

large. As his fathers did before him, he gives his allegiance to the Catholic church. Anything that brings nearer to man the key of that complex mystery which we call life is interesting to him, and as his reading is broad and comprehensive his knowledge and efficiency are continually advancing

#### FRANK JOSEPH SCHISSEL.

Frank Joseph Schissel, a native son of Winneshiek county, devotes his time and energies to tilling the soil, to raising stock and to dairying. His life is a busy and useful one, his energies being well directed along carefully denned lines of labor and his work in the development of his fine farm of two hundred and forty-two acres on sections 9, 10 and 3, Washington township, has been important as a factor in community development. He was born on the 3d of February, 1868, in Washington township, and is a son of John and Philomena (Huber; Schissel, the former a native of Bavaria, Germany, and the latter of Indiana. The father was born in 1839 and in the year 1844 crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Elk county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for about twelve years, coming at the end of that time to Winneshiek county and settling near Festina. He was a farmer by occupation during the later years of his life and followed this line of work until his death, which occurred on the 14th of March, 1901. The mother, who was born in October, 1844, still makes her home in Washington township. To their union were born seventeen children: Julia, deceased; Clara, who married George Broghammer, of Dell Rapids, South Dakota; Frank Joseph, of this review; Philip, who has passed away; John P., of Adams, Minnesota; Eugenia, the wife of John Lassance, of Dubuque, Iowa; Louisa, who married Charles Stortz, of Decorah, Iowa; Rosa, the wife of Fred Einwalter, of Fort Atkinson, Iowa; Wilhelmina, the wife of L. Meyer, of Fort Atkinson; William H., twin to Wilhelmina, who makes his home in the province of Alberta, Canada; Charles, of Gilmore City, Iowa; Matilda, at home; George L. of Vincent, Iowa; Felicita, the wife of William Donald, of Prosper, Minnesota; Alphonse A. and Raymond, both of whom reside in Fort Atkinson; and Bertram, who is operating the home farm in Washington township.

Frank J. Schissel was reared upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the district schools of Washington township, from his early childhood assisting with the work of the homestead. At twenty-one years of age he rented land in Winneshiek county and after one year went to Storm Lake, where he spent a year and a half in the lumber business. Eventually he returned to his native section and bought one hundred acres in Washington township, to which he later added fifty acres, developing and improving this farm from 1892 until, in 1907, he sold the property and bought two hundred and forty-two acres on sections 9, 10 and 3, upon which he now lives. There is a neat and attractive residence upon the farm and the other buildings are all substantial and modern, the property being well equipped in every particular. Mr. Schissel engages in general farming and stock-raising and is particularly interested in the conduct of his dairy, its products commanding a ready sale and a high price upon the market.