

the work of the fields. In 1889 he was united in marriage to Miss Veronica Humpal, of Winneshiek county, Iowa, and to them have been born four children: Victoria, now the wife of Frank Voyna, a resident farmer of New Oregon township; William J., who joined the Engineering Corps of the American army and was on active duty with the expeditionary forces in France; and Albert J. and Rudolph, who are at home.

Following his marriage Mr. Lundak took charge of the old homestead farm of the family and was engaged in its further cultivation and development until 1902, when, having carefully saved his earnings, he was able to purchase his present home place, comprising two hundred and thirty acres in New Oregon township. He removed to this place two years after making the purchase and has since resided thereon. He also owns eighty acres of land adjoining the old home farm and is operating both tracts. The old homestead was deeded to his two sons at the time of their grandfather's death. Mr. Lundak has been a most active and energetic farmer and is regarded as a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of his section of the State. In politics he is a democrat and has served as township road boss for several years and also as a member of the school board for a number of years. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is regarded as one of the leading citizens of New Oregon township, where the greater part of his life has been passed. He has always been active in farming interests and his progressive spirit has enabled him to overcome obstacles and difficulties in his path and work his way steadily upward. When one avenue of opportunity has seemed closed he has carved out other paths whereby to reach the desired goal and his position among the representative farmers of the community is now a most creditable one.

#### H. H. THIES.

The agricultural interests of Howard county find a worthy representative in H. H. Thies, who owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres on section 23, Afton township. He was born in Germany on the 10th of June, 1860, a son of Henry and Mary (Tilman) Thies, who emigrated to the United States in 1869 and took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Bremer county, Iowa. There the father devoted his attention to farming and won a well merited measure of success in his operations, owning at one time about two hundred and forty acres of land in that county. His demise, which occurred very suddenly about twenty-one years ago, was the occasion of deep regret throughout the community in which he made his home. His widow survived him until eleven years ago.

H. H. Thies, who was a lad of nine years when he accompanied his parents to the new world, spent the period of his youth in the acquirement of a public school education and remained at home until twenty-five years of age. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Bremer county, where he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits for more than a quarter of a century or until 1911. In that year he bought his present farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres in Afton township. Howard county, which he has since brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement and which insures him a gratifying annual income. He is a stockholder in the creamery at Elma and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of the community.

On the 10th of October, 1884, Mr. Thies was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Frahm, a native of Bremer County, Iowa, and a daughter of August and Sophia Frahm, who were born in Germany. Both her father and mother have passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Thies have been born five children, four of whom still survive, namely: William, who has recently returned from France, where he served with Company L. Three Hundred and Fifty-second Infantry, Eighty-eighth Division; John, at home; Emma, the wife of John Crumm, of Elma; and Amanda, who is yet under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Thies is a republican but has never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs. Nevertheless he has ever been an active supporter of community, state and national interests and during the