

Ida M. Trickle, of New Hampton, and retiring from the hardware trade, he turned his attention to the breeding and raising of race horses. About 1894 he established a lumber business in Elma but continued to follow the races until 1898. He was very successful in the lumber business and conducted his yard at Elma until about 1900, when he sold to the C. W. Chapman Lumber Company. A little more than a year later he engaged in the grocery business but after two years disposed of his stock of groceries and purchased the Church & Hoyt hardware store, which he conducted successfully for four years. He then sold the business and has since been engaged in buying and trading in farm lands. He is now the owner of seven hundred and sixty-five acres of valuable farm lands in Howard county. In all of his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment and keen enterprise and his carefully directed interests have brought to him a substantial measure of prosperity.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tidgwell have been born three children, of whom two are living: Lyla M., who is assistant principal of the Elma public schools; and Thelma L., who is attending high school in Elma. Mr. Tidgwell gives his political allegiance to the republican party and keeps well informed and the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he made most liberal contribution toward the erection of its house of worship. He stands loyally for every plan or movement which he believes will prove of benefit to the city, and his worth in this connection and as a business man has long been acknowledged. He has a wide acquaintance and all who know him speak well of him in terms of kind regard.

C. W. SCHNURR.

C. W. Schnurr is a dealer in agricultural implements at New Hampton and also agent for the Ford car, thus being actively identified with the business interests of the city. He was born in Buffalo, Scott county, Iowa, July 27, 1867, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Bald) Schnurr, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was also born in Buffalo, Scott county, Iowa. The father came to the United States when a youth of sixteen years in company with four brothers, and all located in Scott county, this state, where Daniel Schnurr was afterward married to Catherine Bald. They settled upon a farm there, which remained their home for a number of years, and in the fall of 1872 they removed to Chickasaw county, purchasing a farm in Richland township, which Mr. Schnurr continued to further develop and improve until about 1901, when he retired from active business life and established his home in New Hampton, where he now resides at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. On the mother's side of the house there are five generations of the family living, including the grandmother of C. W. Schnurr and his own grandchildren.

C. W. Schnurr was educated in the common schools and on attaining his majority turned his attention to carpentering. He subsequently engaged in contracting and building on his own account, erecting barns and other farm buildings. Later he removed to New Hampton, where he entered the employ of Bigelow Brothers, lumber merchants, remaining with that firm and its successors, Bigelow & Donovan, for a period of eight years. In 1901 he was elected to the office of county sheriff, in which capacity he served for five years, and when he had retired from the position he went upon the road as a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company, which he thus represented for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased an interest in the New Hampton Implement Company and the business is now owned by Mr. Schnurr and J. Blankenheim. They have built up a gratifying trade as dealers in agricultural implements, handling farm machinery of the latest and most improved manufacture, and they are also agents in New Hampton for the Ford car. They have also built up a large business in this particular and as the result of his industry, close application and enterprise Mr. Schnurr is now enjoying a liberal annual income.

Mr. Schnurr married Miss Teresa Peters, of Chickasaw county, and to them have been born eight children, seven of whom are yet living: Arthur, who is assistant