

elsewhere in this volume; Carl, the manager of the sash and door factory at Calmar; J. H., who also resides in Calmar; Louise, the wife of Dr. R. R. Page, of Ponca, Nebraska; Matilda, at home; Ruth, who graduated from school at Grinnell, Iowa, in June, 1913, and has been elected assistant principal of the high school at Calmar; and Jacob, who passed away in 1885 at the age of eight years.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Meyer also has actively participated in the public life of his community. His political affiliation is with the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church of which he and his wife are members. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen and the Yeomen. Although born in a foreign country he has readily grasped the idea of American citizenship and, public-spirited and progressive, has largely contributed to the development of his section, at the same time attaining a prosperity which assures him of a creditable position in the commercial life of the county.

PETER J. SMITH.

Among the successful and progressive farmers of Winneshiek county is numbered Peter J. Smith, who owns and operates a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Washington township. He is a native of Iowa, born in Fayette county, November 15, 1870, and is a son of John and Margaret (Schatz) Smith, natives of Prussia, Germany, who came to America in 1856, locating first in Wisconsin. After two years they moved to Fayette county, Iowa, and in 1880 came to Winneshiek county, the father buying two hundred and eighty acres of land on section 33, Washington township. This property he made a model farm, giving his entire attention to its improvement and development until his death, which occurred in 1898, his wife surviving him until 1907. To their union were born twelve children: Catherine, who married Christopher Nepper, of Gregory, South Dakota; Zita, the widow of John Henke, of Fayette county; Philip and Fred, who reside in Fayette county; Annie, the wife of Bea Gardner, of the same county; Barbara, the widow of C. C. Grimes, of Lelo, South Dakota; Mary, who has passed away; Frances, the wife of John Schleier, of Winneshiek county; Peter J., of this review; John, deceased; Clemence, of Fayette county; and Frank, a resident of Fort Atkinson.

Peter J. Smith accompanied his parents to Winneshiek county in 1880, being] at that time ten years of age, and he completed an education begun in his native section in the district schools. He remained with his father until he was twenty-six years of age and then began his independent career, renting one hundred and twenty acres of land in Fayette county. Upon this he resided for two years, after which he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Washington township, Winneshiek county, upon which he has since made his home. There is an attractive dwelling upon the property, the other improvements are substantial and modern and the entire farm is divided into fields of convenient size by means of fences. Mr. Smith engages in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and both branches of his activities are profitable and important.