time Court was first established in this County until his elevation to the Bench in March, 1885. He was really a remarkable man, endowed with great strength and clearness of judgment, close application, and a fluent, earnest and forcible speech. Though he did not begin legal study until past the meridian of life, he excelled in all branches of the profession of the Law and stood foremost at the Bar in this part of the State.

The same qualities made him one of the most effective public speakers, and he was ever ready to give his time and talents to the promotion of morality and temperance and the advancement of projects and principles that he deemed to be for the public weal.

By his natural endowments and attainments he was peculiarly fitted for judicial life. His learning and ability were quickened by strong sense of justice and a deep love for the equity of the Law, and his essentially kind nature made him courteous to all.

In his death our profession has lost one of its brightest ornaments, the community a useful and upright citizen and his family a devoted husband and father. We deeply mourn his loss and extend our sincere sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

We respectfully request the Court to direct that this expression of our respect for our departed brother be entered upon its records with such other proceedings as may be had in connection therewith, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to his family.

Addresses were then made by Wm. Watts, H. Steenerson, and P. C. Schmidt of the bar and by Hon. Judge Mills. By Order of the Court the memorial was entered upon its records and out of respect for the memory of Judge Reynolds, Court was adjourned.

W. S. BREKKE.

One of the enterprising and progressive farmers, extensive and successful potato growers and accomplished musicians of Polk county, W. S. Brekke, whose attractive farm is located in Section 30, Hubbard township, is a useful resident of the northwest in many ways, and is esteemed in accordance with his usefulness and genuine merit as a farmer, a man and a citizen. He takes an earnest interest and a helpful part in everything that seems likely to promote the welfare of his township and the county generally, and can always be depended on for assistance in any worthy undertaking in this line.

Mr. Brekke is a native of Norway, where his life began April 3, 1873, but he has lived in this county since he was nine years old. He is a son of Saave and Gunield (Gunhild) Brekke, also Norwegians by nativity, and the first born of their ten children. In 1882 the parents brought their family to the United States and found a new home in Hubbard township, this county, where the father bought 160 acres of land. He was a blacksmith but continued to reside on his farm and cultivate it until his death on March 17, 1912, at the age of nearly sixty-seven years. The mother passed away November 21, 1915, aged seventy years.

From the time of his arrival in the county until now W. S. Brekke has had his home on the farm purchased by his father in 1882, and which he purchased in 1905, but he has enlarged it to 280 acres and greatly improved it with good buildings, abundant fences and other necessaries, and made it highly productive by skillful farming. He makes a specialty of raising potatoes on an extensive scale, his crop in 1914 aggregating 18,600 bushels, which he raised on about 125 acres of land. Since January, 1907, he has also been one of the rural mail carries in this section and covers in his route about twenty-four miles a day with a machine.

Mr. Brekke has given a great deal of attention to the cultivation of his natural talent for music, having been a close student and an industrious practitioner of musical science and having pursued a course of special training at the Northwestern Conservatory of Music in Minneapolis. After leaving the conservatory of