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and stock raising. The farm is well under cultivation, and the crops raised are of the best. Mr. Greseth is a Republican in politics and has been assessor of the township for the past eight years. He was married, May 15, 1902, to Thonine Thompson, daughter of Thosten and Runda (Boraas) Thompson, who came from Norway and located in Wanamingo township, where the father is still living, the mother having died in February, 1907. To Mr. and Mrs. Greseth has been born one child, Regnar Theodore, December 20, 1903. The family faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Rollof F. and Margaret (Rolfsegg) Greseth, parents of Seber R., were natives of Norway. The father, after coming to America, located in Roscoe township, and purchased eighty acres. This he afterward sold and purchased 280 acres in the same township, still later selling eighty acres, leaving a fine farm of 200 acres, where the family still resides. He and his wife still live on the home farm, being highly respected by their neighbors and friends.

Otto W. Kolshorn, a former school teacher, now a progressive farmer of Hay Creek township, was born in Featherstone, this county, December 6, 1872, and in this county has spent his life up to the present time. His parents, Henry and Mary (Teitge) Kolshorn, came from Germany to the United States in 1852 and to Minnesota in 1856, where they were married in 1869. For a time they farmed in Hay Creek township, after which they moved to Featherstone, where O. W. was born. Later they returned to Hay Creek, where the father continued to carry on farming until his death in 1900. The mother now lives on Seventh street, in Red Wing. O. W. was early sent to the district and private schools of his neighborhood and proved an apt pupil. He was also an extensive reader, and a close observer, and started teaching school at the age of eighteen years. He continued to teach for twelve years in the schools of this county, assisting with the farm work in the summer time. For four years he was a lumber and implement salesman at Red Wing. Mr. Kolshorn now farms 320 acres of good land in sections 19 and 20, and carries on general farming and stock raising. He served in the state militia eight years, being artificer of Company G, First regiment, at Red Wing. In politics a Republican, he has served several terms as a school officer and nine years as justice of the peace. He is a director of the Hay Creek Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In 1904 Mr. Kolshorn was married to Marie Bang, also a well known teacher of this county for a considerable period. She was the daughter of Henry and Fredericka (Horstmeyer) Bang, early settlers of Featherstone township, both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Kolshorn have been born two sons, Vernon Bang and

Bernard H., who first saw the light of day in Hay Creek township.

Edward M. Matchan, of Roscoe township, was born in Canada, June 27, 1862, son of George W. and Mary Ann (Shield) Matchan. Edward received his education in the public schools of Zumbrota and assisted his father with the farm duties until he was 20 years of age, when he assumed management in partnership with his father and has since conducted the home farm. He has 240 acres, and is very much interested in fruit growing, making a specialty of apples and grapes. He was married November 30, 1883, to Julia Boyd, of Zumbrota, by whom he has two children: George W., born December 24, 1889, a druggist in North Dakota, and Eva M., who lives at home, and attends school at Zumbrota. Mr. Matchan is a Republican. He has held the office of chairman of the town board for one and a half years, and has been clerk of the school board and chairman for the long period of twenty-five years. He has also been road master and overseer. Fraternally, Mr. Matchan affiliates with the I. O. O. F. and of which order he is a past officer, the Modern Brotherhood of America, and Modern Samaritans. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Olaus Wiggen, manager and part owner of the Red Wing Ice Company, is one of the twin sons of Christopher and Ollava (Jonas) Wiggen, born in Norway, January 6, 1844. The father was a farmer by occupation at Foster Parish, Norway, until his death. His wife is also now deceased. The twin brother of Olaus died in infancy. Another brother died at the age of six years and two sisters are also deceased. One sister still lives in Norway. Olaus received excellent educational advantages. He attended public school and the Farmers' Institute of his native town, and later, after an interim of working on his father's farm, he took a course in the Landbrook school at Werdahlen, Norway. His residence in America dates from 1866, when he located in Vasa township, where, like so many other young men just starting in life, he worked on a farm. After nine years of this work, he came to Red Wing in the fall of 1875 and entered the employ of W. R. Cross, the ice dealer, with whom he remained fifteen years. In the fall of 1891 he formed the Red Wing Ice Company, of which he has since been general manager. The company does a large business. Mr. Wiggen votes the Republican ticket and belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Elks. He was married at Red Wing, in the fall of 1885, to Annie Anderson, of this city, daughter of Andrew Anderson, a native of Sweden. Both parents are deceased, having never come to this country. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiggen have been born three children. **Charlotte A.** graduated from the state university and now teaches