

He is likewise a stockholder in the Calmar Savings Bank and the Burr Oak Savings Bank.

On the 26th of June, 1901, Mr. Cutting was united in marriage to Miss Josie F. Stortz, a daughter of John and Emily (Headington) Stortz, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Winneshiek county, Iowa. John Stortz emigrated to the United States with his parents in a very early day. He enlisted as a member of Company A, Sixteenth United States Regulars, and when the Civil war broke out was sent to the front, serving throughout the period of hostilities between the north and the south. Returning to this county, he followed farming for a number of years or until 1910, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Decorah, where he is now living retired. His wife also survives. Mr. and Mrs. Cutting have four children: Almeda E., Carroll E., Hester E. and John S., who are ten, nine, eight and two years of age, respectively. Mr. Cutting owns a handsome residence and ten acres of land on Pleasant avenue. He is greatly interested in high-grade stock and raises thoroughbred cattle and hogs and also chickens.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cutting has supported the men and measures of the republican party. As above stated, he is well known in fraternal circles, his membership being with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For nine years he acted as a member of the board of instruction of the grand lodge of Iowa and served as grand warden of the grand lodge for one year. The following year he was elected deputy grand master and at the end of a year became grand master, in which important office he has served to the present time. The weight of his character and ability has carried him into important relations and his present standing in professional and fraternal circles represents the fit utilization of the innate talents which are his.

#### GUSTAV E. BAKKEN.

One of the most extensive landowners and prosperous farmers of Madison township is Gustav E. Bakken, whose fine farm of six hundred and eighty acres lies on sections 10 and 11 and constitutes a valuable addition to the agricultural resources of this section. He is one of Winneshiek county's most energetic and successful native sons, his birth having occurred in Madison township, January 15, 1866. His parents, Ole H. and Ingeborg (Bakke) Bakken, are natives of Norway and came to America at different times, the former arriving in 1854 and the latter in 1852. The mother made the journey across the Atlantic with her parents and with them located in Koshkonong, Wisconsin, whence some years later she came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where her marriage occurred. The father came direct from Norway to Winneshiek county and for a time after his arrival worked as a monthly farm laborer, eventually buying a piece of land in Madison township. This formed the nucleus of extensive holdings for after a time he purchased more land and added to his area from time to time until he owned twelve hundred acres. This great tract he operated until 1903, when he divided his land among his children and retired from active life. He and his wife now make their home with