

On the nth of May, 1886, Mr. Haas was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. Hoffman, and they have become the parents of four children: Loretta, the wife of C. D. Eastman, of Fargo, North Dakota; George, who is cashier in a bank at Detroit, Minnesota; and Agnes and Joseph, both at home.

Air. Haas is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has been honored by his fellow citizens by election to various official positions of trust and responsibility, discharging his duties as school director, township trustee and city assessor in a way which has reflected credit alike upon his ability and his public spirit. For more than a quarter of a century he has made his home within the borders of Winneshiek county, during all of which time he has resided on the farm which he now occupies, and he has come to be known as a man of tried integrity and worth, commanding by reason of his upright and honorable life the respect, confidence and esteem of all who know him.

EMBRET E. CLEMENT.

One of the foremost agriculturists of Springfield township, Winneshiek county, Embret E. Clement owns a valuable farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres on section 1 and has also distinguished himself in official township positions, rendering valuable services to his community. A native of Wisconsin, he was born August 22, 1845, and is a son of Eric and Gurie (Engebretson) Clementson, natives of Norway. The father upon coming to this country located in Wisconsin, where he bought eighty acres of land near Muskego lake and spent nine years in the operation of the same. He then sold out and removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Springfield township and devoted himself to the task of clearing and improving this property. He later acquired an additional forty acres adjoining and continued in the operation of his farm for the remainder of his life. The year of his birth was 1801 and he passed away in 1898, being over ninety-six years of age at the time of his demise. The mother, who was born in 1802, died in 1870 at the age of sixty-eight.

Embret E. Clement was but five years of age when his parents removed to Winneshiek county and received his education in the district schools near his father's farm and Breckenridge Institute in Decorah. He always remained on the home farm and from his father learned thorough methods of agriculture, becoming early acquainted with farm work. In 1892 he purchased the home place and has ever since operated the same, its area being one hundred and ninety-six acres and the exact location in the southwest quarter of section 1, Springfield township. Mr. Clement has made valuable improvements since taking charge, has erected substantial buildings and installed such machinery as is considered indispensable to intensive farming as it is understood today. Success has attended his labors and his farm now presents an aspect of prosperity.

In July, 1869, Mr. Clement was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Egge, daughter of Anders and Helene Egge, natives of Norway, who left the land of their birth for America, the father successfully following agricultural pur