

period the establishment was destroyed by fire. It was at that time that Mr. Reed purchased of Robert Simpson the livery stable and stock at No. no Washington street and, taking charge of the business, has since conducted the same with gratifying success. The stable is a two-story brick structure and contains some of the finest vehicles in Decorah, its proprietor being accorded an extensive and well merited patronage.

On the 30th of December, 1903, Mr. Reed was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Updegraff, a daughter of William and Lydia (Shear) Updegraff, the former a native of Mount Pleasant, Ohio, and the latter of Columbia county, New York. William Updegraff came to Winneshiek county in an early day and accumulated considerable property, owning six farms near Decorah. His demise occurred in 1900 but his widow still resides here. Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Edith, who is now seven years of age. The family home is on West Broadway.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Reed has supported the men and measures of the republican party. He is a valued member of the city fire department. Fraternally he is identified with the Yeomen, the Homesteaders, the Elks and the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine. On July 7, 1912, at Portland, Oregon, he was appointed district deputy grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has since been made an honorary life member. He has always made his home in Winneshiek county and is widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

GEORGE D. VINE.

George D. Vine is one of the youngest representatives of farming interests in Winneshiek county, owning a tract of eighty acres, located on section 36, Madison township. He was born on the farm, of which he is now the owner, June 24, 1871, a son of John and Anna (Johnson) Vine, the former a native of England, while the latter claimed Norway as the place of her nativity. John Vine emigrated to the new world in the '50s, first locating in New York, where he remained for several years. He finally continued his journey westward, purchasing a farm in Madison township, paying the usual government price for the same. His remaining years were devoted to the cultivation and improvement of this tract, and here his death occurred in February, 1898. The mother survived for many years, passing away in March, 1910.

George D. Vine was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, working in the fields during the spring and summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his education in the district schools near his father's home. He has always lived under the parental roof, with the exception of three summers, when he was employed by others at farm labor. Subsequent to his mother's death, he purchased the home farm and has since made some improvements. He is practical and progressive in his methods of labor and is classed with the enter