

BOWLER, J. ROSS, proprietor Boardman House ; born in Geauga Co., Ohio, Jan. 6, 1837 ; he lived in Ohio until the breaking-out of the war. In 1861, he enlisted as a landsman in the Navy ; he was transferred to the Fleet Paymaster on the naval station at Cairo for one year, and then received the appointment and was commissioned Paymaster, with rank of Major ; there were 1,300 applications for the position ahead of him ; the Secretary of the Navy ordered an immediate examination, and he received the appointment ; he remained in that position from 1861 until 1865, the close of the war ; he was then Cashier in the Quartermaster's Department of Water Transportation. Remained in New Orleans for two years after the war, and came to Ackley, Iowa, in 1869, and came to Marshalltown in 1871 ; was proprietor of the Williams House and the Willard House, and afterward built the Bowler House ; he was solicited, in 1877, to take charge of the Boardman House, one of the finest hotels in the West. He married Miss Florence E. Bromley, daughter of Charles E. Bromley, in Nov., 1873 ; they have one son—Charlie Ross.