

William Funke acquired his education in the public schools of Washington and Military townships and in his childhood assisted with the operation of the homestead. At the age of twenty-one he purchased one hundred and fifty-two acres in Springfield township and for thirteen years thereafter developed and improved this property. When he sold it he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Military township, and to this has added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres, one hundred and twenty of which are located in Springfield township and the remainder in Military township. Upon this fine property Mr. Funke engages in general farming and stock-raising and success has steadily attended his well directed labors through the years, his interests being today profitable and important. In addition to his farming operations he is also a director of the Farmers Produce Company of Ossian and his ability is widely recognized in business circles.

On the 4th of November, 1876, Mr. Funke married Miss Louise Bock, who died May 13, 1910. They became the parents of eleven children: Clemence J., of Dubuque, Iowa; Stephanie, the, wife of Joseph J. Schissel, of Military township; George and Joseph, both of whom reside in Hutchinson county, South Dakota; and Tillie, Annie, William H, Mary, Leo, Adolph and Angeline, all at home.

Mr. Funke is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and has held responsible public positions, serving for twelve years as township trustee and for four years as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Catholic church, is affiliated with the Catholic Order of Foresters and is a man of exemplary moral character, respected in business circles and honored and esteemed wherever he is known.

#### JESSE D. WEILER.

Jesse D. Weiler, operating a fine farm of two hundred and thirty-three acres on section 18, Washington township, and numbered among the most progressive and practical agriculturists of his locality, was born at Fort Atkinson, April 7, 1874. He is a son of Jacob and Nannie (Krumm) Weiler, natives of Germany, the father coming to America when he was a young man. He served in the Union army as a member of Company C, Thirty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining with his command during the entire period of the Civil war. He afterward engaged in farming in Winneshiek county and became well known in public affairs, holding various township offices. He is now-living retired in Charles City and still owns the farm which his son operates. He and his wife became the parents of six children: Jerome, of Vermilion, Iowa; Tillie, the wife of J. Dunlap, of Charles City; Emma, who married E. B. Alcott, also of Charles City; Lloyd, who lives on the home farm; Jesse D., of this review; and Lorina, who married Charles Smith, of Humboldt.

Jesse D. Weiler was reared upon his father's farm, dividing his time in his childhood between assisting in its operation and attending the district school. He has never left the homestead and now makes his home thereon, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon its two hundred and thirty-three acres.