

from the town. He installed the plant and wired the town and became manager of the business. He also installed the plant of the Protivin Telephone Company in 1905 and has been manager since its installation. This plant supplies some six hundred telephones and the business has been of incalculable benefit to the district. In 1909 Mr. Bouska was made notary public and has served continuously since. He has been operating a moving picture show for the past four years and presents to the public the finest attractions of the film world.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bouska has been born one child, Clarence. The family is a prominent one socially and in all public affairs Mr. Bouska manifests a deep and helpful interest. In politics he is a democrat and is serving as a member of the town council of Protivin and as president of the school board. He is also a member of the democratic county central committee. Protivin boasts of a winning baseball team and it is Mr. Bouska who has the management of this team. He is also a member of the Protivin Band and does everything in his power to advance the interests of that organization. He likewise holds membership in the Catholic church. In fact there is no movement for the benefit of the community along business, social or moral lines or in connection with matters of public benefit that does not receive the assistance and support of Mr. Bouska, who without invidious distinction may be termed one of the foremost residents of Protivin.

#### WILLIAM REINHART.

William Reinliart, widely recognized as one of the leading, progressive and enterprising citizens of Howard county, owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Vernon Springs township. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Paris township on the 26th of October, 1873. His parents, Samuel and Anna (Lehman) Reinhart, were both natives of Switzerland, the former emigrating to the United States in young manhood, while the latter came to this country with her parents in her girlhood days. Both made their way directly westward to Iowa, settling in Fayette county, where their marriage was celebrated. After two removals they came to Howard county and took up their abode in Paris township, where the father carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business career. His last years were spent in honorable retirement at Cresco, excepting the last two which were spent at Alta Vista, Howard county, where he passed away on the 6th of March, 1914, deeply mourned by all who knew him because of his honorable and upright life. His widow, who now makes her home with a daughter in Paris township, has also become widely and favorably known throughout the community during the long period of her residence here.

William Reinhart acquired his education in the district schools of his native township and was a young man of twenty-four years when he was married and established a home of his own. He then began farming independently, cultivating a tract of rented land in Winneshiek county for five years, at the end of which time he returned to Howard county and continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits as a renter for six years. In 1909 he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Vernon Springs township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention throughout the intervening decade. He has erected all of the buildings thereon and now owns one of the finest improved farm properties of the district. Moreover, he has won a gratifying measure of success in its operation, annually gathering excellent crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 26th of January, 1898, Mr. Reinhart was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Beacher, of Winneshiek county, Iowa, by whom he had six children, four of whom survive, namely: Merle C., Loel V., Virgil L. and Orvin M., all at home.

In politics Mr. Reinhart has ever been a staunch republican and he is now acting as a member of the school board, having served thereon for several years at two