

he has been the proprietor since the 10th of February, 1890. He conducts today the oldest hardware concern in the fourth congressional district with one exception and is in control of an important trade along this line, his patronage having steadily grown as his honorable and straightforward business dealings have become more widely known. He is in addition interested in the G. A. Bieber Hardware Company at Lawler, is a director in the Iowa Mutual Insurance Company, and is widely known in mercantile circles of this section of the state.

On the 2d of June, 1892, Mr. Bieber was united in marriage to Miss Lida M. Summers and both are well known and favorably regarded in Fort Atkinson. Politically Mr. Bieber gives his allegiance to the republican party and he is connected fraternally with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He deserves great credit for his successful career, for industry, ability and a progressive spirit have constituted the basis of his prosperity and his genuine personal worth has enabled him to maintain his high standing in the community as a substantial and desirable citizen.

EDWARD J. PARMAN.

Edward J. Parman, one of the leading druggists of Decorah, has here been successfully engaged in business along that line for the past two decades. His birth occurred in Butler county, Iowa, on the 9th of September, 1867, his parents being Joseph and Hannah (Natzke) Parman, both natives of Germany, the former born in 1840 and the latter in 1845. Joseph Parman, an agriculturist by occupation, emigrated to the United States when a youth of sixteen, locating in Woodstock, Illinois, where he remained for four years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Butler county, Iowa, there purchasing a large tract of land. He was there married and remained on that farm until 1890, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he lived retired until his death in December, 1912. His widow still resides at her home in Cedar Falls. She was a maiden of ten years at the time she accompanied her parents on their emigration to the new world, the family home being established in Butler county, Iowa.

Edward J. Parman obtained his early education in the public schools of Finch-ford, Iowa, and the college at Mount Morris, Illinois. Subsequently he took up the study of pharmacy in Northwestern University of Chicago and was graduated from that institution in 1893. In the same year he came to Decorah, Iowa, and in association with I. W. Brunt bought out the drug business of Charles Rudolph, whose store stood on the present site of the plant of the Decorah Furniture Company. Eater he removed to his present store and in 1910 purchased Mr. Brunt's interest, having since remained the sole proprietor of the establishment. He carries an excellent line of drugs and druggists' sundries and enjoys an extensive and well merited patronage. He is likewise a shareholder in the Decorah Gas Company, the American Drug & Press Association of Decorah and the Thompson Boat & Pattern Works of Decorah and his carefully managed interests have brought him prosperity.