

ried C. H. Pierce, of Burr Oak township; James, residing in Spokane, Washington ; Edmund, of this review; William, who lives in Decorah; Mary, who died in infancy; Florence, deceased; and Mary A., who died in England.

Edmund Pollitt was three years of age when his parents moved to Winneshiek county and he grew up upon his father's farm, acquiring his education in the district schools and spending his time, when not engaged with his books, aiding in the operation of the homestead. At the age of thirty-one he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Burr Oak township and eighty acres of his father's property, operating this land for four years thereafter. At the end of that time he moved to Minneapolis, where he spent several years engaged in teaming and railroad work in the employ of the American Express Company. Returning to Winneshiek county at the end of that time, he bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 9, Orleans township, to which he later added another tract of one hundred and twenty acres. He still retains his property in Burr Oak township and his holdings now aggregate four hundred and forty acres. Upon his property he has carried on general farming and stock-raising, and he has met with that success which always follows earnest and well directed labor.

Mr. Pollitt married Miss Lydia G. Landon, of Burr Oak township, and they have become the parents of seven children: Harry Edmund, who lives in Cresco; Guy Raymond, of the same city; Florence Mabel, the wife of Walter G. Dascom, of Fremont township; Nellie Richmal, who lives at home; Frances Harriett; Fred Clifford; and George Glen.

Mr. Pollitt is a member of the Methodist church and is a democrat in his political views. He has rendered his township excellent service as justice of the peace, trustee and member of the school board and he is always ready to cooperate in any progressive public movement. Having resided in this part of Iowa almost continuously since his childhood, he is widely known here and his integrity of character and genuine personal worth have gained him an extensive circle of friends.

FRITZ J. MEYER.

Fritz J. Meyer, who since 1893 has owned and operated a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 34, Bloomfield township, is one of the most progressive and energetic farmers and stock-raisers of his locality, his success being founded upon his practical methods and thorough familiarity with every detail of farm operation. He is one of the many enterprising and industrious citizens whom Germany has given to America, his birth having occurred in that country on the 29th of September, 1853. His parents, Louis and Charlotte (Martin) Meyer, were natives of Germany and in the fall of 1870 came to America, settling in Clayton county, where the father lived retired. Both parents passed away in 1893. To their union were born five children: Louis, who resides in Postville; Charlotte, the wife of William King, of Winneshiek county; William, who makes his home in Castalia; Minnie, who married Henry Dahms, of Postville; and Fritz J., of this review.