

Gustav A. Hegg attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and was reared to manhood on the home farm, assisting his father in its operation until the time of the latter's retirement in 1902. In that year he purchased one hundred and eighty acres of the place and has since been successfully engaged in its further cultivation and improvement. He is likewise a stockholder in the Nordness Creamery Company and has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of his native county.

On the 20th of May, 1890, Mr. Hegg was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Kettlesby, a daughter of Peter and Bertha Kettlesby, both natives of Norway. The father, who came to this county in the '50s and here operated a farm for many years, now makes his home at Calmar. The mother of Mrs. Hegg passed away in 1909. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, as follows: Bertha, who is nineteen years of age; Anton, a youth of seventeen; and Laura, Ralph and Charlotte, who are fifteen, ten and eight years of age respectively. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in March, 1908, her demise occurring at the end of a year's illness.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hegg has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He has remained in Winneshiek county from his birth to the present time, and that his life has been well and honorably spent is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

GEORGE W. KRUSE.

George W. Kruse, who is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Washington township and who is numbered among the most successful and progressive of the younger agriculturists of this vicinity, is one of Winneshiek county's native sons, born July 10, 1881. His parents, Joseph and Mena (Kramer) Kruse, were also natives of Winneshiek county and the father turned his attention to farming here at an early age, being today in control of one of the finest agricultural properties in Washington township. His wife passed away in February, 1913. To their union were born eleven children: George W., the subject of this review; John, of Jackson township; Catherine, the wife of Nicholas Lusson, of St. Lucas, Iowa; Casper and Louis, both residing in Jackson township; Frances, living in Washington township; Edward, who also makes his home in Washington township; Philip, deceased; Martin, of the same township; Cilia, who has passed away; and Cilia, residing in Washington township.

George W. Kruse was reared under the parental roof and by assisting his father with the work of the homestead gained at an early age a comprehensive and practical knowledge of the essential details of farm operation. He remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, when his father gave him eighty acres of land on section 26, to which Mr. Kruse of this review afterward added eighty more, turning his attention to its cultivation as an independent agriculturist. Upon the property he has made excellent improvements, erecting fine barns and outbuildings and installing the necessary machinery, and the place is today