

engages in general farming and stock-raising and by his practical methods, his straightforward business dealings, his industry and well directed labor has made both branches important and profitable.

Mr. Larson married, on the 12th of September, 1911, Miss Levida Kiel, a daughter of Ole Kiel and one of a family of seven children, as follows: Herman, who resides in North Dakota; Elbert, of Minnesota; Julius, who lives at home; Leonard, Agnes and Olga, also at home; and Levida, the wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have one son, Laurize Arnold, born in 1912.

Mr. Larson is a member of the Lutheran church and politically gives his allegiance to the republican party. In the community where he was born and where his entire life has been spent he is widely and favorably known, having in the course of his upright and honorable career gained recognition as a substantial and progressive farmer and a public-spirited and loyal citizen.

JOSEPH J. HEROLD.

Joseph J. Herold farms one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Sumner township, where he makes his home in a commodious house which he has erected. As the years have passed he has come to be regarded as one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood and his success is the more creditable as it has come to him through his own efforts. He was born in Sumner township, Winneshiek county, June 28, 1857, and is a son of Bernard and Mary (Lubold) Herold, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1846 in order to profit by the larger opportunities of this country. The parents located in New York, where they made their home for eight years. Imbued with the western spirit, they journeyed across the country, making for the middle west and finding a desirable location in Sumner township, this county. The father was a carpenter by trade but in Winneshiek county gave his entire time to farming. He has now passed away and the mother is also dead, her demise having occurred in 1891. To their union were born thirteen children: Regina and Henry, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Louis Peckle, of Austin, Minnesota; Andrew, of Jackson township; John, of North Dakota; Katherina, who married J. Garsner, of Polk county, Minnesota; George, of Cottonwood county, that state; Joseph J., our subject; Minnie, the wife of J. Miller, of Pocahontas county, Iowa; Clements, of Spillville, this state; Fred, of Hazleton; and two who died in infancy.

Joseph J. Herold was reared under the care of his parents and received his education in the country schools of Winneshiek county. The father early taught him thorough agricultural methods and after laying aside his text-books he remained at home and worked upon the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age, when he took a string of horses to North Dakota. Returning, he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, in Sumner township, where he erected a fine home, substantial barns and sheds and also provided such other equipment as is considered indispensable to modern farming. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, giving careful attention to both lines of