also given able service in public office and has been a member of the township board for many years and for twelve years was chairman of the board. He is a member of the United Lutheran church. He was married to Sophia Sorby, the daughter of a prominent pioneer family of Hill River township and her death occurred February 14, 1911. A family of nine children was born to this union, Alma, Laura, Clara, who is a student in the high school at Fosston, Amanda, Dagana, Carl, Ena, Esther and Lloyd. On January 10, 1912, Mr. Engebretson was married to Otilda Reas of Fargo, North Dakota, who had been a life long friend of the mother of his children and who has given them loving care.

HANS L. HANSON.

Hans L. Hanson, a prominent citizen of Hill River township, was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, June 20, 1862. His parents were natives of Norway and were among the first of their countrymen to emigrate to the United States. The father located in Wisconsin in 1848 and a little later bought government land in Mitchell, Iowa, and was prominently identified with the early history of that section. The father devoted his life to his farming interests and was also one of the promoters of the organization and platting of the town of St. Ansgar. Hans L. Hanson was reared in his native county and made his home there until 1884 when he came to Polk county and took a homestead claim on the southwest quarter of section twenty-nine of Hill River township. His first home was a log shanty in the woods which he later replaced with a more comfortable log house. The clearing of the land progressed slowly, as he owned no team and he had no crop during the first year. For several seasons, he worked in the Dakota harvest fields and after a few years was able to purchase a team and to devote his attention to the development of his farm and has put the greater part of the place under cultivation, reclaiming some of the low land with ditches. He has also invested in land in Dakota and spent one year on that farm but with this exception has been a continuous resident of the county since 1884. He has engaged in diversified farming, raising grain and is particularly interested in clover culture, for which his land has proven peculiarly adapted, although, as is generally the case in this section, his experiments with alfalfa have not been profitable. He keeps a large herd of dairy cows, sending the cream to the cooperative creamery at McIntosh, about seven miles from his place. The farm is equipped with good buildings, the large barn having been erected in 1895, and in 1902 he built the pleasant farm home which is delightfully situated on the banks of a small lake. The Amundson homestead which adjoins his land is now part of his property, this having been taken as a preemption claim by his wife, Anna (Amundson) Hanson, to whom he was married May 10, 1889. She was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, November 15, 1863, the daughter of Lewis and Ann Amundson, who had come to the United States in 1860. They removed to Minnesota, settling in Hill River township. The death of Lewis Amundson occurred three years later and his daughter Anna filed on a claim and proved up on it. She is now the only surviving member of the family of Lewis and Ann Amundson, all of whom made their homes in this county. The eldest son, Lewis, died in October, 1912, in his fifty-sixth year and is survived by his wife who lives on their homestead in section nineteen of Hill River township. Ole Amundson also was a farmer in this vicinity until his death. Betsy Amundson became the wife of Ole Thompson and lived during their lifetime on the farm now owned by their son, Oscar Thompson. The other daughter, Delia Amundson, was married to John D. Kuntson of King township, who survives her. Mr. Hanson is a member of the Democratic party and has been prominently identified with public affairs throughout the years of his residence in the county. He has