

northern Iowa. There is no feature of the business with which he is not thoroughly familiar and his labors have been of immense benefit to the firm which he represents, while at the same time his efficiency has enabled him to command an excellent salary.

In 1876 Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Noon, of Chickasaw county, by whom he had seven children, five of whom survive, as follows: George R., who is grain buyer at Jackson Junction for Gilchrist & Company; Oliver B., who is engaged in buying grain for Gilchrist & Company at Lawler, Iowa; Claude L., who is managing an elevator for Gilchrist & Company at Devon, Iowa; Maud, who is the widow of Patrick Conley and resides at Maquoketa, Iowa; and Ruth, the wife of Christian Osterwalder, of Rock Island, Illinois.

In his political views Mr. Taylor is an earnest democrat and is recognized as one of the local party leaders. He served for two or three terms as mayor and for several terms as a member of the city council and is acting in the latter capacity at the present time- His wife is a member of the Catholic church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are well known in Ionia and this section of the state and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. Progress has characterized the entire business career of Mr. Taylor and advancement has come to him in recognition of his ability and merit.

BERNARD FLOOD.

For the past third of a century Bernard Flood has resided on his farm of one hundred and six acres on section 15, Vernon Springs township, adjoining the city limits of Cresco on the north. It is a most valuable and highly improved property and its owner is widely recognized as one of the leading and representative agriculturists of Howard county. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 21st of May, 1848, his parents being Bernard and Rosanna (Clark) Flood, both of whom were natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated to the United States as young people. They were married on Staten Island, New York, and subsequently removed to Baltimore, Maryland, in which city they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. The father was a laborer.

Bernard Flood spent the period of his minority in his native city and attended the public schools of Baltimore in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-one years of age he left the parental roof and made his way westward to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, where he was employed in a hotel for eighteen months. On the expiration of that period he went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he worked in a hotel for one year and then removed to Northfield, Minnesota, there conducting a restaurant for a year. Later he spent three years in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a restaurant proprietor and subsequently secured employment in the roundhouse of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Minneapolis, remaining in the latter connection for two and a half years. The year 1879 witnessed his arrival in Howard county, Iowa, and here he worked as a farm hand for a period of six years. At the end of that time, in 1885, he purchased his present home farm of one hundred and six acres adjoining the city limits of Cresco on the north, now conceded to be one of the finest and best located farms in the county. The operation of the place has claimed his attention continuously since and he has erected all of the buildings thereon, making it a most excellently improved property. Mr. Flood is the second owner of the land, having purchased it from the widow of a Mr. Williams, who homesteaded the tract. The latter, however, went to the front during the period of the Civil war and never returned.

On the 18th of May, 1874, in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, Mr. Flood was united in marriage to Miss Nellie O'Malley, by whom he had two children: Bernardina, the wife of William Mullen, who follows farming in Vernon Springs township; and Matthew C., who cultivates the home place. The wife and mother passed away on the 1st of September, 1908, and her demise was not only felt as a great loss by the members of her immediate family but also by a large circle of friends.

In politics Mr. Flood maintains an independent course, supporting the candidate