

at the polls. He is a devout member of the Catholic church, as is his family, and he belongs to the Catholic Association. He has long made his home in Winneshiek county and Sumner township and has not only witnessed the changes that have here occurred but has been a helpful and cooperant factor in bringing about advancement and development. He is progressive in all that he undertakes and by his labors has done much toward promoting the agricultural prosperity which prevails in this section.

MILTON D. WHITNEY.

Milton D. Whitney is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Hesper township, and is numbered among the progressive agriculturists and prominent business men of his locality. The place is a portion of the homestead upon which he was born May 28, 1868, his parents being Brayton and Martha (Rockwood) Whitney, natives of Jefferson county, New York, who married there and came west about 1857. They located in the vicinity of Watertown, Wisconsin, and from that section the father enlisted in 1861 in Company B, Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, being later transferred to the Sixteenth Ohio Light Artillery. He served for three years in the Union army and after his discharge returned to Watertown, where he remained until 1867. He then removed to Iowa, buying a farm on section 18, Hesper township, this county, whereon he resided until his death. He and his wife became the parents of seven children: L. B., a banker in Decorah; Perry H., a merchant in Burr Oak; Clara S., the wife of Sherwood Benedict, of Newcastle, Nebraska; Milton D., of this review; Claude, who died at the age of twenty-five, leaving a widow and two children; Cora, the wife of William Darling, of Hesper township; and Alice, who died at the age of four years.

Milton D. Whitney was reared at home and acquired his early education in the district schools of Hesper township, supplementing this by a course at the State Normal School in Winona, Minnesota. Upon laying aside his books he turned his attention to teaching and for nine years thereafter engaged in that occupation, spending three years in Minnesota, one in North Dakota and the remainder of the time in Winneshiek county. He afterward spent one summer in Wyoming as a member of a surveying party and upon resigning that position turned his attention to farming, an occupation in which he has since engaged, being ranked today among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of his township. He owns one hundred and six acres of the home place and its neat and attractive appearance is entirely due to him, for it had no improvements when he took up his residence upon it. He has erected the buildings and installed the machinery and has made the farm a valuable and productive property, reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and practical labors. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and is an extensive breeder of shorthorn cattle.

On the 8th of April, 1894, Mr. Whitney was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Ruth Maltby, who was born in Canoe township, December 7, 1873, a daughter of Corydon O. and Mary (Gilbert) Maltby, the former of whom