

owner's many years of care and labor. Mr. Hove is a stockholder in the Farmers Creamery Company of Decorah and in the Farmers Cooperative Hog Buying Company, and is recognized in business circles as a man of keen insight and sound judgment.

In December, 1892, Mr. Hove was united in marriage to Miss Clara Hanson, a daughter of Charles and Jane (Sander) Hanson, natives of Norway, who came to America in early times, the mother in 1853 and the father about the year 1864. The latter was a harness maker by trade and worked at this occupation for some time after his arrival, later turning his attention to farming in Lincoln township, a line of work which has engaged his attention since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Hove have become the parents of six children: Stella, born November 7, 1893; Clarence, September 1, 1895; Florence, March 23, 1898; Esther, August 3, 1900; Lloyd, June 30, 1904; and Beatrice, February 26, 1907.

Mr. Hove is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He was for thirteen years trustee of the township and is now in the fourth year of his able service as assessor, discharging his duties in a capable, farsighted and progressive way. Along agricultural and political lines he has left the impress of his work and personality upon the history of this section of the state and commands and holds the high regard and confidence of all who have been associated with him.

CHARLES CLEMENT PILGRIM.

Charles Clement Pilgrim is engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Madison township, owning one hundred and fifty acres of land on section 14. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and his place presents an attractive appearance, constituting one of the pleasant features of the landscape. He was born in Clay county, this state, on December 25, 1871, and is a son of Charles W. and Nancy E. (Boyer) Pilgrim, a record of whom appears on another page of this work-.

Charles Clement Pilgrim was six years of age when his parents located in Winneshiek county, and here he was reared and educated, attending public schools at Ridgeway and later in the vicinity of Frankville. After laying aside his books he taught for one term in district schools, and at the end of that time joined his father in the operation of the homestead. Eventually Charles W. Pilgrim gave his son one hundred acres of land on section 14, Madison township, and to this Charles Clement Pilgrim has since added fifty acres which he purchased from his brother. He has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development, clearing a portion of his holdings and erecting the necessary barns and outbuildings. He spent four years in Burley county, North Dakota, where he engaged in farming, but his mother being taken ill he returned to Winneshiek county, where he has since made his home upon his farm. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs, and his stock-raising interests are extensive and form a lucrative branch of his enterprise.