

after completing his studies there secured a situation in the office of the Repass Automobile Company of Waterloo, being thus employed for about one year. He next spent a brief period as an employee in the law office of M. Hartness at Greene, Iowa, and then became connected with the University of Minnesota, as assistant purchasing agent for that institution, in which capacity he continued for a little more than two years. In the spring of 1914 he returned to Howard county and through the succeeding two years operated his father's farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Howard Center township. In the fall of 1916 he entered the office of the county treasurer as deputy and in the November election of 1918 was chosen county treasurer, having since served in that capacity. He discharges his duties with marked efficiency and faithfulness and is making a most excellent record in the office.

On the 1st of December, 1914, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Wilma May Barnes, a daughter of Edgar and Florence May (Chapel) Barnes. Both Mrs. Hansen and her father are natives of Howard county, the paternal grandfather, Edwin Barnes becoming one of the pioneer settlers here. Edgar Barnes now makes his home in Arizona, but his wife has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have been born four children, including triplets, but only two of the children survive, Eleanore May and Ruth Marie.

In his political views Mr. Hansen is a republican, while fraternally he is identified with Cresco Lodge, No. 150, A. F. & A. M. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs, and both are highly esteemed for their many excellent traits of character.

HON. LEE W. ELWOOD.

On the list of representative men of northern Iowa the name of Hon. Lee W. Elwood figures prominently, for he is actively connected with the Elwood Land Company, is an attorney at law and, moreover, has served his district as a representative in the thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh general assemblies. Along many lines touching the general interests of society, therefore, his labors have been of a most valuable and resultant character. Howard county numbers him among her native sons. He was born December 27, 1888, his parents being Frank D. and Catherine (Harris) Elwood, the former a native of Jones county, Iowa, while the latter was born in Canada. They were married, however, in Howard county, whither the father had removed in young manhood, while the mother came to this county with her parents when a little maiden of but four years. Frank D. Elwood was for many years engaged in farming, continuing active in the work of the fields until 1894, when he removed to Elma and engaged in the live stock and land business. His operations in both lines have been very extensive throughout the intervening period of twenty-five years, placing him in the front rank among the leading and representative business men of this portion of the state. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom three are yet living. Reed is mentioned elsewhere in this work. The second is Lee W., of this review, and the youngest is Francis Dale, at home.

Lee W. Elwood had the educational advantages offered by the State University of Iowa, in which he received his LL. B. degree as a member of the class of 1909. He reached his graduation before attaining his majority and was therefore compelled to wait until the following year before entering upon the practice of his chosen profession, as the law required an attorney to be twenty-one years of age. In 1910 he opened an office in Elma and in 1917 his brother Reed was admitted to a partnership, thus organizing the law firm of Elwood & Elwood. They have since enjoyed an extensive and distinctly representative clientage. In addition to their law practice they are associated in the buying and selling of farm lands and the Elwoods are among the largest operators in real estate in northern Iowa. Their own land holdings in Howard county are extensive and they also have property elsewhere in this part of the state, for they are