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Mr. Scheidemantel married Miss Antonia Mikesch and they have become the parents of seven children, Fred Philip, Alois Clemence, Leo, Ida, Adolph A., Arthur A. and Marcella. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Scheidemantel is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Foresters. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and although he is not active as an office seeker he is at all times ready to cooperate in movements for the public good. Through his own labor, industry and good management he has become the owner of a valuable property and is widely and favorably known in his native county for his many sterling traits of character and his business ability.

H. T. SANDAGER.

Prominent as one of the foremost agriculturists of the Calmar district, owning a valuable farm of five hundred acres and engaged in the automobile business in that city, H. T. Sandager occupies a substantial position in his community. He is a native of Calmar township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, born January 21, 1876, and a son of E. P. and Ragnhild (Honse) Sandager. E. P. Sandager, the father, made his home near Conover postoffice, on a farm in Calmar township, on the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 22. He was born in Sogndalen, Norway, on January 29, 1826. At the age of twenty-four, on May 13, 1850, he left his native land to seek the opportunities of the western hemisphere and, crossing the Atlantic and proceeding westward, came to Calmar township on the nth of October, 1850. The voyage across the ocean was made in a sailing vessel, the trip to New York taking nine weeks and three days. From that city he proceeded to Buffalo and thence, via the Great Lakes, to Milwaukee, staying in Wisconsin three weeks. He came by private conveyance to Winneshiek county, being the second settler of Calmar township, his brother, the first man to make his home in these parts, coming three months previously. The father first purchased forty acres of land from the government, to which, by economy, industry and perseverance, he added until he owned nine hundred acres, comprising one of the best farms in the township. He was a prominent and influential man in Calmar township, widely known and highly respected. In 1855 he married Ragnhild Honse, born in Sogn, Norway, November 27, 1837, who sailed for America in April, 1853, the voyage consuming six weeks and three days. Landing in New York, she then proceeded to Illinois, which was her home for one year before coming to Calmar township. In their family were the following children: Peter, born June 5, 1856; Gilbert, born March 20, 1858, who died January 18, 1892; Gertrude, born May 4, 1860, who passed away March 24, 1886; Andrew, whose date of birth is August 31, 1862; Martha, born February 12, 1865; Else, born December 16, 1867, who died August 26, 1869; Else, the second of the name, born May 28, 1870; Emma R., whose birth occurred on January 5, 1873; and Hans T., of this review. The father passed away on August 27, 1882, but his widow and the two youngest of the children are still living on the home farm.