soldiers in the war of the rebellion. The latter was made a sergeant in his company and for three years was detailed to detached service in the western campaigns under General Grant. He also took part in the Indian war of 1862. Joseph O. Sargent was reared in the pioneer home and was familiar from earliest childhood with the privations and hardy influences of frontier life. He secured what educational advantages the country afforded and the favorite recreations of his boyhood were fishing and hunting trips in which the native Indians were his frequent companions. He was nine years of age when the family settled in Minnesota, in territorial days, and from the experiences of a long and eventful career, recalls many interesting and significant incidents. He enlisted when eighteen years of age, February 19, 1864, in Company C of the Sixth Minnesota volunteer infantry, and was in active service during the remainder of the war, in the campaigns of the Mississippi river, the Red river and the gulf coast, taking part in the battles of Mobile, Fort Blakeley and Arkansas Post and in a number of minor maneuvers against the forces under General Price. After the close of the war he returned to Minnesota and located on a farm in Rice county and spent several years farming and operating a wagon and blacksmith shop at Dundas, near Northfield, and at the time of the raiding of that town by the James and Youngers, was one of the posse who trailed and captured the notorious band. In 1879 he came to Polk county and took a homestead claim in Hamlin township, where he was the first settler. His first home was a frame shanty and he again lived among primitive surroundings, engaging in the task of clearing wild land for cultivation. He developed a fine farm and remained on the place for fourteen years and then disposed of his farming interests and removed to Crookston and became a building contractor. He conducted a prosperous business for a number of years, erecting many of the public buildings and homes in that city, and is one of its most highly respected citizens. Mr. Sargent has always been a loyal supporter of the Republican party and has given valuable service in offices of public trust, in township affairs, as a member of the school board of Hamlin township, and also supervisor and assessor, and for six years served on the city council of Crookston. He was married in 1870 to Lucinda Kingsbury, who was born in Iowa county, Wisconsin. Two daughters were born to them but neither are now living.

ANDREW N. HOFFE.

Having come to the United States at the age of twenty years, and having made good use of every opportunity that has presented itself to him to improve his condition and advance his interests, Andrew N. Hoffe, one of the leading farmers of Liberty township, this county, has made steady progress to a condition of liberal and substantial comfort in a worldly way, and has, in his useful and progressive career, given a fine illustration of the possibilities open to industry, frugality, upright living and good business management in this land of almost boundless wealth and opportunity.

Mr. Hoffe is a native of Norway, where his life began January 3, 1856, and where he was reared to the age of twenty and obtained his education. He was reared on a farm, and throughout his subsequent years he has adhered to the occupation with which he began his industrial record. In the spring of 1876 he emigrated to this country, landing at Philadelphia and coming at once to Houston county, Minnesota, and there working out as a farm laborer for two or three years. His wages were small and the work was hard, but his spirit and determination kept him at it, and he was careful in saving what he could of his earnings.

From Houston county Mr. Hoffe moved to Goodhue county, this state, and there he continued to work as a farm laborer for four years. In 1883 he came to