

*Hon. John C. Riebe,*

Glencoe, McLeod county, was born near Stettin, Prussia, May 6, 1840. He lived in the old country and attended the common schools until he was nearly twenty years of age. His twentieth birthday took place on the ocean as he was coming to America. On the 8th of May, 1860, he landed in New York. In his native country he followed for some years the occupation of a barber, dentistry, and one of the surgical branches, as in that country they are sometimes all carried on under one head and in unison. After his arrival in this country he followed one or more of those callings. The spring of 1860 he came out to Wisconsin, went back that winter; remained in Boston until the spring of 1861, then came to St. Paul, Minn.; remained until 1864, with Gen. Pope a portion of that time. Spring of 1864 he was married to Miss Dora Miller. Summer of 1864 he enlisted in the Eleventh Minnesota. The spring of 1865 he settled on a homestead at Howard Lake, Wright county; sold out the spring of 1871; removed to McLeod county and opened a store of general merchandise; followed that up to 1877, then began dealing exclusively in agricultural implements, which business he has continued up to date. His politics are Republican, but they ignored him in the convention, so his friends trotted him out independent; then the other Repubs. backed down and came over from Macedonia and helped him.