Wold, former representative from the sixty-first district in the Minnesota state Legislature, former president of the village council at Twin Valley, vice-president of the Security State Bank of that place and for years actively engaged in the hardware business there, one of the best-known merchants in Norman county, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Sibley county on July 13, 1877, son of Nels and Cecilia Wold, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who came to this country and after a while became pioneers in this section of Minnesota, remaining here until 1900, when they went to the Pacific coast, where their last days were spent.

Nels Wold was born at Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, and there grew to manhood and married, later coming to this country by way of Canada. After a year spent in Quebec he moved to Chicago and after a few years spent there came to Minnesota and settled in Sibley county. In 1880, about the time this section of the Red River valley was beginning to be systematically settled, he came up here and homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in section 21 of what later came to be organized as Wild Rice township, Norman county, and after developing the same moved his family here and established his home. On that pioneer farm he continued to make his home until 1890, when he left the farm and moved to Twin Valley, where he bought the Valley Hotel and was for ten years thereafter engaged in the hotel business. In 1900 he disposed of his interests at Twin Valley