residence have been enriched by the kindly service and genial friendship which have characterized his career. Like many of his gifted country men, a native humor and genius for relating tales, enlivened his rich store of interesting anecdotes of pioneer days; his memory retaining many amusing incidents which made for a good laugh in that period of privations and hard work. He has always been a loyal supporter of the democratic party and influential in public affairs and has given able service in the various local offices of public responsibility. Mr. Quigley was married to Elizabeth Cookman, whose death occurred in 1911. Nine children were born to this union, of whom seven survive, Mary, the wife of W. B. Hamilton, of Fisher, Nicholas, Fred, Tom, who is living in Seattle, Washington, Patrick, Frank, and Nellie. The latter has kept the home for Mr. Quigley since the death of the mother. A son and daughter, Willie and Laura, died in their youth. Fred Quigley, Patrick Quigley and Frank Quigley are all Polk county farmers, operating the land given them by their father. Mr. Quigley was one of the original members of the Catholic church at Fisher.

CARL QUERN.

The scion of a family that has played an important part in the affairs of Polk county from the early days of its history, Carl Quern, one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Higdem township has well sustained the record and traditions of the family in his own career. He is a native of Minnesota, born in Renville county, July 2, 1871. In 1895, when his father, C. C. Quern, bought 480 acres of land in Section 21, Higdem township, Carl and his brother-in-law, Gust Nelson, rented the tract together and occupied it as tenants for six years. The next five years were passed by Carl in Roseau county, Minnesota, where he had taken up a homestead. He proved up on this and then sold it for $1,600, having put fully one-half of it under cultivation.

In 1905 he returned to the Higdem township farm of 480 acres in this county, of which he was given charge, and the next year he was placed in control of the whole section, his father having bought the remaining East quarter for $5,600, although the whole of the other three-quarters had cost him only $6,000. The son managed the whole section until two years ago, when Mr. Nelson returned from Roseau county, where he also had taken up a homestead. Since then each of them has operated one-half of the section, but Mr. Quern farms 80 acres lying near by that is owned by his wife.

The dwelling house on the land occupied by Mr. Quern was there when his father bought the tract, but the son has done some building almost every year, and among his works of construction are commodious and convenient barns. He keeps over fifty head of cattle and has a fine herd of Shorthorns started. In 1915 he raised 8,000 bushels of wheat, oats and barley, the crops to which he has given his attention principally, but he also plants regularly about forty acres in corn, of which his crops are also quite large.

The public affairs of his township have received Mr. Quern’s interested and servicable attention at all times. He has served on the township board and is now the township supervisor. While living in Roseau county he helped to organize a new township there. He is independent in politics and a Lutheran in religion with membership in Granville church, of which he is also one of the trustees. On January 17, 1901, he was united in marriage with Miss Ella Syrstad, who was born on the farm of eighty acres which she now owns. She is a daughter of Andrew and Ellen (Rekstad) Syrstad, who settled on that farm in 1878, after having lived eight years in Wisconsin, where they were married. Both were born in Norway and both died on the farm in Higdem township, the mother passing away when her daughter and only child, Ella, was in her infancy, and the father in 1911.