

taking charge of the property in which he owned a half interest. At the end of seven years during which he brought this farm to a high state of cultivation, he purchased four hundred acres on section 14, Madison township, and began its improvement and development. The farm upon which he now resides is a portion of this property and reflects everywhere the many years of careful supervision and practical labor that have been bestowed upon it. As his sons married he gave each one hundred acres, but one son sold to his two brothers, who now control tracts one hundred and fifty acres in extent. Mr. Pilgrim has retained one hundred acres and makes his home upon it, being numbered today among the men whose well directed labors have been forces in the agricultural development of this part of the state.

On the 3d of November, 1868, Mr. Pilgrim was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E. Boyer, a daughter of Levi and Mary A. (Turbit) Boyer, natives of Pennsylvania. The father went to Illinois at an early date and turned his attention to farming, operating a fine property in that state until his death which occurred in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim became the parents of four children: John Edward, who resides in Marshalltown, Iowa; Charles C. and William Franklin, engaged in farming on properties adjoining their father's; and Walter B., a farmer in Frankville township.

Mr. Pilgrim is a member of the Methodist church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is not active as an office seeker, but during the many years of his residence in Winneshiek has been always interested in public affairs, and has borne an active and honorable part in the work of development. He is widely known and favorably regarded among the people of this locality, who respect his success and honor the methods by which it was attained.

#### LEWIS K. NESTE.

Lewis K. Neste is engaged in the operation of a tract of eighty acres, located on section 26, Madison township, but quite recently has purchased a valuable farm of eighty acres in Canoe township, three and a half miles north of Decorah, for which he paid one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. He is a native son of Madison township, the date of his birth being September 27, 1876. His parents, Knute K. and Gro (Tostenson) Neste, were natives of Norway. Upon their emigration to America, they settled at McGregor, Iowa, where the father worked for some time in the timber woods. He eventually engaged in farming, however, purchasing land in Madison township, which he cultivated until his demise on the 4th of January, 1911. His wife preceded him to the home beyond, her death occurring in September, 1903.

Lewis K. Neste was educated in the district schools and was trained to the work of the farm from early age. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, when he engaged in operating a threshing machine and in drilling wells. He followed this business for three seasons, when he once more took up agricultural pursuits, operating the old homestead for five years. He then rented the farm known as the Dubb place, comprising eighty acres in Madison township, and here he has since made his home. He follows progres