

a resident of Ossian; Louisa, who married J. B. Wagner, of Ossian; William, Matilda, George N. and Emma, all of Ossian.

Frank H. Brockamp was reared upon his father's farm and in his childhood assisted with the work of its operation, becoming before he was of age an able and practical farmer. When he was twenty-six he rented from his father one hundred and sixty acres of land and after three or four years purchased the homestead, which he has since operated. He has made substantial improvements upon the property and in its development has met with that success which always rewards earnest and persistent effort when guided by sound judgment and keen discrimination. Although still a young man he has worked diligently and earnestly to achieve success and is today numbered among the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of his native township.

Mr. Brockamp married, on the 23d of October, 1906, Miss Margaret Hanken, a daughter of John Hanken, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Brockamp became the parents of four children: Mary Ann and Herbert, deceased; Julius and Ida. Mr. Brockamp is a member of the Roman Catholic church. He is a staunch democrat in his political belief, and while not an office-seeker is interested in the cause of education and is doing able work in its promotion as president of the school board. The success which has attended his labors well entitles him to recognition among the progressive, enterprising and representative citizens of the community, and his many sterling traits of character have won him the warm friendship and kindly regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

#### CHARLES J. ODDEN.

The old Odden homestead of one hundred and eighty acres is included within the farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres which is now owned and operated by Charles J. Odden, presenting a neat and attractive appearance which indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods. The farm is situated on section 19, Glenwood township, and it was upon this place that he was born August 27, 1856, his parents being John and Torgun Odden, who were natives of Norway. The year 1853 witnessed their arrival in the United States and after residing for a short time in Illinois they continued their westward journey to Winneshiek county, spending their remaining days from 1855 upon the farm now occupied by their son Charles. The father, however, passed away at a comparatively early age—thirty-two—his death occurring in 1862. The mother long survived and died in 1906 at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a lifelong farmer and was an industrious, energetic man. His political support was given the republican party and both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. They had a family of four children: Anna, who is living with her brother Charles, the second in order of birth; Julia, the deceased wife of Ole Flatland; and John, whose home is in Madison township.

At the usual age Charles J. Odden entered the public schools and when not busy with his textbooks his attention was largely given to the work of the fields, so that he had broad, practical experience when he began farming on his