

Joseph K. Schreiber acquired his education in the public schools of Winneshiek county, whither he was brought by his parents when he was still an infant, and from early boyhood assisted with the operation of the homestead. At the age of twenty-two he assumed entire management of this farm and after the death of his father remained in control until he was thirty years of age, at which time he made an entire change in his active pursuits, turning his attention to the mercantile business in Fort Atkinson. He formed a partnership with his brother Frank and continued in association with him for twelve years, after which he sold his interests and returned to his farming operations, again cultivating the family homestead. After two years, however, he came again to Fort Atkinson and bought a livery business there, which he successfully conducted for six years selling it at the end of that time in order to engage in farming. He has now six hundred and forty acres of land in the Panhandle of Texas, a property which is bringing him a gratifying annual income. Mr. Schreiber, however, does not give it his personal attention for in 1912 he became connected with the Farmers Produce Company of Fort Atkinson as buyer and manager. In this position his excellent business and executive ability has been called forth and he has accomplished a great deal of important work for the concern, being numbered today among its most trusted and worthy representatives.

On the 18th of June, 1875, Mr. Schreiber was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kabla and to their union were born eleven children: Anton, a jeweler of Fort Atkinson ; George F., who is associated with his father in business; Annie, the wife] of William Burns, of Phoenix, Arizona; Edward, of Wagner, South Dakota;; Frances, who married F. C. Smith, of Fort Atkinson; Cecilia, who follows the profession of nursing at Fargo, North Dakota; Philip of Miles City, Montana;; Catherine, a Sister in a convent at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Eleanor and Cornelius, both at home; and a child who died in infancy.

Mr. Schreiber is a member of the Roman Catholic church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party. Although not an active politician he is interested in the growth and development of Fort Atkinson and in his business capacity has already done a great deal of work which is important as a factor in promoting general commercial activity.

#### PETER K. NESTE.

Peter K. Neste is one of the highly respected citizens of Winneshiek county owning a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres] located on section 36, Madison township. He was born on the farm which is now his home, November 24, 1854, a son of Knute K. and Ingie (Hambre) Neste, both of whom were natives of Norway. Upon his emigration to the new world, the) father located first in Koshkonong, Wisconsin, the year of his arrival being 1853. He spent but a few months there, however, soon removing to Winneshiek county, Here he purchased a tract of eighty acres, which he at once set about clearing and] improving, and as he prospered in his undertakings he was at length enabled to add to his holdings a tract of one hundred and five acres, making in all one] hundred and eighty-five acres, which constitutes the tract now in possession of