seventies. They became the parents of five children, all of whom are living. Emma is now the wife of Martin Strommen, and a resident of Vineland township. Ole H. is the immediate subject of this review. Peter is still living at home with his parents. Ida is the wife of Sever Rostvold and has her home in North Dakota, and John is also still a member of the parental family circle.

Ole H. Estenson, the second born of the five children, was reared to manhood on his father’s farm and obtained only a common school education. In 1900 he began his mercantile career in the Estenson company of Climax. The partnership continued until 1911, when the business was sold to the Climax Cooperative Mercantile company, Mr. Estenson remained as a clerk in the store under its new owners for a year, then moved to Canada and took up a homestead, on which he lived two years and a half. At the end of that period he returned to Climax and was appointed manager of the store which he formerly owned, and in that capacity he has been connected with it ever since.

In the government and social life of Climax Mr. Estenson has always taken a cordial interest and been a forceful factor. He proved his devotion to the welfare of the community by serving as a member of the village council with energy and public spirit for some years. He is also a devout and serviceable member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. On August 10, 1906, he was united in marriage with Miss Clara Bangen, a daughter of Hans H. Bangen, of Vineland township. Two daughters have been born of this union, Irene and Romona.

WILLIAM JAMES PORTER.

While he is not now and never has been regularly a resident of Polk county, William James Porter is entitled to recognition in this compendium of Polk county history because of his having married into one of the prominent families of the county and his intimate connection with certain features of the industrial and commercial life of the Polk county people.

Mr. Porter was for a few years a grain buyer at Davidson station, near the old Nesbit farm, and he married Miss Margaret Evelyn Nesbit, the daughter of James Nesbit, the owner of that farm and a member of the family in whose honor Nesbit township was given the name it bears, and he and Mrs. Porter own a part of the old family homestead, which is being farmed by a tenant. Mr. Porter has, during the last four or five years, been a grain buyer for the Diamond Mill in Grand Forks.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter were married October 24, 1906. They have four children, Myrtle Evelyn, Frances Marion, Lois Christina and Willard James.

EDMUND M. WALSH.

Edmund M. Walsh, who is the author of the valuable article in this work giving an interesting account of the early days in the history of Polk county, has been a resident of Crookston continuously since 1872, and during the whole period of his residence in the city has been prominent in its various lines of life, particularly in connection with its public affairs and those of Polk county, and the fraternal activities in both.

Mr. Walsh was born in Essex county, New York, March 2, 1851, and in 1857 he was brought by his parents, Thomas and Eleanor Walsh, to Henderson, Sibley county, Minnesota, where he grew to manhood and obtained his education. In 1870 he assumed charge of a store belonging to his father at Henderson, but a short time afterward he sold this business and started a mercantile enterprise of his own. He disposed of this also in a short time, and then went to Garry, now Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he did not tarry long, returning to this country in a few weeks.