

today one of the finest shoe stores in the city. For his repair department he has bought the most modern labor-saving equipment, including a finishing machine and one for sewing on soles. In the years of his connection with business interests of Decorah his patronage has increased rapidly in volume and importance and it has reached gratifying proportions at the present time. Mr. Hamre owns a modern residence in this city and a one hundred and sixty acre farm in South Dakota which he proved up as a homestead claim.

In March, 1905, Mr. Hamre was united in marriage to Miss Anna F. Aspmo, a daughter of Edward and Gurine (Arntsen) Aspmo, natives of Norway, where the father is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Tromsøe. Mrs. Hamre was born in Norway in August, 1879. She and her husband have three children: Louise, aged seven; Edward O., who is six years of age; and Olga C, aged nine months.

Mr. Hamre is a member of the Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Order of Owls, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Norske Selskab. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is interested in public affairs although not active as an office seeker. He is a young man of energy, resource and capacity and his usefulness will undoubtedly be limited only by the opportunities by which he is surrounded.

#### O. G. HAUGEN.

A native of Norway and one of that large colony of sturdy sons of the Norseland who make their home in Winneshiek county, Iowa, O. G. Haugen has here found the opportunities to become prosperous and now owns two hundred and thirty acres of valuable land on sections 2 and 3, Springfield township. He was born March 15, 1847, a son of Germund O. and Mary (Evenson) Haugen, natives of Norway. The parents came to this country in 1855 and it took them nine weeks to cross the Atlantic. Coming directly to Winneshiek county, the father arrived here when pioneer conditions still prevailed and purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land in Springfield township, set himself to the task of clearing it and bringing it under cultivation. He was a cabinet-maker by trade and during his first year here worked at that occupation in Decorah, receiving one dollar per day, while he hired a man to look after his agricultural interests, paying him twenty-five cents. These figures tend to give an indication as to the value of money in those early days. The father improved the farm, bringing it gradually to a good state of productivity, until his death, which occurred in 1866. The mother survived him many years, her demise taking place in March, 1913, at the age of ninety-one years and seven months.

O. G. Haugen was about eight years of age when he came to America with his parents. When of school age he began to attend the district school near his father's farm and subsequently took a course at Worthington's Commercial College at Madison, Wisconsin, graduating from that institution with the class of 1872. Returning home, he then rented the family homestead and operated other rented farms for about ten years with ever increasing success, being enabled at the end of that period to acquire by purchase one hundred and twenty acres of