

does a little farming in order to keep busy, indolence and idleness being utterly foreign to his nature.

In 1876 Mr. Herold was united in marriage to Miss Regina Steinmetz, a native of Winneshiek county, Iowa, and a daughter of Joseph and Sophia Steinmetz, the former being born in France, while the latter's birth occurred in Wurtemberg, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Herold became the parents of fourteen children, thirteen of whom are still living. The record of the family is as follows: Philip J., who is employed in the mill at Spillville, Iowa; Frank J., operating his father's farm of one hundred and fifty acres; Albert D., employed in an elevator at Cresco; Carl E., who cultivates the old home farm of four hundred acres in New Oregon township; Henry L., an agriculturist residing in Vernon Springs township; Andrew P., a merchant of Cresco; John L., at home; William L., who makes his home at Calmar, Iowa; Sophia M., who is the widow of Joseph Meyer and resides in Cresco; Clara R. and Mary A., at home; Louisa, who is deceased; and Anna B. and Agnes P., who are also yet under the parental roof. The wife and mother passed away on the 9th of August, 1917, her demise being the occasion of deep regret to all who knew her.

Politically Mr. Herold is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He ably served as a member of the board of township trustees for nine years and was also a member of the school board for many years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus, while his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, in which he has reared his family. Practically his entire life has been spent in this part of the state and he is widely and favorably known as a citizen of worth and high standing. He has witnessed the growth and development which has characterized this region through the past two-thirds of a century, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

#### AUGUST LAUCK.

August Lauck enjoys the reputation of being one of the most progressive farmers of Howard county. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with the science of farming as well as with every practical phase of the work and he occupies a position of leadership in connection with the adoption of new ideas or plans that will further agricultural development. Moreover, he is a most public-spirited citizen and occupies a foremost place in his support of measures tending to the welfare and upbuilding of the community at large. He lives on section 27, Howard township, and is numbered among the native sons of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Bremer county, September 8, 1866. His parents, John and Mary (Lamprecht) Lauck, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, but immediately afterward came to the United States, crossing the Atlantic in 1864 or 1865. They spent a short time in Cook county, Illinois, and then removed to Bremer county, Iowa, where they resided for six or seven years. Later Mr. Lauck purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fayette county, upon which he spent his remaining days to the time of his retirement from active business, when he removed to Oelwein, where his death occurred on the 8th of August, 1914. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1882.

August Lauck, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the district schools, but his opportunities in that direction were limited, for his father was then a poor man and needed his assistance upon the home farm. As early as his tenth year he was hired out to neighboring farmers, his wages going to the support of the family. His chances for acquiring an education were thus very meagre, but in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons. He remained upon the home farm with his father until his twenty-sixth year, when his father gave him two thousand dollars and he started out in business life inde-