

outbuildings, none of the accessories of a model farm being lacking. In all of his business dealings Mr. Wagner has shown good judgment and marked enterprise and has made all of his efforts count to the utmost, utilizing every opportunity to the best advantage.

On the 30th of October, 1905, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Mary Schedestka, and to their union have been born three children: Mary; James, who has passed away; and Clarence. Mr. Wagner is a member of the Catholic church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is a man of high moral character, industrious and enterprising and his honesty and uprightness have always merited for him the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

#### WILLIAM F. KOENIG.

No man occupies a more enviable position in agricultural circles of Bloomfield township than William F. Koenig, who since 1872 has resided in Winneshiek county, giving his attention to farming and stock-raising. For thirty-five years he has lived upon his present farm of one hundred and fifty acres on section 23 and he has made this a valuable and productive property, the years bringing him success, prominence and a substantial fortune. Air. Koenig was born in Germany, August 19, 1845, and is a son of William and Louisa (Pottkamp) Koenig, natives of that country, where their entire lives were spent. To their union were born two children: Frederick William, deceased; and William F., of this review.

William F. Koenig spent his childhood and early youth in Germany and in 1868 crossed the Atlantic to America, locating immediately in Clayton county, Iowa, where he turned his attention to farming. In 1872 he came to Winneshiek county and rented one hundred and forty acres near Ossian which he continued to develop and improve for six years, after which he purchased one hundred and fifty acres on section 23, Bloomfield township. To this he added one hundred and twenty acres adjoining but afterward sold this tract to his son, who in turn disposed of it. Upon his original property Mr. Koenig carries on general farming and stock-raising and his well directed efforts through the years have been rewarded by a gratifying degree of success, placing him in the front ranks of progressive and successful farmers.

On the 20th of November, 1868, Air. Koenig was married in Germany to Miss Charlotte Meyer, a daughter of John and Yetty (Martin) Meyer, natives of the fatherland, who came to Winneshiek county in 1878 and there resided until their deaths. Mr. and Mrs. Koenig became the parents of nine children: Louisa, who was born February 15, 1870; Louis, born August 11, 1872; Minnie, who was born May 26, 1874, and who is now the wife of Herman Rose; Alary, who was born December 25, 1876, and who married George Schroeder, of Postville; Rosina, who was born September 22, 1878, and who married Fred Rock-dessell, of Postville; William, whose birth occurred on the 18th of July, 1880; Lena, who was born April 21, 1882, and who is now the wife of Carl R. Christof