

On December 7, 1889, Mr. Linde was united in marriage to Miss Emily Hopperstad and to them were born five children: Julius E., of Calmar, who is cashier of the savings bank there; Aletta, who married Lawrence Hove, of Madison township; Hattie M., at home; Orin E.; and Andy Oliver.

Mr. Linde is a republican in his political affiliations and for some time did service as township clerk, filling that office with circumspection and ability. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church. He is public-spirited and progressive and much interested in the welfare of his locality, having contributed to the general growth in developing an excellent farm property.

#### NELS N. BERGAN.

One of the model and well improved farms in Madison township, Winneshiek county, is owned and operated by Nels N. Bergan, his place comprising two hundred and seventy acres, located on section 32. He is a native of Wisconsin, born July 5, 1853, a son of Ole and Isabelle Bergan, both of whom were natives of Norway, and upon emigrating to the new world in 1842, located in Wisconsin. The father soon afterward went to Chicago, where he spent a brief period, and then located in Racine county, twenty miles south of Milwaukee, purchasing a farm in Muskego township. For nine years he gave his time and attention to the clearing and improvement of that farm, and on disposing of the place he came to Winneshiek county, the date of his arrival here being June 8, 1855. He purchased a farm in Madison township and was engaged in farming here until the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1892, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. The mother survived for a few years, passing away in January, 1900, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Nels N. Bergan was reared on the home farm and was educated in the district schools near his home. In 1883 the father divided his land among his children and Nels N. Bergan came into possession of his present farm, comprising two hundred and seventy acres, situated on section 32, Madison township. To the cultivation and improvement of this place he has since given his time and attention. He has made his fields very fertile through the cultivation of crops best adapted to the soil, while he has erected good and substantial buildings, which he always keeps in the best of repair. In addition to this land Mr. Bergan likewise owns land in South Dakota. He makes a specialty of Scotch shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and this branch of his business adds not a little to his annual income.

Mr. Bergan established a home of his own in November, 1889, by his marriage to Miss Louisa Crawford, a daughter of Henry and Marjorie (McIntosh) Crawford, the former of Irish descent, while the latter comes of Scotch ancestry. The father was engaged in farming in Madison township throughout his entire business career and became one of the county's substantial citizens. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bergan were born two children but both are now deceased, one having died in infancy, while Emma departed this life April 15, 1908. The wife and mother passed away in May, 1892, and Mr. Bergan was married a second time, this union being with Lena Larson, whom he wedded in November, 1893. Her