

Mr. Jones is a republican in politics and has served as township assessor for a period of eight years. For several years he was a member of the board of township trustees and was also township clerk. He likewise served as a member of the township school board and has been secretary since he was twenty-one years of age. He is now filling the office of mayor of Lime Springs for the second term, his re-election coming to him in merited recognition of his able service during his first term, in which he instituted various improvements in city management. He belongs to the Welsh Presbyterian church and his has been a most upright and honorable life and useful career, placing him with the valued residents of Howard county.

#### JESSE MILES.

The farm property of Jesse Miles is situated on section 19, Saratoga township, Howard county, and embraces three hundred acres of land which is naturally rich and arable and responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. Mr. Miles has always been a resident of Howard county, his birth having occurred in Howard Center township in 1863. His parents were William and Jennie (Arnold) Miles, the former a native of Indiana, while the latter was born in Ireland. The father still survives and makes his home with his son, Bert Miles, in Saratoga township, but the mother passed away in the same township in 1916.

Jesse Miles throughout his entire life has been identified with agricultural interests. Twenty-four years ago, or in 1895, he purchased his present home farm, making investment in one hundred and sixty acres of land, and the property that he bought for fifteen dollars per acre is today worth from one hundred and seventy to two hundred dollars per acre, owing to the improvements which he has placed upon it and the natural rise in land values, brought about through the settlement of the district. He has carefully tilled his fields and has gathered good harvests. He has also been the president of the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company of Saratoga for the past two years and is recognized as a man of good business judgment and of unflinching enterprise.

In 1897 Mr. Miles was married to Miss Flora Watson, of Saratoga township, a daughter of A. A. and Mary Nellie Watson, the former now deceased, while the latter is living with Mr. and Mrs. Miles. Two children have been born of the marriage of this worthy couple, Alice and Nellie, who are still under the parental roof. Mr. Miles was one of the directors of the school district as long as his daughters were attending school, and passing through consecutive grades, they in due time were graduated. Politically Mr. Miles maintains an independent course and is a member of the Union church of Saratoga. From early pioneer times the family name has been associated with the agricultural development of this section of the state and from his youth to the present time Jesse Miles has borne his share in promoting the development of the land, thereby adding to the material progress and prosperity of Howard county.

#### T. F. LONG.

T. F. Long, who follows farming on section 28, Paris township, Howard county, is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of this county. He was born, however, in Fillmore county, Minnesota, on the 10th of March, 1859, his parents being John T. and Mary E. (Ryan) Long, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Massachusetts. At an early day the family removed to Howard county and the parents continued to make their home here until called to their final rest, the father dying upon the present farm of our subject in 1889 and the mother passing away at a place south of Lourdes several years ago. They experienced all of the hardships and privations incident to establishing a home in a new country and were numbered among the representative citizens of their community.