

Steele county, Minnesota until December, 1913, when he will move to a farm which he has purchased in Frankville township, Winneshiek county; Cornelia, the wife of John Moe, of Glenwood township; Olaus; Maria, the wife of O. C. Evans, of Glenwood township; Margaret, who is the widow of Andrew Haugen and lives in Frankville township; and four children who died in infancy.

Olaus Ruen has been a lifelong resident of Glenwood township, save for the period of a year spent in Steele county. The educational opportunities accorded him were those afforded by the public schools. He was early trained in farm work and became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In his youth he worked as a farm hand and since starting out in independent business has carried on general agricultural pursuits, being now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, Glenwood township, which includes the old homestead and an additional tract of forty acres. Here he carries on general farming and also makes stock-raising a feature of the place. His farm presents a neat and attractive appearance and gives evidence of the progressive spirit of the owner.

On the 23d of May, 1900, Mr. Ruen was married to Miss Amanda Egge, who was born in Glenwood township, June 14, 1880, a daughter of Hans and Emmerense (Dahlen) Egge, who were natives of Norway but are now residing in Decorah. The four children of this marriage are Lawrence, Olgar, Eleanor and Adolph, all born upon the home farm.

The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church and have long been helpfully interested in its work, Mr. Ruen serving as church treasurer for the past twenty years. His political views were in accord with the principles of the republican party for an extended period, but he is now a progressive. For two terms he served as township trustee and made a good officer, but has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which capably directed, have brought him substantial and well merited success.

#### MARION F. PRICE.

Marion F. Price is an enterprising farmer, operating a farm of two hundred and forty acres, located on sections 26 and 27, Burr Oak township. He is one of the county's native sons, for his birth occurred in Locust, Pleasant township, November 19, 1869. He is the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children, the parents being Daniel and Nancy (Wise) Price, the former born in Vestal Center, New York, May 17, 1832, and the latter in Venango county, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1835. Mrs. Price went to Illinois with her parents, Samuel and Phoebe (Meriman) Wise and after spending two years in the Prairie state they continued their journey westward, locating in Winneshiek county, the year of their arrival here being 1857. Mr. Price had come to the county the previous year and they were married here February 24, 1859. He died here on the 29th of November, 1907, at the advanced age of seventy-five years, but the mother still survives and yet resides on the home place with our subject. Although she is now seventy-eight years of age, she is very active for one of her years. During the past two years she has caught two hundred and sixty-seven gophers