

twenty-six years of age; Sophia, the wife of Louis Movotny, a farmer of Calmar township; Christena, the wife of Albert Kuboushek, also a farmer of that township; and Willie, Ludwig, Jennie, Libbie, Mamie and George, all of whom are still with their parents. Those deceased are: Sophia, who died July 17, 1884; Agnes, who departed this life in February, 1891; Emma, whose death occurred January 4, 1894; and Barbara, who passed away December 15, 1900.

In his political views and affiliations Mr. Luzum is a democrat and he has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill public office. For the past two and a half years he has served as township trustee, while for ten years he has been a member of the school board. In religious faith he is a Catholic, while his fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an alert and enterprising citizen, alive to existing conditions, and is ever found in the lead in any movement which tends to better the interests of his community.

#### ANDREW SCHEIDEMANTEL.

Andrew Scheidemantel needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for his name has been known and honored in Winneshiek county since pioneer times and has come to be regarded as a synonym for personal integrity, business probity and for reliability in all relations of life. Andrew Scheidemantel is today one of the most substantial and progressive farmers in this section of the state, owning four hundred acres of land in Military and Springfield townships and in its cultivation he has met with a gratifying measure of success, his prosperity coming as a result of his practical methods and unremitting industry.

He was born on the old Scheidemantel homestead on the 29th of October, 1862, and is a son of Henry and Kunigunda Scheidemantel, of whom more extended mention is made on another page in this work. His childhood and youth were passed on his father's farm and before he had attained his majority he was a practical and able agriculturist, having from an early period assisted with the operation of the home property. When he began his independent career he formed a partnership with his brother and they rented the homestead, carrying on general farming and conducting also a profitable creamery. After eighteen years they disposed of the latter business and at the death of the father divided the farm, Mr. Scheidemantel of this review receiving as his share one hundred and sixty acres which he still owns. He has since added to it and now has four hundred acres in all. Upon this fine property he carries on general farming and stock-raising and by constantly following the most practical methods and steadily adhering to the highest standards of business integrity he has met with well deserved success, both branches of his activities being important and remunerative.

Mr. Scheidemantel married Miss Mary Lavachek, a native of Bohemia, and they have become the parents of fourteen children: Earl, born March 29, 1893; Henrietta, born July 12, 1894; Delia, whose birth occurred on the 12th of July, 1896; Alvie, born August 6, 1899; Rudolph, born June 11, 1903; Bertha, born November 3, 1905; Jerome, born March 2, 1907; Paul and Paulina, twins.