the Supreme court, in one of which the sustaining of his contention that it was illegal for a justice of peace to change venue to a justice of peace in an adjoining township not adjoining the village, resulted in a state law. Aside from the many accomplishments of his legal career, Mr. Gaylord has engaged extensively in the real estate business, retained an active interest in his farm and for the last five years, has engaged in the mercantile business, operating a general store in Fertile. As a real estate dealer, he has handled one of the largest businesses in the county making a sales record of one week's sales of fifty quarter sections of land. In Fertile he has built some thirteen buildings among which is one of the first brick structures. He has given particular attention to the raising of potatoes in his agricultural enterprise and has taken three hundred bushels from the acre, raising a crop of ten thousand bushels. In all phases of public affairs his career has been marked by loyal service and able support of the best interests of the community and as a member of the school board he was instrumental in securing the present splendid organization of the public school system. He is a member of the Republican party and has ever been an active worker in political circles. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Gaylord has been twice married, his first union was with Laura M. Briggs of Minneapolis, in 1875, and two sons were born to this marriage; Harry O., who lives in Grand Forks, and George, who is a barber at Park River, North Dakota. In 1907 Mr. Gaylord was married to Kasper Aggerness, of Fertile and they have six children, Christina, Henrietta, Lida, Belle, Henry and Harriet Beecher.

T. THYGESON.

Having come to this country as a young man from his native land of Denmark, where he was born May 27, 1843, and having worked his way to a comfortable estate by his own efforts, and at the same time given careful and helpful attention to the public affairs of his community and township, T. Thygeson, one of the progressive and successful farmers of Polk county, has made a record creditable alike to himself, his native country and the land of his adoption. He has for years been seriously handicapped by a physical affliction, having lost his right leg in a threshing accident, but this has neither arrested his progress nor slackened his energy.

Mr. Thygeson arrived in the United States in 1865 and at once came West and located in St. Paul, where he worked at day labor until 1870, when he moved to Ottertail county, this state, and turned his attention to farming. He became the owner of a farm in that county and lived on it until 1877. He then came to Polk county, bringing with him as his only facilities for starting a new home in the wilderness two yoke of oxen and a few cows. He took up a homestead in Section 4, Andover township, five miles west of Crookston, on the prairie and one mile from any timber. Alexander Burnham and Peter Anderson were then the only other settlers in the neighborhood, and they were on the creek, advantageously located, and had a start in developing and improving their land and obtaining the ordinary comforts of life.

In a little while Mr. Thygeson put up a log shanty on his tract, afterward erecting a larger and more substantial log house. His present dwelling was built in 1906, and is a comfortable and attractive home for him and his family. He also has a large barn built four years ago, or in 1911. To his original tract he has added another quarter section, so that he now owns and cultivates 320 acres in one body. His principal crops are wheat; barley, rye and oats, and in 1915 his products of these amounted to about 6,000 bushels. He keeps regularly six cows and makes butter of a superior grade for private customers. He also raises good horses and carries on a general farming industry embracing every ordinary feature of the business.

Being one of the very early settlers in Andover.