C. M. Berg, president of the First National bank at McIntosh, has been a resident of the county since early childhood. He was born in Norway, at Grue Prestegjeld Solor, April 10, 1873. In 1888 his parents came, with their son and two daughters, from Norway to Minnesota, where the father, Martin T. Berg, settled on land in King township, Polk county, and became a well-known pioneer of that section. He is now a retired farmer and resides in McIntosh. C. M. Berg was reared on the Polk county homestead and attended the public schools. When he was seventeen years of age he entered upon his business career and for some years was employed as a clerk in a general store at McIntosh and later sold agricultural implements on the road. His association with the banking interests of the county began in 1901, when he secured the position of bookkeeper and later was made assistant cashier of the State bank at McIntosh, and since that time has been identified with the successful operations of that institution. In 1901 W. S. Short was the president of the corporation and S. H. Drew was the cashier. Two years later the bank was converted into a national bank and continued to be conducted by the same officials until 1911, when Mr. Berg became president, having served as cashier from 1905 until 1911, and in that position and as active