

Returning to Elma, Mr. Elwood became associated with his father and brother, Lee W., in the land business and in 1917 he also became a partner with his brother in the practice of law. The Elwood Land Company has heavy land holdings, handling their own property, and at the same time they are extensively engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs.

On the 30th of June, 1915, Mr. Elwood was married to Miss Goldie Dowd, of Ossian, Iowa, who is a graduate of the Upper Iowa University at Fayette and was principal of the public schools of Elma up to the time of her marriage. They now have one son, Frank D. Mr. Elwood is a member of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 528, F. & A. M., and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. At the present writing he is serving as a member of the Elma city council and does everything in his power in an official way to promote the welfare and upbuilding of the community. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took a very active part in Red Cross and Liberty Loan work. In a word their aid is ever given on the side of progress and improvement and their cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further plans and measures looking to the welfare of the district and the support of all measures for the public good.

#### JOHN F. MULICK.

John F. Mulick, leading a busy and useful life as a farmer of Howard county, his home being on section 33, Afton township, was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, August 3, 1855, a son of Patrick and Mary (McCormack) Mulick. The father was a native of Roscommon, Ireland, born January 1, 1834, and when fourteen years of age he came to America with a younger sister, their parents having died during his childhood days. He first established his home at Port Jervis, New York, and while there residing was married on the 24th of October, 1854, to Miss Mary McCormack. Attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, he started with his bride for Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1855 and after a residence of ten years in the Badger state purchased what was long known as the homestead property east of Riceville. He became owner of this farm in 1865 and at once contributed to the pioneer development of his section of the state. The careful management of his business and the thorough and systematic manner in which he cultivated his fields brought to him a very substantial measure of success. At the time of his death a local paper said: "His farm under his judicious, painstaking care made a life competency for him and his loved ones. How he loved his home! The work and the play! His horses were his personal friends and his flocks and herds received his special, constant care, making an ideal farm home, where love and honor abided. A great blow came to Mr. Mulick in the loss of his wife on the 6th of August, 1903. He remained upon the farm until 1905, when he and his daughter Anna removed to Riceville, where he remained until he passed away on the 8th of November, 1914. He had long been a devoted member of the Catholic church and it was said of him that he was ever a kind, thoughtful neighbor, a loving husband, and through all the trials of pioneer life a thoughtful Christian father and at all times a bountiful provider. He was a man of whom it can be truly said that he was generous to a fault, who though jocular by nature never passed a thorn into the side of his fellow.

"Who never did a slander forge,  
His neighbor's fame to wound,  
Nor hearken to a false report  
By malice whispered round."

Mr. and Mrs. Mulick were the parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom Dr. Joseph Mulick and Sister Mary Lenontine passed away in 1909. The others are: John F. and Dr. James Mulick, of Elma; Sister Mary Seratina, of Waterloo; Sister Mary Mark, of Fort Dodge; Anna, who remained with her father until his demise; and Patrick, of Rockford, North Dakota.