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it reflects everywhere in its neat and attractive appearance the owner's many years of practical labor and careful supervision.

Mr. Tweet gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served in a creditable and able way as township trustee. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, guiding his honorable and upright life by the principles in which he believes. He is numbered among Pleasant township's most able and successful native sons and during the years of his residence in this locality has made many substantial contributions to its agricultural upbuilding, his record being a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in this community.

JOSEPH F. KLIMESH.

A native of Sumner township, Winneshiek county, where he was born on section i6, Joseph F. Klimesh today operates the home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, to which he has since added forty acres, making his holdings two hundred acres in all. His farm is highly improved and his house, barns and other buildings substantially constructed. He is progressive in all that he undertakes and the most modern and up-to-date machinery can be found upon his place. He was born on May 5, 1868, and is a son of John and Annie (Macrora) Klimesh, natives of Bohemia, who came to America in 1862, locating in Winneshiek county on two hundred and eighty acres of land, part of which is now operated by our subject. The father successfully followed agricultural pursuits but both he and his wife have now passed away. In their family were twelve children: John, of Alberta, Canada; Frank, of Howard county, this state; Annie, who married Anton Schweller, of Spillville, Iowa; Joseph F., our subject; Victoria, the wife of John Vanguya, of South Omaha, Nebraska; Mary, who married Albert Thorlash, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Robert and Lena, who reside in Spillville, Iowa; Josie, who is married and also lives at Spillville; Joseph and Mary, who died in infancy; and a son who also died when young.

Joseph F. Klimesh was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He early became acquainted with agricultural pursuits under the guidance of his father and remained upon the home place until he was twenty-two years of age, when one hundred and sixty acres of the home farm was deeded to him. He has since added thereto forty acres, making his farm two hundred acres. The land is all in a high state of cultivation, his house is commodious and well appointed and his barns, sheds and outbuildings substantially constructed. He has erected two silos of seventy-five tons capacity each and also owns a threshing engine which he rents to neighboring farmers. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and his annual income is gratifying.

On June 3, 1891, Air. Klimesh married Miss Barbara Koston and to them were born nine children: Joseph and Frank, at home; Celia, deceased; and Agnes, Celia, George, Hedwig, Barbara and Viola, all of whom reside at home. Air. Klimesh is a democrat and stanchly upholds the candidates of that party