

industry, ability and experience of Mr. Ode, who has become recognized as one of the most able and shrewd financiers of this part of the state. He gives his closest attention to even the smallest detail of the work and there occurs nothing that escapes his attention. The list of depositors has largely increased since Mr. Ode has taken charge and the investments of the bank are so carefully made that it is justly considered one of the most conservative and sound in the state. This conservatism, however, is happily combined with a progressive policy of expansion, and as the bank extends credit, when justified, to legitimate new enterprises it has become an important factor in the general advancement of the city.

On December 10, 1895, Mr. Ode married Miss Louise M. Davidson, a daughter of Gudmund and Liv (Holverson) Davidson, natives of Norway. The father upon coming to this country located at an early day in Wisconsin, where for a good many years he operated a farm, which he sold in order to retire, moving to Decorah, this state, which city he made his home until his death, which occurred in October, 1910, at the age of eighty-nine years. The mother had preceded him in death, passing away on October 1, 1890, at the age of fifty-nine. Mr. and Mrs. Ode have two children: Olga J., aged sixteen; and Paul G., aged thirteen.

As his means and reputation have increased Mr. Ode has become importantly connected with other financial institutions, and is now a stockholder and director in the Home Savings Bank at Fort Atkinson, Iowa; The Citizens Savings Bank at Spillville, this county; and the Winneshiek County Bank at Ridgeway. Always interested in the cause of education, he does efficient service as treasurer of the school board, and has served with success as a member of the town council. Formerly he was also treasurer of Calmar. He owns a handsome home in that city, where he and his wife extend warm hearted hospitality to their many friends. Politically he is a republican and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks carries his name on the roster of the Decorah lodge. As the chief officer of the Winneshiek County Bank, which owns the building it occupies, he holds one of the most influential positions in the commercial life of his community and is highly respected and esteemed for what he has accomplished and for the qualities of character which have made possible his success.

#### P. A. KLINKENBERG.

Great credit must be given Norway for the large number of citizens which she has furnished to Winneshiek county, and today this district is largely peopled by representatives in the second generation of those who came from the land of the midnight sun and took active part in the agricultural development of this section of the state. Of this class P. A. Klinkenberg is a representative. He was born May 26, 1857, on the farm which is yet his home, his parents being Martin and Mary (Iverson) Klinkenberg, both of whom were natives of Norway, the former born in the year 1823 and the latter in 1824. They crossed the Atlantic and came to Wisconsin in 1843, spent two years in that state, and in 1845 came to Iowa, settling upon the farm on section 9, Frankville township, which is now the home of their son P. A. Klinkenberg. With characteristic