

council of Cresco and is keenly interested in everything having to do with its welfare and upbuilding. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, while his wife holds membership in the Lutheran church, and both are most highly esteemed in the community in which they live. Mr. Hamilton belongs to Cresco Lodge, I. O. O. F., also to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Royal Neighbors and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of all these different organizations.

#### D. E. HORTON.

D. E. Horton, postmaster of Lime Springs, was born in Vestal Center, Broome county, New York, November 15, 1860, a son of J. A. and Laura A. (Platt) Horton, the former a native of New York, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania. During the infancy of their son, D. E. Horton, they removed westward to Fillmore county, Minnesota, settling there when the subject of this review was less than a year old. The father purchased the place known as the Willow Creek Farm but after five years sold that property and purchased another farm near Granger, thereon residing up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1913, when he was eighty-six years of age.

D. E. Horton had the usual experiences of the farm-bred boy who acquires his education in the district schools and divides his time between the schoolroom and the fields. He also attended the high school at Preston, Minnesota, from which he was graduated, and later he pursued a commercial course in the J. L. Wallace Business College at La Crosse, Wisconsin. On the completion of his studies he returned to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming, being identified with that business for a period of twenty-three years. He brought his fields under a very high state of cultivation and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicated his practical and progressive methods. In 1907 he rented his farm and removed to Lime Springs, Iowa, where he engaged in the drug business. In 1916 he was appointed postmaster and took charge of the office on the 16th of August of that year, at which time he sold his store in order to give his entire attention to the duties of the position, which he has since most capably, systematically and promptly discharged.

On the 1st of October, 1890, Mr. Horton was united in marriage to Miss Jessie O. Boice, of Fillmore county, Minnesota, and to them were born seven children, six of whom are living: Gertrude M., the wife of Emil Debban, a farmer of Howard county; Vincent J., who is in the United States Navy, stationed at the Great Lakes near Waukegan, Illinois; Violet, a clerk in the postoffice of Lime Springs; and Laura A., Millard R. and Lillian, all at home.

Mr. Horton has been a lifelong democrat, giving stalwart support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a member of Howard Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., and he and his family are members of Utopia Chapter, No. 379, O. E. S. He is likewise connected with Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Harmony, Minnesota, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He is highly esteemed in these various orders with which he is connected and he is justly accounted one of the leading citizens of Lime Springs, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

#### THOMAS F. SEERY.

Thomas F. Seery, engaged in general farming in Jacksonville township, Chickasaw county, was born in New Jersey, September 28, 1859, a son of Thomas and Mary (Donohoe) Seery, mentioned in connection with the sketch of their son, James H. Seery, on another page of this work. Thomas F. Seery was a pupil in the district schools and when not busy with his textbooks worked upon the home farm and continued to assist his father in its further development until his twenty-eighth year. In the spring of 1887 he began farming for himself on a tract of land of one hundred