grounds decorated with ornamental trees and shrubbery surrounding it.

Mr. Wick has contributed a great deal to improving the conditions of life in his home locality, much of the beautiful landscape gardening about the homes in East Grand Forks and its parks being the result of his efforts. He has spared no labor or expense in testing shrubbery and fruit culture, acclimating many varieties of such products that had long been considered too tender to grow in this latitude. Thirty years ago it was believed that the only kind of apples that would live and flourish in this section of the country were crabapples. But in consequence of his enterprise and ability many varieties of apples are now produced here in fine qualities and of great commercial value in all the markets.

From the beginning of his residence in what is now Rhinehart township Mr. Wick has taken an earnest interest and an active part in its public affairs. The four sections bordering on and near to the Red river were paying their taxes but getting no road improvement or other benefits. He started a movement to obtain their right to manage their own affairs by separation from Grand Forks township and the formation of a new township by themselves. The movement succeeded in time and after considerable effort. Rhinehart township was organized, Mr. Wick was elected township clerk and later a justice of the peace, and it was only a short time until the new township found itself in a desirable condition, with good roads in every direction and a surplus of funds in its treasury. Mr. Wick is a Democrat in his political faith and allegiance, and he is a 'live one' in political contests, as he is in everything else in which he takes an interest.

OLE HANSON.

"Tried by both extremes of fortune and not seriously disturbed by either" is a motto that might be appropriately applied to the enterprising farmer, courteous gentleman and public-spirited citizen who is the subject of this brief review. He has suffered hardship, privation and adversity in some of their most cruel forms, and he has triumphed over every difficulty and won a substantial competence for life by his own industry, thrift and good management, yet through all conditions and changes of fortune he has been the same firm, intrepid, hopeful and enterprising man, undaunted by Fate’s greatest exhibitions of unkindness and not unduly elated over Fortune’s most generous benefactions and sunniest smiles.

Ole Hanson was born at Lurvig, Norway, March 16, 1855, and when he was about eleven years of age came with his parents, Hans and Cheston Oleson, to the United States, arriving in 1866. In October, 1877, the family settled in Polk county, Minnesota, on Section 31, in Nesbit township, where the father died one year later and the mother three years after his death. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom their son Ole was the fourth in the order of birth.

Mr. Hanson was about twenty-two years old when he arrived in this county, and he at once bought one-half of Section 31, Nesbit township, and on this tract he has ever since had his home, but he has added to his original holding by subsequent purchases, and he now owns and cultivates 360 acres, which, by his intelligent and skillful methods of farming he has made very productive. He had a hard struggle at first, however, and it required nerve and determined persistence to get through it. His first habitation on the land was a mud or sod shack, which was very inadequate for comfort or even shelter, and the other home appliances were in keeping with this. But the sod shack long since gave way to a good modern dwelling, and the other buildings that Mr. Oleson has erected are also modern and complete in every particular. His principal industry on this farm is general farming, but he also raises and handles live stock to a considerable extent, having on hand about twenty head of horses and forty of cattle, on an average.

While Mr. Hanson has paid strict and constant attention to his own affairs he has also given heed in an interested and helpful way to those of the town-