

parents of four children: Alfred, who was born September 17, 1906; Francis, whose birth occurred on the 5th of December, 1907; Gregor, born July 18, 1910; and Victor, born January 4, 1913.

Mr. Cremer is a member of the Roman Catholic church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party. In the section where he was born and where his entire life has been spent he is widely and favorably known, his genuine personal worth and high standards of integrity having gained for him the confidence and regard of all who are in any way associated with him.

#### EDWARD SCHEIDEMANTEL.

One of Winneshiek county's most progressive and successful native sons and one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers living in the vicinity of Ossian, is Edward Scheidemantel, who owns and operates one hundred and eighty acres of land in Military township, whereon he engages extensively in farming and stock-raising. He was born on the 9th of August, 1868 and is a son of Henry and Kunigunda (Meyer) Scheidemantel, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1848 and settled in Wisconsin. After two years spent in that state they removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and here the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1888. His wife survived him a number of years, dying on the 1st of November, 1911. To them were born eleven children: Eva, the wife of Joseph Brown, of Humphrey, Nebraska; William, of Clear Lake, Minnesota; Theodore, who is engaged in farming near Ossian; Mary, the wife of Theodore Lamm, of Canute, Oklahoma; Clement, also of Canute; Andrew, who resides in Calmar, Iowa; Carrie, who is a nun in a convent in La Crosse, Wisconsin; Henry, of Ossian; Edward, of this review; Joseph, of Winona, Minnesota; and Emilie, the wife of Julius Gernes, of Winona.

Edward Scheidemantel was reared upon his father's farm and from his early childhood assisted with its operation, becoming in this way thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods. When he began his independent career he formed a partnership with his brother and they established themselves in the creamery business on the home farm which they operated at the same time, making both branches of their occupation profitable and important. For about ten years they continued thus but at the end of that time they sold the creamery business and divided the farm, Mr. Scheidemantel of this review receiving as his portion the one hundred and eighty acres upon which he now resides. He engages in general farming but makes a specialty of stock-raising and, being at all times practical in his methods and straightforward in his business dealings, has met with gratifying and well deserved success. He has made substantial improvements upon the property, erecting at a cost of over seven thousand dollars a fine two-story, modern residence with nine rooms and a bath, and well furnished and convenient in every particular. In addition to this there are fine barns, outbuildings and modern machinery, and the farm is in all respects an excellent and well equipped property.