our National possessions in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Possessed of the genius of labor, Representative Steenerson is regarded as one of the most arduous and tremendous workers in the House of Representatives. In laying the foundation for a superstructure of a worthy and busy life, he, like Champ Clark, taught a country school while in his teens.

It is apparent that, early in life, Mr. Steenerson realized that in this world of strife and endeavor, to work strenuously and intelligently means to attain. His aim was high. He desired to achieve, and he has amply succeeded.

Work, faithful and disinterested, forms the keynote of the character of this man who is looked up to by his colleagues in Congress; whose advice is sought by men from other states on almost all topics which call for consideration by the Congress. In the caucuses of his party, when considering questions affecting the prosperity and honor of this great nation, his colleagues always want to hear from Halvor Steenerson. They are usually glad to follow his counsel, because they know it will be sound and wise.

Halvor Steenerson is a man of deep religious convictions, and his faith and hope has never wavered, even in many afflictions.

Those who know him best, comprehending his inherent force, expect Halvor Steenerson to go on achieving still greater things, as the days and years of his public life give further opportunity for nobler effort.

Mr. Steenerson is a member of several fraternal orders, among them the Free Masons, the Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America.

He married at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, in November, 1878, Maria Fjangesund, born on Fjangesund estate, Thelemarken, Norway, daughter of Christoffer Fjangesund and Maria, his wife. Mr. Steenerson and his wife had issue as follows: One boy, died in infancy. Clara N., born June 3, 1881, graduated from Crookston High School 1900, died 1901. Edwin, born 1882, died 1885. Benjamin Gilbert, born Feb. 21, 1884, graduated from George Washington University of Washington, D. C., 1906, drowned at Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, Feb. 16, 1908, while serving in United States Marine Corps, in an attempt to rescue a comrade who had fallen overboard.

Thus, to the great grief of the parents, none of their children survive. The earnest sympathy of every American citizen is theirs in their repeated bereavements but especially in the loss of their beloved son who died a hero and gave his life while trying to save that of another.

H. S. AASEN.

H. S. Aasen, the well known hardware merchant of Winger, was born at Telemarken, Norway, January 20, 1874, and came to the United States and to Fillmore county, Minnesota, when seventeen years of age. He removed to Polk county about a year and a half later and was employed for a time in farm work. In 1896 he embarked upon his commercial career as the proprietor of a store at Gossen in Winger township, in a building which had been erected and used for business purposes, by a Mr. Hughes. Mr. Aasen conducted a general store here for some eight years, starting with an investment of one hundred and thirty dollars and building up a profitable business. He also discharged the duties of postmaster until the office was discontinued. He located in Winger in 1906, after giving his attention to farming interests for two years, and bought the hardware store which had been established by A. K. Ingebo. Under the management of Mr. Aasen, this enterprise has met with marked prosperity and a steadily growing trade. He has added a warehouse to the original building and handles a general line of hardware and agricultural implements,