

tion. He was made a member of the board of directors at that time and through the intervening years since his removal to the town he has given much of his time to the conduct of the bank's affairs. He is still the owner of two excellent farms in Howard county, including the old homestead of two hundred and forty acres and another tract of one hundred acres, while in addition he also has a timber tract of forty acres. His real estate possessions likewise include a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Aberdeen, North Dakota, and a place of one hundred and sixty acres in Alberta, Canada. His profits have been wisely placed in real estate, the safest of all investments, and from his property holdings he derives a most substantial annual income.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis has been born a son, Sergeant Newton E. Davis, who enlisted for service in the European war and was for six months on active duty in France. In politics Mr. Davis is a republican and for five years served as assessor of Lime Springs, while in 1915 he was appointed census enumerator. He belongs to Howard Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., and also to Shiloh Chapter, No. 150, R. A. M., while both he and his wife are members of Utopia Chapter, No. 379, O. E. S. They also hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and in these associations are indicated the nature of their interests and the rules that govern their conduct. They are highly esteemed people, enjoying the warm regard of all who know them, and the hospitality of the best homes of the county is freely accorded them.

#### THEODORE LUSSON.

Among the progressive business men of Cresco is Theodore Lusson of the firm of McHugh & Lusson, implement dealers who also have the Ford agency and garage. Their plans have been well defined and promptly executed and success in substantial measure has come to them, while their labors have been a contributing factor to the commercial upbuilding of the city.

Mr. Lusson was born in Peru, Illinois, May 5, 1873, a son of Joseph and Catharine (Perry) Lusson. The father was born in Luxemburg, Germany, as was the mother. When a young man he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making the voyage on a sailing vessel, and after a number of weeks spent upon the water he reached the American port. From the eastern coast he made his way into the interior, settling at Port Washington, Wisconsin, where he secured land which he owned and cultivated for some time. Later he removed to Fayette county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and this he developed and improved, his labors bringing to him substantial harvests annually. He lived upon that place until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years, and his wife was seventy-three years of age at the time of her death. Both were devoted members of the Catholic church and Mr. Lusson gave his political allegiance to the democratic party.

Theodore Lusson, whose name introduces this review, spent his youthful days in Fayette county, Iowa, where he was educated and later engaged in clerking in a hardware store, where he continued for two years. In the fall of 1899 he came to Cresco, where he took up his abode and embarked in the general merchandise business, becoming connected with F. A. Huber in this undertaking. He was thus actively associated with commercial interests of the city for five years, at the end of which time Mr. Huber disposed of his interest to J. F. Zbornik, with whom Mr. Lusson continued in business until 1909. They built up a large and gratifying trade and found that well satisfied patrons were their best advertisement. They put forth every effort to please their customers, therefore, and their trade steadily grew. In 1909, however, Mr. Lusson disposed of his interest to J. W. Zbornik and later formed a partnership with O. J. McHugh. They purchased the implement business of D. A. Lyons and in that line Mr. Lusson is still engaged. The firm of McHugh & Lusson entered upon a profitable existence, having a large and well appointed implement store and at the same time they own and conduct the Ford agency and garage in Cresco, being liberally patronized along that line as well.

In 1904 Mr. Lusson was married to Miss Anna Meyer, a daughter of John and Caroline (Horn) Meyer, who were farming people living for many years in Howard county,