

eral farming and stock-raising and meeting with that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor.

On the 26th of November, 1902, Mr. Albers was united in marriage to Miss Emma Gerber, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bach) Gerber, natives of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Albers became the parents of two children: a son who died in infancy; and Louise Herminia Alma. Mr. Albers is a republican in his political beliefs and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a devout member of the Methodist church and is a man of exemplary character, known in his business dealings for reliability and integrity and holding the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

TONNES T. BRINGSJORD.

A member of the Norwegian colony of Winneshiek county, Tonnes T. Bringsjord has done valuable work in promoting agricultural interests in Decorah township, where until recently he owned a fertile farm of one hundred and ninety acres, located on section 24. As a boy of fifteen, he came to America, empty in pocket but rich in determination, and that he has succeeded thereof his present prosperity is the best proof. Born at Syngdal, Norway, March 22, 1873, his parents were Tobias and Gesena (Sellen) Bringsjord, natives of that country. The father during practically his entire active life followed agricultural pursuits in Norway and there passed away in 1902, the mother preceding him in death by one year.

Tonnes T. Bringsjord was reared under the parental roof and had early instilled into his youthful conscience lessons on the value of thrift, diligence and honesty. He attended school in his native country, discontinuing his lessons early in boyhood in order to assist his father with the farm work. Remaining at home until fifteen years of age, he then came to America and making his way inland located in Winneshiek county, where for four or five years he made his livelihood as a farm hand. Carefully husbanding his savings, he had acquired sufficient means to rent a farm, which he operated until 1906 with such good success that at the end of that time he was enabled to acquire by purchase one hundred and ninety acres on section 24, Decorah township. There he devoted his sole attention to the cultivation of his land, making valuable improvements on the buildings and installing modern, labor-saving machinery. In the spring of 1913 Mr. Bringsjord disposed of this property to good advantage, although he still makes his home on the place and intends in the near future to buy other agricultural property.

In 1892 Tonnes T. Bringsjord was united in marriage to Miss Bertha O. Ramsey and to them three children were born, Gesena, Amanda and Tilda. After a short illness Mrs. Bringsjord passed away in 1897, deeply mourned by her immediate family and a large circle of friends. In 1899 Mr. Bringsjord wedded Mary O. Haugen, a daughter of Ole and Mary Haugen, natives of Norway, where Mrs. Bringsjord also was born. She was six years old when she was brought by her parents to America. Of this union also three children