

years thereafter he continued thus but he finally purchased eighty acres on section 22, Madison township. This formed the nucleus of his present fine property, for to it he afterward added one hundred and sixty acres lying on sections 26 and 27 and eighty acres on section 15, his holdings now comprising three hundred and twenty acres of well improved and valuable land. In its cultivation he follows the most practical and progressive methods, and his labors have been rewarded by a gratifying degree of success, which places him in the front rank of progressive and able agriculturists.

In 1875 Mr. Hove was united in marriage to Miss Anna Greinstvet, a daughter of Aslak and Susanna (Tvedt) Greinstvet, natives of Norway, who came to America about 1870 and located in Wisconsin, where they spent one year. At the end of that time they came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and here the father farmed for a number of years, later moving into Worth county, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Hove have become the parents of two children: Ole, who lives at home; and Albert, a farmer in Madison township.

Mr. Hove is a stockholder in the Farmers Creamery Company and the Farmers Cooperative Hog Buying Company of Decorah. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs, interested in the growth and progress of the community where he has so long resided but not active as an office seeker. He is a man of sterling qualities of character, industrious and enterprising and, well known throughout the township for his uprightness and honesty, he enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

LUTHER O. REED.

Luther O. Reed, the proprietor of an up-to-date livery stable at No. no Washington street in Decorah, is one of the enterprising and prosperous young business men of the city and is likewise well known in fraternal circles. His birth occurred in Burr Oak, Winneshiek county, on the 29th of September, 1877, his parents being Luther and Celia L. (Kellam) Reed, the former a native of Allamakee county, Iowa, and the latter of Winneshiek county, this state. Luther Reed, Sr., came to this county with his parents when a lad of eleven years and as soon as his age permitted began farming on a farm of three hundred acres near Burr Oak, which he improved and operated until 1901. During the past twelve years he has lived in honorable retirement at Decorah. In 1906 he was elected constable and has since served in that capacity, discharging the duties devolving upon him in a highly commendable and conscientious manner. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1901.

Luther O. Reed was reared and educated in this county, attending the district schools and also the public schools of Decorah. Subsequently he entered the State University at Iowa City and in that institution pursued the scientific and law course. Returning home, he worked on his father's farm for two years and subsequently spent a year writing insurance policies. He then embarked in the implement business in association with F. N. May, the enterprise being conducted under the firm style of Reed & May for four years, at the end of which