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and remained residents of that town the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson have become the parents of four children: Ernest P., a clerk in the First National Bank of McGregor; and Hazel K., Cyrus Rodney and Hugh Philo, who live at home.

Mr. Nicholson is a member of the Methodist church and fraternally is connected with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and, being interested in the cause of education, has done a great deal to promote it through his able work as secretary of the school board. In his business dealings he has ever been straightforward and reliable, enjoying the confidence of those with whom he has been associated, and as a worthy and representative citizen of Winneshiek county he fully deserves the substantial prosperity which is his today.

#### THEODORE SCHULZ.

A well improved, productive and valuable farm stood as a monument to the industry and energy of Theodore Schulz when on the 18th of April, 1906, he was called to his final rest after many years devoted to agricultural pursuits in Winneshiek county. He was born in Dortmund, Germany, on the 14th of February, 1844, and throughout his entire active life engaged in farming, winning the success in his chosen occupation which always follows earnest, persistent and well directed labor. After he came to Iowa he settled in Winneshiek and purchased land, gradually accumulating a fine property to which he gave practically all of his attention for many years, developing it along modern, practical and progressive lines, his success coming to him as a logical result of industry, energy and perseverance. He early realized the fact that labor is the basis of all prosperity and his close application and sound judgment enabled him to acquire a competency which, at the time of his demise, left his family in the comfortable circumstances which they now enjoy.

Mr. Schulz was twice married. He wedded first Miss Caroline Cremer and to this union were born five children: Caroline, the wife of John Merrick of Duluth, Minnesota; Henry, deceased; Elizabeth, of Los Angeles, California; Dora, of Duluth, Minnesota, and Theodore, a resident of San Francisco, California. On the 30th of September, 1890, Mr. Schulz was again married, his second wife being Miss Theresa Steffens, a daughter of Herman and Maria (Roling) Steffens, natives of Germany. As a young man the father came to America and after spending some time in Cincinnati, Ohio, moved in 1866 into Iowa, where he engaged in farming until his death in 1902. He had survived his wife since May 14, 1896. To their union were born three children: Henry of Nebraska; Theresa, widow of the subject of this review; and Frances, who has passed away. Mrs. Herman Steffens also had three children by her first husband, Mr. Kaupel, who was engaged in the mercantile business in Cincinnati. They are: Bernard, of Nebraska; Margaret, the wife of Joseph Luetkenhaus of Cook county, Texas; and Herman K., who has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz became the parents of two sons: Herman A., who was born September 30, 1891, and Edward F., born on the 30th of October, 1894.