

first to Canada and for a brief period resided in Montreal and in Quebec, whence they came to the United States and took up their abode in Winneshiek county, Iowa. Their voyage to the new world was an eventful one as they made the trip on a sailing vessel and were sixteen weeks in crossing the Atlantic. Cholera broke out on the vessel and many died of that dread disease during the voyage. One member of the Heley family died while the journey to the new world was being made and the father of Mrs. Pecinovsky suffered from the disease when the family were in Montreal. It was in Winneshiek county, Iowa, that Mr. and Mrs. Pecinovsky, the parents of John Pecinovsky of this review, were married. They took up their abode upon a farm in New Oregon township, Howard county, which he had previously purchased, and his remaining days were devoted to the further development and improvement of that property, upon which he continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1878. His widow survives and now makes her home with her son Thomas in New Oregon township, Howard county.

John Pecinovsky whose name introduces this review pursued his education in the district schools near the old homestead, but his opportunities in that direction were limited, as his father died when his son was but eleven years of age and he found it necessary to aid in the support of the family. He was the third in order of birth in a family of seven children and he early found it necessary to begin work upon the farm, assisting his brothers in the development and improvement of the old home property. He was thus engaged until 1892, in which year he was married.

Mr. Pecinovsky was joined in wedlock to Miss Anastasia Prochaska, of Chickasaw county, Iowa, and the young couple began their domestic life upon what is now the home farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 4, New Oregon township, Howard county. This tract Mr. Pecinovsky had previously purchased. Year by year he carefully tilled the fields and as season after season passed and he harvested good crops his financial resources increased. In 1913 therefore he was enabled to purchase another farm of one hundred and sixty acres, becoming the owner of a quarter section in Paris township. He also owns ten acres of timber land on section 18, New Oregon township, and his holdings therefore comprise three hundred and thirty acres of valuable land. He has been most active and enterprising in the conduct of his farm and his progressive spirit has brought to him the measure of success which is today his.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pecinovsky have been born seven children. Albina is the wife of Joseph E. Sokup, a resident farmer of Winneshiek county, Iowa. Thomas is at home. Frances is the wife of Eugene Smith, a resident farmer of Chickasaw county, Iowa. Edward, Charles, Cyril and Maurie are also at home.

Mr. Pecinovsky votes with the democratic party and he is serving at the present time as a member of the board of trustees of his township. During eight years' service in that position he has done most creditable and efficient work for the benefit of the community. He is now the treasurer of the school board of New Oregon township. He and his family belong to the Catholic church and his position as a citizen of his community is with the foremost. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, appreciate what he has done, the effectiveness of his ideas and of his work and the value of his labors in behalf of public progress and improvement.

FRED HEIMERDINGER.

Fred Heimerdinger, a representative farmer of Howard county, lives on section 14, Paris township, where he is busily engaged in the development of an excellent tract of land. He was born in Germany, April 11, 1865, a son of John J. and Dorothy (Brening) Heimerdinger, who came to the United States in June, 1866. They first settled at Ridgeway, Winneshiek county, Iowa, and there the father passed away some years later. The mother afterward became the wife of