

Loan committee during the third, fourth and fifth campaigns in Bradford township and he gave generous and earnest support throughout the period of the war to all interests which he believed would benefit war activities and advance the interests of our soldiers in France. He is a charter member and loyal follower of the Odd Fellows lodge at Nashua and he and his family are consistent members of the Methodist church there. His business affairs have always been capably and profitably conducted and he has also found time for cooperation in all those forces which make for the uplift of the individual and the upbuilding of the community at large. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense, guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man.

#### ROBERT R. CAGLEY.

The broad prairies of northern Iowa have afforded excellent opportunity to the agriculturist and enterprising men have claimed the district and converted it into one great garden spot. Actively identified with farming interests in Chickasaw county is Robert R. Cagley, whose home is on section 16, Chickasaw township, and who was born in the township in which he still lives, his natal day being January 9, 1873. His father, Abraham Cagley, was born in Indiana in 1835 and in 1854, when a youth of nineteen years, came to Chickasaw county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cagley, who had a family of fifteen children. John Cagley was a man of some means for that day and on his arrival in Chickasaw county he purchased several hundred acres of government land, paying a dollar and a quarter per acre for the property. He made his home in Bradford township and remained a valued and honored resident of the county to the time of his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty years. His son, Abraham Cagley, settled on a farm in Chickasaw township following his marriage to Miss Ann Wright, who was born in England in 1842 and came to America in her girlhood days with her parents. Her father died soon after the family landed in this country and the mother and children continued the journey to the west. After a brief residence in Floyd county they settled in Chickasaw county and it was here that Miss Wright gave her hand in marriage to Abraham Cagley. They took up their abode upon his farm near the town of Chickasaw and thereon Mrs. Cagley passed away in 1876, while four years later Mr. Cagley, after years of ill health, was called to his final rest. Their family numbered seven children.

At the time of his father's demise Robert R. Cagley was a lad of but seven years. From then until his fifteenth year he lived with relatives and attended school. During the summer vacations he worked in the fields. On attaining the age of fifteen years he started out in life independently and followed farm work through the summer seasons, while during the winter months he paid his board and did a year's high school work in four months' study. At eighteen years of age he began teaching and for five years devoted his attention to educational work, proving most capable in this direction. He had the faculty of interesting the children and clearly impressing them with the points of knowledge which they were endeavoring to master. He was ambitious to become the owner of a farm and, carefully saving his earnings, was able in 1896 to begin farming on his own account. He took up his abode upon what is now his home place of one hundred and sixty acres. For two years he cultivated this land as a renter and then purchased eighty acres, while subsequently he was able to add the other eighty acres to his holdings, so that he now owns a quarter section, which he has converted into rich and productive fields, annually gathering therefrom substantial harvests. He bears the reputation of being one of the progressive farmers of Chickasaw township and everything about his place indicates his careful supervision and practical methods. He is a stockholder in the Ionia Farmers' Creamery Association and is the president of the association, having served in that capacity for the past five or six years, during which he has carefully directed the interests of the business, which has been attended with notable success. This association produced over a half million pounds of butter in the