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highly esteemed in his neighborhood, where he now lives upon his property at the age of seventy-two years, the mother having passed away in 1879.

Herman J. Busch was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the public schools of Calmar, remaining upon the father's farm until twenty-seven years of age, assisting in the operation and management of the property. At that time he engaged in the saloon business in Calmar, operating an establishment of that kind for seven years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests and became a partner of H. J. Giesen in the grocery business in April, 1912. As Mr. Giesen now gives his attention largely to the real-estate business, Mr. Busch has taken charge of the management of the store and by close attention to business and his winning personality is continually drawing new trade to the establishment.

On June 22, 1905, Mr. Busch was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Nockels, a daughter of Frank and Caroline (Budke) Nockels, residents of Calmar. Mr. and Mrs. Busch have two children: Evelyn A., aged seven; and Cletus H., about three years of age.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Busch takes an active interest in all movements undertaken to better local conditions, although he is not an office seeker. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church. Fraternaly he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, being affiliated with the lodge at Waukon, Iowa. Mr. Busch owns a handsome residence in Calmar, where both he and his wife hospitably entertain their many friends. Both are prominent in the younger social set of the town, where they are well liked and highly esteemed for their many good qualities of mind and character.

LAURIZE KENT LARSON.

Laurize Kent Larson is carrying on general farming and stock-raising on a fine property of two hundred and forty acres in Military township, constituting the homestead upon which he was born and on which his entire life has been spent. He is numbered among the most progressive and able agriculturists of this part of Winneshiek county and, although still a young man, has gained a high place among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in the community. He was born September 5, 1880, and is a son of Knut H. and Matilda Larson, the former born in Norway in January, 1822. He came to America in 1849 and after spending one year in Wisconsin came to Winneshiek county, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred September 17, 1888. He and his wife became the parents of seven children: Laura, who lives at home; John F., who is engaged in farming; Laurize Kent, of this review; Anton L., who lives at home; Gustave, who is connected with the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; Martin, and Henry.

Laurize Kent Larson was reared at home and from his childhood assisted his father with the work of the farm. He has spent his entire life upon the homestead and in 1911 assumed control of the property, owning today two hundred and forty acres of well improved and valuable land. Upon this he