

Thomas Chyle of this review spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his parents home in Howard county and was educated in the district schools. On attaining his majority he began hauling cream for the Protivin Creamery and also took the product of the creamery to the shipping point at Cresco. To this work he gave his attention for a number of years and subsequently took up the occupation of carpentering. Many of the residences of the surrounding country, also various barns and sheds stand as a monument to his skill and handiwork. For a few years he was connected with merchandising in Protivin and in 1898 he was appointed postmaster of the town, in which position he has served continuously for twenty-one years. No higher testimonial of his ability, fidelity and trustworthiness could be given than the fact that he has so long been retained in this position under both democratic and republican administrations.

In 1888 Mr. Chyle was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sobolik, a native of Bohemia, who came to the United States as a child of three and a half years in company with her parents, who settled in New Oregon township, Howard county. Mr. and Mrs. Chyle have become parents of four children: Frank H., a musician in the navy on the Cruiser Dixie; Charles J., of Cedar Rapids, who is with the Warfield-Pratt-Howell Company, a wholesale grocery concern; Mary H., the wife of Frank S. Andera, of Protivin; and William W., with the Stepanek & Vondracek Hardware Company of Cedar Rapids.

In politics Mr. Chyle has maintained an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than for party. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and he has a membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Z. C. B. J., a Bohemian secret society. He is one of the esteemed citizens of Protivin, very widely and favorably known. His record as a public official is indeed above reproach and all who know him speak of his unflinching perseverance and his untiring devotion to duty.

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The attractiveness of Iowa as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, recognizing the fact that opportunities are here equal to those that can be found in other sections of the country. Among the native sons of the state now living in Howard county is Andrew J. Nye, who was born on the 29th of August, 1876, and who now makes his home on section 8, Afton township. He is a son of Jeremiah M. and Phoebe Nye. The mother was born in Neillsville, Clark county, Wisconsin. The father was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and in early life left his native state to become a resident of Wisconsin. He followed farming there for a number of years and then removed to Iowa, where his remaining days were passed. He first purchased eighty acres of land and thereon began farming. Later, however, he disposed of that property and bought another farm, situated four miles west of the present home of his family. Eventually he disposed of that place and removed to what is now the homestead of the Nye family, comprising two hundred and seventy-six acres of rich and productive land situated on section 8, Afton township. He gave his attention to the further development and improvement of this property until his life's labors were ended in death on the 28th of March, 1907. He had at that time made his home upon the farm for thirteen years, having taken up his abode there on the 29th of February, 1894. He was regarded as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of his community.

Andrew J. Nye spent his youthful days under the parental roof and at the usual age became a pupil in the district schools, there qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties. His youth was divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the tasks assigned him by parental authority. His training at farm labor was thorough and as he grew in age he more and more largely assumed responsibilities in connection with the further development of the home farm. Since his father's death he has had entire charge of the place and is living thereon with his sister, Miss Clara E. Nye, who acts as his housekeeper. Various improvements have been added to the farm since the Nye family took