

entered the employ of V. N. Zender, with whom he remained for six months. His next change in business made him the partner of Mr. Kaderabek in the ownership of a market at Alta Vista. They acquired the business in 1914 and have since conducted their interests under the present firm name of Polashek & Kaderabek. They have a well appointed meat market with a good refrigerator and facilities for handling the meat and by reason of their progressive methods and straightforward dealings they have been accorded a very liberal patronage. As the years have passed Mr. Polashek has prospered and besides his interests in the business at Alta Vista he is a stockholder in the Jacob E. Decker Packing Company of Mason City, Iowa.

On the 14th of February, 1911, Mr. Polashek was married to Miss Anna Novak, a daughter of T. M. and Fronia (Kus) Novak. The father was born on this side of the Atlantic but the mother is a native of Bohemia. Both are still living, their home being in Protivin. Mr. and Mrs. Polashek have become the parents of two children: Evelyn Margaret, six years of age; and Dorothy Irene, a little maiden of three summers.

Mr. and Mrs. Polashek are members of St. Bernard's Catholic church of Alta Vista, and his political faith is indicated in the allegiance which he gives to the democratic party. Throughout the greater part of his life he has been identified with the meat trade and his ability in this direction, combined with his indefatigable energy and thrift, have been salient features in the attainment of his present day success.

FRANK D. ELWOOD.

Frank D. Elwood is senior partner in the Elwood Land Company, in which connection an extensive business is conducted. Mr. Elwood was born August 4, 1860, in Jackson county, Iowa, a son of Knisey and Percey (Dawse) Elwood. The father was born at Sheridan, Mercer county, Ohio, June 23, 1826, and passed away at Wyoming, Iowa, in 1902, at the age of seventy-six years. He had there been extensively engaged in farming and stock buying and became one of the prominent live stock dealers of the state. The mother was born at Birdhill, Ohio, November 14, 1835.

Frank D. Elwood pursued his education in the public schools of Wyoming, Iowa, to the age of sixteen years, when he began buying and trading in live stock. In 1881 he left Iowa and traveled west through Colorado and Wyoming, working at various places and having the usual experiences of the cowboy on the western plains at that period. He was employed in connection with a number of the famous western outfits of those days, being for a time in the employ of Bass & Bacon and also with the Black outfit. In 1882 he returned on horseback, riding through the wild horse district, from Laramie, Wyoming, to West Union, Iowa, the trip requiring from the 9th of December, 1882, until the 26th of July, 1883. After a few months spent at West Union, Mr. Elwood removed to Elma, Iowa, where he began trading and selling stock, and in 1888 he turned his attention to operations in land and is today associated with his sons in the latter connection. They are numbered among the largest operators in northwestern Iowa and conduct business under the firm style of the Elwood Land Company. They handled eleven thousand acres of land in Howard county in 1919.

On the 30th of August, 1884, Mr. Elwood was married to Miss Katherine Harris, a daughter of Martin and Katherine (Dunn) Harris. Mrs. Elwood was born in Toronto, Canada, and in 1867 her parents came to the United States with their family, remaining in Green Bay, Wisconsin, for six months and then removing to Vernon Springs township, Howard county, Iowa. In 1876 they settled in Saratoga township, Howard county, upon the farm where they resided until called to their final rest, the father in 1902 and the mother in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood became the parents of four children: Reed, born October 1, 1885, and Lee, born December 28, 1888, both represented elsewhere in this work; Dale, who was born December 21, 1896, and is now a member of the Elwood Land Company of Elma; and Frank, who died in infancy.