

In 1893 Mr. Dostal was married to Miss Mary Kuchar, of Worth county, Iowa, and to them have been born five children, three of whom are yet living: William C., who is assistant cashier of the Bohemian Savings Bank of Protivin; and Anna and Celia, both at home.

In his political views Mr. Dostal is a democrat and is the present mayor of Protivin, having filled that position for six years. His long continuance in the office is certainly an indication of his marked capability and progressiveness in all municipal affairs. He has introduced various needed reforms and improvements and exercises his official prerogatives at all times on the side of order, progress and improvement. He and his family are consistent members of the Catholic church and he belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters and to the Catholic Workmen and he is one of the leading and representative men of Howard county whose activities have constituted an important element in the business development and public progress of the northern section of the state.

#### EUGENE JULIUS FEULING.

Eugene Julius Feuling, who since February 7, 1910, has been the publisher of the New Hampton Tribune, was born in Ionia, Chickasaw county, October 8, 1881, a son of Julius and Magdalena (Zimmer) Feuling, who are natives of Ionia, where the father is engaged in the harness making business. He was born in Germany and came to America in 1868, while his wife, a native of Luxemburg, crossed the Atlantic in the same year. They established their home in Ionia in 1871 and have there since remained.

In the public schools of his native city Eugene J. Feuling acquired his early education, which was supplemented by a course of study in the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, from which he was graduated. He has since taken post graduate work in Chicago University. He was reared to farm life but early turned his attention to the educational field and taught school at Bassett, Iowa, for a half year. He was later superintendent of the city schools of Marathon, Iowa, for three years and was superintendent of the city schools of Lawler, Iowa, for a year and a half. On the 1st of January, 1909, he was called to the office of county superintendent of schools of Chickasaw county and occupied that position four years, doing much to further the interests of public education during that period, introducing many improved methods and advancing the general standard of the schools in the county. On the 7th of February, 1910, he became the publisher of the New Hampton Tribune, of which he has since been owner.

On the 31st of July, 1907, Mr. Feuling was married to Miss Edna Pearl Miller, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, auditor of the De Wolfe Grain Company and residing at Marathon, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Feuling have two daughters and a son: Lucile, Louise and John. The parents are members of the Roman Catholic church of New Hampton.

Mr. Feuling's military experience covers three years' training in the battalion at the Iowa State Teachers' College. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the New Hampton Club. He is widely known in his section of the state, where his influence and efforts have ever been of a character that have contributed to public progress and improvement.

#### A. J. CRAY.

A. J. Cray, president of the Exchange State Bank of Lime Springs, was born in Howard county on the 1st of August, 1864, a son of Joseph and Matilda (Coombs) Cray, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of their son, John A. Cray. Upon the old home farm A. J. Cray was reared and in the district