

home in Highland township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hover have been born two children, Maurice and Lucile.

Like his father, who is one of the honored and valued residents of this section, Mr. Hover has never given his attention exclusively to his individual affairs but has found time and opportunity to take an active part in the public life of the community and manifests a keen interest in all those projects which tend to promote the general welfare. His political views are in accordance with the principles of the republican party, and on that ticket he was elected to the office of township clerk, which he has occupied for the past eight years. For a number of years he served as president of the township school board, indicating his championship of the cause of education, and he is also a strong advocate of good roads, doing all in his power to further the work in that direction. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, believing that the moral development of a community should go hand in hand with its material and intellectual growth, and thus his efforts along various lines are proving of material value in the substantial improvement of Winneshiek county, which numbers him among her native sons.

PAUL ODE.

Paul Ode is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred acres lying on section 13, Springfield township, and upon this property was born December 23, 1878, a son of Peter and Jorend (Riesty) Ode, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. He was reared upon the property which he now operates and acquired his early education in the district schools of the vicinity, later taking a course at Valder's Business College in Decorah. When he left home he went to South Dakota, where he worked for his brother for one year. Returning home at the end of that time, he entered his father's employ and continued therein until 1901, when he rented the homestead. This he developed and cultivated for nine years thereafter and in 1910 purchased the property which he still owns. The farm comprises two hundred acres lying on section 13, Springfield township, and is highly improved and developed, the owner following the most practical and progressive methods. His well directed efforts have been rewarded by a gratifying measure of success and he is well entitled to the high place which he holds among the section's substantial and representative agriculturists.

On the 20th of June, 1907, Mr. Ode was united in marriage to Miss Clara Matilda Nelson, a daughter of Halvor and Bergit (Kjonaas) Nelson, natives of Norway, who, together with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ode, parents of the subject of this review, celebrated in 1912 their golden wedding anniversary. They were pioneers in Wisconsin, where they settled on coming to America, afterward removing to Winneshiek county. Here the father purchased land in Springfield township and continued to operate and improve it until his death, which occurred on the 2d of April, 1913, when he was seventy-eight years of age. His wife survives him, having reached the age of sixty-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Ode have