

wife for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Macal have become the parents of seven children : Edwin, who is engaged in farming in Washington township; John M., who follows farming in Madison township; Maurice, a farmer of Mower county, Minnesota; William, Otilie and Arthur, all at home; and Frank, who died June 19, 1897, at the age of thirteen years.

Fraternally Mr. Macal is affiliated with the Western Bohemian Brotherhood, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masons. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church and a staunch republican in his political beliefs, rendering the township capable and able service as trustee at the present time. He is an active and willing worker for the upbuilding and advancement of the county along many lines and stands high in the regard of all who know him.

#### CHARLES W. BURDICK.

The activities of the late Charles W. Burdick touched upon many phases of public and private development in Winneshiek county and Decorah and in their effect were of vital importance in bringing about the prosperous conditions which are enjoyed by the present generation. His death, which occurred on the 7th of March, 1913, was the occasion of deeply felt and general mourning in Decorah and a loss to the community which cannot be easily replaced. As state and municipal officer Mr. Burdick was instrumental in bringing about a number of reforms which greatly benefited his community. As pioneer builder and banker he, in no mean way, contributed to the commercial expansion of his city, and as soldier, following the flag on the battlefields of the south, he rendered meritorious service to his nation.

Born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1838, he was a son of Nelson and Elmira (Mason) Burdick. The Burdick family is generally supposed to be of Scotch origin but there are some who assert that Robert Burdick, the original emigrant to America, was a Welshman, and this was inferred from the fact that he came over with John Cromwell, who came from the little rock-ribbed principality of England's west coast. Nelson Burdick, the father of our subject, was born in Cayuga county, New York, and in the spring of 1833 moved to Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where he made his home until 1852, in which year he made a trip to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and there located a tract of land. In the following spring he brought his family westward and, settling on his farm, tilled the soil until 1862, when he moved into Decorah, where he passed the remainder of his days, surrounded by his children and esteemed and respected by the many friends which his admirable qualities of mind and character had won him. He passed away after a twelve days illness, on July 1, 1885. On January 1, 1831, he was married, in New York, to Miss Elmira Mason, the mother being born in Preble, Cortland county, New York, December 29, 1807. She was a true and faithful helpmate to her husband in establishing his fortunes, a true wife and a good mother, widely beloved by all who came in contact with her. Her death, which took place in 1903 at an age of nearly ninety-six years, was an occasion of deep and widespread regret.