

the age of fifteen months; Leland; Francis; Norbert, who also died in infancy: Claudius; and Mildred.

Mr. Gossman is a democrat in his political views and affiliations and being a public-spirited man has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill various offices of trust. He has served as road supervisor and has been president of the school board for the past fifteen years. He is a communicant of the St. Agnes Catholic church. Alert and enterprising, he avails himself of every opportunity that presents itself for advancement along agricultural lines, using the latest improved machinery in his work and making a close study of conditions of the soil. He is honest in his dealings with his fellowmen and is everywhere known as an honorable and upright citizen who fully merits the esteem and respect which is accorded him.

JOSEPH PHILIP KUHN.

Among the most able and progressive native sons of Winneshiek county is numbered Joseph Philip Kuhn, a prosperous farmer and prominent man of affairs of Sumner township and a representative of one of the best known pioneer families in this part of Iowa. He was born here, March 27, 1866, and is a son of George and Josephine (Novotny) Kuhn, the former born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1832 and the latter in Bohemia, Austria. The father came to America when he was still a child and settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood. In 1854 he came to Iowa, settling in Calmar township, Winneshiek county, whence in 1865 he removed to Sumner township, where he still resides. He is a democrat in his political views and a member of the Roman Catholic church and is widely and favorably known in his locality. His father, John Kuhn, was the founder of the family in America. He was born in Bavaria and there grew to manhood, later coming to the United States and settling on a farm in Pennsylvania, whence he came to Iowa in 1854. He engaged in agricultural pursuits near Spillville, Winneshiek county, for a number of years and became very prominent in agricultural circles. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic church. In the course of a long and honorable career he made substantial contributions to the pioneer development of this county. On the maternal side Mr. Kuhn is a grandson of Frank and Katrina (Stebal) Novotny, natives of Bohemia, where the father engaged in farming for many years. He also was a democrat and a Roman Catholic. Mr. Kuhn's parents were married in Spillville in 1865 and five children were born to them, Joseph Philip, Mary, Anton, George and Josephine.

Joseph P. Kuhn was reared on his father's farm in Sumner township and acquired his education in the public schools here and in private schools at Spillville. When he began his independent career he naturally turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared and since that time he has steadily prospered in his farming operations until today he stands in the front ranks of progressive and successful agriculturists of his vicinity.

At Spillville, July 22, 1890, Mr. Kuhn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ludwig, a native of that place, born July 2, 1865, and they have become the