looked forward to farming as his chosen occupation for life, and through all his subsequent years he has largely adhered to this choice. In 1873 he emigrated to the United States and took up his residence at Glyndon, Clay county, Minnesota, and there, for a few months, was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad. While railroad work was not entirely to his liking it pleased him well enough to hold him for the next five years, during which he was in the employ of the Great Northern company, earning fair wages and saving them for future use.

At the end of the period named he once more turned his attention to farming, becoming foreman on the large W. H. Fisher farm in Norman county, and serving there in that capacity thirteen years. In 1891 he engaged in farming for himself, taking up a homestead in Section 22, Reis township, this county, which he lived on and improved as his home until 1897. He then took school land on Section 16 of the same township, and on this he has ever since resided. But he has added to his holdings until he now owns 640 acres, all of which he has improved and brought to a high state of productiveness. In addition to his farming operations, which are of a general character, he handles live stock in considerable numbers, having at the time of this writing (Nov. 1, 1915), some 22 head of horses, 90 of cattle and 50 of hogs.

Mr. Street has always taken an earnest interest and an active part in the public affairs of his township and county. He has acceptably filled several local offices and was one of the principal men in organizing the Beltrami Co-operative Creamery company, in which he is still largely interested. In the spring of 1892 he was married in Crookston to Miss Lizzie Savage, who is a native of Faribault, Minnesota. They have six children, Emma, William, Walter, Mabel, Clara and Herbert. Emma is now the wife of Dr. Fred Lyman.

OLE A. THORESON.

Ole A. Thoreson, a former postmaster at East Grand Forks and a well known citizen of Polk county, was born in the northern part of Norway, in the parish of Bardo, December 26, 1845. The early years of his life were spent in his native land, where he lived until he was sixteen years of age, when in the spring of 1862, his parents brought their family to the United States, making St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin their destination. Shortly afterwards they took homesteads north of St. Croix Falls in Burnett county, which was the home of Ole Thoreson for a number of years during which he engaged in farming and was actively associated with the public interests and political affairs and was elected to the offices of county auditor and county commissioner. After spending about fifteen years in Wisconsin he became desirous of removing westward and in 1877 visited Polk county, looking for a new location for his agricultural activities. About one year later he came to Polk county and took a preemption claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Sullivan township. He devoted his attention to the development and improvement of the farm until 1889 when he was appointed postmaster of East Grand Forks by President Harrison and served in that office for four years. In 1902 he was again called to public service, being elected probate judge of Polk county and in 1904 was returned to the office but resigned before the end of his term to accept his second appointment as postmaster of East Grand Forks, and continued in office through the administrations of Roosevelt and Taft. Through the many years of public service which have marked his career with honor and merit, Mr. Thoreson has met all the demands of his position with an efficiency and diligence that have brought him the confidence and unfailing support of his constituents. As a public spirited citizen and successful farmer, his influence has been exerted in all phases of the rapid development of the country which he entered as a pioneer. He is a member of the Lutheran church, of which he has always been a