

Marshall county, on which he lived for three years. He then bought his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres and removed with his family to Chickasaw county, since which time he has concentrated his efforts and attention upon the development and cultivation of his farm. He has greatly improved the property by the erection of fine modern buildings and has made his place one of the very attractive farms of Washington township.

In 1908 Mr. Frantzen was united in marriage to Miss Rose Stalzer, a daughter of John Stalzer, of Marshall county, Iowa. They have become the parents of six children, five daughters and a son, namely: Oliva, John, Marie, Dorothy, Frieda and Bernice.

In politics Mr. Frantzen is a democrat but has never been an office seeker. He was one of the active supporters of war work and served on all of the Liberty Loan committees. In his business affairs he has ever been actuated by a spirit of progress and his labors have found expression in the splendid development of his home farm. He has been gradually tiling his land, putting in nine thousand tile in 1918 and fourteen thousand in 1919, thus greatly enhancing the productiveness of his place. He and his family are members of the Catholic church and their sterling worth is recognized by all with whom they have been brought in contact.

#### J. P. WHELAN.

The spirit of business progress finds exemplification in the life record of J. P. Whelan, the proprietor of the Whelan Produce Company at Elma. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Chickasaw county on the 14th of March, 1869, a son of Thomas and Mary A. (Reilly) Whelan, the former a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, while the latter was born in Boston, Massachusetts. They were married in Boston, the father having come to the new world in young manhood in 1845. In 1850 he removed westward to Iowa, settling in Chickasaw county upon a farm. He was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits from that period until his declining years and contributed much to the agricultural development of the district. He served in the office of justice of the peace for thirty-five years and for about the same length of time held the office of town clerk. His death occurred October 9, 1903, when he had reached the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife passed away in 1893, when fifty-seven years of age.

J. P. Whelan was educated in the district schools and remained upon the home farm until his twenty-second year, when he accepted a position as helper with the Jervice Creamery Company. He learned the butter making trade in that establishment during the following two years and was then offered and accepted the position of head butter maker by the creamery. He served in that important capacity for four years, after which he became the manager of the creamery at Lourdes, Iowa, for W. R. Owen. A year later he went to Blue Hill, Nebraska, where he managed a large creamery for a year, and in 1902 he accepted the position of manager and butter maker with the Elma Cooperative Creamery Company of Elma, Iowa, over which industry he presided for fifteen years, resigning his position in 1917. In the fall of the same year he bought out the business of O. A. Dunton, a dealer in cream separators and gasoline engines and also handling cream, poultry and eggs. He has continued the business under the name of the Whelan Produce Company and in the spring of 1918 he equipped his plant with a modern butter making outfit and has since conducted a creamery business in connection with the handling of produce, his sales in both departments having reached an extensive and gratifying figure.

1906 Mr. Whelan was united in marriage to Miss Ella G. Fitzgerald, of Elma, and to them have been born four children, two sons and twin daughters, namely: Thomas J., John Gerald, Muriel and Miriam.

In his political views Mr. Whelan is a democrat and has served as mayor of Elma for one term. At the present writing, in 1919, he is a member of the city council and has occupied this position twelve years, his record being a most commendable one, marked by faithful service and progressiveness. He is likewise a member of the Elma Board of Education, in which capacity he has continued for a period of ten years. His religious