

have permitted until it now comprises five hundred, eighty-two and a half acres located on sections 10 and 15, Hesper township. There are three sets of good buildings upon the property, which is known as the Banner Stock Farm. Mr. Mc-Millen for many years made a specialty of breeding pure Percheron horses and still gives much attention to raising high-grade stock and to general farming. There is a feed and sawmill on the place and he also runs two threshing outfits, deriving from that branch of his business highly satisfactory returns. It is typical of his progressiveness that he is the owner of an independent telephone line here, which he uses for himself and which also communicates with other farms in the vicinity. He is the largest landowner and the most prosperous man in his section and during the season employs many hands. He is president of the Winneshiek County Farmers Institute Association.

On September 3, 1884, Mr. McMillen was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Olsen, who was born in Norway, in 1866, and came to America with her parents when twelve years old. She is a daughter of John and Annie Olson, residents of Allamakee county. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen have the following children: Charles, a farmer of Hesper township; Flora, the wife of Harvey Keltz, of Alberta, Canada; Ralph, of Fillmore county, Minnesota; and Jessie, Philip, Leland and Ruby.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. McMillen takes an active interest in the progress and development of the county and in political and public affairs. He is a republican and gives his support to the candidates of that party. He has done much good in promoting agricultural growth and is ever ready to give of his means to support worthy public enterprises, although he has never cared to accept official positions. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Such prosperity as has come to Mr. McMillen is highly deserved, for it is but the outcome of close application, good judgment and modern and up-to-date methods. He has at all times been actuated by laudable ambition and this spirit to will and to win has carried him forward to success. He enjoys in high measure the confidence and regard of his fellow citizens and is recognized as a forceful element in his community. Not only has he been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred here but a helpful and cooperant factor in bringing about the prosperous conditions that now prevail.

#### EDMUND POLLITT.

Edmund Pollitt, who owns and operates a fine farm of four hundred and forty acres lying in Burr Oak and Orleans townships, was born in Lancashire, England, April 14, 1852, and is a son of John and Richmal (Holt) Pollitt, also natives of that county. The parents came to America in 1855 and settled in Burr Oak township, this county, where the father engaged in surveying and civil engineering until his death. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in Decorah. To their union were born eleven children: Alice, who became the wife of A. D. Thomas, of Decorah; Martha, who married C. W. Freeman, of the same city; John and Joseph, who have passed away; Elizabeth, who mar