

residence property in Spillville. He is likewise a stockholder in the Calmar Creamery Company and is a director and stockholder in the Calmar Savings Bank.

Mr. Korbelt was married in September, 1898, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Taylor, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Bruka) Taylor, the former a native of Iowa and the latter of Bohemia. Mr. Taylor is engaged in farming in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Korbelt have become the parents of a daughter and two sons, Mary, Joseph A. and William J., aged respectively fourteen, twelve and nine years.

Mr. Korbelt gives his political support to the democratic party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church. He is likewise affiliated with the Western Catholic Union. He is an upright and honest man, as is indicated by the fact that his fellow townsmen have so long continued him in the office of township assessor. He is devoted to his home and his family and through the able assistance of his wife he has met with well merited success.

OLAUS RUEN.

Olaus Ruen is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres situated on section 25, Glenwood township. Here he engages in the cultivation of the crops best adapted to soil and climate and also raises stock. His entire life has been passed in Glenwood township, save for a year spent in Minnesota. He was born in this township March 2, 1868, his parents being Ole and Carrie (Egge) Ruen, natives of Norway.

The father was born October 14, 1825, and was in his twenty-fifth year when in 1850 he came with his parents to the United States, settling first in Racine, Wisconsin. The spring of 1851 witnessed his arrival in Glenwood township, Winneshiek county, and in 1855 he took up his abode upon the farm now owned by his son Olaus. His mother died while they were crossing the ocean and his father passed away in 1879. Ole Ruen continued a resident of this county to the time of his demise, which occurred in October, 1893. While in his native land he had learned the shoemaker's trade and he followed it for many years after coming to the new world, but at the same time was engaged in farming, to which he made shoemaking a side issue. At one time he was the owner of one hundred and eighty-acres of land, which he cultivated, and was numbered among the enterprising agriculturists of the community. In politics he was a democrat and filled the offices of township trustee and justice of the peace. He was also treasurer of the school board for a period of years and took deep interest in the educational welfare of the community. The Lutheran church found in him an active and influential member and his influence was ever on the side of right, progress, justice and truth. He became connected with the Mutual Insurance Company, a local organization, of which he was one of the directors. His wife was born in Norway, May 25, 1830, and in company with her sister Martha came direct to Iowa in 1854. It was in October of that year that she gave her hand in marriage to Ole Ruen, since which time she has resided in Glenwood township, now making her home with her son Olaus. Her children were eleven in number: Peter, a resident of Kenyon, Minnesota; Amelia, living in Decorah; Henry, who will make his home in