

the Atlantic. He first settled in Blackhawk county, Iowa, where he began work as a farm hand and for eleven years he was thus employed for wages. In 1903 he began farming on his own account as a renter and cultivated leased land for six years. In 1909 he purchased his present home place, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of good land in Howard township, Howard county, and in the spring of 1910 he took up his abode upon this place. He is now carefully cultivating the farm and its excellent appearance gives proof of his industry. He is also a stockholder in the Maple Leaf Creamery Company.

Mr. Plambeck is a Lutheran in religious faith. His political belief is that of the democratic party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He has always been a broad reader and deep thinker and is said to possess the best library of any farmer in Howard county and is a subscriber to probably more periodicals than any other representative of the farming interests of this section of the state. His library contains the works of the world's greatest authors and with its contents he is largely familiar, deriving his greatest enjoyment from this association with men of master minds.

GEORGE ERWIN ELLISON.

George Erwin Ellison, owner and publisher of the Reporter and Weekly Nashua Post, making his home in Nashua, was born in Vinton, Iowa, February 15, 1870. His parents were George Leonard and Hepsie (Burnham) Ellison, who were natives of the state of New York and came to Iowa about 1865, the father devoting his time and attention to the occupation of farming.

George E. Ellison began his education in the rural schools and afterward attended the Tilford Academy at Vinton. He has always devoted his life to the printing business and his first position was in the office of the Weekly Wymorean at Wymore, Nebraska, where he engaged in setting type for six months. Returning to Iowa, he secured the position of devil in the office of the Eagle at Vinton and learned his trade under the direction of B. Murphy. He served an apprenticeship of three years, remaining with the Eagle until March, 1899, when he purchased the interest of Miss Minna F. Murray in the Reporter and became associated with J. M. Keller in publishing that paper. This relationship continued until the death of Mr. Keller in February, 1915. Soon afterward Mr. Ellison purchased the interest of Mrs. Keller in the paper and published the Reporter alone until December, 1918, when he purchased the Nashua Post and consolidated the two plants under the name of the Reporter and Weekly Nashua Post.

At Vinton, on the 13th day of June, 1894, Mr. Ellison was united in marriage to Miss Luella York, of Vinton, Iowa, and they have one son, George Merwin. In Masonic circles Mr. Ellison is well known, having attained high rank in the order. He was master of Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., from 1906 until 1908 and has been secretary since 1909, still filling that position. He is also a chapter Mason and belongs to De Molay Consistory No. 1, S. P. R. S., and to El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias and was chancellor commander of his lodge in 1913 and 1914. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church and in political belief he is a republican. He has been very active in community affairs and his labors have been a strong element in the upbuilding of the city in which he makes his home. He was elected a member of the city council in 1905 and through reelection was continued in that office for three years. In 1908 he was chosen city clerk and is still filling that position, of which he has been the capable and efficient incumbent for a period of eleven years. He was likewise a member of the school board for nine years and served as its president for three years, while since the organization of the board of trustees of the public library in 1912 he has been one of its members and for six years served as president of the board. There is no phase of public activity in Nashua in which he is not keenly interested, and his aid and support both as a private citizen and