

independently in farming and settled where he now is on his farm of eighty acres. Since the land was new, much labor was entailed to bring it up to the standard of cultivation and improvement. Doing almost all of the work himself, he erected the necessary farm buildings and planted a grove, and now he has a well-appointed farm plant. In his general farming operations, he has experienced marked success.

In 1897, the year in which he settled on his own place, Mr. Heglie was united in marriage to Marie Westerdahl, who was born in Norway, November 4, 1873, a daughter of Peter and Brita Westerdahl, and as a result of this marriage, four children have been born, all of whom are living: Hilda, aged thirteen years; Paul, who is seven years old; Gustave, five years of age, and Anker, aged three. Mr. and Mrs. Heglie are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Ranum, and they take interest in all the good works of the community. Although Mr. Heglie has not sought after office, he takes a good citizen's interest in the civil and political affairs of the community in which he has been a continuous resident for twenty years. He is connected with several of the important co-operative business enterprises of the vicinity. He is interested in the mercantile companies of Rindahl and Bear Park, both of which he helped to organize, and in the Gary Telephone Company. Furthermore, he helped to organize the creamery at Rindahl.

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#### PETER WOUTERS.

Peter Wouters, a well-known and substantial farmer, owner of a fine farm of three hundred and sixty acres of prime land in Cromwell township, Clay county, is a native of the kingdom of Holland, born in that country in 1863, a son of John and Jeanetta Wouters, also natives of that country, who came to America in 1873.

Peter Wouters, at the age of ten years, in 1873, accompanied his parents to this country and began early to work on farms, his education being largely the result of study and reading. He rented in 1889, renting land for about three years, the place containing two hundred and forty acres, which he subsequently bought. As he prospered in his farming operations he added to his holding and is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of prime land, on which he carries on general farming and on which he has carried out most of the present improvements, being generally recognized as one of the prosperous and progressive farmers in the township.

In 1892 Peter Wouters was united in marriage to Margaret Dinsmore, a daughter of Jacob Dinsmore and wife. To this union the following children have been born: Arthur, John, Richard, Margaret and Gordon, all of whom are living. Mr. Wouters has been living on the farm most all his life since coming here. He has always given a good citizen's attention to public affairs and served as chairman of the township board for nine years. He is interested in the Farmers Co-operative Creamery at Hawley and also in the State Bank at Hawley. He has been an active member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for about twenty years, and in the affairs of that fraternal organization he takes a warm interest.

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### MARTIN JOHNSON.

Martin Johnson, a well-known and substantial farmer of Pleasant View township, Norman county, now living retired, owner of several tracts of land, aggregating some five hundred and sixty acres of prime land, former township supervisor and otherwise widely known for his activities in regard to public affairs, is a native son of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was seventeen years old. He is the son of John and Johannah Johnson and was born in Norway on December 4, 1850, coming to the United States with his parents in 1867.

John Johnson was born in Norway about the year 1800 and was educated in the schools of that country and in later life worked as a farmer, continuing at that occupation after settling near Red Wing, Minnesota, where he lived towards the end of his life with his son, Tullaf, and died in 1897, having reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years. His wife, Johannah Johnson, also a native of Norway, came with her husband to this country. She died in 1901 at the old age of ninety-three years. They were the parents of the following children: Tullaf, married, lives at Red Wing, this state; Helena, married, also living in Red Wing; Nicholina, believed to have died in Norway, and Martin, the subject of this sketch. John Johnson and his wife were earnest members of the Lutheran church and their children were brought up in the tenets of the same faith.

Martin Johnson was educated in the schools of Norway and at the age of seventeen years, in 1867, immigrated to America, accompanying his parents to this country and proceeding on out to Red Wing, Minnesota, where the family settled and where the subject of this sketch helped in the