

cluding a beautiful home, and his business interests are all carefully and capably managed.

Air. Weitgenant has been twice married. On Christmas day, 1867, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Banning, who died in 1871, leaving two sons: Joseph Oscar, of Centerville, Iowa; and Charles Edgar, of Wilmont, Minnesota. Mr. Weitgenant's second wife was in her maidenhood Miss Luella Allen, whom he married September 25, 1877, and they became the parents of a daughter, Rena Elizabeth, who married Elmer Rosa, of Winneshiek county.

Mr. Weitgenant gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but is not active politically, preferring to concentrate all of his attention upon his private affairs. He is, however, interested in the betterment of the community and is a man of many sterling traits of character, able in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times trustworthy and reliable.

#### PRENTICE C. BLOOMFIELD.

One of the substantial citizens of Decorah, highly respected and esteemed by all who know him, is Prentice C. Bloomfield. He was born in New York, June 22, 1843, a son of Alvin and Phila (Cumms) Bloomfield, the father a native of New Jersey and the mother of Vermont. The father was a shoemaker by trade, which occupation he followed all his life in New York and there died in 1862. The mother survived him for nine years, passing away in 1871.

Prentice C. Bloomfield was reared and educated in New York state, which he made his home until twenty years of age, when he proceeded westward to Wisconsin, remaining there one year. Having heard of the favorable conditions prevailing in Winneshiek county, he then came to this section. He was a tanner by-trade and worked at that occupation in New York but upon coming to Iowa engaged in farming as farm hand and subsequently as renter. As such he engaged in agricultural pursuits for about four years, at the end of which period he came to Decorah, where he became connected with the lumber business, working for the same firm continuously for thirteen years. He then joined another lumber concern, with which he remained for seven years, and having learned the carpenter's trade in the meantime, has followed that occupation ever since. Thrift and industry have brought substantial results to Air. Bloomfield, his success having been attained by creditable means and as the result of qualities of character worthy of the highest commendation.

In September, 1872, the marriage of Prentice C. Bloomfield to Mary L. Self was celebrated. She is a daughter of Ozais and Emily (Hunt) Self, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Massachusetts. Airs. Bloomfield is a native of Illinois, in which state she was born in 1853. Her father was a farmer by occupation and followed his vocation in Illinois until 1854, when he removed to Winneshiek county, there buying eighty acres of land in Burr Oak township, which he operated and improved until his death, passing away at an early age on October 24, 1867. The mother survived for over a third of a century, dying in August, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield are the parents of one son, Frank E., who is now in his thirty-ninth year and widely and favorably known in Decorah, where he holds a