

the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted. Mr. Harmon owns farm land in this county as well as city property in Decorah and successfully deals in real estate in connection with the practice of law. He is unmarried and makes his home with relatives in his own residence on Vernon street.

Politically Mr. Harmon is a republican. In 1900 he was appointed city solicitor and during twelve years ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection. For the past sixteen years he has served as a commissioner of insanity. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, being a charter member of Lodge No. 443. In religious faith he is a Catholic. His entire life has been spent in Winneshiek county and he enjoys an enviable reputation in professional and public life, while in social circles he is popular and esteemed.

BARNARD GEHLING.

No farmer in Winneshiek county has achieved greater success in agricultural pursuits than has Barnard Gehling, whose attractive homestead lies in Washington township and comprises one hundred and seventy acres. This is a portion of the farm upon which he was born on the 28th of May, 1868, and his entire life has been spent upon the property. He is a son of Henry and Clara (Leitkenhaus) Gehling, natives of Germany, the former of whom came to America when he was eighteen years of age, locating first in Wisconsin. From that state he came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, after a few years and engaged in farming in Washington township, accumulating extensive holdings and owning at the time of his death about three hundred and ten acres. More extended mention of his life activity is made in connection with the sketch of Frank Gehling.

Barnard Gehling was reared under the parental roof and in his childhood assisted with the work of the homestead, learning all the details of farm operation. When the estate was divided he received as his share one hundred and seventy acres of choice land and upon this he has since resided, its excellent condition reflecting his many years of careful supervision and well directed labor. He gives a great deal of time to the cultivation of his fields but his live-stock interests also claim a part of his attention. In all his work he is energetic and determined, brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent and honorable labor, and his success places him today among Winneshiek county's progressive and able native sons.

On the 9th of October, 1900, Mr. Gehling was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bulleman, and they became the parents of five children: a daughter,