

office. In 1879 he was elected to the county board of supervisors and served for six years or two terms. In 1885 yet higher honors came to him in his election to the state legislature as representative from Winneshiek county. He was reelected in 1887 and nominated for a third term but defeated in the election with the whole ticket as a democratic landslide overran the state in 1889 and Governor Boise was elected. Since that time Mr. Larson has held the office of township clerk off and on for about twelve years but declined reelection in 1912. He is a pillar of strength in the local councils of his party and has been a delegate to various state conventions and served many years as republican township committeeman. As he resides but one mile south of the Minnesota state line he was jocularly referred to in the legislature as "the member from Minnesota." Until sixteen years ago Mr. Larson was a member of the Big Canoe Lutheran church, at which time the Highland township church was built, of which he has since been a member. He gave evidence of his interest in the cause of education by serving as a member of the board of trustees of Luther College, Decorah, for fifteen consecutive years, declining reelection to the board at that time. He was treasurer of the township school district for twenty-two years. Five times he ably represented the Big Canoe and Highland churches in the annual meeting of the synod. He also served efficiently as treasurer of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of this county for four years, declining reelection at the end of that time. Viewed from every point the career of Mr. Larson has been a successful one. An able agriculturist, he has done much toward building up this section of the country and toward establishing efficient agricultural standards. A public leader, he has ever willingly served in many important positions to the benefit of all concerned. A man thoroughly imbued with the importance of educational facilities, he has done much for the schools of his county and, last but not least, has ever shown himself to be a true Christian and a faithful adherent of his church, whose principles have always guided all his actions. He is a credit to Winneshiek county and his fellowmen, who have honored him so often with public office, have honored themselves by selecting one who so worthily has performed his public tasks as to draw commendation and high praise from every side. A forceful man and a man of strong character, Mr. Larson is sympathetic and kind to the unfortunate ones and to those in need, and there is no man within the boundaries of Winneshiek county who more justly receives esteem and respect than the Hon. Nels Larson.

JOHN J. HUBER.

A native of Sumner township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, John J. Huber has attained to a substantial position among its agricultural fraternity, owning a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 11. He was born November 13, 1879, and is a son of John and Lena (Herzog) Huber, natives of Indiana. The father came to Iowa when he was about eighteen years of age, locating near Fort Atkinson and later moving to Sumner township, where he settled on section 22. There he still resides. He successfully followed agricultural pursuits all his