

fications than in regard to party affiliations. He is a school director of his district, giving thereby evidence of his interest in the cause of education, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He has made a good start toward financial independence and his farm even today represents valuable property. He puts all his vigor into his work and naturally the result is gratifying. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him, and it must be a great satisfaction to him that those who have known him since his boyhood days are his staunchest friends.

#### G. A. MEYER.

G. A. Meyer, a member of the firm Meyer & Company, well known in the grain, seed and live-stock business, successfully carries on the traditions of his family as one of the foremost citizens of his community. Born in Spillville, Winneshiek county, January 17, 1874, he is a son of Jacob and Bertha (Bindschaedler) Meyer, of whom more extended mention is made in another part of this work. He was reared under the parental roof and educated in this county, attending the public schools of Calmar, to which village his parents had moved when he was four years of age. He completed his public-school education in 1887 and in that year entered the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, there pursuing the commercial course and graduating with the class of 1888. He then took a course at the Breckenridge University at Decorah and subsequently entered the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, there remaining one year. He then became a partner in a meat market in connection with H. Wesselman, the business being so conducted for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Meyer sold his interest and formed a partnership with his father in the grain, seed and live-stock business. He has since been engaged in this line under the firm name of Meyer & Company and the progressive policy of the concern is largely due to the junior member of the firm, who ably assists his father in widening their trade relations.

In June, 1896, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Ryan, daughter of Thomas and Mary (O'Brien) Ryan, and to them was born one son John G. Meyer, who is about sixteen years of age. Mrs. Meyer passed away after a short illness in 1900 and in 1907 Mr. Meyer was again married, his second union being with Miss Matilda Goite, a daughter of George and Mary (Meyer Goite, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was an agriculturist and in an early day in the history of the county came to Winneshiek county, where he farmed for many years with good success. By Mr. Meyer's second union two children were born: Miriam, aged four; and Francis, aged two.

A young man, widely interested in public affairs, Mr. Meyer brings an intelligent understanding to the public questions that affect the people and at present is efficiently serving in the important position of chairman of the county board of supervisors, on which he has served continuously for six years. He has also been assessor of Calmar and town treasurer and at the last primary election was a candidate for congress on the democratic ticket. Although the district was conceded to be strictly republican by a vote of at least eight thousand, he was