

able to cut down this majority to three thousand votes, polling the largest democratic vote ever given for that office in the county and giving thereby proof of his personal popularity and high standing among his fellow citizens. He is an adherent of the German Lutheran church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest, and fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen, holding membership in the local lodges at Calmar. He occupies one of the handsome residences of the town and there he and his wife entertain their many friends, being highly esteemed and respected by all who have the honor of knowing them.

#### ERICK O. ELLINGSON.

Erick O. Ellingson has valuable farm property in Sumner and Lincoln townships, owning one hundred and sixty acres in the former and fifty-five in the latter. He was born in Illinois, in Boone county, on February 15, 1855, and is a son of Ole and Sarah (Melinlong) Ellingson, natives of Norway, who came to America about 1848, locating in Illinois. There they are still living, the father having followed agricultural pursuits during his entire active life. In their family are nine children: Edward, of South Dakota; Elizabeth, at home; Erick O., of this review; Ellen, who married Iver Engerbrocksen, of Franklin county, this state; Nels, of Capron, Illinois; Lena, at home; Joseph, of Capron; John, of Boone county, Illinois; and Emma, at home.

Erick O. Ellingson remained at home until twenty-one years of age, having received his education in the neighboring schools and having learned agriculture under the guidance of his father. At that time he came to Winneshiek county, where he remained for one year and then proceeded to South Dakota, where he proved up a claim, which he later sold. Returning to Winneshiek county, he then bought one hundred and sixty acres on sections 1, 11 and 12 in Sumner township. He has made excellent improvements on his land, erecting substantial barns, a silo, a modern home and other necessary buildings. He has installed most up-to-date machinery and does everything to enhance the value of his farm and improve its appearance. He also owns fifty-five acres in Lincoln township, upon which place he intends to settle when he retires from active labor on the larger place. He has built thereon a new and modern home which he soon expects to occupy. He engages in general farming and also gives close attention to stock-raising.

On September 20, 1884, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ellingson to Miss Margaret Opstahal and to them have been born five children: Ole Alfred, deceased; and Edwin, Elmer, Birdie Seleta and Albert Julius, all at home.

Mr. Ellingson has by his example done much toward setting a standard for successful agricultural methods and has otherwise exhibited a worthy public spirit. He is progressive in all that he undertakes and also has carried his enterprising spirit into the political field, having embraced the doctrines of the progressive party. He has always been interested in anything that tended to better conditions in Winneshiek county and his district and four years has served