the part of an agent in charge, caused the loss of several thousand dollars and Mr. Eklund served on the committee which reorganized and put the company on a substantial basis which has brought success. They incorporated with a capital of $10,000 and appointed as manager an efficient wheat buyer. In 1914, this company handled 61,000 bushels of grain. Another important institution in which he is interested is the Farmers Cooperative company, which operates a general store in Fosston. He is the president of the corporation. It has a capital stock of $73,000 and receives an annual trade of $22,000. Since 1894 Mr. Eklund has given continuous and valuable service in public affairs. In that year he was elected township supervisor on the Populist ticket and was made chairman of the board of supervisors. In 1903 he was elected county commissioner from the Fourth district and held this office for twelve years, serving for a number of years as chairman of board, during which time he was active in promoting the construction of new roads and bridges. He is a member of the township board and has been chairman of it for over eighteen years. Mr. Eklund is now a member of the Republican party but has also been elected to office on the Populist and Independent tickets. He is that type of progressive and industrious citizen who are the chief factors in building up states and is well known in the county. In 1890 he was married to Maria Hammergren, who was born near Alexandria, Minn., in 1870. They have raised a fine family of ten children, Harris Emil, Arnold Theodore, Alice Ruth, Raymond Wilfred, Hilma Viola, Eilert Jennings, Bertha Elvira, Stella Irene, Clarence Waldemar and Doris Evelyn.

JOHANNES R. HOVE.

Johannes R. Hove, of Queen township, a prosperous farmer and influential citizen of the county, was born in Norway, March 22, 1855. He spent his boyhood on a farm and was educated in the public schools of his native land. In 1882 he came to the United States and lived during the first year in Worth county, Iowa, and then removed to Polk county. Here he preempted land on section seven of Queen township and after proving up on this land, six months later, in December, 1883, he took a homestead claim in section twelve of Brandsvold township, just across the township line from the first farm. With the exception of marsh tracts, all of this land was covered with heavy timber, for the most part, poplar, and with thrifty enterprise and unceasing industry, he has put practically all of the three hundred and twenty acres under cultivation. During the early stages of the development of the farm, he employed various means of support, working during the harvest seasons in Dakota and selling wood which he hauled to Fosston, receiving from one dollar and a quarter to two dollars a cord for it. Mr. Hove has devoted his life to his farming interests and with intelligent study of every phase of his occupation and able management, has developed one of the finest farms in the county. He has installed an adequate ditching system which with a county ditch has reclaimed some sixty-seven acres of slough land. The comfortable country home was erected eight years ago and in every particular, the farm demonstrates the successful application of modern and progressive agricultural methods. The large new barn is thoroughly equipped with especial regard for winter feeding; the extensive watering system including troughs in the barn. He gives his attention to grain and stock raising, breeding short horn cattle and has met with unvaried success in every enterprise and has never known a crop failure, one field yielding, in 1904, forty bushels of wheat to the acre. He has established equally high records in the dairy business, in which he engages extensively, having realized, in one month, $173.40 from dairy produce, with a herd of fifteen cows, beside what was required for family consumption. He is the largest producer in the Olga