

and who by her marriage became the mother of two daughters and two sons: Florence, now the wife of William Hayes, who resides in Fremont township, this county; John H., who resides at Kendallville, in Fremont township; Frank A., at home; and Maude, who makes her home with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rice of this county. The wife and mother departed this life January 30, 1895, when but thirty-two years of age, and the father was again married, June 9, 1897, to Jannette M. Dybvik, who is a native of Winneshiek county, her natal day being February 25, 1872. There is one daughter of this union, Ethel May.

Mr. Pierce, who is quiet and unassuming in manner, leads the industrious life of the farmer, giving his entire time and attention to his private business affairs.

OLE O. LOMEN.

Ole O. Lomen, a prominent and prosperous agriculturist of Winneshiek county, is the proprietor of the Washington Prairie Poultry and Fruit Farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on sections 2 and 3, Springfield township, and including the largest orchard in the county. On this place he has resided continuously from his birth to the present time with the exception of a period of five years spent in the military service of his country. He was born on the 22d of November, 1861, a son of Ole A. and Mary K. (Northorp) Lomen, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father emigrated to the United States in 1848 and located first in Wisconsin but two years later, in June, 1850, came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, entering the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which is now in possession of our subject. Clearing and improving the property, he continued active in its cultivation until the time of his death, which occurred in 1868. The demise of his wife occurred in 1888.

Ole O. Lomen was reared and educated in this county, pursuing his studies in the district schools. He remained with his mother until seventeen years of age and then, in November, 1879, enlisted in the regular army, serving as a soldier in Montana for five years. On returning to this state, in 1884, he purchased and took charge of the home farm and has been successfully engaged in its operation to the present time, having placed many substantial improvements thereon, thus enhancing its value. His is the largest orchard in Winneshiek county. Two years ago his apple crop amounted to four hundred barrels, besides fifty barrels that were not picked, while in the past year he shipped seventy-five bushels of plums to St. Paul. He also raises all kinds of berries and cherries and in 1912, though the crop was not nearly as good as usual, was awarded the second premium for the best collection of fruit at the Iowa State Fair. Mr. Lomen likewise breeds Holstein cattle, and his is probably the largest poultry establishment in the county, including fifteen different breeds. His farm is up-to-date in every respect and he is a modern agriculturist whose labors are attended with the most gratifying results. Since 1905 he has held the position of secretary of the Winneshiek County Horticultural