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of the Methodist church and is a republican in his political beliefs, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs without being active as an office seeker. He is well known in Winneshiek county, where his personal worth and excellent qualities of mind and character have gained him many friends.

CHARDES J. KUNTZ.

Charles J. Kuntz, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres on section 20, Lincoln township, devotes his attention to agricultural pursuits with most gratifying results. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 22d of February, 1872, his parents being Andrew and Barbara (Butz) Kuntz, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Samuel F. Kuntz, a brother of our subject.

Charles J. Kuntz spent the first eighteen years of his life in his native state and in 1890 came with his parents to this county. He has since remained on the old homestead in Lincoln township, purchasing the place in 1907. It comprises one hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land and is well improved in every particular. Mr. Kuntz carries on both farming and stock-raising and for about ten years has also been running a thresher. In his undertakings he has won a well merited measure of success, for he ever follows the most modern and up-to-date methods and is thoroughly conversant with agriculture in all of its phases.

On the 2d of September, 1908, Mr. Kuntz was united in marriage to Miss Florence Hornberger, by whom he has two children, namely: Alice Eveline, who was born on the 31st of May, 1909; and Grace Laurine, whose natal day was September 23, 1911.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Kuntz has supported the men and measures of the republican party. In religious faith he is a Methodist. He is well known and highly respected throughout the community and is numbered among its enterprising citizens. He is a man of unblemished character and always to be relied upon to give his influence to any cause seeking the advancement of the moral and educational interests of the people.

JOHN G. HANKEN.

Among the most progressive and successful farmers of Washington township is numbered John G. Hanken, carrying on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising upon one hundred and ninety-nine acres of choice land lying on sections 20, 21 and 15. He was born in Erie county, New York, on the 27th of April, 1851, and is a son of Bernard and Bernadina (Darners) Hanken, natives of Westphalia, Germany. They came to America in 1847, locating in New York, where they spent about twelve years before removing to Ohio, whence after fourteen years they came, in 1876, to Winneshiek county, Iowa. The father bought land on section 15, Washington township, and worked as a carpenter and builder