coupled with determination to win, especially in a land of such abundant opportunity as this one displays.

Mr. Bruun is a native of Norway, born October 27, 1862. In the spring of 1880 he emigrated to the United States and located first in Ottertail county, Minnesota, where he arrived May 24 and worked at farm labor until October. He then came to Polk county, and here he continued to work out as a farm hand until the spring of 1888. On June 4, of that year, he was united in marriage with Miss Gea Thoreson, who was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, September 8, 1868.

After his marriage Mr. Bruun took up his residence on a farm in Section 24, Tynsid township, Polk county, buying eighty acres of land, which he still owns and which he has improved with good buildings and made highly productive. In 1901 he bought 363 acres in Section 2, Vineland township, and changed his residence to that tract, on which he also erected a fine set of buildings. He now owns 683 acres in all, and has the whole extent under cultivation and yielding excellent crops under his judicious and progressive tillage. He has served as a member of the township board of supervisors, township treasurer, assessor and treasurer of his school district. For some years he has also been the treasurer of the Lutheran Free church, of which he and his family are members.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruun have twelve children: Clara, Julia, Helga, Freda, Thelma, Frederick, Ida, Harold, Georgia, Olinda, Norman and Alpha. Clara is the wife of Ole Dahlen, and has her home in Crookston. The other children are living at or near the home of their parents.

OLE N. OSLUND.

Neither the favors of fortune nor adventitious circumstances, except as he found or made them, have had anything to do with the progressive and successful career of Ole N. Oslund, one of the enterprising and prosperous farmers of Polk county, whose comfortable and attractive country home is located in Section 24, Reis township. Every step of his advancement in life has been hewed out by himself, and all his acquisitions and possessions are the fruits of his own diligence, thrift, good management and fine business capacity.

Mr. Oslund was born in Norway December 3, 1856, and when he was between eight and nine years of age came to the United States with his father and brother John. They located first at Rockford, Illinois, and two years later moved to Allamakee county, Iowa. The father died in that county at the age of seventy years, and Mr. Oslund's brother John also died there when he was about twelve. Mr. Oslund himself continued to live in Allamakee county, Iowa, until he reached the age of nineteen, and then made his home at different places until 1881. In April of that year he became a resident of Polk county, Minnesota, taking up a homestead of 160 acres in Section 14, Reis township. He improved his land and lived on it for some years, then sold it and bought the fine farm of 200 acres in Section 24, Reis township, on which he now has his home, and on which he erected the buildings.

The public affairs of the county, especially those of his own township, have always deeply and practically interested Mr. Oslund, and he has been of great service to the people in helping to administer them wisely, having filled every local office except that of township clerk, and winning high approval by the excellent record he made in each. As a private citizen, too, he has been very useful by the force of his example, his enterprise, progressiveness and breadth of view in all undertakings for the general welfare, and his unhesitating readiness to assist in promoting them.

Mr. Oslund was married March 13, 1884, to Miss Hannah Johnson, a native of Allamakee county, Iowa, and the daughter of John G. Johnson, who settled in Reis township in 1879, and was one of its revered pioneers. He died in that township in the autumn of