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WILLIAM H. FISHER.

Among the wide-awake and progressive farmers of Poweshiek county should be named William H. Fisher, whose beautiful place of three hundred and twenty acres in Jefferson township presents abundant evidence of his interest in his calling and his ability as an agriculturist and stock-raiser.

He was born in the township where he now lives December 19, 1878, a son of Luther and Margaret (Kelly) Fisher. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Massachusetts, and both came to Iowa in their childhood. They were married in Mahaska county, this state, and in 1874 located in Poweshiek

county, where Mr. Fisher purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he later increased to four hundred acres, becoming the owner of one of the best developed properties in his part of the county. He distributed a large portion of his land among his children and is now living retired at Belle Plaine. He has adhered to the democratic party ever since he cast his first ballot and has served as township trustee, township treasurer and also as school director. He has for years been known as a man of excellent judgment in financial matters and is a member of the board of directors of the Hartwick Bank.

William H. Fisher, of this review, had the advantage of education in the common schools, and later attended the high school at Belle Plaine and at Dixon, Illinois, finally taking a course in the Iowa City Commercial College. He received his first lessons in agriculture upon his father's farm and at twenty-one years of age began farming upon land owned by his father. Three years later, in March, 1902, he moved to his present location on section 24, Jefferson township, where he has one of the most attractive residences of the township and also has provided his place with large and well built barns. He raises cattle and hogs and is usually successful in securing the best prices that are quoted for the class of stock which he delivers.

On February 5, 1902, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Nellie Hakeman, a daughter of George Hakeman, of Sanborn, Iowa. The father is a veteran of the Civil war and is now living retired, but still owns the old homestead in O'Brien county, Iowa. Two children, Zada M. and Edev C., have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher votes in support of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles as essential to the prosperity of the country. He has served as township treasurer and trustee, but his business has demanded most of his attention, and the excellent results he has obtained could not have been secured except by thoughtful attention. He is a representative of the younger element in farming and is always on the lookout for methods that will produce the best results at a reasonable cost in time, money and labor. Earnest, energetic and ambitious of advancement, there is every reason to believe that he will be known in years to come as one of the prominent factors of Poweshiek county.