

of his marriage. In the following spring he took charge of the old home farm, comprising two hundred acres, and upon this place began business independently. In 1914 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of the farm, but still cultivates, the entire tract, renting the additional eighty acres from his father. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and continues the work of further development and improvement, annually gathering large harvests as the reward of his labors and persistent purpose. He is a stockholder in the Provitin Cooperative Creamery and also a stockholder in Beseda Hall.

On the 4th of October, 1910, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Klimesh and Miss Mary Pecinovsky, a daughter of Joseph A. Pecinovsky, one of the prominent and well known citizens of New Oregon township, Howard county, who is represented elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Klirnesch have become the parents of a son and a daughter, William J. and Emma M.

In his political views Mr. Klimesh is a democrat, and in religious faith he and his wife are Catholics. That he has always remained a resident of Chickasaw county is one of the indications of the attractiveness of this county as a place of residence. Actuated by a progressive spirit, he did not find it necessary to seek opportunities elsewhere, for he felt that the chances to be obtained here were equal to those which he could find in other regions. Persistently and energetically he has worked his way upward and already has won a measure of success that many a man of twice his years might well envy.

#### ELLING ELLINGSON.

Elling Ellingson, concentrating his efforts and energies upon the further development of an excellent farm property on section 8, New Oregon township, Howard county, was born in Norway, December 24, 1852, a son of Nels and Martha Ellingson who came to the United States about 1855. The mother died soon after landing in this country and the father with his five children made his way westward to Stoughton, Wisconsin, where he lived for two years and then went to Vermilion, South Dakota. While there he enlisted for service in the Civil war and was on active duty at the front for three years. In 1865 he removed to Iowa, establishing his home in Chickasaw county, where he remained for a time and then went to Nebraska where he resided a number of years. About 1890, however, he returned to Iowa and made his home with his son Elling, with whom he continued to the time of his death in February, 1900.

Elling Ellingson of this review took up his abode with the family of A. G. Fuller at Yankton, South Dakota, during his father's absence in the Civil war and lived with Mr. Fuller from his eighth to his seventeenth year, at which time he hired out to a man who had a contract with the government to deliver cattle to different Indian agencies. Through the following eight years Mr. Ellingson followed the life of a cowboy, the latter four years of that period being spent on the Platte river in Nebraska. About 1877 he came to Iowa on a visit to his brothers and remained for two years. He then returned to Nebraska, where he took up a claim, but in 1880 he came to Iowa for his bride, whom he took to his Nebraska home in Holt county. He there proved up a claim and resided thereon until 1882, when he again came to Iowa. In the fall of that year he purchased his present home farm, comprising eighty acres of land. In 1885 he once more went to Nebraska, where he lived for two years, taking up a preemption of one hundred and sixty acres while there. In 1887 he made his permanent settlement in Howard county, Iowa, where he has since resided. In the intervening years he has increased his landed holding to three hundred and twenty acres, two hundred and eighty acres of which he still owns, the other forty acres having been deeded to a son.

In 1880 Mr. Ellingson was married to Miss Julia Holvorson, a native of New Oregon township, Howard county, and a daughter of Helvor Hclvorson, who was among the earliest of the pioneers of this section of the state. Her mother was a widow, Mrs. Johanna Kittleon, when she came to Howard county in 1855, and later she became