

of our subject, in Decorah in 1903, having made his residence with Mrs. Dahly three years before passing away. Mr. Dahly by his second wife became the father of four children, as follows: Charlotta Cotilia who died at the age of sixteen; Amelia, who died when but six months old; Henrietta, who passed away very suddenly at the age of eighteen; and Charles Lewis, who cultivates the family farm and is married to Miss Josie Fuller, of Cresco. They have four children, Henrietta, Joseph, Dorothy and Katie.

Progressive and public-spirited, the welfare of Decorah was always near the heart of Mr. Dahly, who championed every moment or measure undertaken to benefit the city along moral, intellectual or material lines. In politics he was a republican but not an office seeker. He gave his allegiance to the Norwegian Lutheran church, of which he was a member and in the work of which he took an active and helpful interest. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge at Decorah. Mrs. Dahly carries on the important business interests left in her charge upon the demise of her husband and guides the establishment with a steady hand, the annual increases in business being evidence of her ability. She attends and supports the Episcopal and Congregational churches of Decorah, being always deeply interested in charitable causes. She is highly respected and esteemed by all who know her, her sweet womanly qualities having won the friendship of many. Mr. Dahly's memory is still enshrined in the hearts of the people who knew him and who cannot forget his kindly, open-hearted ways, his pleasing personality, his true manhood and the spirit of helpfulness which prevailed all his actions. As a pioneer merchant he played an important role in the history of Decorah and his name is among the honored ones in the annals of the city.

JOHN F. KORBEL.

John F. Korbel, who for the past seven years has served as assessor of Calmar township, is also operating his own well improved farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Calmar township. He was born here, his natal day being August 18, 1875. His parents, Frank and Johanna (Michall) Korbel, were both natives of Bohemia. Upon his emigration to America, the father chose Winneshiek county as his place of abode, and in a short time thereafter made a purchase of the farm which is now owned by the son. The land was raw and unimproved when it came into his possession but he eventually made it one of the valuable farm properties of his part of the township. He continued actively in the work of the farm until the time of his death, which occurred April 28, 1895. The mother still survives and now makes her home in Spillville.

John F. Korbel was reared under the parental roof, being employed at work on the home farm from an early age. In the winter months he pursued his education in the district schools of Calmar township and also attended the Conover school. He assisted his father on the home place until the latter's death, and subsequently he purchased of his mother the home farm, since which time he has made improvements and now has an up-to-date farm property. In addition to this he also owns