

which has attended her labors. Starting out to provide for her own support in early womanhood, she has advanced step by step, ever actuated by a laudable ambition, and her position in professional circles in Howard county is one of well deserved prominence.

O. J. LYMAN.

O. J. Lyman, a retired farmer residing in Fredericksburg, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, July 16, 1859, a son of William and Abigail C. (Chandler) Lyman, the former a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, while the latter was born in Vermont, in which state they were married. They afterward removed to Illinois and in 1875 came to Iowa, making their way to the home of a daughter in Fredericksburg, where the mother passed away in the same year. The father afterward removed to Kansas but returned to Iowa to make his home among his children. His death occurred, however, in Wisconsin about 1904.

O. J. Lyman was educated in the district schools and in the Baptist Seminary at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He went west with his father to Kansas in 1878 and there began farming on his own account, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Clay county. About 1883 he returned to Iowa and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Fredericksburg township, a tract on which he resided until 1904. He then left the farm and removed to the town, where he began speculating in land in North and South Dakota.

In 1890 Mr. Lyman was married to Miss Flora C. Ferris, a daughter of John M. Ferris, one of the earliest settlers of Chickasaw county and now deceased. Mr. Lyman votes with the republican party but political honors and emoluments have had little attraction for him. He has preferred the exciting game of business and opportunity is ever to him a call to action. He prospered as a farmer and as a land speculator and is now in very comfortable financial circumstances as the result of his keen discernment and close application.

FRANK KLIMESH.

Frank Klimesh is a farmer of Utica township, residing on section 3, and belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Chickasaw county. He was born on the old family homestead, February 9, 1884, and is a son of Frank J. Klimesh, whose place in the business circles of Protivin is among the foremost. An extended sketch of the father appears on another page of this work.

The son, after obtaining a district school education, concentrated his efforts and attention upon the task of assisting his father until he had reached a position where he felt that he could engage in business on his own account. He has always continued to follow farming and makes his home on section 3, Utica township, where he is busily engaged in the development of the fields, annually gathering rich crops as the reward of his labors. He has extended his efforts also into various other lines and is now a stockholder in the Protivin Cooperative Creamery Company, the Protivin Telephone Company and in the Beseda Hall Corporation of Protivin. He is likewise connected with the Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company of Lawler and in all that he does displays a laudable ambition and a progressive spirit that cannot fail to reach desired results.

In February, 1908, Mr. Klimesh was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Bouska, a daughter of John Bouska, of Protivin, to whom reference is made elsewhere in this volume. It was the year after his marriage that Mr. Klimesh located upon his present home farm, which was owned by his father, and a year later he purchased the property, comprising one hundred and forty-two acres of rich and productive land. Upon