disagreement with his superior officers. This has been
the experience of Charles M. Lohn, reporter of the
district court at Crookston over which Judge Watts
presides.

Mr. Lohn was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, Decem-
ber 18, 1872, and is the youngest member of a
family of which his brother Lewis, cashier of the
First National Bank at Fosston is the oldest. He was
reared and educated in his native county, completing
his preparation for the duties of life by a course in
commercial training at the Cedar Valley Seminary at
Osage, the county seat of that county. In 1895 he
came to Crookston and for three years and a half
thereafter he was employed in the Merchants Na-
tional Bank of that city. In 1899 he was appointed
reporter of the district court by Judge Watts, and he
is now in his eighteenth year of service in that
position.

On August 28, 1901, Mr. Lohn was married to
Miss Mary J. Fairbairn, a native of Stillwater, Min-
nesota, of Scotch and English ancestry. They have
four children, Kenneth F., Howard, Lois and Charles
M., Jr. The parents are active workers in the under-
takings of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which
they both belong, and Mr. Lohn is one of its trustees.
In fraternal relations he is a Freemason, and an Elk
and he also takes an earnest and helpful interest in
the affairs of the fraternity. He is zealous in the
performance of all his duties as a citizen and is highly
esteemed as a good one.

ROBERT H. Balfour.

Robert H. Balfour, of Euclid, a well known grain
dealer and local agent for the Red Lake Falls Mill-
ing company, was born in Lanark county, Ontario,
May 8, 1880, and came to the United States when
seventeen years of age, locating at Fisher, in Polk
county, where he resided until his removal to Euclid
in the following year. During the first five years of
his residence in Euclid he was employed in clerking,
also spending a short time on a farm and then began
his association with the grain business with the Min-
nneapolis, Northern, Red Lake Elevator company, who
operate an elevator at Euclid with a capacity of
thirty thousand bushels and also retail flour and feed.
Mr. Balfour remained with that company for a num-
ber of years, until the establishment of the Red Lake
Millling Company in 1911, when he was put in
charge of the office at Euclid as the grain buyer for
that region, and has since given his attention to the
able management of the extensive operations of this
company, in the year of 1914, shipping some seventy
car loads of grain, handling wheat and oats for the
most part. Mr. Balfour is also agent for the Stand-
ard Oil company and is in charge of the local tanks.
In political belief, he is an advocate of the principles
of the Democratic party and is actively identified with
the various interests of the community in which he
lives, in official capacity, giving capable service as
township assessor. Mr. Balfour is a member of the
Presbyterian church. He was married at Crookston,
in 1908, to Margaret Bieven, whose father was for
many years a farmer near Euclid.

K. O. Balstad.

K. O. Balstad, well known stock farmer of Sletten
township, was born in Norway, January 4, 1854. He
has been a resident of Polk county since 1897 and has
been notably associated with the development of the
stock business in this region. He came to Minnesota
with his parents in 1866. For several years they lived
in Goodhue county and in 1870, just before the lay-
ing out of Fergus Falls, they removed to Otter Tail