

In politics Mr. Russler is a republican. He has had neither the time nor the inclination to seek office, however, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business interests and duties. He has well won the reputation of being one of the best butter makers in the state of Iowa and has gained for the product which he makes the highest award of public approval. Butter from the Fredericksburg factory has won prizes at the Iowa State Fair at Des Moines, at the Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo and in fact has taken awards wherever exhibited.

#### REV. J. J. ZEYEN.

Rev. J. J. Zeyen, pastor of St. Bernard's church of Alta Vista, was born in Treves, France, January 1, 1883, his parents being Joseph J. and Barbara (Weyer) Zeyen, who came to the United States in 1885 and established their home in Spokane, Washington, where the mother and some of the children now reside. The father, however, passed away December 31, 1917.

J. J. Zeyen obtained his elementary schooling in Spokane, Washington, and later attended the St. Lawrence College at St. Lawrence, Wisconsin, where he remained for seven years, completing the full classical course during that period. He afterward went to Europe and attended the Imperial University at Innsbruck, in the Tyrol of Austria. There he spent three years in the pursuit of a theological course and later he pursued a post graduate course at the French Seminary and in the Gregorian University in Rome. He was graduated from the latter institution in 1907 and was ordained to the priesthood at Innsbruck by the Rt. Rev. Altenweisel, of Brixen Tyrol, in 1906.

In the following year Father Zeyen was given his first charge as assistant priest at Gilbertville, Iowa, where he remained for five years. In 1912 he was sent to Dubuque, Iowa, as assistant pastor to Rt. Rev. Mgr. George W. Heer of St. Mary's church. He remained there until May, 1915, when he was appointed pastor of the Sacred Heart church at Meyer, Iowa, over which he presided for a year. In May, 1916, he came to Alta Vista as pastor of St. Bernard's charge, over which he now presides. This parish is in a prosperous condition and the school has an attendance of one hundred and twenty-five pupils. Father Zeyen is greatly beloved by the people of his parish and is doing excellent work for the Catholic cause in this section of the state.

#### J. W. McKONE, M. D.

Dr. J. W. McKone, physician and surgeon of Lawler, whose practice is of substantial proportions and of important character, was born January 26, 1872, in the town which is still his home. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (McCartin) McKone, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in Dubuque, Iowa. The father came to the United States with relatives when a boy of nine years and became a resident of the state of New York, where he was reared to manhood. He afterward made his way to Iowa, where he took up blacksmithing. He worked at his trade in the Union army during the Civil war and it was subsequent to this period that he established his home in Chickasaw county. Here he was married and for some years thereafter he conducted a blacksmith shop in Jacksonville. Following the building of the railroad into Lawler he removed to the new town and opened a smithy, which he carried on for several years but retired from active business some time prior to his death, which occurred in 1912. His widow survives and still makes her home in Lawler.

Dr. McKone, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the schools of Lawler and in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City. After pursuing a two years' preparatory course he entered the medical department of the State University and there won his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1896. Following the completion of his course he came direct to Lawler and opened an office. Here he has continuously practiced for twenty-three years and his professional career has been marked