

two hundred acres of fine land, upon which he still resides. He has, however, retired from active life, having earned a period of leisure by well directed work in the past.

Gilbert C. Horgen was three years of age when his parents came to America. He acquired his education in the public schools of Madison township and divided his time in his childhood between his studies and work upon the homestead. In 1898 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, Madison township, and after clearing one hundred acres of this tract purchased more land. He now owns two hundred and eighty acres on sections 1 and 12, his place being among the most desirable in Winneshiek county. Aside from general agriculture Mr. Horgen engages also in stock-raising, making this a profitable department of his business. He gives a great deal of time and attention to his farming interests and enjoys the reputation of being one of the progressive agriculturists in this vicinity.

October 6, 1909, Mr. Horgen was united in marriage to Miss Anna Haugen, a daughter of Halver and Louisa Haugen, natives of Norway, who came to America at an early date and settled in Madison township, where the father is still engaged in farming.

Mr. Horgen is a stockholder and a director in the Farmers Creamery Company of Decorah, and also in the Farmers Hog Buying Company of that city, and his business ability is widely recognized and respected. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was for two terms township trustee, rendering his fellow citizens faithful and capable service. He is a man of sterling traits of character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship, and at all times trustworthy and capable.

GEORGE A. BIEBER.

George A. Bieber, controlling an important and well established hardware store in Fort Atkinson, is a native of Iowa, born in Allamakee county on the 11th of December, 1866. He is a son of Philip and Caroline (Ebersohl) Bieber, natives of Germany, who came to America about the year 1855 and located in Allamakee county, where the father purchased land, carrying on general farming until his death, which occurred April 1, 1881. He was one of the pioneers in this part of Iowa and traveled overland with ox teams, arriving in Allamakee county in 1857. His first home was a crude log shanty and a picture of this dwelling is still in possession of the subject of this review. Philip Bieber's wife survives him and makes her home in Fort Atkinson. They were the parents of three children: Philip and Caroline, deceased; and George A., of this review.

George A. Bieber spent his childhood upon his father's farm in Allamakee county and at the early age of sixteen began his independent career, becoming identified with the hardware and tinning business in Waukon, where he remained for two years. He afterward spent a short time in Postville and on May 19, 1885, arrived in Fort Atkinson, where he has since remained, a valued and respected resident. For about five years and a half he clerked in a tinning establishment and at the end of that time purchased the business, of which