

in everything that has to do with the welfare and upbuilding of his city and the maintenance of its legal and moral standards. As the years have passed he has prospered in his business undertakings and aside from the lumberyard is now the owner of a farm of ojie hundred and sixty acres in South Dakota. He is forceful and resourceful, progressive and diligent, and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

CHARLES B. BOUSKA.

Charles E. Bouska is a representative farmer, residing on section 13, New Oregon township, in Howard county. He was born December 31, 1886, upon the farm which is still his home, and belongs to one of the representative old Bohemian families of this section of the state, mentioned at length in connection with the sketch of John Bouska on another page of this work. The family has always followed farming and Charles B. Bouska worked with his father upon the old homestead until September 8, 1914, when he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Kobliska, a daughter of Frank and Barbara Kobliska, of Chickasaw county. Her parents were also pioneer settlers of Iowa, being among those who settled in Winneshiek county when it was a frontier district. Her father engages in farming and is today one of the leading agriculturists of Chickasaw county, Iowa. Both he and his wife were educated in the public schools of Winneshiek county, while Mrs. Bouska pursued her education in the public, schools of Chickasaw county.

Charles B. Bouska of this review is indebted to the public school system of Howard county for the early educational opportunities which he enjoyed and he also spent two seasons in pursuing a normal course at Decorah, Iowa, and for a brief period pursued two short courses in the Agricultural College at Ames. His attention has always been given to the raising of live stock as well as the production of grain. In September, 1914, following his marriage, he took over the home farm from his father and has steadily cultivated it. He has a thoroughly modern place and the indications for his future are very bright. He is energetic and progressive and his dominant qualities promise further success.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bouska have been born two daughters and one son, Evelyn C., Agnes A. and Daniel C. The parents attend the Catholic church at Protivin and Mr. Bouska gives his political support to the democratic party. For the past eight years he has served as a trustee of his township and has made an excellent record in that office by his loyalty to the public welfare. Practically his entire life has been spent in Howard county but in 1907 and 1908 he was in the Imperial valley of California, residing upon a ranch there. This experience was of great help to him in learning how to take care of himself and become an enterprising business man. That he is such today is well known and his prosperity is well deserved.

JOSEPH J. FRANTZEN.

Joseph J. Frantzen, who carries on farming in Washington township, Chickasaw county, was born in Sioux county, Iowa, April 12, 1882, a son of Peter and Catherine (Steichen) Frantzen, who are natives of Luxemburg. The father came to the United States when twelve years of age and the mother crossed the Atlantic when but four years old with her parents, who settled in Dubuque county, Iowa, where the Frantzen family was also established. After reaching manhood Peter Frantzen removed to Sioux county, Iowa, and there took up a homestead claim. It was in that county that he met and married Catherine Steichen and he has since resided in Sioux county, yet occupying the old homestead, which comprises two hundred and forty acres of excellent farm land. Joseph J. Frantzen was educated in the public schools, was reared to the occupation of farming and after his marriage began the cultivation of a tract of rented land in