Gilbert H. Hoyne, for many years a prominent farmer of Polk county, was a native of Minnesota, born in Freeborn county, December 18, 1863. His parents, Hoven and Dorothy Hoyne were born in Norway and came to this county before their marriage, which occurred in Iowa. They came to Minnesota in 1859 and later spent several years in Dakota but preferring the Minnesota region, returned to Albert Lea and settled in Hayward township. Subsequently they removed to a farm six miles south of Albert Lea, which became the permanent home of the family and is still owned by one of the sons. The mother of this pioneer home is now living at Albert Lea, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Gilbert H. Hoyne grew to manhood on the old homestead and received his early education in the schools at Albert Lea and then pursued his studies at Northfield and in the normal school at Mankato. For a short time he engaged in teaching and then became apprenticed to the tinner's trade and was employed in that work until taking charge of his father's farm which he operated for three years and from that time continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1892 he took a homestead in Pine county, fifteen miles from Hinkle, Wisconsin, and two years later suffered serious losses through the disastrous fire which destroyed Hinkle and swept over that section of country. A brother of Mrs. Hoyne, K. E. Flaskefrude, was then living in Polk county and in 1895 Gilbert Hoyne brought his family to this county and bought a farm in Rosebud township, where he engaged in successful farming operations for eight years and then removed to King township and bought a quarter section of land four miles southwest of McIntosh. No buildings had been erected on the tract and the land had been but partially improved. Mr. Hoyne gave the zealous efforts of the remaining years of his life to the development of this place, building up a fine farm property through his experienced and able management. He engaged in the various farming activities, raising grain and stock and was also interested in dairying, meeting with success in all his enterprises. His death occurred in his country home, April 8, 1909, after several years of failing health, and the interment was made in the cemetery of the Gosen United Lutheran church in Knute township, of which he was a member. Mr. Hoyne was that type of man whose influence is felt in every phase of community life and his many worthy services