

farms. John Klickman of the same town, has a large farm and handsome house in the place of the log house first built. The Semple brothers have exchanged the primitive log house for the more comfortable, large and handsome farm-house, and have superior farms on the banks of the Wolf river, and raise large quantities of grain and hay and count their wealth by tens of thousands. G. Hikman, a Hollander, was the first settler in the southwestern portion of the county, who with his sons, William and Jack, are the owners of nearly a section of land, and have seventy-five acres cleared and under cultivation. C. R. Klibersadel, in the same town with the Hikmans, owns a section of land and has about forty acres cleared. August Koeppen has two large farms and is chairman of his town. William Wolf has a large farm and is town clerk. Frederick Mallow has a beautiful farm and with his son-in-law, A. Morika, A. Shopker, and F. Fruze, constitute a quartette that would do much to develop any town. Julius Schilling, once a poor German emigrant, now owns a handsome farm and is chairman of Pella. Joseph Maurer has cleared up a beautiful farm and erected good farm buildings, and owns a large quantity of land, and is a man remarkable for his integrity and honesty of purpose—has filled the responsible position of county judge. John Holm, a Norwegian, has a handsome and productive farm in Waukeehon where quite a number of the same nationality have settled.

HOUSES AND BUILDING MATERIAL.

After a few years residence in this county, the immigrant becomes comparatively wealthy and builds a more costly house, the old log house gives way to a more pretentious building, and in the cheapness of lumber, the abundance of stone and gravel, while the beds of clay furnish the best material for brick, which can be manufactured at comparatively small cost in every neighborhood, and the many ledges of limestone show that the building material is abundant, easily accessible and cheap, and by the addition of labor can be easily manufactured into comfortable, complete and beautiful houses.