

Fellows Lodge at Alta Vista. Mr. Radtke was the first postmaster of Alta Vista, filling that office for thirteen years. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church. The family are widely and favorably known, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Radtke has contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding and progress of the city, and his worth as a business man and citizen is widely acknowledged.

JOSEPH P. PECINOVSKY.

The farm upon which he now resides, situated on section 12, New Oregon township, Howard county, was the birthplace of Joseph P. Pecinovsky, whose natal day was January 5, 1887. His father is Joseph F. Pecinovsky, who is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. The son was educated in the public schools of Protivin, in the public schools of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and in the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, Iowa. After completing his education he returned home and was associated with his father in the farm work up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 25th of June, 1912, when Miss Anna M. Polashek, of Tama county, Iowa, became his bride. Following the marriage of Joseph P. Pecinovsky his father removed to the town and the son took charge of the old home farm, comprising three hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. This place he has since cultivated and of this farm he now owns one hundred and eighty-five acres, his father still retaining the balance of the property. As the years have passed Joseph Pecinovsky has prospered in his undertakings and has thus acquired his personal holdings, constituting one of the excellent farm properties of this section of the state.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pecinovsky have been born two daughters, Adelia and Evelyn. In his political views Mr. Pecinovsky is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church. He is regarded as one of the successful farmers and leading citizens of New Oregon township, having devoted his entire life to agricultural interests, so that he is thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops in this section of the country.

H. W. TANK.

On the roster of county officials in Chickasaw county appears the name of H. W. Tank, who is filling the position of county auditor. He was born in Stapleton township on the 16th of January, 1877, his parents being Frederick and Ottelia (Drewelow) Tank, both of whom were natives of Prussia. The father came to the United States when a youth of nineteen years, while the mother crossed the Atlantic when a maiden of fourteen years. For a year Mr. Tank remained in Wisconsin and in 1870 came to Chickasaw county, Iowa. The mother had an aunt living in Chickasaw county, so that she made her way direct to this section on coming to the new world. They were married in New Hampton in 1873 and immediately afterward took up their abode upon a farm of eighty acres in Stapleton township, which Mr. Tank purchased at that time, and both he and his wife resided upon the farm until called to their final rest, his death occurring February 2, 1907, while his wife passed away October 11, 1901.

H. W. Tank was educated in the district schools and as early as his fourteenth year became a wage earner. He secured employment as a farm hand at a salary of eleven dollars per month and continued to work for others until his twenty-third year, when he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Utica township. This he at once began to cultivate and develop on his own account and for thirteen years operated that farm. In 1914 he sold the property and removed to Lawler, where he was engaged in business for three years, being associated with two brothers in the carpenter's and painter's trades. In 1916 he was elected to the office of county auditor and