which is amply equipped, with professional nurses in attendance, and has proved of unmeasured benefit to the community in providing immediate relief for local distress, obviating the disastrous delays entailed in reaching city hospitals. Dr. Ohnstad is that type who, by their broad, progressive and unselfish service, furnish the substantial support of the welfare of any community and has made a most honorable record as a physician and citizen. He is a member of the Red River Valley, the Minnesota State and the American Medical associations, and in fraternal societies is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was married at Red Wing in 1908 to Mabel Hooversen, of that place, who had resided for a time at McIntosh. Two sons have been born to them, Peter Rolf and Karsten Jerdee.

JOHN N. BOLSTAD.

Although a native of a foreign land in which his ancestors lived for many generations, John N. Bolstad, one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Sullivan township, this county, has passed the whole of his life to the present time, except the first four months of it, in the United States and the Northwest. He was born in Norway March 15, 1858, and was brought to this country by his father, Niles Bolstad, in July of the same year. The parents settled in Crawford county, Wisconsin, and passed the remainder of their days there. They converted a tract of wild timber land into a good farm on which they both died.

Their son John remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one. His father died when the son was twelve years old, and although the latter had four sisters older than himself, the management of the farm rested largely on him and his brother Nels, who operated it under the supervision of their mother. Nels now owns the home place. Another brother, Louis, is a homesteader in Bowman county, North Dakota, and their sister Josephine, the wife of Ole Miller, a retired farmer, lives in East Grand Forks. This sister accompanied John to Polk county in 1879. Each of them took up a homestead, the two comprising the northeast and southeast quarters of section 28 in Northland township, and each built a shanty. Josephine proved up and paid all that was required on her claim, and remained on it until she sold it when she moved to East Grand Forks. She was married to Mr. Miller in 1882.

The shanty built by John N. Bolstad on his homestead was twelve feet in size each way and had a board roof covered with tar paper. He and his sister worked their land together as they had opportunity. But as they had only $7 or $8 between them at the start they were obliged to work for other persons in order to live. The sister worked in Grand Forks and John N. obtained employment on the great Grandin wheat farm in Dakota in the summer of 1879. In a little while he bought a pair of steers and with them he broke up what ground he could that year. But his land was low and flat, and it was generally too wet to plow until June, and crops sown after that would not mature.

Owing to the conditions told above Mr. Bolstad rented a farm in Dakota for three years, and when the third year brought him good crops he traded his oxen for three mules and bought two horses. Meanwhile he had held on to his homestead and kept on working on it. In 1886 he rented the farm on which he now lives, which then belonged to William Colby. It contained all of section 7 except eighty acres, but it had not been properly cared for. Mr. Bolstad plowed 100 acres that had been without crops for a number of years and obtained good returns for his labor. After renting this farm for several years he bought one-half of it at $27 an acre and a few years later bought the other half at a higher price.

Mr. Bolstad has devoted his attention principally to raising grain. He has erected all the buildings on the place, has a deep well with a wind pump and a