

and afterward with the Populist party while it flourished, but for some years he has voted with the Democrats at all general elections. In religious connection he is a member of the Free Lutheran church.

Mr. Valor was married in Norway to Miss Mary Peterson. She died in 1902. They were the parents of twelve children, only one of whom, Rudolph, is living. Two died in infancy of diphtheria and the others in early life of consumption. Rudolph, who is now

cultivating the farm, married Miss Augusta Berland of Bygland township. They have two children, Alfon and Marion. Rudolph was born on the farm February 8, 1891, and after he grew to manhood spent some time in the state of Washington. He has had charge of the home place two years. Mr. Valor also owns 140 acres in the town of Roome and altogether that makes 340 acres.

SIMON BOISVERT.

Simon Boisvert, of East Grand Forks, a retired farmer of Huntsville township, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, March 31, 1852. He was reared in Canada, near Montreal, and came to Minnesota in 1882. For a number of years he lived in Grand Forks and worked as a carpenter in the employ of the Great Northern railroad, engaged in the constructions of the company's various buildings along its route, working as far westward as San Coule, Montana. Since 1889 he has devoted his attention to farming, enjoying prosperous success in his various agricultural enterprises. His interests are divided between an eight acre tract within the city limits of East Grand Forks, and his farm of one hundred and seven acres, a mile and a half distant, on the south side of the Red Lake river. Of late years he has made his home on his property in East Grand Forks, while his son, Ed Boisvert, resides on the larger farm, which they operate in partnership. Mr. Boisvert is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church and a citizen of worth and

esteem in the community in which he lives. In political affairs his allegiance is given to the Republican party. As a young man he was an ardent sportsman, and derived great pleasure and skill from this recreation, but later the many duties and responsibilities of the farm left meager time for sports. Mr. Boisvert is perhaps more widely known as Greenwood, the English translation of his French surname, which is generally used by his children, but prefers the original rendering of the family name. He was married in Canada to Mary Jeffrey, a native of that country, and sixteen years of age at the time of her marriage. They have seven children, Josephine, the wife of John Mero; Joseph, a farmer, who was married to Vina Pelleg; John, who married Rose Robert, and is farming in Huntsville township; Ida the wife of R. E. Fullerton, of East Grand Forks; Lillie, the wife of Willia Bach, of Reinhart township; Ed, who lives on his father's farm, and was married to Mabel Schow, and Willie.

JOHN O. EGGEN.

The late John O. Eggen, who was for years one of the leading farmers and substantial citizens of Northland township, with a good and well improved farm in Section 30, seven miles and a half north of East Grand Forks, was a man of force of character and great positiveness, and, as he was generally properly interested in projects for the development and improvement of his locality, he was an influence for good

that everybody respected and a very useful factor in the promotion of his township's progress. He was born December 5, 1819, in the historic city of Trondhjem, Norway, and came to the United States in 1857, locating in Wisconsin, where he was employed on a farm and in the lumber woods for a period of two years.

In 1859 Mr. Eggen changed his residence to Good-