

## OLIVER GAUSE.

A fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Sugar Creek township does credit to the agricultural skill of Oliver Gause, who was born in the village of Spiceland, Henry county, Indiana, on the 12th of January, 1851. His parents are Eli C. and Martha A. (Harold) Gause, natives of Ohio and North Carolina respectively. The father, who is a wheelwright, followed his trade in connection with that of carpentry in Spiceland until 1854. Together with his wife and family he migrated to Iowa in the latter year purchasing a farm in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, which he cultivated for about eight years. Disposing of his property at the end of that time he returned to Henry county, Indiana, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until 1868. He subsequently went to North Carolina, coming from there to Poweshiek county, where he engaged in the mercantile business for three years. Selling his interest he went to Lynnville and entered the dry goods business, with which he still continues to be identified. Mr. Gause casts his vote for the democracy and both he and his wife belong to the Society of Friends. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Gause, in the following order: John H., who is a resident of Lynnville,

Jasper county, Iowa; Oliver, our subject; Albert, who is living in Jasper county, Iowa; Samuel, a resident of Oregon; Isaac, who makes his home in Hamilton county, Indiana; and Seth, who resides in Marshalltown, Iowa.

In the acquirement of his education Oliver Gause attended the common schools of Spiceland, Indiana, in which town he spent the greater portion of his boyhood and youth. Afterward he returned to Poweshiek county, where he farmed as a renter until 1875, when he purchased eighty acres of land in Sugar Creek township, which forms the nucleus of his present homestead. Having met with success in his undertakings he was later able to add another forty acres to his tract, making the aggregate of his holdings one hundred and twenty acres. In connection with the cultivation of his fields Mr. Gause raises cattle and hogs, in which he has met with very fair success.

On January 21, 1872, Mr. Gause and Miss Mary Beals were united in marriage, she being a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Beals) Beals, and a native of Tennessee, where she was born on the 13th of January, 1852. The parents were also natives of Tennessee, in which state they were married. Mr. Beals, who was a farmer, migrated to Iowa with his family, first locating in Henry county, going from there to Jasper county, where both he and his wife passed away. He was a republican and a member of the Home Guards, while both he and his wife affiliated with the Society of Friends. Five children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gause: Lineus T., who is a resident of Lynnville, Iowa; Ora, the wife of W. B. Hathaway, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Elmer O., who is living in Limon, Colorado; Goldie, the wife of A. B. Latham, of Searsboro, Iowa; and Lester H., who is also a resident of Limon, Colorado.

Mr. Gause is a democrat and always votes for the candidates of that party, and at the present time he is serving as township trustee, having been the incumbent of that office for a year. Both he and his wife affiliate with the Society of Friends, in which organization he is very active, being both elder and clerk of the meeting.