

Jess Hayes of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. As time passed he assisted more and more largely in the work of the fields and eventually took charge of the old home place. On the 14th of March, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Money, a daughter of Harrison and Florence (Mowry) Money, of Minneapolis. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have been born the following children: Hulbert, who for nine months was connected with the American army and is now employed in Ord, Nebraska; Esther, at home; Paul, who is now residing in Ord, Nebraska, with his father's sister; and Percy, Isabelle, Lucile, Eva, Marion and Lawrence, all yet at home.

Mr. Hayes and his wife attend the Methodist church at Cresco. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has been keenly interested in educational activities in the community and has served as a director on the school board for four terms. He cooperates heartily in all plans or movements for the general good and his work along various lines has produced results that have been most beneficial. In a business way he has never dissipated his energies over a wide field but has concentrated his efforts and attention upon a single line and his close application has been a salient feature in the attainment of his present day success.

D. A. PALMER.

D. A. Palmer is half owner and manager of the Cresco Creamery Company, in which connection a successful business is being conducted in Cresco, Howard county. He was born in Marquette, Michigan, July 20, 1856, and is a son of Benjamin H. and Angeline (Taylor) Palmer. The father was born in Madison county, New York, while the mother was a native of New Hampshire. They were married in the Empire state, where Mr. Palmer followed carpentering and contracting until 1856. He then removed to Forestville township, Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he homesteaded land and built a log cabin, after which he began the improvement of his farm, doing all of his work with ox teams. Many Indians still lived in the neighborhood and the family met all of the experiences, hardships and privations of pioneer life. After thirteen years a removal was made to Strawberry Point, Iowa, where Mr. Palmer purchased a farm and again he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the further development and improvement of his land, which he converted into one of the excellent farm properties of the district. He died at the age of seventy-nine years and eleven months, while his wife reached the notable old age of ninety-three years. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party. He took an active interest in promoting the welfare and progress of the district in which he lived and ranked with the leading agriculturists of the neighborhood.

D. A. Palmer spent his boyhood days at Strawberry Point, Iowa, upon the old homestead farm and pursued his education in the common schools. He afterward learned the creamery business and subsequently went to Hayward, Minnesota, where he was connected with a creamery for three years. He afterward spent a similar period in the same line of business at Rochester, Minnesota, and for ten years was located in Monticello, Iowa, where he also conducted a creamery. In 1906 he removed to Cresco and entered into partnership with N. H. Nelson, now of Charles City, Iowa, in purchasing the Owens creamery in Vernon township, Howard county. They purchased the site where the present creamery now stands in Cresco and erected thereon a fine brick building. Since then they have enjoyed a profitable and steadily increasing patronage, their business having now reached extensive proportions. They make large shipments of butter to New York, Chicago and other points in the country. It is their policy to pay cash for all cream purchased and they are developing a patronage which is most gratifying. Their business is carefully systematized and the most sanitary conditions prevail in their creamery. Mr. Palmer also held the position of dairy freight agent for the Wabash Railroad Company in his younger years.