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P. E. STUART, M. D.

Dr. P. E. Stuart, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Chickasaw county, has continuously practiced his profession in Nashua for the past nineteen years. His birth occurred at Kellogg, Jasper county, Iowa, on the 26th of July, 1877, his parents being Jasper N. and Isabelle (Muir) Stuart, who were born, reared and married in Ripley county, Indiana. Immediately following the close of the Civil war they came to Iowa, taking up their abode on a farm in Jasper county, where the father successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business career. They now reside in Kellogg, where Mr. Stuart has lived retired for several years, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

P. E. Stuart acquired his early education in the district schools and later attended the Newton Normal School at Newton, Iowa. In 1896 he took up the study of medicine in the medical department of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. on the 28th of March, 1900, and throughout the intervening period of nineteen years he has remained in active and successful practice at Nashua. He is now well known as one of the able representatives of the profession in northern Iowa, his practice having steadily grown as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate problems which constantly confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. In 1910 he pursued post-graduate work in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and he keeps in close touch with the advanced thought of the profession through his membership in the Chickasaw County Medical Society, the Austin Flint Cedar Valley Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 20th of June, 1900, Dr. Stuart was united in marriage to Miss Grace G. Barber, of Kellogg, Iowa, by whom he has two children, Margaret Jean and Robert James.

In his political views Dr. Stuart is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which he resides and is widely recognized as one of its most progressive and public-spirited citizens. He is now president of the Big Four Fair Association and also president of the Nashua school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. In Masonry he has also become prominent, belonging to Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., of which he was past master before reaching the age of twenty-five years; Almond Chapter, No. 53, R. A. M.; Joppa Commandery, No. 55, K. T., of Charles City; De Molay Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., of Clinton, Iowa; and El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Both the Doctor and his wife are identified with the Order of the Eastern Star. The former is likewise a member of Nashua Lodge, No. 391, I. O. O. F.; Nashua Lodge, No. 110, K. P.; the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers. Dr. and Mrs. Stuart are devoted and consistent members of the Congregational church and have gained an extensive circle of warm friends during the period of their residence in Nashua.

JOSEPH A. HRUSKA.

Joseph A. Hruska, living on section 30, New Oregon township, Howard county, is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, of which he is the owner of eighty acres. He was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, December 7, 1894, and is therefore yet a young man. The qualities which he has already displayed argue well for further success in the future. His father became identified with farming in-