

married and resides in Decorah and who acts as special agent for Iowa in the service of the Continental Insurance Company; and Stella Louise, at home. In 1870 Mr. Paine built a handsome residence at the west end of Broadway, which has since remained the family home. In politics he is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He is well known and highly esteemed in the city which has been his home for many years, and in the evening of a well spent life is surrounded by material comfort and a host of friends.

JOHN SCHISSEL.

The pioneer history of Winneshiek county contains the record of no more useful, honorable and worthy life than that of John Schissel, who during his forty-five years of residence here made many tangible and substantial contributions to its agricultural development and whose death deprived this section of one of her earliest settlers and most valued and representative citizens. Mr. Schissel was born in Bavaria, Germany, August 2, 1839, and is a son of Peter and Mary Schissel, who crossed the Atlantic to America in 1844 and settled in Pennsylvania, where they continued to reside for thirteen years. They came to Winneshiek county in 1856, settling near Festina, where the father engaged in farming until his death. His wife passed away in 1863. To their union were born five children: Barbara, George and Peter, who have passed away; John of this review; and Joseph, a farmer near Ossian.

John Schissel accompanied his parents to America in 1844 and came with them to Winneshiek county in 1856, remaining with his parents for some time thereafter and assisting his father with the work of the homestead. At the age of twenty-five he began his independent career, turning his attention naturally to farming, which he understood thoroughly, having learned the details of that occupation through early and long continued experience. From that time until his death he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Washington township, operating also a threshing machine, and his well directed labors through the years were rewarded by a success which placed him in high position among progressive farmers in this locality.

On the 9th of June, 1864, Mr. Schissel was united in marriage to Miss Philomena Huber, a daughter of Frank Joseph and Mary Ann (Gaertner) Huber, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of France. The parents came to America about 1833 and after spending some time in Indiana came to Winneshiek county, locating here in the latter part of March, 1849. They made their home in what is known as Old Misson, Iowa, and the father afterward devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on November 23, 1888. His wife has also passed away, dying in 1901. To their union were born fourteen children: Philomena, the wife of the subject of this review; Phillip, deceased; Louis, who resides in Calmar; Mary and Barbara, who have passed away; Annie, the widow of Conrad Geising, of Wisconsin; William Henry, deceased; George Henry, of Calmar; Caroline, the wife of Antone Koch, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rose, who married George Hauber, of Calmar; Louisa,