

pendent Order of Odd Fellows, and -in politics supports the democratic party. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He received an excellent education, being a graduate of the Decorah high school with the class of 1900 and from Purdue University in 1904 as mechanical engineer. He has ever remained a student of life and conditions, being also a discriminate reader. He takes loving care of his mother, who is now seventy-six years of age, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

#### RICHARD E. BUCKNELL.

Although Richard E. Bucknell is but twenty-one years of age he occupies the important position of assistant cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank. A native son of Decorah, Iowa, he was born October 5, 1891, his parents being Richard and Rose (Rima) Bucknell, natives of Iowa. The father conducts a prosperous barber shop in Decorah, having come to this city at an early day, since which time he has been identified with its business interests.

Richard E. Bucknell attended the public schools of Decorah in the acquirement of his education and he complemented his course by attending Valder Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. Launching out upon his business career he accepted a position of stenographer with the Citizens Savings Bank, which he held for a year and a half. He then was promoted to bookkeeper, serving in that capacity until January 1, 1913, when he became assistant cashier, his ability and conscientious work being greatly appreciated by his superior officers.

Mr. Bucknell makes his home with his parents on West Water street, where the family home has been located for many years. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Elks. Upon attaining his majority he affiliated with the republican party, being most attracted to that organization which is dominated by Lincoln's spirit. Capable, earnest and conscientious in the performance of his duties, it may safely be prophesied for Mr. Bucknell that a successful career will follow his auspicious beginning in the business world.

#### ELLIS J. HOOK.

There is much that is remarkable in the life record of Ellis J. Hook who since 1912 has been a representative of the legal profession in Decorah as a member of the firm of Boice & Hook. For many years he was successful as a school teacher and for over nine years served efficiently as superintendent of the Winneshiek county schools, doing valuable work in promoting the cause of education in this county. His work along that line can hardly be overestimated and it must be readily conceded that thereby he has done as much as any other one individual to promote advancement along intellectual and moral lines.

Born in Tazewell county, Illinois, on December 5, 1870, Mr. Hook is a son of George W. and Catherine (Manker) Hook, the former a native of Highland