

the 26th of June, 1888; Antoinetta Rosie, who was born September 1, 1891; Emma, whose birth occurred on the 24th of August, 1894; Ida, born January 31, 1897; William, April 22, 1901; Lorena, September 18, 1904; Theodore, who was born October 26, 1907, and died May 22, 1912; and Philomene, born April 23, 1910.

Mr. Zweibahmer is a member of the Roman Catholic church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party, having been elected on that ticket to the position of school director. He devotes practically his entire time to his farm, his fine property today reflecting his many years of careful supervision, and he is numbered among the progressive, able and substantial agriculturists of his native township and county.

HON. NELS LARSON.

Of sterling Norwegian stock and himself a native of the Norseland kingdom, Hon. Nels Larson has ever since his childhood resided in Winneshiek county, having witnessed the changes that have here occurred as primitive conditions have given way to the onward march of civilization. Since 1855 he has been a resident of this county and since 1868 he has made his home upon a farm on section 16, Highland township, which under his able management has become one of the most profitable agricultural establishments in the section. It originally comprised two hundred and forty acres but several years ago Mr. Larson gave eighty acres to his son, retaining one hundred and sixty acres. Of late, however, he has rented this also to his son, who operates the homestead, and now he lives in well earned retirement, enjoying the fruits of his former labors. Not only has Mr. Larson become prominent along agricultural lines but he has ever been one of the leaders in republican politics in this section and has continually held important offices not only in connection with the township and county but also in the legislature, in which he sat for several terms, exerting his influence to the best of his ability in the interests of his district and promulgating the welfare of the state by doing effective work in committee rooms and sustaining valuable measures on the floor of the house. Ever since 1864, when he cast his first vote for Lincoln, he has remained true to the republican standard and he is today as stalwart as ever in his support of the political colors in the principles of which he believes. Aside from political work he has ever interested himself in educational matters and has done much toward promoting the educational system of the county, while he has always taken an active and helpful interest in the work of the Lutheran church.

Hon. Nels Larson was born in Sogne, Norway, on September 1, 1841, a son of Lars and Karel (Bakke) Larson. Both resided on the Bakke farm in their native country and when Nels Larson, our subject, came here and found that the farm upon which he settled had no name he took the first one of his father for the family name and has since styled himself Nels Larson. The mother died on the home farm in Norway in 1852 and was buried there, our subject being her only child. He and his father came to America in 1854,