

and his efforts and attention were concentrated upon the arduous task of turning the first furrows and developing the fields. This place, which became his home farm, remained in his possession until his death and then passed to his descendants. He had been active in its cultivation for many years, but about a decade prior to his death he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to New Hampton, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest on the 11th of April, 1908. For two years he had survived his wife, who died February 21, 1906. They were the parents of two children, the son being Harry H. Dane, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work, while the daughter, Lydia E., became the wife of Albert H. Markle, a prosperous farmer of Chickasaw county. Mr. and Mrs. Markle and family of three children, Eva C., Jane D., and Dane H., now reside at Fayetteville, Arkansas. With the organization of the republican party Francis Dane espoused its cause and remained ever afterward one of its consistent supporters. He exercised no little influence in political circles in Chickasaw county and his writings concerning the tariff and his arguments for protection of American industry, appearing in the local papers, carried conviction to the minds of the readers. He often addressed the public upon political topics and the soundness of his opinions and the clearness with which he presented his cause made him a most convincing speaker. For a number of years he served as a member of the board of county supervisors in Chickasaw county and advocated many reforms in the management of the county business. He believed in the application of sound business principles to public affairs and upon all vital public questions he looked with a broad-mindedness that indicated his thorough study of the questions and his deep interest in the general welfare. Graft found in him an uncompromising opponent; the public school system found in him a stalwart friend. He was also a consistent member of the Baptist church of Jacksonville township and was keenly interested in the moral advancement of the community. No one ever questioned the integrity of his position or his loyalty to a cause which he espoused. His sterling worth made him the valued friend of many men in public life in the state and was well known throughout Iowa. He used his time and talents wisely and well and his opportunities were made not only to serve his own ends but to further the interests and welfare of the community and the commonwealth in which he lived.

#### HERBERT L. PERRY.

Herbert L. Perry is a progressive farmer of Howard county, living on section 22, Howard center township, and is also a member of the United Shippers of Cresco. He was born in the state of New York, January 30, 1855, a son of Thomas R. and Eunice A. (Couch) Perry, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. They came to Iowa in 1856 and the father preempted land, upon which his son Herbert L. now resides. The father was a graduate in law, having completed a course in the Auburn (N. Y.) University. He was also numbered among the Argonauts who went to California in search of the golden fleece in 1849. He made the trip by ship around Cape Horn and the ship was becalmed in the Pacific ocean, being out of sight of land for eighty days. After reaching Iowa Mr. Perry here engaged in farming, and during the period of the Civil war he occupied a clerkship in Washington, D. C., for two years. He was a member of the legislature of Iowa at an early day and for many years remained an honored and respected resident of the state, passing away in 1913, when eighty-six or eighty-seven years of age.

Herbert L. Perry was educated in the district schools and after reaching man's estate engaged in farming and in other lines of business to the time of his marriage, which was in 1889. He then went to Fresno, California, where he spent five years on a raisin ranch that belonged to his uncle, Daniel P. Perry. He afterward returned to Howard county and purchased a farm in Howard Center township. Following his father's death he sold this property and bought the old home farm,