who is the wife of Thayer C. Bailey, of Bemidji, Minnesota, and Lucia, who is living at home.

In the public affairs of Crookston Mr. Stone has taken an active part from the time of his arrival in the city. He served as alderman five terms and as a member of the school board and its official treasurer two terms. He is also a member of the charter commission of the city. In political faith and allegiance he is a Republican, in fraternal relations a Freemason and in religious connection a Congregationalist, being a trustee of the congregation of that sect. He also belongs to the Old Settlers' association of Polk county and is its official historian. When he became a resident of Crookston it was a straggling hamlet, and he has witnessed and taken part in all the phases of its growth to a city of 8,000 people.

A. M. SIVERTSON.

A. M. Sivertson, of Crookston, a pioneer business man and prominent citizen, was born in Norway, in 1855, the son of Sivert and Hanna (Halsteson) Sivertson. His parents spent their lives in their native land and A. M. Sivertson remained there until his twenty-fifth year, employed in farm work and for five years was in the military service, in the regular army during the first two years and later with the reserves. In 1880 he came to the United States and located at Crookston, where he learned the carpenter trade and engaged in this work for some time and then advanced to the larger activities of the contracting business and also conducted a successful trade as a lumber dealer. During the fifteen years of his extensive operations as building contractor, Mr. Sivertson erected many of the best buildings in Crookston and has been actively associated with the growth and progress of the city through the creditable achievements of his industrial career as well as by his public spirited support of every enterprise. He is now retired from the contracting business and devotes his attention to his real estate interests, in which he has made many investments, owning the opera house block and a number of residence properties and farms. He has given able service to his fellow citizens as a member of the city council and has been a member of the library board for seven years. Mr. Sivertson is widely known throughout the State and county as a successful business man and highly respected citizen of Polk county. He is a member of the Republican party and of the Sons of Norway. He was married in 1855 to Dora Sockem, who was a native of Norway. She died in 1911, leaving five children, Hanna, the wife of Mr. R. Tetley; Sophia, who is a teacher in the Crookston high school; Herman, Albert and Margaret. In 1914 Mr. Sivertson was married to Mrs. Hillman, who was a widow. He is a member of the United Lutheran church.

JULIUS SPOKELY.

Although born and reared on a farm and beginning his life work as a tiller of the soil, Julius Spokely has such natural adaptability to and capacity for merchandising, that in eleven years of active and enterprising devotion to this line of business he has made himself one of the leading merchants in the city of Crookston, a field in which there is strong competition and rivals of ability are numerous.

Mr. Spokely is a native and wholly a product of Polk county whose life began in Hubbard township in 1877. His parents, Gullick and Gonvor (Simon) Spokely, were born and reared in Norway, and came to the United States in the sixties. They were married in Houston county, Minnesota. They located in Houston county, Minnesota, and entered a tract of government land in Chippewa county, but in 1871 took up their residence in Polk county when it was nearly all still a wilderness, being among the very