

who will heartily join in the jubilee. Another side to his life is his interest in literature as exemplified by the fact that during his residence in New York he was a prominent member of the Irving Literary Union, and was a very active participant in an organization known as "The Boys." The term "captain of industry" finds justification in the life record of Mr. Bear, especially if we apply the word industry in its first and original sense, for he is a man who by the sheer force of his will, his ability and his initiative has built up an enterprise of which the city of Decorah is proud. That his qualities are of a character far beyond those possessed by the majority no one doubts, but in manner Mr. Bear never indicates that he recognizes or knows aught of his own superiority. Ever moving, he has pushed on, never losing sight of the goal before him, conscious that his aim was justifiable and his course honorable. The years have proven the worth of his labors and his record reflects credit and honor upon the city that honors him.

#### HARRY J. GREEN.

Decorah is much indebted for its advancement and expansion, to the enterprise and ability of Harry J. Green, for he is not only foremost as one of the progressive newspaper men of the city but has also been closely connected with its public life, having served in various important positions and occupying at present the executive chair, doing valuable work in promoting public interests. Not only has he been prominent in local politics but has actively participated in the affairs of the nation as a member of important republican committees and conventions. He was born in Wyoming county, Iowa, August 3, 1875. the third son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Green, and in his boyhood days removed with his parents successively to Toledo, Nashua, Janesville, Plainfield and Epworth, Iowa, at the latter place attending Epworth Seminary. In 1890 he moved with the family to Decorah which has since been his home. After a year spent in the Decorah high school he entered the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, from which institution he received his diploma and the degree of B. A. upon his graduation from the classical course. Returning to Decorah he entered the employ of the Decorah Journal to learn the printer's trade and a few months later became connected with the Decorah Public Opinion, a new paper which was then established in this city. In May, 1896, Mr. Green purchased a half interest in the paper, F. L. Akers becoming his partner, and this relationship continued until April, 1900, when he bought out the interest of Mr. Akers. . Since that time Mr. Green has conducted the paper alone as owner and editor, building it up in its various departments until it is now one of the most valuable weekly newspaper properties in Iowa. His editorial style is clear and to the point and readily conveys to the reader the position the paper takes upon any public question. The news service is comprehensive, naturally giving to local affairs a wide berth. As the circulation has increased by leaps and bounds the advertising space has expanded and the Decorah Public Opinion is readily conceded to be one of the most valuable mediums for the merchant through which to reach the public.