

he has been a stockholder and director in the Citizens Savings Bank and is likewise a stockholder in several other banks, while of the Building & Loan Association he has acted as vice president and director for twelve years. His is a handsomely equipped office and he also owns a fine residence at No. 412 West Broadway.

On the 12th of November, 1891, Dr. Conover was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary R. Heivly, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Sheets) Heivly, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father, a miller by trade, came to Decorah and here purchased a flour mill which he operated for some years, being at the same time engaged in the mercantile business. He passed away in 1901 but is survived by his widow, who has now attained the age of eighty-three years and resides with our subject. Dr. and Mrs. Conover have one son, Harry W., who is in the service of a lumber concern.

In politics Dr. Conover is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He has ably served as a member of the city council. He is prominent fraternally, being a past noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge and a past exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, serving twice in the latter capacity and also as representative to the grand lodge. Dr. Conover is also prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree in that organization. He is a past master of the blue lodge, a past high priest of King Solomon's Chapter, and eminent commander of Beausant Commandery, as well as a member of the Shrine. In the Knights of Pythias he is a past chancellor and is likewise identified with the Brotherhood of Yeomen. His friends find him always a genial, courteous gentleman, who has true appreciation for the social amenities of life, and while never too busy to be courteous, is not too courteous to be busy.

#### OLE H. ORVELLA.

A well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Springfield township, Winneshiek county, is the visible evidence of modern methods and persistent effort on the part of its owner, Ole H. Orvella, who as a stockholder in several well known business enterprises of this county, is also a prominent figure in business circles in this district. Winneshiek county claims him as one of her native sons, his birth having occurred in Springfield township, December 20, 1861, his parents being Hans and Ingeborg (Brown) Orvella, both natives of Norway. The father came to America in the '50s, and, making his way directly to Winneshiek county, Iowa, was numbered among the pioneer settlers of this district. He purchased land in Springfield township which he cleared and transformed into fertile fields, and to the cultivation of that farm he devoted his remaining days, passing away there in January, 1911. His wife had preceded him in death, her demise occurring in 1901.

Ole H. Orvella acquired his education in the district schools near his parents' home and at an early age took his place in the fields, his father's farm being the training ground upon which he received his preparatory knowledge of the practical duties of life. On laying aside his text-books he gave his entire attention