

in 1918 was reelected to that position, in which he has since most capably served, proving one of the competent and popular officials of Chickasaw county.

On the 11th of February, 1902, Mr. Tank was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Winkelman, of Boyd, Chickasaw county, a daughter of August Winkelman, who came from Prussia to the new world about 1894, settling in Chickasaw county. He is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Tank have been born two daughters, Esther and Melba.

In his political views Mr. Tank has always been a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, while to the principles and candidates of the party he gives stalwart support. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and guide their lives by its teachings, ever proving loyal to the church and also giving generous support to every cause or movement calculated to uphold public benefit.

L. E. EMMONS.

The consensus of public opinion places L. E. Emmons with the foremost citizens of Cresco. For a long period he was identified with farming interests in Iowa but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he well merits owing to the enterprise and industry which he displayed during his connection with the agricultural development of this section of the state.

Howard county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 28th of November, 1860, his parents being Loren F. and Phoebe E. (Humphrey) Emmons. The father was a native of Hartland, Connecticut, while the mother's birth occurred in Chenango county, New York. They were married in the Empire state and in 1856 the father came west to Iowa, his wife joining him here the following year. Upon his arrival in Howard county, Loren F. Emmons settled upon the farm which his son, L. E. Emmons, left in 1905. The father devoted his remaining days to agricultural pursuits and wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of his place, which he brought under a very high state of cultivation. He died upon the old home farm March 11, 1905, having lived upon that place for a period of forty-nine years. His widow survived him and passed away in Cresco on the 19th of January, 1910, having made her home with her son, L. E. Emmons, following the death of her husband. While never an office seeker, Loren F. Emmons served as county supervisor and filled other local offices, taking an active interest in all affairs pertaining to the county's progress and upbuilding. His worth as a man and as a citizen was widely acknowledged and all who knew him entertained for him the highest respect.

L. E. Emmons, whose name introduces this record, resided upon the home farm for forty-five years. His early training was that of a farm-bred boy whose time is divided between the acquirement of an education in the district schools, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. After he had attained his majority, owing to the fact that he was an only son and his father in ill health and in debt, he felt it his duty to remain at home and look after his parents, and through the following quarter of a century he and his father conducted the farm in partnership, at which time L. E. Emmons inherited the home place. The year following he retired and removed to Cresco. Not long afterward he was made secretary of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, in which capacity he is now serving. He is also representative of the Iowa Tornado Insurance Company and is a well known figure in insurance circles, for he represents as well the Town Dwelling and the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Iowa. He is also a writer of automobile fire insurance and annually his policies represent a large investment.

On the 8th of April, 1885, Mr. Emmons was married to Miss Susan Farley, a daughter of John J. Farley, who was one of the early settlers of Howard county, arriving here from the state of New York in 1858, when the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun in this state. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Emmons is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He belongs to Cresco Lodge, No. 285, I. O. O. F., and is a past grand in the