

of the United States. It is lacking in none of those things which go to make up the attractive type of modern journalism. Mr. Wist is also one of the publishers and editors of the *Symra*, a Norwegian-American magazine, which was established in 1905, and is now treasurer of the *Symra* Company, which took over the publication in January, 1913. He has been much interested in Norwegian-American history and has done some work in that field. He has also written some poems for papers and magazines, aside from many editorials which he has penned.

On the 28th of December, 1885, at Glenwood, Minnesota, Mr. Wist was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Aasve, a daughter of Ole A. Aasve, one of the early settlers of Winneshiek county, who removed from Iowa to Kansas and later to Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Wist have four children, Clara, Benjamin, Annie and Joseph. In politics Mr. Wist is a progressive republican. He has never sought political office, but in 1906 he was appointed Norwegian vice consul for the state of Iowa and has since continued in that position. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Norwegian Lutheran Synod. Since 1912 he has been president of the Norwegian Press Association of America, and is one of the directors of the Norwegian Society of America. He has also been president of the *Symra* Literary Society and "Det Norske Selskab," of Decorah. He has great influence among his fellow countrymen and through the journalistic field has labored earnestly and faithfully to promote the welfare of people of his nationality, seeking not only their material but also their intellectual and moral advancement.

#### TOLLEF T. ISTAD.

Tollef T. Istad, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon eighty acres on section 22, Madison township, is one of the many industrious and successful citizens whom Norway has given to Iowa, his birth having occurred in that country, July 21, 1859. He is a son of Tollef and Engrid (Vik) Istad, also natives of that country, who came from there to Winneshiek county in 1869. They settled in Madison township, where the father rented land which he operated until 1876, in which year he purchased a farm. The crops in that section of the state failing disastrously, however, he sold his property after one year and for six years thereafter farmed as a renter. At the end of that time he bought one hundred and sixty acres on sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Madison township and improved and operated this property for seven years, selling it finally and forming a partnership with his two sons, Tollef T. and Andrew T. They purchased two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Madison township, but the father was never active in the operation of this property. He now makes his home with A. T. Istad and is in the seventy-seventh year of his age. His wife has passed away, her death having occurred in 1902.

Tollef T. Istad was ten years of age when his parents crossed the Atlantic and he completed an education begun in Norway in the district schools of Winneshiek county and in the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah. When he was