

position from the government as city mail carrier. Since 1893 or for two decades he has been in the service of the United States—an indication of the faithful performance of his duties. In the course of his work he has been brought into contact with numerous residents of the city and there is none who would not say a kindly word of Frank E. Bloomfield, who makes friends wherever he goes, his genial, open-hearted kindness winning readily the hearts of all with whom he comes in contact. He is popular with the employees in the postoffice and valued by his superiors, who recognize his high qualities of mind and character, his faithfulness to his charge and his honorable manliness.

An interesting record as regards the early history of Winneshiek county and which is worth recording here was made by William Painter, an uncle of the wife of our subject, he being the first settler in Decorah, coming here in the fall of 1848. His second son, George Patton Painter, was the first white child born in Decorah. Upon William Painter's arrival here, there were no white men, only Indians. He was a millwright by trade and built the first mill in Decorah, part of which is still standing and in operation. Mrs. Bloomfield was only one year of age when her parents moved here and she has lived in Decorah ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield make their home in a house which the former built in 1875, the residence being located at No. 406 Decorah avenue. Fraternally Mr. Bloomfield is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as is also his son Frank, and all three—father, mother and son—are members of the Rebekahs. Mr. Bloomfield served in the Decorah fire department for twenty-two years, giving thereby a tangible demonstration of his public spirit. Politically he is a republican and in religious faith the family affiliate with the Congregational church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest.

PETER TIMP.

Peter Timp, successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising upon two hundred and seventy acres of land near Ossian, is a native of Winneshiek county, born November 11, 1861. He is a son of John Theodore and Mary Christina (Gesing) Timp, natives of Germany, the former born on the 19th of January, 1831, and the latter on the 19th of July, 1834. Their marriage occurred in Burlington, Racine county, Wisconsin, in 1852. The father came to America as a young man and settled in Festina, Iowa, where he engaged in farming, an occupation which claimed his attention until his death which occurred April 13, 1900. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1885. To their union were born eleven children: Henry, who resides in Ossian; Bernard, deceased; Theodore Joseph of Calmar, Iowa; William of the same city; Peter, of this review; Theodore; Anna, who has passed away; Caroline, the wife of William Hagerman of Marion, Kansas; Adelgunda, the wife of Herman Geiling of Cairo, Iowa; Mary, who married Barney Geiling of Marion, Kansas; and William B., who has passed away.

Peter Timp was reared on his father's homestead near Calmar and acquired his education in the district schools of that vicinity. From his childhood he assisted with the work of the farm and in this way gained by practical experience