

ployed as a farm hand for six years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and diligence had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to begin farming on his own account. He purchased the land upon which he now resides and at once began its cultivation and improvement, having today an excellent property which is a monument to his thrift and industry. All of the improvements on the place have been made by him and it is a thoroughly modern farm in all of its equipment and in the business methods which he employs in its further conduct.

On the 28th of September, 1887, Mr. Moudry was married to Miss Annie Riha, a daughter of John Riha, who follows farming in Winneshiek county. To Mr. and Mrs. Moudry have been born four children: Joseph F., Frank J., Stella and Mary, all of whom are at home and were educated in the public schools of Howard county. The son Joseph was a member of the Twelfth Company of the Twentieth Engineers. Leaving home on the 24th of February, 1918, he went to Camp Dodge, Iowa, thence to Washington, D. C., and to New York and from the eastern metropolis sailed for France, arriving at Brest. Recently he has returned from overseas service having done his full part in bringing about the successful termination of the war.

The family are communicants of the Catholic church at Protivin, and in political belief Mr. Moudry is a democrat. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for he has here found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has made steady progress until he has now reached a creditable and enviable position among the successful farmers of New Oregon township.

J. S. CAGLEY.

J. S. Cagley, owning and operating a farm on section 20, Bradford township, Chickasaw county, was born near the old town of Chickasaw on the 8th day of July, 1865, a son of A. M. and Ann Cagley, who cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of this section of the state. They arrived here in early life and became acquainted in Chickasaw county, where their marriage was later celebrated. The father then took up the occupation of farming, which he followed as a life work, and both he and his wife remained residents of the county until called to their final rest several years ago.

J. S. Cagley, is practically a self-educated man, having little opportunity to attend school during his boyhood. After pursuing a course in the Bradford Academy of Bradford, Iowa, he had the advantage of commercial training in the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, Iowa. Taking up the profession of teaching, he was thus engaged for a year at Bassett and for two years at Ionia. He also taught for one year in a district school of Chickasaw township and later became principal of the schools at Floyd, Iowa, occupying that position for three years. He proved an able educator, having little difficulty in interesting and holding the attention of the pupils and impressing them strongly with the points which he wished them to grasp. He taught school for five years and then after his marriage purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bradford township, on which he resided until 1912, when he removed to his present place of forty acres on section 20, Bradford township, renting the other farm of a quarter section.

On the 28th of August, 1889, Mr. Cagley was united in marriage to Miss Eva May Layton and they have become parents of two daughters: Clare, who is a graduate of the Nashua high school and of the Iowa State Teachers' College of Cedar Falls, and Clio, who died at the age of three years.

Throughout the period of his active life J. S. Cagley has been closely associated with public interests and projects which have had to do with the development and upbuilding of his section of the state. He was one of the organizers of the Nashua Farmers Creamery Association which built the creamery plant, thus promoting an enterprise that has been of substantial benefit and value to the surrounding district. He also assisted in building the Chickasaw County Home at New Hampton. He has filled practically all of the offices in Bradford township and for three terms, or nine years, served as a member of the county board of supervisors. He also served on the Liberty