he well knew how to provide, and where he presided for several years with dignity and decorum.

In 1914 he resided part of the time in Minneapolis, and at the solicitation of his farmer friends, he filed on the Republican ticket for Lieutenant Governor, and, although scarcely making an effort worth mentioning, he made a run that threw the scare into his opponent and the machine politicians who supported him, receiving a total vote of nearly seventy-eight thousand (78,000), and carrying every county in the Ninth Congressional District with big majorities.

In the spring of 1915 he returned to Crookston to live where he has a neat and cozy home, and is again to be found at his desk in his office, on Main Street, where he conducts a real estate and insurance business, and looks after his farming interests throughout the county. He is a member of the Crookston Lodge of Elks No. 342, and the Native Sons of Minnesota. He is a liberal contributor to all public enterprises.

Mr. Steenerson was married in 1884 to Olamma Iloug. They have had one son, Vivian, a promising young man who died at the age of twenty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Steenerson enjoy traveling, and spend part of their time in that manner, having visited nearly all points of interest in North America, including Mexico and Cuba. Their next trip will be to Europe, and were it not for the great war they would be there at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Steenerson hold membership in the Lutheran church, where Mrs. Steenerson takes an active part.

HOGEN B. HOGENSON.

This useful citizen of Polk county and resident of the village of Fertile for years met the requirements of duty as an industrious and successful home-steader and farmer, redeeming a tract of virgin land from the wilderness and making it fruitful with the products of systematic cultivation, and he is now engaged in ministering to the comfort and general welfare of a large number of persons as the United States mail carrier on Route No. 2 running out of Fertile. He was born in Norway December 27, 1859, the son of Thorsten and Guro (Hanson) Hogenson, and passed the first thirteen years of his life in his native land.

His mother died in Norway, and in 1872 he came with his father to the United States. They located in Olmsted county, Minnesota, where the son lived until he reached the age of twenty-two. He then changed his residence to Polk county and entered a homestead in Garden township. On this homestead he continued to live and labor, breaking up and cultivating his land and making needed improvements year after year, until August, 1905, transforming his wild claim into a good farm and a comfortable home in his twenty-two years of residence and well applied industry on it.

In August, 1905, he moved to Fertile and was appointed rural mail carrier on Route No. 2, in which capacity he has ever since rendered excellent service to the public. His farm comprises 200 acres and is well developed and improved. While living on it Mr. Hogenson filled several township offices with credit to himself and benefit to his township. He served as assessor, justice of the peace, chairman of the board of supervisors and member of the school board, taking an active part in all township affairs and helping to develop and advance the locality by all the means available to him. His work in the township is appreciated and the people there have high regard for him because of his genuine worth and the service he rendered them.

In church connection Mr. Hogenson is a Lutheran. He was married in Olmsted county, Minnesota, June 3, 1882, to Miss Gunnild Gunnufson, who was born and reared in this state. She died September 8, 1914, at the age of fifty-four years leaving eight children: Anna, Thomas, John, Christine, Ida, Clara, Helmar