

this country, her death occurring in 1874. Mrs. Thronson was first married to Even Olson, in 1874, and became the mother of two sons: Otto, who died in infancy; and Even, who makes his home in Decorah. Mr. Olson died December 21, 1875. By her second marriage Mrs. Thronson became the mother of six children, namely: Engrie, the wife of Matt Dotseth, a farmer of Minnesota; Sena, who died in infancy; Theodore, at home; Alex, who died in infancy; Alex, the second of the name, who is still with his mother; and Stella, who is engaged in teaching school. Mrs. Thronson is a capable business woman, and with the assistance of her two sons has managed the farm since her husband's death. She has made many improvements and among other things has erected a substantial and modern home.

In politics Mr. Thronson was a republican, and his religious faith was that of the Lutheran church. He was devoted to his home and his family and was ever deeply interested in their comfort and welfare. He was likewise deeply interested in the best interests of his community, so that at his death he was not only mourned by those nearest to him but by many friends and acquaintances, who had come to respect him for his sterling traits of character.

OLE J. LINDE.

For about twenty years Ole J. Linde has made his home on a valuable farm of one hundred and ten acres in Lincoln township, to the cultivation of which he has ever since given his sole attention. His labors have been productive and today his place is considered one of the best improved and most valuable of the district. He was born in Boone county, Illinois, on the 9th of February, 1863, and is a son of John O. and Martha (Brenno) Linde, natives of Norway, who came to America about 1860, locating in Illinois. The father farmed in that state for about three years and then removed to Winneshiek county, settling in Sumner township. After a successful agricultural career the parents live now retired at Ridgeway. To them were born seven children: Hattie, deceased; Ole J., of this review; Iver, of Sumner township; John, who makes his home in North Dakota; Edward, deceased; Edward, of North Dakota; and Henry, of the same state.

Ole J. Linde removed with his parents from Illinois to this county, where he attended school and subsequently assisted his father with the work on the home farm, early becoming acquainted with thorough methods of agriculture. He remained so occupied until twenty-seven years of age, when he was enabled to buy sixty acres in Sumner township, which he cultivated for two years and then sold. He then came to Lincoln township and in March, 1892, bought one hundred and ten acres, to the cultivation of which he has ever since given his whole time. His place gives evidence of the years of his labor and is today one of the finest in the district. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and also makes a specialty of threshing, having an outfit for which he finds employment on the neighboring farms. His farm buildings are kept well in repair and he has installed modern equipment in order to facilitate the labor and increase the yield of his fields.