

labor-saving machinery. In addition to his general farming, he makes a specialty of breeding and raising thoroughbred Brown Swiss cattle and is now an extensive breeder and dealer, his animals commanding a high price on the local market. He is a very reliable, farsighted and discriminating business man, capable of carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and upon his determination, comprehensive farming experience and business acumen he has founded a success which places him today in the front ranks of progressive agriculturists in this section of the state.

Mr. Kleve married Miss Theresa Hankin and to this union were born seven children, Maggie, Arnold, Hugo, Edward, Raymond, Julita and Felicitas. The family are devout members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Kleve is president of the Festina Creamery Company and fraternally is affiliated with the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective Society and the Zentral Verein. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and while he never seeks nor desires public office he takes an intelligent interest in movements to promote community advancement. All who know him hold him in high esteem and honor and most of his friends are numbered among those who have known him since childhood—a sure indication that his life has at all times been upright and honorable.

N. H. ADAMS.

N. H. Adams, well known in business circles as a wholesale seed merchant of Decorah, has conducted this enterprise successfully for the past thirty-eight years. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 8th of October, 1844, his parents being Cyrus and Mary A. (Weaver) Adams, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Decorah in 1865 and here embarked in the shoe business in association with our subject under the firm style of C. Adams & Son. He sold out at the time of his wife's death in 1881 and two years later removed to Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1903.

N. H. Adams was reared and educated in his native state, attending the public schools and afterward a military school at Cleveland. After putting aside his text-books he worked in a wholesale boot and shoe concern of Cleveland and in 1865, when a young man of twenty-one years, came to Decorah. Here, as above stated, he embarked in the shoe business in partnership with his father. In 1875 he established a wholesale seed house and has since conducted the same continuously with gratifying success. On October 23, 1906, Mr. Adams' two sons, Burton H. and Walter E., with the assistance of their father, started in business independent of him, naming their concern "The Adams Seed Company," and have since carried on business under that name successfully, and while closely associated, N. H. Adams' and his sons' businesses are kept separate. He has acquired extensive property interests and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and enterprising business men of Decorah.

On the 8th of October, 1869, Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Carrie E. Adams, her parents being Henry and Deborah Adams, natives of New Hampshire. The father followed farming in that state for a number of years