

farm property, which he most carefully cultivates and which returns to him a gratifying annual income. He is also a stockholder in the Jerico Creamery Association and is a member of its board of directors.

To Mr. and Mrs. Munson have been born six children: Anna P., Alice M., Sigrlrd M., Harold A., Henry W. and Ruth L. The family is widely and favorably known in this section of the state and Mr. and Mrs. Munson are faithful followers of the Lutheran church, in which they hold membership. In politics he is a republican and in the November election of 1910 was made a member of the board of county supervisors, serving for two terms or six years, his loyal support being given to every plan or measure of the board for the upbuilding of the county and the development of its interests. He is a leading and public-spirited citizen whose life is in many respects most exemplary.

SOLON J. WILMOT.

Solon J. Wilmot is a well known farmer of Forest City township, Howard county, his home being on section 18. He was born in Winona county, Minnesota, March 12, 1865, a son of Allen Wilmot, who was born in the state of New York, August 9, 1823, and died in Dexter, Minnesota, on the 9th of May, 1907, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-four years. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Remore, was also born in New York and died in Minnesota when her son Solon was but twelve years of age. The father followed farming in Minnesota and the youthful days of Solon J. Wilmot were passed as a farm-bred boy.

He was twenty-five years of age when he left Minnesota and removed to Howard county, taking up his abode here in 1890. On the 2d of September of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Millie E. Tibbets, who was born in Howard county, and following his marriage he began farming. In 1907 he purchased his present farm property and through the intervening period he has placed the greater part of the improvements upon it. His labors have resulted in transforming it into a productive and valuable tract of land, from which he annually gathers good harvests. He lives a life of thrift and industry and his diligence has been the basis of his growing success.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot has been born one child, Chloe, who is now the widow of John L. Erickson, of Minneapolis. Following his marriage Mr. Erickson worked upon the farm of Mr. Wilmot for four years and then passed away. The daughter remains upon the home farm with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot attend the Methodist church of Lime Springs and contribute generously to its support. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, with which he has been identified for the past twenty years. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is well versed on the leading political issues but has never been an office seeker. His entire life has been given to farm activities and the enterprise which he has displayed constitutes the basis of his prosperity.

PAUL H. BARTELS.

Paul H. Bartels, who is engaged in farming on section 17, Howard township, and is classed with the representative agriculturists of Howard county, has throughout his entire life been imbued with the enterprising spirit of the west. He was born in Bremer county, Iowa, July 8, 1889, a son of Ernest F. and Sophia (Eikoff) Bartels, mention of whom is made in connection with the sketch of August Bartels on another page of this work.

In his youthful days Paul H. Bartels was a pupil in the district schools. In 1913 his father removed to Elma, after which Paul H. Bartels and his brother August operated the home farm for three years. At the end of that period Paul H. Bartels became the owner of his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which was the old homestead of his father and mother. It was after his marriage that he and his brother dis-