

man. In 1874, therefore, desiring to enjoy the advantages of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and for one year worked as a farm hand in New York. He then came west to Iowa, locating in Howard county, within the borders of which he has resided continuously since. During the first summer he was employed at farm labor by M. B. Doolittle and he continued working as a farm hand until the spring of 1881, The previous year he had purchased a tract of seventy acres in Vernon Springs township but after operating the place for two years disposed of it and for some years thereafter devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land. In 1888 or 1889 he bought his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Vernon Springs township, which he had operated as a renter before becoming the owner. The further development and improvement of the property has since claimed his time and energies and he derives therefrom a gratifying annual income. He likewise owns one hundred and twenty acres of land in Howard Center township, which he purchased about 1908. In the work of the fields he utilizes the most advanced methods, so that his labors are attended with the best results, winning him a place among the representative and successful agriculturists of the district.

On the 6th of April, 1885, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Marie Christensen, a native of Denmark and a daughter of Christ and Elizabeth Christensen, both of whom passed away in that country. Mrs. Hansen came to the United States in 1883 and by her marriage has become the mother of five children, four of whom still survive, namely: Ellen K., the wife of Alfred Gesell, who operates her father's farm in Howard Center township; Henry M., who is now filling the office of county treasurer of Howard county; Lewis N., who is engaged in the automobile business at Granger, Minnesota; and Samuel P., at home.

In his political views Mr. Hansen is a republican and he has given able service to his fellow townsmen as a member of the board of township trustees, in which capacity he served for four years, and also as a member of the school board, with which he was connected for a number of years. His record is indeed commendable, for he came to the new world empty-handed and through his own efforts has won prosperity, now owning two hundred and eighty acres of Howard county's most valuable land.

#### F. G. HARNOSS.

F. G. Harnoss is a farmer residing on section 22, New Oregon township, Howard county, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, constituting one of the excellent farms of the district. He was born in Germany, August 10, 1873, a son of Frederick and Rosie (Mikush) Harnoss. He came to this country with his grandfather and an aunt in the summer of 1883, when a lad of but ten years, and thus for thirty-six years has resided on this side of the Atlantic. In the fall of the same year his parents came to the new world. They made their way direct to Iowa and settled in Fayette county.

F. G. Harnoss was educated in the public schools while spending his youthful days under the parental roof. His father continued to carry on farming and was thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred September 17, 1915. For four years he had survived his wife, who died August 24, 1911.

F. G. Harnoss was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has followed as a life work, and there is no phase of progressive agricultural life with which he is not familiar. For seven years he has resided upon the place which is now his home and he has here one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he has carefully and systematically cultivated and which annually returns to him a gratifying income upon his investment.

On the 14th of February, 1895, Mr. Harnoss was united in marriage to Miss Marie Hagge, a daughter of Christ and Minnie (Raymond) Hagge, both of whom were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Harnoss have become parents of four children, three of whom are living, but their first born, a son, Louis J., died February 16, 1917. The other children are: Alfred W., Dorothy L. and Raymond C.