

from the entire quarter section but he did not hesitate to undertake this arduous labor. He has since worked diligently and persistently and as the years have passed he has prospered. In 1909 he bought another quarter section not far from his original purchase and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich, valuable and productive land. He is now annually harvesting good crops and is reaping the merited reward of his earnest effort.

In 1874 Mr. Nelsen was married to Miss Petra Nella Johnson and they became parents of six children: Bertha, Belle, Julia, Lena, Mary and Louis, all of whom are married. The wife and mother passed away in January, 1913, her death being deeply regretted by many friends.

Mr. Nelsen and his family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and he gives his political endorsement to the republican party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He served as school director for five years and is keenly interested in everything that has to do with the welfare and progress of the community in which he makes his home. That he has ever been a peaceable and law abiding citizen is shown in the fact that he has never been engaged in a lawsuit in his life. He pursued the even tenor of his way, treating all men justly and fairly, and his business record indicates what can be accomplished in a material way through perseverance, industry and fair dealing.

#### W. J. KALISHEK.

W. J. Kalishek is one of the successful business men of Protivin, where he is conducting a restaurant and ice cream parlor. Close application and business enterprise constitute the salient features in his growing success. He is a native of Winneshiek county, Iowa, where his birth occurred April 11, 1885, his parents being Frank and Josephine (Novotny) Kalishek, who were natives of Bohemia and came to the United States in boyhood and girlhood with their respective parents.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the schools of Protivin, W. J. Kalishek continued his education in the Cresco Normal school. When fourteen years of age he practically took charge of the operation of the home farm and for eleven years continued to cultivate the place, winning substantial success in the conduct of his business interests. On the 23d of November, 1909, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Lentz, of Winneshiek county, and the following spring they took up their abode in Protivin and Mr. Kalishek established the restaurant and ice cream business of which he is still the owner. He has been very successful in its conduct, receiving a liberal patronage, and is today ranked among the leading business men of the town. He is actuated by a spirit of progress in all that he undertakes and has won his patronage by reason of the excellence of his products and the reliability of his business methods.

Mr. Kalishek votes with the democratic party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek her desire office. To him and his wife have been born a daughter, Wilma. They are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Kalishek is also identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters and with the Modern Woodmen of America. His entire life has been spent in this section of Iowa, where he has a wide acquaintance, and all with whom he has come in contact speak of him in terms of warm regard.

#### WILLIAM M. WILKINS.

The farm which he now owns and cultivates on section 17, Dayton township, Chickasaw county, was the birthplace of William M. Wilkins, whose natal day was June 1, 1869. He has always lived upon this farm save for a brief period which he spent at Webster, South Dakota, and he is a representative of one of the old pioneer