

Mr. Manuel has supported the candidates of the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He is a man of worth in the community in which he lives, fully meriting the esteem which is everywhere accorded him.

#### WILBER F. LAMBERT.

Farming and stock-raising interests of Bloomfield township find a progressive and able representative in Wilber F. Lambert, whose property of eighty acres on section 34 is one of the best managed and best improved farms in this vicinity. Mr. Lambert is one of the township's native sons, his birth having occurred on the 25th of December, 1859, his parents being Abram and Rhoda A. (Cook) Lambert, early settlers in Winneshiek county, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Wilber F. Lambert acquired his early education in the district schools of Bloomfield township and afterward attended college at Western, Iowa, for two years, after which he returned home and rented his grandmother's farm of eighty acres, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. At the end of ten years, during which his well directed efforts were crowned by a gratifying degree of success, he bought his present farm of eighty acres on section 34 and with characteristic energy he has since carried forward the work of its improvement and development, meeting with that success which follows earnest and persistent labor.

On the 22d of March, 1881, Mr. Lambert was united in marriage to Miss Jennie M. Potter, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Martin) Potter, old settlers in Johnson county, Iowa. Mr. Lambert is a republican in his political beliefs and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs. He served for eight years as school treasurer and is now township trustee, discharging his duties in a far-sighted, capable and progressive way. His many sterling qualities of character have gained for him the warm regard and friendship of many in his native community and he commands and holds the respect and confidence of all who have business or social relations with him.

#### L. K. LOWER.

Among the residents of Decorah, Winneshiek county, Iowa, who are now living retired, their present comfortable financial position being the direct result of former activity and enterprise along agricultural lines, is numbered L. K. Lower. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, January 26, 1852, a son of Christian and Barbara (Hoover) Lower, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. The parents were married in the Keystone state, after which they removed to Indiana and there resided on a farm for a few years. Malaria, however, was so bad in that district that they were compelled to leave and they drove across the country to