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Iowa, from there to Jasper county, where he was employed in teaching school for some years. In 1875 he moved to Exira, Audubon county, Iowa, and engaged in the drug business. In 1876 he removed to his farm in the north part of the county, where he has since been engaged in stock raising. For the past seven years he has been a member of the board of supervisors. Elected Representative in 1906. A Republican in politics.