store in Crookston. He is now living in the city of Everett, Washington. The nephew found employment in a modest capacity in the roundhouse of the Great Northern Railroad in 1875, and in October, 1880, was given an engine, and from that time until now he has been running one on the Northern Division of the road. He is a member of the Masonic Order in several of its advanced branches, including the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Jewell was married in Crookston in 1886 to Miss Annie Dreeland, who was born in Ottawa county, Province of Quebec, Canada. They have three children: Katharine, who is the wife of John Bow, of Crookston; William E., who is in the railroad service, and Albert E., who is a machinist in the railroad shops in St. Paul. The parents are widely known and held in much esteem for their genuine worth and the cordial and helpful interest they manifest in every undertaking for the good of their community.

O. H. BJÖIN.

O. H. Bjöin, of Crookston, well known citizen and pioneer of the county, was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, September 19, 1852. His parents, Halvor and Annie (Week) Bjöin were natives of Falumaskan, Norway, and prominent farmers of Dane county, Wisconsin, where they had extensive land interests on Coskland Prairie. The father came to this country in 1843 and the mother in 1844 and they were married in Wisconsin where they reared their family of six sons and three daughters. Two sons, Thomas Bjöin and O. H. Bjöin, are residents of Polk county. The latter remained in his native state until 1880 when he came to Crookston. For a year he engaged in farming and then for some time operated a livery business, working for his brother, Thomas Bjöin. In 1883 he filed on land and gave some attention to his claim, later serving for a time on the police force of Crookston. He again engaged in the lively business in 1885, September 21, and has continued in this occupation during the past thirty years and is widely known as the pioneer liveryman of the county. Throughout the many years of his business career and citizenship, Mr. Bjöin has maintained an active interest in public activities and in advancing the rapid development of the country and justly enjoys the respect accorded the worthy settlers of the city and county. He was married at Red Wing, in 1886 to Lena Carlson, who was born in Norway and they have three children, Anna, Cora and Harold.

JOHN R. RASMUSON.

Being one of the pioneers who helped to open the Red River valley to settlement and improvement, and having also tried his hand in the stirring engagements of the farther West, John R. Rasmusson of Crookston has had an extensive, varied and valuable experience among men.

Mr. Rasmusson was born at Kilbourn, Wisconsin, in 1864. His parents, Halvor and Liv (Johnson) Rasmusson, were natives of Norway and came to the United States in 1860, locating in Wisconsin, where the father taught school and clerked. In 1866 he moved to Winona, Minnesota, and in 1878 to Moorhead, this state. There the mother died in March, 1909, and there the father still has his home. He served as clerk of the courts in Clay county sixteen years, and prior to that time bought grain in various parts of Southern Minnesota.

Of the three sons and two daughters of his parents who are living, John R. Rasmusson is the only one living in Polk county. He attained his manhood and got his education in Minnesota, and at the age of twenty-six changed his residence to Spokane, Wash-