

died in infancy; Edward and Theodore, who live at home; and Virginia, who died in infancy.

Mr. Wagner is a member of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Foresters. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has ever been staunch in his support of its principles and policies both as an office holder and as a private citizen. He has served as township trustee and road supervisor and in this and many other ways has promoted the interests of the community in which he has so long resided and to the agricultural and general business development of which he has made such substantial and tangible contributions.

#### OLE MARTIN SELNES.

Not only is Ole Martin Seines well known as one of the prosperous farmers of Hesper township but he also owns a valuable half section in Moore county, Texas, and has achieved success in the real-estate business, buying and selling farm lands. He is a native of Winneshiek county, his birth having occurred in Frankville township on June 30, 1870. His parents were Raffel and Anne (Michelson) Kokos, natives of Norway, the former born on September 14, 1832, and the latter on December 26, 1827. The father came to the United States in 1861 and the mother in 1865. Their marriage took place in Glenwood township, this country, in 1869. They spent their lives since on farms in Winneshiek and Allamakee counties, the father passing away on January 31, 1908, and the mother about one year later, on January 2, 1909. The mother had been previously married and of that union were born six children, of whom four are now living. To her marriage with Raffel Seines were born two children: one who died in infancy; and Ole Martin, of this review.

Ole M. Seines has made his home in Winneshiek and Allamakee counties all his life and ever since laying aside his schoolbooks has followed agricultural pursuits. He has resided in Hesper township for nineteen years and for nine years has been located on his present farm. He owns one hundred and seventeen acres on section 25, Hesper township, and his place is well improved, most of the buildings have been placed thereon by our subject. He is a breeder of Poland China hogs and also raises high-grade cattle and horses. He also has made the real-estate business a profitable source of income, buying and selling farm lands. In later years he made an investment in Texas, acquiring a half section of land in Moore county.

In 1893 Mr. Seines marries Miss Anna Brenna, who was born in Norway in 1864 and came to the United States in 1891. She is a daughter of Elias and Lorenza Brenna, who also crossed the Atlantic and now reside in Fillmore county, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Seines became the parents of seven children: Edwin Robert, who died in infancy; Edwin Robert (second of the name), a student at Luther College in the class of 1916; and Alma Louise, Arnold, John Edgar, Alfred Melvin and Selmer Philip.

Mr. Seines is a republican and for two terms or six years served as county commissioner. For a similar period of time he acted as township assessor and