

Mr. Smith through the period of his early manhood and until the time of his marriage assisted his father in the development of the home farm and then built upon his present place, which he has since occupied. The father purchased the farm ten years prior to his death and Edward Smith bought the land from his father, becoming the owner of two hundred acres, which he is now successfully cultivating. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and his methods are most progressive, bringing him excellent results. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Equity Association of Lawler, a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Lawler, and in the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company of that place. His business interests thus cover a wide scope and, carefully managed, have brought to him very gratifying results.

Mr. Smith and his family are members of the Reilly Ridge Catholic church. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called upon him for public service and for six years he filled the office of township assessor, for four years was township clerk, for six years township trustee and for four years one of the school directors of his district. He also served on the Liberty Loan committees during the war with Germany and did splendid work in that connection. He stood loyally in defense of American interests at every point and of every measure affecting the welfare of the country in its relation with its allies and in support of her splendid soldiers on the fields of France.

#### DR. EDWIN C. FORTIN.

Dr. Edwin C. Fortin, a chiropractor of Cresco, who has built up his business to extensive and gratifying proportions, was born in Spink county, South Dakota, on the 30th of September, 1885, a son of Peter and Cordelia (Brosseau) Fortin. His boyhood days were passed in his native state and he there acquired his early education, passing through consecutive grades, and in 1904 entered the Illinois College of Osteopathy at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906. He afterward pursued a course of medicine in the Harvey Medical College of Chicago and later went to Colorado Springs, where he practiced for five years. Subsequently he traveled through Central and North and South America, doing research work in medicine and osteopathy, and in October, 1916, he took up the study of chiropractic in Palmer School of Chiropractic of Davenport, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1915. Following his graduation he practiced for six months in Peoria, Illinois, and in September, 1916, came to Cresco, where he has since been located. He is president of the Iowa State Chiropractors Association and also president of the Northeastern Iowa Chiropractors Association. He has a very extensive business which he is well qualified to handle. He is thoroughly conversant with the component parts of the human body and the onslaughts made upon them by disease. He has studied most broadly having an intimate knowledge of osteopathy, the science of medicine, as well as the science to which he is now directing his energies, and his marked ability is shown in the splendid success which is crowning his labors.

#### THOMAS CHYLE,

Thomas Chyle, filling the office of postmaster at Protivin, was born in New Oregon township, Howard county, on the 9th of December, 1867, a son of Frank and Mary Chyle, who were natives of Bohemia, where they were reared, educated and married. In the 50s they came to the United States and for a year or two were residents of Dubuque, Iowa, after which they continued their westward journey to Howard county and settled in New Oregon township, where they were among the first of the pioneers. In that township they continued to reside until called to their final rest, the father passing away in 1891 after surviving the mother for more than a decade, her death having occurred in 1880.