

can party. He held various important political positions, among them that of internal revenue officer for the district comprising Winneshiek, Allamakee, Fayette and Howard counties, a federal appointment, for six years. He also served efficiently as a member of the Soldiers' Home Commission by appointment of Governor Larrabee and subsequently was reappointed, serving for eight years. Decorah profited through his service as councilman and he also had the honor of filling the position of mayor, giving the city a progressive and businesslike administration. His religious inclinations were toward the Christian Science church and his only semi-fraternal connection with the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of Colonel Hughes Post.

The Burdick family residence, which he erected in 1883, is one of the finest mansions of Decorah and there he and Mrs. Burdick extended a warm-hearted and sincere hospitality to their many friends. Until his death Mr. Burdick was vigorous and active, finding interest in all matters that affected his community and participating in all movements undertaken for moral or material advancement. A prime factor in making this section what it is today—one of the richest agricultural regions in the country—he always led a busy and useful life to which indolence and idleness ever were foreign. Not only did he encompass his own success but was one of those who by their labors could lay claim to the title of country builder, having been a serviceable factor in the growth and upbuilding of Decorah and Winneshiek county, which had no more loyal advocate than Charles W. Burdick during his lifetime. His memory will long be cherished and his name remains a synonym for loyalty and uprightness.

ANDREW LANE.

Andrew Lane owns a valuable and productive farm of eighty acres in Decorah township and has won well merited success in its operation. His birth occurred in Norway on the 19th of February, 1854, his parents being Robert and Annie (Rygg) Lane, likewise natives of that country. The father, who followed farming in Norway throughout his active business career, there passed away in 1880. The mother was called to her final rest in 1898.

Andrew Lane was reared and educated in Norway and remained in his native land until twenty years of age. In 1874 he set sail for the new world, having determined to take advantage of the opportunities which he had heard were here to be enjoyed. Making his way direct to Winneshiek county, Iowa, he was employed as a farm hand until 1879 and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing a tract of eighty acres just over the line in Allamakee county. He devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement for two years and then leased the property, renting a farm two miles from Decorah, which he operated for some time. Subsequently he purchased the farm of eighty acres in Decorah township which he now owns and the operation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since. He erected a handsome residence and has made many other substantial improvements on the property, which is lacking in none of the accessories and equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century. Prosperity has steadily attended his labors as an agricul