

mother having previously died on the Emerald isle. They settled on a farm in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where the grandfather of Frank E. Howard passed away. The marriage of Daniel Howard and Margaret Creamer was celebrated in Cresco, Iowa, about 1870. The mother's parents had come to Howard County from Columbus, Ohio, prior to the Civil war. Following their marriage the parents began their domestic life upon a farm in Winneshiek county five and a half miles from Cresco and there resided until 1893, when they removed to Howard county, establishing their home upon a farm in Vernon Springs township six and a half miles northwest of Cresco, where the mother passed away in 1900. The father is still living and now makes his home with his son William in Sidney, Montana.

Frank B. Howard of this review was educated in the country schools of Winneshiek and Howard counties and took up the profession of teaching in 1894, or prior to his eighteenth year. He was engaged in educational work for four years and remained upon the home farm until January, 1900, when he removed to Elma and became connected with newspaper publication in partnership with A. R. McCook. They purchased the Elma News Register, changing the name of the sheet to the Northern Iowa Democrat. Both were ardent democrats in political faith, and imbued with a desire to advance the interests of the party, they applied themselves diligently to the task which now confronted them. They did active campaign work in behalf of democratic candidates, in addition to their earnest efforts in the publication of a democratic newspaper. After three or four years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Howard changed the name of the paper to the Elma New Era, under which title it has since been published as an independent organ. As a free lance he supports any political principle or candidate that he desires or seeks to advance the interests of any candidate whom he regards as best qualified for the duties of the position which he seeks. He is himself an able public speaker and has done very active campaign work in the interests of candidates throughout his district. He is quoted as one of the best orators of northern Iowa and also as one of Howard county's ablest writers.

On the 25th of June, 1901, Mr. Howard was married to Miss Maud O. Rowley, of Elma, a daughter of Charles W. and Amelia (Ronco) Rowley. Her father, now deceased, was a prominent stock and grain buyer of Howard County. The mother survives and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Howard. In religious faith Mr. Howard is a Catholic, and he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His business career and public work have brought him a wide acquaintance throughout his section of the state and while he has many political opponents, he has a very extensive circle of warm friends.

THOMAS HOOPER

The experiences and activities in the life of Thomas Hooper have been most varied, bringing him wide knowledge of many things of intense interest. He has witnessed much of the development of the west and in many ways has been identified with the work of progress and improvement, especially in connection with the utilization of the natural resources of the country. He now makes his home at Cresco, occupying an attractive residence at No. 434 North Elm Street.

He was born at Chasewater, in Cornwall, England, March 1, 1842, and when seventeen years of age ran away from home, prompted by the spirit of adventure so often found in the youth, and came to the United States. He worked his way westward to Houghton county, Michigan, where he was employed in the old Quincy mine for about a year. He afterward worked in the old Minnesota and National copper mines at Rockland, Ontonagon County, Michigan, and subsequently he became superintendent of the old Union mine in that county. Later he took charge of a group of silver mines at Iron River but after a few years removed to Marquette County, Michigan, where he took charge of the Champion iron mine. All through the years he was making steady progress, assuming larger and larger responsibilities as his powers developed through experience and study. In 1873 he again took charge