

Lime Springs, who mistook it for a bear. Mr. Sigler preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he purchased at the government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre, and erected thereon a log house in which the family lived for some time. He continued to reside upon his homestead until shortly before his death, which occurred in May, 1888. His wife survived him for some years, passing away in April, 1901. To them were born thirteen children but only three of this number are now living, these being: Mrs. Margaret Payne, of Jamestown township, Howard county; Mrs. I. H. Berg, a resident of Los Angeles, California; and Charles, of this review.

Upon the home farm Charles Sigler grew to manhood, attending the district schools of Saratoga township in the acquirement of his education. Throughout his life he has followed farming to more or less extent but for about twenty-five years also worked at the carpenter's trade. On the old homestead he was married March 20, 1880, to Miss Eliza A. Nemires, whose parents were natives of New York state. Her father died in the Civil war and in 1870 her mother, accompanied by three daughters and one son, came to Howard county, Iowa, and located in Saratoga township, where Mrs. Sigler was reared and educated. After a happy married life of twenty-one years she passed away on the 24th of February, 1901. Of the eight children born to our subject and his wife seven are still living, namely: Florence Mae, the wife of W. E. Pickett, of Preston, Minnesota; Clara Belle, at home; Olive Mae, the wife of Frank Pickett, of Preston, Minnesota; Rose V., who is married and resides in Los Angeles, California; Roy, who is married and is operating the home farm; Mrs. Winnie Robinson, a resident of Upton, Wyoming; and Mrs. Hazel Robinson, of Waltham, Minnesota.

Mr. Sigler is not affiliated with any political organization, preferring to give his support to the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party ties. Since 1893 he has been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and takes great interest in the work of that order. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to fill several official positions and he has served as assessor of Saratoga township for the past nine years. He was also a member of the board of trustees for one year and has been school treasurer for the past four or five years. He is a man honored and respected wherever known.

#### WILBUR W. ROSE.

Wilbur W. Rose is the proprietor of the Golden Sunset Farm, situated on section 34, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county. His landed holdings embrace one hundred and sixty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and to which he has added many improvements. His business enterprise and intelligently directed efforts have gained him place among the substantial agriculturists of his section of the state.

He was born in Columbus county, Wisconsin, April 20, 1858, a son of Samuel and Eliza (Cunningham) Rose. The father was a native of Binghamton, New York, and the mother was also born in the Empire state. There they were reared and married and soon afterward they removed to Wisconsin, where they resided until 1866 and then came to Chickasaw county, Iowa, taking up their abode upon the farm where their son Wilbur W. now resides. The father at once began the development and improvement of the property and continued its cultivation until his death, which occurred December 24, 1894. He had for almost three decades been numbered among the representative agriculturists of the community and was highly esteemed by reason of his sterling personal worth as well as his business enterprise.

Wilbur W. Rose was reared on the old homestead and has resided thereon continuously for a period of fifty-three years. At the usual age he became a pupil in the district school near his father's home and thus acquired his education. After his marriage he took charge of the home farm, which he operated on crop payments. Following his father's death he bought eighty acres of the place and still lives upon the old homestead. He has erected modern buildings and converted this into one of the highly improved farm properties of the township. He has also acquired another eighty acre tract on section 35, so that his farm lands now embrace one hundred and sixty acres. He is very diligent