

township, and is provided with excellent improvements, having a good residence and substantial barns and outbuildings.

On the 4th of November, 1896, Mr. Dahle was united in marriage to Miss Gertie Helgeson, a daughter of Helge and Clarissa Helgeson, natives of Norway, who came to America and at an early date settled in Winneshiek county, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred July 2, 1902. He was survived by his wife until October, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Dahle have six children: Cora, aged sixteen; Homer, fourteen; Joseph, twelve; Dora, nine; Edith, four; and Oscar, two. One other child born to their union died in infancy.

Mr. Dahle is a devout member of the Lutheran church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs without being active as an office seeker. He is a man of many sterling qualities of character and in the community where his entire life has been spent holds the respect of his associates and the regard and esteem of many friends.

HANS C. HJERLEID.

Various important corporate interests profit by the cooperation of Hans C. Hjerleid. He is recognized as a forceful business man who forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. No obstacles are allowed to bar his path if they can be overcome by persistent and earnest effort and thus he has gradually worked his way upward until he now has important business connections in Decorah and this part of the state. He is the cashier of the National Bank of Decorah and figures prominently in other connections. His birth occurred in Jackson county, Wisconsin, in 1863, his parents being Syver and Helene Hjerleid, natives of Norway. The father came to America in 1852 and in 1854 purchased a farm in Springfield township, Jackson county, Wisconsin, which property is now owned by the Hjerleid Homestead Company. He was married in Chicago in 1860.

In the country schools near his father's home Hans C. Hjerleid pursued his early education and afterward spent two years as a student in the high school at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He was afterward graduated from the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, and thus qualified for life's practical and responsible business duties. In his youthful days he worked upon his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After pursuing his commercial course he secured the position of bookkeeper in the general store of Thompson & Johnson Brothers at Cresco, Iowa, where he remained for four years. He afterward spent eight years in the Cresco Union Savings Bank and has since been continuously connected with financial interests. In 1897 he became one of the founders of the National Bank of Decorah, of which he has since been cashier and thus has active voice in its management and shaping its policy. His name is indeed a prominent one in financial circles in the northern part of the Mississippi valley, for he has extended his efforts into various fields and in all places his worth and business ability are recognized. He is the president of the Home Bank