

the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Much of his life has been passed in Iowa and the enterprising spirit which has been the dominant factor in the rapid upbuilding of the west has always been manifest in his business career.

HERMAN L. PIEHN.

Herman L. Piehn, proprietor of the H. L. Piehn Telephone Company of Alta Vista, was born in Chickasaw county, August 10, 1871, a son of August and Bertha (Schoenfeldt) Piehn, who are natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in his boyhood days with his parents, while the mother had attained young womanhood when she crossed the Atlantic. They were married in Chickasaw county and located on a farm in Washington township, whereon they resided until about 1909, when Mr. Piehn sold the farm to two of his sons and removed to San Jose, California, where he has since lived.

Herman L. Piehn mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools and through vacation periods and after his school days were over worked in the fields on the old homestead until 1894, when he left the farm and established his home in Alta Vista. He turned his attention to photography and in addition to conducting a gallery he afterward opened a jewelry and watch repairing establishment, building up a good business along those lines. In 1905 he organized the H. L. Piehn Telephone Company, starting in a small way. He has built up a telephone system with almost three hundred patrons and is making every effort to give to these an excellent service. In 1913 he withdrew from the photographic business but still continues in the jewelry trade. He is likewise a stockholder in the Alta Vista Farmers' Lumber & Coal Company and his position is that of one of the foremost business men of his town.

On the 30th of September, 1897, Mr. Piehn was united in marriage to Miss Emma Walters, a daughter of William Walters, of Howard county. They now have three children: Melinda, Orville and Waldon. The parents are members of the Evangelical church, while in political faith Mr. Piehn is a republican. He is a public-spirited citizen and his devotion to the general welfare is attested in many practical ways, but he has never been an aspirant for office. Business activities have claimed his time and attention and he has developed various interests which have featured in connection with the material progress of his section of the county.

EDWARD E. SIMPSON.

This is an age of intense activity and the man who would win must make wise use of time and opportunity. A modern philosopher has said: "Success does not depend upon a map but upon a time-table." That Edward E. Simpson has won a place among the representative farmers of Chickasaw county is due to his life of well directed energy and toil. He lives on section 4, Bradford township and was born in this township, March 21, 1880, a son of William and Urania (Parks) Simpson, who were natives of Canada and Illinois respectively. They were married, however, in Bradford township, Chickasaw county, Iowa, having come to this state with their respective parents, who were among the pioneer families who settled in Bradford and Richland townships, the home of the Simpson family being established in Bradford township, while the Parks family took up their abode in Richland township. The maternal grandfather was a soldier of the Civil war and died while in the service. William Simpson, the father, is still living, and for the past three years has made his home in Nashua, having retired from business cares. For more than forty years he had been actively engaged in farming in Bradford township and is one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of that section of the county. His wife passed away in 1898 at the age of forty-five years.